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Ledger survey asks how to spend Daly money

In a phone survey, the Ledger asked the following question of several residents: "You've probably heard that the City of Lowell has inherited AT LEAST \$300,000

from Helen Look Daly. How do you think the money should be spent?"

Howard West, of Bennett Rd. and owner of Anderson Shoes, said "Christmas decorations for downtown," and adds "committee members should not be city fathers, chamber of commerce offices, etc.; some new blood would be nice"

Fred Reuhs of Alto and owner of Man's World Hair-style answered, "Keep it, let it grow and spend it when something comes up."

Marcia Caldwell of 555 Foreman, an office clerk, said, "Should do something about present football facility and an ambulance service as first priority."

Bob Pfaller of 162 S. Center, a men's clothing store owner feels, "First priority should be an ambulance service with funds set aside to maintain it."

Bev Holst of 411 James, a flower shop owner, expressed her thoughts, "I like the idea of an ambulance service here in town."

Postmaster Charlie Doyle says, "Let's make the mounds in Richard's Park higher"

Mike Shinabarger of 430 N. Monroe, insurance salesman, had this to say: "I'd like to see a community activities center."

Mark Powell of 706 Riverside, General Manager of Harold Zeigler Ford, sums his thoughts up in one word: "Wisely". Should be spent for something we need, yet something lasting like covering the pool. I feel the money should not be put into the general fund."

Mike Pelz of 13188 Grand River Drive, local artist, said: "New Christmas decorations, improvements to spruce up the city's visual image and improve parking downtown."

Ruth Barber of 810 High, a housewife, related her thoughts: "I think it would be great to have a McDonald's in town."

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Marge Potter of 4073 Segwun SE, owner of Potter's Pebble Palace" thinks Lowell should have their own emergency unit with their own people running it instead of Grand Rapids Emergency units.

Buelah Poe, 514 Suffolk, Assistant Minister of the Methodist Church, told the Ledger "I'd like to see Lowell better our emergency system."

Phil Johnson of 810 River-

side, vice president of Lowell Engineering responded to the survey: "Number 1, it shouldn't be spent, invest principal and use interest to set up a scholarship fund or elderly housing assistance."

Mary Ann Ayers of 925 Beech St, secretary at the high school, responded "An ambulance service would be a big help to the town."

Rick Fonger of 619 Monroe, Supervisor of Postal Operations at Lowell post

office, expressed his ideas. "Put a cover over the Y pool, make it a year-round pool; or buy Deer Run and make it a City Club."

How does Roger Brown of 920 Beech, Editor/Publisher of Grand Valley Ledger feel the money should be spent? "I think we should split it up with every resident getting a share in the neighborhood of \$100. With a family of four that's \$400 worth of gas to drive out of this weather!"



VALENTINE'S EVE DANCE

Plan ahead and mark your calendars now! The Lowell Knights of Columbus are presenting another great dance, Valentine's Eve, Sat. February 13 from 8:30 p.m. — 12:30 a.m. Enjoy music, munchies, a late light lunch, beer, and the mixes for your favorite drinks will be furnished. (B.Y.O.B.), casual dress. \$6.50 per person also includes door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Located at St. Mary's School, 322 Amity St., Lowell. For tickets in advance call Jerry 897-5902, Larry 897-7952 or Bob 897-5842.

JAYCEE WEEK OBSERVED

Mayor Dean Collins declares the week of 18-24 January as Lowell's Jaycee Week in honor of the Lowell Area Jaycees, as Governor Milliken announces the week as Michigan Jaycee Week. More information inside.

The Lowell Area Jaycees have been active in the community for more than a decade. Founded in April, 1971, they have run many projects for youth involvement, community health and safety, handicapped assistance, and community improvement. One of the more visible projects completed recently was the Jaycee Park on Main Street. Some of the influence the Jaycees exerts on the community is much less noticeable; that is the influence on young men who get involved. The organization offers everyone the opportunity to become a leader as they work in areas which appeal to them. Its main concept is of "Personal Development through Community Service."

BOYS WANTED

WANTED: All boys who are at least 7 years of age and have completed the second grade, or are 8-9- or 10 years of age.

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ATTENTION SHOWBOAT CHORUS

The final organizational meeting for the 1982 Lowell Showboat Chorus will be held on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School Choir Room. Please plan to attend; we need your support.

SWEET ADELINES TO REHEARSE HERE

The renowned "Sweet Adelines" will be holding a special rehearsal at the Lowell Congregational Church on Monday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining this group is asked to please attend.

New World String Quartet

On Saturday, January 30, The New World String Quartet will play a concert at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, Lowell. The concert is sponsored by the Lowell

Area Arts Council. Tickets may be reserved by calling 897-8545, or by writing the Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53, Lowell, 49331. Tickets are \$6 or \$3 for high school or younger students.

The members of The New World String quartet are Yosef Yankelev and William Patterson, violins, Robert Dan, viola and Ross Harbaugh, cello. Dan, who replaced Yuri Vasilaki as violist just last July, is a graduate of the Juilliard School. He has appeared extensively since his 1978 debut at Alice Tully Hall. He joins a quartet which has become more widely known since its 1979 victory in the Naumburg Chamber Music Competition. Besides a heavy concert schedule around the state and the United States, the quartet this fall began work on an ambitious recording project.

The 1981-82 Lowell Series opened on November 22 with The Early Music Ensemble and The Brass Quintet of the Grand Rapids Symphony and will conclude on March 19 with the Philharmonic of the Grand Rapids Symphony and the Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir.

Some W. Main parking to be curtailed

The Lowell City Council considered a report compiled by the State Department of Transportation regarding Main St. parking in front of Erb Lumber Co. and Vennen Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth. Jim Gober, manager of Erbs contacted the State Police in regards to the situation he viewed as dangerous-to customers leaving his parking lot which resulted in the report from the Department of Transportation.

When cars are parked on Main St. in front of Erbs it is difficult for drivers exiting there to see oncoming traffic from the east without getting the front of their vehicles well out onto the street. Vennens have a similar problem across the street at the Main St. entrance to their lot, though there is not as much traffic there.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church new service hours: worship 9 a.m., Sunday school and bible study 10:15 a.m.

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On the recommendation of city manager Ray Quada, the council acted to place "no parking" signs in front of the two businesses that are effective during the hours of their operation. The signs will go up for a sixty day trial period.

JANUARY SPECIAL: Two black and white copies for the price of one. Take advantage of this offer to preserve that favorite old photograph. MODERN PHOTOGRAPHICS, 104 W. Main St., Lowell 897-5606.

Employee dismissal upheld by council

Gary Dietzel, 32, of 990 N. Washington St., Lowell, approached the Lowell City Council at their meeting of Monday, January 18 with an appeal to be reinstated to his job as a water treatment plant operator. Dietzel has been a city employee for 3 years and has been a water treatment plant operator for the past 12 months.

Dietzel was fired on January 5, 1982 by city manager

Ray Quada. The dismissal was the result of Dietzel falsifying records of lab tests that he failed to perform.

Dietzel made his appeal on the basis that it was his first offense and alleged that other city employees were falsifying treatment plant records. The council adjourned to executive session and upheld Quada's decision after reviewing the available facts.

Appointments not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open 5 days Lowell, 897-7506.

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BID AWARDED FOR NEW POLICE CRUISER

The City Council accepted a bid from Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc. for a new Ford police cruiser at their meeting of Monday, January 18. Zeigler submitted a bid of \$9,410.97 minus a trade-in value of \$2,200.00 on one of the city's old cruisers for a total of \$7,210.97.

Also bidding were Thomet Chevrolet and Buick, and Vennen Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth.

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Obituaries

BROWN — Edith Brown, aged 82, passed away Friday morning at Cherry Creek Care Center. She is survived by her brother, Guy Quiggle and wife, Emma, of Ada; one nephew, Carroll Weller and wife, Carolyn; one great nephew, Michael, of Cincinnati, OH; and several cousins. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Snow Methodist Church and American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary of Lowell. Funeral Services were Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Allen Wittrup officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Snow United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

KEREKES — Benjamin Kerekes, aged 89, of Lowell, passed away January 10, 1982. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Caroline) Yeiter of Copensish, MI; a son, Richard Kerekes of Deming, NM; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

LEARY — Vern M. Leary, 85, the 1923 founder of an ongoing downtown Hastings retail business, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Barry

County Medical Care Facility. He had lived at 417 E. Grand St., Hastings. His retail business, specializing in auto products, sporting goods and later in clothing, is still owned and operated by his family. He was born in Lowell on July 28, 1896, to Chester and Frances (Monroe) Leary. He was educated in Lowell Public Schools. During World War I he was employed as paymaster for Republic Motor Track Co. of Alma. In 1917, he married the former Louise Miller and came to Hastings. Mrs. Leary preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 1981. He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church. He is survived by two sons, Robert and John of Hastings, eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Hastings. Rev. Michael J. Anton officiated. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church.

MARSHALL — Dale Marshall, 66, 160 Division St., Saranac, died Friday at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

He was born in Belding Jan. 1, 1916, the son of Ermone and Clare Marshall. Survivors include his wife, Elaine, of Saranac; one daughter, Bonnie Cooper of Ionia; two brothers, Charles and William; three stepsons, Robert Lake of Belding, Robert Taylor of Fenwick and Ross Taylor Jr. of Orleans; three stepdaughters, Shirley Petersen of Belding, Barbara Wood of Belding and Laura Hoekstra of Cedar Springs; one grandson, Steven; 26 step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren. A World War II veteran, he married Elaine Taylor May 29, 1981 in Saranac. Funeral services were Monday at 1 p.m. from the Lake Funeral Home, with the Rev. Alan Thomson officiating. Burial was in the Saranac Cemetery.

PERSON — Margaret (Peggy) Person, aged 54, of Anaheim, CA, passed away January 9, 1982. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Grace Niles of Ada; her sons, Richard and Helayne, David and Tammy, Timothy and Mary, Phillip and Janelle, Thomas and Mark Tichelaar, all of Ada; a daughter, Mrs. Graig (Susan) Switzer of Anaheim, CA; a brother, Mr. Roe and Ethel Niles of Belding; sisters, Miss Betsy Niles of Milford, MI, Mrs.

Donald (Nina) Harrington of Ada, and Mrs. Sally Herbolshheimer of Goleta, CA; and 14 grandchildren. Funeral Services were at the Ada Community Reformed Church with Rev. Jerry Johnson officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorials to the Kent County Cancer Fund.

RITTERSDORF — Leonard Rittersdorf, aged 63, of Lowell, passed away January 17, 1982. He is survived by his mother, Katherine of Lowell; children, Sharon Potter of Fremont, Colleen Mercer of Grand Rapids, Jeffery and Timothy of Lowell, Mark and Patrick of Nevada; five brothers, James and Royal Rittersdorf of Grand Rapids, Ronald and Robert Rittersdorf of Parnell, and Harold Rittersdorf of Belding; four grandchildren.

Mr. Rittersdorf was known to most of the community as the maintenance man and groundskeeper at the Lowell Post Office where he had been employed since 1952. He recently received an award for "outstanding job performance."

The Funeral Mass will be said Wednesday 10 a.m. at St. Marys Church, Lowell with Rev. Thomas Schiller celebrant. Interment St. Marys Meriam Cemetery.

RUSCO — Mrs. Martha M. Rusco, aged 80, of 816 Aberdeen St., NE., the widow of C. Loren Rusco, passed away Saturday evening, Jan. 16, 1982 at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Gladys Hartley of Lowell; her sisters-in-law, Marian Rusco of Sparta, Gladys Caver of Rockford, Bernice Rusco of Cackovia, Irma Anderson of Kent City, Mary Hunter of Kent City; one brother-in-law, Kenneth Rusco of Muskegon; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be held 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the funeral chapel, with Dr. Dewey A. Peterson officiating. Interment Idlewild Cemetery, Kent City.

SMITH — Mrs. Clara B. Smith, aged 85, of Caledonia, passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 1982 at St. Mary's Hospital. Surviving are her children, Winifred and Vernon Cavanaugh of Alto, Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Bancroft, Wayne and Lucy Smith of Alto, Harold and Miriam Smith of Fife Lake, Mary and Alfred Hammond of Chilli-cothe, Ill., Marvin and Lola Smith of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Nancy Milanowski of Wyoming; 21 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Iola Karr of Seattle, Wash. The Funeral Service was Thursday, Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

WEEK OF 18-24 JAN: The Lowell Area Jaycees are celebrating Jaycee Week with a Membership Drive. Membership to the Jaycees is open to guys or gals 18 to 36 years old, interested in "Personal development through community service." That's Jaycee Spirit: Positive attitude, fun, hard work, brotherhood, goal setting, and good times. If interested call: Mary and Jerry Strauss 897-6186.

COZY CORNER
By Roger Brown

There's a project to be done that I don't particularly care to tackle. I can be a "World Class" procrastinator. Several years ago I bought on sale, all the materials needed to partition the back shop of the Ledger off from the darkroom and past-up area. The din of the presses, folder and other equipment with WLAV-FM blaring over the whole works was getting to be too much for me. It couldn't have been too bad though, because it took me nearly two years to even start the project, and about another year to finish it.

The procrastinating involved with that project was small potatoes compared to one I'm working on at home. We have imitation slate linoleum in our foyer, hall, closet, half bath, and near the back door. The glue has apparently given way and the linoleum is all bubbled up. I kept saying that it wasn't too bad and that we could live with it. Terese had another view of course, and when she pointed out that the kids were coasting their Matchbox Cars down off the bubbles I had to give in.

My first big mistake was not calling a floor layer to just come over and do the job. My second, and by far my biggest mistake was to buy real slate. I got a deal on some real slate and bought enough to do the job, probably something like a couple hundred thousand individual pieces. That was over two years ago.

When I got the slate, glue, grout, trowels, etc. all home and sized up the project, I immediately began to procrastinate. I'm halfway through my third winter and heading for the safety of nice weather, (you can't expect a guy to work on a project like that when it's nice outside). I'll share some of my excuses for those of you in similar situations.

I got by for quite awhile telling my wife that I was trying to figure out a way to pry off the mop board without breaking it. I've told her that it will take at least four weekends to complete, and that if she didn't want the house torn up for the whole winter, we had to plan for when we had four consecutive weekends with no other commitments. That worked for awhile too. I even resorted to telling her that my knee was acting up from an old football injury and that all that kneeling would certainly make it worse.

But, that just about did it. I've run out of excuses, it's the middle of winter, there's nothing going on, so I might just as well give in and get started this weekend. But, wait a minute. This is "Super Bowl" weekend, I can't be in the middle of a project like that during the "Super Bowl".

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Children with undetected hearing loss have three strikes against them. Their vocabularies will be limited because they learn to speak by listening. Their learning suffers, because they can't always hear the teachers in school. And their social growth will be slow, because it's difficult to communicate with other children.

A number of conditions can cause hearing loss. Blockage of the Eustachian tube in the inner ear, or inflammation of, or fluid in, the middle ear can affect hearing. A sharp blow to the ear, a loud noise close to the ear, or a skull fracture, can cause hearing loss. One common and sometimes temporary cause of hearing loss occurs when children push small objects into their ears. Also, premature birth increases the chance of hearing loss as does rubella contracted by the mother early in pregnancy.

If any of the four parts of the hearing mechanism is damaged, hearing loss occurs. If the middle or outer ear is damaged by disease or is malformed, sound cannot be conducted or, if it can, the sounds are muffled and weak. If the inner ear or auditory nerve is harmed, some sounds are distorted or heard incorrectly. If there should be damage or malformation that cause the hearing centers to the brain to receive signals incorrectly, children can hear, but not understand what is said.

There is greater risk for hearing loss among some children than others. For example, if your baby was small at birth, if there is hearing loss in your family (except for "old age" deafness), if you had an Rh factor blood problem, or if you were very ill during your pregnancy (excluding morning sickness), your child may be at risk. You can ask your doctor at each examination of the child, if he or she is sure the baby can hear.

You yourself can detect severe hearing loss in your children. For example, if a newborn infant isn't startled by a handclap from three to six feet away, or if he or she is not quieted by the sound of the mother's voice, there could be a hearing problem. If the child isn't babbling in response to a human voice at eight to 12 months of age, there could be a hearing loss. If a three-year-old can't locate the source of a sound, or use simple words, such as "go," "me," "in", a problem could exist.

Parents should not be alarmed needlessly, but they should be aware of children's behavior responses to sound. Most hearing loss is correctable, so be aware. Don't let your child start out with three strikes against him or her.

Mexico is estimated to have enough oil to supply all U.S. needs for the next 40 years.

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Coming Events

TUES. JAN. 26: The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants will hold their monthly general membership meeting at Ducks, 740 Michigan, N.E., Grand Rapids. This month's speaker will be Philip DeJourn, Chairman of Service Care of Retired Persons. Mr. DeJourn will speak on "Score - A Solid 10". Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. For reservations call Eileen Fischer 361-1559, or evenings call Linda Loveland 942-9575.

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HOT LUNCH MENU WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 1982

MONDAY: Tacos w/meat, cheese and lettuce, jonny cake w/syrup, choice of veggies, assorted fresh or canned fruits, milk.
TUESDAY: Barbeque on a bun or corn dogs, lettuce salad w/dressing, whole kernel corn, choice of fruits, jello or pudding, cookies or bars, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Swiss steak or chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy or butter, steamed vegetables, Hillbilly bread or rolls, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.
THURSDAY: Ravioli or goulash, garden salad, French bread, chilled fruit or jello, milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted sandwiches or hot cheese sandwiches, potato chips and pickles, hot soup or baked beans, assorted fruits, bars or cookies, milk.

Off the blotter
Receiving a citation issued by Lowell officers Friday evening the 15th to appear in 63rd District Court on a later date was Brian Racine on charges of open containers of alcohol in a motor vehicle. Christopher Dibble of Saranac lost control of his vehicle and struck a stop sign

and mail box on the corner of Lincoln Lake and Foreman Road Wednesday morning the 13th. There were no injuries. Apprehended in Lipperts Pharmacy on East Main Street Thursday afternoon the 14th was a 14 year old shoplifter.

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MESC Announces branch closings

LEDGER DEADLINE

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All news copy should be in the Ledger office by 5 p.m. on Mondays. The material should be type-written or written legibly. Either way, we ask that you provide space between the lines to make room for possible editing.

Wedding stories should be submitted within six weeks after the ceremony.

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A second round of federal budget cuts if forcing the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) to close 42 offices, shut down its entire Work Incentive (Win) program, and lay off over 750 additional employees, MESC Director S. Martin Taylor said today.

Speaking before a special meeting of the Michigan Employment Security Commissioners in Lansing, Taylor said that a continuing resolution enacted by Congress at the request of the Reagan administration imposes retroactive budget cuts

that "are far more devastating than anyone may have realized."

The additional budget cuts will result in: closing 19 regular MESC offices throughout the state, including the Grand Rapids office. Since MESC had already closed 18 offices during the first round of federal cuts, this will leave 61 offices to serve Michigan's 313,600 active unemployment claimants. Those offices named for closing serve 27,000 claimants (approximately 8.5 percent of the claims load), who will now have to report to other MESC offices, an average of 39 more miles away round trip.

Total elimination of the Work Incentive (WIN) Program will result and the closing of all 23 MESC-WIN offices in the state. WIN currently aids 140,430 AFDC recipients in finding employment. Michigan's WIN program, with a budget of \$15.3 million, found jobs for 19,335 people in the last fiscal year, resulting in welfare savings of over \$68 million. The net loss to Michigan taxpayers will amount to over \$4 million for each month the WIN program remains closed.

Taylor said that the latest budget cuts will eliminate job placement service to over half of those now seeking work through MESC. Michigan's Job Service, which placed 93,133 Michigan workers in the past year, will now be unable to assist any job seekers other than those receiving unemployment benefits.

"Claimants were always our first priority in Job

Service", Taylor stated. "But with severely limited resources they must now become our only priority. For the first time in history, Michigan's public employment service will be forced to turn away unemployed job seekers who have exhausted their unemployment benefits as well as those who are not eligible for benefits."

MESC's Job Bank, a computerized system of statewide job listings, will be completely eliminated. This also cuts Michigan out of the nationwide network of Job Service offices that allows employers to post job openings in other states and job seekers in Michigan to learn of jobs in other states.

NEW 1981-82 ILLUSTRATION ON SAFE WINTER DRIVING

TESTS MEASURE STARTING AND PULLING ABILITY



In the above scene at the National Safety Council's test project at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, pulling ability of the passenger car is being measured on a glare ice test course. The light truck is used as the "hold-back" vehicle and is connected to the test car using an instrumented drawbar that measures the pounds of pulling ability developed by the test car.

Host families needed

American families are needed for 20 Scandinavian high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland for the 1982-1983 high school year, by the American Scandinavian Student Exchange program (ASSE).

Interested persons please contact Pat Schut, 7540 21st Avenue, Jenison, Mich. 49428. Telephone 616/457-4438.

Letters must contain the writer's address and telephone number.

ASSE selects only students who will be a credit to you. All are very thoroughly screened in Scandinavia by their school and local ASSE representatives. All students are fluent in English and have complete medical and liability insurance and their own spending money. ASSE provides a local volunteer Representative to assist the student and host family whenever needed. The Scandinavian students, ages 16 and 17, will arrive in late August 1982. They are eager to learn about America and what it is like to live in a warm and loving American family. They will attend your local high school and return home to Scandinavia in late June 1983.

American families with junior high school age children and younger are especially encouraged to participate as ASSE host families.

ASSE is also seeking qualified American high school students, ages 16 and 17, who would like to spend a high school year with a family in Scandinavia or participate in a six week family stay in the summer of 1982.

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| ON GLARE ICE at 25°F | | | |
|------------------------|-----|--|------------------------------|
| REGULAR TIRES | 100 | | % IMPROVEMENT OVER REG. TIRE |
| SNOW TIRES | 128 | | 28% |
| STUDDED SNOW TIRES | 318 | | 218% |
| REINFORCED TIRE CHAINS | 730 | | 630% |
| ON LOOSELY PACKED SNOW | | | |
| SNOW TIRES | 151 | | 51% |
| REINFORCED TIRE CHAINS | 413 | | 313% |

*TESTS BASED ON REAR DRIVE VEHICLES

As shown in the above chart, these tests have disclosed that conventional snow tires provide only a small improvement in pulling ability on glare ice although they produce half again as much pulling ability as regular tires in loosely packed snow. Studded tires are appreciably more effective on ice, providing about three times the pull of regular tires. Reinforced tire chains provide from four to seven times the pulling ability of regular tires on snow and ice.

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