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Santa Parade is set

Planning for the annual Santa Claus parade to be held on Saturday, December 4, is nearly complete, according to one of Santa's helpers, Shirley Smith.

Smith says that about 25 groups plan to enter floats, and she expects that others will get involved before the week's end.

Participants in the parade will line up on N. Division next to the Methodist Church between 1 and 2 P.M. Mary Kay Wright and Noreen Martin will be responsible for getting the groups in order.

The parade will proceed west on Main Street to Amity, and then head north to the Senior

High School parking lot.

Groups already planning to participate in the parade include:

The Middle School and High School bands, the Bonnie Blue Bells, the Lowell Fire Department, the Lowell School Bus Drivers, Tweety Bird and Sylvester, Scout Pack 3188, and the Camp Fire Girls.

In addition to the groups already mentioned, the Showboat Corporation is planning to enter the 1983 Camaro Z-28 which it will be raffling off this coming summer.

Of course, no Santa Claus parade is complete without the arrival of Santa. This year, if the weather is dry, Santa will be riding into town in a Lincoln Continental Convertible provided by Dave Clark.

And if the weather is bad, Santa will probably make his appearance with those boring time worn reindeer.

Following the parade, Santa will be available in Lambert's Variety from 3-5 p.m. to take orders for Christmas presents and to sit for photographs with children. Jim Maatman, of Modern Photography, will be taking 5 x 7 photos for \$2.

Santa will also be visiting Lambert's on Wednesday, December 8, from 6-8 P.M. for more pictures.

Persons interested in participating in the Santa Claus Parade should call Shirley Smith at 897-8545. The parade committee is requesting no horses.

"Watch" program organizing

Prompted by a recent rash of home burglaries, primarily in Vergennes Township, Roger Odell and other Lowell area citizens are attempting to organize a "neighborhood watch" program for the area. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at 8:00 P.M. in the Vergennes Township Hall at the corner of Bailey and Parnell.

Odell has tentatively lined up Denny Snyder of the Kent County Sheriff's Department as a speaker. Snyder is the department's "neighborhood watch" co-ordinator. Jim Porter, also of the Sheriff's Department, will be on hand to add his input as detective heading the investigation of the recent burglaries in the area. Odell is also trying to line up someone from the prosecutor's office to attend the meeting.

Odell stressed that a "neighborhood watch" program in no

New Christmas decorations are up

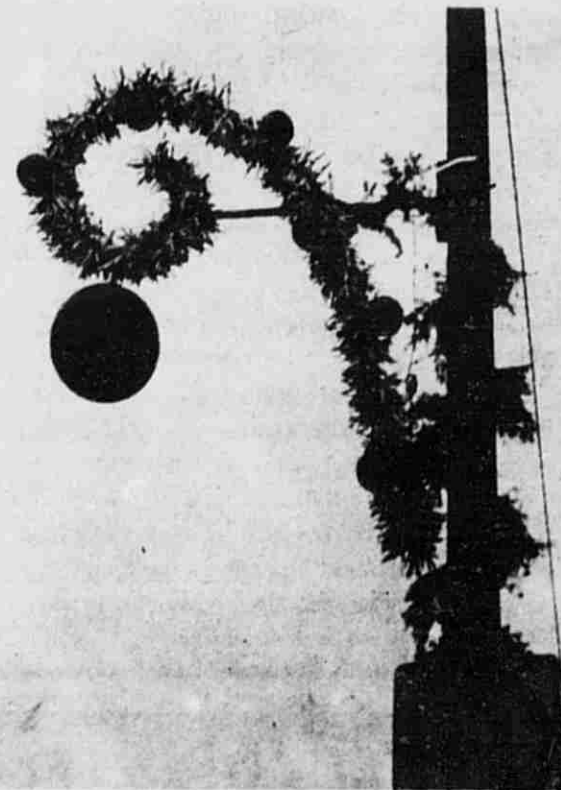
As contracted by the City of Lowell, Mid Michigan Display Services has installed Christmas decorations on thirty light poles along Main Street just in time to meet its November 30 deadline date.

In a Lowell City Council meeting held last August, the council unanimously voted to junk the old Santa decorations and hire Mid Michigan Display Services to decorate light poles at a cost of \$52 per pole, and at a total annual cost to the city of \$1,560.00.

The Council chose to hire Mid Michigan rather than buy new decoration because of the prohibitive costs involved. City Manager Ray Quada estimated that replacing the decorations would cost the city about \$45,000, based on figures taken from the current Bronner's catalog.

Not included in that figure would be the cost to the city of installing and removing those decorations each year.

The contract with Mid Michigan Display Services calls for the installation of decorations, which includes wrapping light poles in natural balsam roping and hanging non-religious electrically illuminated decorations. The contract also calls for the removal of these decorations as soon as possible after January 1.



Lowell's new downtown Christmas decorations are a vast improvement over the old Santas that had gotten rather dingy and tattered over the years.



ROTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This Saturday, December 4 marks the Lowell Rotary Club's pancake breakfast at the Lowell Masonic Lodge. The Rotarians will be serving up pancakes (all you can eat), sausage, juice, coffee and milk from 7:30 until 10:30 a.m. Adults can eat for \$3.00, children under 12 for \$2.00 and those under 5 will eat free. Advance tickets are available at State Savings Bank, Lambert Variety and from all Rotarians.

"KIDS ONLY" SHOPPING SPREE

Auxiliary members of the Flat River Post 8303 of the V.F.W. are sponsoring a "Kids Only" shopping spree this Saturday, December 4. From 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., kids will be able to choose from many interesting items, many of which are home made. The V.F.W. post is located on Main Street, just east of Lowell City Hall.

'TIS THE SEASON

'Tis the season for Lowell Middle School band and choir students to be busy selling fruits cakes as their annual fund raiser. The cakes are available from any band or choir member, and are offered in 1 and 2 pound loaves, and 2, 3 and 5 pound decorator tins.

The Middle School Choir's Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Cafeteria. The choir is under the direction of Roger MacNaughton. The Middle School Band has their Christmas program slated for Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Cafeteria. The 7th grade band is directed by Robert Rice and the 8th grade band is under the direction of Roger MacNaughton.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A vehicle driven by Cathy Engle was struck from behind by another driven by Randy Roth, Friday the 19th at Main and Hudson St. The accident resulted in property damage only.

Carolynn Doezema struck a parked vehicle owned by James Dean, both of Lowell. Doezema was exiting a parking space in Eberhards parking lot Wednesday evening.

Arrested early Friday Morning by Ionia County Sheriff's Deputies were: Neal Fonger of Lowell on charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer, felonious driving, and transporting uncased guns in a vehicle and Paul Crenshaw of Detroit for carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle and transporting uncased guns in a vehicle. The incident, which culminated in the city of Ionia, started when Lowell officers attempted to stop Fonger's vehicle for a traffic violation and ended in a chase involving four police departments.

Pending Juvenile court action are 3 juveniles who were turned over to their parents after confessions were obtained by Lowell Officers early this past week on a rash of destruction to property complaints and other crimes in recent months within the city.

Mark Stevens of Grand Rapids was arrested Monday morning by Lowell officers on a warrant issued by 61st Dist. court in Grand Rapids on charges of aggravated assault. Stevens was also involved in a property damage accident on West Main St. near the Northern Propane Co. when he lost control of his car and struck a mail box and tree.

Receiving appearance violations for minors in possession of alcohol Saturday evening were David Normington of Belding, Robert Smit Jr. and Joel Anderson both of Lowell. A 4th subject, a juvenile will be referred to Juvenile court on the same charge.

Robert Munjoy of Ada was cited in 63rd Dist. Court Sunday for open container of Alcohol in a motor vehicle when he was stopped for a traffic violation by Lowell officers.

Cable TV tower erected



Cable T.V. came one step closer to reality Monday with the erection of this tower. Two more 25' sections were added after this photo was taken Monday afternoon, to bring the tower up to its total height of 150 feet. Antennas were added Tuesday, and the tower now literally bristles with them. Each antenna is aimed at one of the nine over-the-air channels to be picked up by the Lowell Cable T.V. Department. Those channels are 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 17, 23, 35 and 41 and all are to be re-transmitted with excellent clarity. A dish antenna is mounted near the tower to pick up channels transmitting via satellite.

FRONT PAGE READER Lowell Masons and Eastern Star are sponsoring a fish fry on Sat., Dec. 4th in the Lowell Masonic Temple. Serving family style 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., all you want to eat. Adults \$3.75 and children under 12 \$1.00.

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Obituaries

CLAUS - Arlene L. Claus, aged 73, of Lowell, passed away Nov. 24, 1982. Her husband, Carl, preceded her in death. Surviving are a son, John S. Claus of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a cousin, Lowell Crandall of Stockbridge; and a dear friend, Marj Harding of Lowell. Mrs. Claus taught school in Lowell for many years. A Memorial Service was held Saturday at the Woodview Christian Church, 3738 Woodview Ave. SW., Wyoming, with Rev. Richard Robinson officiating. Cremation has taken place.

COMP - John Louis Comp, aged 73, of Wyoming, passed away at his home Tuesday afternoon. He worked for the city of Grand Rapids until his death.

RICHARDSON - Florence L. Richardson, aged 77, of Alto, passed away Nov. 27, 1982. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; brothers, Harold and Milton Brewer both of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Marrie Porritt of Grand Rapids. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. George Coon of the Alto Baptist Church officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

WHITNEY - Clifford L. Whitney, aged 73 of 4870 North White Bridge Road, Smyrna, passed away Wednesday evening at Butterworth Hospital. He is a member of St. Patrick's Church, Parnell. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elaine Whitney; two sons, Jack L. Whitney and wife Tressa of Perrinton; Walter J. Whitney and wife, Lucille of Lansing; one step-son, Eugene Ingerham; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one brother, Homer Whitney of Belding. Funeral Mass was offered Saturday morning at the

St. Patrick's Church, Parnell. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. The family will appreciate memorial contributions to The Michigan Heart Association. Printed Napkins, Matches 897-9261

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In The Service

Marine Pvt. Roy K. Wright, son of Richard H. and Roselyn M. Wright of 6569 McKendry Road, Saranac, Mich., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Airman Susan K. Boike, daughter of Carl H. and Loretta E. Boike of 5452 Lincoln Ave., Saranac, Mich., has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force

Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training. During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.



Susan K. Boike

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the medical services field. She received an associate degree in 1981 from Lake Superior State College, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Happy Birthday...

DECEMBER 2: Christian Wieland, Dwight A. Frey.
DECEMBER 3: Rick Kline.
DECEMBER 4: Susan Hall, Greg Caldwell, Earl King.
DECEMBER 5: Sally Blasher, Doris Serne.
DECEMBER 6: Jim Comstock, Nancy Comstock.
DECEMBER 7: Kathy Noskey.

Women of the Moose plan X-Mas party

Co-workers will gather on the evening of Monday, December 13th, for the annual Christmas party for the Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388. The party will be held at the Moose club on Main Street.

A short business meeting will be held at 6 P.M., followed by a potluck dinner at 7 P.M. An exchange of gifts and other entertainment has been planned for later in the evening.

All members are urged to attend. Please bring a dish to pass, a \$3.00 gift to exchange and a white elephant item, wrapped.

REMINDER: The chapter night meeting will be held on Monday, December 6th, at 8 P.M. The meeting is the responsibility of the Social Services Committee, Sue Wester, Chairman. Committee members are: Janet Bovee, Renay Bruinkool, Emily Zengri, Marilyn Hendrick, Ruth Hyde, Elsie Lasausky, Betty Datema, Gladys Alexander, Lorna Emelander, Glyda Young and Marian Schneider. Also on the committee are Virginia Souser, Shirley Lance, Dorothy House, Greta Kettner, Sandra Smith, Helen DeMull, Margie Noyes, Elizabeth Risker, Elizabeth Longway and Mary Shores.

New brochure to help car buyers

"When You Decide to Buy Your Next Vehicle", a Department of State publication to help prospective car buyers, is just off the press. Secretary of State Richard H. Austin announced today.

The brochure, designed by the Bureau of Automotive Regulation, offers tips on purchases agreements, financing, insurance, rustproofing, completing the sale and maintaining the car after purchase.

Distributed by all Secretary

of State branch offices, the pamphlet is also available by writing to the Bureau of Automotive Regulation, Lansing, 48918, or by calling the Bureau's toll-free number - 1-800-292-4204. In Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, the toll-free number is 357-5108. Austin also reminded vehicle owners who may have problems with automotive repairs or purchases that they can obtain information on their rights and file complaints on the toll lines 24 hours a day.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS



by Pauline E. Spray

That we... might serve him without fear, in holiness and

righteousness before him all the days of our life (Luke 1:74, 75). Probably every woman and girl secretly would like to be beautiful. When I was a youngster I used to go around the house with my finger nails jabbed into my cheeks trying to make dimples. Dimples, I thought, would make me pretty.

Every individual has not been granted physical comeliness, but every earnest Christian can be "beautiful within."

Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on the throne, high and lifted up. Above His throne stood the seraphims crying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." When giving instructions to Moses concerning Israel, the Lord commanded, "... And be ye holy, for I am the Lord your God." And Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart."

The individual who seeks God with all his heart and soul has been promised "righteousness from the God of his salvation." His life will be overflowing with love, the mark of true holiness, and the Holy Spirit will make him "beautiful within."

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thou hast provided a way whereby I can be "beautiful within." Cleanse away all defilement from my heart, and fill me with Thy divine love. Amen.

Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus.

Make me holy as He is. May I prove I've been with Jesus.

Who is all my righteousness. J.H.



A watermelon is about 92 percent water.

Coming Events

WED., DEC. 1: Christmas Craft Workshop. Parents and children 4 yrs. and older are invited to attend the workshop at the Kent Co. Library Alto Branch on Wed., eve Dec. 1 at 7:00 to make Christmas decorations and wrappings for gifts. This workshop will be conducted by April Curtiss and Marlene Whitman. All materials are furnished and there is no charge for this program. We do ask that you register for this program in advance by stopping by the library or calling 868-6038.

DEC. 1, 2 and 3: Camp Fire girls will be accepting your donations of commercially canned or packaged foods at tables at Eberhard's. The collected items will be displayed on the Camp Fire float in the Lowell Santa Claus parade and then will be divided between the Moose for Christmas baskets and ACCESS-6 (All County Church Emergency Service System), which keeps food banks stocked and handles distribution when calls for help come in. One such "Bank" is located at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

THUR., DEC. 2: Country Store Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Salad bar (assorted salads) and soup luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$3.50. Ala Carte \$3.00. Salad, 50¢; Soup, Children 5 and under one half price. Spaghetti dinner 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$3.00 Adults, \$2.50 Sr. Citizens, \$1.50 Children under 12. Free children 5 years and under \$10.00 family. Plus an array of home made baked goods, jams and candies, packaged to use yourself or give as gifts. Also hand-crafted items. Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson.

THUR., DEC. 2 and 3: Lowell Medical Care Center is having a Christmas Bazaar from 10 to 4 in the activities room. Any St. Mary's Parishioner wishing to donate baked goods or handmade items are asked to drop them off at the Center, the Church or Phyllis Lessons before Dec. 2.

THUR., DEC. 2: Vergennes Co-Operative Club will meet at Schneider Manor at 12:30 P.M. for a catered lunch, prepared and served by Ellura McPherson. Cost \$2.50 per person. Hostesses: Orpha Chaterdon, Margaret Ford and June Wittenbach. Sponsor: Carrie Groenenboom. Program: "Christmas" by Carol Briggs. Guests are welcome. Please have reservations in by November 30. In place of the traditional gift exchange, members are asked to bring a donation of food, money or clothing for Access 6 instead.

FRI., DEC. 3: Church Women United of Grand Rapids invites you to a very Special Christmas Musical Program, starting at 9:30 A.M.

SAT., DEC. 4: Kids Only Shopping at the VFW Post 8303, East Main Street. Sponsored by the Auxiliary will be held from 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. Come on in all you "kids" and get your Christmas shopping done. Lots of things to choose from, also homemade items.

SAT., DEC. 4: St. Charles Parish Greenville Christmas Craft Bazaar from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. 2 floors of quality craft, also an antique room. Lunch.

SAT., DEC. 4: Lowell Masons and Eastern Stars are

sponsoring a fish fry in the Lowell Masonic Temple. Serving Family style from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Adults \$3.75; Children under 12 \$1.00.

DEC. 4, 11, and 18 - Saturdays The Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum presents a holiday sky show designed especially for young children.

"The Christmas Star" offers a brief description of that all important star and includes a sing-a-long and a flying Santa. Adults are asked to accompany the children.

Showtime is 1:30 P.M. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children of all ages and senior citizens. In addition, this children's sky show will be repeated during the Christmas school recess, December 27 through 30 at 11 A.M.

DEC. 6: St. Mary's Altar Society Christmas party will be held at 7:30 P.M. at St. Mary's School. There will be an under \$3.00 Gift exchange.

WED., DEC. 8: The Lowell Women's Club will meet in Schneider Manor at one o'clock P.M. with Louise Schneider as sponsor. The program will feature the Lowell High School Choir with a program of Christmas music. There will also be an auction of Christmas baked goods.

DEC. 9: Pizza and Subs! The Lowell Area Jaycees and Jaycettes are holding their annual pizza and sub sale. The choice of Pizzas include cheese, pepperoni, sausage, or deluxe and are selling for \$3.00 each. For more information call Beth Acre at 897-6851 or Starl Randall at 897-9543.

THUR., DEC. 9: Lowell 7th and 8th grade Choir is having their annual Christmas Concert starting at 7:30 under the direction of Roger MacNaughton

FRI., DEC. 10: The Girls Varsity Club is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in the high school cafeteria between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds will go the Athletic Program.

SUN., DEC. 12: The Knights of Columbus will be having a first degree ceremony and meeting at 1:00. Any practicing Catholic men interested in joining or hearing more about the Knights, please call John at 897-6358.

SUN., DEC. 12: The Lowell Area Arts Council sponsors a special puppet-actor presentation "Junk" by Underground Railway, touring actors and puppeteers. The presentation, for families, has a special theme of giving, perfect for the holiday season. 3 P.M., Lowell Middle School, 750 Foreman Road, \$5 adults, \$2 students and pre-schoolers.

MON., DEC. 13: The Golden Swingers will have their usual Christmas party at Schneider Manor. Potluck dinner at 12 noon. Bring own service and a dish to pass. Coffee furnished. The Children of St. Mary's school will put on the Christmas program. All welcome.

TUE., DEC. 14: The December Regular Meeting of the Lowell Masonic Lodge will be held at 7:30 P.M. Following this meeting, about 8:30, friends and relatives are invited to the Public installation of officers for 1983. John Ludwig will present a slide illustrated program of his trip to China this past summer. Refreshments will follow.

TUE., DEC. 14: Regular Knights of Columbus meet-

ing changed for this month. See Dec. 12th note.

THUR., DEC. 16: The Lowell Middle School Band will have their Christmas Concert at 7:30 at the Middle school. 7th grade band under the direction of Robert Rice and 8th grade band under the direction of Roger MacNaughton.

SUN., DEC. 28: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 P.M. at St. Mary's School.

FRI., DEC. 31: The New Years Eve Dance: The Lowell Knights of Columbus and

St. Marys Parish activities committee invite you to enjoy live music by Allens Tag Alongs, hor d'oeuvres, lunch, beer, setups. Everyone welcome...champagne at midnight...at St. Mary's School from 8:30 until 7? Reservations must be in by Dec. 19th Call 897-8797 \$25.00 per couple.

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permitted by the Greater Grand Rapids Hockey Boosters Association, proceeds to support High School Hockey. Buy Reserve Tickets at: Creston VFW, 1535 Monroe N.W. 3-11 P.M. Old Kent VFW, 557 Eleventh Street, N.W. 3-11 P.M. Lowell VFW, 307 E. Main Street, Lowell 3-11 P.M. Sections 4 and 5 (mid-ice, east side) reserve for VFW Day. Tickets: \$2.50 Help support High School Hockey. Olen Miller, Sr.

Hendrick-Clark Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen Clark

On Saturday, September 4, Beth Anne Hendrick and Bernard Allen Clark exchanged vows at the St. Mary's Catholic

Church, with Monsignor James P. Moran conducting the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Hendrick, of 13625 36th, Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clark, of 4724 Morse Lake, Lowell, are parents of the groom.

Maid of Honor was Tracy Nead, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lisa Huver, friend of the bride, Barbara Beuschel, cousin of the bride, and Diane Kazmierski, sister of the bridegroom.

Mike Alderink, friend of the groom, served as Clark's best man. Groomsmen were Brian Hendrick and Brad Hendrick, brothers of the bride, and Michael Kazmierski, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at Deer Run Golf Club, with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark acting as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

The couple has resided in St. Joseph, Michigan, since returning from their honeymoon.

cozy corner
 By Roger Brown

I am gaining a reputation among my family and friends as a fair to middling oriental chef. I have prepared multiple course dinners on several occasions, with my oriental pepper steak and beef and pea pod recipes always getting rave reviews. But it's my Cantonese egg rolls that really knock 'em dead.

So, when Thanksgiving rolled around this year a number of my in-laws instructed me to bring a double batch of egg rolls to the family feast. This feast is turning into quite an international affair by the way. My mother-in-law provides the traditional American turkey, a sister-in-law brings Dutch apple pie, my wife makes Swedish meatballs, and when we throw in my Cantonese egg rolls, we're getting quite a mix. There are still two more sisters-in-laws, to which tacos and lasagna will be assigned next year.

I got into this oriental cooking bit two or three years ago when I received a wok as a gift. The oriental food lovers in the family knew what they were doing when they bought that one. There is one big problem with being an oriental chef in Lowell though. Since I am probably the only one in the area, the local grocery stores aren't big on stocking a supply of pea pods, ginger root, chinese cabbage and egg roll wrappers. This can mean burning up the roads to and within Grand Rapids in search of needed ingredients.

We had some friends over for one of my dinners a couple of years ago and that afternoon I went to one of the local groceries for frozen pea pods, which I had always been able to find in the past. To my horror, with dinner only a few hours away, I was told they didn't carry them anymore. I chased the full length of 28th Street, stopping at D&W, Hamady and Meijer's with no luck. I finally found a few, but not enough for the recipe, at an oriental supply store way over by 28th and US131. I kept looking, and finally found a few more at the Meijer's store at Michigan and Fuller. Now if that isn't the scenic tour of Grand Rapids, I don't know what is.

The in-laws have their Thanksgiving feast on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to avoid conflicts with the various outlaws, or vice versa. So Saturday morning I set about making my egg rolls, confident that all the ingredients were at hand. I browned the pork, chopped the shrimp, chopped and stir-fried the cabbage, celery scallions, threw it all together, added the spices, and began rolling those scrumptious little things up in the wrappers. I got about half way through, opened my second package of wrappers, and discovered that they were moldy. I hopped into the car and was off on another quest. Luckily D&W in Cascade had one package left, and I was spared another tour of the city. I got home just in time to finish the egg rolls, grab a quick shower and head out to the feast.

If you think you might enjoy a form of cooking that involves a little sight-seeing on the side, then I highly recommend that you order a wok and a cookbook for Christmas, and have at it.

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 A's B's & I-C
 Todd Chipman, Sonja Donovan, Bonna Ellison, Dean Gage, Ivar Grenness, Jill Hendrick, Karen Myers, Don Shoen, Scott Wight.
- JUNIORS**
 All A's
 Selma Stahl.
 A's & B's
 Scott Bauman, Shelli Block, Lisa Kingsley, Dawn Leslie, Craig Lowetz, Angie Reagan, Tim Simmons, Karen Vargo.
 A's, B's & I-C
 Doug Hotchkiss, Carol Moore, Esther Mutchler, Holland Opdycke, Judy Overbeck, Ami Possehn, Laurie Sible, Wridget Teaker.
- SOPHOMORES**
 All A's
 Brenda Longwell, Stacy Sachsen, Kathleen Seilder, Becky Simmons.
 A's & B's
 Bart Denny, Debra Fawley, Michelle Harrington, Colleen Jackson, Eric Jorgensen, Eric MacDonald, Denise Meyers, Beth Mutschler, Jess Mutschler, Janet Ogle, Dawn Potter, Colleen Rose, Jill Sage, Kelly Weeks.
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 Donna Boike, Don Kronewitter, Laura Lepien, Julie Pritchard, Steve Scheid.
- FRESHMEN**
 All A's
 Marcia Davenport, Doug Eddy, Brian Hopkins.
 A's & B's
 Lisa Fisher, Susan Geiger, Krista Keskey, Stephanie Longwell, Blaine Lowetz, Christi Melle, Angie Smit, Terry Smith.
 A's, B's & I-C
 Suzette Flugler, Tanya Garofalo, Clark Harrington, Lyn Renwick, Russ Tiejema, Tina Visser.
 8th Graders
 All A's
 Lyn Burton, Leo Garofalo.
 A's & B's
 Adam Bergeron, Mark Bul-

American Red Cross offers class

The Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross has developed a schedule of evening first aid classes for persons interested in taking Red Cross Multi-media First Aid training. The seven-hour course will be offered on two Monday evenings each month for the next five months starting December 6. Each class session will meet at the Red Cross chapter building, 1050 Fuller, N.E., from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. "The Multi-media First Aid course has always been available during the daytime," said Bud Baxter, chairman of First Aid training for the Kent

County Red Cross, "but we saw a need to hold evening classes for those persons who couldn't participate during the day." The Multi-media First Aid training course meets OSHA and MIOSHA requirements. "In order to schedule enough volunteer instructors and Resuscitannies, it is necessary for interested persons to register in advance," said Baxter. There is a \$10.00 cost for books and materials which is payable at the time of registration. To register for the first aid training, call Red Cross Safety Services, a United Way service, at 456-8661.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
 IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT FOR THE
 COUNTY OF KENT
 Case No. 82-48503-DO
**ORDER FOR PUBLICA-
 TION**

Leila Keller, SSN: 367-40-3305 Plaintiff, vs. Michael P. Keller, SSN: Unknown, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Michigan on this 18 day of November, 1982. Present: Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge.

On November 18, 1982 an action was filed by Leila Keller, Plaintiff, against Michael P. Keller, in this Court for an Absolute Divorce and for such other relief as the Court may deem equitable in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, Michael P. Keller, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before February 20, 1983. Failure to comply with the Order will result in Judgment by Default for an Absolute Divorce and for such other relief as demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

Roman J. Snow
 Circuit Judge

Examined,
 Countersigned and
 Entered by:
 M.A. Diedrick,
 Deputy Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 The Probate Court for the
 County of Kent
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Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner shown below alleging that "said children are Neglected Children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center, 1501 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said children being made temporary wards of the Court."

Child: Clifford Cryster
 Hearing: Dec. 22, 1982 at 10:00 a.m.
 Petitioner: Barbara Bush

Child: Elizabeth Taylor
 Hearing: Jan. 4, 1983 at 11:00 a.m.
 Petitioner: Maryann Podojak

Child: Barbara King
 Hearing: Jan. 3, 1982 at 4:00 p.m.
 Petitioner: Patricia Parish

Dated: November 24, 1982

JOHN P. STEKETE
 JUDGE OF PROBATE

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.



Our only bachelor President was James Buchanan.

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**LOWELL TOWNSHIP
 TAX NOTICE**

Taxes are due and payable in the Township of Lowell between December 1, 1982, and February 15, 1983.

I will be at the Lowell Township Hall 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., on Thursdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning December 1.

Dog licenses are due and payable January 1, 1983, current certification of vaccination is required.

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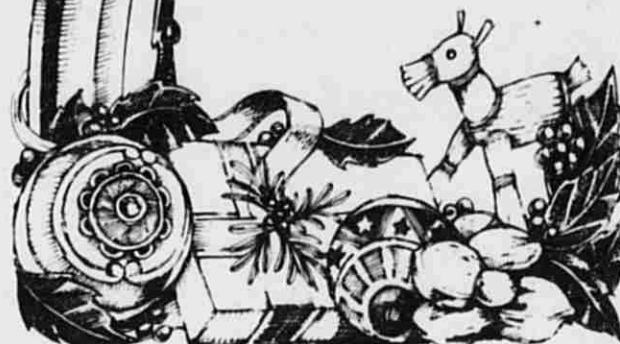
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Know all financial obligations before using job or real estate agencies

(Prepared by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants)

Hunting for a job or a place to live? Chances are you can find an agency to help you. These agencies can save you time and money, however, they can be costly, and the results are not always certain. So investigate before you sign an agreement.

Employment agencies profit by charging a fee for each position they fill. Your first task is to discover what the fee is, who pays it and if it guarantees you a satisfactory position. Between eight and 10 thousand private employment agencies, recruiters, search firms and placement offices operate as private businesses. Their fee is either "employer paid," "applicant paid," or, in some cases, a "negotiated fee" where the payment is decided between you and the employer.

Generally, the fee for a clerical post averages one month's salary, although it could be as low as a week's pay. Since an agency makes money only when they fill a position, they're leary about advising you to turn down a job offer. Therefore, CPAs suggest you ask what your obligations are if you take a job but leave before an agency is paid. If either you or your employer decides you aren't right for the position, you could be required to pay the fee yourself.

You can help ensure that you will be properly placed by checking out agencies in advance. Since agencies specialize in certain types of employment, check their listings and ask where their

heaviest placement contacts are.

If you're seeking employment at the executive or management level, for a job that pays more than \$25,000, you're probably better off sticking to executive search firms. Their fee, which can be 30 percent of annual salary, is usually paid by an employer. CPAs note that if you have to pay a fee to find a new job in your regular line of work it might be tax deductible. If you move a certain distance to take a new position and must engage a real estate broker to help you either buy or sell your home or find an apartment, this fee, is deductible up to a certain limit. However, if your employer pays this fee, it could be taxable income.

Real estate brokers who specialize in apartment finding often stipulate that they get paid whether you find an apartment through them or through a lead they originally gave you, whether they actually showed you the apartment or not. Brokers fees are usually one or two months rent.

While such "application" fees are legal, you might ask if they are refundable if you don't get the apartment or if you change your mind about renting. Be cautious if your broker insists on payment before you are approved by the landlord.

When you sign a contract for services, find out what the fee is and if the contract prohibits you from using more than one agency simultaneously. Also keep records of fee payments and copies of contracts you sign.

**NOTICE
 OF PUBLIC HEARING**

City of Lowell, Michigan
 301 East Main Street
 Lowell, Michigan 49331

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Act 207 of Public Act of 1921, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 20, 1982, at 8:00 P.M. at the Municipal Offices by the Lowell Board of Zoning Appeals.

This hearing is called to consider a variance in the Lowell Zoning Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance NO. 22, which was the zoning ordinance in effect prior to the new zoning ordinance adopted on March 1, 1982, and in effect on April 15, 1982. A variance is requested by Lowell 1 Apartments, which is located on Deborah Drive extended, from Article 25.7(1), which reads as follows:

"No building shall contain more than eight (8) dwelling units."

Said proposal by Lowell 1 Apartments proposed sixteen (16) units per building.

Since plans for Lowell 1 Apartments were developed prior to the adoption of the new zoning ordinance (March, 1982), a variance must be requested based on the earlier zoning ordinance requirements.

The proposal of sixteen (16) units per building by Lowell 1 Apartments is in conformance with the new zoning ordinance.

The proposed plans for Lowell 1 Apartments are available for review at the Lowell City Hall during regular office hours until close of said hearing.

Ray E. Quada
 City Clerk

LHS B-ballers ready for opener

The Lowell High School Basketball Team will begin the new basketball season Friday, December 3, and coach Ken Akers is looking ahead with confidence. When asked how his team would fare in Tri-River competition, he said without hesitation, "I'd say we were gonna win it."

Akers' confidence stems in part from the return of nine lettermen from last year's squad. Returning from last year are Seniors Greg Malone, Shawn Lowry, Lance Bryan, Tim Carless, Don Videa, Phil Ulichnie and Dave Malek, and Juniors Jason Barber and Kevin Mattson.

New to the squad this year are Senior Phil Vroma and Matt Baerwald, and Juniors Steve Ralys and Jim Hostler.

Akers also draws comfort from the fact that this year's squad includes some players with valuable height. Mattson and Malek are both 6-foot-1; Bryan is 6-foot-2; Baerwald, 6-foot-3; and Jim Hostler stands at a lofty 6-foot-7.

Akers expects that the team will benefit especially from the talents of Greg Malone, who was chosen for last year's all-conference basketball team. Akers said, Malone averaged 16 points a game last year.

"I'll be awful disappointed if he doesn't average 20 points this year," Akers said. "I know other coaches are definitely not going to want to see him on the court."

Although team practice officially began only a couple of weeks ago, all thirteen mem-

bers of the team participated in a summer basketball league and a team basketball camp.

In all, the team got in thirty basketball games over the summer, playing teams from some of the toughest schools around. Rogers, South Christian, Creston, East Grand Rapids, and Grandville were among the schools played, and according to Akers, the Lowell team did well against them all.

Commenting on Tri-River competition, Akers said, "I expect the league to boil down to Greenville, Lakewood, and Lowell."

Greenville and Lakewood traditionally have strong basketball programs. Akers estimated that Greenville had won the conference title eight of the last ten years.

The basketball team begins its season Friday with an away game against Delton.

Athletic boosters meet first payment date

Response to the Century Club offer has been good, and \$3,000 of the money earned through the Century Club is being used to make the first payment. The December 1 payment will leave the Boosters with about \$3000 in its treasury.

The funds have become available just in time to meet the first payment deadline December 1.

Part of the first payment was earned in the Booster Walkathon, for which more than \$6000 was pledged. Nagy reports that more than 95% of the pledged money has been turned in -- a remarkably high percentage.

Other fund raising efforts have been quite successful, but not all of the money earned has yet been made available to the Booster treasury.

Members of the Flat River Snowmobile Club extend holiday greetings to Lowell area residents and keep them informed about the activities of the club, according to club trustee Marcie Schek.

Schek says that club members elected new officers at the club's September 11 meeting. Elected were: Brad Potter, president; A.J. Zengre, vice president; Virginia Souser, secretary; and Virginia Stephenson, treasurer.

Also elected were Marcie Schek, three-year trustee; two-year trustee Jane Anible; and one-year Mike Fuggett.

Other September activities included the annual chicken fry hosted by Don and Virginia Souser and Ed and Jane Anible.

In addition to the regular October meeting, the club had a Hayride and Halloween Party, with 50 kids and adults attending. Besides the hayride, the party included a hotdog roast, games, and prizes. Maxie Pearl, chairman of the party, wishes to thank all those who helped put the party together.

At the club's November 21 meeting, Marilyn Wern was appointed chairman to head up the Christmas parade float.

Ask the Governor

QUESTION: I read that 44 million cars had crossed the Mackinac Bridge by its 25th Anniversary this month. How much did the bridge cost and is it paid off?

GOVERNOR: The building of "Big Mac" cost \$100 Million and was financed by bond sales. Larry Rubin, executive secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority since its establish-

ment, estimates that the construction bonds are likely to be paid off eight years ahead of schedule -- in 1986.

The bridge has done much to unify Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas economically through commerce and tourism. It also has helped to reduce the feeling of isolation from the lower Michigan among some Upper Peninsula residents. More than 30,000 people gather on the bridge for the annual Labor Day Walk from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City.

The Architect of the Mackinac Bridge, the late David B. Steinman, called it his masterpiece, having the longest span supported by a single set of cables in the world -- at 8,614 feet.

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According to a report by the Energy Administration and the Michigan Public Service Commission, gasoline consumption in Michigan will continue to decline throughout the winter, with an increase in demand in the spring of 1983 if the economy improves. No major increases are expected in gasoline prices in the immediate future.

A survey conducted by the Energy Administration in early October reported the average cost of No. 2 home heating oil, excluding sales tax, at \$1.15 a gallon.

ZOO NEWS

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On December 4, 1982 the John Ball Zoo Society will sponsor their annual "Christmas Party for the Animals". Everyone is invited to come out and join in the Holiday fun from 1-3 p.m. at the John Ball Zoo. Santa will visit with the children, carolers will help cele-

brate the season, refreshments will be served, and there will be plenty of surprises and fun.

Everyone is encouraged to bring an edible gift for the animals. Suggested food gifts are: hay--timothy, alfalfa; unsalted rye crackers and unsalted nuts; corn--dried on the cob; apples; grapes; cabbage; kale; carrots; dry dog food; whole wheat bread; meal worms; and crickets. The food gifts will be given to the animals during the Christmas season.

Start the Holiday season out with a visit to the John Ball Zoo and the "Christmas Party for the Animals" on December 4 from 1-3 P.M. Admission is free. For further information, phone 456-3809.

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Girls basketball season concludes

The Lowell Girls Basketball Team concluded its 1982 season Wednesday, November 24, losing to Greenville 63-45 in the second game of tournament play.

According to Coach Kathy Talus, Lowell shot 21% in Wednesday's game, compared with Greenville's 42%.

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"The biggest thing in the game was that we took the same amount of shots as Greenville, but our percentage was way down," Talus said.

"Lowell rushed shots. Rather than getting inside, we took shots from far out, and got out of range."

High scorers in Wednesday's game were Chris Hildenbrand, 17; Phyllis Beachler, 10; Kathleen Beachler, 8; and Lynn Dowling, 8. Phyllis Beachler and Kathleen Beachler had 10 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

The team will be having its award banquet Wednesday, December 8, in the Middle School Cafeteria to cap off the 1982 season.

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International Christmas cookie recipes to try

Like many Christmas traditions, cookies are an integral part of the celebration in many countries. For Sweden, it's Pepparkakor, for Scotland there's Butter Pecan Shortbread. In Czechoslovakia, they like cream cheese dainties called Kolacky and the English like to serve eggnog.

Swedish women spend days preparing Pepparkakor because they must be made in many shapes to hang from wooden trees: hearts, stars, pigs, roosters and horses. These cookies are rich in butter, blended with spices, and are often decorated with almonds thought to protect the taster from evil spirits.

First visitors to enter a home in Scotland during the New Year receive shortbread with its crunchiness and meltingly delicious butter flavor. For Christmas eve nibbling, the Czechs set out Kolacky, a cookie smoothly delicious with butter and cream cheese with a variety of fillings, the favorite of which is apricot.

Eggnog is the favorite holiday beverage in merrie old England. It's the easiest one to serve, since it comes from the dairy. The creamy texture and rich flavor make it a perfect companion for traditional holiday cookies.

BUTTER PECAN SHORTBREAD
Yield: 8 dozen
COOKIES

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

DECORATOR ICING:
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup confectioners sugar
1 tablespoon milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
Red and green food color

For cookies, cream butter in a large mixing bowl. Gradually add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add flour and blend well. Blend in nuts. Chill dough. Preheat oven to 300°F. Roll dough on lightly floured surface into a 14 x 10-inch rectangle, 1/4-inch thick. Cut dough into 24 squares. Divide each square into four triangles. Prick through with a fork, transfer to un buttered baking sheets. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove immediately to wire rack to cool. For icing, cream butter in a small mixing bowl. Gradually add sugar and beat until blended. Blend in milk and vanilla. Tint 1/3 icing red and 2/3 green. Make a holly decoration on top of each cookie with a decorator tube.

PEPPAPKAKOR
Yield: approx. 6 dozen
COOKIES:

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 tablespoon dark corn syrup
2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda

1 tablespoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons ginger
1 teaspoon ground cloves
Blanched almonds

ICING:
1 egg white
1/8 teaspoon almond extract
2 cups sifted confectioners sugar

Preheat oven to 400°F. For cookies cream butter in a large mixing bowl. Gradually add sugar and beat until well blended. Beat in egg and corn syrup. Combine flour, soda, cinnamon, ginger and cloves. Gradually add to creamed mixture. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness; cut with floured cookie cutters. Chill scraps of dough before rerolling. Place cookies on un buttered cookie sheets and decorate with almonds. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Remove immediately to wire rack. When cool, decorate cookies with icing. For icing, gradually add confectioners sugar to egg white and almond extract. Beat until smooth and glossy.

CREAM CHEESE DAINTIES (KOLACKY)
Yield: 5 dozen

APRICOT FILLING:
1/2 cup apricot preserves
1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

COOKIES:
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese
1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour

For filling, combine apricot preserves and lemon extract; set



Serve a sample of cookies from other lands for an international accent to the holidays with the traditional yuletide beverage, eggnog.

aside. For cookies, beat butter and cream cheese in a small mixing bowl until well blended. Blend in sugar, then flour; divide dough in half and chill

thoroughly. Preheat oven to 375°F. Roll each half on lightly floured surface to 1/16-inch thickness. Use floured 2-inch round cookie cutters to cut about 3 dozen "bases". Transfer to un buttered cookie sheets. Place about 1/4 teaspoon filling in center of each cookie. Cut re-

maining dough with the same size cutters. Use 1-inch cutter to cut out the centers. Top filled cookies with a cutout cookie or with the 1-inch cutouts. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Remove immediately to wire racks to cool.

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1982 Local Close-Up



The 1982 Local Close-Up participants recently spent two days in the Grand Rapids area meeting with officials. The group also plans a trip to Lansing to continue their government study program. A few hope to make it all the way to Washington D.C. this spring for a week long seminar. They have already participated in a county wide Trash-a-thon and plan future fund raisers.

FRONT ROW (L-R)
Karen Durkee, Shawn Lowry, Kerry Cosgrove, Heidi Blattner.
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Paul Whaley, Sue Weeks, Denise Anderson, Tim Carless, Penny Richardson Lorraine Althaus, Shelia Carey, Dana Bock, Carolyn Hostler, Lisa Rutledge, Ann Berfanger, Cari Cridler, Shelia Nunn, Nancy Metternick.
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Blue Birds learn about different cultures

The Runciman-Riverside Third Grade Blue Bird group has received a wealth of information recently in connection with their "Many Cultures of the World" project.

On November 5, Christine Crawford, of Eastgate, shared with them mementos and memories of her month-long visit to Ireland last spring. Christine visited relatives in Ireland, and she had many interesting facts to share with the Blue Birds. The girls were especially surprised to learn that Ireland appears to have even more video games than we do.

On November 12, David Davis, of Grand River Drive, put together a display of Indian lore for the Blue Birds. He completely captivated the group with the vast amount of knowledge which he has accumulated since childhood concerning Indian cultures. The girls learned some Indian sign language, and they learned about Indians who lived in this area.

The girls wish to express their sincere thanks to both Dave and Christine.



David Davis talks to Lowell Blue Bird Group about his display of Indian lore.



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A COLONY CAGE FOR-BACKYARD POULTRY FARMERS

The colony cage shown here, designed by MOTHER-reader Harlan Attfield, makes it possible for town or city dwellers to raise healthy and productive poultry in their back yards. The cage (a complete schematic is included in the free reprint mentioned at the end of this article) was built from packing crate boards (for the back, sides, removable partition, central wall supports, and nest-box frame) ... five eucalyptus poles (two 60-inch-long posts for the front uprights, two 54-inchers for the back, and an 8-foot roost pole ... 50 feet of 1 X 3 lumber strips (frame) ... 8 feet of heavy wire mesh, 3/4-inch square or 3/4-inch X 1-inch rectangular (floor) ... 10 feet of 1/2-inch-square galvanized mesh, not the flimsy round type (doors and nest-box floor) ... two raisin crates (nest boxes) ... one sheet of galvanized iron, 3 feet by 8 feet (roof) and ... 2-inch straight nails, 3/4-inch U-nails, flatheaded galvanized roofing nails, and hinges.

Here's how the "C" cage operates. Chicks are started in a left-hand compartment which is formed by placing a removable partition in the middle of the cage. They will need newspaper placed on the floor and topped with about 2 or 3 inches of wood shavings (or similar material). A cardboard box, with a 60-watt electric light bulb hanging over it, is placed in the rear of the compartment.

Then, for seven to eight weeks the chicks are confined to the left-hand section of the coop, provided with heat, and fed mash and water from shallow troughs or pans placed on the litter near the door. After that the box can be taken out, the partition removed, and the youngsters given the run of the cage.

To provide a good food container for older birds, simply fit a trough feeder to the inside of the middle door. A gravity waterer is excellent for this type of coop.

The particular cage on which these plans are based was fitted with a roost pole. Such a pole isn't absolutely necessary, but if you decide to use one, it should be painted twice with crankcase oil that has been diluted half-and-half with kerosene. The two nest boxes, located on the right side of the cage, must be kept darkened with a fabric blind to encourage use by the hens.

One-half-inch-square mesh on the nest floor will give a bit under the occupant's weight, and thus prevent the egg from cracking when it's dropped. A slanting floor is incorporated in the nest box, which enables the freshly laid eggs to roll to an open air shelf where they can cool quickly and can be gathered whenever it's convenient.

As the hens' production declines, the partition can be replaced and preparations made for a new batch of chicks.

There are some problems you should watch for when using this system. However, they are easily prevented:

[1] In some cases the birds' droppings won't dry fast enough to avoid the breeding of flies. Manure should be removed weekly when such pests are troublesome.

[2] Since limited space inclines chickens to cannibalism, they should be debeaked (preferably before the onset of egg production). This operation is easily done on a young bird by removing the tip of the upper beak—just in front of the pad—with a sharp knife, scissors, or side cutters. To prevent bleeding and infection, cauterize the wound by placing a hot knife against the cut surface.

[3] The cage should be placed under shade to protect it from direct sunlight when temperatures are high. On windy or rainy days, burlap bags can be hung over the front of the coop.

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Annual 'Lowell Series' to begin on Sunday, December 12th

The third Lowell series sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council was announced this week by Chairman John Harper. Three very special programs are lined up to make an entertainment package which will be enjoyable and educational for the entire family.

The Series will begin on December 12 with a program featuring actors and puppets, entitled "Junk". This program will be equally fascinating to adult and children viewers.

The presentation will be done by Underground Railway, a touring theater group based in the Boston area. This group will also perform a shadow-puppet production of Stravinsky's The Firebird with the Detroit Symphony on December 18, and a holiday program at Calvin College on December 11.

"Junk" is especially appropriate for the holiday season, since the theme of the program is the art of giving. The young protagonist of the show escapes the overwhelming world of the department store, and meets an Irish tinker who teaches her to make a gift out of what people throw away.

A special treat for Lowell area residents is the chance to applaud the talent of Debra

Wise, daughter of Gil and Jeanne Wise of Lowell. Wise has an extensive background in mime and her acting credits include the New York Shakespeare Festival and the People's Theater in Boston. Equally talented are the remaining members of Underground Railway, Wes Sanders and John Lewandowski.

A workshop will be offered following the performance, for parents and children who have attended the performance. "Junk" puppetry, also called "found-object" puppetry, is an exercise in creating animated beings by sculpting and building with the things people throw away. This workshop can be provided to only a limited number, so those desiring reservations in the workshop should make this known when buying tickets.

"Junk" takes place at 3 P.M., Sunday, December 12 at the Lowell Middle School.

The second program in the series takes place at 8 P.M., Saturday, January 15, when the Piccolo Opera Company presents two one-act operas. Described as light opera, these amusing and enjoyable presentations are sung in English. The Piccolo Opera company, based

in the Detroit area, is dedicated to making opera enjoyable and understandable for everyone. Two of the performers, James Berg and Lynda Weston spend time each summer teaching at the choir camp of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. The others in the Lowell performance will be Marjorie Gordon and Jonathan Swift. Their program will include the very popular "The Telephone" by Manotti and "The Music Master" by Pergolesi.

The third program of the series, The Lowell Showcase, is a presentation by local performing artists. It will be held March 13, 1983 at 3 P.M. in the Lowell United Methodist Church. This showcase is free to the public, however series ticket holders will be provided reserved seating.

Series tickets are \$10, \$4 for students (KL-12) and \$20 for patron series. Individual tickets are \$5 for "Junk" and \$7 for Piccolo Opera, with student tickets at \$2 for each performance. The workshop following "Junk" is free for any attending the performance. Participants in the workshop are asked to bring as much Junk as they can carry.

Tickets may be ordered by writing The Lowell Series,



Debra Wise, daughter of Gil and Jeanne Wise of Lowell.

LAAC PO Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. Those wishing reservations to the workshop following "Junk" should indicate this when purchasing the tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at "That Special Place" 215 W. Main. Tickets for each individual performance may also be purchased at the door. Reservations for the workshop following "Junk" must be made prior to the performance, however. Please spread the word about the Lowell Series. Brochures are available with order blanks if you or your friends or relatives would like one. Arrange to have a brochure mailed by calling John Harper (897-9751), Chris VanAntwerp (897-5242) or "That Special Place" (897-8545). Mail orders are accepted without the brochure, however.

Whether it's a table-top sized pine or a giant Colorado blue spruce, there's a Christmas tree to match the home and budget of any family at one of Michigan's cut-your-own tree farms, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Michigan is the nation's leader in plantation Christmas tree production and this season families can pick from nearly one-half million evergreens at 59 choose-and-cut farms," stated Auto Club Travel Operations Manager James Drury.

"This year's excellent production also has helped keep prices generally unchanged for the second straight season," Drury said.

Prices for Scotch pines, the most popular variety, start at \$2.50, 50 cents less than last year. The more exotic blue spruce and Douglas firs sell for up to \$35, unchanged from a year ago.

Eight farms listed on the Auto Club's 1982 Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Guide sell trees by the foot, ranging from \$1 to \$5.

Families can select from 16 tree varieties, including common pines, color and French green firs and Black Hills spruce.

Some farms sell potted Christmas trees which can be planted outside later. Thirty-eight farms offer evergreens up to 30 feet tall.

"Activities at cut-your-own farms have always centered around family fun and this year is no different," Drury said.

At one farm near Ruby, children can pet farm animals while weekend visits by Santa Claus

are part of the fun at facilities near Sturgis, Montrose, Otisville, Dryden and Grass Lake. "Cutters can warm up with hot cider or coffee at 13 farms while 10 have snack bars or free treats for children.

If planning a trip to a choose-and-cut farm this season, The Auto Club suggests these tips: "Bring a hand saw. Most farms lend saws, but bringing your own saves time if all are in use. Axes are banned.

"When choosing a tree, make sure the needles are flexible and do not come off easily. Most pines and Douglas firs hold needles while spruce and balsam trees shed.

"Saw the trunk close to the ground. If it is a Scotch pine, bounce in the field to remove old needles. Seven farms on the Auto Club's guide will mechanically clean trees of dead needles and other debris.

"Bring twine to tie trees to cars, although most farms have rope. Tie the tree's base at the front. Fourteen farms will wrap trees for easy transport.

"After bringing the tree home, store it in a cool area. Before placing it in a stand, cut an inch or two off the bottom and immediately place it in the stand filled with water. Check water level daily.

"Before decorating, check tree lights for bare wires and make sure electrical outlets aren't overloaded.

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Map of Michigan showing 59 numbered locations for cut-your-own Christmas tree farms. Includes a 1982 CODE for tree types and a list of farm details by region (SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN, EAST MICHIGAN, WEST MICHIGAN).

Whether it's a table-top sized pine or a giant Colorado blue spruce, there's a Christmas tree to match the home and budget of any family at one of Michigan's cut-your-own tree farms, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Michigan is the nation's leader in plantation Christmas tree production and this season families can pick from nearly one-half million evergreens at 59 choose-and-cut farms," stated Auto Club Travel Operations Manager James Drury.

"This year's excellent production also has helped keep prices generally unchanged for the second straight season," Drury said.

Prices for Scotch pines, the most popular variety, start at \$2.50, 50 cents less than last year. The more exotic blue spruce and Douglas firs sell for up to \$35, unchanged from a year ago.

Eight farms listed on the Auto Club's 1982 Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Guide sell trees by the foot, ranging from \$1 to \$5.

Families can select from 16 tree varieties, including common pines, color and French green firs and Black Hills spruce.

Some farms sell potted Christmas trees which can be planted outside later. Thirty-eight farms offer evergreens up to 30 feet tall.

"Activities at cut-your-own farms have always centered around family fun and this year is no different," Drury said.

At one farm near Ruby, children can pet farm animals while weekend visits by Santa Claus

are part of the fun at facilities near Sturgis, Montrose, Otisville, Dryden and Grass Lake. "Cutters can warm up with hot cider or coffee at 13 farms while 10 have snack bars or free treats for children.

If planning a trip to a choose-and-cut farm this season, The Auto Club suggests these tips: "Bring a hand saw. Most farms lend saws, but bringing your own saves time if all are in use. Axes are banned.

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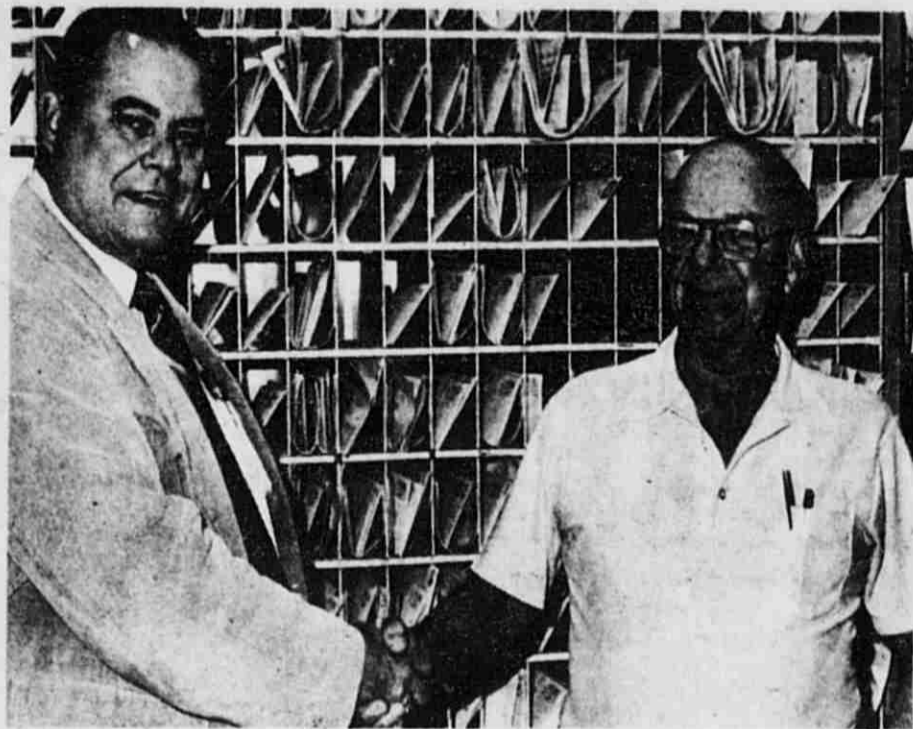
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WEDDING INVITATIONS - & Napkins available at the Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

Scientists divide wasps into two groups - social and solitary wasps. Social wasps, such as hornets and yellow jackets, live a community life, while each family of solitary wasps lives by itself.

Bernard Kropf retires from Lowell Post Office after 24 years



Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle shakes the hand of retiring postman Bernie Kropf.

After 24 years at the Lowell Post Office, and another 20 years previously spent working for the railroad, Bernie Kropf is retiring. He put in his last work day at the Post Office Wednesday, November 24, where Post Office employees gave him a retirement sendoff.

Kropf, of 4465 Causeway Dr., delivered mail for Rural Route No. 3 for 13 years, and has kept the mail coming for city residents for the past five.

When asked if he had any retirement plans, he said, "Not really. We live at Murray Lake, and we just love it. We plan to

do a little traveling during the winter, but we're not going to move away."

Kropf's memories of his time at the Post Office seem to be mostly of booby-trapped mailboxes.

He says that "One time I was hurrying, and I opened a box,

and some kid had put a snake in there. It just sat there wiggling his tongue at me. That was a thrill."

On another occasion, Kropf opened a mailbox only to have a

cramped and angry rooster rocket out of the box and through the open windows of Kropf's car.

Kropf speculated that there were probably some kids laugh-

ing in the bushes over that one.

Remarking on the time he has spent at the Post Office, Kropf said, "I have really enjoyed it. Rural people are the best in the world."

Lowell dairymen attend international show



Jim Cook (left) and Terry Nugent (right), Lowell, MI chatted quietly while waiting in the make-up ring prior to the Holstein Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The cow Jim has at halter is "Janeland Elevation Baroness", and entry in the show.

The Holstein Show was a part of the giant North American International Livestock Exposition, held annually in Louisville, KY. The expo is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and ranks as the largest all-breed livestock show in the world. Show competitions will include events for beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine and quarter horses before the expo draws to a close on November 19th.

Amway printers win safety award

The National Association of Printers and Lithographers (NAPL) has announced that the Association's annual safety contest Award of Merit has been presented to the employees of the in-plant printing division of Amway Corporation, 7575 E. Fulton Road, Ada, Michigan, for promoting safety awareness and for achieving an outstanding safety record during the past year. The firm's printing division, was honored with a commemorative plaque during NAPL's annual meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 4, Mr. J. Speed Gray, III, is Director of Paper Products for the company and the individual responsible for the division's safety program. During the contest year, the division's 279 employees

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