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YMCA WINTER SESSION

The Lowell YMCA will be starting its 1983 Winter Session the week of January 10. You may register NOW for the following classes: For Adults; Men's Basketball, Women's Tri-Aerobics (Beginning and Advanced Classes), Women's Fitness (Alto and Lowell Classes), Quilting. For Youth: Indoor swimming, Gymnastics, Elementary Tumbling (Alto and Lowell Classes), Dance Class, Kiddy Gym, and for all ages Guitar Lessons and Karate. For more information please call the Y office. 897-8445. The Lowell YMCA office will be closed for the holidays December 24th and December 31st.

FUNZ A POPPIN'



Here's an interesting photo. We ran across this dandy here at the Ledger recently, and our curiosity has gotten the best of us. There are no names, date or description other than the words, "Funz a poppin'". We thought some of our readers could identify the ladies and tell us just what the Flapper costumes were for. Our number is 897-9261, or you can drop us a line at P.O. Box 128.

LEDGER HOLIDAY ISSUE

Well, here it is, your last Ledger for 1982. You'll find that it's packed with Season's Greetings from area businesses, including all of us here at the Ledger. Besides wishing all of you a happy holiday season, we would also like to add a sincere wish that you enjoy a safe holiday. We're looking forward to sending the news along to you in 1983 and the years to come. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident Saturday, Dec. 11 was Louis Smith Jr. of Milwaukee, Wisc. Smith pulled from a parking spot on E. Main and attempted to make a U-turn and was struck by Robert Ogle of Lowell who was east bound on Main St.

Russell Boss of Lowell backed his car into a vehicle driven by William Warner Jr. of Saranac Saturday, Dec. 11. The accident happened on Grand River Dr. near the Division St. Bridge, no one was injured.

Norma May, of Lowell was slightly injured in an accident Monday afternoon while riding as a passenger in a car driven by Marvin May. The accident occurred on Main St. and Riverside Drive, and was caused when Cathy Mosher of Lowell struck the May vehicle in the rear.

Steven Witherell of Belding backed this vehicle into another car parked in an alley Friday evening. Neither Witherell or Lee Meyers of Ionia, driver of the other car were injured.

Issued an appearance violation for a Larceny under \$100 (shoplifting) was Oranda Kazemier of Lowell. She allegedly attempted to leave Lipperts Pharmacy with items not paid for, and was apprehended by store employees.

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Tree falling accident kills Lowell man

Gerald Penninga, of 10696 East Fulton, Lowell, was killed here early Saturday evening in a freak wood cutting accident, according to a spokesman for the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Penninga, 27, was cutting a tree with his brother Paul when the chainsaw they were using became wedged in the tree. In an effort to free the saw, the pair attempted to topple the tree by attaching a tractor to the tree with a chain. Penninga's brother Paul operated the tractor while Penninga waited at the trunk of the tree to pull the saw free.

When the tree had been pulled far enough to permit Penninga to withdraw the saw, he yelled for his brother to jump free of the tractor. Though his brother jumped to safety, Penninga, who was standing near the stump, was struck in the head when the stump end of the tree bounced into the air.

When Paul Penninga ran to shut off the tractor, he noticed his brother lying on the ground with blood on his face. After attempting first aid, Paul called the Kent County Sheriff's Department at 6:30 P.M.

Penninga was pronounced dead by a medical examiner of massive injuries to the right side of his head.

1982 In Retrospect

1982-Synopsis

At the risk of appearing disrespectful of our past, the Ledger, in a daring, almost flamboyant move, is breaking the iron grip of tradition by dispensing with the usual month-by-month synopsis of community events and instead including a summary of what the Ledger feels to be the most important stories of 1982. We recognize that the selection of the "most important" stories is a subjective matter and open to debate, but, unless the reader is prepared to write next year's synopsis himself, he or she had just better hush up and accept it. This said, we humbly submit our 1982 synopsis.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LASA

The tight money situation that has gripped the state of Michigan has squeezed the Lowell Area School system as well. A shortage of funds for school operations over the past couple of years forced the Board of Education to make cuts in staff and programs, leaving holes which the Lowell Area School Association attempted to fill.

LASA came under fire late in 1981 from citizens both inside and outside the organization. Some citizens objected to the hiring of a professional fund raiser by LASA, at considerable cost to the organization. Others com-

plained that LASA funds were benefitting only high school students, in particular those involved in athletics.

During 1982, LASA continued its fund raising activities without benefit of a professional grantsman, so that donors could be assured that their donations would go entirely to support school activities.

At this time, LASA still exists as an incorporated, non-profit fund raising organization, but it is inactive. Since the fall of 1982, the Lowell Athletic Boosters has taken over much of the fund raising activity formerly carried on by LASA.

MILLAGE VOTE

Many citizens who had been active in LASA threw their energies behind a drive to get citizens to vote in favor of a proposed 3.4 mill property tax increase. The Board of Education intended to use funds generated by the increased millage levy to restore programming lost because of school budget cuts. Even before the election, the Board of Education indicated that should the proposed millage increase be defeated, the Board would not designate any funds to be used for extracurricular activities.

The defeat of the proposal on September 27 prompted a large

turnout for the school board meeting which followed on October 11.

LOWELL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

When it became clear that the Board of Education would not approve upcoming extracurricular athletics without assurance that outside funds would be provided, the Boosters pledged themselves to raise \$40,000 to maintain extracurricular activities at their 81-82 level.

Since the date of their pledge, the Boosters have sponsored a Walk-a-thon, created the Red Arrow Century Club, and sold nuts, all in the effort to meet their first installment deadline in December.

On December 6 the Boosters presented a \$15,000 dummy check to School Superintendent Donald Kelly as the first installment on their pledge.

TEACHER CONTRACTS

The tight money situation in the Lowell Area Schools affected not only student programs but also teacher salaries. When teacher contracts came before the Board for the 1982-83 year, the Board insisted that the school could not afford salary increases this year.

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Michigan Education Assn. examines 'School's books

Members of the Michigan Education Association examined Lowell school financial records and projected three-year budget last week as part of the ongoing teacher contract negotiations, and it was their opinion that the Board of Education was underestimating revenue from state aid, and that the school could afford to give teachers the 5 percent retroactive pay increase that they were asking this year.

Larry Thompson, MEA Uniserve Director and chief negotiator for the teachers, claims that the School Board is trying to live off its general fund equity. But this equity is more than enough to give teachers the pay increase they are asking.

Thompson admits that such a pay increase will shortly put the school in a financial bind, but for this year the school district can afford the increase. He also claims that unless the school district alters its financial resources, the school will soon go "belly-up" even should the teachers accept a pay freeze for this school year.

According to Thompson, increased valuations of property in the Lowell School District have resulted in a corresponding decrease in state aid to Lowell

Area Schools. In the 1979-80 school year, state aid was approximately \$2.8 million. Since that date state aid has declined, and the School Board projects state aid payments for the 1982-83 school year at \$1.8 million.

Program cuts have buffered this loss of revenue in the Lowell School District, but further cutting can be made only with great difficulty, Thompson said.

"If we accept a freeze, we will give the district a few extra bucks. But next year we will be in the same position," Thompson said. "We can't take the position that two or three years from now you will be poverty-stricken."

Thompson admitted that the district's general fund equity is declining, but he said that the school board cannot rely on that equity to get them through hard times. "We are saying that the district must alter its financial resources," he said.

This alteration of financial resources can take the form of a change in the state aid formula or an increase in the millage levy.

Superintendent Donald Kelly and Assistant Superintendent George Jacobs were not available to comment Tuesday morning.

Appointments not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, Open five days Lowell, 897-7506.

Cable TV system growing

Approximately 120 homes are receiving the cable signal since the Lowell Cable TV Service began transmitting cable signal on December 7, according to Lowell Light and Power Superintendent Herb Haines.

Though residents are already receiving cable signal, Haines indicated that equipment is still being fine-tuned, and that customers may experience some interruption of cable signal. Minor repairs and replacement of parts are being done to correct fuzziness and ghosting in some channels. For the most part, these repairs will be made at about 4 or 5 a.m. so as to disrupt viewers as little as possible.

Haines estimated that hook-up of west side residents would begin sometime this week, and the hook-ups would continue until after January 1.

Customers who have indicated their interest in cable by returning a yellow cable service card should come to the Lowell Light and Power offices to formally sign up for cable and pay the deposit and first month's fee.

Although the yellow card provided a place for customers to give their telephone number, Haines says that residents will be called to make appointments for cable hook-up only after they have signed for cable at the power company offices.

Lowell Citizens for Recycling report success

Lowell Citizens for recycling are reporting great success at the recycling center east of Lowell at Lowell Lanes. Many volunteers check and police the center, so it looks neat and clean.

Recycle Unlimited of Grand Rapids is having to empty containers about every ten days, which is well above average.

Children at Bushnell and Runciman Schools learned about recycling in assembly programs, as have several organizations. However, there is still some confusion as to what and how to recycle. Please cut out the following for posting in your kitchen:

CANS: (food goods only) Rinse, clean, remove labels and flatten.

ALUMINUM: (foil, pie tins, cans, etc.) Clean well and flatten.

PLASTIC MILK JUGS: (milk, orange juice, cider only) Rinse, fill with hot water to remove paper labels, and flatten.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS: (brown, green and clear only; no window glass) Rinse, clean, remove caps.

NEWSPAPERS AND BROWN BAGS: (no magazines) Put in brown paper bags or tie in bundles.

Obituaries

ANDERSON - Doris L. Anderson, of Route 2, Baldwin (Wolf Lake), aged 69, died at Reed City Hospital Wednesday morning from an extended illness. She was born in Grand Rapids August 10, 1913, the daughter of Charles and Margaret Bagley. She married Kenneth Anderson in Grand Rapids on October 6, 1945. Surviving are her husband, Kenneth of Wolf Lake; two sons, Terry Anderson of Grand Rapids and Marvin Zimmerman of Lowell, two daughters, Phyllis Castle of Grand Rapids and Kimberly Morgan of Hawaii; a step-brother, Raymond Carlton of Pierson; a sister, Lila Gedris of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. She lived in Wolf Lake area since 1975, coming from Grand Rapids. The funeral was held Saturday at the Tate-Weaver Funeral Home in Baldwin. Rev. Warren Harris and Mr. Jim Sala officiating. Interment in Pleasant Plains Cemetery.

was Noble Grand of the Lowell Rebeck's Lodge and past District President. Funeral services were Monday, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell with Rev. William Amundsen of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

CISLER - Hazel Frances Cislser, aged 76, of 1809 Parnell S.E., died Thursday in Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Donald (Jackqueline) VerHulst of Ada, her stepchildren, Chester Cislser and Eldora Vogelaa, both of Wyoming; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; her brother, Harry Hanson of Wyoming; many nieces and nephews. At Mrs. Cislser's request, there will be no funeral service.

MERRIMAN - Mr. Boyd C. Merriman, aged 77, of Alto, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, 1982. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Louise Merriman; three sons, Gerald B. Merriman of Grand Rapids; David J. Merriman of Alto; Harvey E. Merriman of Grand Rapids; five daughters, Nancy E. Nordhof of Lowell, June M. Dagen of Minnesota, Janice I. Banas of Wayland, Dorothy J. Brinks of Middleville, and Margie A. Merriman of Grand Rapids; one niece, Rosemary Grinage of Grand Rapids; 27 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren. Funeral Services, including the Committal, was held Friday at

the funeral chapel, Rev. Robert Tomlinson officiating. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Mr. Merriman reposed at the Roetman Funeral Chapel, 616 E. Main St., Caledonia.

PENNINGA - Gerald A. Penninga, aged 28, of Lowell, passed away Saturday. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Arlene) Penninga; children, Matthew Allen and Jeremy Ryan, both at home; brothers, Paul (Andrea) Penninga of Cascade, Gordon Penninga at home; sister, Mrs. Thomas (Cheryl) Vanderploeg of Grand Rapids; father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas (Ruth) Borst Jr. of Grandville; grandfather-in-law, Mr. Nicholas Borst Sr. of Grandville. The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 P.M. at O'Brien Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd., S.E., at the I-96 expressway. Rev. Glenn Marks of Lowell Missionary Church officiating. Interment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

SIMPSON - Esther Simpson, aged 89, of Alto, passed away December 15, 1982. She is survived by cousins, Evelyn and George Lane of Lowell, Angi Jonston of Grand Rapids, Ruth Harvey of Cadillac and Pauline Liskey of Grand Rapids; a stepson, Milton Simpson of Spring Lake and friends, Frank and Madeline Barnhart of Alto. Funeral Services were Friday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell with Rev. William Amundsen of the First United Methodist Church officiating.

STEGEHUIS - Mrs. Gertrude Stegehuis, aged 100, of Wyoming passed away Saturday, December 18, 1982 at a local nursing home. Surviving are four sons: John E. Stegehuis of Lowell, Henry H. Stegehuis of Belmont, Evert E. Stegehuis of Grand Rapids. George Stegehuis of Hawaii; a daughter, Mrs. Willard (Evelyn) Vance of Wyoming, 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Ed Stegehuis of Grandville, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Monday at the Ronan Vanderpool Stegenga Funeral Chapel, 3131 South Division with the Rev. Robert Bast officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

TUCKER - Shirley D. Tucker, of Mt. Dora, FL, passed away at Greenville Hospital Wednesday, December 15. She was born in Greenville April 1, 1908 to the parents of John and Francis Willis Tucker. He was a member of the Saranac Community Church and the Masonic Lodge. He married Evelyn Tower July 1, 1929, who preceded him in death October 21, 1980. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edward (Eileen) Krampe of Grand Rapids, Mrs. William (Eliwyn) Kinyon of Greenville, and Mrs. Gordon (Shirline) Durkee of Fremont; one brother, John Tucker of CA; one brother preceding him in death, Maynard Tucker; one sister, Betty Hoppough; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grand-

children. Services were held Saturday, December 18, at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac at 1 p.m., with Rev. Edwin Mendenhall officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Any one wishing may make contributions to the Saranac Community Church.

VAN GORDER - Rosa Van Gorder, aged 88, formerly of 44th St. S.E., passed away Thursday evening in Butterworth Hospital. Surviving are one son, William of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Sue) Burt of Lowell, Mrs. Lawrence (Jane) Christ-

ians of Rockford; six grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Saturday in the funeral home, Rev. Edward Quakenbush of Metropolitan Baptist Temple officiating. Interment Hastings.

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TUESDAY
Cheeseburgers or pork barbeque on a bun, tossed salad w/dressing, steamed corn, assorted fruits, bars or cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Fruit Juice, pizza w/meat and cheese, salad or veggies, fruit, jello or cherry cake, milk.

THURSDAY
Italian Spaghetti or ham and noodles, cabbage salad, french bread, chilled fruits or pudding, milk.

FRIDAY
Grilled cheese sandwiches or hot dogs, potato chips and pickles, soup or salad, choice of fresh or canned fruits, milk.

Price of lunches to students includes milk. Elementary 70c, Middle and Senior High 75c.

WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 1983

MONDAY
Tacos w/meat, cheese & lettuce, corn bread w/syrup, vegetable or salad, fruit or pudding, milk.

TUESDAY
Barbeque on a bun or hot dogs, salad greens w/dressing, buttered corn, chilled fruits, bars or cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Chicken nuggets or ground steak, mashed potatoes or rice w/gravy or butter, green beans or beets, dinner rolls or bread, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Ravioli or chili, cole slaw, french bread w/p-nut butter, assorted fruits, milk.

FRIDAY
Macaroni and cheese or ham and cheese sandwiches, raisin rolls, peas or salad, chocolate pudding w/whip or fruit, milk.

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Coming Events

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

WED., DEC. 29: The Kent County Library System/Lowell Branch, 325 W. Main St. will present "Extra Terrestrial Tales," a special holiday film program for children ages 6-12 on December 29 at 2:00 P.M.

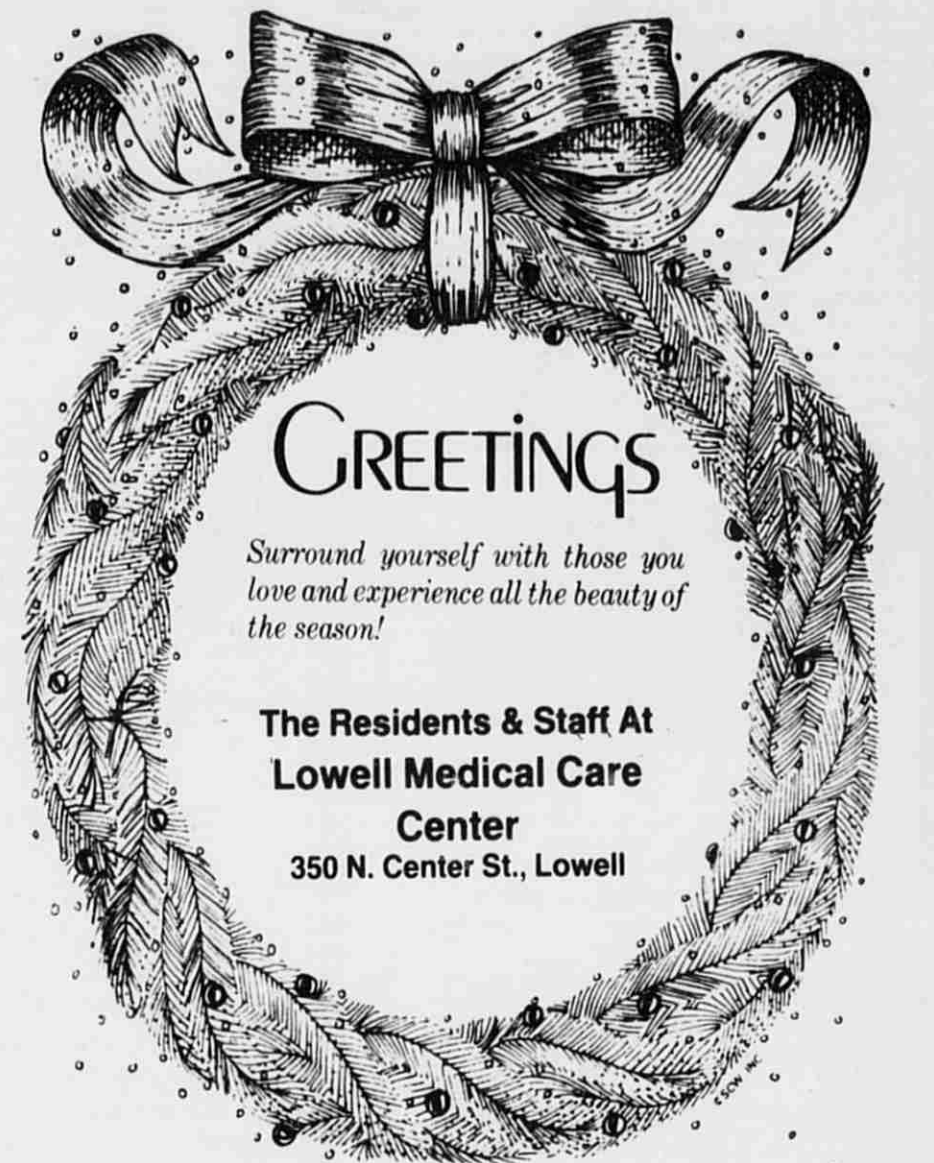
The special film will be Rabbit Hill, based on Robert Lawson's prize-winning book. It is the story of a little rabbit, George and his animal friends. The live animals are beautifully photographed and the story is told by Burl Ives. The program lasts about one hour and includes a take-home surprise. For more information call the library, 897-9596.

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 Along, hor d'oeuvres, lunch, beer, setups. Everyone wel-

come...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.

FRI., DEC. 31: VFW - New Years Eve Party. Plenty of food, drinks included in price. \$25 per couple, \$12.50 per person, dance to the music of Blumke Family.

JANUARY 1983-JUNE, 1983: Steak Dinner 4-8 P.M. and Dance 8-12? every 3rd Saturday of the month. VFW Post 8303, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, MI.



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IN THE SERVICE...

Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Gene A. Randolph, whose wife, Maria, is the daughter of Lena Stuck of 64 David Highway, Saranac, Mich., is serving as a member of the international peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

He is a member of Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In conjunction with Lebanese Army, French and Italian troops, approximately 1,200 Marines of the 1,800 member 24th MAU began patrolling East Beirut.

The 24th MAU relieved the 32nd MAU of peacekeeping efforts in early November. The 32nd MAU had been ordered to the war-torn nation in June to participate in the evacuation of American citizens and foreign nationals. The 32nd MAU re-



Young rabbits are known as kits or kittens.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

He is a 1982 graduate of Lowell Senior High School, Michigan.

Lowell masons install officers

Lowell Masons, their families and friends gathered at the Masonic Temple in Lowell, Tuesday December 14th, to install the new Worshipful Master, Cecil DeRushia and his staff of officers for 1983. The Officers installed were Cecil DeRushia as Worshipful Master, Herbert Holcomb as Senior Warden, John Cromartie as Junior Warden, Roger Roberts as Treasurer, David Miller as Secretary, Tilden Pinckney as Chaplain, Major Bogert as Senior Deacon, John Ludwig as Junior Deacon, Ben Rains as Senior Steward, Wesley Lewis as Junior Steward, Olen Miller as Marshal and Bobbie Adams as Tiler.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray



Therefore they...went every where preaching the word (Acts 8:4).

"Why" is such a little word, but have you realized how much time we waste using it? "Why did it happen to me?" "Why am I afflicted?" "Why am I persecuted?" "Why?" "Why?" "Why?"

If any people ever had cause to wonder about their sufferings, it was the early Christians. Yet, they turned their question marks into victories. Present-day Christians can, too.

"Heavenly Father, I do not understand the 'why' of my trial. But You know. You have a reason for allowing me this perplexing experience. Therefore, I can only pray. Your will be done.

"You can remove this, if it is Your will. All things are possible with You. However, if it is not Your will to remove it, I will continue to love You regardless.

I will make the best of my affliction. I will strive to be victorious in spite of it. And I will accept it joyfully, knowing You will supply all my need."

It is the Christian's privilege to cash in on God's promises, rely on His eternal riches, and be the recipient of His abundant grace instead of wasting precious time asking, "Why did it happen to me?"

Prayer: O Lord, Thou are all I need. Thy promises are sure. Thy riches are eternal. In Thee I find abundant grace. With Thy Help I am determined to turn my question marks into victories. Amen.

Best, though my plans be all upset; Best, though the way be rough; Best, though my earthly store be scant; In Thee I have enough.

Author Unknown

Happy Birthday...

- DECEMBER 24: Larry Stahl, Sheila Fritz, Philip Schneider, Jr. William Serne, Les Sherman, Beth Sharp, Mart Briggs.
DECEMBER 25: Myrt Jacobson, Jo Meyers, Karen Durkee.
DECEMBER 26: Norma Duncan.
DECEMBER 28: Snapper Tarak, Roseanne Ritzema, Jeff Durkee, Greg Durkee, Lisa Brown, Wes Keim.
DECEMBER 30: Ben Hodges, Chris Schram.
DECEMBER 31: Steve Idema, Krista Rozich.
JANUARY 1: Ken Hall, Carl Kloosterman, Sam Blasher, Alice Merriman.
JANUARY 2: Norma Gochenour, Jeff Dykhuizen, Rose Nead, Carol Sebastian.
JANUARY 4: Orville C. Hostler.

1982 In Retrospect, continued

The teachers, on the other hand, pointed out that the school system finished the 1981-1982 school year with a general fund equity of over \$600,000, and could easily afford the salary increases that the Lowell Education Association was asking.

The efforts of a state mediator to bring the two sides together yielded little, and the LEA request that the Board agree to binding fact-finding was re-

jected. As yet, the teacher contracts are still unsettled. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PRESENTATION
Concern about substance abuse among high school and middle school students prompted school officials to sponsor a two-evening presentation about this subject to parents of teens and pre-teens. Speakers included counselors from the Sunrise/Project Rehab Unit, Lowell Police Officer Al Eckman, and State Police Trooper Gary Knottnerus.

The presentations were intended to inform parents about the extent of drug and alcohol abuse in the Lowell area and about services available to help parents and children in their battle against substance abuse. M.I.P. PROGRAM
Related to the problem of substance abuse, a new program for dealing with students found in possession of marijuana or alcohol was announced by Lowell High School Assistant Principal Dick Korb. Called the Minors in Possession Program, the plan provides young people found in possession of controlled substances the opportunity to reduce school suspension time and eliminate police records of marijuana or alcohol possession by participation in an educational program sponsored by the Rockford State Police, the Kent County Juvenile Court, and Project Rehab.



Beth Beachum
Beth Beachum, a freshman at Hope College and a 1982 graduate of Lowell High School, is a member of the 82-83 Hope College Basketball team. She

Beachum plays college B-Ball
will be playing guard for the Flying Dutchmen. Beachum is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Beachum, of 1051 Beech Ave. While in high school she played on the basketball and softball teams, and was a member of the National Honor Society.



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Table with church service listings including Missionary Church, Whitneyville Church, ADA Christian Reformed Church, Bethany Bible Church, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, St. Mary's Catholic Church, etc.

ATTEND SERVICES

Births

A son, Christopher Cody, was born to Bill and Robin Cook at St. Mary's Hospital on Dec. 15, 1982. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. The proud grandparents are Bill and Olive Cook, and Mel and Pat Hewitt all of Lowell.



Dear Editor:

I am writing on the subject of many parents' and teacher's behavior at middle school musical concerts.

Last week I participated in the 8th grade Christmas choir concert, once for the teachers and students and once for the parents. We worked very hard to present that concert, and most of the teachers and parents didn't even clap politely at the end of our songs. Some teachers corrected papers, talked, and walked in and out of the cafeteria, and many of the parents did not pay the slightest bit of attention to us, while we were performing.

Many teachers and parents are always complaining about how rude and inconsiderate we students are in school and at home. No wonder we students could care less what we do in class or at home. We are just following some parents and teachers examples. I thought parents and teachers were supposed to set examples, didn't you?

A sad 8th grader, Mary Barley

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COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SERVICES TOUGH LOVE

In connection with the substance abuse presentations, a Tough Love group -- a support group for parents having difficulties with their children -- was started in Lowell. Led by Brenda Smith, the group began meeting in the spring of 1982 and, after a break for the summer, resumed meetings this fall.

Tough Love offers parents a plan of action for putting their households in order, provides them with information about

community services available to help them with their respective problems, and gives them the mutual support that only people with similar problems can give. The group meets Monday nights at 7 P.M. in the teachers lounge of the Bushnell School. ALATEEN

Another support group new to Lowell in 1982 is Alateen, which began meeting in October. Alateen exists to help the teenager whose life is affected by the drinking habits of a family member or close friend.

The leader of Alateen, who is

known simply as Jean, says that Alateen exists not to cure alcoholics but to help young people live normally despite the presence of a problem drinker in their lives.

Alateen meets on Wednesday at 8 P.M. at the Congregational Church.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE PARENTS

In response to community needs, Lowell Community Education began in 1982 a special program to pregnant school-age women who have not yet graduated from high school.

The program, called the Alternative Program for School Age Parents, provides the pregnant student an opportunity to continue her education in a comfortable atmosphere. The program is intended to meet the special needs of pregnant students while at the same time enabling them to fulfill requirements for high school graduation.

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John Kwant, a senior at Lowell High School, was presented with a certificate for his participation in the William Randolph Hearst Senate Youth Program at the Kent County Intermediate School District board meeting on Monday, December 13.

Kwant, who was earlier chosen as the top candidate in the Kent Intermediate School District for participation in the program, finished 16th out of 46 in final state competition. His final standing was tabulated on the basis of a written examination and biographical information furnished earlier.

To be eligible as a candidate for this program, a student must be an officer on the Student Council. Kwant, in addition to being president of the Student Council, is a member of the National Honor Society and a photographer for the yearbook staff. He has worked for the past two years with the Close Up Foundation, which involves students with government on the local, state, and national levels.

Kwant is also a Student Rotarian, a member of LAAC, a life

guard for the past six years with the YMCA, and former Youth Vice Chairperson for the Kent County Headlee Campaign.

Two delegates from each state are chosen yearly to participate in the Senate Youth Program. The delegates chosen will participate in a week-long educational program in Washington, D.C., which includes a one-day internship with the delegate's State Senator and the opportunity to meet the President and Vice President. Participants also receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

New fee schedule at Kent County Library

Effective January 1, 1983, the Kent County Library System will be changing their fee schedule. The fee adjustments will involve art prints, book overdues, recordings, and filmstrips. The new fee charges are as follows:

ART PRINTS: \$2 for 28 days and 10¢ per day for each additional day (no maximum).

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Of course any overdue charges can easily be avoided merely by returning the borrowed article to a Kent County Library when it is due. Therefore, in order to provide library users with the maximum of service at the minimum of cost, Kent County Library will be promoting a campaign urging users to "Remember...Bring'em Back on Time."

The new fee schedule will reflect the first fee increases in many years at the Kent County Library System. All revenue generated by the fee charges will

be used to fuel the book-buying fund, which has been drastically decreasing with recent budget cuts.

These fee changes are not retroactive, and therefore, do not affect any articles borrowed before January 1, 1983.

University of Michigan honor roll

Two area residents are among the 2,200 students expecting their degrees this winter from the University of Michigan. Janet K. Dutton, of 11652 Grand River Ave., Lowell, and Martha A. Bush, of 8015 MacArthur Rd. Saranac, are candidates for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degrees.

In other college news, Matthew M. Rhoades of Saranac a senior in mechanical engineering at Michigan Tech., was placed on the Dean's list for the fall quarter. Students placed on the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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LHS student finishes 16th in state

Lowell makes application to OK conference

Lowell High School Athletic Director Bob Perry reports that although Lowell will be making application to the OK athletic conference, he would prefer to keep the Tri-River together. On Monday, December 13, the Lowell Board of Education formally approved the drafting of a letter of application to the president of the O-K athletic conference Mike Bramble.

Perry said that the application was made for two reasons. First of all, membership in the OK would insure that Lowell athletic teams would not have to travel long distances and that the school could save on fuel and vehicle expenses. Second, because Lakewood, Sparta, Coopersville, and Greenville have also made application to the OK, Lowell needs to be certain that it

is not left sitting alone in the Tri-River conference.

Perry said that because of prior commitments Lowell is locked into the Tri-River conference through the 1983-84 school year, and that there is no assurance that Lowell or any of the other teams making application to the OK will be admitted.

Commenting on the instability of the Tri-River, Perry said that

"all of a sudden -- Bang! -- we find one school and then another has made application to the OK." Lowell's consequent decision to make application to the OK as well was an act of self-preservation.

Though there has been a lot of talk about reorganization of the OK, Perry says that so far it is just that -- talk. So far nothing can be said for certain.

Second win for wrestlers

LHS grapplers defeated the Lakewood wrestling team 64-6 in an away match Thursday December 16, a win which puts the Lowell team at 2-0 in conference competition.

Result of Thursday's match: Six pins: At 105, Chad Blasher; at 112, Brian Adams; at 119, Jerry Adams; at 155, Mark Wilcox; at 198, Ken Hall; and at heavyweight, Greg Durkee.

Four decision wins: Kevin Hurt, at 126, with a 12-4 decision; Tony Huver, at 132, with a 10-3 decision; Kurt Blasher, at 138, won on a 10-2 decision; and Alan Ryder, at 185, won on a 19-0 decision.

Keith Stanford, 145, and Tim Stepek, 167, both won by forfeit.

The wrestlers traveled to Olivet College for an invitational wrestling tournament held Saturday, December 18. Coach Gary Rivers reports that the team placed fifth out of 14 teams against fine competition.

LHS grapplers Jerry Adams, at 119, and Mark Wilcox, at 155, placed second in their weight classes, and teammates Chad Blasher (105) and Keith Stanford (145) placed third.

Altogether, twelve wrestlers scored team points for Lowell.

Next competition for the wrestlers will be January 4 at Northview.

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In other Y news, the YMCA budget for 1982 was very close to breaking even. The City of Lowell to help overcome a projected deficit of about \$4,000 for operation of the King Memorial Pool. The request was denied, but the city later responded by splitting costs with the Y for the renovation of the pool, costs which had been figured in the King Memorial Pool budget. As a result, the pool

enlosed recycling station in the corner of the Lowell Lanes parking lot. On Saturday, October 23, Lowell Citizens for Recycling celebrated the grand opening of their recycling center, offering bumper stickers and coupons for daytime bowling.

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Vergennes is ready!

The historic revival started in 1929 when M.B. McPherson was chairman of Kent County Board of supervisors. He promoted and secured the establishment of Fallsburg Park on who was at that time the Gottlieb Althaus and Martin Eickhoff estate cow pastures. This park became the community center of large usage. Interest increased in Fallsburg itself where J.E. Tower was justice of the peace and its leading citizen. Later Bruce Tower's wife Leonora became president of Vergennes Cooperative club and began striving for a historic society. I had the privilege of exerting what help I could to this development. In 1961 the West Central Michigan Historic Society was established with Norton Avery distinguished artist and local historian a main spring of the organization.

Things progressed in 1971 Fallsburg Centennial was celebrated. The buildings designated being a part of the original village. I was one of the incorporators of Fallsburg Centennial and directed a tour of centennial sites and houses in Vergennes which was very successful.

In '72 the Township Historic Commission was elected - consisting of: Don McPherson, Chr. Connie Odell, Secy. - Erma Richmond, member. The township was mapped with centennial homes and sites designed. In the meantime the West Central Michigan Historic Society under the presidency of Leonora Tower was carrying on an Arts and Crafts festival with one of the main features the Fallsburg School as a historic museum. The Board of the Vergennes Commission expanded as each year elected at town meeting with Elmer Wittenbach, Ray Onan and Nona Kyser added to the list. Upon Elmer's death Judy Baird was elected to fill his place. This last year Judy Baird was made vice-chairman and we were ready for the federal government enactment of fund sharing for the preservation of Historic sites and needs. Vergennes had the sites listed and the museum well established our Vergennes proposal in designations and the improvement of the museum so that we were readily acceptable by this fund director. Accordingly we recommend to the county the marking of certain sites be funded by the State Historic Commission, and accordingly recommend to the township that this be established and that Judy Baird as Vice-Chairman of the Commission pursue this effort. Vergennes Township Board approved this request and will proceed accordingly. Vergennes is ready.

Don McPherson

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LHS Hockey

It was a good week for the LHS Hockey team, which skated over the past week to a tie and a win.

Wednesday, December 15, Lowell met Kenowa Hills at Stadium Arena, and, after falling behind Kenowa 5-3 in the second period, surged ahead on a hat trick by Lowell's Kerry Vezino, 6-5. A last score by Kenowa Hills in the last 11 seconds of the third period left the match tied, 6-6.

Scoring for Lowell were Kerry Vezino, with 3 points, Scott Fosburg, 2, and team captain Paul Whaley, 1.

On Saturday, December 18, Lowell managed a 12-3 upset of the Northview Wildcats. Lowell's Paul Whaley and Max Astor both scored hat tricks. Also scoring for Lowell were Kerry Vezino, with 2, Alan Post, Andy Vredenburg, Pat Harkness, and Chris Anderson with 1 point each.

Early Christmas trees bore no lights. It is said that the custom was started by Martin Luther about 1530. Enjoying the sight of stars twinkling through the trees, he hung candles on a small fir to share the experience at home with his children.



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Once again, as the Christmas season is upon us I find myself filled with the warmth of the season, as I am sure most of you are. This is also the time of year to count our blessings and give thanks for the past twelve months. Sometimes it is difficult to look back over a period of time with any degree of gratitude, however, I hope that each and every one of you has had an enjoyable year. Health, happiness, self-esteem and satisfaction are among the most important values of the life and for the most part we possess the ability of controlling these.

Creature comforts, among all animals are the goals of life and fortunately monetary goals, greed, and the continuous drive for superiority are only the fallacies of mankind. Our wildlife friends are only concerned with survival. Their survival depends largely upon our management. Fortunately we have had a mild fall and our wildlife are entering the winter season in excellent condition. Our small game, particularly rabbits, pheasant, and partridge, are in generally low numbers due primarily to a heavy overpopulation of fox. The fox population is extremely high and heavy rains during early November provided for very poor trapping conditions thus resulting in a low harvest. Some mange is now showing up locally, and many fox will suffer an agonizing death during the coming months due to this killer. Unfortunately these same overpopulated fox are also going to make even further inroads into the already low numbers of small game species. It is unfortunate that the failure on our part to properly harvest one species could so seriously affect the others. Even our controlled harvest system is not foolproof, but it is still much more humane, and maintains a much better balance of wildlife than the balance by nature system which allows mother nature to impose her unmerciful checks, which consists of death by starvation and disease.

Here I catch myself running off onto a subject which I had no intentions of discussing in this article. I fully intended to simply extend to you my wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have received many comments concerning this column, during the past months, some of them actually favorable, and I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of you. May peace and joy, like the bounties of nature, surround you during the coming year.

JACK



Celebrating the first of the new year is an age-old custom. Nearly all peoples have marked the coming of the year but the time has varied widely. The First Day has been celebrated as early as the autumnal equinox, about September 21, and as late as the summer solstice, June 21.

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ENTERTAINMENT

While a number of new groups offered services to the community for the first time this year, a number of long-established organizations kept area residents entertained over the past year.

LAAC One of these groups is the Lowell Area Arts Council,

which has sponsored a variety of offerings over the past year. In January, as part of the Lowell Series, the LAAC sponsored the performance of the New World String Quartet at the Congregational Church. In early February the council brought the Interlochen Choir and Chorale to the Lowell Middle School to per-

form. Members of the community had the opportunity to participate in, or enjoy, the LAAC theatre production of "Don't Drink the Water," which was presented to the public the last two weekends in February. The performance of the Grand Rapids Philharmonic and the Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir in March was also sponsored by the Council.

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The LHS basketball teams hit their stride this past week, recording wins over both Lakewood and Fremont.

Coach of the varsity basketball team Ken Akers said that the "kids were ready to play ball" when they met defending conference champ Lakewood Tuesday, December 14, at Lakewood.

The Arrows finished the game with 63-54, win, but the game was close through the first three quarters, with neither team more than one point ahead at the close of each quarter.

Akers called Tuesday's game a turning point for the Lowell team.

"Up until that game, we had not played a good defensive game," he said. Akers added that though he could always count on the team to score, he was never so sure of their defensive play.

The Lowell team concentrated on rebounding and defense in practice the previous week, and that concentration paid off Tuesday.

Akers believes that one of the keys to the team's success so far this year has been the balanced scoring. The team has not needed to rely on one man in particular to pop the nets.

Tuesday's game was a fine example of this. Points were spread quite evenly over five players. Greg Malone scored 20 points.



Lowell's Phil Ulichnie jumps for the ball against a Fremont cager in the closing minutes of Friday's 59-45 win over Fremont.

Phil Vroma had 18, Kevin Mattson accounted for 11, and Matt Baerwalde and Jason Barber were responsible for 8 and 6 points respectively.

The JV team also put away a big 88-55 win over their Lakewood counterparts Tuesday.

Coach Bob Copeland said that Tuesday's game was the best game of the year to date. High scorers were guard Pat Brown with 20 points and forward Dale Feigel with 18.

On Friday, December 17, Fremont traveled to Lowell, losing to the host team 59-45. Coach Akers felt that Friday's game was also crucial to the season since both teams entered Friday's game with a 2-0 conference record.

"I thought all along we could win, but I didn't think we could win that easy," Akers said.

According to Akers, the game Friday was highlighted by Malone's passing. Malone was credited with 9 assists, an amount Akers felt was conservative.

Scoring for Lowell were Jason Barber, 8; Kevin Mattson, 8; Greg Malone, 13; Phil Vroma, 15; Matt Baerwald, 11; and Phil Ulichnie and Shawn Lowry, 2 points apiece.

GREETINGS

Here's hoping Santa has something special for you in his bag of gifts! Have a very merry Christmas, friends!

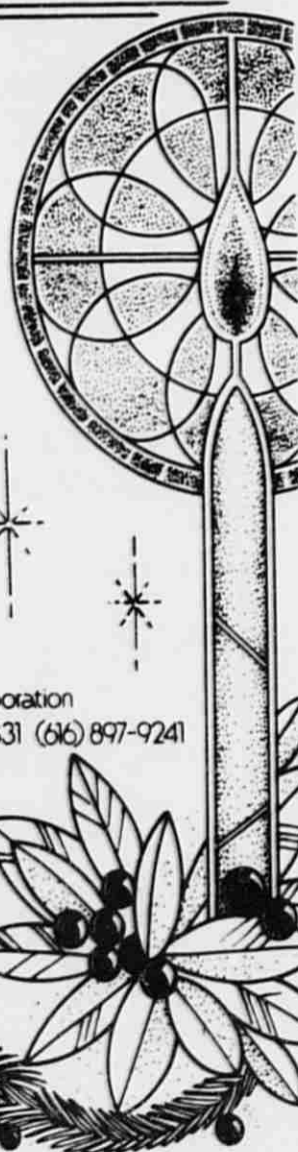
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COZY corner

By Roger Brown

I celebrated my birthday last Wednesday, my thirty-third if you're keeping track. That evening I ended up in Saranac which is where I spent the last years of my childhood, from about age ten on up. Some people say I still act like a child which I always take as a compliment. While in the old hometown, I stopped by the American Legion Post, and bumped into three of my old neighborhood chums. Of course it wasn't long before somebody dredged up a story about the neighborhood, and we were off and running.

One of the first stories concerned an incident that involved me, a fifty foot white pine, a B.B. gun, and a visiting second cousin of mine. The pine tree was located in our back yard, and was the best climbing tree in the neighborhood, despite the fact that the tree's sap turned you into a giant piece of adhesive tape. I was in the very tip-top of this tree when my cousin began taking pot shots at me with my B.B. gun. Unfortunately, he was a pretty good shot, and I tried to find cover by climbing around in the limbs attempting to keep the trunk between me and Davy Crockett.

My cousin and all the neighbors thought this was great fun, until I slipped and fell. Then they thought it was absolutely hilarious. I suppose watching the biggest kid in the neighborhood come crashing down out of a fifty foot pine tree would be pretty funny, though I don't remember any of them, especially my cousin, sticking around to see how funny I thought it was. I came out of the deal with only scrapes and bruises as the tree's boughs kept partially breaking my fall.

Another story involved me, my two brothers, a large plank, a log fulcrum, and a step ladder. We should have been re-named "The Flying Brownings" following this trick. As you may have surmised, the plank and log became a catapult, with me (the biggest kid in the neighborhood) jumping off the ladder as the propellant. Ed, two and a half years younger than me, and half monkey, got quite proficient at being the catapultee.

We finally talked my youngest brother, Joz (John), who is five years my junior, and at that time about one third my weight, into having a go at it. His first attempt was very leebie, and Ed instructed him in how to lock his knees in order to get full advantage of the catapult. I climbed to the top of the ladder, Ed shortened my end of the plank, Joz locked his knees, and I jumped for the ladder and gave the shot everything I had by driving downward with my legs as I hit the board.

Accounts vary as to how high Joz actually went. Some people fault us for not equipping him with a parachute. Dumbfounded, Ed and me watched as the little guy kept going up and up and up, finally doing a slow roll and starting down head first. This was fortunate, as he landed on his head and wasn't hurt. He ran into the house screaming, with Ed and I at his heels trying to talk him into doing it again.

The stories went on and on. One was about the several megaton leaf explosion when I put a couple of gallons of gasoline on a pile of leaves. Another told of spraying drivers through their open window with a fine stream of water as they pulled up to a stop sign. We hid in the weeds and used a garden sprayer. The cops got us for that one. Several stories were about the unmerciful treatment we gave the only girl in the neighborhood, including destroying her playhouse with ice balls.

We laughed until the wee hours, and I could go on forever, but this is as far as it goes for this week. I really question whether I should be reminiscing like this anyway, as my kids are reading pretty well now.

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Mark Twain

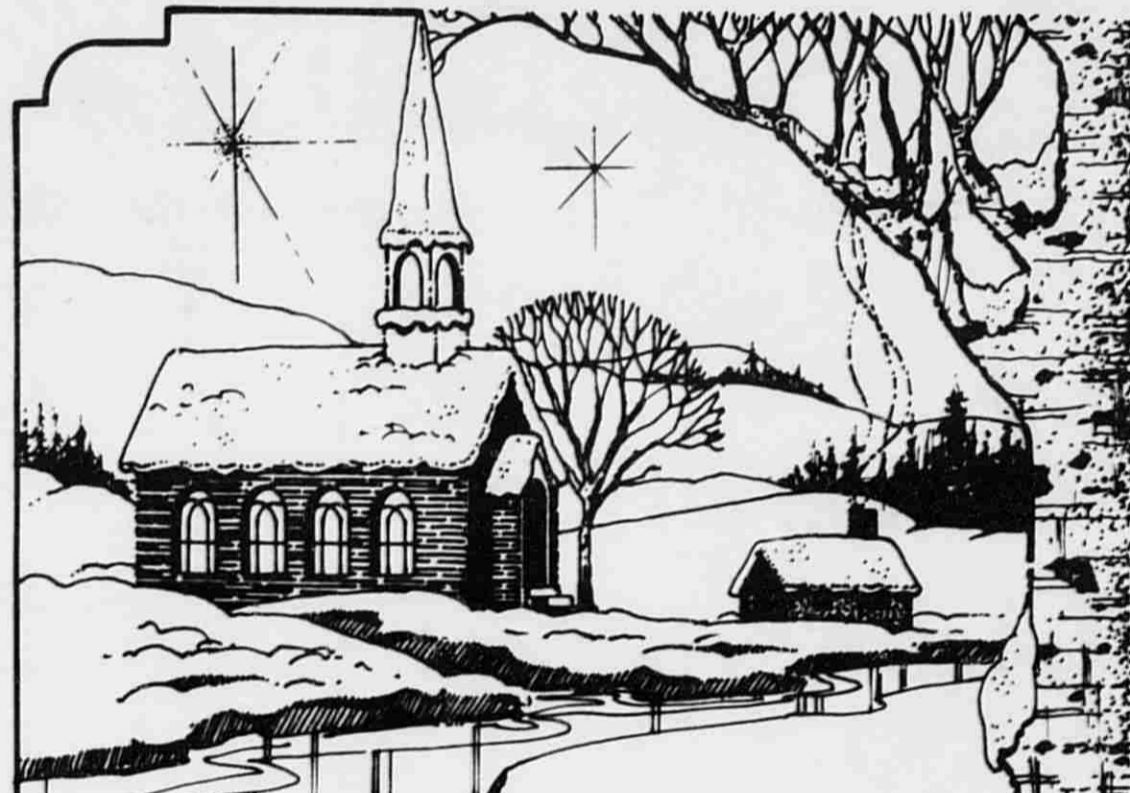


We're here to style the best ever look for shaping up the best of holidays for you! Merry Christmas!

Wagon's

Fred Ruehs
Marylin Dawson

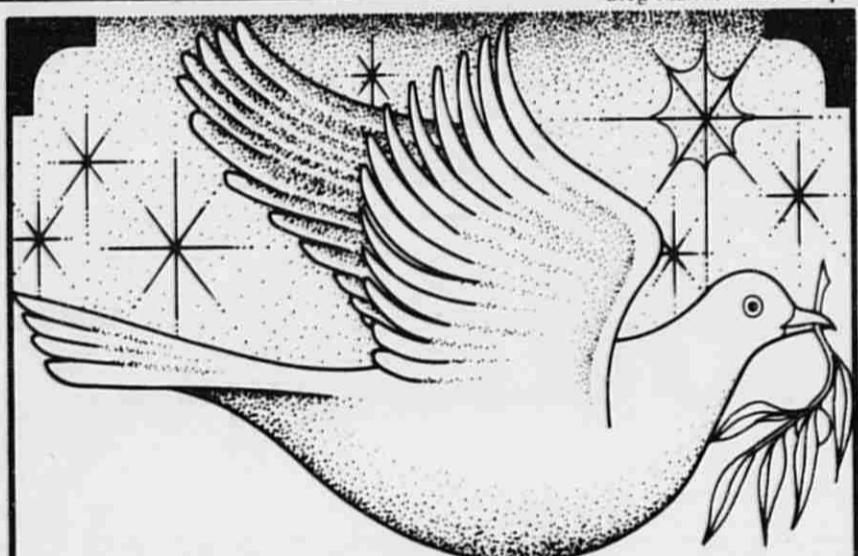
201 E. Main St., Lowell



Greetings

To our patrons who've made our year extra special, may we wish you happiness and fulfillment this Christmas and in the days to follow. Our warmest greetings and thanks to you all.

Hippert PHARMACIES



Blessings at Christmas

Once again, hearts are lifted in hope and joy, renewed by the message of Christmas. Let us be glad!

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER



1982 In Retrospect, continued

The Arts Council also made available to area schools over \$1000 in grants to help schools fill the gap in art education created by school budget cutting. Grants were offered to the three Lowell Elementary Schools, Lowell Middle School, and Saranac Schools to schedule assemblies in the arts. Other grants were offered to individual educators for art-related projects such as guest lecturers, assemblies, or magazine subscriptions. In addition to sponsoring per-

formances for the benefit of the community and schools, the LAAC gave local artists and craftsmen the opportunity to display and sell their wares at the fourteenth annual Fallburg Fall Festival which generates much of the income for the Council's yearly services and activities. Despite less than perfect weather, the Festival for 1982 was well attended.

The first program of the 1982-1983 Lowell Series was titled "Junk," a presentation done by the Underground Railway featuring actors and puppets. The performance was December 12 in the Lowell Middle School. GUS MACKER BASKETBALL.

A more boisterous source of entertainment for Lowell residents was the ninth annual Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, a competition bizarre enough to attract all kinds of media attention. Besides coverage by local TV news crews, the Gus Macker Tournament was featured on the syndicated news show Country Roads, which airs on about 65 stations across the country.

The 1982 Macker Tournament, held this year on July 9, 10, and 11, drew over 1000 participants and even more onlookers to the corner of Elizabeth and Amity Streets.

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Smith / LaBelle wed October 8

Laura E. Smith and Donald E. LaBelle, both of Houston, Texas exchanged wedding vows on October 8, 1982 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Parents of the couple are Patricia L. Smith of Lowell and Gerald B. Smith of Troy, Michigan and Dorothy LaBelle and the late Frank LaBelle of Houston, Texas.

Maid of Honor was Lisa Siciliano of Lowell. Bridesmaids were Sandi Buchanan, cousin of the bride, and Atty Wardell, both of Grand Rapids. Best man was Michael C. Smith, brother of the bride. Groomsmen were Brian DeForest and Ray Quada both of Lowell. Flower girl was Tracy LaBelle, daughter of the groom.

A reception followed at the Crossbow in Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeForest, friends of the bride, served as master and mistress of ceremony.

The couple will reside in Houston, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald LaBelle



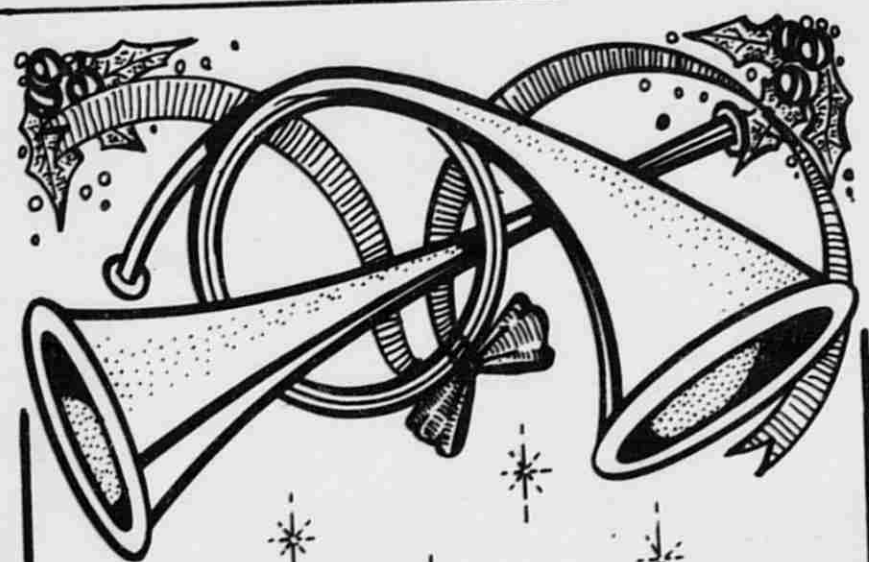
The first Christmas tree recorded, was seen in Strasbourg in 1605, although some say it may have been displayed in Alsace as early as 1521.

Season's Greetings



May you milk the Christmas season for all the joy and happiness it holds! It's been a pleasure serving you.

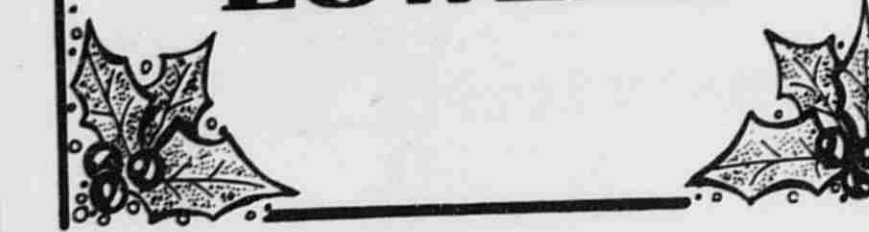
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Rejoice!

NOW, MORE THAN EVER, AT CHRISTMAS TIME OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THAT "PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING." MAY IT BE YOURS THIS SEASON.

CITY OF LOWELL



Joyous Holidays

We're glad to have the opportunity to wish each and everyone of our friends the happiest of holidays. May Christmas bring the realization of your hopes.

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A YARD AHEAD OF THE REST!
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897-9291

Closed Christmas Day
Open Saturday, Dec 26th

Don't ignore long term in year end planning

How can you get the most from your investments? Plan carefully to suit your investment goals, says the Michigan Association of CPAs, and that means considering the tax effects.

From now until the end of the year, is a good time to review your investments for tax effects, especially considering changes effective under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA).

One of the most widespread effects of this act for individuals is a 10 percent withholding, by the payer, on interest and dividend income. This provision affects amounts paid or credited after June 30, 1983.

Although you won't actually lose this money (you will be able to claim it as a tax credit against your liability) you will lose the compounding effect. If you estimate your tax payments, however, be sure to account for this withholding in your payments.

The payer is responsible for withholding unless recipients file for a withholding exemption. Those eligible for exemptions include individuals whose tax liability for the preceding taxable year did not exceed \$600, or \$1,000 on a joint return. If you're 65 or older, these thresholds are \$1,500 on a single return and \$2,500 on a joint return. Certain trusts, some pension plans, profit-sharing plans and IRAs may be exempt.

While payers must withhold on dividend payments unless you are exempt, you can file for an exemption on withholding from interest payments if your annual interest doesn't exceed \$150.

The new law also provides for withholding from pension payments beginning January 1. Although this withholding will be optional, and will apply only to payments exceeding \$5,400 annually, you will have to file for an exemption.

More importantly, TEFRA calls for changes in the pension plans of private companies that could diminish retirement benefits for workers currently employed. The new requirements reduce maximum contributions and benefits from corporate retirement plans, with the intent of spreading benefits out more equally among all workers, in small private corporations as well as large companies. While lower paid employees may gain from the new restrictions, others might lose some pension benefits.

CPAs suggest you review your retirement plan and investigate how well your retirement will be provided for. Whether you think your plan is sufficient or not, you can still open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), which allows you to deduct \$2,000 maximum of contributions annually, up to 100 percent of your salary. And while this is part of year-end planning, you have until April 15th to open the account. What's more, the money, which you can't withdraw without penalty until age 59-1/2, grows tax-free.

If you're self-employed, you can open a Keogh account, and contribute up to \$15,000 annually, in addition to an IRA. Keogh accounts, CPAs note, must be set up by December 31 (or the end of your tax year), although contributions can be made up to the due date of your tax return.

While you're reviewing your investments with interest and dividend withholding and retirement planning in mind, you should anticipate capital gains or losses you may have. At year end, a capital loss can be used to offset a long term capital gain, 40 percent of which is subject to capital gains tax.

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1982 In Retrospect, continued

Gus Macker fans and members of the Lowell City Council were disturbed by a Grand Rapids Press article which appeared in September indicating that the Gus Macker organization considered taking the tournament out of the city. Councilmen were particularly disturbed that the organization apparently went directly to Kent County officials in their quest for a new site, without even consulting with city councilmen.

SHOWBOAT
One of Lowell's oldest sources of entertainment is the Lowell Showboat, which this year celebrated its fiftieth year of performances on the Flat River. Pearl Bailey, who appeared in the 1977 Showboat before record-breaking crowds, was signed very early in 1982 to star in the 1982 production. Showboat officials signed Bailey partly in hopes of clearing enough to repay the debt owed by the Lowell Showboat Corporation.

In honor of the Showboat fiftieth anniversary, Showboat officials planned a special Showboat week. In addition to Bailey's performances at the week's end, officials scheduled an Old Fashioned Showboat performance for the Saturday before

Bailey's performances, which included a variety of professional and amateur acts. The following Sunday featured performances by the Original Michigan Fiddlers Association. And on Monday and Tuesday two completely different variety concerts were presented, which included performances by the Muscat Ramblers, the Hill People, the Sweet Adelines, and the Great Lakes Chorus.

After the 1982 Showboat week was over, Showboat officials were disappointed that the hoped-for profits from the 1982 production did not appear. The Showboat Corporation has been struggling with a long-term debt of about \$45,000 resulting from construction of the Showboat amphitheatre and reconstruction of the Showboat. Interest on the debt has prevented the Corporation from benefitting the community with profits which might be generated by its productions.

In an attempt to shake off the debt, Showboat officials have launched the raffle of a Camaro Z-28. Showboat supporters are

planning to sell 5,000 tickets at \$10 apiece for the car which will be raffled off on July 4, 1983.

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Let us open our hearts to all the happiness of the season.

Don Shaffer's Autos

2399 W. Main Office
John Clore 897-9167 Don Shaffer 897-7712

'Tis the season for wishing holiday cheer!

Durkee-Linton, Inc.
- Alto -

HAPPY YULETIDE

We hope wonderful things happen to you this Christmas! May the thanks we send your way add to the happy hours of your holiday.

STATE SAVINGS BANK

414 East Main - Lowell

Greetings

It's nice to have so many friends! Here's hoping you have the merriest of holidays and gifts galore!

SELF-SERVE GASOLINE

Crystal Flash

WEST MAIN, LOWELL

1982 In Retrospect, continued

Four members of the Lowell Showboat Board of Directors, representing a total of over thirty years of service to the Showboat, submitted their resignations in the fall of this year. Resigning were Chuck Lippert, Ron Holst, Gary Kemp, and Gil Wise.

A Ledger article, written to honor these men for their service to the Showboat Corporation, apparently had the opposite effect on some readers, who thought they detected some sort of scandal. Ledger editor Roger Brown attempted to correct this false impression in a later edition of the Ledger.

THE CITY

LOWELL CABLE TV

The long-awaited Cable TV service has finally begun operating here in Lowell. When the Lowell City Council met for the first time in 1982, it had in hand proposals from three companies for cable TV service to Lowell. At this same meeting, councilmen considered the possibility of forming a municipal cable television service operated by the Lowell Light and Power Company.

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Take extra care this holiday season

It's the time of year for listening to "silver bells" and watching "chestnuts roasting on an open fire." It's also the time of year when officials of Consumers Power Company are concerned about the safety of their customers.

It's the time of year when a few frayed wires or misplaced

ornaments can turn a festive holiday season into a time of tragedy and sadness. Carl B. Flum, Area Manager of Consumers Power's Greenville Headquarters, says that the little time spent reviewing and then practicing a few basic safety precautions can prevent holiday accidents.

"Holiday safety is one of the most important messages we try to send to our customers all year," Flum said. "More fire-related accidents occur in December than during any other month. It's a time to be especially alert to safety at home."

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections. Repair, or better yet, replace worn lights. Never

use indoor lights outside. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls or other supports to avoid wind damage.

Overloading a circuit with too many lights could cause a fire. Read manufacturers instructions carefully. Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or when you leave home.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Flumaged insulation in lighting on a metallic tree could cause the entire tree to be charged with electricity. Use colored spotlights above or beside a metal tree, never fastened to it.

Keep small children away from light sets and other electric decorations.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Select a fresh, green tree with needles that are flexible. Spruce needles tend to be more brittle naturally than those of fir or pine. Needles usually will not fall from a fresh tree with a strong scent.

Make a fresh, straight cut across the bottom of the trunk an inch up from the original cut, and plunge the trunk end immediately into fresh water. Trees "drink" between two pints and a gallon of water per day. Check the tree's water supply daily. As long as the tree keeps drawing water, it should be fire resistant.

Be sure the tree is supported well and is away from fireplaces, candles, radiators, heating ducts, TV sets and other heat or flame sources.

DECORATIONS AND TRIMMINGS

Purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a nonleaded material. Leaded materials may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets.

Use only noncombustible and flame-retardant materials when trimming trees, fireplace mantels and doorways.

Remove all wrapping paper from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use nonflammable candle holders. Keep candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

Avoid decorations that tend to break easily or have sharp edges. SOME GENERAL RULES FOR HOLIDAY SAFETY

Keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of children.

Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher handy. A Multipurpose A, B, C fire extinguisher is practical.

Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on a wood fire. They are dangerous if eaten. Keep away from children.

Do not rely completely on self-applied coatings of "flame-proof" solutions to protect trees and other natural decorations.

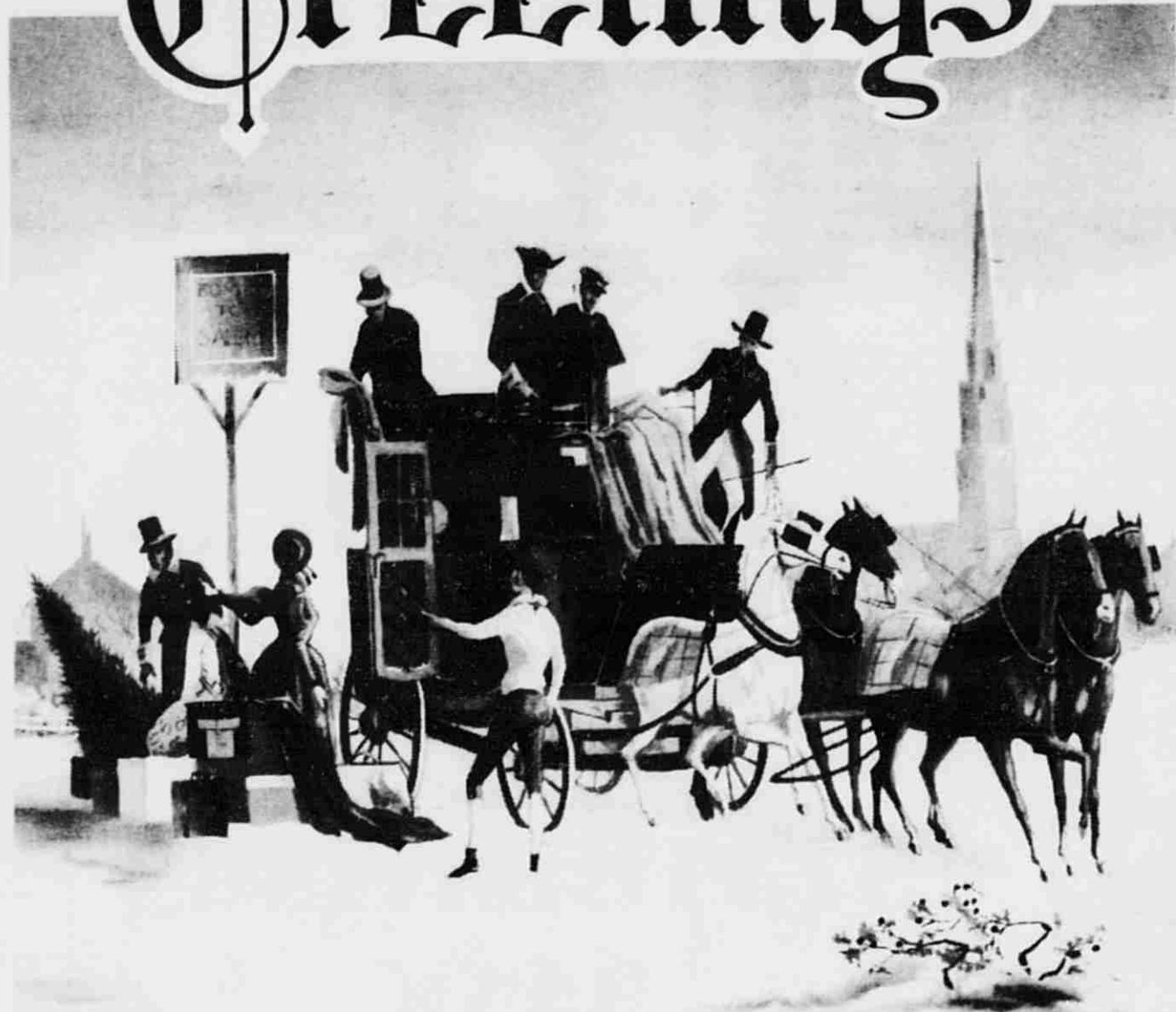
Use lights and other electric decorations that have been tested for safety and carry the Underwriters' Laboratories mark.

Before starting a fire in your fireplace, remove all paper decorations and boughs from the immediate area. Be sure the flue is open. Use a screen to enclose the front of an open fireplace to confine embers and sparks to the firebox. Don't burn wrappings in the fireplace; they can ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire. Don't burn old Christmas trees in the fireplace.

"Finally," Flum said, "plan for safety. There is no substitute for common sense. If a family is familiar with a few simple rules, the potential for danger can be greatly reduced."

"We want our customers and other Michigan residents to enjoy not only a bright holiday season, but a truly safe season as well."

Greetings



A very special holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons. May the season bring you every happiness.

Lowell

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Thomet Chevrolet & Buick - Lowell -

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Ask the Governor.

QUESTION: I am a high school senior thinking about going into the political field. From your long experience, what advice do you have?

GOVERNOR: First, let me tell you that I have found the field you are considering to be both challenging and demanding, but also very rewarding.

It would be helpful for you to have as broad an education as

possible to give you a familiarity with the variety of areas that touch on government. If you take part in student activities, student government and participate in groups in your areas of particular interest, the experience will introduce you to the give-and-take that is necessary for effective government.

By listening to and working with others, you will come to

spect positions different from your own, learn to listen carefully to others and come to recognize that cooperation is more often effective than confrontation. Most of the time, there will be common goals to be found among widely divergent interests.

On the occasions when firmly held principles are at stake, you will need courage to hold on to what you see as the right course of action in the face of strong pressure and popular opposition. Courage will be as valuable an asset as you could bring to public life.

Judge Learned Hand expressed the spirit of public service necessary to good government many years ago when he said, "It is the temper which can understand and respect the other side, which feels a unity between all citizens—real and not the fictitious product of propaganda—which recognizes their common fate and their common aspirations; in a word, which has faith in the sacredness of the individual."

QUESTION: When will the new, tougher drunk driving laws go into effect?

GOVERNOR: The three new laws cracking down on drunk driving in Michigan will take effect 90 days after the late December adjournment of the Legislature—a date which usually occurs at the end of March or on the first of April.

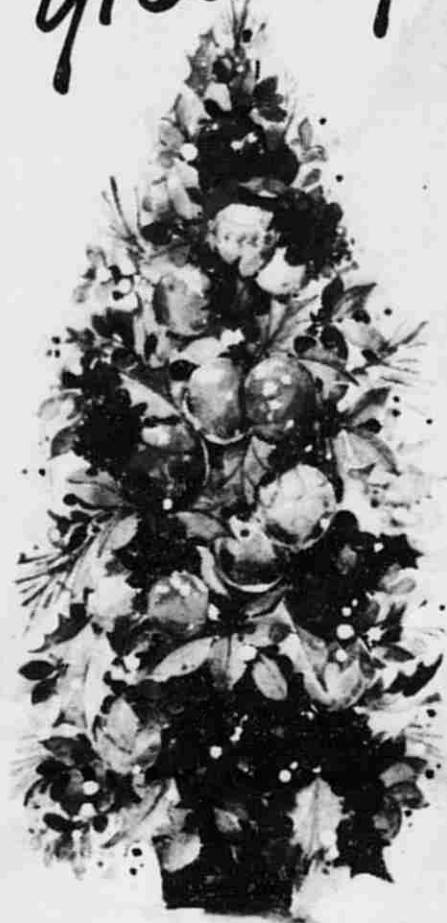
Michigan's alcohol-related traffic death toll constitutes a staggering loss of lives and economic resources. The new laws go a long way toward alerting the drinking driver that we mean business when we say society will no longer tolerate the threat that a relative handful of drinking drivers present to each of us on the road.

Under the new laws, the blood alcohol level for proof of drunkenness will be lowered and penalties for offenders will be increased. It will be a misdemeanor to drive with a blood alcohol content of more than .10 percent by weight, compared to .15 percent currently. The penalty will be a fine of \$100 to \$500 and 90 days in jail or both, as well as community service by the offender, participation in alcohol counseling programs and restriction of driving privileges.

A second offense within seven years can bring one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine or both, as well as revocation of the driver's license. A third conviction is a felony with revocation of license.

The new laws also provide that the courts must order the offender to undergo screening and assessment to determine whether the driver is likely to benefit from rehabilitation services—costs paid by the offender.

holiday greetings



May good health, happiness and prosperity decorate your Holidays.

King Milling Company - Lowell -

NOTICE

Lowell Light and Power Company's Phone Number is 897-8402

And Lowell Cable TV's Phone Number is 897-8405

1982 In Retrospect, continued

Because Lowell Light and Power already had an existing office, a computer for billing, boom trucks, linemen, utility poles, and lines, it was estimated that the power company could offer cable television as cheaply as any of its competitors. In addition, the estimated \$420,000 needed to install cable equipment could be paid from the company's emergency fund, eliminating any need for the city to borrow money to have the system installed. Last of all, Lowell Light and Power estimated that a municipally-owned cable TV operation could generate over \$1.6 million dollars for the community over a 15-year period.

On April 19 the City Council voted unanimously to give the franchise to Lowell Light and Power. This choice delayed actual construction of the cable system because Lowell Light and Power let the construction of the system out for bids, rather than doing the job itself.

Eventually the old Lowell DPW garage and a small portion of the parking lot east of it were chosen as the site for the satellite dish, headend station, and tower. Contract for construction of the system was let to Mullen Construction Company.

Stringing of the cable began on October 11, final hook-up of households to the system began on November 29, and a handful of area residents began receiving the cable signal on December 7. Construction and installation of the system is expected to continue into 1983.

NEW EAST BRIDGE

Construction of the \$949,000, 360-foot-long, two-lane bridge over the Grand River on the east side of Lowell was completed in August of this year and opened to traffic. The bridge replaced the old iron bridge built in 1881 and recently judged to be unsafe.

Costs for construction of the bridge were furnished by the fed-

eral government, which provided 80 percent, by the state government, with 10 percent, and by the Kent County Road Commission and the City of

Lowell, which provided 5 percent each.

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Advertisement for Showboat Automotive Supply, Inc. featuring a cartoon character and the word 'NOEL'. Text: 'Here's wishing our friends the very best at Christmastime and in the days to come. Warm greetings from Showboat AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC. 1450 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 PH. (516) 897-8231'



May the joys of the season dwell in each and every heart.

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Warm Wishes
Here's an old-fashioned greeting from all of us to all our friends!

Ivan K Blough
Contractor
- Lowell -

Holiday Cheer



May your Holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life!

JIM'S SERVICE CENTER
1450 W. Main - Lowell

1982 in Retrospect, continued

Lowell residents were alarmed at the pull-out of Bud's Ambulance Service in June of 1981, which meant that no area ambulance services could respond to a call from Lowell in less than 20 minutes, a response time judged far too long for heart attack victims or other emergencies. In response, the city, with funds supplied by a grant from the Medical Emergency Services Foundation and with donations of approximately \$3,000 from the Lowell VFW and the Lowell Rotary Club, provided Emergency Medical Training Classes to members of Lowell's rescue Squad and the Alto Fire Department.

The purpose of the classes was to give these personnel the skills to keep victims alive until other medical services can arrive.

Since then, emergency medical services for Lowell area residents have been upgraded. In September the city council, acting in concert with officials in Lowell Township and Vergennes Township, approved a non-transporting ambulance service. This service, staffed by volunteers who have taken EMT classes, takes the preliminary steps that all ambulance services must take before a victim is transported to the hospital. Lowell's non-transporting service thereby speeds a patient on his way to the hospital.

Plans for a non-transporting service have been approved, a rescue vehicle has been purchased, the vehicle has been stocked with medical supplies, and volunteers have been trained to drive the vehicle and locate its supplies.

An off-the-blatter report in the December 8 edition of the Ledger reports that the rescue service was called out nine times in November.

DALEY BEQUEST
Lowell started 1982 on a bright note with the notification that the City of Lowell had received a sizeable bequest from the estate of Helen Look Daley. Daley, who had passed away at the age of 89 in Arizona, was the widow of Frank Newell, founder of Newell Manufacturing Co., in Lowell.

The size of the bequest, of which the city and the Congregational Church were to receive equal shares, was first estimated to be approximately \$600,000. Later reports swelled the value of her estate to over one million dollars.

According to the June 30, 1982 general financial statements provided by the city, total assets of the trust fund in the city's possession are \$483,884.

The End



Glad Tidings of Joy to everyone

Margaret - Heidi
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Myer's
Family Styling
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United Community Bank and all of its facilities will close at noon on December 24, 1982 and reopen for regular business on December 27, 1982.

We will close at 3:00 P.M. on December 31, 1982 and reopen for regular business on January 3, 1983.


UNITED COMMUNITY BANK **FDIC**

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Happy Holidays

Have a delightful Holiday Season filled with laughter and good feeling. We're proud to have served you through the years.

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209 E. Main • Lowell • 897-5611





Band Director Robert Rice directs the seventh grade band at the annual Lowell Middle School Christmas Band Concert. The seventh grade band, directed by Rice, and the eighth grade band, directed by Roger MacNaughton played seasonal favorites such as "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and "White Christmas".

JOY TO ALL

Hope all your days will be well-heeled, happy ones! Have a toe-tapping great holiday!

Bruce, Marie, Wendy, Jim & June

BRUCE'S SHOE REPAIR
609 W. Main, Lowell
(across from Zephyr)



GREETINGS

May your Christmas tree be bright with ornaments... and your heart be bright with love & laughter!

Speerstra Agency



Middle School Bands stage Christmas... Programs

Happy Holidays

May your home be blessed with all the joys of the Season. Merry Christmas to all our friends.

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Phone: 897-5643



Greetings



We've enjoyed helping you dress for the holidays and all through the year!

West's Apparel
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Merry Christmas

Our best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful patrons. May the best of the Holiday Season be yours!

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213 E. Main • PH. 897-9841

GARY'S COUNTRY MEATS
205 E. Main • PH. 897-7306

THE HOLLOW
211 E. Main • PH. 897-6746





Pictured here are Larry Oyler, Cubmaster; Dave Rogers, Assistant Cubmaster; Todd Gillan and 3 scouts from Cub Scout Pack 3188 with a portion of the food donated to The Access 6 Food Pantry and Moose Holiday Basket Programs. Their way of saying Merry Christmas.

Pack 3102 holds its monthly meeting

Pack 3102 had its regular monthly meeting December 14, 1982, in the Bushnell gymnasium.

Den 4 led the opening ceremony.

Marty Seeley a chef from the Grand Plaza Hotel was the judge of the second annual father-son bake off.

The rules of the contest said that you could not use a mixer, could not have the help of mother, and had to clean-up your mess after baking.

The three categories this year were cookies, cakes, breads, and a final over all winner.

Winning 1st place ribbon for cookies were Jeremy and Allen Hull; for cakes were Brian Pulitti and Mike Miller; for bread were Eddie and Kerral Hayes. The over all winners receiving a plaque were Allen and Jeremy Hull.

Each cub received a participation award Jason Matzen distinguished himself by having his



grandfather come all the way from Jackson to help him make cookies for the event!

Den 5 gave their rendition of "Jingle Bells" and were followed by the Webelo's skit about a city council meeting.

Awards and advancements went to Kerral Hayes Jr., Brian

Politti, Steve Simkins, Brian Bukula, Andy Quada, Andy Williamson, and Jack Powell.

During January the pack will have a mini Olympics. Scout Troop 102 will be present to help run the various events.

In February all cubs and Webelos from 3102 will travel to Bertha Brock Park to participate in the annual winter carnival. Cubs are reminded that the cost will be \$1.50 per person, and they are to bring a can of soup - not creamed soup.

The meeting ended with a song fest and the closing by Den 4. All baked goods were devoured by the pack and their parents.

Nearly 30,000 women veterans are currently in GI Bill education programs. They can claim their husband as a dependent if additional benefits for a spouse are authorized for their type of training.

At last count, 26,391 female veterans were receiving VA compensation payments for service-connected disabilities, and 11,231 were receiving pensions based on total disability and financial need.

As of Sept. 30, 1981, women veterans totaled 742,000, about 2 1/2 percent of all living American veterans. Included were 7,000 from World War I, 283,000 from World War II, 74,000 from the Korean War, 197,000 from the Vietnam era, plus 181,000 who served in peace-time.

Benjamin-DeWitt exchange vows

Christine Lee DeWitt and Douglas Lee Benjamin were united in marriage at the Alton Bible Church on October 23, 1982, with the Rev. Mr. Paul J. Dollaske and the Rev. Mr. Ray Beufus Jr. officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Harold and Beverly DeWitt, 521 Howard St., Lowell. The bridegroom is the son of Charles Benjamin, 2676 Lincoln Lake Rd., also of Lowell.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Cheryl Merkle, sister of the bride, and by bridesmaids Tonia Smith, Amy Cosgrove, and Lisa Brown, friends of the bride; Cindy DeWitt, sister of the bride; and Kim Hagg, cousin of the bride.

Serving as best man was Bryan Benjamin, brother of the groom. Other groomsmen were Alan Mathews and Steve Mathews, cousins of the groom; Scott Benjamin, brother of the groom; and Craig Eley and John Carmen, friends of the groom.

Ushers were Greg Foster and Jim McCormick, friends of the groom. Ringbearers in the ceremony were Chad and Andy DeWitt, nephews of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. David Benjamin presided as master and mistress of ceremonies at the reception held at the Lowell Middle School immediately following the ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Benjamin

VFW Day coming to Stadium Arena

Saturday, January 8, 1983, see high school hockey at its best...also displays on safety, crime prevention, and controlled substance abuse. McGruff will be with US, as well as Me too. Me whom, He is a clown in the pink tuxedo. What's this all about? It's VFW Day at the Stadium Arena and open house at the Old Kent VFW, just west of Broadway on Eleventh street.

A Pizza Party is planned for the hockey players at Old Kent Post after each game, which will be hosted by the Old Kent Post VFW 830, Creston Post VFW 3023, and Kent County Council VFW.

Live music continues at Old Kent Post...A Square Dance will be held at the Creston VFW Post, on Monroe Ave. just south of Ann Street at 9 P.M. and open to the public. All veterans and ser-



This year marks the 40th anniversary of women's service as uniformed administrative personnel in the Army and Navy. The women's component of the Marine Corps, created in World War I but disbanded after the Armistice, was also reactivated in 1942.

Since Veterans Administration hospitals may not be able to furnish the care needed, women veterans may be entitled to treatment at VA expense in private facilities. The exception is normal pregnancy, which is not covered.

vice group's are invited to a display of colors between games at the stadium.

Call Olen Miller, Sr. at 897-7750, Art Murrell 364-8550, or Mike Krese at 241-5346 for details. Door prizes between periods will be drawn. We will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem will be by John Ryan, a Catholic Central High School student. Also, a citation will be presented to the G.G.R.H.B.A.

for Americanism. And...The Kent County Council Winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy will speak for about three minutes. (Jim Welem is the winner and a student of Catholic Central High School. See a VFW member or a member of your High School Boosters Association for reserved seats, that are selling fast. Support High School Hockey. Attend VFW Day at the Stadium Arena.

GREETINGS



To the young and to the young at heart... a merry, merry Christmas!

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Greetings



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VFW Post 8303 & Its Auxiliary

Happy Holidays

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 - Lowell -
 427 E. Main



have a **HAPPY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

All the treasures of Christmas tied up with a big, shiny bow... that's our wish for you. Please be assured that we value your friendship now and in all seasons.

J.R.B.
 INSURANCE AGENCY
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Ski areas expect good holiday season in Michigan

Skiers hoping to test new equipment on Christmas Day or those eager to welcome 1983 on Michigan's slopes should find adequate numbers of lodge rooms available although space could become limited as the holidays near, according to the Auto Club Travel Operations

mobile Club of Michigan. "Advance reservations at most ski lodges with accommodations are about equal to last year's pace despite the state's continuing economic problems, stated Auto Club Travel Operations

Manager James Drury. "Ski areas traditionally take in up to 25 percent of their season's profits over the period."

An Auto Club survey shows most resort operations believe that good snowfalls before the

holidays could put their facilities on track toward the \$143 million in revenues projected for this winter, which is 2 percent more than last season. This record is \$145 million in revenues in 1978-79.

Of Michigan's 17 ski resorts with lodging facilities, space still is available over both the Christmas and New Year's holidays at these West Michigan lodges: Boyne Highlands, near Harbor Springs; Boyne Mt., near Boyne Falls; Crystal Mt., near Thompsonville, and Caberfae, near Cadillac.

In East Michigan, Tyrolean Hills, near Gaylord, has lodging for both holidays. In the Upper Peninsula, Pine Mt., near Iron Mountain, and Ski Brule and Ski Homestead, both near Iron River, have space.

West Michigan ski areas with lodging available over Christmas only included: Sugar Loaf, near Traverse City, and Schuss Mt., near Mancelona, and the Upper Peninsula's Big Powderhorn, near Bessemer, Briar Mt., near Vulcan, and Indianhead Mt., near Wakefield.

"Hotels and motels near the state's winter resort areas still have rooms available for both

holidays and ski areas that are booked could have rooms open due to last-minute cancellations," said Drury, who suggested skiers should reserve now to avoid disappointment.

During each of the 78-hour Christmas and New Year's Holidays, motorists are expected to log 586 million miles in Michigan, about equal to last year. The Christmas holiday starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, and ends at midnight Sunday, Dec. 26, while the New Year's period runs from 6 p.m. Dec. 30, to midnight Jan. 2.

Holiday vacationers seeking warmer climates should encounter airport crowds and airline seating availability similar to last year.

"Airlines serving popular sun spots, which include the Caribbean, Florida and the West Coast, are busiest," Drury said. "Although some report most flights are booked, there are limited seats available for passengers with flexible schedules."

Major carriers recommend traveling before Dec. 20, on Christmas Day or Dec. 27-31. Heaviest air travel is expected from Dec. 20-24 and Jan. 1-5.

Rocheleau re-elected NMMA President

Don Rocheleau, President of Attwood Corporation, Lowell, MI has been re-elected Vice Chairman of the 750-member National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) during its annual National Conference held in November in Palm Springs, CA. Long active in boating industry affairs, Rocheleau served as President of NMMA's predecessor organization, the Boating Industry Association, and currently is a board member of the National Association of the Marine Products & Services, one of three partner associations which comprise the NMMA.

As NMMA Vice Chairman, Rocheleau becomes a chief spokesman and organizer for the American recreational boating industry, an industry whose sales amounted to \$8.25 billion in 1981.

Rocheleau, 49, is a resident of Lowell, MI where he lives with his wife Jean. He has been president of Attwood Corporation for 11 years. Rocheleau attended Wayne State University of Detroit and Michigan State University where he majored in food distribution management.



Save on holiday phone calls

Michigan Bell has some time and money saving tips for holiday well-wishers planning to call long distance this Christmas.

The telephone company is predicting Michigan residents will ring up 1.5 million long distance calls Christmas day -- about one million within the state and 500,000 to places outside Michigan.

Since Christmas is traditionally the phone company's busiest holiday, Michigan Bell is advising customers to make their long distance calls during less busy hours, according to Michigan Bell corporate affairs manager Richard L. Strauss.

"As with Christmas shopping, the key to phoning long distance is to avoid the rush," he said. "On Christmas day, that means calling before 10 a.m. or between 2 and 6 p.m. in the afternoon."

"To really avoid delays, some customers may want to call earlier in the week or before 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve."

No matter when customers place their holiday calls, they can save time and money by dialing long distance calls direct without operator assistance, he said.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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.

Child: Gary, Scott, & Johns Martin
Hearing: Jan. 5, 1983 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Henry Roukema
Child: Brenda White
Hearing: Jan. 18, 1983 at 3:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Leon Hale
Child: Wilma Mitcham
Hearing: Jan. 15, 1983 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Marva Lewis
Child: Daniel Robinson
Hearing: Jan. 20, 1983 at 4:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Thomas Brown

Dated: December 15, 1982
JOHN P. STEKETE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Roman J. Snow
Circuit Judge
Examined,
Countersigned and
Entered by:
M.A. Diedrick,
Deputy Clerk

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.
P-4-7
Most geologists believe the Great Lakes were once river valleys enlarged by glaciers during the Ice Age.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to determine the need to rezone the Lowell - Fiat River Power Plant.

The Power Plant and Dam are located at Burroughs Road and M-91 and may be reconstructed and there may be a need for rezoning.

The Planning Commission will also consider the need to amend the ordinance for more strict procedures of the Zoning Ordinance by the building inspector.

The Hearing will be held on
JANUARY, 10, 1983
at 7 P.M. at the Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey and Parnell.

Roger Odell,
Chairman
Vergennes Township
Planning Commission
C7&9

Joy to All

Best wishes to all Santa's helpers!
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Best Wishes

Have a happy Christmas Holiday in the presence of family and friends. We look forward to seeing you soon

Moose Lodge 809
210 E. Main St., Lowell

PROTECTION OF MUSKELLUNGE & NORTHERN PIKE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its November 5, 1982, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that all spearing be prohibited throughout January, February, and March 1983 on the following waters: CAMPEAU AND DEAN LAKES, Kent County.

Council Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN
Regular meeting of November 15, 1982

WHEREAS, H. William Lyle, P.C. has proposed a final distribution of the trust subject to any delinquent income taxes that may be due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lowell does hereby agree to pay one-half of any delinquent income taxes that may be due after final distribution of the Helen Look-Daley Trust; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, Ray E. Quada, is directed to notify H. William Lyle P.C. of said decision through a joint communication between the City of Lowell and the Lowell Congregational Church.

Carried.

Council then discussed the proposed contract to supply a portion of Vergennes Township with Cable Television Service. Manager Quada stated that Vergennes Township had approved a franchise with Lowell Cable Television at their last Board Meeting. The area to be served under this proposed contract would be a loop, Lincoln Lake Avenue, from City Limits north to Vergennes Avenue, east on Vergennes to M-91, then south on 91 back to the City Limits. Also included would be N. Washington Street, north from City Limits to the Boy Scout Cabin, and including Crestwood Drive.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that the Minutes of the November 1 Meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Maatman.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.
No: None.
Absent: None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$28,732.16
Major Street Fund	122.40
Local Street Fund	41.13
Water Fund	763.60
Sewer Fund	2,322.58
Equipment Fund	3,063.60
Trust and Agency	1,035.00
Building and Site Fund	24,673.82
Lee Fund	4,610.00

Council discussed the payment of any income taxes that may have become delinquent since the final distribution of the Helen Look-Daley Trust. Manager Quada stated that by agreement with the Congregational Church, each would pay 50% of any amount that might be due.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen for adoption, supported by Councilman Schneider.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell was the recipient of one-half the residue of the Helen Look-Daley Estate; and

WHEREAS, a condition of said estate trust provides that all taxes must be paid; and

Approved: Dec. 20, 1982
Dean E. Collins, Mayor
Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmen Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.
Absent: None.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.
No: None.
Absent: None.

Carried.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the contract with Vergennes Township for Cable Television Service to portions of said Township be approved, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

There was no Citizen Input.

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada stated that the final report from Dean Witter Reynolds on the sale of stocks approved at last meeting would be forthcoming, and ready for the next meeting. Total amount of the sale was approximately \$185,000.

There was no Council Comments.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that Council meet in Executive Session after the Regular Meeting, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned by Mayor Collins at 8:17 P.M.

Holiday Desserts

New Ways to Serve Traditional Flavors

New, interesting ways to serve traditional foods and flavors may add memories to this coming holiday season. We're all familiar with turkey or goose for the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day meals. Pumpkin pie is a favorite holiday dessert. Eggnog is a popular yuletide beverage. And cranberries are most frequently served as a relish.

Two recipes have been developed by home economists at the Betty Crocker Kitchens for serving traditional eggnog and cranberries in new ways. Creamy Eggnog Pie and Cranberry Cream-filled Torte will make this holiday season special. Because convenience foods are among the ingredients, preparation time will be reduced and more time can be devoted to holiday details.

A tip from the home economists - cakes with whipped cream toppings or cream fillings should be stored in the refrigerator.

Cranberry Cream-filled Torte

1 package Betty Crocker SuperMoist yellow or carrot cake mix
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
1 tablespoon light molasses
Cranberry Cream Filling (right)

Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 2 round pans, 8 or 9x1 1/2 inches. Prepare cake mix as directed on package except - add orange peel and molasses with the water. Bake and cool as directed. Split cake to make 4 layers. (To split, mark side of cake with wooden picks and cut with long, thin knife.)
Prepare Cranberry Cream Filling; reserve 1 cup. Fill layers with remaining filling. Spread top of torte with

reserved filling. Garnish with whole cranberries or orange slices if desired. Refrigerate any remaining torte.

Cranberry Cream Filling

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
1 jar (14 ounces) cranberry-orange relish (about 1 1/4 cups)
1 cup chilled whipping cream
1/4 cup powdered sugar

Sprinkle gelatin on cold water in saucepan to soften; heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved. Remove from heat; stir in cranberry-orange relish. Refrigerate until partially set. Beat whipping cream and powdered sugar in chilled bowl until stiff; fold into cranberry mixture.

Creamy Eggnog Pie

Graham Cracker Crust (right)
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1 1/2 cups cold commercial eggnog

1 cup chilled whipping cream
1 tub Creamy Deluxe cream cheese & nuts, sour cream white or vanilla ready-to-spread frosting
1 tablespoon rum
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Bake Graham Cracker Crust; cool. Sprinkle gelatin on cold eggnog in 1-quart saucepan to soften; heat just to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Refrigerate until completely cool. Beat whipping cream and frosting in large bowl on high speed 3 minutes; stir in eggnog mixture and rum. Pour into crust; sprinkle with nutmeg. Freeze until firm, about 8 hours. Freeze any remaining pie, 8 to 10 servings.

Graham Cracker Crust: Heat oven to 350°. Mix 1 3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 24 squares), 1/4 cup sugar and 1/2 cup margarine or butter, melted, in small bowl. Press against bottom and side of ungreased pie plate, 10x1 1/2 inches. Bake 15 minutes.

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Springlike weather prompts buds in December



Is it Christmas or Easter? The bush in Dale Finkler's backyard has made up its mind that spring has arrived, and, in defiance of the snow, has started spring growth.

Engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barrus are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Steven J. Bengelink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bengelink of Grand Rapids.

Diane is a graduate of Lowell High School and Taylor University, Upland Indiana. Steven is a graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High. Both are employees of Amway Corporation. March 25, 1983 is the wedding date set by the couple.



Diane Barrus

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Breefings

This Christmas season gives us a special opportunity to extend our greetings to everyone.

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"17 WEEKS"

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The School Board and Chief all say that they care; So does this mean there is a contract somewhere?

They worked all September and throughout the fall; Would a settlement be reached before first snowfall?

"The end is in sight", we heard in Week 10, All we'd have to do is start over again!

The Board felt the unhappy ones numbered only a few, Till finally they realized It was all - old and new.

It's now mid-December and what's the latest we hear? If we're lucky it might be all over by next year!

CLASSIFIED ADS

Personal

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Will be having a Bingo starting at 2 P.M. on Sunday, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month. Closed 3rd Sunday of each month. c46-47

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Every Friday night, 7:30 p.m. Lowell VFW Hall, East Main St., Lowell. Early Bird Bingo at 6:45 p.m. Public welcome. c20f

LEGION OF THE MOOSE
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Early birds 6:30 P.M. Regular Bingo 7:30 P.M. Upstairs over Moose

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Holiday Greetings

May you and your family enjoy a happy and joyous holiday.

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Lowell, Michigan

Joy TO ALL

Times may have changed but one thing is still the same - sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holidays.

Lowell NAPA Automotive
113-115 Lafayette Street

"Shifting" is part of year end tax strategy

If you want to cut your 1982 federal income tax bill, now is the time to act. Don't wait until April 15, says The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA)

Here's the basic strategy of year-end tax planning for the average taxpayer. Look at your probable tax picture for this year and next year. Compare them. Then see if you can shift deductions or income between the years for the best tax advantage. Generally, you should have the

most deductions in the year you have the highest income.

Keep in mind that in 1983, the tax rate may be reduced again, in accordance with the 1981 tax law change. So if you can shift some income into next year, you could try to equalize your tax rate for the two years. Additionally, if you defer payment of taxes, you have the interest-free use of the money.

Take advantage of tax deductions, to cut your tax bill, CPAs advise. Map out your expected

income for 1982 and 1983. Then list the deductions and other reductions you will take in both of these years. Using these figures, find your taxable income.

Now, decide if you benefit more from these deductions in one year or another. For example, if you anticipate an unusually large year-end bonus this year, perhaps you can move a deduction for charitable contributions into this year. If you're thinking of buying a new car next year, maybe you can make the

purchase sooner and take the deduction for the sale tax this year.

On the other hand, perhaps there are ways that you can defer income until next year to reduce your tax bill. For instance, maybe you can make that year-end bonus a New Year's bonus so it won't add to your 1982 income.

You can't avoid taxes, but you can plan so they don't cost you as much. Check deductions you take annually and see if they are more beneficial in one year or

another. Since the restrictions for medical deductions tighten in 1983, you might look especially hard at that area now. Other charity, state and local income or property taxes, work clothes, professional periodical subscriptions, rent for a safe deposit box connected with investments, and the energy tax credit for insulation and storm windows. Check IRS guidelines for miscellaneous deductions and tax credits to see if you've forgotten anything.

Although deductions offer the most flexible way to reduce

your taxes, keep in mind any increase or decrease in the number of exemptions you claim. If you or your spouse are nearing 65, remember that people over 65 are eligible for an additional \$1,000 tax exemption. This will lower your taxable income. At the same time, if your child will graduate from college soon and no longer be dependent on you, your taxes could increase. In the 50 percent tax bracket, the loss of one dependent could cost you \$500 in taxes.



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This column appears for the first time in this issue of The Ledger and will continue throughout the school year. You can look for it under the special Focus on Education logo designed by high school art student Klaas Kwant, son of Henry and Hellen Kwant of Lowell. Klaas has taken classes from high school art teachers Robin Prawdik and Karen Lambert and is a member of the high school art club. Articles in this column will be written by teachers and will focus on ordinary as well as special happenings in the classrooms in the Lowell Public Schools. All five schools will be represented. Today's article comes from the Runicman-Riverside schools, and features the 5th grade classroom of Mrs. Cora Troy.

Each year, as the Christmas season rolls around, elementary teachers launch into many projects to brighten up the school and inspire a holiday spirit in the children. One important attribute to encourage is the spirit of giving. Mrs. Cora Troy encourages this in her classroom, a 5th grade at Riverside, by helping the students design and make a gift to take home to their families. This year's project was a wall decoration featuring Santa Claus. The students make the wall decoration by gluing red, white and black felt onto poster board. In addition, a pompon of yarn is made and sewn on Santa's hat. The Santas are mounted on two crossed coat hangers.

While the students bring the coat hangers from home, all of the other material is furnished by Mrs. Troy, as part of her Christmas gift to her students.

Not only does this project inspire the sense of giving but it also gives the students some practical skill building as well. They must trace, cut, and, very important in school, follow directions. They also learn to make a pompon and experience threading a needle and sewing.

Each Santa becomes unique as the child works on it and each carries home to the family an addition to the Christmas decorations for the home which can be brought out for years to come.

Joy to the world



May the radiance of the Christmas spirit shine upon all men.

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