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1984 in retrospect; a glance back at a busy year

Each year at this time we try to recap the year's events as reported in the Ledger. The news generated by Lowell and the surrounding townships and villages may be small when compared to national and world events, but it's important to those of us who live and work here. While researching this synopsis each year we are surprised to find out just how much news is recorded each year in our pages. Read along, and we think you'll agree that 1984 was another busy year for the Lowell area.

JANUARY

Snow and cold was the big news as we got the year underway. Lowell City crews and

Kent County Road Commission crews worked 12 and 14 hour shifts to clear area streets and roads following heavy snows severely cold temperatures over the holidays. The extreme cold prevented the road salt from thawing icy roads. Lowell Chief of Police Barry Emmons issued a plea to homeowners and businesses to avoid piling snow high along roadways causing decreased visibility for motorists. Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle asked that mail patrons clear snow and ice to insure delivery and decrease chances of a postal worker falling on the ice. In the meantime the Lowell Red Arrows basketball team was on

its way to chalking up five straight wins.

James Maatman is appointed as Mayor by his fellow councilmen on January 2. Maatman succeeds Dean Collins who had presided as mayor for five years. The Cedar Springs Lippert Pharmacy is completely destroyed by fire on January 8. The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters present the school board with a check in the amount of \$5,418 to be used for Middle School Interscholastic Sports at the January 9 meeting of the School Board. After winning five in a row, the Red Arrows drop two close conference games with Cedar Springs and Greenville.

The upcoming controversy over a possible land swap between the City and Michigan Wire Processing begins to brew when Art Warning voices his disapproval at the January 16 City Council Meeting. PFC John North is cited by the U.S. Army for saving the life of a German civilian while serving in that country. North, a Military Policeman, performed C.P.R. on an unconscious man and was credited with saving his life. Leo Bryant retires following 56 years at the Alto Post Office. Bryant and two other long-time postal employees are honored by the Postmaster General at a special ceremony in Chicago. A memorial fund is established in the memory of William Nowak, a long-time scoutmaster and scouting advocate in Lowell. The fund is established to help insure the ongoing commitment to scouting in Lowell. The Red Arrows record a win over Caledonia. DeWayne Downs, who operates an insurance office in Saranac opens an office in Lowell.

Lowell City Manager, Ray Quada tells the Lowell Planning Commission at their January 23 meeting that he had been contacted several times by representatives of McDonald's, Inc. McDonalds owns an option on a piece of property just west of Thomet Chevrolet & Buick on Lowell's west side, but needs some minor zoning variances from the City before they will commit to construction. Third shift, Lowell Policeman, Cal Kamphuis reports that the temperature on the outdoor thermometer at the Lowell D.P.W. Garage was a nippy minus 26 degrees at 3:30 a.m. on January 26. The Lowell Planning commission approves a land use map for the city following 1-1/2 years of work on the project. Cathy Clair is the new manager of the Lowell Branch of the Kent County Library. Red Arrows cagers romp over Coppersville.

FEBRUARY

The Lowell Showboat Board of Directors unanimously agree to again cancel the annual summer production citing their determination to pay off the corpora-

tion's long-term debt before staging another show. The board did have a lot of good news, reporting that the \$45,000 debt had been reduced by more than \$20,000 in the past year. Red Arrow netters record two vic-

tories in the past week with road wins over Belding and Lakewood.

An audit of the Lowell Cable Television Department's first

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LAST ISSUE UNTIL JANUARY 9, 1985

This is the last issue of the Grand Valley Ledger for 1984. As usual we will not publish an issue between the Holidays, so you will not receive a Ledger on Wednesday, January 2, 1985. We hope you and yours enjoy a safe and happy holiday season, and we thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to have this time away each year. Our Offices will re-open for business on Wednesday, January 2, 1985.

DOOR PRIZE WINNER

Linda Lamphear of 158 Bahala Dr., Lowell picked a timely gift certificate worth \$50.00 at Cousins' Card & Gift Shoppe. The drawing was held Thursday, December 20 and was part of the new shop's opening promotion.

MEDIA BASKETBALL GAME

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a "Media Basketball Game" on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 P.M. Lowell coaches and staff from the High School and Middle School will take on representatives from the area electronic media and press. The action will take place at the Lowell High School Gymnasium. Tickets prices for this annual fund raiser are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Come on out for a good time while supporting the Booster's worthwhile projects!

NO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The Public Health Nurse usually available at the Lowell City Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month will not be at her post on Wednesday, December 26. She asks that you enjoy your holidays, and she looks forward to serving you again on second and fourth Wednesday through 1985.

ANNUAL ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

The Lowell High School Alumni Hockey Game will be held on Friday, December 28 at the Cascade Sports Arena at 5:00 P.M. Admission for this exciting event is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. All proceeds benefit the Lowell High School Hockey Team directly, and will be used to purchase ice time.

FREE HUFF & PUFF DEMONSTRATION/PARTICIPATION CLASS

Start your New Year off right - come to a free YMCA Huff & Puff Fitness Demonstration/Participation Class on Thursday, January 3rd, from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the Lowell Middle School Gym. Huff & Puff is a total fitness program which concentrates on flexibility, balance, and coordination, muscle toning and strength, cardiovascular conditioning and relaxation techniques. An excellent program for BOTH men and women!

Registration for our Winter Huff & Puff Class will be available at this time. For more information call the Lowell YMCA - 897-8445.

Peter McPherson is honored

M. Peter McPherson, formerly of Lowell was a recent recipient of The Copernicus Society's "Development is Peace" award. As the recipient, McPherson was awarded \$10,000 of which he pledged \$5,000 to Ethiopian famine victims and \$5,000 to Mother Theresa's cause in India. The award was given on December 10 at a Copernicus Society banquet in Washington D.C.

PRECISION & FASHION HAIRSTYLING - For both men and women. Man's World Hairstyling. Phone 897-8102.

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VFW NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - will be held at the VFW Hall with the Social Hour beginning at 6:30 P.M., buffet dinner at 7:30 P.M. \$10.00 per person and cash bar. The Band will be 3 Ply Band. Members and Guests welcome.

McPherson's mother Ellura McPherson of Lowell and his sister Mrs. Duane (Jenett) Patrick attended. McPherson is currently the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The award was presented to Mr. McPherson for the excellent work A.I.D. has done in setting up U.S. assistance programs in more than 60 third-world countries.

Founded in 1972 by Edward J. Piszek, the Copernicus Society of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the cultural and educational achievements of mankind by promoting and encouraging artistic, scientific and historical activities.

It is not possible to foresee all that the Copernicus Society of America may turn its sights toward in the future. Since its founding in 1972, the Copernicus Society has branched out from strictly ethnic-related efforts to encompass activities calculated to help the common good. It is the intention of the Copernicus Society of America to continue this trend.



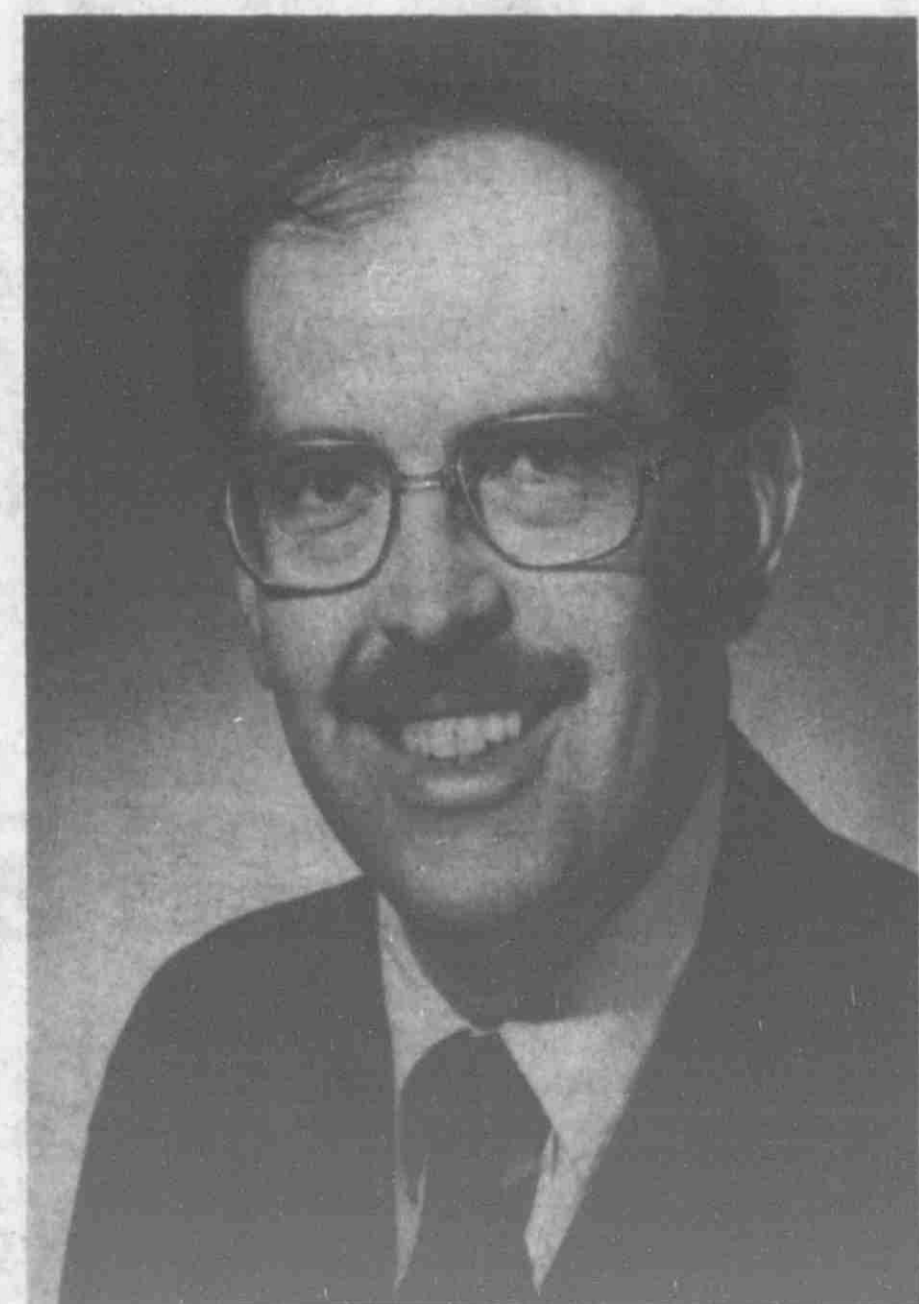
Students aid fire victim

It was late in the afternoon when ten people scurried out of a small volkswagon to spread a little Christmas Cheer. Betty Morris of Lowell had experienced the tragedy of a fire last week and the Lowell Senior High Class of 1987 decided to use the proceeds of their last dance to buy Morris some basic necessities for a room in her house. They chose the bathroom and arrived at the Morris residence after school Thurs-

day, December 20 with gifts to furnish her new bathroom. Presenting the items to Morris were 1987 class officers, Amy Davis, Jami Andrews, Denise Southland, Debbie Crawford, Candi Wood, Tricia Frey, Kisten Serne, Mindy Denman, Becky Dine and friend and driver Bill Briggs. The rest of the super sophomores were there in spirit. Class president Amy Davis said, "The community of Lowell has

helped us in so many ways; we decided to help a member of this community and let Betty know that the class of '87 cares." Morris was very excited about the surprise visit and promised to attend the graduation in 1987. "It was very wonderful and I really appreciate it," said Morris as the representatives of the class of '87 crammed back into the VW with a great warmth in their hearts.

Amy Davis



M. Peter McPherson

Obituaries

The Ledger's criteria for running obituary notices is to glean from the Grand Rapids Press obituaries that contain deceased persons or relatives of the deceased from Lowell, Ada, Saranac and Alto. Should you know of an obituary that would be of interest to our readers, but is not listed in the Press, please give us a call at 897-9261. There is no charge for obituary notices in the Ledger.

OLDFIELD - Norma L. Oldfield, aged 74, of Grand Rapids, died December 10 at Springbrook Manor. She is survived by her husband, Barney; one sister, Betty Scooby of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Harold Davies of Ada, Harvey

Davies of Grand Rapids; one niece, Sally Scooby-Biggs of Grand Rapids; several other nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Thursday in the funeral home chapel. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

LANDGREN - Marie Landgren, aged 83, of Leonard NE, passed away November 27, 1984 at St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport, Iowa. She is survived by her son, Robert F. (Martha) Landgren of Ada; granddaughters, Mrs. Jack (Betsy) DeGelder of Grand Rapids, Chris Langren of Ada; grandsons, Sandy and David Landgren both of Ada; brothers, Ernest A. (Connie) Hieshetter of Grand Rapids, Albert E. (Helen)

Hieshetter of San Diego, CA. Memorial Services were held Saturday, December 22 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Fr. Joseph Malewitz Celebrant. Arrangements by O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home.

CONKLIN - Mrs. Edwina A. Conklin, aged 91, passed away Tuesday at Porter Hills Presbyterian Village. She is survived by her son, Richard J. and Ellen Conklin of Pittsburg, PA (formerly of Grand Rapids); grandchildren, David, Barbara, Nancy, Susan and Andrew all of Pittsburg, Mass and Christian Burial was offered Friday at St. Robert of Newminster, 6477 Ada Dr. SE, Fr. David Hawley Celebrant. Interment St. John's Cemetery, Jackson, MI. Arrangements by O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home.

MURPHY - Leonard C. Murphy Jr., aged 62, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 1984. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; his children, Patrick J. and Shirley Murphy all of Lowell, Mrs. Lynn (Janet) Baker of Lansing; a brother, Frank Murphy of Detroit; sister, Mrs. Nonna Parker of Lowell; and five grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lowell. Msgr. James P. Moran Celebrant. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HOMISTER - Joseph F. Homister, aged 71, of Clarksville, passed away Tuesday. Surviving are his wife, Bessie; two daughters, Mrs. Marion (JoAnne) Mutschler of Saranac and Mrs. Richard (Karen) Thorp of Portland, one step daughter, Betty Bettinghouse of Lowell; step-son-in-law, Roy Spitzley of Sunfield; two sisters, Mabel Heninritz of Lansing and Peg Melle of Houghton Lake; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Funeral Chapel. Rev. Larry Pike officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

SABOROWSKI - Jeanette L. Saborowski, of Grand Rapids, MI, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital Monday, December 17, 1984. Born December 19, 1908 in Cedarville, MI. Surviving are her son, Frank of Grand Rapids; daughters, Betty Faust of Saginaw, Phyllis Bicknell of Tempe, AZ, Sharon Smith and Linda Behler both of Grand Rapids, seven grandchildren; a sister, Nora Groundy of Lowell. Funeral Services were held Friday at the funeral home. Rev. John Huhtala officiating. Burial Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville, MI.

In the Service

Airman Wendell S. Countson of Carolyn L. Count of Rural Route 1, Clarksville, Michigan, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

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

He is a 1978 graduate of Lakewood High School, Lake Odessa, Michigan.

Army Pvt. Tracy K. Jousma, daughter of Marvel L. and Warren R. Jousma of 10527 52nd,

Lowell, Michigan, has completed basic training at Fort Dix N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.



Some say reciting tongue twisters will cure hiccupping.

Happy Holiday

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



*It's freezing and snowing
And cold winds are blowing
Still there's no better place to be
Than laughing and talking
And playing and walking
Around the outdoor Christmas tree!*

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Coming Events

Notice in the Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

MON., DEC. 24: Ada Community Reformed Church,

7239 Thornapple River Drive, (across from Amway) will have a Christmas Eve Candle Light Communion Service at 11 P.M. "The Shepard's Account" a first person's message by Rev. Jerry C. Johnson. Everyone is welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: New Year's Eve Gala Party at the Moose Lodge 210 E. Main

Street. Dinner upstairs from 8 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Drinks and favors \$15.00 per person. Music by Friendship Band.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: VFW New Year's Eve Party, at the VFW Hall. 6:30 P.M. Social Hour, 7:30 P.M. buffet dinner, \$10.00, cash bar. Members and guest welcome.

JANUARY 7: REMINDER: The next Lowell Area Schools Boosters Meeting will be Monday at 7:30 P.M. in the K-Quad of the High School.

TOPS MI 372 - The Lowell Chapter of TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) meets every Tuesday at 7 P.M. in the Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson. Weigh-ins are from 5:45 to 7 P.M. For more information call 897-9048.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: Pack Meeting, Cub Scout Pack 3188 will meet at Runciman School, beginning at 7:00 P.M. This is a family event. Future activities are discussed and achievement awards presented.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT: Teen Dance, sponsored by Teen's United, at the Lowell American Legion Roller Rink. 10:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. \$1.50 per person. Tennis shoes or socks! Ages

13 to 19. Information on Dance or joining Teens United call 897-8238.

THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: meet the 1st Mon. of each month at 7:30 in the K-Quad of the High School.

LOWELL UNITED METHODIST SCHOOL'S: second semester will begin soon. There are currently afternoon openings (12 noon to 2:15 P.M.) in the following classes: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, pre-kindergarten; and Tuesday, Thursday, three-year-olds. Call the First United Methodist Church at 897-5936 to register.

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HOT LUNCH MENU WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 1984

THURSDAY

Welcome Back!
Breaded Chicken or swiss steak, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, steamed green beans or beets, hillbilly rolls or bread and P-nut butter, chilled fruit or jello, milk.

FRIDAY

Fishwiches or hot dogs, potato chips and pickles, soup or salad or baked beans, fruit or jello or pudding, cookies or bars, milk.

HOT LUNCH MENU WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 1984

MONDAY

Tacos or burritos, jonny cake w/honey butter, veggie or salad, fruit or jello, milk.

TUESDAY

Hot dogs or cheeseburgers or hoagie sandwiches, lettuce salad w/dressing, corn or spinach, assorted fruits or pudding, bars or cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Swiss steak or chopped steak, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, green beans or carrots, rolls or bread and p-nut butter, jello or fruit or cherry dessert, milk.

THURSDAY

Italian spaghetti or lasagna, cabbage salad, french bread w/honey butter, choice of fresh or canned fruit or jello, milk.

FRIDAY

Grilled cheese sandwiches, potato chip and pickle, soup or salad or baked beans, chilled fruit or pudding, cookies or bars, milk.

Price of lunches to students includes milk. Elementary 75¢, Middle and Senior High 80¢.

THE STEAK-OUT

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BREAKFAST HOURS:
8am-11:30am, Saturday
9am-11:30am, Sunday

DINNER HOURS:
4:00pm-7:30pm Monday thru Thursday
4:00pm-9:00pm, Friday & Saturday

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All you can eat

BREAKFAST SPECIAL FEATURING
Steak & Eggs
8-11:00 Saturdays
9-11:30 Sundays

LUNCH HOURS:
11am-4pm, Mon.-Fri.
11:30am-4pm, Saturday
12noon-3pm Sunday Dinner

CLOSED: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

New Years Eve & New Years Days Open Regular Hours

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIAL!
\$2.99
Your Choice of 4 Entrees!
6 oz. Sizzler
8 oz. Beef Kebob
Two 4 oz. Pork Chops
8 oz. BBQ Country Ribs

Entrees include salad bar, roll, potato or rice pilaf.



United in Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Butler Sr., of Ada, are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Stewart (Chip) Johnson, to Julieta Janoya. The marriage took place Dec. 14, 1984 in Tucson, Arizona. Chip is currently

servicing with the U.S. Air Force at Monahan-Davis Air Force Base in Tucson. The newlyweds will be home on leave in early February after which Chip will be assigned to duty in Korea.

Open House held to celebrate 75th Birthday

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Margaret Miller are having an open house in honor of her 75th birthday on December 31st from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Lowell. All friends and relatives are welcome.

Steward / Rollins wed September 15, 1984

Amy Marie Steward and Roger Doyle Rollins were united in marriage, Saturday, September 15 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Steward of Lowell. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. George G. Rollins Sr. also of Lowell. Maid of honour was Sue Steward, sister of the bride. Bestman was Todd Mocherman, cousin of the groom. Flowergirl was Valerie Fitzpatrick. After a honeymoon to Macinac Island the couple now reside in Lowell.



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rollins



Mrs. Margaret Miller

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

come before his presence with singing (Psalm 100:2).

Lelar and Jim were married the day before Christmas and went to live with his parents in their humble Kentucky cabin until spring. That was half a century ago.

Lelar told me about the morning in that cabin. Her mother-in-law arose early to prepare biscuits for breakfast. First, she made a fire in the cook range. Then she heated the water for coffee. After that, she began measuring out flour, baking powder, and shortening.

While Jim's mother worked, she sang. Usually the strains of "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see!"

flooded the kitchen and floated into the adjoining rooms. Her singing put each member of the household in the right mood for the day.

One has said, "A song will outlive all sermons in the memory."

Each of us is in the process of making memories. What kind of remembrances are we leaving behind us for others? How do we begin each day? Do we awaken with joy in our hearts? When we recall the miry clay from which the Lord has brought us, it isn't difficult to "come before his presence with singing."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, my soul rejoices in Thy salvation. Thou hast brought me out of the miry clay. I shall serve Thee with gladness. My lips shall sing of Thy praise. Amen.

He brought me out of the miry clay.

He set my feet on the Rock to stay;

He puts a song in my soul today.

A song of praise, hal-lelujah!

H.L. GILMOU

Taylor News

Kathlyn S. Bieri, a junior English major at Taylor University, is one of the 24-member group known as Lighthouse. The team will be traveling to Nassau, Bahamas during the January interterm session. Bieri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bieri of Lowell, Michigan.

Lighthouse is a group of selected students whose main objective is to demonstrate their commitment to Jesus Christ through the unique ministry of songs, puppeting, and skits. The students receive academic credit for the four-week experience.

In preparation for the trip, students are expected to read selected texts, write personal testimonies, as well as attend all lectures and filmstrips shown. In addition, each student is responsible for obtaining her own financial support through letters to various churches, family, and friends.

The Rev. Robert R. Griffin, assistant professor, and campus pastor at Taylor comments that the group of students traveling to Nassau this January is an extremely talented and dedicated one, and expects a "very successful journey for the team."

Dr. Ronald Sloan, assistant professor of music at Taylor and his wife, Chikako, have had a major part in preparing the team. Dr. and Mrs. Sloan will be accompanying the group in January.

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Students Relive The Past

Eighth grade history students of Mr. Art Bieri and Mr. Ken Akers are pictured with their posters depicting America's independence from England. Students were required to be original and to follow the rules of good poster design - be clear, be brief, be appealing to the eye.

The posters were judged by several Lowell Middle School staff members and cash prizes were awarded to Brian Klitz - first place, Michelle Chamberlain - second place, Bob Dine - third place, Mike Snyder - fourth. Smaller cash prizes were awarded to any student whose poster received at least one vote.

The community will have an opportunity to enjoy these interesting designs while shopping on Main Street in Lowell, because they will be displayed in several storefront windows.



Bottom row left to right: Jamie Cook, Laura McKivitz, Jill Reinke, Sarah Kettner, Jeff Zillmer, Stacy Davis, Megan Kirby, Tammie Knottnerus.

Middle row left to right: Laura Finney, Bob Dine, Aaron White, Todd Probst, Rick Stockreef, Jason Curtiss, Lisa Castro, Kelleigh Kinsey.


Top row left to right: Jell Gurney, Pat Nugen, Mike Mull, Brian Klitz, Scott VanVeelen, Michel Chamberlain. Not pictured: Mike Snyder, Jason Douma, Amie Kanoza.

Clark Earns Top Sales Honor

Michael E. Clark, District Manager in Lansing for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, Springfield, Illinois, has earned one of the company's top sales honors, according to Franklin President William J. Alley, CLU.

Alley said that Michael Clark has been named an "Honorable Mention" qualifier for Franklin's Centurion Club, a national honor organization of the company's most successful sales associates. Clark's qualification was based upon outstanding personal sales totals for the month of October.

The 100 year old Franklin is one of the world's largest life insurance institutions, with assets in excess of \$2.8 Billion and over \$18.1 Billion of insurance in force.



Holiday Schedule

Mon., Dec. 24 Closed At 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 25 Closed All Day

Mon., Dec. 31 Normal Hours


Tues., Jan. 1 Closed All Day

Happy Holidays

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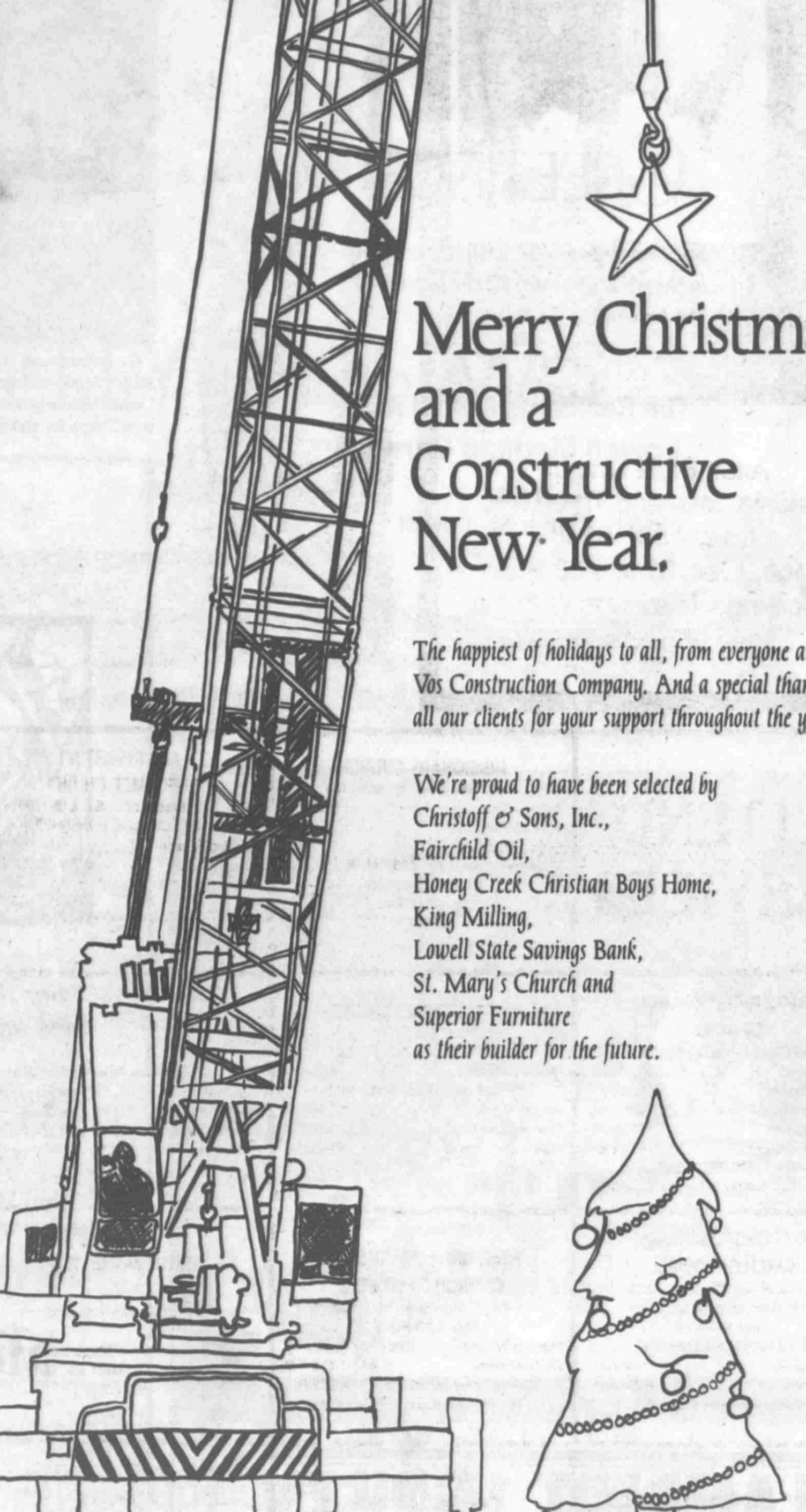
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<h3>ATTEND SERVICES</h3>	<p>MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 P.M. Wednesdays GLENN H. MARKS Foreman Road 897-9110</p>	<p>ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 7152 Bradford St., S.E. 676-1698 REV. BRIAN P. BOSSCHER Morning Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: JERRY L. JOHNSON Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of 60th Street & Bancroft Avenue Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Jr.-Sr. High Young People 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. REV. GEORGE L. COON 868-6403 or 868-6912</p>	<p>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS Morning Worship 9:50 A.M. (Broadcast 10 A.M. WMAX 1470) Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL 1151 West Main Street - 897-8841 REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT Worship Service 10 A.M. & 6 P.M. Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Supervised Nursery During All Services</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL 201 North Washington Street REV. WILLIAM F. HURT Church School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Mid-Week Service Jr. Teens, Adults 7:00 P.M. Nursery-Come & Worship With Us</p>
<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (Member United Church of Christ) North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-5906 DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Church School 10:00 A.M. (Cribbery & Nursery Provided)</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship 9:00 A.M., 10:45 A.M. Church School 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of Segwun & Grand River Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>WHITNEYVILLE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST UNDENOMINATIONAL 4935 Whitneyville Rd. Ada 49301 Sunday Morn. Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wed. Evening Prayer Service 7:30 P.M. Challenger's Youth Group, Wed 7:30 P.M. PASTOR JAMES GROENDYK</p>
<p>SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH (United Church of Christ) 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI DIAL-A-PRAYER-642-9659 Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:15 A.M. THE REV. EDWIN MENDENHALL 642-6322</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN NEW HOURS Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Word of Life 5:30 P.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Awana - Wednesday 6:45 P.M. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 P.M. DR. DARRELL WILSON 897-5300</p>	<p>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL Old Grange Hall 1019 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>

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DECEMBER 26: Margaret Gasper, Joan Kwant.
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DECEMBER 30: Ben Hodges, Chris Schram, Jenn Dine, Brent Daugherty, Clarence Burtle, Greg Wheeler, Lee Iteen, Jr.
DECEMBER 31: Brandon Decker, Steven Idema, Krista Rozich.
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JANUARY 3: Jon Vezino.
JANUARY 4: Nicki Turner, Winton Wilcox, Orville C. Hostler.
JANUARY 5: Ronald Kryger, Carol Baker, Ryan Sauber.
JANUARY 6: Pamm Shaffer, Don Green, George Johnson.
JANUARY 7: Beckie Seese, Grace Peters, Mark Silvis, Jeff Nugent, Amy Alderink.
JANUARY 8: Omar Stahl.

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year of operation reveals lots of red ink. On a dollars in and dollars out basis LCTV came out a little ahead for the year. But, when auditors plugged in interest on the money borrowed from the Lowell Light & Power Co. and depreciation of LCTV's equipment the annual loss totaled over \$80,000. The Lowell YMCA gets its annual sustaining membership drive underway and Y Director, Jim Hodges, reports that they have reached 51% of their goal in the first week. The Ledger publishes the first of three consecutive issues that contain Kent County's Tax Sale Paper. The extra issue adds 24 pages to the Ledger. Red Arrow craggers head into a conference showdown with Greenville after winning a 83-80 thriller over Fremont.

Cumberland Manor owner Arlin Maas, unveils plans for a huge campus style complex at his retirement home just west of Lowell. Maas announced his plans to members of the Lowell Township Planning Commission at their February 13 meeting. Maas explained that the construction would be staged over the next several years beginning with construction of a new 20 bed extended care facility in the spring. C.P.A.'s Richard Thomas and Dan Yff open an accounting firm here.

The Lowell Area Arts Council delights audiences with their production of "Life With Father". The recently renovated Fallsburg Powerhouse receives national attention when it is featured in "Architecture" magazine. Donald McPherson, a

life long Vergennes resident, active Republican and 47 year member of the Lowell Rotary Club passes at age 78.

The Lowell Red Arrows get by Greenville 77-63 in a home game. David Miller is named as the Lowell Mason of the Year.

The Lowell Parks Commission unveils plans for a four diamond softball complex at the city's west side park on Gee Dr. The commissioners made their proposal at the February 20 of the Lowell City Council. Superior Furniture Co. announces plans for a major expansion of their East Main St. facility. The Lowell Planning Commission approves a proposed site plan for a future McDonald's during their February 27 meeting.

At the University Convocation, undergraduates were addressed by Olympic silver medalist Judith Brown-King of Eugene, Ore., and Steven

Baerwalde receives BA degree

Michigan State University lists 1,835 candidates for degrees awarded at separate commencement exercises Dec. 8 on campus.

The degree candidates include 1,276 bachelor's, 456 master's, 90 doctoral, 6 educational specialists and 7 doctors of medicine.

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Spivey, a successful farmer in New Windsor, Ill.

Brown-King was a 1983 MSU graduate with a B.A. degree in audiology and speech sciences. She was the 1983 NCAA champion in the 400 meter hurdles, the Pan American champion in the 400 meter hurdles and the mile relay, and the silver medalist in the 400 meter hurdles at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Spivey is a managing partner of Spivey Angus Farm in New Windsor, Ill. He received his

B.S. degree in animal husbandry in 1977 and the M.S. in animal science in 1981, both from MSU.

Winter term registration is Jan. 2-3 with classes resuming Jan. 4.

Susan Baerwalde, 414 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, received her BA degree in Criminal Justice.

Middle school net great season

Ms. Julie Niemela's eighth grade "A" basketball team won their first game of the season and lost the next three. At that point the optimistic coach told her girls

they would not lose another game, and the prophecy was fulfilled. The determined athletes ended up with a 9-3 season and

showed their fans what a team can do when they possess solid fundamental skills and tremendous team spirit.



Team members include Julie Tarak, Megan Kirby, Ramona Gerst, Jennie Hath, Leann Iteen, Stacey Schwamberger, Angie Fonger, Jill, Shick, Tanya Comstock, and Heather Nauta, all of the Lowell Middle School and St. Mary student, Kerry Zywicki. Team managers are Kris Kelley, Doreen Schneider and Stacy Davis.

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Walk, don't run for year-end tax shelter

Do you understand how tax shelters cut your tax bill? Could year-end tax shelters answer your tax woes? Will strict new tax rules make it difficult to find shelters late in the year? Some answers to these questions are provided by the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Here's how tax shelters work: They could lower a tax bill because the Internal Revenue Code grants credits and deductions to encourage certain investments. The more common fields for tax shelters have been real estate, oil and gas drilling and equipment leasing. But the world glut of petroleum and a diminishing price is making this field less attractive to investors.

Shelter usually take the form of limited partnerships. Sponsors, who are usually the general partners, are responsible for the business decisions and day-to-day operations. Investors, who are generally the limited partners, put up most of the money which allows them to claim a share of deductions and credits for the partnership's venture. An investor's share usually starts at about \$2,500. "Private Placement," tax shelters which require much larger investments, attract investors with taxable incomes exceeding \$100,000, CPAs say.

To illustrate how a tax shelter works, consider the write-off and income figures offered by one of the major brokerage firms. Although these tax shelters don't offer write offs as steep as privately placed shelters, they put to work the basic principles involved in a tax shelter, which a CPA evaluates.

Consider the case of Bob and Linda, who have a joint taxable income of \$80,000 this year. They elect to invest \$5,000. Despite poor timing (it's late in the year) and thus harder to find a reliable tax shelter that generates big write offs. For 1984 they would write-off about 10 percent on their investment -- or approximately \$500 -- which allows them about a \$120 tax savings because they are in the 42 percent bracket. On their 1985 tax return,

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ing. The Ledger has to publish its fifth issue in the usually short month of February. Since it's a Leap Year and both the 1st and 29th fell on Wednesdays, the Ledger was stuck with a five issue February, a once every thirty years or so occurrence.

MARCH

Lowell City Council decides at its first meeting in March to throw the controversial issue concerning a land swap with Michigan Wire Processing Co. to a vote of the people if the proposal came to fruition. Michigan Wire President, Don Fizer, had expressed a desire to swap a modern softball complex for the old ball field adjacent to his Water St. facility. The issue would create much controversy over the next few weeks.

Mac Fonger retires from the Lowell Post Office on March 2 following fourteen years of postal work. Project DARE, an acronym for Drug Awareness Reachout, evolves from "Chemical People" meetings and the new group holds its first meeting in March. WCUZ and the Lowell Showboat announce plans to stage another Benefit Weekend for the Showboat over Memorial Day.

For the first time since 1978 the Lowell Red Arrows basketball team wins the District Championship and heads for the Regional Tournament. Charles Lippert is appointed to chair Project REHAB, a west Michigan umbrella organization for a number of substance abuse programs.

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would get a \$2,000 write-off, worth about \$840 off their tax bill. In 1986, another \$1,500 could be written off lowering their tax bill by \$630. Those deductions are possible because the limited partnership invested in real estate and can deduct interest on loan payments, depreciation costs and other loss-related

expenses. According to one tax shelter sales agent associated with a leading brokerage house, the average profit Bob and Linda might expect from this type of tax shelter is \$10,000 to \$15,000, not including tax savings, usually the profit will materialize seven to 10 years after the initial \$5,000

investment. Despite the optimistic picture painted in tax shelter offerings, CPAs urge caution before making such an investment, especially late in the year. "If a shelter offering sounds too good to be true, it probably is" warns one CPA. Investing in a shelter that generates steep

losses can expose you to an IRS audit. New rules require registering most shelters with the IRS. IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger said recently that 16,300 shelter cases involving over \$1 billion are currently pending before the tax courts. New rules will widen the crackdown on tax shelters.

Those frantically looking for tax shelters this late in the year are like people trying to lose 40 pounds in three weeks. "What they need is a diet to help them all year long," said one CPA. Avoid getting involved with an abusive shelter; get expert advice. There could still be time to cut your 1984 tax bill.

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Reginald Crider, 71, and David Allen, 18, both of Lowell are killed in separate traffic accidents in mid-March. The Lowell City Council meeting as The Board of Appeals, grants four minor zoning variances to McDonalds, Inc. giving the proposed Golden Arches a green light to begin construction. All four variances dealt with signs on the property. The Lowell Red Arrows stayed alive in Regional play by getting past Delton in a 63-62 thriller. The Red Arrow cagers then ended a great season when they fell to powerful Okemos 88-46 in the Regional Championship game.

Lowell Mayor, James Maatman, announces that he is organizing three meetings over the next two months in an effort to re-organize Lowell's nearly non-existent Chamber of Commerce. The City Council votes to begin condemnation proceedings on two buildings in town, an old warehouse at the corner of Main and Broadway and an abandoned home at the corner of Main and Horation Streets. The last issue of the Ledger in March contained a cheerful note, Gladys Thelen was the first to call us with a robin sighting on March 25. The Lowell Cable Television Department adds Channel 47 out of Lansing to its list of channels on basic service.

APRIL

The month of April began with a sad note as the Ledger reported the sudden death of former Lowell School Superin-

tendent, Donald Kelly. Kelly died of an apparent heart attack at age 54. Kelly worked in the Lowell school system for nearly 30 years rising to the superintendent's position in 1977. WCUZ announces that Gary Morris will headline the Saturday night show at the Showboat Benefit Weekend.

Al Symons, the owner and operator of Lowell's McDonalds Restaurant, calls together several dignitaries from the area forming a groundbreaking ceremony on April 5.

Don Fizer, President of Michigan Wire Processing, puts the old ball field sale issue to rest by retracting his offer to the city. At one point Fizer had offered \$75,000 for the five acre site. Scott William Covell, 19, of 1788 Marble Rd. is arrested and charged with breaking into the home of his neighbor, 76 year-old, Celia Boss. Covell reportedly severely beat Mrs. Boss and robbed her. Boss, who is disabled and confined to a wheelchair was unable to call for help. She was found the next day by her son Larry Boss. Mrs. Boss suffered a broken wrist and finger along with several bruises and lacerations in the beating. Covell was charged with four major felony counts including assault with intent to commit murder.

Cumberland Manor owner, Arlin Maas, breaks ground for a new 20 bed extended care facility at the retirement home located at the west edge of Lowell. The new building is the first in a series of retirement dwellings proposed by Maas.

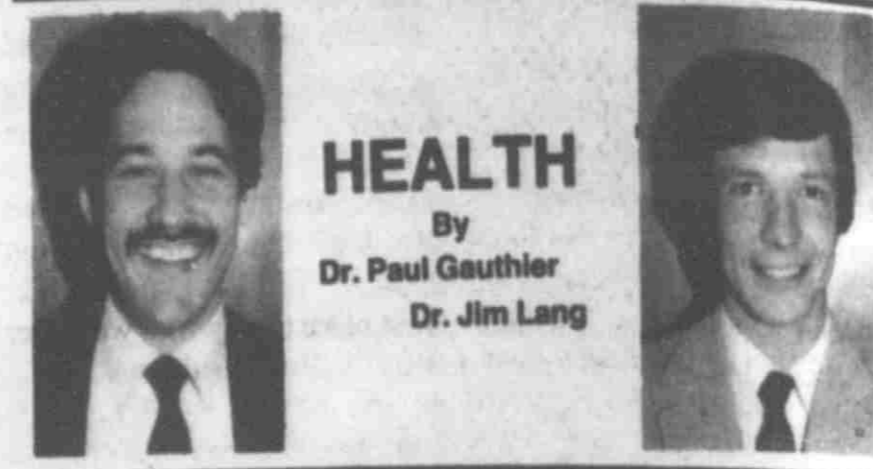
MAY

May got off to a wild start with a tremendous windstorm. Grand Rapids television stations reported gust up to 85 m.p.h. while WKZO in Kalamazoo, clocked winds at 91 m.p.h. The winds blew all over the Great Lakes area. Locally, big soft trees like

willows and box elders suffered the most, and if there happened to be a building in the path of their fall, then it was time to call the insurance company. Many residents in and around Lowell

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HEALTH
 By
 Dr. Paul Gauthier
 Dr. Jim Lang

PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE PART II

Last week we reviewed duodenal ulcers which occur in the first portion of the small intestine and are the most common ulcer seen. Gastric ulcers, although less common, may be more serious.

Gastric ulcers occur in the main portion of the stomach. These ulcers seem to be caused by a breakdown of the mucosal barrier rather than increased acid production. In fact, acid production in patients with gastric ulcers is generally normal or decreased.

Gastric ulcer pain is usually more vague than duodenal ulcer pain and may actually be worsened by food. Nausea, vomiting and weight loss are seen more commonly with gastric ulcers. Antacid therapy may be less effective when used for this type of ulcer.

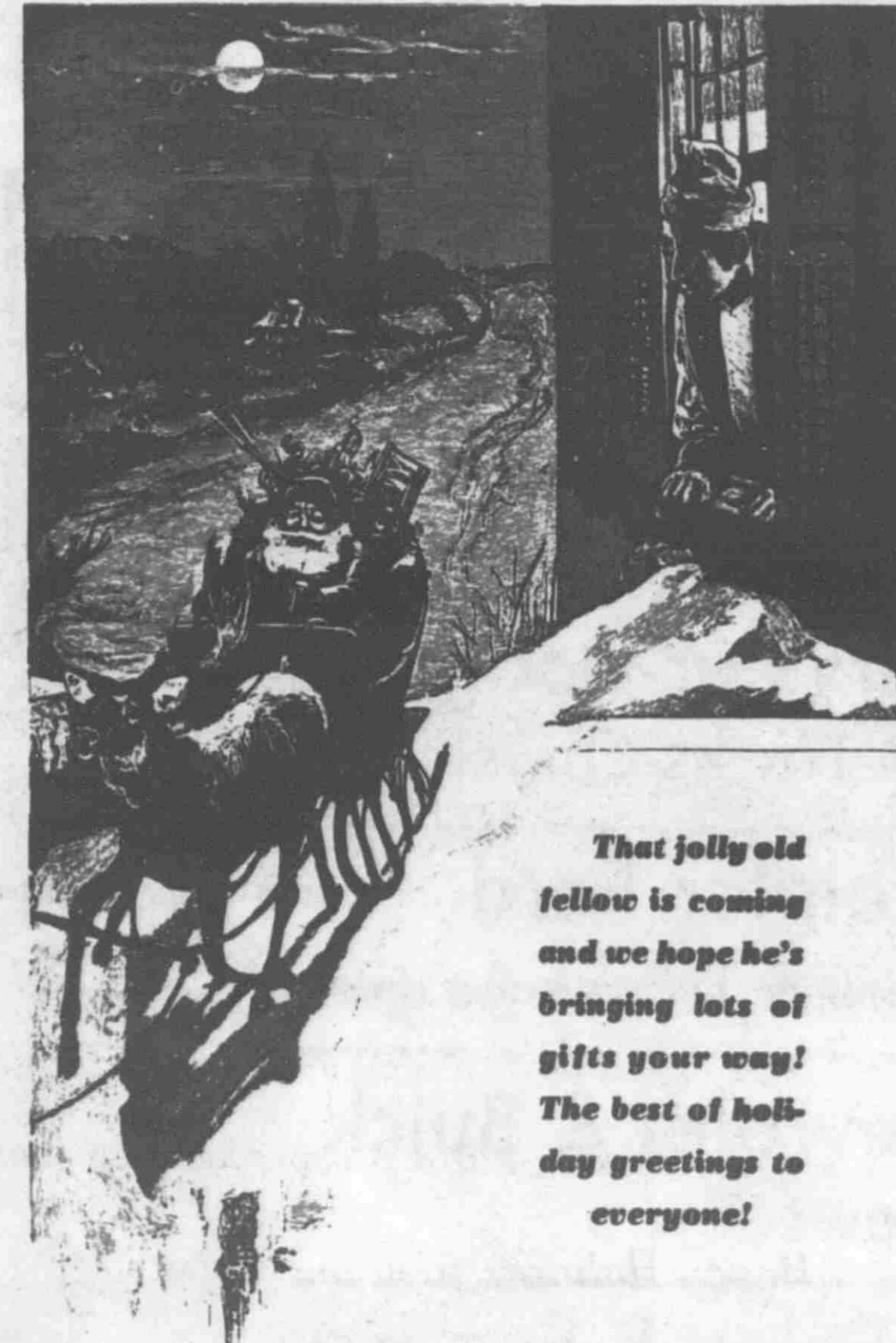
Gastric ulcers are also diagnosed by upper G.I. x-rays or endoscopy as described last week. Because the incidence of cancer is much great in gastric ulcers, endoscopy is almost always performed to rule out cancer. Multiple biopsies are usually taken. A patient with gastric ulcers will usually have another x-ray or endoscopy performed after six to eight weeks of therapy to assure adequate healing.

Like patients with duodenal ulcers, gastric ulcer patients should also avoid caffeine, aspirin, alcohol and smoking. Antacids and Tagamet® are also used as described last week. A newer drug (Zantac®) similar to Tagamet® can be used with gastric or duodenal ulcers and is taken twice daily. Surgery is necessary for gastric ulcer patients when medical management fails. Usually, a portion of the stomach is removed in these cases.

Prevention of ulcers is important. A nutritious diet, avoidance of nicotine, judicious use of caffeine, alcohol and aspirin products are the mainstays for preventing gastric or duodenal ulcers. Just as important, is the avoidance of stress or the ability to cope with it. The role that stress plays in ulcer formation is not fully understood but it appears to be a significant factor. Tagamet® or Zantac® may also be used to prevent ulcer recurrences and are usually prescribed at bedtime for 3 months or longer.

We welcome any questions and/or comments you may have regarding our weekly column. Please send them to our office at 147 N. Center Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

GREETINGS



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had to do just that, but fortunately no injuries were reported. Lowell Cable Television adds another receiving dish to the roof of its building at Avery and Lafayette. The new dish was necessitated by HBO's move to a different satellite and LCTV's desire to be able to offer the Disney Channel.

In the pre dawn hours of May 7, the five members of the Robert Applegate family, 8523 Bluewater Hwy., owe their lives to the family dog. A fire broke out in their two-story home while they all slept upstairs. The barking of the dog downstairs awoke Robert and his wife Linda. The parents awakened their three children and they all escaped from upstairs windows. The house was completely gutted and the dog that had saved their lives died in the flames.

Jason Barber, a standout senior forward for the 1983-84 Lowell Red Arrow basketball team, is named to WBCH's All Star Team. The Hastings radio station which follows the Lakewood High School's games annually selects all stars from Lakewood's opponents. Barber played well in both meetings and scored the winning basket at the buzzer in the second game. The Lowell Varsity Girls Softball Team wins a tournament hosted by East Grand Rapids High School. The girls earned their first place trophy with wins over Rogers, Union and Rockford.

The Lowell Parks Commission unveiled ambitious plans for the city's parks at the May 21 meeting of the Lowell City Council. The Parks Commission worked for several months designing improvements for

Richards, Recreation and West Side Parks. The group also proposed the construction of three soccer fields on the property just east of the Flat River and north of the Grand recently purchased by the city. In Richards Park, the group proposed the installation of more trees and playground equipment. The commissioners recommended that the city complete a four diamond softball complex in the West Side Park on Gee Drive. The most ambitious plans were for Recreation Park. The commissioners envisioned renovation of the Foreman Building into a structure usable for an exhibition hall year round, 350 car paved parking lot, improved camping facilities, paved streets for the Gus Macker Tournament and other uses and a new boat ramp and rest room facilities near the river.

Speaking on behalf of his brother Scott, alias "Gus Macker", Mitch McNeal asked for the City Council's permission to again hold their annual tournament on the city streets. The "Macker" had been slated to be held on the Middle School parking lot, but several problems with that idea necessitated the request to keep the tournament in the streets. The council okayed the request.

A renowned photographer and long time Lowell resident, Norton Louis Avery, dies at age 90. Rex Collins retires from the Lowell Post Office on March 18 with 35 years of carrying the mail behind him.

Lousy weather nearly destroys the second annual WCUZ/Budweiser Showboat Benefit Weekend. High winds and rain caused the Gary Morris show to be moved into the High School Gym, cancelled out the Showboat Rides and affected all fund raising aspects of the weekend. The weekend which netted over \$12,000 last year would fall at least \$10,000 short of that figure in 1984.

The newly organized Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce elects new officers. Elected to the nine member board were Dr.

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Media all star basketball game Jan. 9

The Lowell Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a Media-Basketball game Wednesday, January 9, 1985 at 7:30 in the Lowell High School Gym. Admission will be \$1.50 per adult and \$1.00 per student. For a change of pace, come watch the Kent County area radio, T.V. and press celebrities play B-ball against staff and coaches from the high school and middle school. Steve Knight & Ken Coble - TV 13; Glenn Eckelkamp, Neal Moore and Mike

Murphy - TV8; Gary Bond and Larry Glenn Owens - Grand Rapids Press; Tom McCleary and Kevin Reynolds - WCUZ; Larry Olek - WXQT and Jeff Brown - WLHT.

Ken Akers, Gary Griffin, Scott Vashaw, Dale Latva, Kurt Holzhueter, Dick Korb, Mark Russell and Laurie Kuna have come forward to challenge the Media All Stars.

Officiating will be Bob Rodenhous and Jim DeWeerd

and announcing will be Gordon Gould. Come join us on January 9 for an evening of fun and also support the Boosters with your attendance.

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Fritz Esch, Henry VanderVen, Gerald Patton, John Curtis, Jim Doyle, James Maatman, Bob Pfaller, Duane Lambert and Charles Myers. Patton would later be selected by the group to serve as President.

Joseph Spendow, 32, a Grattan Township resident is killed when he was struck by an oncoming auto head-on while riding his motorcycle. The accident happened on Murray Lake Ave., on June 14. Pat Fonger is recognized by the Postal Service for her quick thinking and assistance to a stroke victim she encountered while on her route. At their June 18 meeting the Lowell City Council okays several improvements to the city's parks. Money was allocated by the council to "farm grade" proposed softball fields at West Side Park and to establish grades at the East Side Park where the construction of three soccer fields is proposed.

Lowell's McDonalds Restaurant opens its doors on June 26. Area dignitaries attended the ribbon cutting ceremony in which the ribbon was constructed of 100 \$1.00 bills that were donated to the Lowell Showboat. Over 100 people lined up for the restaurant to open at 10:00 A.M.

JUNE

Four candidates vie for two vacant seats on the Lowell School Boards. R. Stanley Williams, Diana Fulkerson, Jo Murphy and Wayne Dowling toss their hats in the ring. News of a \$390,000 addition to Superior Furniture Company comes out when the firm asks for tax relief on the addition under public act 198. Representing the firm, Bill Lee was granted 50% relief for 12 years by the City Council at their June 4 meeting. The 1984 graduating class of L.H.S. donate \$300 left in their treasury to the Lowell Showboat.

Junior, Phyllis Beachler and seniors, Kathleen Beachler and Chris Ellison were named to the Tri-River All Conference Girl's Softball Team. The Lowell Rotary Club names Wendell Christoff as this year's "Paul Harris Fellow" and Ival Paulsen as the Rotary Man of the Year.

The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair announces its plans for its 50th Year. Stated for July 30 through August 4, the fair will feature additional decoration, themes for each day and a performance by the Thrasher Brothers.

The Lowell Area Schools adopt their 1984-85 budget at their June 11 meeting while Wayne Dowling and Jo Murphy are elected to seats on the board in an election that only turned out 392 of the district's approximately 10,000 voters.

Three long term teachers in the Lowell system announce their retirements. They are Mar-

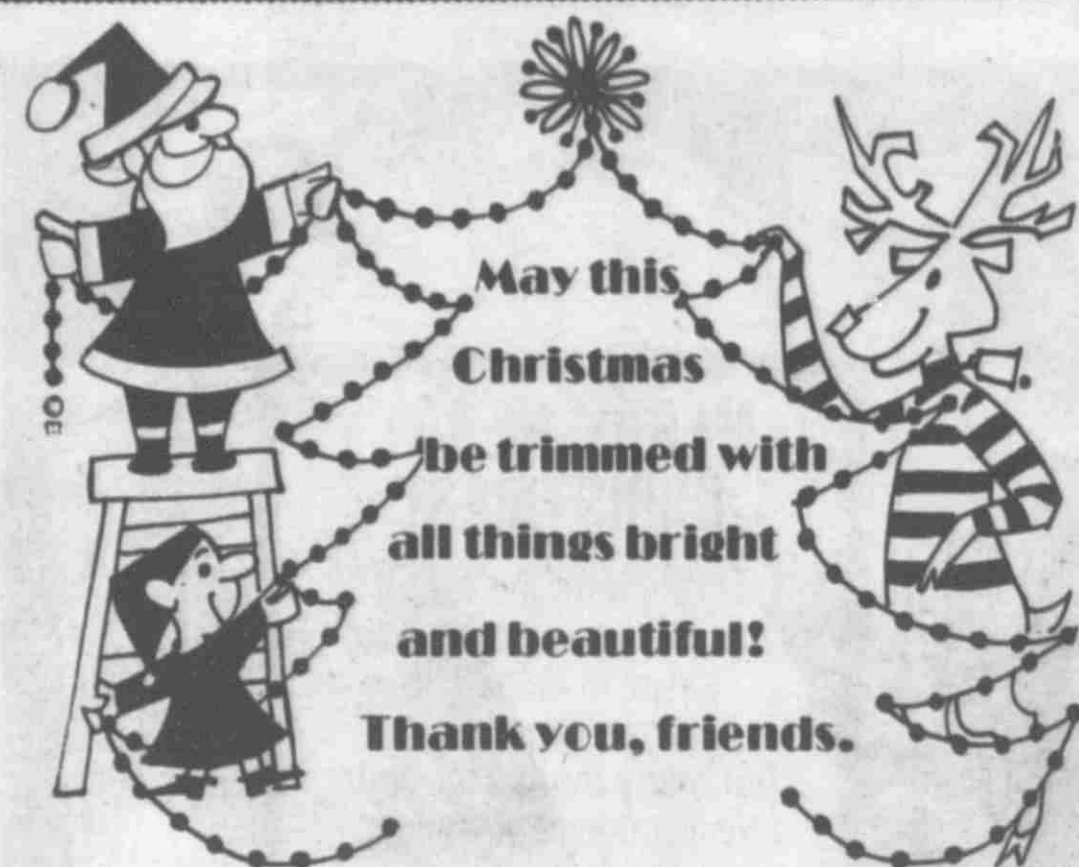
jorie Richards, Betty Yeiter and Margaret McMahon. Collectively the trio worked 73 years in Lowell schools.

Superior Furniture Co. invited local officials to a groundbreaking ceremony for their new \$390,000 addition on June 25. The company was purchased by Bill Lee, Sr. in 1936 and has manufactured high quality cherry furniture ever since. The addition is necessitated by a good demand for the company's products.

JULY

The Lowell Rotary Club swears in its new officers for 1984-85. Robert DeBoer will serve as president during this term. Dr's. Bruce Langlois and Mark Teachman purchase the Lowell Veterinary Clinic from Dr. James Main. The new Veterinarians are both 25 years old and 1984 graduates of M.S.U.'s School of Veterinary Medicine. Main plans to further his education while Langlois and Teachman announce plans to build a new Veterinary Clinic just west of Lowell.

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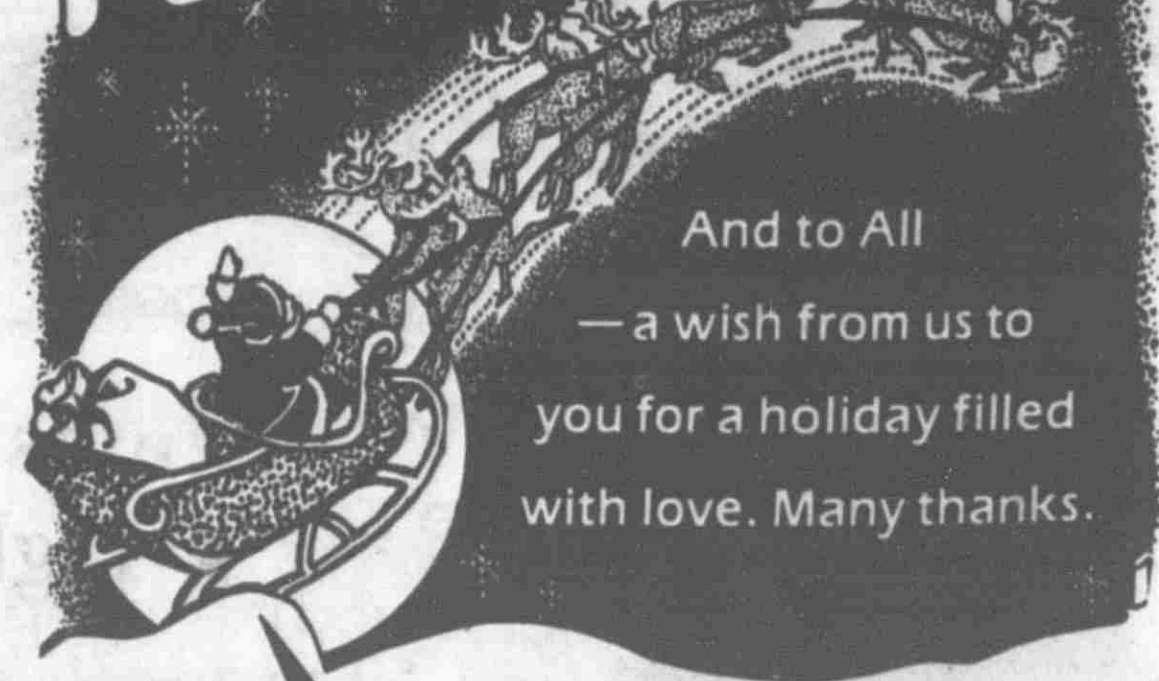
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It'll be a time of champagne, streamers and hee haws when "Hee Haw" stars Buck Owens (L) and Roy Clark spend New Year's Eve in Nashville, Tenn. The singing buckaroos will croon and swoon in the syndicated "Happy New Year from Opryland," airing Monday, Dec. 31.

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WUHQ	Battle Creek, MI	2 (4)
WXMI	Grand Rapids, MI	2 (7)
WLNS	Lansing, MI	2 (8)
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WOTV	Grand Rapids, MI	2 (8)
WILX	Jackson, MI	2 (10)
WGVC	Allendale, MI	2 (9)
WKAR	E Lansing, MI	2 (2)
WZZM	Grand Rapids, MI	2 (18)
HBO	Home Box Office	2 (HBO)
WTBS	Atlanta, GA	2 (18)
CINEMAX	Cinemax	2 (MAX)
USA	USA Network	2 (2)
DISNEY	Disney Channel	2 (2)
CBN	CBN Cable Netwrk	2 (2)
WGN	Chicago, IL	2 (2)
ESPN	Sports Network	2 (2)
CNN	Cable News Ntwrk	2 (2)
NICK/ARTS	Nickelodeon	2 (2)

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FRIDAY

FRIDAY 12/28/84

- MORNING
5:00 [HBO] Johnny Cash's America - A Special Benefit Performance
5:30 Mazda SportsLook
6:30 [HBO] Minsers
6:30 [MAX] MOVIE: 'Specialhunters: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone'

FRIDAY'S MOVIES

- FRIDAY 12/28/84
6:30AM [MAX] - 'Specialhunters: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone'
7:30AM [HBO] - 'Raggy Man'
8:00AM [MAX] - 'The Passionate Friends'

- AFTERNOON
12:00 [HBO] Olivia Newton-John in Concert
12:30 [MAX] MOVIE: 'Bill'
1:00 [MAX] MOVIE: 'The Storm Country'

- FRIDAY 12/28/84
6:30AM [MAX] - 'Specialhunters: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone'
7:30AM [HBO] - 'Raggy Man'
8:00AM [MAX] - 'The Passionate Friends'

- Newsnight Update
Kathy Mantelish
[IMAX] MOVIE: 'Maneaters Are Loose'

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SATURDAY

SATURDAY 12/29/84

- MORNING
5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Twelve Chairs'
5:30 [MAX] MOVIE: 'The Hustler'

- SATURDAY'S MOVIES
5:00AM [HBO] - 'Twelve Chairs'
6:00AM [MAX] - 'To Race the Wind'

- SATURDAY 12/29/84
5:00AM [HBO] - 'Twelve Chairs'
6:00AM [MAX] - 'To Race the Wind'

- Chipmunks
[IMAX] MOVIE: 'The Hustler'
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- SATURDAY'S MOVIES
5:00AM [HBO] - 'Twelve Chairs'
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- SATURDAY 12/29/84
5:00AM [HBO] - 'Twelve Chairs'
6:00AM [MAX] - 'To Race the Wind'

- [CC] MOVIE: 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks'
[IMAX] MOVIE: 'The Hustler'

- SATURDAY'S MOVIES
5:00AM [HBO] - 'Twelve Chairs'
6:00AM [MAX] - 'To Race the Wind'

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SATURDAY CONT.

- 7:30 17 America's Choice
18 Rose Bowl Preview
19 Good Neighbors
20 Great Chfs/New Orleans
21 Tea Close for Comfort
22 Coming Attractions
23 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Return of Frank James'

- 10:00 31 Cover Up
32 Supreme Court of the United States
33 Football '84: Aloha Bowl - SMU vs. Notre Dame from Honolulu, Hawaii
34 Partners in Crime
35 Mystery! (CC)
36 IMAI MOVIE: 'Breathless'

- 10:30 Sunnyside
11:00 37 News
38 M*A*S*H
39 Soap
40 Tales from the Darkside
41 IMAI MOVIE: 'Hanna'

- 11:30 42 Star Trek
43 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Boys from Brazil'
44 Former Nazis plan to rise again to world power through a diabolical scientific plan. Lawrence Sanders, Gregory Peck, 1978.
45 Star Search
46 MOVIE: 'Benji Hackett'

- 12:00 47 IMAI MOVIE: 'Cross Creek'
48 Handmade in America
49 Monty Python Flying Circus
50 Hogan's Heroes
51 Night Flight
52 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Survivors'

- 12:30 53 Star Trek
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SUNDAY

- 5:00 47 New Wilderness
48 Westbrook Hospital
49 Sports Review
50 IMAI MOVIE: 'Not Necessarily the News'

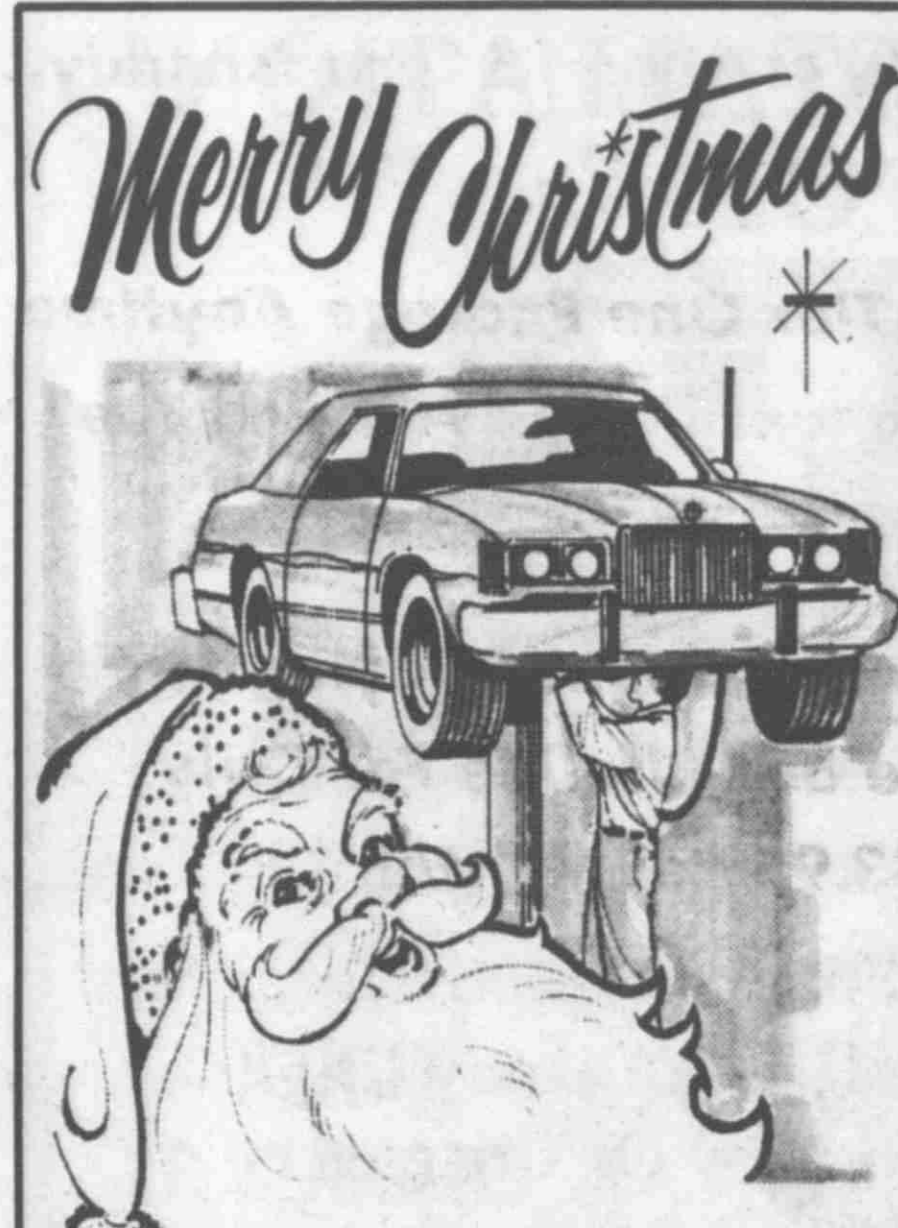
- 7:15 51 To Be Announced
52 King Leonardo
53 Jerry Falwell
54 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Onion Field'

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56 King Leonardo
57 Jerry Falwell
58 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Onion Field'

- 7:45 59 What's Nu?
60 Channel 3 Clubhouse
61 Rev. Stanley
62 Rex Humbard
63 Dudley Do-Right
64 Sesame Street

- 8:00 65 Jimmy Swaggart
66 IMAI MOVIE: 'To Be or Not to Be'

- 8:30 67 Sun/Service
68 Wesleyan Singers
69 Oral Roberts
70 Uncle Waldo
71 Robert Schuller
72 Lost in Space
73 Welcome to Pooh Corner
74 Crossfire



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SUNDAY'S MOVIES

- 7:00AM IMAI MOVIE: 'Kiss Me Kate'
8:00AM IMAI MOVIE: 'To Be or Not to Be'
9:00AM IMAI MOVIE: 'Gandhi'

- 10:00AM IMAI MOVIE: 'The Earthling'
11:00AM IMAI MOVIE: 'The Earthling'

- 12:00PM IMAI MOVIE: 'Diplomatic Courier'
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- 2:00PM IMAI MOVIE: 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'
3:00PM IMAI MOVIE: 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'

- 4:00PM IMAI MOVIE: 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'
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SUNDAY CONT.

- Small 23 Bach Christmas Oratorio: New Year's Cantata
24 Backdraft Files
25 MOVIE: 'Sara's Summer of Swans'

- 7:15 26 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Princess and the Peas'
27 MOVIE: 'Jesse James at Bay'

- 7:30 28 IMAI MOVIE: 'The Princess and the Peas'
29 MOVIE: 'Jesse James at Bay'

- 5:30 30 IMAI MOVIE: 'Kiss Me Kate'
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SPORTS AT A GLANCE...

FRIDAY
12/28/84

- 5:30AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 9:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 9:30AM (26) - 1984 Bud Light U.S. Triathlon Series
- 10:30AM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 11:30AM (26) - Skiing American Style
- 12:00PM (26) - 1984 NCAA Division I Soccer Championship from Seattle, WA
- 2:00PM (26) - PKA Full Contact Karate - World Lightweight Championship
- 3:30PM (26) - Top Rank Boxing from Atlantic City, NJ
- 4:00PM (26) - ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
- 6:30PM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 7:00PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 7:30PM (26) - NFL's Greatest Moments
- 8:00PM (4) (11) (13) - Gator Bowl: Oklahoma State vs. South Carolina
- 8:30PM (26) - College Basketball: Georgetown vs. North Carolina A&T from San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 9:00PM (26) - PFB Arm Wrestling
- 9:30PM (26) - Pro Soccer: Chicago at Kansas City
- 10:00PM (26) - Friday Night Bowling
- 10:30PM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Men's Super Giant Slalom from Madonna, Italy
- 11:30PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:00AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 12:30AM (26) - PKA Full Contact Karate: Welterweight World Championship
- 2:00AM (26) - Road Racing
- 2:30AM (16) (HBO) - Champions on Ice
- 3:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 3:30AM (26) - Top Rank Boxing from Atlantic City, NJ

SATURDAY
12/29/84

- 5:30AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 6:00AM (26) - Skiing American Style
- 6:30AM (16) (HBO) - Champions on Ice
- 7:00AM (26) - Auto Racing '84: World Rally Championship
- 8:00AM (26) - ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
- 8:30AM (26) - Road Racing
- 9:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 9:30AM (17) - Championship Wrestling from Georgia
- 10:00AM (17) - Championship Wrestling
- 10:30AM (26) - College Basketball: Georgetown vs. North Carolina A&T from San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 12:00PM (26) - SportsCenter Plus
- 12:30PM (6) (8) - NFL Today
- (10) - NFL '84
- (26) - College Basketball Tournament: Consolation Game and Finals
- 1:00PM (6) (8) - NFL's Greatest Moments: Playoff '84
- (9) - NFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- (10) - AFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- 1:30PM (8) - AFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- (9) - Hang Gliding Around/World
- 2:00PM (3) (4) - NFL Today
- (26) - World Cup Skiing: Men's Super Giant Slalom from Madonna, Italy
- 2:30PM (3) (4) - NFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- 3:00PM (26) - Cart Auto Racing Awards
- 4:00PM (26) - Boxing: Future Champions
- 4:30PM (26) - Boxing Special: 1984 - A Year of Change
- 5:30PM (3) (4) - NFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- 7:00 - SportsCenter
- 6:00PM (17) - World Championship Wrestling
- 6:30PM (16) (HBO) - Champions on Ice
- 8:00PM (5) (17) (17) - Hall of Fame Bowl College Football: Wisconsin vs. Kentucky
- (26) - College Football '84: Aloha Bowl - SMU vs. Notre Dame from Honolulu, Hawaii
- 12:00AM (26) - College Football '84: Aloha Bowl - SMU vs. Notre Dame from Honolulu, Hawaii
- 6:00 3:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 6:30 4:00AM (26) - Numero Uno
- 4:30AM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Men's Super Giant Slalom from Madonna, Italy

SUNDAY
12/30/84

- 6:00AM (26) - PKA Full Contact Karate - World Middleweight Championship
- 7:30AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 8:00AM (26) - College Football '84: Aloha Bowl from Honolulu, Hawaii
- 12:00PM (8) - Bowling
- 1:00P (26) - All American Wrestling
- 12:30PM (3) (3) (6) (6) - NFL Today
- (8) (10) (10) - NFL '84
- 2:00P (26) - NFL's Greatest Moments
- 2:30P (3) (3) (6) (6) - NFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- 3:00P (8) (8) (10) (10) - AFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- 4:00P (26) - Bodybuilding: 1984 Mr. Universe Competition from Las Vegas, NV
- 3:00PM (26) - Super Bouts of the 70's
- 4:00PM (3) (3) - NFC Divisional Playoff Game/ or Local Programming
- 8:00PM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 8:30PM (26) - Scotch Sports Special: Sportspage '84
- 6:30PM (26) - Billiards: Trick Shots
- 7:00PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 8:00PM (17) - NBA Basketball: Boston at Milwaukee
- 9:00PM (26) - Super Bouts of the 70's
- 10:00PM (26) - Superbouts of the 80's
- 11:00PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:00AM (26) - Bodybuilding: 1984 Mr. Universe Competition from Las Vegas, NV
- 11:00P 1:30AM (26) - PFB Arm Wrestling
- 11:30P 2:00AM (26) - Wrestling TNT
- 12:00A (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 3:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:15A (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:30A (26) - SportsCenter
- 1:15AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 1:45AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 2:45AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 3:30AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 4:00AM 5:30AM (26) - 13th Winter Olympiad
- 4:15AM 9:00AM (16) (HBO) - Champions on Ice

FRIDAY
12/28/84

- 10:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- (26) - Auto Racing '84: SCCA Super Vees
- 11:00AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 11:30AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 12:00PM (26) - College Football '84: Aloha Bowl from Honolulu, Hawaii
- 3:00PM (3) (3) - Peach Bowl: Virginia vs. Purdue
- (26) - Scotch Sports Special: Sportspage '84
- 4:30PM (26) - Third Annual Legendary Pocket Billiards Stars
- 5:30PM (26) - Boxing: Future Champions
- 6:00PM (26) - Flutie: Little Big Man
- 6:30PM (16) (HBO) - Champions on Ice
- 7:00PM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 7:30PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 8:00PM (26) - NFL's Greatest Moments
- 8:30PM (5) (17) (17) (47) - Bluebonnet Bowl College Football: Texas Christian vs. West Virginia
- (26) - College Football: 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl - TCU vs. West Virginia from Houston, TX
- 11:30PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:00AM (26) - College Football: 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl - TCU vs. West Virginia from Houston, TX
- 3:30AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 4:00AM (26) - Best Kicks of '84 - PKA Full Contact Karate

TUESDAY
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- 5:00AM (26) - All American Wrestling
- 5:30AM (26) - Cart Auto Racing Awards
- 9:00AM (26) - College Football: 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl - TCU vs. West Virginia from Houston, TX
- 12:00PM (26) - Aerobics-Bodies in Motion
- 12:30PM (26) - NFL's Greatest Moments
- 1:30PM (3) (3) - Cotton Bowl: Boston College vs. Miami
- (8) (8) (10) (10) - Fiesta Bowl: UCLA vs. Miami
- (26) - Scotch Sports Special: Sportspage '84
- 3:00PM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Men's Super Giant Slalom from Madonna, Italy
- 4:30PM (8) (8) (10) (10) - Pro-Game Show
- (26) - Super Bouts of the 70's
- 4:45PM (8) (8) (10) (10) - Best Work USC vs. Ohio State
- 5:30PM (26) - The World of Auto Racing: 1984's Dashes and Smashes
- 6:30PM (26) - Auto Racing '84
- 7:00PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 7:30PM (26) - Boxing: Future Champions
- 8:00PM (8) (8) (10) (10) - Sugar Bowl: Nebraska vs. Louisiana State
- (8) (8) (10) (10) - Orange Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Washington
- 9:00PM (26) - Prime Time Wrestling
- (26) - Super Bouts of the 70's
- 10:00PM (26) - Scotch Sports Special: Sportspage '84
- 10:30PM (26) - Auto Racing: All American Championship Finals
- 10:30PM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 11:30PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:00AM (26) - Boxing Special: 1984 - A Year of Change
- 12:30AM (26) - PFB Arm Wrestling
- 1:00AM (26) - Auto Racing: ARCA 150
- 2:00AM (26) - Auto Racing '84: SCCA Super Vees
- 2:30AM (26) - World Cup of Golf
- 3:00AM (26) - Auto Racing '84
- 3:30AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 4:00AM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 4:30AM (26) - Boxing: Future Champions
- 4:30AM (26) - Auto Racing '84: Formula One - World Driving Championship

WEDNESDAY
1/2/85

- 9:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 9:30AM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Men's Super Giant Slalom from Madonna, Italy
- 11:00AM (26) - Auto Racing '84: World Rally Championship
- 12:00PM (26) - Aerobics-Bodies in Motion
- 12:30PM (26) - Top Rank Boxing from Atlantic City, NJ
- 3:00PM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 4:00PM (26) - Tennis: AT&T Challenge of Champions - Challenge Match - Jimmy Connors vs. Jimmy Arias
- 6:30PM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 7:00PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 7:30PM (26) - NFL's Greatest Moments
- 8:00PM (5) (17) - College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan
- (8) - Hockey: Kalamazoo vs. Muskegon
- (17) - College Basketball: Auburn at Kentucky
- (17) - College Basketball: Syracuse at Villanova
- (26) - College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan
- (26) - College Basketball: North Carolina at Maryland
- 10:00PM (26) - SportsCenter
- 12:00AM (26) - College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan
- 2:00AM (26) - College Basketball: Syracuse at Villanova
- 2:30AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 3:00AM (26) - Tennis: AT&T Challenge of Champions from Las Vegas, NV - Day 1

THURSDAY
1/3/85

- 5:00AM (26) - Vintage Football Film: The Great Years
- 9:00AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 9:30AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 10:00AM (26) - College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan
- 12:00PM (26) - Aerobics-Bodies in Motion
- 12:30PM (26) - World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill
- 2:00PM (16) (HBO) - Champions on Ice
- 4:00PM (26) - Tennis: AT&T Challenge of Champions - Challenge Match - Ivan Lendl vs. Guillermo Vilas
- 6:30PM (26) - ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
- 7:00PM (26) - SportsCenter



The average time between high tide and low tide is six hours.



The first recorded flood of the Mississippi River took place on March 18, 1543.

- 7:30PM (26) - ESPN's Speedweek
- 8:00PM (17) - NBA Basketball: Washington at Cleveland
- (26) - College Basketball: Mississippi State at Alabama
- (26) - NFL's Great Moments
- 8:30PM (26) - Top Rank Boxing from Atlantic City, NJ
- 11:00PM (26) - College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon State
- 1:00AM (26) - Auto Racing: ARCA 150
- 1:30AM (26) - Mazda SportsLook
- 2:00AM (26) - College Basketball: Mississippi State at Alabama
- 2:30AM (26) - SportsCenter
- 3:00AM (26) - ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
- 3:30AM (26) - Tennis: AT&T Challenge of Champions from Las Vegas, NV - Day 2

DAYTIME

MORNING AFTERNOON

- 5:00 (26) Varied Programs
- (26) Crossfire
- 5:30 (8) (8) Laverne & Shirley & Co.
- (19) Jim Bakker
- (26) Family Feud
- (26) Perry Mason
- (26) Another Life
- (26) Showbiz Today
- 6:00 (3) (3) Ag-Day
- (41) Morning Stretch
- (8) (8) 20 Minute Workout
- (8) (8) 700 Club
- (8) (8) NBC News at Sunrise
- (13) Jimmy Swaggart
- (13) TBS Morning News
- (13) (MAX) All-Day Movies
- (26) Buzs' 20
- (26) Good Morning Mickey!
- (26) A Study in the Word
- (26) Star Search
- (26) Business Times on ESPN
- (26) Daybreak
- 6:30 (26) (26) CBS Early Morning News
- (26) ABC News This Morning
- (19) NBC News at Sunrise
- (26) (26) Hooked on Aerobics
- (13) ABC News (CC)
- (26) SuperStation Funtime
- (26) Mickey Mouse Club
- (26) Ramper Room
- (26) Faith 20
- (13) News
- 6:45 (3) (3) (8) CBS Morning News
- (8) (8) (13) Good Morning America
- (17) Caper
- (17) Tennessee Tunes
- (1) (1) (1) Today
- (26) (26) Varied Programs
- (26) USA Cartoon Express
- (26) Good Morning Mickey!
- (26) Superbook
- (26) Muppet Show
- (26) Adventures of Black Beauty
- (17) Fel Albert
- (17) Underdog
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Thursdays is named for the Teutonic god Thor.

Heat Bank program offered again this year

Because many local people face the threat of a winter without heat, the Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross is administering the Heat Bank program again this year.

The program is a program designed primarily to help fixed-income or low-income households pay their heating bills. It will focus on senior citizens, 60 or over, and handicapped individuals whose service has been turned off for non-payment or who have received a shut-off notice. Long term unemployed persons may also qualify for Heat Bank assistance.

Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and General Assistance (GA) recipients are not eligible for Heat Bank aid because they are eligible for special heating assistance through the Department of Social Services.

Heat Bank begins on January 7, 1985, and will operate from 9:00 A.M. to noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Red Cross chapter house, 1050 Fuller, N.E.

To avoid long waits, every applicant for Heat Bank assistance must call the Heat Bank at 454-4511 for an appointment. No walk-in service will be available.

The program is funded through contributions received from MichCon customers and stockholders as well as from the general public.

All funds received by MichCon for Heat Bank will be distributed to the needy and will not be used by MichCon or by

the Red Cross for overhead or administration costs. Red Cross volunteers have been trained as telephone screeners and caseworkers and are available to answer questions about Heat Bank eligibility. Anyone needing information about Heat Bank should call 454-4511 after January 7.

The year in review, con't.

The weather cooperated and the 1984 Fourth of July Celebration in Recreation Park was a whopping success. Organizer, Noreen Martin said that attendance was down a bit because many people had to work the next day, Thursday, but all in all it was great fun.

Dawn Condon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Condon of 13297 3 Mile Rd., Lowell, is named as the queen of the Wyoming Rodeo. The Lowell School Board re-elects Roger Kropf as its president. Chris VanAntwerp is appointed as vice-president, Sandy Nagas as secretary and Wayne Dowling as Treasurer.

The annual "Gus Macker" Tournament hosted 470 - four person teams, up from 391 teams the year before. The Tournament held over the July 12, 13 and 14 weekend drew thousands of players and spectators with few problems. The introduction of "Gusbusters" (court monitors) helped ease some of the problems created by over zealous teams in the past. Necie Sparks is crowned "Miss Macker".

The moving of the huge three story Olive McQueen home from the corner of Main and Washington Streets to a new location around the corner on Kent St. drew lots of sidewalk superintendents and rated a picture in the Ledger. The Property was purchased by the State Savings Bank and the house sold to Harold Ball.

Following months of work by the Lowell Planning Commission, several public hearings and publication in the Ledger, a new zoning map for the city's west side is unanimously approved by the Lowell City Council.

Root-Lowell Corporation donates a used company pickup truck filled to overflowing with Root-Lowell products to Honey Creek Christian Homes. The products would be auctioned off at Honey Creek's annual Country Fair. The truck will be used for maintenance on their sprawling campus.

Rubber Stamps & Engraved Signs made to order, 897-9261.

GOOD TIDINGS

Let the bells ring with the tidings of the Season Happy Holidays!!!

LOWELL GRANITE COMPANY

306 E. Main, Lowell

Warm Wishes

After some volleying the City Council agrees to vacate portions of Lafayette Kent Streets running through King Milling Co. property east of the Flat River and south of Main St. in exchange for a long term lease on the King owned parking lot on Main St. The issue was finally decided at the August 6 meeting of the City Council.

Lowell's William Doyle is elected in the August 7 primary election to be the Republican nominee for our County Commission seat in the upcoming November election. Doyle out-poled two other candidates for the nomination.

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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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GARY'S COUNTRY MEATS
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THE HOLLOW
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Here are wishes expressly for our many friends: the happiest of holidays and the best of everything! Thanks for your patronage.

King Milling Company
- Lowell -



LOWELL COMMUNITY EDUCATION 1984-85 Second Semester Schedule

Earn a diploma - it can make a difference! The Adult High School Completion Program is FREE to all non-graduates and to grads who are not yet 20 years old. They are also free to Senior Citizens. Others may take classes for a \$30 fee; (welding is \$45). Classes begin the week of January 28 and run from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. for 17 weeks. To register, call Marge at 897-8434 or visit the Community Education office in the Lowell High School. Classes offered are:

Monday
Math
English I
Computer Programming
Nurse Aide
Government
Algebra
Auto Mechanics

Tuesday
U.S. History
Small Engine Repair
Computer Programming
Biology

Wednesday
Art
Psychology
Woodworking
English II
Accounting
Word Processing

Thursday
Furniture Upholstery
GED Prep
Remedial Reading
Typing I & II
Welding
Computer Programming

KENT SKILLS CENTER

Class cards are available on a first come, first served basis beginning January 7. Call Marge at 897-8434 or come to the Community Ed Office.

The year in review, con't.

An August 18 car accident claims the life of Craig S. Eley, 21. Eley was a 1981 graduate of Lowell High School and a student at Utah State University. He was home visiting during the summer.

At their August 20 meeting the Lowell City Council granted 12 year 50% tax breaks to King Milling Co. for a new 500,000 bushel grain bin and to Metric Manufacturing for the construction of a new foundry at their Foreman St. location.

A warehouse at the corner of Main and Broadway that had been condemned by the City Council earlier in the year, was razed by the owners.

Alzheimer disease sufferer Angela Trotter, 76, is discovered to be missing from Cumberland Manor where she had been a resident since October of 1983. Trotter was last seen at about 3:30 on August 23, and was reported missing later that day. Sheriff's Department Deputies and volunteers scour the area for days using horses, dogs, divers and a helicopter, but no clues are turned up.

August 31 would have been the 92nd birthday of the late Helen Look Daley who left roughly \$1.5 million to the City of Lowell and the Lowell Congregational Church. In a Ledger article re-capping how the money had been used to date it was noted that much of the city's share has been used to restore the Library building, buy rescue equipment and repair the King Memorial Pool, while never touching the principal. The church's portion has been used for scholarships, purchased property and donated to a host of charitable causes.

For the second time in a year severe winds lashed the Lowell area. This time the high winds caused tremendous damage to several area businesses. Eberhards Food Store suffered approximately \$100,000 in damage according to store manager Jeff Hendrick. The high winds ripped off a good portion of the store's roof allowing heavy rains to pour in damaging about \$30,000 in inventory. Across the street winds blew out a huge

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cozy corner

by Roger Brown

It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That is why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun . . .

New York, N.Y.
September 8, 1897

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it is so". Please tell me the truth -- is there a Santa Claus?

Yours Truly
Virginia O'Hanlon

Francis B. Church's response is as timely today as it was in 1897, perhaps more so. Here is his answer to Virginia's question . . .

YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed!
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age - they do not believe except what they see - they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable their existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus - the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there - nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world."

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love or romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond."

"Is it all real? - ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! - he lives, and he lives forever - a thousand years from now, Virginia, any, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Try some profitable new year's resolutions

New Year's resolutions that are unrealistic usually fall by the wayside even before January is over. The Michigan Association of CPAs suggests some financial resolutions that are practical and worth considering. Try one resolution a month. See if you're not financially better off by the end of the year.

1. THINK BIG. Too often people dribble their dollars away on inconsequential things, then wonder why there's nothing left for a vacation or a major expenditure, like a personal computer. Set priorities, spend on what's important, learn to live without trivial items.

2. PLAN AHEAD. Planning is the key to sound money management. Set goals for next year for five years, and even further out. Set up a realistic budget to reach these goals. You'll be surprised how good you feel to find yourself nearing those goals.

3. KEEP RECORDS. Set up a simple system or envelopes of files so that you have at your fingertips financial information for budgeting, tax planning, investing or securing loans.

4. FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE WORTH. Add up your asset: your house, car, personal possessions. Then total your liabilities: the mortgage, other outstanding debts. Subtract liabilities from assets; the result is your net worth. Revise this personal financial statement every year. It can help you set goals, get a loan or get started in a business.

5. START BUILDING A CAPITAL BASE. Too often we live from paycheck to paycheck, without building capital. No matter how little you invest, invest something in high-yield accounts.

6. DON'T GIVE THE IRS AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN. Do you look forward to a hefty refund at tax time? If so, you're not planning properly. Avoid those refunds - they actually cost you money. Have less withheld from your paycheck, invest it yourself, rather than letting the government use it - and earn interest on it - for a year.

7. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL TAX BREAKS. Contribute to a tax deductible or tax-deferred account, like an IRA (or a Keogh if you're self employed). Educate yourself about deductions you're entitled to whenever you incur expenses for your job,

your school, your health - whatever.

8. DON'T PLAY DUMB ABOUT MONEY AND LET YOUR SPOUSE DO ALL THE WORK. A head-in-the-sand attitude is irresponsible and costly. No matter who works, you should both share in the planning and decision-making.

9. DON'T USE CREDIT CARDS FOR CONSUMABLES. Credit cards are handy if you pay off the full purchase when the bill is received and when something you want is on sale. Plastic power is good for purchasing assets that increase in value. Always calculate the cost of the interest (figuring in the tax-deductible percentage) against the probable increased cost of the item if you wait until you have cash. Use credit cards for leverage, not for items that will wear out before you have paid for them.

10. SHOP AROUND FOR LOANS. Before you borrow money, compare interest rates and, more importantly, how those rates are calculated. Interest rates can actually cost you more depending upon how it is calculated - as a one time finance charge, or as a periodically compounded rate, (as on most credit cards).

11. REVIEW YOUR FINANCES AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR. The middle and the end of the year are good times to review your personal financial statement and your budget and cash flow worksheet to see if you are on target. If there are changes in your income, expenses, lifestyle or family size, you'll need to rework these figures.

12. DON'T WORRY ABOUT MONEY. If you have control over your finances, if you know where your money goes and you have realistic goals and a workable budget - there's no need to worry. But, if you need professional advice about personal finances or taxes, consult your certified public accountant. Professional help can save money in the long run.

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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas to you, our friends and patrons.

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The year in review, con't.

plate glass window at Thomets Chevrolet and Buick and ripped off a large section of the roof over Venn Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth. Much other severe damage was caused locally when the 70 m.p.h. plus gusts roared through town in the middle of the night.

SEPTEMBER

Margurite "Maggie" MacNaughton passed away on September 4 at age 65. Maggie had been an employee of the Ledger for many, many years and was still working part time as a proof-reader here at the time of her death.

Ronald Finch, football coach at Lowell from 1926 thru 1933 was named to Central Michigan University's Athletic Hall of Fame on September 15. Finch coached for many years at CMU.

Our September 12 issue carried the rather shocking headline, "Lippert sells 13 store chain to Rite-Aid Corporation". The news came as a total surprise to the entire community. Lippert started in the pharmacy business when he purchased the Christensen Drug Store here in 1968.

Over the next sixteen years he built his business to include 13 stores and a central office building. The 1,231 store Rite-Aid chain headquartered in Pennsylvania is aggressively pursuing drug store locations in Michigan and made Lippert an offer that was too attractive to turn down. Rite-Aid also purchased the

Lowell Cable Television announces that it will soon be offering The Disney Channel as an extra fee channel to LCTV subscribers. The Red Arrows fall to

Muir and Remes Drug Store chains at about the same time. Lippert said he plans to remain active and pursue other business interests.

The Lowell Red Arrow gridders take Ionia in the season opener 26-14. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce kicks off a membership drive with a meeting in the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre featuring Nancy Skinner, a Grand Rapids communications specialist popular on the speaking circuit.

Two new businesses open in late September. Modern Mini-Lab and Camera is opened by Jim Maatman and Roger Van-

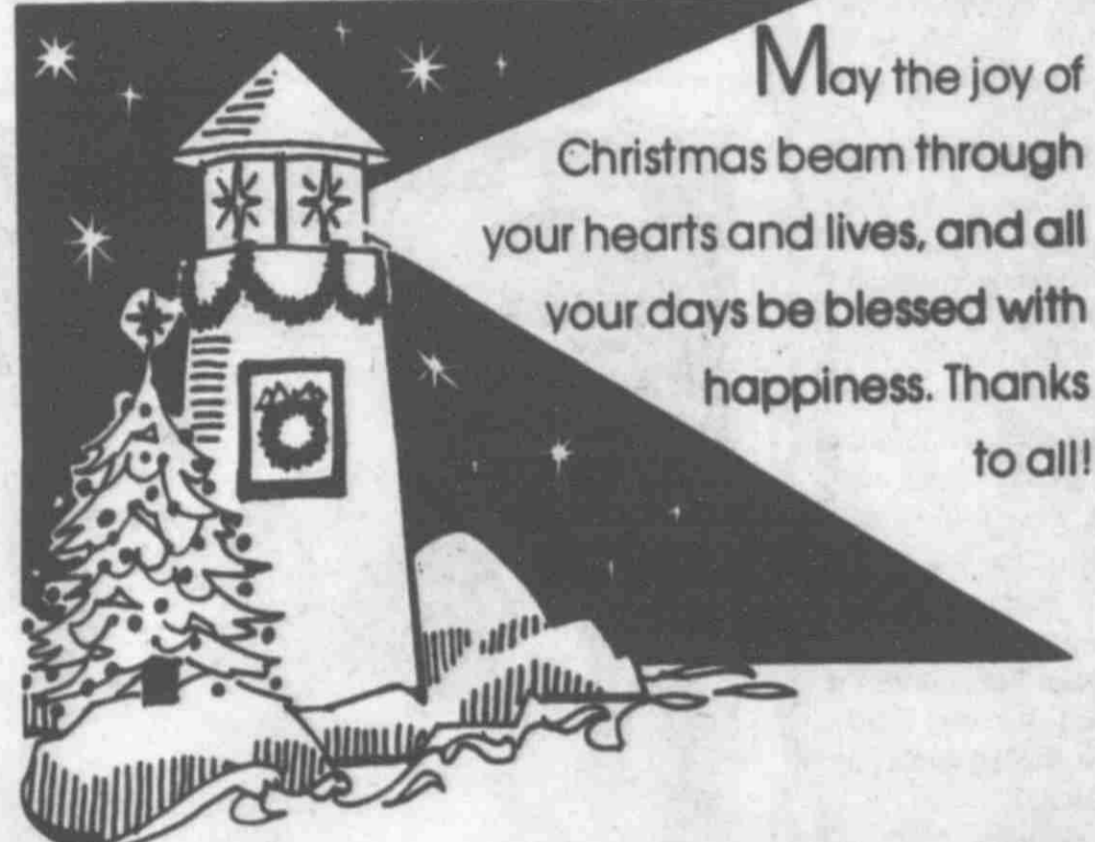
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East Grand Rapids 39-0 in their first game as a member of the O-K White Conference. Fire destroys the James and Tina Pethers residence at 1277 Alden Nash on September 18.

The body of Billy Ray Cloud is found early on September 17 in the driveway of the T.J.'s Restaurant. Cloud lived at the Lowell Motor Inn and had last been seen at Mel's Bar. He apparently died during the walk home. Police ruled out foul play.

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The year in review, con't.



Breetings

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

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Vleck, owners of Modern Photographics and partners in Modern Printing. The new lab features KIS 1-Hour photo developing, cameras and supplies. Tony Ellison opens Front Row Video, a video cassette rental business in the Crystal Flash Mall. Ellison started with about 300 titles and said he would be adding to his selection steadily. Also Curt Albrecht moved his Curt's Sound and Home Arcade Center, a Radio Shack dealer into bigger quarters at 221 West Main St. The new, larger building will allow him to expand his inventory. Meanwhile work is progressing nicely on the new 3,600 sq. ft. Lowell Veterinary Clinic being constructed by Dr's. Bruce Langlois and Mark Teachman.

Lowell Schools Superintendent, Fritz Esch, recommends that the school not pick up soccer as a varsity sport during the October 8 School Board meeting. Backers of the Lowell Soccer Club had asked that the school take it on as a varsity sport. The Red Arrow gridders win their October 5 Homecoming 35-14 over the Kenowa Hills Knights.

Ryan Gould, 12, of 203 S. Jefferson may never catch another fish as big as the 44" Tiger Musky he caught while fishing off his grandparents dock on Murray Lake. Ryan fought the monster for fifteen minutes using a rod and broken reel with 6 pound test line. Charles Lippert is named to the 27 member Board of Trustees on September 24.

After purchasing and razing a home to the south of their main office and purchasing and moving another house to the west, the Lowell State Savings Bank announced plans to begin a major expansion program. The new addition to their present facility will nearly double the floor space of the existing building. The new expansion project will be a boon to customers in that there will be added teller windows, more drive-up lanes and increased parking. Construction began immediately following the October 17 announcement in the Ledger.

OCTOBER

Approximately 100 friends and relatives of the late William "Mr. Bill" Nowak turned out for a ceremony dedicating the Lowell Scout Cabin to his memory. The building was re-named the "Bill Nowak Activities Center" and a bronze plaque commemorating the event was placed near the door.

The Lowell Red Arrows chalk up a win in their new conference by downing Forrest Hills Central 18-6. The girls basketball team dropped a non-conference game to Delton, but came back to win a conference game with East Grand Rapids.

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Capitol Column

by
Senator Dick Posthumus

It's all over but the shouting -- or perhaps it would be more accurate to say the shouting is all over.

With the exception of the "sine die" closing, the 82nd session of the Michigan Legislature has completed its work.

It was a session marked by firsts. For the first time in nearly 20 years, the Governor's office was occupied by a Democrat and for the first time in over a decade, Republicans were in control of the Senate.

Under these conditions, what were the accomplishments of the Michigan Senate?

With Republican control, the Senate initiated the accelerated rollback of the Blanchard 38 percent income tax hike.

The Senate initiated and passed the mandatory seatbelt bill, which was subsequently defeated in the House.

With the Senate leading the way, the Legislature granted more state funding for education this year -- \$64 million more for K-12 and \$12 million more for higher education than either the Governor or the House Democrats had recommended. The Senate also passed a major education reform package that would have greatly enhanced the quality and accountability of Michigan's education system -- but it was allowed to die in the House.

In an effort to address the "waste" problems in Michigan, the Senate voted to place before the voters a \$350 million state bonding proposal to provide funding for the implementation of a solid waste recovery program that would move Michigan away from dependence on landfills and help clean up our groundwater pollution.

Recognizing the seriousness of the crime and prison overcrowding problems, the Senate initiated passage of legislation that would provide \$100 million bonding capacity for the early startup of prison construction throughout the state -- a move which led to additional funds being put into the state's capital outlay prison construction.

Improving the business climate was also a priority during the past session. The Senate approved legislation restoring the "waiting week," which would have saved Michigan businesses millions of dollars per year. We also passed legislation removing

unemployment benefits and research and development credits from the base of the Single Business Tax, another boon to Michigan businesses.

In the area of health care costs containment, the final bill in an eight-bill package setting into law Prudent Purchaser Arrangements (PPAs) was passed during the final days of session.

Senate Republicans also strongly supported a package of bills which would have implemented a wide range of financial institution reforms. The comprehensive package was agreed to by bankers, unions, business leaders and the Governor, but unfortunately died in the House. We did pass an interstate banking and consolidation bill which was sent to the Governor's desk.

This is just a sampling of some of the major issues taken up by the Senate during this session. Obviously, this year has been a busy, productive one for the upper chamber. And with a greater number of Republicans in the House for the next session, we look forward to greater cooperation between the two chambers.

In the interim, we will be resting our voices -- for the next round of shouting.

LETTER POLICY

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Middle school students extend holiday greets to fellow students



Left to right: Carrie Williams, Heather Peckham, Dina Cator, Tina Condon and Shelby Zandstra. Five seventh grade students took it upon themselves to create a holiday bulletin board to extend their season's greeting to their teachers and fellow students.

This year, deer hunters harvested about 129,000 deer throughout Michigan during the November 15-30 regular firearm deer season, according to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologists, making it the eighth largest firearm deer harvest in Michigan history.

"An estimated one of every five firearm deer hunters brought home a deer this year," states DNR Director Ronald O. Skoog. "Compared to past DNR figures, it is the sixth time that firearm deer hunters took more than 100,000 bucks in a season," he adds.

The 1984 deer harvest total of 129,000 includes 101,700 antlered bucks and 27,300 antlerless deer taken. In 1983, the firearm deer season harvest totaled 119,000, with 88,200 bucks and 30,800 antlerless deer taken.

"This year's bucks seem to have carried bigger antlers than last year," says George Burgoyne, DNR wildlife specialist. "This was anticipated, since last year's buck harvest was down due to poor weather the first week of the 1983 season, with a resultant drop in hunt activity, leaving yearling bucks to be harvested this year as two-year olds carrying bigger antlers. In addition," Burgoyne adds, "last winter and spring were reasonably favorable for the development of good racks on this year's yearling bucks."

Estimates of the 1984 firearm deer season harvest, based on a survey by DNR's Wildlife Division, include, in the Upper Peninsula, 18,700 antlered deer and 2,200 antlerless deer; 57,000 antlered and 7,500 antlerless deer in the northern Lower Peninsula; and 26,000 antlered and 17,600 antlerless deer in southern Michigan.

DNR's Law Enforcement Division reports eight fatalities resulting from firearm hunting accidents during the 1984 deer hunting season. This compares to six deer hunting fatalities in 1983.

Some 27 non-fatal accidents related to deer hunting were reported for the season, caused by such factors as careless handling of guns or carrying loaded firearms in vehicles. In 1983, deer hunting accidents reported totaled 38.

A Law Enforcement survey shows arrests made by DNR law enforcement officers during the season amounted to 3,152, compared to 3,413 arrests made during the 1983 deer season.

The survey also reported 608 illegal deer were recovered this year by DNR law enforcement officers. Four hundred seventy-five illegal deer were recovered during the 1983 deer season.

The total number of citizen calls received on DNR's Law

Enforcement "RAP" (Report All Poaching) telephone hotline (1-800-292-7800) in November, 1984 alone, amounted to 2,803 calls. Of those calls, DNR law enforcement officers investigated 1,186 complaints.

While 1984 license sales figures will not be in for some time, DNR Wildlife Division reports estimate more than 700,000 people hunted deer during the firearm season in Michigan this Fall.

Figures on hunter's choice, regular firearm, bow and muzzleloader hunting success for 1984 are still being received and tabulated by DNR Wildlife staff.

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The year in review, con't.

Mary Strauss opened her "White Lace Fashions" ladies apparel shop at 219 W. Main St. The new shop is located in the same building that West's Apparel occupied.

The Lowell Varsity football team knocked off Sparta 45-14 in a conference match-up. The win brought Lowell to a 3-2 record in the OK White and a 4-2 overall.

Cumberland Manor opens its new 20 bed extended care facility in an October 18 ribbon cutting ceremony. Right on the heels of the announcement of the sale of Lippert's Pharmacies two new drug stores announce that they will be opening in Lowell. Hinkley Drugs owned by Mike Hinkley. The Saranac pharmacist said that he would be opening a full service drug store in

Lowell in the near future. Hinkley also has a pharmacy in Portland. Bud's Discount Drugs also announced that they would be opening a discount drug store in the Lowell Eberhards Food Store. Bud's operates pharmacies in several Eberhard Stores.

With several new businesses making announcements and opening during the year, it was disappointing to Lowellites to hear that Haybarkers Floor Covering went out of business in mid-October. Citing economic reason Kraig and his father Leo Haybarker made the painful decision to close their doors.

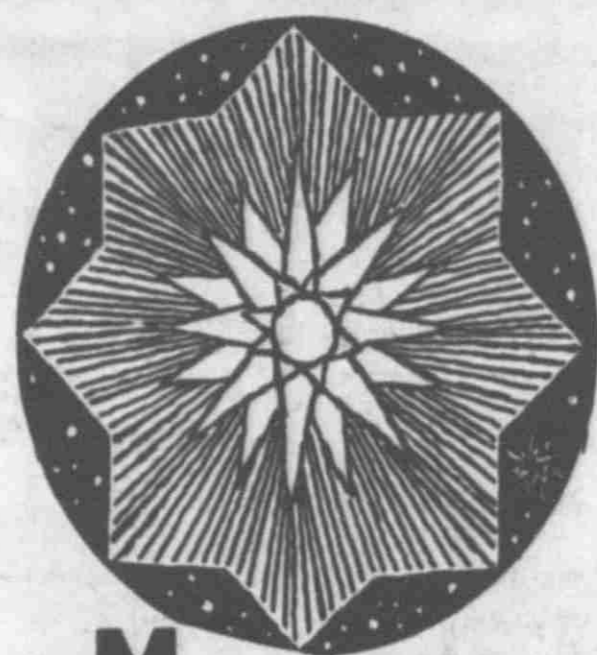
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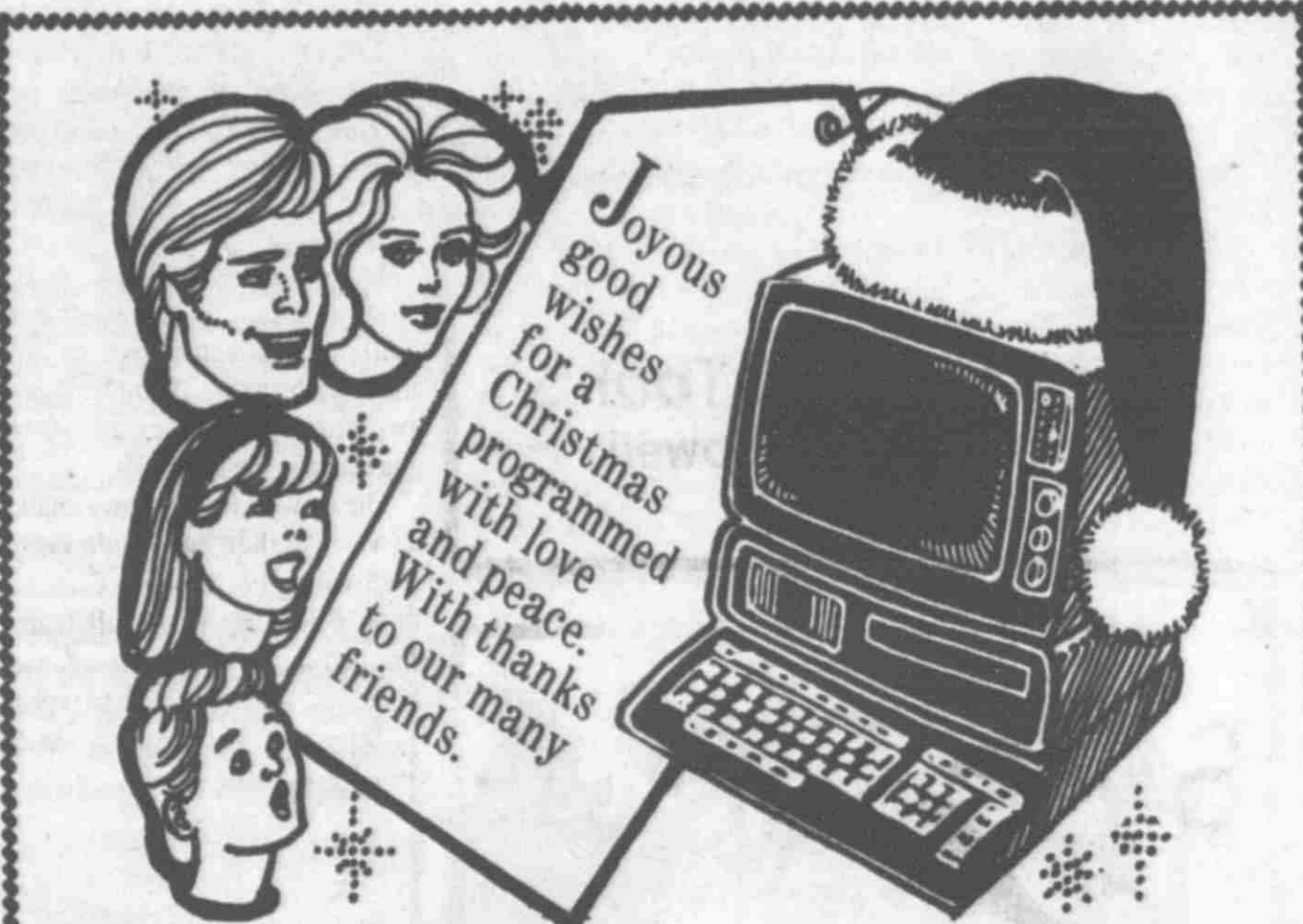
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NOVEMBER

William Doyle wins his bid in the November election for the County Commissioners seat from our district. A poaching incident reported to Lowell Police on November 10 ends in a near head on crash with the suspect car and a Lowell Police cruiser. Marcus Klein, 22, of Cedar Springs was driving the suspect vehicle and suffered serious injuries in the crash. Lowell Reserve Police Officer Brian Anderson and the passenger in the suspect vehicle all suffered minor injuries. Both vehicles were totaled.

Larry Churchill, 45, of 1760 Sibley St., Lowell is arraigned on five counts of criminal sexual conduct first degree. Churchill was accused of sexually molesting at least four children ages 4-6. Churchill was sent to the Kent County Jail to await trial on \$175,000 bond.

The body of Angela Trotter was found by deer hunters on November 15. Trotter disappeared from Cumberland Manor on August 23. Her body was found about 3/4 of a mile to the north in a heavily wooded area. The 76 year-old Trotter suffered

from Alzheimers Disease, an affliction that causes severe loss of memory. Sheriff's Department officials ruled out foul play and speculated that the woman simply wandered off into the woods. The initial search concentrated on an area close to Cumberland Manor because friends and relatives were certain that Trotter's health would not allow her to walk more than a half mile.

Pam Batey of Lot 22, Valley Vista Village, Lowell, was the winner of the Ledger's "First Buck Contest". Batey arrived at our office at 8:15 a.m. on opening day with a 3 point buck she shot that morning while hunting with her husband Lloyd.

Lowell City Manager, Ray Quada, outlined progress on the city's parks program at the November 20 meeting of the Lowell City Council. Richards Park is nearing completion with the planting of several evergreen trees and much work has been completed on the new four diamond softball complex at the West Side Park on Gee Dr. The boat ramp in Recreation Park has been completed and further work on the soccer fields in the park area east of the Flat River and

north of the Grand River is being postponed until a solution is found to providing a safe cross over the C&O Railroad tracks.

Jack Thomet and Tom Koewers celebrate their recent purchase of the Lowell Lanes Bowling Center with a grand opening celebration on December 1. The recently sold T.J.'s Restaurant is re-opened and is called the "Steak Out", a restaurant with a new twist, steaks cooked to order there or boxed and frozen to take home.

DECEMBER

The Lowell Cable Television Department got more bad news from city auditors. LCTV again finished the year well into the red when interest on their loan from Lowell Light and Power and depreciation of equipment is figured into their annual financial report. King Doyle, Chairman of the LCTV Board of Directors, proposed a rate increase in Basic, HBO and Cinemax to help defray the deficit. Doyle said that the rate increases alone would not close the gap, and that he may come back to the City Council with a recommendation

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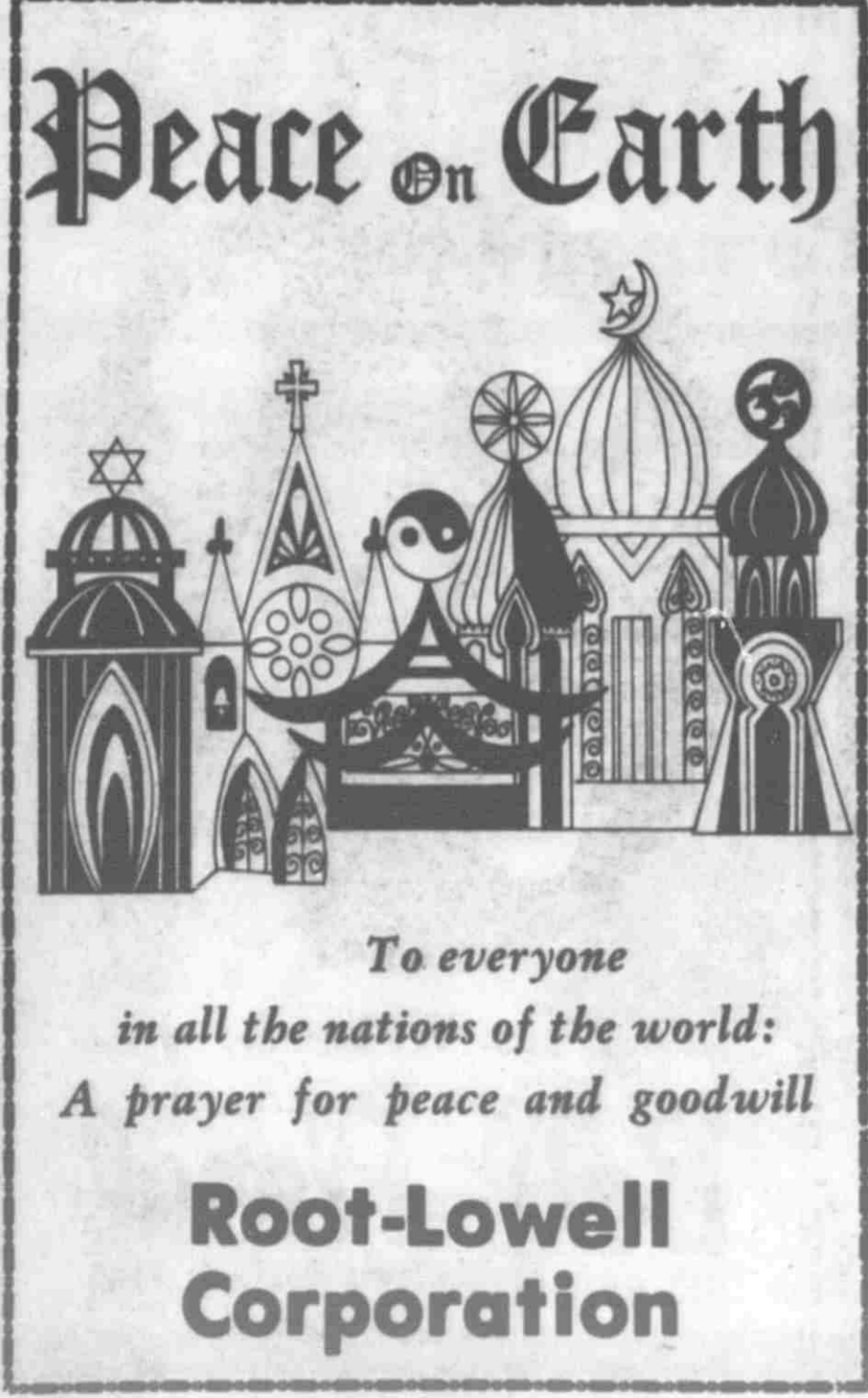
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Travel tips for sun seekers

Nearly two-thirds of Michiganians traveling to Florida this winter will drive, but some vacationers could find it more economical to fly, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"We expect 640,000 state residents to head to Florida this winter, 4 percent more travelers than a year ago," said Auto Club Travel Operations Manager James Drury. "More than 40 percent of the Michigan residents who visit Florida go between December and the Easter Holidays."

For those who prefer to drive, the Auto Club has mapped out seven routes to Miami. Distances range from 1,371 to 1,576 miles.

The Auto Club figures three days travel from southern Michigan to Walt Disney World near Orlando and 3-1/2 days to Miami. Based on estimates in the 1984 edition of "Your Driving Costs," the Auto Club estimates

most car trips to Orlando will cost a family of four about \$425 each way.

A family of four will spend about \$540 and \$565 to Miami. Travelers can reduce those costs by eating at fast-food restaurants and staying at budget motels.

"At certain times, a family of four could fly round trip for about \$800," Drury said. "It is very economical to fly to Florida this year and there are numerous flights to most popular destinations."

For example, the Auto Club offers weekly round trip charter flights from Detroit to Tampa from \$189 or Fort Lauderdale from \$199, every Friday from Jan. 18 through April 12," Drury said. "An even lower fare of \$139 is available on Jan. 18 and 25 departures."

Travelers should evaluate their travel needs to determine if it is better to fly or drive. "Many persons drive because they can use their cars throughout their visit to the Sunshine State," Drury said.

Visitors will find Florida's big addition this year is Six Flags Atlantis, the world's largest water theme park with 80 water-oriented rides and amusements near Hollywood in Southeast Florida.

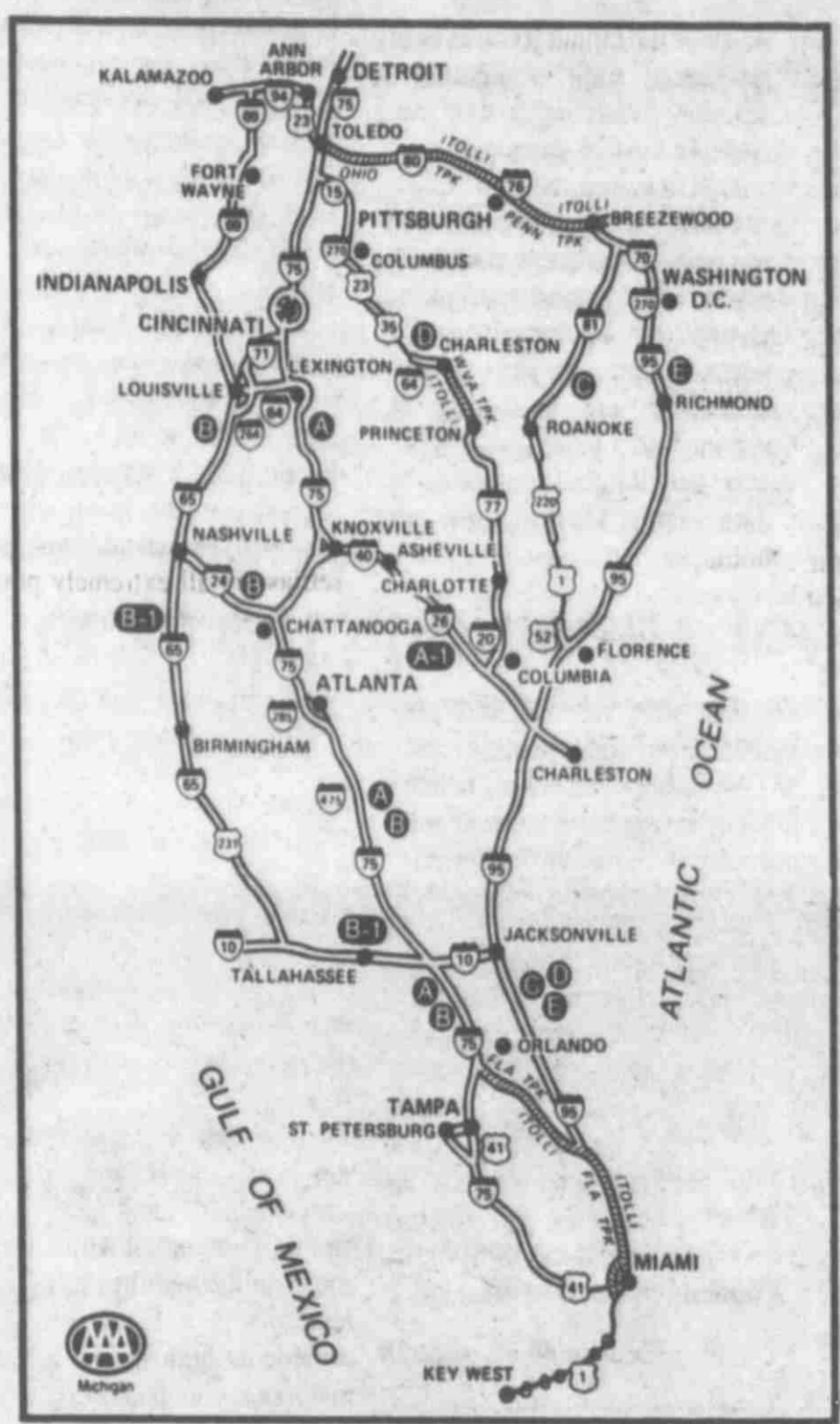
Also new this year are the Miami Beach Park and Promenade, a landscaped boardwalk along the shore, and the Fort Zachary Taylor State Historic Site and museum on Key West. Miami Beach, West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale also have major new hotels this season.

Visitors to Central Florida will find that accommodations have increased by 14,000 this year and include the Radisson Orlando, downtown's first new hotel in 15 years; an \$86 million Wyndham Hotel next to the Orlando marine life theme park, and a new 400-room Sheraton at Maitland Center. Thirteen hotels have been added in the Kissimmee area.

New at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center is Morocco Showcase and a 10-month series of "Worldfest" folk festivals that will debut this winter.

In Northeast Florida, continued preservation efforts are evident near Jacksonville Beach where ocean-side hotels have undergone massive facelifts and six resorted historic buildings have been opened as bed and breakfast guest houses.

Sawgrass Village, a \$15 million shopping complex, has



opened at the Sawgrass resort, which also has added nine golf holes.

Along the west coast, Mariner's Boathouse and Beach Resort, featuring 22 units which resemble 43-foot yachts, is open at Fort Myers. The Jimmy Connors United States Tennis Center with Connors as resident pro should open at the Sanibel Harbor Resort, Spa and Racquet Club in December.

The Phoenix, a swinging Egyptian cargo vessel replica, is Busch Gardens/The Dark Continent's newest adventure. The Garden's African Photo Safari takes brave shutterbugs on a 90-minute truck ride for a closer look at the animals.

Northwest Florida boasts some new accommodations in

Seaside's Rosewalk Cottages, the Sandestin Beach Hilton in the Destin-Fort Walton Beach area and New World Landing, an inn, restaurant and convention complex in Pensacola.

The most direct route listed on the Auto Club's map for Southeast Michigan motorists is along I-75 which covers 1,393 miles -- all four lane highway -- with only about 50 miles of semi-mountainous driving in Kentucky and Tennessee.

West Michigan travelers will find the shortest path to Florida is a 1,438-mile route along I-65 or I-69 to Indianapolis where drivers connect with I-65 southbound. Travelers should expect \$6.75 in tolls for either route.



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Camping tips for snowmobilers

Snowmobiling is a popular winter activity whose participants enjoy its freedom, movement, and association with the outdoors; and because these qualities also appeal to recreation vehicle enthusiasts, the two activities often make a great combination.

Like snowmobiling, winter camping in an RV -- such as a motor home, van camper, or travel trailer -- can be fun, exciting, and a good way to see the season's crystalline beauty. But in addition to these aesthetic similarities, there are other advantages in combining the two activities.

According to David S. Pickering, Director of the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds (MAR-VAC), snowmobiles can be transported to snowmobile trails more easily by recreation vehicle than by car because RVs have more towing power than cars and because the added weight and size of RVs make them generally more stable for winter driving on ice and snow.

In addition, an RV parked in a woody, snowy family campground can be a cozy, comfortable, and convenient homebase for any snowmobile

outing. Not only do they offer more privacy than motels, hotels and lodges, but most RVs are equipped with modern conveniences so there's no giving up luxury.

Another plus to using an RV on a snowmobile outing is that trip costs can be reduced considerably by avoiding the high prices of hotel and motel rooms and restaurant meals.

If you'd like to take an RV/snowmobile trip but you don't own an RV, there are RV dealers throughout Michigan who rent them. For a listing of rental dealers, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope to Rental Directory, MAR-VAC, 19045 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152.

A directory of private campgrounds in Michigan is also available by writing to Campground Directory at the above address and enclosing a business size, self-addressed, stamped envelope. The Campground Directory lists more than 60 of Michigan's finest campgrounds. Facilities and amenities such as laundry and playground are listed. A map is provided to assist campers in finding each location.

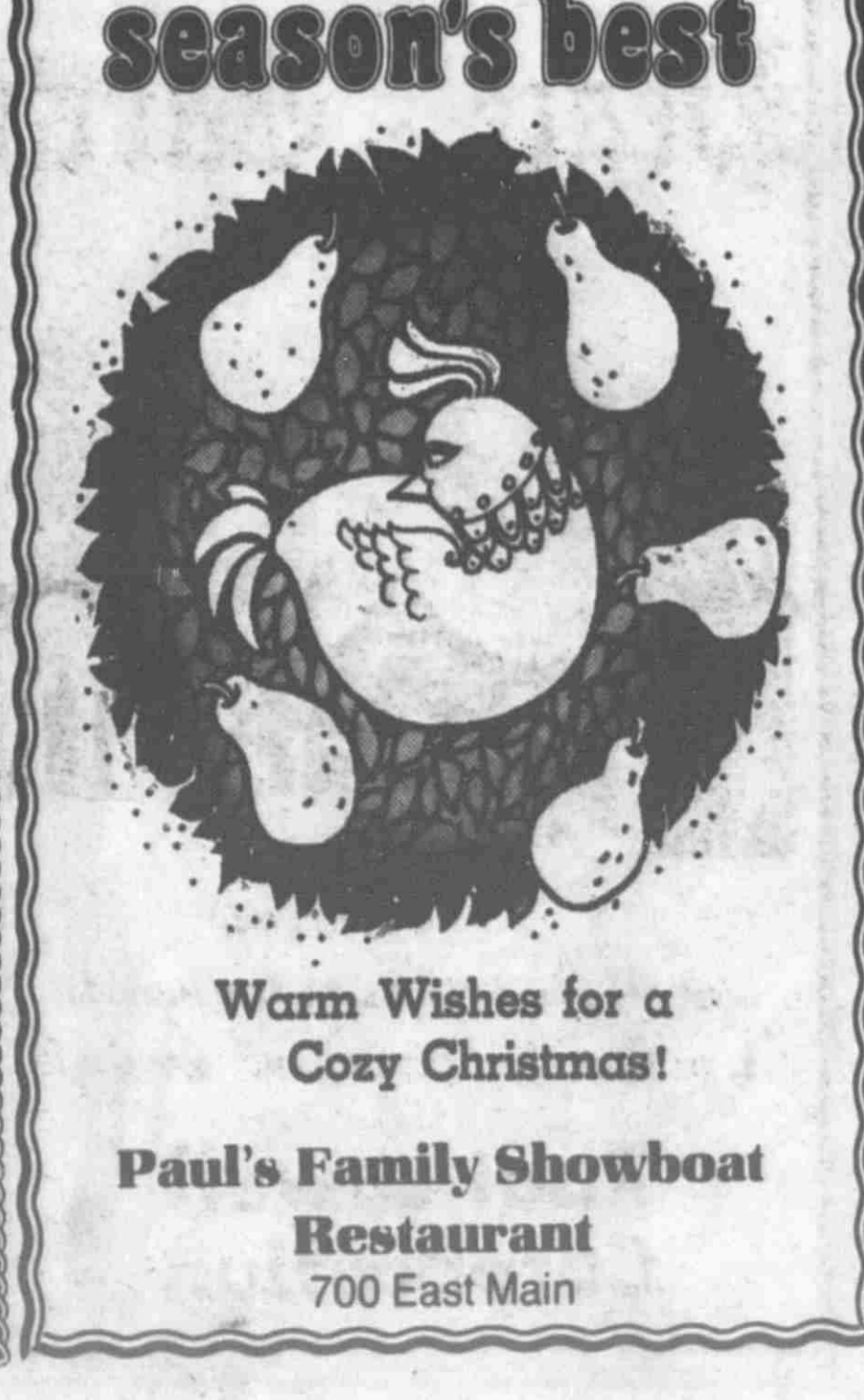
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Care Unit offers tips for avoiding the "moaning" after

With the approach of New Year's Eve, thoughts turn to partying and having a good time.

That means spicy foods, booze, games, more booze, friends and still more booze.

And then, there's the morning after -- your head that feels like an expanding balloon, your mouth feels as though you've swallowed cotton and your stomach is a tangled mess of knots.

You have a hangover. Some measures may lessen its symptoms, alcoholism treatment experts agree there's no sure-fire way to get rid of a hangover.

"It's like trying to find a way to eat too much and not get fat,"

says John Budnick, D.O., Medical Director of the Kent Community Hospital Care Unit.

A hangover results from acute intoxication, which takes its toll in several ways within eight to twelve hours after a drinking binge.

First, a large quantity of alcohol washes away the liver's store of sugar, causing a lowered blood sugar level and, in turn, weakness, shakiness, nervousness and, in rare cases, convulsions, Budnick explains.

Liquor also contains several ingredients, including tannins and fusel oils, which are hard on the digestive system and can cause stomach irritation, he said.

Budnick adds that a person may seem dehydrated during a hangover with a parched throat and dry lips, but excessive alcohol actually causes over-hydration, creating slight swelling of the brain and a headache worsened by bright lights and noise.

Other hangover symptoms include heartburn, sweating, in-

omnia, anxiety and depression, he says.

Budnick explains that those maladies are symptoms of withdrawal resulting from the body's craving for more of what made it feel good the night before.

However, he warns, treating a hangover with the morning-after Bloody Mary is one of the surest ways to set the cycle for addiction.

Budnick says that who gets a hangover and how bad it will be depends on a number of factors.

First, is the drinker's size. "For a small woman, it may be three or four drinks. For a big man, it may be four or five," he says. How fast one consumes alcohol also will have an effect.

Since the body eliminates about one drink an hour, anything more is too much for the system to handle.

A person's age also may play a role because the older one gets, the less one's system tolerates alcohol, he says.

Even a person's psychological state can have an effect, Budnick says, explaining that some believe they deserve a hangover for over-indulging.

Budnick adds that some people think they'll avoid a hangover if they stay away from "the hard stuff," but the alcohol content of a glass of wine or beer is equivalent to one shot of whiskey.

He adds that certain kinds of liquor may cause more severe hangovers than others. Scotch, brandy and bourbon contain fusel oils for flavor, which may worsen the effects, he says.

Other liquors, including red wines, ports and sherries, develop tannins during the aging process, which also may contribute to worsening a hangover.

Budnick warns that the person who "can hold his booze" and doesn't suffer hangovers should be aware that high tolerance of alcohol may be an early sign of addiction.

He adds that nothing -- including coffee and cold showers -- will speed the sobering-up process once someone is intoxicated.

"Alcohol has to wear off by itself," he says.

"The best thing we can recommend is that people not drink at all on New Year's or any other

day," Budnick says. "But we're not naive enough to think people won't drink." The next best thing to abstinence, he says, is to monitor drinking. "About one drink an hour is appropriate," he says.

Middle School Thespians perform

Pictured are students in the 8th grade drama class under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett. They are preparing to present the musical, "Tall Tales and Heroes",

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to set LCTV's debt up in a trust that would not require such high interest rates. The council said that they would make a decision on the rate hikes at their December 10 meeting.

The late Don Kelly is honored when the Lowell Bus Driver's Association and the Lowell Area Schools dedicate the Lowell Bus Garage to his memory. Kelly, who died suddenly earlier in the year, was always a strong supporter of a quality bus system during his years as Assistant Superintendent and as Superintendent of Schools here. A bronze plaque in Kelly's memory was mounted on the garage during a ceremony on November 29.

The Lowell Area Jaycees give the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce a boost by awarding them with a check in the amount of \$350.00 to be used to pay off the debt incurred from the 1984 Fourth of July fireworks display. Joanne and Karen Hale get their "Cousins' Card and Gift Shoppe" open in time for the

holiday season. The new shop sells Hallmark cards and gifts along with several other fine gifts. The building on the corner of Broadway and Main went through extensive exterior and interior renovation before the shop opened. It is now a classic example of how some of our older downtown buildings can be restored.

Dr's. Bruce Langlois and Mark Teachman hold an open house at their new Lowell Veterinary Clinic at the west edge of Lowell. The public was invited to attend the open house of the newly constructed facility on December 14.

An alert dog warns his sleeping master of a fire at 219 North St. on December 13. James Marvin rents the basement of the Betty Morris residence and was the only one home when the fire broke out in the garage at about midnight. Marvin's dog appropriately named "Smoky" woke him, and both escaped the flames. The garage was completely destroyed and the house

was extensively smoke and water damaged.

The "Framemaker" a custom frame shop opens in Rivertown Mall. Ed and Isadora Pahl make custom frames from various ages

and shades of original barn board.

It was announced in the December 19 issue of the Ledger that Dr. Richard Greenwood will be leaving his post as pastor of

the Lowell Congregational Church to accept a new ministry in a 700 member Congregational Church in St. Joseph. Greenwood has been a pastor here since June of 1974.

And that is our "Year in Review". We hope you enjoyed it, and we think you'll agree that Lowell is quite an active community.

Automobile Club pushes zer-proof drinks

Party hosts can lavishly pour on the drinks this holiday season without risking the safety of guests who drive by serving "The Great Pretenders," according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Pretenders" are nonalcoholic drinks created by Michigan bartenders for the Auto Club's annual holiday traffic safety campaign, "First A Friend, Then A Host." Recipes for 19 drinks and advice on safe partying are featured in the 1984 Great Pretenders Party Guide, available free to the public at all Auto Club offices.

"Our goal is to encourage party givers to use alcohol sensibly and also to provide alterna-

tives to non-drinkers at holiday gatherings," explained Auto Club Corporate Relations Director Larry Givens.

In addition to the zero-proof drink recipes, the Auto Club booklet features recipes for alcohol-absorbent hors d'oeuvres. Entries include crab-stuffed potatoes, vegetable pasta casserole and tuna pizza.

Fruit juices, ice cream and spices are the main ingredients for "the Great Pretenders" created by bartenders who competed in the Auto Club's fourth annual Zero-Proof Mix-Off. The top-rated drink, "Tropical Snowball," combines ice cream, coffee, chocolate syrup and coconut flavoring.



Zero-proof drinks for those who drive deserve center court at holiday parties as far as Detroit Pistons guard Isiah Thomas is concerned. One such thirst quencher is "Ebenezer Scrooge," served by Michele Matzke of the Frankenmuth Barbarian Inn. Matzke's drink recipe is among 19 featured in the Automobile Club of Michigan's Great Pretenders alcohol-free holiday drink guide which also includes recipes for alcohol-absorbent hors d'oeuvres and the ABCs of partygiving. The free guide is available to the public at all statewide AAA offices and is the centerpiece of the Auto Club's "First A Friend, Then A Host" campaign to promote the sensible use of alcohol at holiday parties.

"Lamborghini" includes a nonalcoholic Bloody-Mary type base with spices and is served hot, garnished with smoked sausage and mozzarella cheese.

As explained in the Auto Club guide, hosts can quench the thirst of guests without making them tipsy by following the ABCs of party giving:

A--Alcohol alertness. Monitor the number of drinks consumed by individuals and serve nonalcoholic alternatives, such as the "pretenders."

B--Buffet. Serve alcohol-absorbent hors d'oeuvres, including the guide's tasty choices made with Michigan products.

C--Car pool. Arrange rides home for guests who are not in shape to safely drive themselves.

"Party hosts should not be swayed by alcohol-affected guests who claim they can drive home safely," Givens said. "After three drinks, a motorist's chance of having an accident doubles. By the eighth drink the risk is 25 times greater than it is for a non-drinking driver".

Auto Club studies show that alcohol is a factor in more than half of each year's fatal traffic accidents and that eight out of 10 motorists will drink and drive during the Christmas/New Year's holidays.

The Auto club's analysis of the combined 13 traffic deaths during the last Christmas and New Year's periods shows alcohol was a factor in 10 fatalities.



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