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HIGH SCHOOL BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT TONITE

The Lowell High School Band under the direction of Robert Rice will present their annual Christmas Concert tonight, Wednesday, December 18 in the High School Gymnasium. Everyone is invited, and admission is free.

ADVENT SERVICE TELEVISED

The Lowell First United Methodist Church service of December 15, 1985, the third Sunday of Advent, will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

COACH RIVERS CLOSES IN ON 300

Lowell High School Wrestling Coach Gary Rivers, could win his 300th career dual match on Thursday, December 19 in a home contest with Forest Hills Central. Rivers, and his 1985-86 squad are undefeated going into the match. J.V.'s start at 6:15 and Varsity wrestlers begin at 6:35. Home town fans are urged to turn out and cheer on Rivers and his wrestlers.

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME IS COMING

The Annual Lowell Red Arrows Alumni Hockey Game is slated for Thursday, December 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kentwood Ice Arena. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students, not \$1.00 as previously reported. Skaters are asked to arrive no later than 6:15 that evening.

CORRECTION CONCERNING NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCK HOP

The Lowell High School "Teens Involved" Group is sponsoring a New Year's Eve, 50's style "Sock Hop". The Hop will be held at the Middle School Cafetorium, rather than at the American Legion Skating Rink as reported in last week's Ledger. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 31 from 9:30 until 12:30. Teens are urged to dress for the occasion . . . Poodle Skirt and all! High School Students, Only, Please! Cost is \$2.50 in advance \$3.00 at the door.

LAST CALL FOR SURPLUS COMMODITIES

Surplus government commodities will be distributed at the Lowell Moose Club at 210 East Main on Thursday, December 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Bushnell and Runciman Schools have joined hands to make Christmas merrier for others by collecting food to be distributed at Christmas time.

VIEW A LIVE NATIVITY FROM YOUR WARM CAR

The Bowne Center United Methodist Church would like to invite the community to view a live nativity presented by members and friends of the church. The scene will take place on December 21st from 6-9 P.M. There will be live animals as well as the traditional characters of the story of the birth of Jesus. Christmas music will also be heard.

Persons coming to view the scene are asked to enter the viewing area from 84th street and to exit via M50. Church youth will help direct cars.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A vehicle driven by Susan Ingraham, 40, of Saranac was struck from behind while waiting in traffic on West Main near Alden Nash, Thursday afternoon, December 12. The other car was driven by John Ballard, 48, of Grand Rapids. 72 year old Hubert Whorley of Ionia, a passenger in Ingraham's car was slightly injured.

Geoffery Benson, 31, of Spring Lake, disregarded the stop sign at Sibley and Valley Vista Drive Saturday morning, December 7 and struck a car driven by Brenda Smith, 24, of Lowell. No one was injured.

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Honors pile up for Kloosterman



Carl Kloosterman

Carl Kloosterman, a senior defensive back on the Central Michigan University football team was recently honored at the CMU Annual Football Banquet. Kloosterman was named to the first team of the MAC Conference "All Conference" defensive squad. Kloosterman was also selected as team "Most Valuable Player" by his team mates. Besides team and conference hon-

ors, Kloosterman also received an "Honorable Mention" on the Associated Press "All-American" team.

Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Kloosterman of 13886 Oberly Dr., Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School, and was a standout football player during his years here. Congratulations Carl!

City Council hears Auditor's clean report

The Lowell City Council heard a report from city auditors, Biggs, Hauserman and Abraham at their regular meeting of Monday, December 16. The report focused on the city's fiscal year ending July 30, 1985. Using words such as "clean, healthy, sound and solid", the auditors could find little fault with the financial state of the city. Virgil Biggs, a C.P.A. and senior partner in the firm pointed that the city's fund equity grew at about a 5% rate, more than keeping pace with the national inflation rate of 4%. The city currently has a fund equity of \$439,000 in its general fund.

In the letter of comments and recommendations, a smaller than desirable balance in the equipment fund was pointed out by the auditors. City Manager Ray Quada cited recent purchases of a front end loader to replace one lost in a fire, and a new computer as primary drains on the equipment fund. Quada said that he could foresee no additional large expenditures from the fund in the immediate future. Quada said that the level of the fund is nothing to be alarmed about, and said that he would take steps in his next budget to rectify the lower than normal balance. "Don't get the impression that our equipment fund is in dire straits", Quada explained to the council.

In other comments, the auditors pointed out a discrepancy in transferring Helen Look Daly stocks from her Arizona broker to the city's brokerage firm in Grand Rapids. Apparently a small portion of the stocks were electronically lost in the transition. Biggs said that he had been in contact with the brokerage firms involved, and was confident that the problem would be solved within 60 days.

The auditors also turned up 363 shares of stock in the Lee
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Fund that should have been sold when the rest of the stock in that fund was liquidated a few years ago. Quada explained that there is some question as to whether the stocks actually exist. He said that the city had been receiving dividends, but the brokerage firm hadn't been able to turn up the stocks. Quada said that he hopes to have the problem resolved soon.

Other comments from the auditors included a recommendation to deduct withholding from employee Christmas bonuses each year. The City has traditionally given each employee a \$40 bonus in lieu of a ham or turkey, which was the practice some years ago. The auditors also called for an updated inventory of spare parts in the city water department.

The auditors noted a marked improvement of the city's internal bookkeeping, as the city treasurer and her assistants learned to operate the city's new computer system. Quada echoed their comments.

Following the report, Quada said, "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to hear such a clean audit, showing that the city is in good financial shape, with no major problems lurking about".

In other Council business, a report from the Lowell Airport Committee was reviewed. The committee, comprised of Dr. Orval McKay, Leonard Jackson and Quada, offered suggestions regarding a request from the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music to sell gas and perform maintenance on private aircraft at the airport. The committee asked that the city either be protected by a \$1,000,000 liability policy purchased by GRSBM or sell gas and perform maintenance solely through their instructional program, and then only with written permission of the aircraft's owner.

The committee also recommended that GRSBM also be allowed to collect tie-down fees for 40% of the rate. The committee also asked that the city determine the feasibility of purchasing a card operated gas pump. And finally, the committee recommended that the city establish a formula for setting gas rates at the airport.

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Christmas light contest winners announced

"Judging the Chamber of Commerce's residential lighting and decorating contest was not an easy task", remarked Karin Hale, of Cousin Cards and Gifts. "There were many good displays which made choosing the final winners difficult."

The judges spent several hours covering every street in the city limits as well as several streets in the out lying areas such as East Gate, Vergennes Road and even Peck Lake Road. The judges included Herb Haines from Lowell Light & power, Jim Doyle from The Chamber of Commerce, Karin Hale from The Chamber of Commerce, Chris VanAntwerp from the Lowell Area Arts Council and Bill Ingraham a Lowell High School Art Teacher.

The Beachum residence located at 924 Riverside Drive took the first prize of \$70 and dinner for two at Keiser's Kitchen. Their dramatic roof top outlining with white lights was a beautiful display that had to require a good deal of dexterity to put up. The Keith Caldwell

residence at 555 Foreman Road was given the second place prize of \$20 and two \$10 gift certificates, one to Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing and the other to Eberhard's. Greg Caldwell was the creator of the outstanding display of lights. The third prize of \$10 and a \$10 gift certificate to Hahn's Hardware went to the Leonard Jackson residence at 605 Birchwood Ct.

There were several other displays that deserve honorable mention: The Ball residence, 513 E. Main; Bob Pfaller residence, 162 S. Center St.; Dale Finkler residence, 333 S. Center St.; Leo Pfaller residence, 800 Bowes Road; John Erickson residence, 517 Avery Street; Sherwood residence, 10880 Settlewood; Lemmon residence, 717 High Street and many others too numerous to mention.

The Chamber of Commerce along with the Lowell Light and Power would like to congratulate all those that put up lights and decorations and hope even more will take part next year.

CHRISTMAS EDITION DEADLINE:

Copy for our Tuesday, Dec. 24 issue must be in our office by noon on Thursday, December 19, Thank You

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Obituaries

FREDERIKSEN - John T. Frederiksen, of Saranac, passed away Sunday evening at Metropolitan Hospital at the age of 59. He was born in Grand Rapids January 24, 1926. He is survived by his wife, Lois; one son, Randy J. of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Mrs. Sandra Gravelin of Saranac and Mrs. Dennis (Dawn) Fitzer of Saranac; one brother, Harold of Grand Rapids; one sister, Mrs. A. L. (Doloros) Walter of Saranac; six grandchildren; one great granddaughter. He was a Veteran of WWII, member of the American Legion Post No. 175 of Saranac, he retired after 35 years at the Fisher Body No. 1 Plant. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Allan Hermansader officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

SPARKS - Douglas W. Sparks, of Kentwood, passed away Friday morning in Butterworth Hospital, at the age of 33. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; his

children, Bradley Douglas, Jason Matthew, Kylee Anne; his parents, Wayne Sparks of Walker, Joan Bogerd of Ada; his sisters, Vicki Faulkner, Kris Heukles, both of Ada; brother, Gregory of Princeton, Minn; his father and mother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Garret Wilterdink of Holland; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Sparks was active as a coach in the Kentwood Baseball League for years. Funeral Services were held Monday in the funeral home chapel with The Rev. Vernon Hoffman of Hope Reformed Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

VANDERMAAS - Bert Vandermaas, of Wyoming passed away Wednesday, December 11, 1985 at the age of 78. Surviving are his wife, Isabelle; his children, William Jr. and Barbara Vandermaas of Kentwood, Cornelius and Shirley Vandermaas of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank of Newaygo;

one sister, Mrs. Clarence (Marie) Mulder of Alto; three brothers-in-law, Robert Flearman of Grand Rapids, Thomas Flearman of Wyoming and Carl Flearman of Richland; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Winifred Leslie of Grandville, Mrs. Mona McGath of Wyoming.

HUNT - Frank Hunt of 4595 Bancroft, Alto, passed away December 13, 1985. He is survived by his wife, Lola; three daughters, Sally and Jennifer Hunt, of Rockford and Melissa Shaffer, Alto; two brothers, Fred Hunt, Rockford, and Eugene Hunt, Kalamazoo; three sisters, Mrs. Buehah Scott, Cedar Springs, Mrs. Grace Allen, Otisville, Mrs. Freda Huffman, Pellston. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell with Rev. William Amundsen officiating of the First United Methodist Church, Lowell.

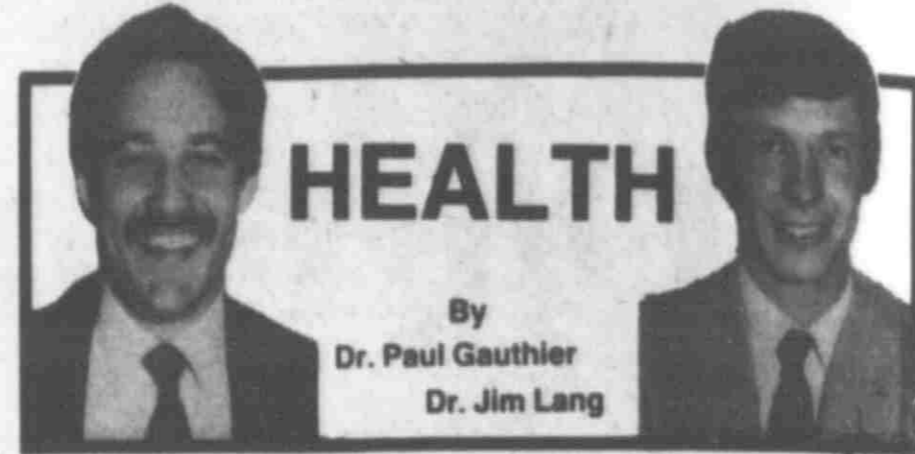
"Discretion is seeing as much as you ought, not as much as you can."
de Montaigne

In the Service

Marine Pfc. Henry E. Stedman, son of Henry R. and Margaret J. Stedman of 5539 Whitneyville Road, Alto, MI recently completed the Basic Assault Amphibian Repairman Course.

During the eight-week course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA, Stedman was trained in the basic maintenance and repair procedures for vehicles while they are used to transport troops and supplies from ships to the beachhead. His course covered vehicle operation, removing and servicing major engine components, transmission components and hydraulic and turret systems.

Airman Jonas G. Barber, son of Barbara and James Barber of 318 King Street, Lowell, Michigan has graduated from the U.S. Air Force space communications systems operator course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Graduates of the course studied the operation and repair of satellite communications systems, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. He is a 1984 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.



HEALTH

By Dr. Paul Gauthier
Dr. Jim Lang

LEG CRAMPS

Leg cramps have many different causes but today we are going to limit ourselves to a discussion of painful leg cramps that occur with exertion. Frequently patients will complain of painful cramping in the Calves that occurs after walking for various distances. Stopping and resting will usually relieve the pain after a couple of minutes. This type of leg pain is usually due to arterial occlusive disease of the lower extremity.

Occlusive disease of the arteries to the legs is usually seen in patients over 40 and is due to a narrowing of the artery supplying the leg. This narrowing is most commonly caused by a plaque build up along the inner surface of the artery and the process is called atherosclerosis.

As stated earlier, the most common symptom is pain that occurs after walking a certain distance. As the muscles contract during exercise they require more blood to deliver oxygen. Because of the narrowing, enough blood is not able to reach the muscles, resulting in pain. Blood flow is also reduced during rest and the feet may feel cold to touch. Over time this may lead to loss of hair, thinning of the skin and atrophy (shrinking) of the muscles. When the leg is elevated blanching may occur because of the effects of gravity. As the narrowing becomes more severe, pain occurs with walking shorter distances and even at rest.

The diagnosis of arterial occlusive disease of the lower extremity is made after examination of the pulses found in the leg and other special tests. A Doppler examination of the pulse is usually done in the doctor's office or hospital and involves detection of changes in sound as the blood passes through a narrowed region in the artery. Blood pressure will decrease in the section distal to the obstruction. This test can be performed during rest and also after exercise.

If the Doppler examination is positive an angiogram may be performed. An angiogram is an x-ray picture of the artery after injection of dye. This allows the physician to see the site of occlusion.

Once the diagnosis is made, therapy will be recommended. Depending on the severity, the physician may recommend exercise, medication, or surgery. Exercise on a regular basis will increase collateral circulation (flow from other small arterial branches). Vasodilator drugs are sometimes prescribed but usually are not very helpful. A new medication which seems to allow the blood cells to squeeze through narrowings in the blood vessels has shown some promise. Surgery is indicated when the pain becomes disabling and consists of removing the narrowed section of the artery and replacing it with a graft.

State Police urge you to call in suspected drunk drivers

Michigan citizens are urged to help the State Police combat the drunk driving problem by calling 1-800-525-5555, a special toll-free hotline introduced today, to report suspected drunk drivers, according to Col. Gerald L. Hough, department director. "Drunk driving isn't just a police problem -- it's everyone's. So far this year, 1414 people have lost their lives on the state's highways -- fifty percent of these fatalities involved the use of alcohol," Hough pointed out. Although 80,000 arrests are made statewide by all law enforcement agencies, Hough says this represents only a small percentage of the offenders. The toll-free number will be in operation 24 hours a day for citizens to report intoxicated drivers. This is the first time a hotline has been used in the state to increase the opportunity for removing drunk drivers from the roadways. To report a suspected drunk driver, citizens can call 1-800-525-5555. They should provide the location and direction

of travel, vehicle description, license number, and be able to describe the type of erratic driving observed. Although this program is new to Michigan, ten other states are currently using this concept. Funding for the program is provided through a federal grant.

WEDDING INVITATIONS - a Napkins available at The Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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.

other non perishable foods can be left at the rear of the Club Room for the Christmas baskets.

FRI, DEC. 20: Come share in the warmth of Christmas with your friends at the Lowell Library, located in the west side of the historic Graham Building at the corner of Main and Hudson Streets. An open house will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 on Friday afternoon, December 20. Librarian Kris Vogelar and Page Chris Hodges will be on hand to care for your reading needs and Board members will be happy to serve you cookies and coffee.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Chapter night meeting is held the first Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Business Meeting is held the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

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SUN., DEC. 22: A Christmas Cantata performed by the Adult Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, in the sanctuary of the Church. Everyone is welcome.

WED., JAN. 8: The Lowell Women's Club will meet for noon luncheon at the Schneider Manor, with Ann Booth, sponsor. Roger Brown, editor of the Grand Valley Ledger, will show slides of Lowell history and personalities taken from the files of the Lowell Ledger. Jennifer Speerstra and Marcia Ryder will report on conservation, and Evelyn Tichelaar will chair the luncheon committee.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMAN'S CLUB meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the club building at 11400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY Pack Meeting, Cub Scout Pack 3188 will meet at Run-ciman School, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a family event. Future activities will be discussed and awards presented.

THE RECYCLE CENTER at Eberhard's parking lot is open for bottles, tin cans, aluminum, newspaper, and brown paper bags.

THE LOWELL COMMUNITY BAND will rehearse the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Lowell High School band room.



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As we all know, there is a certain symmetry to life. The seasons change. The moon waxes and wanes. The sun rises and sets. We're born, mature, grow old and die. And so on.

And so it is that there is a symmetry, or balance, or sequence to nearly everything we do. Pumping gasoline into the car is no exception. You get out, take off the cap, insert the hose, pump the gas, return the hose, replace the cap, pay the cashier, then drive off. Oh sure, there are some gas stations around the big cities that make you pay first, totally disrupting the balance of nature. But, out here in these small towns, one can count on repeating this routine time and time again, with no disruption of the symmetry of life. Unless your name happens to be Roger Brown.

About 6:00 last Saturday evening, I needed to top off the family van. It was bitter cold, the 35 gallon tank was empty, and I dreaded standing out in the cold while the pump ran. I put on my thinking cap. And, as is usually the case when I do that, I got myself in trouble.

I put the nozzle in, and went inside while the pump ran. I told the cashier to tell me when the meter stopped. I stood around waiting, all the while thinking I was pretty clever. After a short wait, the cashier told me the pump had quit, and I wrote her a check for the gas. I then went back out into the cold, got in the van and drove off.

Getting back to symmetry. The last thing you do when you get gas is pay, right? And I had paid, right? So, it's only logical, or in this case, symmetrical, that I should simply drive off. But, I had violated the laws of the universe. I had acted out of sequence. I was not symmetrical. I had paid before I returned the hose, which snapped in two when I drove off.

I tried to act very nonchalant as I hung up the nozzle and the severed piece of hose. When I went inside, the employees were already busy turning off pumps, and calling an emergency gas pump repair number. Judging from their immediate response, I apparently wasn't the first person to violate the gas pumping code. I gave them my name and phone number, and sensing that there wasn't much I could do except stand around and be pointed out as the culprit, I went home. On the way, I heard the fire siren go off, and knew exactly why.

So, I apologize to the owners and employees of the gas station, the members of the fire department and the emergency repair crew. Because I "got smart", and tried to avoid standing out in the cold for a few minutes, I caused a whole gaggle of people to have to go out into the cold to correct my mistake. Worse yet, I created the potential for a serious fire.

From now on, no matter how cold it is, no matter how hard it's raining, blowing or snowing, I'll never upset the laws of gas pumping. From now on it's: pump the gas, return the hose, pay and leave. Pump the gas, return the hose, pay and leave. Pump the gas, return the hose, pay and leave.

I think I'll have that tattooed on the back of my hand, just in case I'm ever tempted to be non-symmetrical again.

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Christmas is Love

We would like to extend to everyone, a cordial invitation to a Christmas Cantata entitled "Christmas is Love" by John W. Peterson. The cantata will be performed by the Adult Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, in the Sanctuary of the church, on December 22, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall, after the performance. The church is barrier free so everyone can be accommodated.



Randy and Bea Smith are proud to announce the arrival of Brandy Marie on November 11, 1985. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 1/4 in. long. Welcoming her home were sisters, April and Ashley. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith of Bartow, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Onan of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Onan of Lowell.

Brian and Renee DeBald of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of Christopher Alan, arriving on December 6, 1985 weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. and 20-1/2" long. Proud grandparents are Terry and Karen DeBald of Lowell.

Proud great-grandparents are Robert and Cynthia Perry and Charles and Florence Hutchings all of Grand Rapids.

Lowell Women's Club News...

The Lowell Women's Club has 15 Seniors from the High School as honorary members, who provide a mini report each month of current topics. The Lowell Women's club is proud of these girls who were chosen for this honor and the club, in turn, is proud of the honor in becoming the first Women's Club in Michigan to have senior girls participate in their meetings.

Vows Spoken

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koster of Timpson Road Lowell, wish to announce the marriage October 12 in Stanton Michigan of their son Fred Jr. to Linda Zellinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Zellinger of Stanton.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koster, Jr.

duced Sara Swift as this year's Sophomore HOBIE Scholarship recipient for her outstanding qualities of leadership. Sara will attend the HOBIE seminar this summer. The Lowell High School choir with Paul Balaam directing gave a concert of Christmas music and traditional community carol singing which was greatly enjoyed by the listeners and carol singers. This added the festive decorations and luncheon prepared for the season. A new shipment of cookbooks arrived and these are available for last minute gifts. Contact Emma Herron for your cookbook, Phone 897-5331.

Holiday hours

All 17 branches of the Kent County Library System will be closed for the holidays as follows: Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 and after 5 P.M., Tuesday, December 31 and all day Wednesday, January 1.

Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

... take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with... cares of this life... (Luke 21:34). "Slow down and live. That's what I need to do," my friend Erma said, as she walked through the kitchen and glanced at my bulletin board above the sink. My bulletin board wasn't too attractive, but it was convenient, nonetheless. It was such a handy place to tack recipes, pin up bills and notices, and post the latest addresses. Right in the middle was the popular slogan which read, "Slow down and live." I had glued it there as gentle reminder that there is always another day; what I fail to accomplish today will wait until tomorrow. Life is too short to rush about madly. We need to slow down - "slow down and live."

It is legitimate for the Christian to desire to improve his standard of living; and, it is permissible for him to endeavor to do so providing he gives God the pre-eminence in all things. Spiritual attainment is more important than material abundance or accomplishment. Therefore, we need to take heed that we do not become overburdened with the demands of this temporal life. We often need to be reminded to "slow down and live."

Prayer: O god, I want Thee to have pre-eminence in my life. Let me never become so busy that I neglect Thee. Remind me often to "slow down and live." Amen. Give of your best to the Master; Give Him first place in your heart; Give Him first place in your service; Consecrate ev'ry part. H.B.G.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 18: Claude Quiggle, Chris Hunt, Lori Tschichart, Bill Kirby, Gary Ellison, Carol Doyle, Cliff Walling.

DECEMBER 19: Tina Zywicki, Nina Miller.

DECEMBER 20: Lori Decker.

DECEMBER 21: John Hunt, Carrie Richards.

DECEMBER 22: Carol Reagan, Garret Ellison, Sue Meisner, Kristin Ellis, Eva Metternick.

DECEMBER 23: Charles Reintgens.

DECEMBER 24: Neal Andrews, Jeffrey Pfaller, Larry Stahl, Sheila Fritz, Philip Schneider, Jr. William Serne, Beth Sharp, Mart Briggs.

The Bowling Corner

A few weeks ago I mentioned something about your favorite bowling proprietor having to use "oil" or special lane conditioner to protect the surface of the lanes. Today, I'll attempt to reveal just exactly what this conditioner does to you, the bowler, and how it can affect your game.

The American Bowling Congress (ABC), in conjunction with the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC), governs our world of bowling. These two groups are so powerful in their administration of rules and regulations, that few have ever challenged their authority, and those that have certainly wish they hadn't. ABC dictates everything about our game in its rulings, so much so that your favorite proprietor can't do much of anything on his own, even though he (or she) owns the lanes where you bowl. ABC dictates the type of pins you bowl against, the depth of the gutters, the length of the approach, the way the "oil" is spread on the lane to protect it. All of this, plus about a million other rules isn't such a bad idea really. It's all being done in the name of uniformity, trying to make each house identical, or as nearly so as is possible.

The whole problem with ABC and WIBC is that their left hand has no idea what their right one is doing. If you bowl often, you've no doubt heard the term "blocked lanes". In a capsule, a "blocked" lane is one in which the person that is conditioning the lanes, puts the oil in strategic places to help a bowler always hit the pocket. Some proprietors used to use what is called a "hard block" which was virtually impossible NOT to score on. So, what happened? Scores went out of sight, and ABC had to give away an astronomical number of diamond rings for perfect games. The bowlers weren't any better, they were just getting a lot of help from this "blocked" condition.

Before I go on, let me get something perfectly clear, I DO NOT advocate an illegal condition to bowl on! I will not block my lanes to help the bowlers, nor will I condone anyone else for doing so. That last statement is somewhat contradictory since, I do support the ABC in their efforts to maintain an honest scoring condition. And therein lies the contradiction. ABC itself now advocates the usage of a "soft block", and has for several years, and scores are still out of sight. They call their "soft block" a "crown", and all it is, is putting a heavier concentration of conditioner in the middle of the lane, thereby creating a wall, or "block" of oil that a bowling ball simply will not cross in its travel towards the pins. After a couple of years, the ABC was still giving away an unreal number of rings and, in fact, the numbers have actually increased somewhat. So what did they do? They forced your proprietor to go out and purchase all new pins that weigh 3 lbs 6 oz., minimum, at an average price of \$87.50 per case of ten. You should know here that every lane requires at least 20 pins to function, so if your proprietor has a large house like Westgate Bowl (60 lanes), the investment is unbelievable! ABC's thoughts at the time were "heavier pins will be harder to knock down therefore, the astronomical scoring will also go down". HA !!! Scores are holding steady with what they were 5 years ago, and the bowlers aren't getting that much better.

What does all this mean to you, you may ask. Just this, ABC and WIBC, in all of their infinite wisdom and knowledge, has helped you to become better on the lanes, by giving you a condition that they have tried to outlaw for years. If you aren't scoring at least as well as you have in years past, it's not the fault of your proprietor or the lanes on which you bowl. After all folks, you're bowling on a condition that was illegal not too many years ago.

Last week I said I'd say something about the fate of the urethane bowling ball, however, no decision has been made yet by either ABC or the Professional Bowlers Association. I will give you my opinion though, and that's don't buy one! At \$100.00 or more, it's just too much of an investment to make only to have it be illegal next year. Don't worry though if the urethane ball is outlawed, the bowling ball manufacturers will just come up with something new, like they did when the old "soaker" ball was banned (but that's another story).

Take a look below at this weeks City Honor Roll for a minute. It reads like a Who's Who of Lowell bowling circles! Looks like old Saint Nick is going to outdo himself with good scores this Holiday Season. Next week I'll have a special Christmas edition of The Bowling Corner, so until then, have the Merriest of Christmas's, and may the jolly old elf in the red suit bring you a perfect game.

ADDED NOTE: It's been brought to my attention that I erred in last weeks column, jeppers guys, I'm only human. Steve Hill holds the high series in our town for this year with a fine 714 count. Inadvertently I reported Chris VanDyke as being high. Sorry Chris, and a big SORRY to Steve for overlooking such a great series. Does this mean the bowling gods will be angry with me again?

City Honor Roll

MEN	WOMEN
Denny Videan (LL) 247-650	Joy Hoover (LL) 247-609
Jim Barnhart (LL) 254-644	Kae Graves (LL) 248-601
Dave Adrian (LL) 221-640	Gay Pfaller (LL) 226-591
Tom Koewers (LL) 235-639	Elaine Howland (LL) 214-587
Chris VanDyke (LL) 217-625	Linda Clouse (LL) 215-586
Jay Michaels (AL) 222-613	Cindy Hulliberger (LL) 241-579
Russ Videan Jr. (LL) 216-610	Dorothy Dougherty (LL) 207-565
Ron Holst (LL) 235-604	Jan Benedict (LL) 557
Steve Shepard (LL) 221-604	Pam LaBine (LL) 209-557
Tom Klimson (LL) 208-603	Jan Mol (LL) 200-554
Ron Nead (AL) 244-602	Bev Homolka (LL) 223-544
	Judy Neels (LL) 234-548
	Kim Sower (LL) 212-540

LEGEND: (AL) American Legion Lanes. (LL) Lowell Lanes. Tom Wirgau won the 1st Annual Holiday Marathon at Lowell Lanes this past weekend. Tom topped a field of 50 bowlers with a 2153 total to win the \$200.00 first prize. Low in the money was 2101. This is a terrific tour-out for a first year tournament, and I'm glad to see the bowlers of our town supporting local tournaments.

The doubles team of Linda Colburn and Dorothy Dougherty lead the 1st Annual "Snow Bowl" Doubles at Legion Lanes. Their combined handicap total is 1222. Any combination of doubles teams may enter, and the entry fee is only \$15.00 for a shot at \$500.00 1st place. For more information call me at 897-7566. Squads run weekends at 1, 3 and 5 o'clock.

David Durkee attends Olympic Training Camp

David Durkee, 29, of Lowell, Michigan was one of 34 cyclists who recently participated in a U.S. Cycling Federation-sponsored men's cycling development training camp, Oct. 19-21, at the Miller High Life - sponsored U.S. Olympic Training Center.

The clinic was aimed at grassroots cyclists, according to Craig Campbell, coach for the OTC resident cyclist program. He stated that the athletes were chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Miller High Life is the official sponsor of the three U.S. Olympic Training Centers, which are located in Colorado Springs, Lake Placid, N.Y., and Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. The Miller Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wis., began its funding for the training center concept in 1981. More than 50,000 Olympic hopefuls have benefited from Miller's annual commitment of more than \$1 million since then.



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Grappler's winning way continues

By Tom Nugent
Last Thursday, December 12, the Lowell Wrestling team hosted the Northview Wildcats in Lowell's league opener. Both Lowell and Northview were undefeated in duels. But Lowell stayed undefeated beating Northview 38 to 25. At 98 pounds,

Lowell's Trevor Tyler was pinned by Northview's Dean Brewer. At 105 pounds, Carl Pratt of Lowell won 8-1 against Aaron Hasher of Northview. At 112 pounds, Lowell's Brett Nagy pinned Northview's Dean Demmon. At 119, Mike Rivers of Lowell as

defeated by Northview's Dirk Wyngarden 4-2. At 126 pounds, Chad Blasher of Lowell tied Northview's Gene Sharp 4-4. At 132 pounds, Kyle Gildea of Lowell lost to Jim Daily of Northview, 5-14. At 138 Lowell's Tony Huver won a hard fought match

6-0, against Dennis Newton. Matt Nauta of Lowell, lost to Rick Hardenburg of Northview 14-4 at 145 pounds. At 155, Lowell's Brett Kirby pinned Northview's Steve Klap. At 167 pounds, Mike Nugent of Lowell pinned Steve Norkus of Northview. At 185 pounds, Lowell's Brian Fox pinned Northview's Kevin Stoll. At 198 pounds, Lowell's Jim Smith was pinned by Jeff Cameron of Northview. Finally in the heavyweight division Jim Johnson of Lowell pinned Northview's Craig Brockette putting the final score at 38-25.

Saturday, December 14, the Lowell Grapplers participated in the 17 team Olivet College Invitational. Lowell set a new team record of 236 points winning the tournament. Taking firsts for Lowell were Brett Nagy at 112 pounds, Tony Huver at 138, Brett Kirby at 155 and Jim Johnson - Heavyweight.

Taking seconds were Mike Rivers at 119 and Mike Nugent at 167. Placing third were Trevor Tyler at 98, Carl Pratt at 105, Kyle Gildea at 132 and Brian Fox at 185. During the day of wrestling, Lowell grapplers won 44 matches and losing only 10.

Thursday, December 19, Lowell will put its undefeated record on the line against Forest Hills Central at Lowell. Match time is 6:15 for J.V. and Varsity begins 20 minutes after the J.V. The wrestling team will be going after coach Rivers' 300th duel win which will add to the excitement of the evening's wrestling.

Varsity falls to the Wildcats, 58-44

The Lowell Red Arrows lost their first OK White game in a home contest with the Northview Wildcats. Lowell trailed all the way, as the Wildcats cruised to a 58-44 win after jumping out to 14-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Cats widened the margin in the second quarter, and the Lowell went to the locker room on the bottom of a 34-21 score.

Northview guard Rich Wilson led all scorers with 23 points, and got some double digit help from teammates Jeff Imhoff and Mike Inman with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Mike Dumas led Lowell scorers with 13 points, and Brent Noskey added nine more. Lowell now stands at 0-2 on the season and 0-1 in the conference. The Red Arrows were scheduled to play a non-conference home game with Greenville on Tuesday, and will play a home OK White contest with Forest Hills Central on Friday. JV's play at 6:00, varsity tips off at 7:30.

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JV Basketball splits first games

The Lowell JV's opened the season on a winning note by defeating Delton by a score of 65-55. Jeff Phillips and Ken Nelson led the scoring with 21 points each. Phillips also pulled down 11 rebounds, while Nelson also had 7 steals and 5 assists. The

Red Arrows got strong support off the bench from Matt Quada with 5 points and Fred Heeringa grabbing 6 rebounds.

In the conference opener against Northview, the Red Arrows found themselves trailing

27-23 at halftime when things went bad. Northview completely dominated the second half as Lowell repeatedly turned the ball over. The final score was 66-30. Jeff Phillips had 12 points and Dan Byrne chipped in with 7.

Freshman defeated by Northview

The Lowell Freshman Basketball squad opened league play with a 29-61 loss to Northview Friday afternoon. Coach Michael Michaud said that the Arrow's 30 turnovers were a major problem for the team. Michaud said that the team would concentrate on ball hand-

ling in preparation for a Tuesday game with Greenville and a 4:00 home game with Forest Hills Central on Friday.

Tony Nauta paced Lowell

scorers with 10 points, and Tim Westrate dumped in 8 more. Tony Nauta was also tough on the boards with 6 rebounds. Ben Richmond also pulled down 6.



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Olympic volleyball star to visit LHS

Laurie Flachmeier, a member of the 1984 silver medalist Olympic volleyball team, will be at Lowell High School this Thursday to do a clinic for the Red Arrow Varsity and JV volleyball squads.

Varsity coach Laurie Kuna got the idea to invite Flachmeier to visit LHS when she found out the former national team player would be in Kalamazoo for the NCAA Division I volleyball finals the weekend of December 20. She is scheduled to address the Collegiate Volleyball Coaches' Association on Friday.

"I thought it would be a tremendous opportunity for my players to have the chance to work with someone of Laurie's caliber," Kuna stated, "so I called her in September to see if she'd be interested in coming

here to work with them." Fortunately, Flachmeier's schedule was such that she had Thursday free, and she agreed to come to Lowell to give a three hour clinic.

"I'm very excited," Kuna said. "We've been friends for a long time, and I've always been after her to come to Michigan, but the circumstances have never worked out. Now, everything's in place. She's agreed to give this clinic for a fraction of what she normally charges, so it's a great situation for us."

A native of Texas, Flachmeier is currently residing in San Jose, California and finishing her Bachelor's degree at San Jose State.

She will be at the high school from 2:30 until 5:30.

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- AFTERNOON
12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: 'Protocol' (CC)
1:30 (HBO) MOVIE: 'Elvis: That's the Way It Is'

- Evening
6:00 (HBO) 'The Goodbye Girl'
6:30 (HBO) 'The Goodbye Girl'

- 7:00 (HBO) Family Playhouse: Best Christmas Pageant Ever
7:30 (MAX) MOVIE: 'Forever Female'

- 8:00 (HBO) MOVIE: 'Finnegan Begin Again' (CC)
10:00 (HBO) MOVIE: 'Johnny Dangers' (CC)

- 10:30 (MAX) MOVIE: 'The Goodbye Girl'
11:00 (MAX) MOVIE: 'A Miner's Miracle'

FRIDAY'S MOVIES

- 6:00AM (MAX) - 'Avalanche'
7:30AM (MAX) - 'You Can't Take It With You'

- 8:00AM (HBO) - 'Finnegan Begin Again' (CC)
10:00AM (HBO) - 'Johnny Dangers' (CC)

- 10:05AM (MAX) - 'The Goodbye Girl'
10:55AM (MAX) - 'A Miner's Miracle'

- 12:00PM (HBO) - 'Protocol' (CC)
12:30PM (MAX) - 'Elvis: That's the Way It Is'

- 1:00PM (MAX) - 'Forever Female'
1:30PM (MAX) - 'Forever Female'

- 2:00PM (HBO) - 'Once Upon a Family'
2:30PM (HBO) - 'Once Upon a Family'

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12/21/85

- MORNING
5:00 (HBO) 'The Goodbye Girl'
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- 6:00 (HBO) 'The Goodbye Girl'
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- 7:00 (HBO) 'The Goodbye Girl'
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SATURDAY CONT.

SATURDAY'S MOVIES

Table listing Saturday's movies from 6:00AM to 4:55AM, including titles like 'Wholly Moses', 'Katie', 'Great Expectations', and 'The Long Ships'.

Table listing Saturday's TV programs from 4:15 to 11:00PM, including 'Las Sports', 'College Basketball Preview', 'Wagon Train', and 'The Star Trek: The Motion Picture'.

SUNDAY CONT.

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SUNDAY 12/22/85 MORNING. Table listing Sunday morning TV programs from 8:00 to 10:00AM, including 'The Facts of Life', 'The King of Comedy', and 'The Facts of Life'.

SUNDAY'S MOVIES. Table listing Sunday movies from 5:00AM to 4:00AM, including 'The King of Comedy', 'The Boys Are Back', and 'The King of Comedy'.

SUNDAY'S MOVIES (continued). Table listing Sunday movies from 4:15 to 11:00PM, including 'The Star Trek: The Motion Picture', 'The Star Trek: The Motion Picture', and 'The Star Trek: The Motion Picture'.

Help Your Heart RECIPIES. American Heart Association. Includes recipes for Mushroom and Nut Pate and information about ant species.

MONDAY

MONDAY 12/23/85

Table with 2 columns: Time and Program. Includes Morning, Noon, and Evening sections.

MONDAY'S MOVIES

Table with 2 columns: Time and Movie Title. Lists movies such as 'Doors Dance on Fire', 'The Prince and the Pauper', 'Amityville III: The Demon', etc.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Program. Includes Noon, Afternoon, and Evening sections.

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WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 12/25/85

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WEDNESDAY'S MOVIES

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THURSDAY

THURSDAY 12/26/85

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THURSDAY'S MOVIES

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Easy-to-make alcohol free drinks

Party hosts who serve "The Great Pretenders" this holiday season can creatively satisfy their guests' thirst without leaving them intoxicated and unable to drive, reports AAA Michigan.

"The Great Pretenders Party Guide" lists easy-to-make, nonalcoholic drink recipes as well as alcohol-absorbing foods which can help party givers by "First A Friend. Then A Host" this holiday season. It is available free to the public at AAA Michigan's 60 offices statewide.

"We realize that alcohol consumption soars during the holidays and that usually eight of every 10 motorists will drink and then drive," stated Robert Cullen, AAA Michigan Safety and Traffic manager.

"Our goal is to give party hosts

an alternative to alcohol which will allow them to hold fun-filled gatherings and ensure the safety of their guests, many of whom must drive," Cullen said. "The Great Pretenders" can be made from ingredients found in most kitchens and before guests arrive."

The guide contains the top 20 nonalcoholic drink recipes chosen from over 108 entries statewide in AAA Michigan's fifth annual Zero-Proof Mix-Off. For the first time, non-professional bartenders competed.

The recipes were submitted by 11 professional and nine amateur bartenders. The winning drink was entered by Steve Pogodzinski, a bartender at the Arway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.

His drink, "Roman Holiday,"

includes cocoa, espresso, vanilla ice cream, honey and caramel syrup. Other winning drinks include ingredients such as pineapple juice, whipped cream, milk, orange juice concentrate and cinnamon.

In addition to zero-proof drink recipes, the handy business envelope-sized booklet features hors d'oeuvres highlighting Michigan products. Entries include celery meatloaf, cheddar chive crisps and celery with sour cream herb dip.

As noted in the guide, hosts should follow the ABCs of party giving:

A--Alcohol alertness. Providing alternative beverages for the one out of every three guests who doesn't drink.

B--Buffet. Make sure the buffet table is fully stocked with rich, starchy foods, such as pasta, potatoes and cookies, and emphasize foods as the hour becomes late.

C--Car pool. The best thing you can do for intoxicated guests is to have someone who hasn't been drinking drive them home.

Last year, 20 persons died in traffic over the Christmas holiday and 25 over New Year's. Alcohol was a known or suspected factor in 55 percent of the total fatalities.



The Ross Ice Shelf, and ice sheet in Antarctica, is 500 to 1,500 feet thick and covers an area the size of France.



French Canadians, believing that it is unlucky if a cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, feed their cats especially well on December 24.

"This Week In Outdoor Michigan"

WILDLIFE INFORMATION:

We had another good firearm deer season in the district. The estimated firearm harvest for the district was 11,300, up about 6 percent from 1984. Most of the increase was due to a higher buck harvest. Deer hunting pressure was at or slightly below the 1984 level. The Friday opener, more hunters going north, poor weather, and lots of standing corn negatively effected the hunting pressure. In spite of the rainy weather, hunter attitude was good because they were seeing deer.

To summarize the firearm deer season statewide, Michigan firearm hunters took an estimated 163,000 deer this year during the November 15-30 firearm deer season, according to DNR wildlife biologists. Only in 1981 were more deer taken during this season, with a total of 173,000 animals.

Elk season opened December 10th - 15th and is underway. Success reports to date have been good.

Plans are progressing to obtain 200 pheasants from Kansas which will be released in Ottawa County. These birds will be purchased with funds provided by Wildlife Unlimited and District personnel may be involved in the transporting of these birds to Michigan. We also hope to obtain some wild turkeys from Vermont to release on the Maple River State Game Area.

FISHING INFORMATION:

Steelhead fishing has continued with fair to good success below the 6th Street Dam on the Grand River and along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Inland lakes have not froze over, thus, no ice fishing activity to report at this time.

Consumers Power offers tips for safe holiday season

"The holiday season is a time for family and friends to get together and enjoy winter sports activities and festive celebrations which can be jeopardized if safety also takes a holiday," warns John Alzubaydi, Alameda district manager for Consumers Power Company.

The company offers the following safety checklist for a safe, secure holiday celebration for your family:

- Check out the lights you'll be using, for both indoor and outdoor decorating. Don't use lights with frayed or bare wires.
- Don't overload electric outlets with too many strings of lights.
- Always turn off tree lights when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Protect small children by keeping them away from electric lights and decorations.
- Pick a tree that is green and fresh, not brown and brittle.

- Water your tree each day.
- Keep the tree away from any fire hazards, such as a fireplace, candles, radiators, heat ducts and TV sets.
- Buy unleaded tinsel.
- Leaded materials can be hazardous if eaten.
- Keep all wrapping paper away from fireplaces and other heat sources.
- In addition, Alzubaydi warns

Council Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 2, 1985.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Maatman. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

PRESENT: Councilmen Collins, Fonger, Schneider, Thompson and Maatman.
ABSENT: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the Minutes of the November 18 Meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Thompson.

Carried.

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$25,674.73
Major Street Fund	814.04
Local Street Fund	1,229.82
Sewer Fund	1,689.42
Water Fund	1,427.06
Equipment Fund	2,174.16
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	2,619.08
Building and Site Fund	3,275.00
Current Tax Fund	28,919.65

The first item of business was the consideration of a Snow Removal Ordinance. Manager Quada read through the proposed ordinance, explaining each point.

A lengthy discussion followed on the City's responsibility and enforcement of such an ordinance.

Manager Quada suggested that instead of approving something Council feels unenforceable, or voting it down altogether, why not try a public notice form in the newspaper and ask City residents what they want, get the community involved in creating the ordinance.

Councilman Thompson asked if any accidents have occurred as a direct result of snow covering the sidewalks. Police Chief Emmons was present and replied yes, several past accidents have been directly related to snow-covered walkways.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Thompson that the first meeting in January be set as a public hearing for input on a proposed snow removal ordinance, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Carried.

Manager Quada then stated that he has received a request from the School of Bible and Music to be allowed to perform maintenance and repairs to planes, and to sell aviation gas, in return for the two cents per gallon of gas tax going to the School instead of the City. The money could then be put back into the upkeep of the airport. He suggested that the request be directed to the Airport committee for review and recommendation.

A lengthy discussion followed on the City's responsibility and liability, and council concurred that once they are allowed to

do maintenance and repairs, etc., the door is opened to potential problems, and long range liability.

Manager Quada stated that another alternative would be to go back to operation as a Class C. License Airport, having no gas available on the premises, not allowing any maintenance or even minor repairs. The City does not have to provide anything.

Councilman Collins pointed out however, that if someone ran out of gas and had an accident because they could not make it to the next airport, or took off from our airport with a maintenance problem because there was no repairs allowed to be made, etc. they could still sue us for not providing those services.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Fonger that the matter be referred to the Airport committee, supported by Councilman Thompson.

Carried.

Manager Quada next headed a discussion on the 1986 Gus Macker Tournament, stating that the subject had come up at the Planning Commission meeting in regard to planning expansion of the City's park system for the future. It has been quoted that there was a \$7,000 profit by the Macker, which should be requested for plugging into the park system which in turn could be used by the Macker Tournament. Each year they request to be on the streets one more time, and there are disgruntled neighbors. He felt that it should be made an item for discussion before it is time to set up for the tournament, to avoid "under the gun" decisions by the City. He suggested that Council formally invite the surrounding neighborhood to a meeting to discuss their concerns.

Mayor Maatman asked if the city could get some input from the neighbors, instead of just their "okay" by the Macker appeal letter, stating that complaints are heard all year about the tournament, but every neighbor signs the letter each year stating they have none.

Manager Quada suggested that a questionnaire be prepared and mailed in advance of the meeting, so that neighbors could respond prior to it, and the Council would have a starting basis of problems that really need to be addressed.

Council concurred to set the second meeting in January, 1986 as an agenda item to discuss the problems and concerns of the annual Macker Tournament, and 1, invite area neighbors, 2, send a questionnaire to all households within an area from the High School on Foreman, east to Hudson Street, and south to Chatham, bounded by Amity on the east, and all the streets included within.

Manager Quada was also directed to get costs for a proposed Midway area at Recreation Park which could be used by the Macker Tournament, for presentation at that meeting.

Council then turned their attention to the recommendation of the Parks Committee to name the new park located on the east end of the City, as "Creekside Park". They also recommended that each of the ball diamonds be distinguished by naming the individually for Michigan trees, such as Pine, Locust, etc. or for names of City benefactors, such as "Lee Complex", etc. where the balance of the funds came primarily from the Lee Fund, and designate the concession stand/restroom facility as a "Look Building", if built with Helen Look Daley Funds as will be requested.

Councilman Collins stated that he would instead rather see a memorial stone or plaque set at the entrance to the park with the Solomon Lee Story on it, and stating that "this park was made possible, as well as others, through the use of Lee Funds left to the City for recreational purposes".

Councilman Fonger stated that he felt that "Creekside" is not

an appropriate name for a park that was made possible by the donation of a benefactor, who has gotten very little recognition over the years. He asked what would be wrong with "Lee park".

Manager Quada stated that the Parks Committee had deliberately not used any one name, stating that because other monies have and will be used for parks, the name should be kept simple. Also, they did not recommend a name incorporating "Cherry Creek" for the simple reason that so many other things in the Lowell-Ada area are already so named.

Council all concurred on Councilman Collins' idea of a memorial stone at the park entrance as an excellent one, and that perhaps the same should be done for the other parks as well.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the name of Creekside Park be accepted as the official name of the park located on Gee Dr., supported by Councilman Thompson.

Yes: Councilmen Collins, Schneider, Thompson and Maatman.
No: Councilman Fonger.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Collins that a historical marker with a plaque be placed in the park commemorating Solomon Lee and the use of funds, supported by Councilman Thompson.

Carried.

Manager Quada then gave a report from the Council Compensation Committee, served by Rev. Bill Amundson, Barbara Brown and Leonard Jackson. Lowell Council members currently receive \$100 per year, the Mayor, \$150. After studying other communities similar in size to Lowell, the Committee recommended that Councilmembers receive \$15 per meeting, not to exceed \$360 per year, and the Mayor \$20 per meeting, not to exceed \$420 per year.

The Manager then stated that according to law, the changes cannot take effect with the present Council, but that it would begin in January of 1988, with the next Council. It should also be reviewed about every three years by another citizens committee. A public hearing would have to be held, and a resolution to disapprove only, if no action taken, it would then take effect on January 1, 1988.

Under citizen input and suggestion, Councilman Elect Charles Doyle was present and asked where "Mr. Creekside" lives, so that he can make sure to get his letters about the park to the right address. He stated that he thought that was the "stupidest name I ever heard". We have the "Foreman Building", the "King Memorial Pool", "Burch Field", all named for citizens who were interested in their community. Someone else might think twice about leaving the City half a million dollars if the city isn't going to remember their name a few years later.

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Collins asked if the City could publish an appeal in the newspaper to our citizens regarding snow removal, so that they will understand that the Council is not trying to "ram something down their throat". Perhaps they might try to keep their walks cleared, and the City won't have to force an issue. Manager Quada to write an appeal for the Grand Valley Ledger.

There was no Manager's Report.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Schneider to adjourn at 9:11 P.M.

Approved: December 16, 1985
James D. Maatman, Mayor
Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 6, 1986, in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing citizen comments on a proposed Snow Removal Ordinance. Said ordinance includes the following provisions:

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE #86-1

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LOWELL

SECTION I - SIDEWALKS AND AREAS TO BE CLEARED

A. No occupant of any premises or owner of premises or property shall fail to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises or property clear of ice and/or snow, so far as to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, no such occupant or owner shall fail to clear a path free from snow and ice, when such a path will provide an extension of existing sidewalk on an adjacent property.

B. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION II - DISCARDING SNOW AND ICE

A. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission.

B. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-of-way, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

SECTION III - RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPAIRS

A. Any person who removes snow for hire within the City shall be responsible for the repair of any damages to public or private property.

SECTION IV - VIOLATIONS

A. If any occupant or property owner shall fail to clear an accumulation of ice or snow from the sidewalk adjoining his or her property within the time limit provided in this code, or shall otherwise permit ice or snow to accumulate on the sidewalk, that person shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

B. Any snow plow operator who fails to repair damages to any public or private property within the time period agreed, shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION V - FINES

A. Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars for each offense, plus the cost of removing snow and ice or repairing damages to public or private property.

SECTION VI - WAIVER OF PROVISIONS

A. During emergency situations or periods of excessive accumulations of snow and ice; the twenty-four (24) hour removal requirement may be waived by the City Manager for a period of up to one hundred twenty (120) hours.

B. The reasons for granting such waiver must be explained fully to the City Council by the City Manager at its first meeting after such waiver is granted.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER File No. 85-56678-DO LEWIS MC GRAW, plaintiff, Vs. JEANNE L. MC GRAW, Defendant.

At a session of said court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 22nd day of November, 1985.

Presents: HONORABLE ROMAN J. SNOW, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 22nd day of November, 1985, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 307 Burton, S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 22nd day of January, 1986.

FAILURE to comply with this order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

GEORGE R. COOK Circuit Judge Entered, countersigned, and examined by me: Sally Modderman Deputy Clerk Attest: A true copy C2, 3, 4

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SOLICITATION OF BIDS

The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the item(s) listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office Room 227, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. The bids will be publicly opened in the Purchasing Office at the time designated below. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids as it deems to be in its best interests.

Bid For: Jeans. Must be received by Thurs., 12-19-85 @ 9:00 a.m.

Bid For: Television. Must be received by Weds., 12-18-85 @ 10:00 a.m.

RICHARD PLATTE COUNTY CONTROLLER

STATE OF MICHIGAN County of Kent Probate Court JUVENILE DIVISION

TO: VAN PHUOC LUONG AND TIUNG NGUYEN In The Matter Of: Hiep LUONG Hearing: January 14, 1986, at 3:00 p.m.

A neglect temporary wardship petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in Kent County Juvenile Court, 1501 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is therefore ordered that you personally appear before the Court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in a temporary or permanent loss of your rights to the child(ren).

Dated: December 11, 1985

JOHN P. STEWART JUDGE OF PROBATE

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SIZE LIMIT ON BASS NOTICE

Under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, (being 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws) the Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 11, 1985, set the size limit on smallmouth and largemouth bass at 12 inches for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1986, through March 31, 1991, on all Michigan waters including the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

this order supersedes the previous order entitled "Size Limit on Bass", dated July 11, 1980, CFI-121.81.

C4,5,6

Small business financing: What's an entrepreneur to do?

Obtaining financing for an existing or a new small business can be difficult. After all, most small business owners are experts in the product or service they sell, but they're not experts in finance. What's an entrepreneur to do? According to the

Michigan Association of CPAs, before setting foot in a bank or meeting with a prospective investor, owners of small businesses should be prepared to demonstrate how they will repay a loan or give a return on an investment.

"Financiers are basically merchants whose stock in trade is money," says Daniel A. Giannini of the Small Business Committee of the American Institute of CPAs. "They want to put their money behind people they trust."

The first step in gaining the confidence of a prospective lender or investor is to present a detailed business plan. "For people just starting a new business, it can be real tough to find seed money. And even if you have a successful business and track record, you need to prove it," says Giannini. "Making a good presentation is half the battle in getting debt financing."

You'll need three financial forecasting tools: projections of operations, cash flows and a balance sheet. It's probably best to consult with a CPA for help in drawing up these three forecasts because doing them accurately and in a proper format can make a difference to a lender.

An operating forecast shows what you expect to be left over -- if anything -- after outlays for materials, payroll and overhead for rent, utilities, shipping and other administrative costs. A cash flow projection displays where you expect your money to be coming from and going to. It shows how much cash will be coming in from sales, accounts receivable, loans and capital contributions by the owners. It will also show how much and when you will lay out cash for business costs, equipment purchases and loan repayments. The last forecasting tool you'll need in your quest for debt-financing is a balance sheet. It should show assets and liabilities in your business. For all three of these forecasting tools you'll need 12 monthly projections for the coming year and annual projections for the next four years.

"Most lenders don't have the time to pore over the forecasts you'll need to draw up," says CPA Giannini. "But when they do review your forecasts, they usually do so selectively. So you'll have prepared a lot of information that may not be asked for."

When the lender looks at your projections, credibility is important. If your profit forecasts are too optimistic, you may lose credibility. So it's usually best to be conservative. In fact, you may want to draw up an additional set of forecasts, based on a worst-case scenario, to assure a lender that you have adequately planned for downside risks.

If your cash flow forecast indicates a continuous need for financing, you may want to consider applying for a "revolving line of credit." A revolver, which is also called accounts receivable or inventory financing, uses receivables or inventories as collateral. Revolvers are especially appropriate for new businesses, because your credit line grows with your business. A commercial bank or commercial finance company is the most likely source for loans tied to inventory or receivables.

The CPAs recommend small business owners approach debt-

financing systematically, putting together the financial forecasting data, charting the costs and examining how to pay back what is borrowed. A smart planning technique for existing businesses is to do all of this when debt financing is not needed. Commonly, companies only resort to borrowing money in the throes of a crisis. That's precisely the time when lenders are least likely to be supportive. The CPAs recommend applying for a credit line when you can make a strong case for your business.

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"Capitol Column"

By State Senator Dick Posthumus



The idea of insurance is to distribute risk to all those insured based on their individual risk. For several years people all over the state of Michigan have been taking responsibility for more than their share of the risk for car insurance. Reform of the current Michigan's Essential Insurance Act (EIA), is long overdue. Senate Republicans have a plan to accomplish that reform.

Under Michigan's current law insurance rates outstate and in Detroit are tied together even though their markets are as different as night and day. The EIA forces companies to vary no more than 45% across the state in the rates they offer to customers and no more than 10% for customers in Detroit and adjacent suburbs. That means insurance companies must keep their rates unrealistically higher in the outstate areas or too low in Detroit. The other alternative is simply not to do business in Detroit which gives the people of that city little choice when it comes to car insurance.

The reform plan offers real fairness to everyone concerned starting with a Market Adjustment Period (MAP) from December 1, 1985 to February 1, 1987. During the adjustment period insurers could bring their rates into line with the marketplace. Any changes made would be frozen for six months to limit the number of rate

changes. A cap would be placed on urban rate raises of 4% plus the Detroit Consumer Price Index (CPI) over a 12-month period. After February 1, 1987, Detroit insurers would be forced to cap or limit their rate increases in one of two ways: by the 4% plus CPI rule or by limiting increases to no more than a specific percentage of the difference between their rates in Detroit and outstate. And in the most important feature, government price restrictions between territories are removed.

The plan offers a benefit for everyone. Detroit car-owners would have more choice and competition of insurers since companies can afford to compete in their market. Outstate drivers win because their rates will be frozen or possibly lowered during the adjustment period, and their subsidy to Detroit is reduced. Detroit insurance firms are guaranteed a more realistic rate system plus an opportunity to compete in outstate markets. And outstate insurers can set rates at real market prices for both outstate and urban customers.

Insurance reform requires a lot of work to make it fair to both the consumer and the insurance companies involved. With this reform package we've got that balance, and the Senate can move toward a truly fair plan for all of Michigan's residents.

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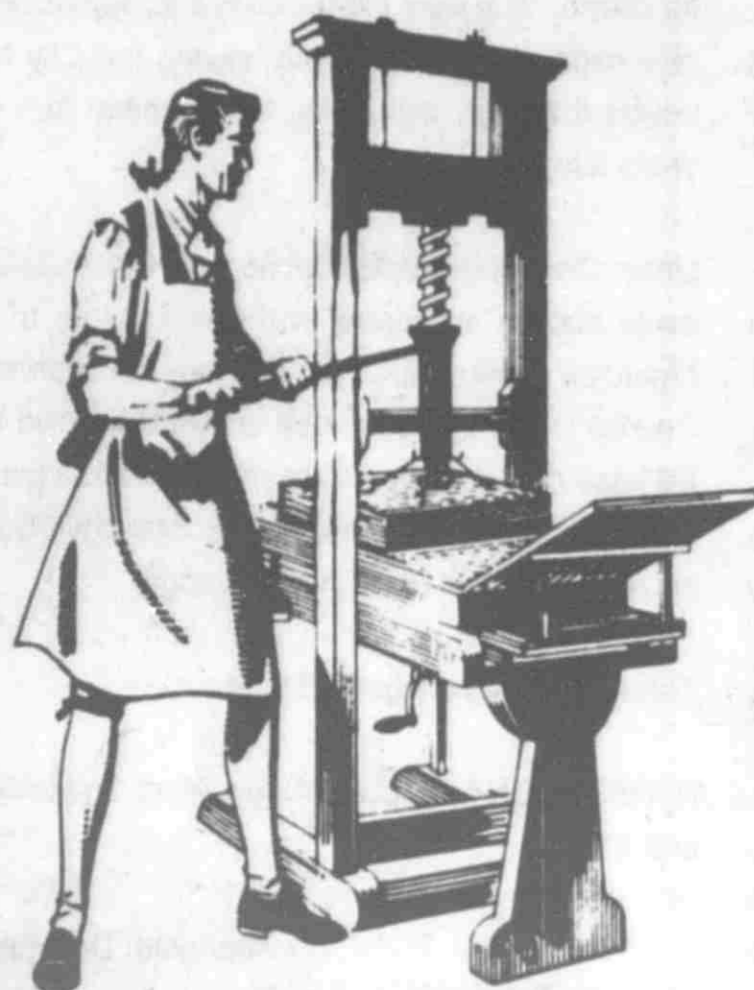
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Monday's slippery conditions cause two-car crash

A moderate snow storm, along with temperatures too low to allow road salt to work, combined to create very treacherous driving conditions throughout the day on Monday. Sheriff's Deputies and State Police were kept on the run to numerous auto accidents in the county. One accident near Lowell resulted in injuries to Beatrice Virginia Welch, 47, of 3011 Court Dr., Lowell.

Deputies say that Joyce Marie Baker, 47, of 2906 Gulliford, Lowell, was westbound on Grand River Drive at 9:35 a.m., when she lost control of her vehicle near Gulliford. Baker's vehicle crossed the centerline and was struck in the right rear by

the eastbound Welch vehicle. Welch suffered a fractured sternum, contusions to the chest area and possible internal chest injuries as a result of the impact. She was transported to Butterworth Hospital via Life Ambulance. Welch was reportedly wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident. A passenger in the Baker vehicle, Michelle Courter, 18, of 343 Summit St., Saranac, received minor injuries. Courter sought her own treatment.

The Lowell Rescue Unit responded to the call, and assisted the injured until the ambulance arrived. Baker was cited for violation of the basic speed law, or driving too fast for conditions.



This car, driven by Beatrice Welch, of Lowell, became a victim of slippery Michigan winter roads when it was involved in a two car crash Monday morning on Grand River Dr. Welch was hospitalized with a fractured sternum, contusions to the

chest and possible internal chest injuries. The impact of the crash slammed her against the steering wheel. She was wearing her seat belt when the accident happened.

Council, cont'd.

Councilman Phil Schneider questioned whether \$1,000,000 in liability was enough coverage. Councilman Bill Thompson questioned whether the city should continue to operate the airport, if it becomes a financial burden and a potential source for a liability suit. Quada said that he would take up the matter with the city attorney and bring it before the council in the future.

The council voted to approve a SDD packaged liquor license transfer from Eberhard's to El-

byess, Inc. The license was applied for by Elbyess stockholder Gary C. Laux of 11834 Four Mile Rd., Lowell. Elbyess plans to transfer the license to 508 1/2 W. Main St., Lowell (behind Blue Crocodile Ceramics).

Quada noted that the public hearing regarding a snow removal ordinance and a presentation by representatives of the "Gus Macker Tournament" are both on the agenda for the January 6 meeting.

Safety, cont'd. "Main Street", cont'd.

winter sports enthusiasts about the dangers of coming into contact with the company's operating equipment.

The 190 feet tall transmission towers that carry electricity to 1.3 million Consumers Power customers holds the wires that relay electricity around the company's system in Michigan's lower peninsula. However, they can become a hazard to the careless. Someone could be seriously injured if their snowmobile tangles with a tower or the guy wires that support it.

The problems arise when snowmobilers and the riders of other off-the-road vehicles travel the rights-of-way under the company's electric lines or follow its gas lines. Consumers Power owns some land, particularly river land in the northern portion of the lower peninsula. The electric or gas transmission lines through these areas form natural corridors that are tempting "highways" to snowmobilers.

Serious injury is just one of the problems that confront those who drive Consumers Power rights-of-way. In some cases, accidents will also result in property damage to gas and electric facilities.

"If you are in an accident involving Consumers Power equipment, you'll not only face the expense of hospital care and snowmobile repairs, but also the cost of damage done to company property," says Alzubaydi.

That damage does not always occur as the result of an accident. Sometimes it is simple vandalism. In either case, the damage to Consumers Power property has occurred because someone has trespassed.

"Land under electric transmission lines is private property," says Alzubaydi. It may be owned by the company or leased to individuals or the electric lines may follow an easement on private property. "Anyone riding a snowmobile or another off-the-road vehicle on this private land, without permission, is trespassing and will be prosecuted," says Alzubaydi.

"The winter sporting and holiday season should be a safe and fun time of year," says Alzubaydi.

Issued an appearance ticket to 63rd District Court Friday evening, December 13 was James Kehoe, 19, of Ada, for minor transporting alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Charles Leaf, 65, of Ada, was injured slightly when he attempted to cross Main Street near Riverside Drive Thursday evening and was struck by a car driven by a 16 year old Juvenile male of Ada.

Maureen Wierks, 46, of Grand Rapids was injured Sunday morning December 15, when she failed to negotiate a turn off Marsac onto Monroe and struck a utility pole. Linda Dempsey, 30, also of Grand Rapids was also slightly injured in the accident.

A 16 year old Juvenile male of Lowell was not injured in an accident early Sunday morning, December 15 when he lost control of his car and hit a utility pole on Jackson Street.

Kenneth Bochniak, 39, of Lowell skidded through an intersection in the Valley Vista Trailer Park, and struck a car driven by Timothy Payne, 25, of Lansing, MI, Sunday afternoon December 15. There were no injuries reported.

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