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Highlights of '61

Negotiations began in January by the Lowell Light and Power Board and the City Council with Consumers Power Co. to discuss the purchase of the north rural lines and the buying of power from Consumers. Several news stories appeared during the year telling of the progress of the talks.

The city council called for bids on the north rural lines to be opened on October 16, the only bid was that of Consumers Power Co. for \$50,000 for the lines, plus \$3,624.73 for current improvements to the lines.

On December 4 at the request of the Light and Power Board the council accepted the bid and called for a vote to approve the sale by the city electors on Tuesday, January 23, 1962.

New Tax Base
Doane Appraisal Service completed the appraisal of all Lowell Real estate in February and a board of review consisting of Harold Enghardt, Wesley A. Roth and Theron Richmond heard appeals for several days in March. While the tax base of the city was doubled the Kent County Board of Equalization gave Lowell better than a 100 percent rating. The city council kept the city tax rate at \$9.00 a thousand and so tax payers discovered when they received their summer tax that the new tax base was not so painful as anticipated.

Housing Development
In March a group purchased acreage from George Lundberg, west of the former village limits and organized as the Lowell Development Corp. They proposed to construct a housing development and a shopping center. Final approval of the subdivision was given by the city council in December and the plat was given the name of Valley-Vista in a contest sponsored by the corporation. The utilities and some new dwellings are expected to be ready in the spring.

New School Area
In January, February 28 was set as the target date for six schools to vote on joining the Lowell school system and form the Bowne Area School District. Five school districts out of the six voted to consolidate; Sweet school failed to come through with enough votes to pass the proposals.

Later an election was held and bonds were approved to construct a new school on the Virgil Daniels property in Alto selected by the site committee on Bancroft Avenue. Sweet school voters turned out in full force to pass the proposal in August, and will send their children to the new school which will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1962.

Chamber of Commerce
A step towards a progressive year was made when members of the Lowell Board of Trade became affiliated with the United States

Lions Basketball Team Win Third Straight Game

The Lowell Lions Club won their third game in succession by an overwhelming margin, beating the Butterworth Staff in league play 46-16, Wednesday night, Dec. 20, at South High.

Taking an 11-4 first quarter lead the lions were never in trouble, throughout the rest of the game. High scorer for the Lions was Jack Kempker with 13 points.

No league games are scheduled during the holidays, but the Lions will travel to Ionia Thursday night, Dec. 28, to play the Ionia Reformatory.

Fyke 1-2-4; Schneider 1-1-3; McMahon 3-0-6; Potter 0-0-0; Holtham 5-0-10; Ward 1-0-2; Abel 1-0-2; Fritz 3-0-6; Kempker 6-1-13.

Welcome Bells

Bells welcome the New Year to Japan, ringing out 108 times at midnight on New Years Eve, reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha. The people of Japan still observe many age-old customs with regard to the New Year. One of the most interesting is the practice of scattering parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

Attention!

Due to the New Year's Holiday falling on Monday, we request that reporters and advertisers submit a copy of our paper no later than Tuesday, January 2, at 5 o'clock. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Chamber of Commerce, Harold Ball was elected the first president of this newly formed organization.

The formation of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) was held and Charles Kelly was made the new head to start a string of new projects on community improvements.

Other Happenings
January—The Lions Club members turned out in full force to start cleaning the Flat River near the showboat site. Mr. and Mrs. James Collins celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Dick Rollins and Patrick McCormick were awarded the top YMCA awards of their year for their participation and leadership.

February—Lowell sites reviewed for proposed Grand Valley College site. State Savings Bank holds open house in new building on East Main Street. Eighth grade basketball team at LHS wins tournament and trophy. Ray Rittenger wins the post of supervisor of Lowell Township over Frank Stephens.

March—Lowell High Superintendent, Stephen Nisbet, given three-year contract. 'Y' to install heating unit in swimming pool. Showboat committee announces Herb Shriner to star in '61 production.

April—Two die in Easter tragedy. John Wakefield and Galen Pletcher announced class leaders at L. H. S.

May—Surplus food depot established in Lowell. To build new track at Recreation Park for Tri-River competition to cost \$12,000.

June—80 graduate from Lowell High School. Harold Mettermick of Alto wins school board position over incumbent member Francis Campau. Cook-Thomas sell large Holstein herd. 'Y' pool opens Monday, June 12. Thousands of youngsters used these facilities during the hot summer months. Seventeen enter Showboat Queen contest—Karlene Detmers final winner.

July—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dowling honored at 50th wedding anniversary open house. Forty entrants vie for Showboat Talent night spots. Alto-Clarksville banks consolidate. 1961 Showboat a success. Herb Shriner a hit.

August—Schedule events for 1961 4-H Fair, 135 horses enter. Police halt driver here in wild chase. Newly formed airport association to sponsor air show. Keith Buck takes over the Ford dealership from Jay Bolens. Harold Carivon of Elmdale observe 50th anniversary. King Milling Company purchases new 40-foot aluminum flour trailer. Don Dickinson retires from C. H. Runciman Company.

September—1,644 students enroll at Lowell High School. Wittenbach takes over Pontiac franchise. Root-Lowell Mfg. to modernize their building on West Main Street. German exchange student, Michael Herwig to live with Charles White family. Production season approaches at new Attwood plant.

October, November & December events are still fresh in our memories as the year comes to a close this week-end.

Although the year is summed up in several small paragraphs, there are still a lot of glad and sad events that marred the past year.

May we take this opportunity to wish you the very best in the New Year!

Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Huffman wish to thank all their many friends and relatives for their good wishes and kind remembrances on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, which was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist church on Sunday, December 17.

Special thanks are extended to the Mary-Ether Circle of the church.

The lace covered table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake, blanketed by a golden floral arrangement with yellow tapers. Serving at the punch bowl were the Misses Sharon K. Gardner and Jane Goller. Pouring were Mrs. Robert Dresser and Mrs. Lyle E. Ewing. Serving at the gift table were Mrs. Harvey Curtis and Mrs. Rachel E. Bigler.

There were 150 present. Those attending from out-of-town were from Grand Rapids, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Bay City, Ionia, Saramac, Belding, Greenville and Clarksville.

NOTICE TO "Y" MEMBERS

All Lowell "Y" members are reminded to mark and return their ballots for board member candidates to Lowell YMCA on or before December 30.

Lowell Beer Store open every day and evenings until 10 p. m. Sunday until 7 p. m.

Read the Ledger Want Ads!

L.H.S. Faculty Meet, Play Pro's Here, Jan. 5

Basketball's internationally famous Harlem Diplomats will play here at Lowell Friday, January 5. The Diplomats who are rapidly becoming world renowned, recently played in Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, Nassau, Brazil and Venezuela, where they were labeled the "funniest team ever."

The team features two of basketball's great comedians, Dick Harvey and Goose, Jr. Also there is a bright new sensational dribbler and ball handler, Lem Carpenter. The Diplomats will present basketball's most spectacular magic circle. Parts of this unique circle is done in darkness; only visible objects are the hands, shoes and a glowing basket ball. The tricky ball handling will precede the game.

The team is believed to have the greatest group of razzle dazzle ball handlers ever assembled. While playing before 200,000 fans last season the Diplomats compiled a 173 to 4 win and loss record respectively. At present the team is undefeated. The game promises to be one of fine basketball mixed with delightful comedy.

The game is sponsored by the Cheerleaders, Pom-Pom Girls, and Student Council for the benefit of Gym Pennants, Cheerleaders and Pom-Poms.

DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENDED

The Michigan Department of State announced that one driver from this area was among the 472 Michigan motorists whose licenses were suspended and those of 80 who were revoked during the past week.

The license of Bruce Gordon, 27, 7677 East St. N. E., Ada was suspended under the financial responsibility act on a driving under the influence of liquor complaint.

Special Weekly CON-CON REVIEW

By Dorothy Todd and John Martin
Delegates Michigan Constitutional Convention

While delegates to the Michigan Constitutional Convention disagree on many issues, they're unanimous on one major point:

Legislative apportionment will be the Convention's toughest problem.

What does this intense and complex issue involve? What are the major divisions of opinion?

Basically, apportionment simply refers to the basis of representation in the State Legislature. No one argues with the principle that the Legislature should represent the people. The controversy rages over how this representation shall be determined.

There are two schools of thought on the problem. One contends that apportionment should be based solely on population, the other insists representation by area should be an integral part of any apportionment plan.

Those who favor population apportionment base their arguments on eight major points, which were outlined by the Con-Con Preparatory Commission:

1. Equality of representation according to the principle "one man, one vote" is a basic tenet of democratic belief.

2. Serious inequities presently exist in both House and Senate districts. The existing Constitution gives a minority of the people control over a majority of the seats in the Legislature.

3. Minority control is undemocratic and saps the efficiency of government by creating deadlocks between the Executive and Legislative branches.

4. Unfair representation has forced urban areas to turn to the federal government for solutions to their problems, thus weakening the role of state government in the federal system.

5. Regional representation is not necessary to a check-and-balance system of government. Minority rights are protected by the existing separation of legislative, executive and judicial branches in Michigan government.

6. Sectional representation would not be neglected in a population-based apportionment so long as it is based on districts rather than on at-large elections.

7. The claim that only a few counties would control the Legislature under a population-based representation is false because it assumes that these counties have identical interests that are in continual conflict with the rest of the state. This is not the case.

8. It is misleading to cite the equal representation of states in the U. S. Senate as the basis for apportionment of the Michigan Senate. The State of Michigan is not a union of county governments; it is itself a local government of all the people in the state.

The foes of population-based ap-

Announce 4% Interest Rate

State Savings Bank of Lowell announced this week that they are putting into effect on January 1, 1962, as authorized by the Federal Reserve the interest rate of 4 percent on certificates of deposit for one year. These certificates will be sold in denominations of \$500 or more in multiples of \$100 and will draw 4 percent interest if held for the full period.

Short term certificates for six months will also be available and will carry an interest rate of 3 1/2 percent.

Regular savings bank deposits will continue to earn 3 percent interest and any amount may be deposited or withdrawn at any time, bank officials said.

IGA Produce Head Wins \$1,000 Prize

Mart DeYoung, head of the Cascade IGA produce department received a check for \$1,000 just two days before Christmas, the first prize in the Idaho Potato Association annual display contest.

In case you don't remember the display, Mart has a picture of the winning display and early this week still had the \$1,000 check.

New Year Custom

Reflecting the fear of starvation, it was once a custom for peasant families to bake a special New Year's cake which was dashed to pieces against the door. Members of the household picked up the pieces and ate them, prayerful would enter the house during the coming year.

The order in which a dairyman does his chores may influence mastitis in the herd says a Michigan State University veterinarian.

Services Tuesday For Otis Bibbler, Sr., 88

Funeral mass will held Tuesday morning in St. Mary's church for Otis Bibbler, sr., who died Sunday at the home of his son Otis, jr., in Vergennes Township. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. Bibbler was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 10, 1873 and came to the Lowell area when a young man. He was joined in marriage with Mary E. Duffy, December 26, 1896 and engaged in farming in the community. Mrs. Bibbler died in May, 1955.

He is survived by three sons, Lester, Otis jr., and Cecil of Lowell; one daughter, Mrs. John (Marie) Thomas of Murray Lake; 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

January First Has Long Been Interesting Day

The first day of the New Year is a time for looking ahead, for making plans for hope and optimism. But it is also a time when most of us look back, with fond memories to days of yesterday.

With each New Year, we are conscious that time does not wait and that each new day is soon a part of history.

Looking back through the pages of time, we find that many interesting events have taken place on January 1. It was, for instance, the birthday of Betsy Ross (1752), Paul Revere (1735), and Philip Yreneau (1752).

The first practical fire engine was tested Jan. 1, 1852. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on the first day of the year 1863. The famous Tournament of Roses began Jan. 1, 1889.

The USSR was formed Jan. 1, 1923; U. S. parcel post service was inaugurated Jan. 1, 1913. On the first day of the year 1934, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was inaugurated and the Bank Guaranty Act became effective.

The United Nations Declaration, was signed Jan. 1, 1942; the U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe was formed Jan. 1, 1944 and Japan's Emperor Hirohito disavowed divinity, Jan. 1, 1946.

New Year Is Also Time to Look Back

It is right that we think of the New Year as a time of joy and happiness. It marks a new starting point in time: chance to do new and better things.

But, the start of a New Year should also be the time for serious reflection—looking backward for a moment. The old year is gone, true enough, but in its time it brought new experiences, new challenges. If we are to meet the problems of the New Year with determination, then we should have profited from the successes and failures of the past.

So, let's not only look to the future. Let's think for a moment of the past—and thus put our achievement success during 1962.

Keeping Time With Sun Is Old Problem

Sweethearts may be more interested in the moon but for centuries calendar makers have devoted plenty of attention to the sun. In fact, the sun caused the year 46 B. C. to have 445 days—the longest year in calendar history.

The Roman Calendar, supposedly created by Numa Pompilius, in the seventh century B. C., was revised several times. Yet, when Julius Caesar put his experts to work on the Julian calendar, they found the Roman calendar was two months behind the sun. This presented them a problem: they had to catch up with the sun before the Julian calendar could take over as the official method of marking time.

Adding two extra months to the year 46 B. C., inserting them between the months of November and December.

Booming Welcome

Pre-revolutionary Russia welcomed the New Year with booming cannon—a hundred shots fired at midnight. The observance of the New Year on January 1, according to the Gregorian Calendar, was instituted by Peter the Great in 1700. The evening of December 31, known as St. Sylvester's Eve, was the time for great fun and enjoyment.

The list of the 10 greatest engineers of all time selected by the deans of American colleges of engineering signally fails to include Casey Jones.

A small town is the only place where sound is faster than light.

Bill Kerekes Cites Highlights of 1961

Lowell, Michigan
Dec. 22, 1961
Editor, Lowell Ledger
Lowell, Mich.
Dear Harold:

As we abandon the sinking ship of the year 1961 and struggle through the flotsam and jetsam seeking safety on the good ship 1962 there is one class whose safety need not concern us and that is the bankers because they can always float a loan.

While I am lackadaisically swinging a mean pen it could be of some interest to list the events of 1961 in order of their news value.

No. 1. Premier Muskego Brush-off came up with a 50 talkathon bomb.

2. Floyd Patterson gets invited to the Punch Bowl.

3. Nearest approach to catching the Joneses was when Curly Howard caught sight of their tailgate.

4. Idea abandoned of buying Castro a one-way ticket to the moon being considered as wall-to-wall foolishness.

5. This was the year I said I could not see myself washing dishes so the Mrs. hung a mirror over the sink.

6. Most reasonable woman of the year awarded a plaque for stating there were two sides to every question. Her side and the wrong side.

7. The eating of this year's Christmas dinners established a new champion for glutton of the week.

A aspiration of the easy flow of the winds of trade reminded me to mobilize my finances to satisfy an overwhelming urge to bring my indebtedness down to an irreducible minimum before the advent of the millennium. I beg, beseech and implore you to accept enclosed remittance for renewal of my subscription. Please remember in presenting this check for payment.

If at the bank they shake their head, And whisper Bill's account is dead, Do not despair, there is no yank. Step out and try some other bank. To you and your staff I sincerely wish the happiest New Year.

Respectfully yours,
Bill Kerekes, R. B. K.
(Retired But Kicking)

Colds Lead Ten To One in Sickness

The cold is the most common illness of both child and adult. Your child will probably have almost 10 times as many colds as all other illnesses combined, it was pointed out by Dr. W. B. Prothro, City-County Health Officer.

At present, there is no known way to eliminate colds entirely. But you can help lessen the frequency and severity of colds in your own children by following a few simple rules.

Keep another child who has a cold away from your children as much as possible, indoors and out. If one of your children has a cold, isolate him as best you can—in a separate room if possible. Avoid common drinking glasses, towels, etc. Remember that when an infected person coughs or sneezes without covering nose and mouth, he can spread infection within a radius of 12 feet. Try to avoid breathing directly into a baby's face.

Resistance can be lowered by poor diet. Growing children should receive added vitamins to be sure that they get sufficient amounts, especially of Vitamin A and Vitamin C.

Excessive fatigue can lower resistance. See that your child gets sufficient sleep and rest.

It is also recognized that a nervous, insecure child, who, perhaps lives in a tense home environment, will have a lower resistance to colds.

Sudden temperature drops, rain or snow may chill the body of your child and lower his resistance.

Don't over bundle your child. Clothing should be ample, but not stifling. Don't closet your child at home in the hope this will prevent colds. He should be acclimated to the different types of weather at the proper age and should get normal outdoor exercise.

Sufficient moisture in a heated room during fall, winter, and spring is important. Drying out the mucous membranes of the nose and throat may lower resistance to germs. The simplest way to assure that your house or apartment has sufficient humidity is to keep pans of water on or behind the radiator or to use a humidifier. Avoid drafts directly on the child.

Although there is no known substance that will immunize your child to colds, there are injections that may prevent or lessen possible complications, such as sinusitis, ear trouble, and asthma. Consult your physician about these.

Always consult your physician when your baby has his first cold. Call him if your child shows symptoms, if the cold is severe, if the fever elevates over 100 degrees rectally, if your child has a chronic cough or if the cold hangs on.

New Year Message

The first cable across the Pacific, between San Francisco and Honolulu, 2,600 miles, was completed January 1, 1903, when the cable ship Silverton arrived in Honolulu. The first message was sent that day and the cable was open for public use four days later.

What is Excellence in a Weekly Paper?

With the beginning of another year, we feel there is no more appropriate time to set down the principles that have guided The Ledger through its 68th year of service to the citizens of the Lowell area.

Our most important principle is that our columns must be devoted to live, local news, written by our own staff or by local contributors. Our aim is to give our readers the most thorough coverage possible of what the Lowell area is doing—its government, its organizations and its people—sparked with interesting features dealing with the local scene and its personalities. Every story, no matter how worthwhile, must meet the "local angle" test. We're proud that our advertisers, too, have respected this policy as being, in the long run, in their best interests.

In order to do a thorough job of coverage, we have maintained our percentage of news to advertising consistently far higher than the average weekly. We think the people of Lowell deserve this type of complete, though costly, coverage. It gives us deep satisfaction to realize, moreover, that putting out the highest quality newspaper possible has been good business.

No legitimate item of news, no matter how important, has ever been omitted from The Ledger. We are, however, a family newspaper and we insist on publishing the kind of paper that can sit proudly throughout the week in the living room of any Lowell

Area home. With this in mind, we do not dwell on the lurid details of scandals or accidents that might occur in the community. We'd rather have the year-round confidence of our readers than to sell a few extra papers on some passing story of a sensational nature.

Our columns are open to all political parties and all sides of controversial issues. We consider it a solemn obligation to present this type of news in as fair and balanced a manner as is humanly possible. No letter to the editor, unless considered libelous, has ever been suppressed. We reserve the right in our editorial columns (and there only) to express what we consider to be in the best interests of the community, but at the same time we feel that a full presentation of the facts from all sides to our intelligent readership is a far greater factor in arriving at the best answer than any editorial guidance we could give.

Lastly, we are proud to be a part of the great American tradition of the free press, which we consider one of the greatest weapons of democracy in a world where democracy is on trial. In asking that our readers support us in maintaining this freedom, we pledge them a complete, responsible and impartial presentation of the news of the community, and an unremitting effort to join with them in making this community "a good place for good people to live."

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OVER 4,000 FAMILIES READ THIS WANT PAGE EVERY WEEK!

THE LOWELL LEDGER, LOWELL, MICH., DEC. 28, 1961

For Sale—General

CORSAJES and cut flowers for your New Year's parties. Mums, roses, carnations, for those gala occasions. Ball Floral Shop, 517 East Main, Lowell, TW 7-1150. c37

REFRIGERATION SERVICE—Refrigerators, freezers, milk coolers. Clark Fletcher. Phone TW 7-8390. c37

AZARELLO CHEVROLET, Buick. Try our fine service. Lowell, Mich. TW 7-9294 for appointment. c37

HALLMARK GREETING CARDS—Your friends and dear ones will treasure a Hallmark card from you. For it says you cared enough to send the very best! So, remember others this thoughtful way at glad times, sad times, all times. Available at Christian Science Drug Store, Lowell. c37

WHEN YOU BUY SOMETHING NEW, don't throw the old away. Sell it through an inexpensive Ledger Want Ad for cash. Ph. Lowell TW 7-3261. c37

SEPTIC TANKS CLEANED—For prompt service, phone Francis Sloan, Orleans, Michigan, Phone 761-3623. c37

TANK FULL, CALL FULLER, Septic tank cleaning, licensed and bonded, member Ada Business Association, 638 Mars Ave., Ada, Mich. OR 6-5988. p34-37

GREEN THE NEW YEAR—With flowers. Special this week—Mums, bouquets \$8c. Covages and hostesses for all occasions. Fresh cut flower arrangements in the container of your choice at moderate prices. Potted plants, dish gardens, cut flowers. Gift coupons with every purchase. Birchwood Gardens, 730 Godfrey St., Lowell, TW 7-7137. Open daily 9 to 7. c37

RECONDITIONED—3 Phase 40 HP 440 volts, 60 cycles, Gen. Elec. open type motor. Iron type soft drink dispenser with 5 gal. Jug. Call TW 7-9288. p37

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE—Be sure to check our rates before renewing. It pays! The Speers Agency, TW 7-9259. c37

For Rent

WALLPAPER—In stock, new patterns. Also close-out on room bundles as low as \$2.50 per room. Cascade Paint Co., across from Old Kent Bank in Cascade. Open 9 to 9 daily. c37-38

ONE ROOM FURNISHED—TILE Shower, TV, Utilities, Cascade Rd. and Snow Ave. CH3-1399. OR 6-1647. c37-38

FOR RENT—Modern furnished apartment furnished, heated, 3 rooms, bath and garage. Call TW 7-7676. c37

FOR RENT—Upstairs furnished 3 room apartment, 1078 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, Call TW 7-8728 after 5 p. m., or 373 Ionia. p77

Lost and Found

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coming events

Lowell Library hours: Tuesday morning, 9-12:30, afternoon and evening, 1:30-8:30, Friday 1:30 to 8:30, and Saturday afternoon 12:30 to 5 p. m. c21f

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The Joseph Wilson Relief Corps, No. 49 will meet Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 for supper at the American Legion hall. Installation of officers.

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Haiti Remembers First Day of 1804; Independence Day

January 1 is more than New Year's Day for Haiti; it is also independence day. On the first day of January, 1804, Jean Jacques Dessalines declared the island's freedom from France, making Haiti the second nation of the Western hemisphere to win independence.

Independence and adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" came after a bitter two-year revolt led against the French initiated by a former slave, Toussaint L'Ouverture. A man of great ability, L'Ouverture rose from slavery to the colonial governorship and to great fame as a soldier and statesman. He called the island's first constitutional assembly and organized an army of slaves in defiance of the mighty Napoleon.

Bonaparte sent an expedition of 70 warships and 25,000 men to Haiti. L'Ouverture was captured and sent to a French prison and the revolt seemed to be ended. But while L'Ouverture sickened and died in prison, Dessalines rallied the people of Haiti and the French forces were defeated by November, 1803.

THINGS TO COME

A new table-side electric food warming tray with an antique brass-plated steel base and scratch resistant, brush-finished aluminum heating surface, may be plugged into any outlet. Unbreakable, it heats in seconds.

A handle-like device that attaches to a bowling ball by means of vacuum cups is said to correct delivery faults, improve timing and footwork, and to make it possible to deliver straight, curve or back-up balls with considerable skill.

An automatic water cooler that fits under the kitchen sink works on the same principle as a refrigerator, keeping water at 40 degrees.

A disposable pill cup for hospitals is lightweight and inexpensive. It has either a snap-in, pull tab paper lid, or one with an extension card for noting the patient's name and time for medication.

Know what fruit once formed the basis of Chinese love potions? The power to produce love was once ascribed to the lemon! But, as everyone knows, it's THE TOMATO!



Our wishes couldn't be warmer for you and yours in the New Year. May 1962 bring health, happiness and success to you, our friends.

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Best of luck, health, prosperity to you all. May '62 be your banner year... fulfill all your finest expectations.

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Former Circuit Court Judges at Con-Con



ONE HUNDRED thirty-seven years of judicial deliberations are represented in these six former Circuit Court judges currently holding forth as delegates to the Constitutional Convention. From the left, standing, are Carl D. Mosier (12 years) of Dowagiac, Paul V. Gadola, Sr. (30 years) of Flint and Karl K. Leibbrand (10 years) of Bay City. Seated are John C. Shaffer (23 years) of Gladwin, Earl C. Pugsley (30 years) of Hart and Herman Dehnke (32 years) of Harrisville. Five of the six have retired from the bench. Leibbrand did not seek re-election.

Snow Community
Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

A happy and prosperous New Year to the entire Ledger staff and correspondents.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole and Bonnie entertained Don Post of Caledonia, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shaler and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfaller and sons at a Christmas dinner Sunday.

The Fox family held their Christmas dinner Sunday at the WSCS Hall. Twenty-five guests were present.

Callers at the Richards-Baker home last week were Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Lehman, Mrs. Louis Steenwyk Jr., and son Jim, Carl Clum and Harold Stelma of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and children of Sanford were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra. They were joined for a Christmas dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dalstra and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antonides and Mrs. Jennie Antonides attended a Christmas celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Fairchild of Bailey Drive. They were joined in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Daverman and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Slater of Bowne Center. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and baby of Cascade and Mrs. Roy Thompson of Lowell visited Mrs. Kenneth Fox Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfaller and sons spent Christmas with Leo's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Pfaller of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson and children and Hugh Robertson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildabride of Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland and children enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blanding Jr. of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green of Alto spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra and Mrs. Lena Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Daverman and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kauffman and family of Lowell were breakfast guests Christmas morning of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Daverman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Tooley of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ralph Brown of Caledonia and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Geib of Thornapple River Drive were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dalstra and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Neustifter of Ionia.

Mrs. Clark Hoxie returned home Thursday from Osteopathic hospital. Her condition is reported as improving.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Menno Baker is now able to have the cast removed from her knee and can get around with the help of crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Booker and sons of Independence, Iowa, spent the holiday week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rozek, William Ringer, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran and family, Peter Fisher had Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Poyson of Grand Rapids Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Cascade Road Monday evening.

Without private enterprise—great and small—the United States today would be numbered among the under-developed countries of the world, seeking capital and aid from abroad.

Farming employs over seven million workers in the United States.

SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION



DONALD KLINE, S.C.S. Editor By Your S.C.D. Directors

"Christmas was for the birds." Seriously, it was if our winter bird residents and transient visitors have a good food supply.

Planting of berried shrubs, food patches left at the corners and at the sides of crop fields supply game birds and other birds with food when bad weather occurs. These wildlife areas have an important place in most every soil and water conservation farm plan.

Farm families, such as the Marvin Porritt's of Bowne Twp., enjoy their bird feeder which they watch from the kitchen window. The whole family can identify these winter visitors.

December 16, a flock of black headed grosbeaks descended on our bird feeder. The ochre-yellow and black colored grosbeaks live up to their name, gross or large beak.

They are gluttons for seeds and are quite wasteful. Bert Nokes, a neighbor, says he has to refill his feeder each time the flock appears.

However, the Junco, tufted titmice and of course the English sparrows, soon clean up seeds the grosbeaks have scattered under the feeder.

A pair of cardinals now have made their appearance. The female is less cautious than is the male. While other birds come to the feeder, the cardinals are seen often on ornamental alms, (burning bush) and on our new cotoneaster multiflora, helping themselves to the berries.

A flock of goldfinches helped themselves to white birch seeds Sunday.

Chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers are much more independent. In return for our suet hand-out, they seem to inspect every tree nook and crevice for harmful insect borers.

With the many bird feeding stations Rockford residents as well as those of neighbor towns and rural residents provide, it appears that the birds had a pretty good Christmas. They can be rather choosy as to where they will feed.

How successful have you been in taking pictures of your bird feeder visitors?

At this time of year we would like to present the following paragraph suggested by Con-Con delegate Melvin Nord of Detroit to be used in Michigan's new constitution:

Detroit Suggests Better Language
This is the language he suggests between the preamble and the Bill of Rights:

"Section 1.—The lands, minerals, waters, air, forests, wildlife, and all other natural resources of the state constitute a treasure bestowed on us by our Creator. We cannot replace it; we pledge that we shall not destroy it. We accept it gratefully as a heritage, transmitted to us from past generations of mankind, in trust for the benefit of future generations yet to be born, subject only to such privilege of reasonable use and enjoyment thereof as we may make with due respect not only for our own peace, prosperity, and

pursuit of happiness, but also of a similar privilege in our posterity."

Your District directors compliment delegate Nord on his concern for the conservation of our natural resources.

They also congratulate Editor Ink White of St. Johns who reports Con-Con happenings each week in the Middleville Sun & News, who mentioned the above proposed change.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot adequately express our thanks for the lovely floral offerings and acts of kindness extended to us at the death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Cora M. Peterle.
Charles Peterle
Forest Smith

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank South Boston Grange, South Boston Bible Church, as well as many friends and relatives for all the gifts, cards and calls I received while in the hospital and since my return. Your thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered.
Harvey McClure c37

DINING OUT?

A manual of politeness published in Philadelphia in 1859 suggested:
"In the case of a dinner party when dinner is announced, the mistress or master of the house gets up, invites the company to follow to the dining room, and sets them the example by passing out first."

Read the Want Ads.



May 1962 take its place on the scroll of time as one of the happiest of your life, with good health and good fortune written large and clear for you and yours.

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Cordial invitation is extended to all. If transportation is needed phone TW 7-9594.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND JUNIORS 6:45 P. M.
EVENING WORSHIP 7:30 P. M.
PRAYER AND PRAISE WEDNESDAY 7:30 P. M.
"Give Unto the Lord the Glory Due Unto His Name; Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness." Psalm 29:2.
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8:00 P. M. — Worship
Wednesday 8 P. M. — Prayer Meeting
"Holding forth the Word of Life" Phil. 2:16

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Main at Division — Lowell, Mich.
J. MARION DE VINNEY, MINISTER
9:45 A. M. Church School
8:45 and 11 A. M. Morning Worship
STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY
18 Young People Participating
(Nursery for small children at 11:00) c49 f

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The Little Country Church With the Big Gospel Message
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Come and Receive a Big Welcome

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday December 28, 29, 30
A LAND UNTAMED! A DOG UNMATCHED!
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Where the Bible is received, and believed, and preached, not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the word of God.
1961 - 1962
As the old year ends on Sunday and the new year begins on Monday, we invite you to our services on the last day of the old year and the first day of the new year.
SUNDAY SERVICES — 10:00 A. M. - 7:30 P. M.
MONDAY SERVICE — 10:00 A. M.
End the old year and begin the new year in God's house, worshipping the God upon whom we are so dependent.
"O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."
Metrical version of Psalm 90
Everyone Invited

SNOW METHODIST CHURCH
THE WHITE CHURCH ON THE HILL (SNOW AVENUE)
R. A. WITTENBACH — Minister
10:00 A. M. — Worship Service
Sermon: "A Charge We Have"
11:05 A. M. — Church School Bus transportation available
7:00 P. M. — Methodist Youth Fellowship
YOU ARE WELCOME

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