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LOWELL, MICH., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1962

City To Issue \$23,500 In Revenue Bonds For New Subdivision Project at 2%

The city council on Monday night authorized the issue of \$23,500 in Water and Sewer revenue bonds to pay the city's share of the water and sewer extensions in the new Valley Vista plat. This will pay for the extension to the plat border, and for over-sizing the pipe to strengthen the city system. The Lowell Development Corp. has offered to purchase these bonds at the interest rate of only 2 per cent and take payment \$500 in 1964, \$1,000 a year through 1980, and balance at \$2,000 per year.

Sell Main St. Property
A small triangular piece of property just west of the C and O Railroad tracks on West Main Street was sold to Wittenbach Sales and Service Company the

Ten Complete First Aid Course

Ten area residents completed the Standard First Aid Course at the Lowell City Hall on December 12. The course was given by Carlisle E. Phillips, First Aid Instructor of the Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Those completing the course were Mrs. Dortha Buck, Mrs. Doris Balcom, Mrs. Donna M. Hill, Mrs. Eileen A. McLaughlin, Mrs. Ruth Stephens, Mrs. Roxie Sullivan, Mrs. Leonora Tower, Mrs. Luella Hunn and Mrs. Grace Wright, all of Lowell, and Mrs. Frieda Purchase of Ada.

The group and the instructor wish to thank A. B. Howard of the Club Diner for donating the use of his coffee urn, and Stephen Nesbet of the Lowell Area School District for the use of the film projector in the classes.

Ada Township Resident Alfred C. Thomet Dies

Funeral services for Alfred C. Thomet, aged 66, were held Monday afternoon, December 17, at 1 p. m. at the Roth Funeral Home, The Rev. R. A. Wittenbach, of the Snow Methodist Church, officiated, and interment was made in Findley Cemetery. Mr. Thomet, a resident of Ada Township at 1970 Pettis Road, passed away at his home on Friday, December 14. He was born February 27, 1896, and was an active member of the Egypt Grange, and other community affairs.

Besides his wife, Fannie, Mr. Thomet is survived by four sons, Alfred and Stewart of Lowell, and Richard and Ronald of Ada; one daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Robidoux of Ada; thirteen grandchildren; one brother, Paul Thomet; and one sister, Mrs. Beatrice Tanis, both of Grand Rapids.

Women of the Moose Hold Annual Christmas Party

The Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, held their annual Christmas Party at their club room Monday evening, December 17.

Following the potluck dinner, a business meeting was held. Two guests were present to enjoy the festive event.

Savings and Loan Members Hold Total Savings Worth \$650,142.835

That Lowell Savings and Loan Association and Michigan's other 34 Savings and Loan Associations are on a sound footing was revealed today in a report issued by Secretary of State James M. Hare which showed that 294,343 Michigan share account members held total savings shares worth \$650,142,835.

The Lowell Savings and Loan association reported fiscal year assets of \$1,361,994.38, invested

MRS. WAYNE SPARKS INJURED IN CRASH ON DECEMBER 15

Lowell Police Officer, Avery Block reported that Mrs. Wayne Sparks, 30, of Oberley Drive, Lowell, and her son, Douglas, 10, were treated for face cuts and bruises by a local doctor last Thursday afternoon, when she crashed head-on into a car driven by Mrs. Paula Tummison, 25, of 9222 S. Hastings Road, Clarksville.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Sparks going south on Division St., 40 feet north of the Grand River Bridge, got into the wrong traffic lane and was struck head-

She was ticketed by Officer Block for driving left of the center lane.

only bidder for \$300.00. A deed restriction was included that no buildings could be built on this property. The Wittenbach Company has filled in the property and it is next to property they already own.

The city council heard from the Zoning Board of Appeals that they did not feel that the city was justified in returning the zoning in the new area of the city on West Main Street to A-1 Residential after having put it in commercial and light industrial a few weeks ago. The council overruled the zoning board and went along with the City Planning Commission and the newly employed planning consultant, Scott Bagby, who said for the present the property should be held A-1 Residential. Also included in this rezoning was an area of East Main Street.

The council held that until a master plan was developed the best thing for the city, was to keep any commercial use restricted to the area that it occupies.

Take Bids on New Tractor-Loader
The city took bids on a new unit on Monday. Only one local company bid, Wittenbach Sales and Service Company at \$6,399; other bidders ranged from low of \$5,702 to \$6,856 for the unit. The manager will review the bids before the next meeting and award the contract at that time.

City Manager Olson was also asked to get bids on a sweeper and plow unit for the Ford tractor the city has just rebuilt, so it could be used for cleaning snow from sidewalks and other jobs.

City Attorney Richard Vander reviewed the Supreme Court decision on the DeMuller junk yard case—that the city ordinance was unconstitutional last week. He told the council that if the city wished to get rid of this non-conforming use it could be condemned and purchased by the city or by the surrounding property owners.

Colored Slides To Tell Christmas Story Sunday

On December 23rd at 5:30 p. m. the members and friends of the Congregational Church are invited to the annual Christmas program put on by the boys and girls of the Sunday School Department.

The Christmas story has been photographed on colored slides which will be projected on the screen. Group singing, our own children's band, and a piano solo by one of the children will be interspersed through out the showing of the slides. The time is Sunday evening, December 23rd at 5:30 p. m. and the public is cordially invited.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT VICTIM RECOVERING IN HOSPITAL

Kenneth L. Jones, 23, of Grand Rapids, who was involved in a hunting accident north of Lowell Sunday, December 8, is showing some improvement at Blodgett Hospital. He was removed from the intensive care unit Saturday. Jones was accidentally shot in the back with a 12-gauge shotgun by his hunting partner, Nathaniel McKenzie, Jr., 26. Doctors removed 170 shots from Jones' back and bladder.

Watch Ledger Want Ads for 'top grade' buys every week.

R. G. Thompson Dies At Age 76

Services were held on Wednesday morning for R. G. (Pop) Thompson, 76, Lowell businessman for many years.

"Pop" as he was affectionately known by his many friends in Lowell, was a meat cutter in several local markets. He came to Lowell, when his son opened a market here. Previously to that time, he worked at this trade in Muskegon and Grand Rapids.

He died Sunday in Butterworth Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted by Father Benedick Marcellonis with burial in Rosedale Memorial Park, Grand Rapids.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Gertrude; two sons, G. R. Thompson and Frank Thompson, both of Lowell; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Johnson and Mrs. Lee Francisco, both of Jacksonville, Florida, and Mrs. Lester Kurz of Grand Rapids; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Mause of Onekama and Mrs. Lillian Hanson of Norwalk.

November Justice Court Report

Howard J. Rittenger, Lowell Justice of the Peace reported 36 cases in his court during the month of November; 14 City violations, 20 county violations and 2 warrants. Fines and costs collected totaled \$358.90 with \$98.40 going to the city and \$260.50 to the county.

The cases were listed as follows:
10 Speeding
1 Allowing an unlicensed minor to drive
2 Drove left of centerline
1 Expired chauffeur's license
2 Excessive noise-mufflers
1 No clearance lights
1 No operators license on person
2 Minor in possession of beer
6 Improper parking
4 Failed to stop at stop sign
2 Failed to have car under control - accident
1 Improper starting from parked position-accident
1 Backing to interfere-accident
1 Warrant for operating motor vehicle in reckless manner. Fine and Costs not paid, committed to County Jail for 30 days
1 Warrant for being drunk at a public place, committed to County Jail for 90 days

Juniors To Present Nazarene Program

The Nazarene Church Christmas program will be held this Sunday, December 23, at 7:30 p. m. The Young Peoples' Choir will be singing Christmas songs and the Juniors will present the program.

Juniors are to meet at the Church for practice on Saturday afternoon, December 22, at 1:30; everyone is sure to come. A party will follow the practice.

The Christian Service Training class will be at the Muskegon Eastwood Nazarene Church on January 10. This is the last of a series of classes.

The Grand Rapids District Zone Pastors and the District Superintendent, with their families who were able to attend were at the new home of Clyde Newell for the regular monthly meeting of pastors. They enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with trimmings.

Pictures were shown by Dale Johnson, and a gift was presented to the District Superintendent by the pastors.

Nazarene Churches represented were Muskegon, Sparta, Greenville, Lake Odessa, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids (3), and Lowell.

IONIA POMONA GRANGE

Ionia County Pomona Grange met Saturday with Lakeside Grange. Thirty five were in attendance. A program of readings appropriate to the season, exchange of gifts and treats furnished by Lakeside completed the afternoon.

Orleans Center received the attendance banner.

The January meeting will be with the Berlin Center and will be a day time meeting.

CLOSED NEXT WEEK!

Vi's Auto Service will close the repair shop for vacation and inventory December 24 through 29. The parts department and gas station will be open.

Vi's Auto Service c-36

FOR \$1 BAKERY SPECIAL

Pumpkin Pie, dozen dinner rolls and a loaf of bread, all 3 for \$1 on Saturday at Flagers Lowell Bakery.

Balsa is an unusually light and porous wood, twice as buoyant as cork. When placed upon water it will float. Consequently it is used in rafts and life preservers.

Congregationalists To Hold Candlelight Service

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held in the Lowell Congregational church on December 24, at 11:00 p. m.

This service will be a period of quiet prayer and meditation with the familiar Christmas Carols and Scripture readings.

Mrs. Hugh Onan and Dr. Roy Westcott will present the special music for the service, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Hill, organist. Mrs. Onan will sing "Lullaby On Christmas Eve," by Christiansen, and "O, Holy Night," by Adams will be sung by Dr. Roy Westcott.

Two Injured In Monday Accidents

Two Lowell area residents were injured Monday afternoon, 30-minutes apart, in separate accidents.

Mrs. Ila Seeley, 42, Segwun Avenue, Lowell, suffered a skull fracture and broken ribs when she struck the rear of a County Road Commission truck on 36th Street, at the intersection of Kissing Rock Road, Monday afternoon.

She was taken by private car to a local physician, and is reported to be now under treatment at the Kent County Receiving Hospital.

Deputies Robert Tanner and Phil Hefferan reported that she was travelling west on 36th Street, and rammed the rear of the County Road Commission truck driven by Cecil Decker, 34, of Alto, who was halted while making a turn onto Kissing Rock Road.

Police revealed that Mrs. Seeley skidded 77 feet into the rear of the truck, totally wrecking the car, and smashing the sanding equipment and the rear box of the truck.

Eugene G. Beck Injured

Eugene G. Beck, 45, 8338 East Fulton Street, Ada, suffered a head concussion and face lacerations, when he struck the front of a Buick owned by the Hastings Buick-Vault Company, driven by Lawrence Hewitt, 48, of Hastings, at the intersection of Pettis Road and Fulton Street, on the divided highway at Ada.

Deputy Richard Williams issued a summons to Hewitt for failure to yield the right-of-way.

Beck was taken to Blodgett Hospital by ambulance, where he is reported to be in good condition on Wednesday.

at the Tracks

By "Sam"

In approximately 3½ more months the roar of modified engines will fill the ears of racing fans as drivers again encounter to streak ahead of their foes.

For the drivers who will be competing in the modified sportsman class, their cars must be constructed to meet the following regulations.

1. Cars must be stock to the eye, 1953 models or older. No mixed breeding, (such as Ford products with Chevrolet products, etc.)

2. Any make, any model of closed American automobiles; no trucks, station wagons or convertibles. All cars must have steel tops. Windows and insides must be stripped. A bucket may be used, and safety belts must be fastened to the frame and chained.

3. Safety hubs, sissy bars, and dual carbs (depending on specific track regulations) may be used. Right hand fills in gas tanks must be changed to left hand fills. Brakes must be in good working condition.

4. Ascot tires are allowed, as well as locked rear ends and full hoods. Fenders may be chopped or removed.

5. Any engine 1954 or older may provide the needed power; no truck engines are allowed, and no quick change rear ends are legal.

6. Front ends, springs, shocks and steering may be altered and two safety wheels may be had.

7. Transmission must be in original position. Adaptors are illegal.

8. Self-starter must be in working order, as all cars must leave the pits and starting line under their own power.

9. No homemade bodies will be allowed in this class.

10. All cars must carry numbers on their cars that are legible, and easy to read from a distance.

Besides these 10 major specifications, the drivers must adjust their cars to the tracks regulations, and must follow the rules of the flag-man and the track officials.

TW 7-9261, the number to call to place your want ad in the next issue of the Lowell Ledger.

New Telephone Books Are Out

The 1963 Grand Rapids area telephone directory, which will be distributed here beginning Tuesday December 18, contains an expanded customer convenience.

Lowell phone books that were delivered this week will have the names of 1725 Lowell subscribers who have a total of 2154 telephone instruments in service. This compares with 1,587 subscribers with 2113 instruments in 1961.

In the front of the new directory, the number of communities in the USA and Canada—which studies have shown are called most often by Michigan telephone users—has been increased from 450 to 1600.

"These communities with their respective area codes are listed for customers who make long distance calls to other parts of Michigan and to other states," said Berle D. Slack, manager for Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

These 1600 localities are only some of the 40,000 which now are identified by area code.

The new directory also contains many ANC (All-Number Calling) listings. About one telephone number in five is listed as just seven numerals—the new way of expressing telephone numbers without letters.

The number of telephones with ANC will increase annually until, within the next three-to-four years, all Michigan Bell telephones will be identified this way.

Some 215,000 copies of the area directory will be distributed in Grand Rapids, Ada, Alto, Byron Center, Caledonia, Dorset, Dutton, Grattan, Hudsonville, Jamestown, Lowell, Marne, Moline, Rockford and Sparta.

Darrell L. Swanson, 45 Dies After Brief Illness

Darrell L. Swanson, Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, passed away Saturday, December 15, in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, following a brief illness, at the age of 45. He was born November 27, 1917.

His father, Benedict Marcellonis, officiated at the last rites held on Monday afternoon at the Roth Funeral Home at 3 p. m. Burial was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Swanson, a long-time Lowell resident, is survived by his wife, Doris; one son, Dorrall Dean; two daughters, Mrs. George Burton and Mrs. Allen Young, both of Grand Rapids; his mother, Mrs. Lena Swanson of Lowell; four grandchildren; two brothers, Lester of Grand Rapids, and Glenn in Pennsylvania; and two sisters, Mrs. Carl Peters of Ada and Mrs. Melvin DuMont of Dorset.

FRED SCOTT FORMER LOWELL RESIDENT PASSES IN LANSING

Services were held Wednesday in Lansing for Fred Scott, former Lowell resident some 35 years ago. Mr. Scott died suddenly at his home in Lansing on Saturday, December 15. Burial will be in the Marshall Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl, and several nieces and nephews.

UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH PLANS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The West Lowell United Brethren Church Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas program this Sunday evening, December 23.

The program will start at 7 p. m. in the church, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

TAX NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

I will be at the Lowell State Savings Bank to receive property and dog taxes on Saturdays, December 15, 22, 29, 1962, and Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19, 1963, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. I will receive tax payments in my home any other days except Sundays and holidays.

Mrs. Floyd (Goldie) Clark
Township Treasurer c-35-36

events.... coming up

The Morse Lake-McCords Farm Bureau will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark Friday evening, December 21.

The West Lowell United Brethren Church Sunday School will hold their Christmas program on Sunday, December 23, at 7 p. m. at the church.

During 1960, Ontario farmers realized an estimated \$877 million from the sale of farm products. The total value of mineral production that year was \$984 million.

You can buy and sell anything with Lowell Ledger Want Ads.



Dog Team Brings Santa To Lowell In Saturday Parade

A dog team driven by Cecil Houghton of Grand Rapids brought Lowell's Santa to town in the annual parade last Saturday afternoon. The Santa, played to perfection by shapely George Day, Jr., brought candy to all the hundreds of kiddies present at the end of the parade. George Brew, another dog team enthusiast, of Grand Rapids, gave Mrs. Santa (Mrs. William Collins) a thrilling ride through town. Completing the parade was the high school band, twirling group and city trucks and new cars. Houghton and his team of seven dogs had to be held in check by boys on each dog. He said one of the dogs hitched to the sled on Saturday was only three months old but already team-wise. He has appeared in parades with his dogs in nearly twenty cities in West Michigan and Indiana.

Early Christmas Issue

The Lowell Ledger issue of December 27 will be published early next week because of Christmas. All news and advertising must be in by Friday morning, December 21. The paper will be printed for distribution by mail and on the news stands on Monday, December 24.

Wrestlers Defeat Tough Cedar Team

Lowell High School wrestling team defeated a tough Cedar Springs team last Wednesday, 29 to 21, in a match full of excitement and suspense, until the last event.

Lipscomb won a decision over Pierce of Cedar Springs in the 95-lb. class; 103-lb. Kropf of Lowell pinned Kilts in 1:34 of the 3rd; Mike Foss failed to make his weight in the 112-lb. class and Lowell had to forfeit 5 points.

Walker, Lowell's 120-lb. contender lost a decision to Oliver 4-0; Male of Cedar Springs pinned Olin in 1:06 of the 3rd in the 127-lb. weight. McPherson at 133-lb. pinned Stryker of Cedar Springs in 1 minute of the 2nd period. Jim Boys at 138 lost a decision to Scott 7 to 2 to give Cedar Springs 3; Hostetter at 145 pinned Branigan in 1:59 of the 2nd to help the Lowell cause. Gordon Meyers, Lowell's 154-lb. entry got a 4 to 1 decision over Apperman; Tom Davis of Lowell at 165 pinned Becker in 1:11 of the first; Mike Serne was pinned by Goodell of Cedar Springs in 1:36 of the 2nd in the 180-lb. class. Bruce Rittenger, Lowell's heavy weight decisioned Reed 4 to 0.

Lowell wrestles its final meet before Christmas vacation December 19 here with Sparta and meets one of the top Tri-River teams, Rockford, here on January 9th.

Lowell Seniors To Take National Test

All 1964 graduates of Lowell High School who wish to enter the 1963-64 National Merit Scholarship competition should register now at the school office. Carl Hagen, principal, announced today.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be given in the school at 9 a. m., Tuesday, March 5, 1963 (or Saturday, March 9, 1963).

Students who will graduate from high school in 1964 and enter college in the same calendar year are eligible for scholarship consideration in the 1963-64 Merit Program.

To receive consideration, the student must take the test when it is offered in his school. Participating students pay a \$1 fee on the day of the test. Any interested student who is unable to pay the fee should consult Mr. Hagen.

Awards in the Merit Program are granted on the basis of intellectual merit, but student financial needs determine the amount of individual stipends. The stipends are renewable each year without further testing.

A student's performance on the qualifying test also provides him with information that is useful in career planning or in selecting courses in high school and college, Mr. Hagen stated.

After the test, each participating student receives an interpretive folder prepared by Science Research Associates, the testing agency, that reports individual test results for comparison with scores of high school students across the country. Thus, Mr. Hagen said, students can learn more about their educational strengths and weaknesses—whether or not they plan to attend college.

Varsity Club Car Wash AT LOCAL STATIONS SATURDAY

Lowell Varsity Club will hold a car wash on Saturday from 9 to 5 at Ron's Shell Station, and at Belmers Pure Oil Station. \$1 for all cars and tires. For pick up call either station. This project is to raise money for their summer trip.

Baltimore, Md., founded in 1729, is located on the Patapsco River near the Chesapeake Bay. The Baltimore Clippers played a part in the Revolutionary War.

Former Lowell Businessman John A. Clark, 86, Dies

John A. Clark, a former Lowell businessman, passed away December 9 in Corona, California, following a lingering illness at the age of 86.

Services were held December 12 at the First Congregational Church there, with interment being made at Sunnyslope Cemetery.

Mr. Clark was born August 27, 1876, in Lowell. He owned and operated a confectionery store, a grocery and meat market here before moving to California in 1923.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Jones Clark; one daughter, Eunice Clark Reed of Corona; and one sister, Mrs. Kitty Cotton of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Basketball Team Seeks Winning Combination To Bring Them From Celler

Lowell Red Arrow basketball team will be working over the holidays to try to come up with a winning combination to take them out of their four game losing streak. The next game scheduled is on Tuesday, January 8, at Ionia, the only team they have been able to beat so far this season.

Last Friday they lost to Sparta, 70 to 53, with Doug Fairchild of Sparta, hitting 25 with 11 in the 3rd period. High point record was held jointly by Mike McMahon and Bob Elzinga for Lowell with 11 points each. Lloyd Slack 10, Roger Odell 8, Paul Kropf 4, Terry Abel 4, Bob Griffin 3, and Craig Walter 2.

JV's Take 5th Win

Lowell Junior Varsity kept their winning streak intact with their fifth win of the season beating Sparta JV's, 50-30.

The local Reserves trailed Sparta several times during the game. High points went to Duane McIver with 24, Kurt Beimers 12, Dick Rollins 10, Rick Fonger 2, and Barry Knoehelner 2.

The freshman team beat Sparta 47-22; Dave Wessell scored 19, Jim Malcolm 11, Brad Fonger 7, Tom Bishop 3, and Bill Stinchcomb 3.

Train Tragedy In 1903 Mars Christmas Holiday; 23 Killed, 50 Are Injured

When two fast passenger trains met head on west of East Paris killing 23 and injuring 50. Wind blew, put signal light out in order board at McCords, which was against number 5. It was the day after Christmas about 6:00 p. m. December 26, 1903, and many of the passengers were returning home from happy gatherings.

We quote as follows from the Lowell Ledger of December 31, 1903:

"It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette System. Instead of being caused by man's carelessness the mistake is charged to the wind which extinguished the red signal in the order board at McCords station where the west bound train was expected to stop and receive new orders.

"Two minutes before the train rushed by McCords the light was burning says the operator there. But in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished the red and train number 5 flashed by the station to crash into east bound number 6 west of East Paris.

"The trains, which were two of the finest on the system were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars. Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right-of-way from fence to fence.

"Some of the seriously injured were thought to have frozen to death before they could be rescued.

"When it was realized that nothing could be done to halt the trains which were speeding toward each other with the throttles wide open the McCords operator reported to Grand Rapids that train number 5 had missed the new orders. Up in the dispatcher's office in the Union Station they knew what was about to happen.

"The Saginaw train stood in the sheds ready to leave but it was converted into a hospital train. Surgeons and nurses were hurried on board and by the time news of the disaster reached Grand Rapids the relief train was ready to start. The news came from a farm telephone, near where the wreck occurred.

"News of the wreck has been flashed over the State and in Lowell, as elsewhere where it was known relatives or acquaintances were one of the trains there was great anxiety. Telephone messages to Grand Rapids were of little avail because only a few of the dead had been identified. One of the messages reached Lowell, bringing the sad news of the death of Mrs. Giles, who had just started for Detroit intending to have a pleasant visit with a friend."

\$6,500 Damage To Vergennes Home

Damage estimated at \$6,500 was caused by a fire which started in a faulty fireplace at the Thomas Fox farm home, 10915 2-Mile Rd., Tuesday morning at 1:46 a. m., according to Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker.

The fire appeared to have started around the fireplace in the basement and badly damaged the structure before it was brought under control by Lowell and Grattan firemen.

Roth Barn Burns Dec. 12

Fire destroyed the barn on the Edward Roth farm on Alden Nash Road, 2½ miles northwest of Lowell on Wednesday, December 12. The fire was discovered about 3 p. m.

Loss was estimated by Fire Chief Baker at \$10,000; a large amount of hay and straw and one cow were destroyed with the building.

Carol Sing At Calvary Chapel Sunday Evening

Calvary Chapel's Annual Christmas Carol Sing will be held this Sunday evening, at 9 p. m.

Mrs. Dan Vos will be at the organ, Mrs. Helen Vos Jeltama will be at the piano, Mrs. Maryann Van Dyke will be the soloist.

Pastor H. Bulkema will direct the singing. Everyone is cordially invited to join in singing these beautiful carols. The service will last one hour.

Lessons and Carols At Methodist This Sunday

A service of Lessons and Carols will be presented at the Lowell Methodist Church at 4:30 p. m., Sunday

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Lowell Council Proceedings

Regular session, Monday evening, December 3, 1962, in the Council Room of the City Hall.

Present: Councilmen Wittnebach, Schlemminger, Marsh, Mayor Townsend.

Police Chief George DeGraw, letter of resignation, read, filed.

Michigan State Highway Department re widening of M-21 and narrowing of sidewalks.

Marshall Herche was present to inquire whether action had been taken on his request for sewer installation in West Street.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has, by ordinance, provided for the creation of the City Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed members to the City Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has requested the City of Lowell to request the State Department of Administration to enter into a contract with the Housing and Home Finance Agency for Urban Planning Assistance under the provisions of Section 161 of the Federal Housing Act of 1954 as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lowell Planning Commission request

No. McCords—E. Cascade Mrs. Effie Cox

Lyle Evans of Lowell was a caller at the John Cox home, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Pearl Averill of Ada was taken to Butterworth Hospital on Thursday morning with a possible fracture of her hip.

Lawrence Briggman returned to his daughter's home from Block Hospital on Sunday.

Snow M. Y. F. will meet after school on Friday, December 21, at 7 p. m., the same day.

Clayton Richards will observe his 30th birthday with an Open House December 28 from 1 to 10 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Aldrich and son, Tom of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and family of Sanford were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dairns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Raglin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Raglin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bennett last week, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds attended a holiday dinner party at the home of Mrs. Ralph Brown in Caldozia, Sunday.

Read the Ledger Want Ads!

Early Winter Sunsets Increase Traffic Toll Safety Commission Says

When the sun starts to set, turn on your automobile lights.

The greatest number of fatal and injury accidents on Michigan's rural and urban roads occurs between 4:30 p. m. and 5:30 p. m.

Michigan lies in a latitude where the sun sets early in winter.

Once again it is the season of the year for Holiday Greetings, so here's to you and yours a most Happy Christmas.

SPORT SHIRTS... to Size 18 1/2 WHITE SHIRTS... up to 18 FLANNEL SHIRTS... to Size 20 SLACKS... up to Size 52 JACKETS... to Size 50 SOCKS... to Size 14

Tall Man? SPORT SHIRTS... to 36 Sleeve SLACKS... in Short Model

Short Man? SPORT SHIRTS... 32 Sleeve SLACKS... in Short Model

Don't know his size? INITIAL BELTS... Adjustable Size CUFF LINK SETS MARK II SHAVE LOTIONS ONE-SIZE SOCKS ... or anything from our Gadget Bar

Don't know his tastes? A GIFT CERTIFICATE for Any Amount

Arnold Kimball 282 North Hudson St., Lowell

Lowell Community News

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Purchase who are spending the winter months in Bradenton, Florida, reported this week that the weather has been cold in Florida.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWhinney were Mrs. Ella Sterick and Mr. Larry White of Alto, and Mrs. Larry Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dittman of Alto.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWhinney were Mrs. Ella Sterick and Mr. Larry White of Alto, and Mrs. Larry Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dittman of Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill and family, and Mrs. Lennie Davis of Grand Rapids, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick of Ada were Sunday evening callers of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and sons of Grand Rapids spent Saturday evening with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fahrni.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George Butler and Mrs. Otis Wood called to see their sister, Mrs. Freda Davam at the Carson City Hospital.

To allow our employees a longer Christmas Holiday... WE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY, DEC. 24, 1962

WE WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1962

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Gifts for a Merrier Christmas

Ship'n Shore blouses every Girl wants the gift every woman loves... LUXURIOUS LINGERIE SLIPS \$4.00 - \$5.98 GOWNS \$4.00 - \$5.98

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lambert (nee Shirley Colby) of 3961 Causway Drive Lowell announce the birth of a baby girl, Sally Sue, 6 lb. 12 ozs., December 5, at Butterworth Hospital.

Mr. Charles Seeley delivered a 6 lb. 5 oz. boy, Scott Charles, for his wife at 4 a. m. on December 5, when the baby arrived ahead of the doctor at their home at 12188 36th Street.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Reagan are the proud parents of a 9-pound daughter, Ruth Ann, born December 14, at 2 a. m. in Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas (Phyllis Thielan) of Cleveland, Ohio, are the proud parents of a second daughter, Joan Ellen, Weight 6 lbs. 6 oz. Born December 13, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gephart (Bertha Jean Schneider) of Grand Rapids, a daughter born December 11, 1962 (Barbara Kay) weight 7 lbs., 4-oz. at Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

A daughter, Michelle Rene, was born on Friday, December 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marentette, at Butterworth Hospital. The new arrival weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

New Ada Pharmacist



John Runburg is the pharmacist in charge of newly opened Ada Rexall Drug Store. He is a graduate of West Aurora, Ill. high school and University of Michigan. He has worked with the Walgreen Drug Co. before coming to Ada. He is now living with his wife and two children at 824 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell. The Ada store is owned by Dean Manigold and Mitchell Wiececork of Lowell and is open daily from 9 to 9, closed Sunday.

Star of Bethlehem Remains A Mystery

The Star of Bethlehem still remains an astronomical mystery. "Popular interest in astronomy reaches its peak this month with the symbol of the Christmas Star, but astronomers are continually reminded that any satisfactory explanation or time of the Star of Bethlehem's appearance is out of the question," says University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

Perhaps the thing to do is pick out the symbol in the sky that you like best and make it your own Christmas Star. Professor Losh suggests.

She says the date of Christmas has been believed to bear a real relation to the sun and winter solstice which occurs at 3:15 a. m., December 22, this year.

"It is thought that this Christian celebration was set to agree with the earlier pagan festival, attendant upon the rejoining in the turning northward of the sun at the winter solstice."

When the sun reaches the winter solstice, it comes to the most southerly point in its apparent yearly journey around the earth. Says Professor Losh, "Although the narrative about the Star is too incomplete and the date of its appearance and the early calendar too uncertain to give a basis for astronomical explanation, the bright planets (such as Venus, Jupiter, Saturn) are always promising and alluring."

"It is often suggested that unusual configuration of the bright planets may have given the appearance of an extraordinarily bright star, and could have easily been the sign," the U-M astronomer explains.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dena Rinard, who passed away December 17, 1959.

I miss your helping hands, and smiling face
It's hard to walk the road alone
But I know you are at rest, at peace.

Sadly missed by her husband,
George W. Rinard c36

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to relatives, friends, and neighbors for cards, gifts and visits while in hospital and since returning home. To Rev. Snavely for his call, South Boston Grange for the beautiful planter and my immediate family for all the things done for me.
Again many thanks,
Mrs. Norman King c36

The 1964 Olympics will be held in Tokyo. The International Olympic Committee met at Athens and set Oct 11-25 as the dates. Winter Olympics will be in Austria.

Avoid Christmas Toys With Built-In Dangers

Christmas is a happy time for American families, a time for families to get together and enjoy each other. And to exchange gifts. Already Santa's helpers (mothers and dads and grandparents and aunts and uncles) are visiting the toy shops in anticipation of making it a big Christmas for the small fry.

The toys this season are infinite in variety and ingenuity. Most of them are completely safe for the small children. But some of them may have inherent built-in dangers to the health and safety of the youngsters.

Here are some shopping hints that may help you insure that Christmas in your household is unmarred by a preventable accident or illness originating from toys or decorations.

Avoid toys made of lead or colored with lead-based paints. Small children sometimes chew off the lead paint and swallow it, and serious illness could result.

Be careful about small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys and toys with rough or sharp edges.

Baby's toys should be too large to put in the mouth, washable, lightweight and non-brittle.

Electric toys can be a special hazard. Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label on the cord and the toy itself.

Missile-throwing toys, from sling shots to air rifles, are dangerous, particularly to the eyes. Toy archery sets also are hazardous. If your child receive a toy that propels BB shot or arrows, by all means establish ground rules for safe use, and see that they are enforced.

Air rifles are illegal in many localities and check of local laws is advisable before making the purchase. Never forget that BB shot ricochet easily from a hard surface.

Christmas tree ornaments, particularly strings of small lights, are another potential holiday hazard. Children will sometimes chew up and even swallow a small bulb, with obvious results. Tree lights of flimsy wiring, or old strings that have been reused for years, sometimes can be fire hazards.

Glass tree ornaments often shatter easily and sprinkle slivers around the room. Handle ornaments and lights with care and keep the extras and the discarded bulbs out of reach of the tots.

An Aqualung is a breathing mechanism used now in underwater swimming and exploring. It consists of tanks of air, a mask, hose, mouthpiece and a regulator for depth diving.

Christmas Observance Once Illegal

Celebration of Christmas—the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world—was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as "popish" and the secular celebration as a "wanton Bacchanalian feast."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

The law read "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way, shall be subject to a fine of five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but many of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interfered with religious devotions and offended the Puritans' moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas—an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought their old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stocking and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the yuletide with feasting, singing, and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the great yule log burned.

The latter half of the eighteenth century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and religious controversies became of less importance. The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night of December 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, N. J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

However, denominational opposition to the ecclesiastic observance of Christmas continued into the second half of the nineteenth century. An account in the New York Daily Times for December 26, 1855 read:

"The churches of the Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists were not open on December 25 except where some Mission Schools had a celebration. They do not accept the day as a Holy One, but the Episcopalians, Catholics and German Churches were all open. Inside they were decked with evergreens."

In the twentieth century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religious and as a social celebration. To

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our father, Lloyd Jones, who passed away December 26, 1949.
Sadly missed by the Family c36

CARD OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful to our friends, relatives and neighbors who send cards, flowers and food, and for their many acts of kindness at the time of the death of our wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Esther A. Monks. Also to the Rev. Harold Green for his words of comfort.
The Family of Mrs. Guy Monks c36

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