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Long Road To Stardom For Leslie Uggams

Like most great entertainers, the road to success was rocky and filled with many uncertainties for Leslie Uggams, this year's Showboat star. The desire to entertain came at an early age for Leslie. She still remembers the days when she would dance and sing for friends and neighbors on the streets and stoops of Washington Heights near Harlem in New York. Leslie's ability and desire to entertain was recognized by her parents and they enrolled Leslie

in a nearby dancing school. A woman piano teacher at the school realized Leslie's potential and started taking Leslie to local auditions and talent shows.

At the tender age of six Leslie made her television debut, portraying the niece of Ethel Waters on "Beulah". Appearances on "The Milton Berle Show" and other children programs followed. Two years later Leslie took a giant step in show business when he started performing at the famous Apollo Theater in Harlem, the proving grounds for many black stars. Leslie sang and danced at the Apollo before the performances of such noted singers as Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington and Louie Armstrong until she neared 14. She credits Dinah Washington as being her greatest influential source.

At this point, Leslie and her parents agreed show business was for the young teen-ager. Leslie's father worked three different jobs at a time as a floor waxer to finance Leslie's enrollment in a well-established professional childrens school for show business children in New York. The school had mostly white students, creating two different worlds for Leslie but she was able to cope with the situation and gained added knowledge and stage presence.

At the age of 15, Leslie made another "first" by writing a letter to a New York television station requesting an appearance on "Name That Tune". She was accepted and the first major break came from the TV performance when she was introduced to Mitch Miller. Shortly afterwards Miller signed Leslie with Columbia Records and less than a year later she became a regular on the popular "Sing Along With Mitch" television program.

It was at this stage that Leslie ran into her first problem. "In the beginning the South didn't pick up on Sing Along with Mitch," explained Leslie. "Mitch would get a lot of static because I was the first black to be a regular on network TV. But Mitch took a stand. He faced them down. If you don't want her then you don't want me, is what he said." She continued on the program nationwide.

Leslie's career moved quickly. She moved her parents from their third-floor tenement to a better neighborhood and started doing night club engagements in New York's Persian Room and other topflight supper clubs.

Acting was also in Leslie's blood and she moved in that field appearing in "The Boy-friend" in California. She returned to New York where she played Georgina in the Broadway production of "Hallelujah, Baby". The part earned her a Tony Award as "Best Actress in a Broadway musical comedy."

In the late 1960s and early '70s Leslie hosted her own television series, "The Leslie Uggams Show", on CBS. She was matched against NBC's "Bonanza" on Sunday nights and still was able to hold her own in the ratings game. She married Grahame Pratt, who was a stockbroker on Wall Street. Now Grahame is her manager and they live in Beverly Hills with their daughter Danielle and son Jason.

Leslie's most recent triumphs came when she played the part of Kizzy in ABC's series "Roots" and she followed with a big role in "Backstairs at the Whitehouse."

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Showboat Is Officially "Re-Floated"

"It was like opening night of Showboat. The color, thrills and excitement were everywhere!"

This was the impression of a veteran Showboat worker as he watched the new Robert E. Lee, decked out in red-white-and-blue bunting, cruise the Flat River on her official Maiden Voyage last Friday evening.

As the Mississippi River style paddle wheeler churned the Flat River, music supplied by the Showboat Orchestra on board filled the air. The banks were lined with well wishers from Lowell and nearby communities. They, too, were proud, pleased and excited that what seemed so impossible nearly a year ago was steaming graciously up the Flat.

As 166 passengers walked the decks and leaned over the rails, friends exchanged greetings and "posed" for those on the river side with their cameras flashing. Nearly 200 of those on the banks during the first run hurried to Riverside Amphitheatre to climb aboard for the second journey, and those aboard took their places on the banks with their cameras.

On the first run, the brand new Robert E. Lee ran amuck on one of the small weedy islands that dot the river while 12 press and TV members recorded the first voyage and its minor misadventures. It took a shifting of passengers from one side to the other, a pull from the Kent County Sheriff Department's patrol boat and a little leverage from the crew with planks to get the boat back on course. The delay was only 10 minutes but it brought chuckles from the passengers.

There was added excitement on the second voyage when the 93 foot boat came too close to the bank and hit ground. It damaged one of the front boards but officials said the damage was slight and would be fixed immediately.

When both of the 40 minute runs were completed, Showboat officials proclaimed the craft ready for the 1979 edition of Showboat. This year's star is stand-out vocalist and popular TV personality and vocalist Leslie Uggams. She will headline a heavy cast of entertainers for Showboat Week, July 23-28.

"We were pleased and thrilled about the new Robert E. Lee. The test cruises were nearly perfect and there is no major work left to be done on her. She's ready for Showboat Week at last," explained Jim Hall, one of the designers of the \$67,000 stern wheeler.

The Maiden Voyage provided several firsts for many area Showboat workers. It marked the first cruise ever for Ed Kiel who has served in many capacities on the Showboat committee for over 25 years. It was also the first trip ever on the Showboat for Gerry Buck, wife of veteran endman Forrest Buck.

"This trip was much smoother than the one in 1932. It was like floating on glass," said Lowell's Marion Cary when he stepped off the boat after its first run. Cary was aboard the shakedown run of the first Showboat in 1932 and his family surprised him Friday night with a ticket to get him on board again. "I thought we were just coming over here to watch and along comes my daughter with a ticket," said Cary with a wide smile.

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Sporting red, white and blue bunting and a myriad of American flags, the stately new Robert E. Lee cruised the Flat River last Friday evening on her Maiden Voyage. Over 350 people in a holiday mood boarded the sternwheeler during the two runs. The Re-float the Showboat campaign fund is richer by approximately \$775 in profit from Friday's event.

The Showboat Orchestra members under the direction of Dr. Bruce Early added to the festival mood from their position in the prow. The high school band members replaced them for the second run and kept the air alive with "Here Comes The Showboat".—Photo by Modern Photographics.

For hundreds of people who witnessed the Friday unveiling it was a night to remember. The picture of the devastation caused by a heavy wind storm last August 14 contrasted sharply with the stately riverboat. For a while last summer it appeared that the 45 year Showboat tradition was scuttled but community pride salvaged at least the spirit of the shattered Robert E. Lee. The community made the commitment to rebuild the boat, only bigger and better.

Thanks to the hard work and many community projects, more than \$60,000 was raised to build the Robert E. Lee. The revenue taken in on Friday was deposited in the Re-float the Showboat campaign fund.

As the new Robert E. Lee was cruising the river, memories of chicken dinners, raffle tickets, Vegas Night, planning sessions, painting sessions and all the hours of hard work of countless people were foremost in the passenger's minds. And as the riverboat docked, Lowell area residents looked forward with pride to the greatest Showboat Week ever.

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Busy Fourth of July in Lowell



Alto Firemen bested the Lowell Firemen in a waterball fight at the Fourth of July festivities at Recreation Park last Wednesday before a cheering throng of holiday spectators. Lowell and Alto ladies got into the act, too, with Alto winning again.

The crowd enjoyed the contest and local loyalties were evident as the good-natured insults flew as fast as the water spray. The children especially enjoyed the splashes as relief from the hot July sun. A trophy of sorts was presented to the losing team. The trophy is a miniature waterball set-up so that the losers can get in some practice time before they meet again next July 4.—Photo by Shootin' Gallery.

Golf Outing

The Lowell Showboat Golf Outing is in full swing and scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at Deer Run Golf Club. The event has been changed from a two man bestball tournament to an 18 hole two man scramble with tee off times ranging from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Entry fees are \$35.00 for each team and the tournament is limited to 120 teams.

Prizes of pro-shop merchandise are as follows: 1st place, \$300; 2nd place, \$200; 3rd place, \$100; 4th and 5th places, \$50 and prizes for every ten places thereafter. An entry blank with further information is located in this issue of the Ledger for your convenience. More details are available from Rick Stanker at Deer Run Golf Club phone 897-8481. Profits from this tournament go to the Lowell Showboat Corporation.



Lowell Lions charcoaled 400 chicken halves for the ravenous crowd at the Fourth of July celebration and completely sold out by 4 p.m. Master Chef Gary Rivers, center, directed his compatriots in the fine art of producing the traditional delicacy. Rivers and the Lion crew finished their holiday with a vigorous game (or several) of volleyball. The volleyball tournament involved 10 teams of nine members each with the Alto Firemen emerging the victors. They were awarded the first place trophy and the second place trophy was won by the Lowell Volleyball Varmints, a group of high school students.—Photo by Shootin' Gallery.



TALENT NIGHT

Showboat Talent Night Chairman Dr. Clark Vredenburg reports that all systems are "go" for the annual event scheduled for 8 p.m. this Saturday, July 14. Amateur talent acts have already been narrowed from 85 to 30. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75c for kids under 12. Amateur acts are instructed to register at 7 p.m. at the north end of the stage in Riverside Amphitheatre.

HOME MOVIES

Area television celebrity Buck Matthews and his WOTV crew were aboard and filming on the first cruise of the Robert E. Lee's Maiden Voyage last Friday and now need your help. Matthews plans to air a one-hour special on the new boat during Showboat Week and would like to borrow home movies of any of the old Robert E. Lees and/or Showboat productions. If you have such film stacked away in your closet or basement, give Matthews a call at 459-4125.

TICKET REDEMPTION

Winners of last October's Showboat Bowling Tournament should redeem their "letter of authorization" at the Showboat Ticket Booth for the tickets they are entitled to. Please make every effort to pick up your tickets this week.

WELCOME

Dode Drey and Shirli Smith, owners of That SPECIAL Place, 215 W. Main welcome their newest neighbors Riverside Fireplace Shoppe and West's Apparel. Riverside Fireplace is now located at 223 West Main and West's Apparel, owned by Howard and Evelyn West, is located at 219 W. Main. Stanlee Johnson, owner of Riverside Fireplace, completed the move of his stock on a flat bed truck after his "unit" appeared in the July 4 Parade.

FREE LABOR

East Kent Community Center announces that free yard work is available for senior citizens and low income families who qualify. Call the Center at 897-8485 and ask for Cindy Osborne for more information.

FRUIT FESTIVAL

Michigan's Blueberry Crop is back to normal and organizers of the National Blueberry Festival in South Haven will celebrate the harvest July 18 through July 22 with numerous activities. Is your mouth watering? Head for South Haven next Wednesday through Sunday.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Ionia County Sheriff's deputies reported a car-deer accident involving Gerald Kyser of Lowell. According to police, the accident happened on Grand River Avenue near Nash Highway, June 28. The deer was turned over to the driver.

Apprehended Tuesday afternoon, June 26, by store employees of Eberhards were two juvenile males for shoplifting.

Involved in a property damage accident on Saturday, June 30 was Kurt Eggerding when he backed into a parked vehicle on Laurie Gail Dr. near Jane Ellen Dr. In a separate accident on Friday, June 29, Michael Yeiter of Clarksville made a left turn in front of Billy Morgan of Crystal, MI and was struck at Main and Hudson Streets.

Martin Schneider was injured Saturday morning, June 30, on East main near Horatio when the car he was driving struck a parked car. Injured in an accident Sunday morning, July 1, was Frank Westfeld of Grand Rapids when he struck three parked vehicles on W. Main near Center Street.

Arrested Sunday afternoon, July 1, was Charles Bowers of Grand Rapids on a 61st District Court warrant. The arrest was made after a file check was run on the subject after he was stopped for a traffic violation.

Timothy Stewart and Elden Elenbaas were issued citations to appear at a later date in 63rd District Court on charges of having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle on July 5.

The breaking and entering of two establishments during the first weekend in July are under investigation by Lowell officers. The city owned Waste Water Treatment Plant sustained \$75 worth of damage, and goods were taken. King Milling Co. also sustained damage and loss of \$60 worth of goods. One arrest was made by Lowell officers Friday evening, July 6 in connection with the breaking and entering. Release of the suspect's name is pending formal charges.

Arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant was Robert Stiles on Friday, July 6.

Madeline Walthorn of Wyoming, MI was involved in a one car accident on July 7 about 10:50 p.m. on Lincoln Lake Ave. south of 3 Mile Rd. Mrs. Walthorn was northbound on Lincoln Lake from Fallsburg Park when she braked to avoid two barrels in the roadway. The vehicle slid into a mound of dirt and rolled into a ditch, landing on its top. Minor injuries to the driver and her two passengers required no medical treatment.

Lowell officers investigated 21 accidents within the city during the month of June, six of which were injury accidents. Lowell's Rescue Unit was called out five times. In the same month last year there were 16 accidents and two rescue runs.

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Obituaries...

MINOR — Blanche R. Minor, 87, of 240 Church St., Saranac, died Wednesday morning, June 27, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She was born June 9, 1892, in Keene Township, the daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Keller) Renwick.

Mrs. Minor lived all her life in Saranac and was a member of the Saranac Community Church. She was married to Ray Minor, who preceded her in death in 1961. One brother, Forrest Renick, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Marge Raimier and Mrs. Helen Noon, both of Saranac. Also surviving are several great nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with the Rev. Byron Davies officiating. Interment in Saranac Cemetery.

BRANSON — Ward G. Branson, 67, of 5094 Bennett Road, Saranac, died Sunday morning, July 1, at Leila Hospital in Battle Creek.

He was born Sept. 9, 1911, in Berlin Township, the son of Fred and Bertha (Vanderca) Branson.

Mr. Branson worked for Clark Equipment before retiring. He lived in the Battle Creek area for 40 years. He was married to Dorothy Culmer on Aug. 31, 1929, in LaGrange, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Mrs. Darwin (Marie) Angus of East Lansing and Mrs. Gordon (Wanda) Stanton of Battle Creek; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac, with Doctor Loyd Walker officiating. Burial in Saranac Cemetery.

KING — Paul King, 80, 300 Summit St., Saranac, died Sunday morning, July 8, at Ionia Memorial Hospital. He was born in Kentucky February 28, 1899, to Brice and Constance (Sweet) King.

Mr. King was a life-member of the American Legion and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was married to Bessie Hatch, on May 17, 1930 in Detroit.

One brother, Mendel King, preceded him in death. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with the Rev. Joe Everett and Steve Everett officiating. Interment was in South Boston Cemetery. Masonic services were held Monday at the funeral home.

DE LAAT — Mrs. Viola DeLaat, aged 74, of 2242 Camden SW, passed away Tuesday afternoon, July 3, at Kent Community Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold (Butch) DeLaat; two daughters and their hus-

bands, Maxine and Hank Johnson of Alto, Bonnie and Ken Hood of Kentwood, one son and one daughter, Jerry and Bonnie DeLaat of Jenison; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Vern (Marion) Roggow, Mrs. Henry (Evelyn) Meyers and Mrs. James (Shirley) Shellard all of Grand Rapids.

Services were held July 6, at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon at the Greenview Manor.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hillis (Betty) Reesor of Lansing, and Mrs. Herbert (Louise) Ohmann of Alto; two sons, Donald F. Worpel and wife, Kathleen of Marne, Otto L. Worpel and wife, Phyllis of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Clara) Uecker and Mrs. Herman (Pauline) Uecker; and one brother, Emil Uecker all of Grand Rapids.

Services were held Friday, July 6, in Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Frank Graves officiated.

Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

CHASE — Herman W. Chase, age 84, of 5464 Blue Water Highway, Saranac, passed away July 8 at Blodgett Hospital, Grand Rapids.

He was born in South Boston September 22, 1894 to the parents of Austin and Bertha (Warner) Chase. He farmed and lived in the Saranac area all of his life. He was a member of Farm Bureau and the Saranac Odd Fellows.

He married Stella Arnold on October 7, 1916 in Ionia.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Robert Chase of Saranac; two daughters, Mrs.

Earl of Grand Rapids; a special friend, Thora Brown; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday, July 2, Pastor D. C. Mackintosh officiated.

Interment Blaine Cemetery.

WORPEL — Mrs. Louise Worpel, aged 78, formerly of 1644 Ball Ave. NE, the widow of Otto A. J. Worpel, passed away Tuesday evening, June 26, at Greenview Manor.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hillis (Betty) Reesor of Lansing, and Mrs. Herbert (Louise) Ohmann of Alto; two sons, Donald F. Worpel and wife, Kathleen of Marne, Otto L. Worpel and wife, Phyllis of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Clara) Uecker and Mrs. Herman (Pauline) Uecker; and one brother, Emil Uecker all of Grand Rapids.

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Leonard (Phyllis) Kurz of Ohio, and Mrs. Norman (Mary) Gatzmeyer of Mason. Also 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday, July 11, at 1 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment will be in Easton Cemetery.

She is survived by a son, Lyn; one daughter, Marion Griffin of Ada; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Griffin of Belmont; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A son, William, died in 1972.

They lived in Grand Rapids after their marriage and moved to Lake Odessa in 1931 and to Ada in 1972. Mr. Griffin died on Dec. 10, 1955.

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Cynthia Marks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Glenn H. Marks of Ada, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, 1978-79 at Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Cynthia is a freshman studying toward the Bachelor of Science degree at the College. Cynthia is a graduate of Lowell High School.

A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.35 (a B+ average) in order to be included on the honor roll. Cynthia has a 3.67 GPA.

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We're all back, refreshed and ready to dive into the business of publishing a newspaper. As always, we're all grateful to our readers and other customers for their patience with us during our plant shutdown.

As for me, I'm back at the typewriter trying to pick another column out of my head. I was all set to do a cynical and satirical piece on some of the minor woes that bestruck us while camping last week. You know, my usual stuff.

But, I got a letter (see Pat Covell's letter-to-the-editor) that told me that my column should be cheerier and rosier and that I had better start having a more positive attitude about myself. I thought about that for awhile, and decided by golly, she's right. My columns do sound like they are written by the little guy with the perpetual cloud over his head in the old "It's A Wonderful Life" comic strip.

So, I set out to write a cheery and rosy column. A good while later, I started at the blank paper and thought how much easier it would be to do a satirical humorous column about the lantern fuel shortage in the Silver Lake area last week. It would tell about not being able to play cards after dark with no fuel for the lantern and could get off on a comparison of the lantern fuel shortage to the gasoline shortage. Stuff like, lantern fuel lines, lantern fuel allocations, lantern fuel odd and even rationing by the serial number on your lantern or stove, etc. But no, I'm writing a cheery and rosy column and that's all there is to it.

After another futile attempt at being cheery and rosy, my mind drifted to writing about the exclusively transient campsites to either side of ours at Silver Lake State Park. This column would tell about the clink-clank of tent poles as a six a.m. arrival set up camp. It would tell about the revving of a motor home engine warming up in order to be on the road by six a.m. It would tell about me telling the kids (in a voice loud enough for a particularly early and loud arrival to hear) to hurry up and get dressed because of the sound of things, a circus was setting up right next door and they could see the elephants, etc. I had this column just about written in my head when I snaggled out of it and got back to cheery and rosy thoughts.

After more cheery and rosy thoughts, and more blank paper, my mind wandered to a possible column about the rain during the early part of our vacation. It rained the first night in camp so I built a plastic shelter over our table, stove, cooler, etc. It served the purpose but was really quite an annoyance, so I took it down when the sky cleared off. You guessed it, the rain started within hours. I put up the shelter again, and this time it stayed up until we left. And by the way, it never rained again. But, rain is far from a cheery and rosy subject so I soon came to my senses and bagged that idea for a column.

After more blank paper, I came to the conclusion that my column will be cheery and rosy when Beette Bailey makes sergeant, when Dennis the Menace graduates from high school, or when Dagwood Bumstead gets a raise.

Potpourri...

Mary Gooden, 521 Chatham, will be 91 years young on July 26.

The 25th annual Shaffer reunion was held at Fallsburg Park on July 8. There were 129 present from Indiana and the Davison, Mi area as well as the local relatives.

An Open House will be held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Jim and Fran Warner at Key Heights Pavilion on Saturday, July 14. The Open House will be given by their children Randy, Rick, Ed and Elsie. All friends and relatives are welcome.

The first half of almost 2,900 students who will be freshmen at Western Michigan University this fall have completed their three-day summer orientation program. In groups of about 150, the students visited campus buildings, registered for classes, conferred with faculty advisors and counselors, and took a series of placement tests. Attending from Lowell were Amy Callier, Mary Doyle, and Gary Raimier.

Celebrating anniversaries this week are Dave and Jean Mackey, 26 years on July 11; Keith and Wanda Buck, 11 years on July 12; Red and Fawn Shepard, 18 years on July 15.

New Buds On

Tom and Laurie Wernet are pleased to announce the birth of a son Michael John who tipped the scales at 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was born on June 22 at Blodgett Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wernet, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swan, all of Lowell.

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Coming Events...

FRI., JULY 13: Cyclamen Chapter #94 will hold their meeting at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

WED., JULY 18: Past Masters of Cyclamen Chapter #94 will meet in the home of Dorothy Hale at 7:30 p.m. Please bring the dish towels, dish cloths or Handi-Wipes for the kitchen.

WED., JULY 18: The Garden Love Club will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Randall. Co-hostess will be Katherine Ford, with Dolores Laux in charge of the program.

MON., JULY 16: Film "Up in the Air" will be shown at the Lowell Public Library, 325 W. Main St., Lowell.

Kauffmans Celebrate 50th



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Kauffman

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Kauffman, former area residents, will be guests of honor at an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Neighbors, friends, and relatives of the couple are invited to the open house from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 14 at Cunningham Acres on M-50, 2 miles west of Lake Odessa. They will repeat their vows at 1 p.m. Hosts will be their three children, Mrs. Velma Ford of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ellen Host of Allegan and Dan (Bud) Jr. of Clearlake, California. The couple has 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Mr. Kauffman and the former Alberta Mitchell were married July 10, 1929, at LaGrange, Indiana. Mrs. Kauffman taught school in the area until her retirement. The couple has requested no gifts, please.

Society Notes...

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

Let us watch and be sober (1 Thessalonians 5:6). The sight intrigued me. I called my family to come quickly and watch the drama out on our back lawn.

While preparing the salad for dinner, I walked to the kitchen sink and glanced out the window above it. I saw a robin on the lawn only a few feet from the house. He was working feverishly, tugging and pulling with all his might, using all the strength he could seemingly muster. Finally, he succeeded in extracting an unusually large worm from the green carpeted earth.

Just then a blackbird further away on the lawn, espied him. Instantly, the enemy was there ruthlessly snatching away the

evening meal of the red-breasted robin.

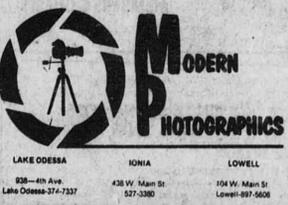
Poor robin! As we watched his defeat, our hearts warmed with sympathy. We expressed sorrow for him as we turned to our meal, and we went to seek another for himself.

But we thought: How like the enemy of our soul! He is constantly on the alert, roaming about seeking whom he can devour. We must be alert lest he snatch away our faith and peace of heart. Like the robin, we must "beware of the blackbird!"

Prayer: Dear Jesus, stay Thou close beside me. Enable me to be alert and watchful. Keep me from growing careless, lest the enemy snatch away my faith and peace of heart. Help me always to "beware of the blackbird." Amen.

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Karen Kay Stauffer and Ramsey Stephen Martinez were united in marriage June 9 by Rev. Richard Martinez Sr. of Austin, Texas.

The bride wore a gown of polyester organza trimmed in seed pearls and French chantilly lace with an empire waist. Chantilly lace formed the chapel train. She carried a bouquet of peach roses, white carnations, daisies, and angel lace.

Maid of Honor was Miss Perri Eickhoff of South Lyon. Shirley Stauffer, Jean Nugent, Karen Knapp and Maria Martinez were bridesmaids.

John Myers was Best Man with Tim Leeneman, Van Franks, Gary DeVries and Roger Stauffer serving as groomsmen.

Tina and Angela Merritt were flower girls with Scott Merritt as ringbearer.

Ushers were Tim Leeneman and Roger Stauffer.

The reception following the ceremony was held at the Palmsburg Park Pavilion, with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Merritt presiding as Master and Mistress of ceremonies.

After a honeymoon trip to Northern Michigan the couple resides at 4436 Mosswood, Rockford, MI.

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Saranac Doin's...

Store Changes Hands



Tom and Helen Gois, Saranac residents since 1955, have purchased Rhoades Corner Store and took over the store's operation on July 2. The store will now be known as Gois' Corner Store. Helping part-time will be the Gois' two daughters, Diane, 17 and Terri, 15. All operations at the store will remain as usual and the hours have been extended to 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Norm Rhoades, owner of the store for the past ten years, says that he has no immediate plans for the future except to say, "I'm not going to lay around and get fat!"

Saranac Taxpayers May Get A Break

The Saranac School Board wrestled with several issues last week at two different meetings, one on Monday and another on Thursday.

The Monday meeting was concerned with the parking lot problem at the high school. A letter was read to the board from the Ionia County Sheriff Department concerning auto and people in the school areas after games and other activities and recommended some action be taken to forbid such activities.

In regard to this, Supt. Cady stated that there had been vandalism and other property destruction. Board member Don Leslie suggested that the area be fenced.

Cady was instructed to check on the liability of such fencing and to determine whether the prosecuting attorney would issue appropriate warrants for violators.

Another plan which will be implemented this fall will be the issuing of stickers to students for their vehicles.

The large red stickers will be numbered and students will be assigned parking places with corresponding numbers. It is hoped the stickers will be easier to take down than the license number when a violation occurs.

Action on the subject was tabled until board members and student council representatives could meet and discuss a policy.

Thursday's meeting was concerned with policy changes which will take effect with the start of school in the fall.

Among the changes are: Students under the age of 16 will not be dropped for unexcused absences, but will be required to attend classes but will lose credit according to the policy.

Seniors must carry a minimum of five subjects until all requirements for graduation are met. At that time a reduced load may be permitted by the principal.

Students will be assigned a numbered parking place and corresponding window sticker.

Several penalties were also set for students with unexcused absences.

When a student has unexcused absences on three different days, his or her parents will be notified by letter.

When a student has four unexcused absences per semester (in an hour), his or her grade will be lowered one grade for each class taken during that hour.

When a student has five unexcused absences per semester, (in an hour), he or she will lose all credit taken during that hour.

When a student has five or more unexcused absences (in four or more hours), he or she will be dropped from school the remainder of the semester.

Principal TerBurgh stated that study hall attendance will be monitored because last year, students who arranged a study hall had then skipped that hour for the entire semester.

An appeals board was established to hear complaints from students about an unexcused absence. If the board's ruling still does not please the student, he or she may come before the school board.

Taxpayers in the district may also get a surprise in the form of lower taxes. According to Supt. Cady, the district will apply for state aid for debt retirement. The School Board approved the application for the aid, which could bring the district as much as \$12,409.

Cady noted that that would be about one-half of one mill that the district could reduce. With the Headlee rollback of one mill, that could mean a reduction of 1.45 mills.

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Alto Firemen Win Volleyball Event

Ten teams squared off in a volleyball elimination tournament during the Fourth of July activities.

Teams playing were: Scuzz Balls, Alto Lions, Odd Balls, Alto Firemen, Rosie's, Lowell Volleyball Varmints, Ivan's Mifits, Dintama's, Hyzer's and Lowell Lions.

Members of the winning Alto Firemen team were Tom Bergy, Tim Bergy, Jerry Poll, Bob Grummet, Bill Grummet, Earl Wieland, Tim Craig, Phil Graham and Jerry Posthumus.

Taking second place was the Lowell Volleyball Varmints comprised of Steve Dickerson, Rhonda Dickerson, Kelly Dickerson, Scott Roth, Randy Roth, Phil Palmer, Parrish Smith, Gary Heilman and March Emmons.

Trophies were awarded to the two teams.

Y Adds Classes

A record number of 3 to 7 year olds are taking lessons at King Memorial Pool this summer. The YMCA reports both first and second session Tadpole classes are full with a waiting list.

There has been a new class added third session to service those wanting to still take lessons. Starting July 16 there will be a 3 p.m. Advanced Tadpole, 3:30 p.m. Tadpole, and a 4 p.m. Water Babies class. Also a new fourth session Pre-School class is being added July 30 at 9:30 a.m. There are a limited number of spaces so call the YMCA at 897-8445 to register as soon as possible.

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Many of my Saranac friends and neighbors have participated in the Lowell Showboat. I have a picture showing 14 members who were in the 1956 chorus. They were: Janet Carpenter, Phyllis Taylor, Bob Murphy, Eleanor Biggs, Darold Simpson, Valerie Gormsen, James Madigan, Judy Smith, Tom Dorsey, Alice Harkrader, Susan Bartlett, Barbara Carpenter, Ron Weeks and Roberta Oglesbee.

Remember... if the Showboat Bowling Tournament are urged to pick up their Showboat tickets at the Ticket Booth on Main Street. -Becky.

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Council Proceedings...

CLASSIFIED ADS

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, June 18, 1979.

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

Present: Councilmembers Carter, Christiansen, Heath and Collins.

Absent: Councilman Warning.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Minutes of the June 4 Meeting be approved with the striking of the word "only" at the bottom of page two, (a duplication), supported by Councilman Heath.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be approved and the warrants issued, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Yes: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Heath and Collins. No: None.

Absent: Councilman Warning.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$72,209.39
Major Street Fund	\$34,071.92
Local Street Fund	\$ 6,023.25
Sewer Fund	\$ 584.28
Water Fund	\$14,057.47
Equipment Fund	\$44,650.61
Trust and Agency Fund	\$ 453.00
Lee Fund	\$ 93.40
Storm Sewer Fund	\$ 46.16
Cemetery Fund	\$11,996.12

Councilman Warning entered at 8:05 p.m.

Engineer's Report on East Bridge Conditions

Manager Quada introduced Mr. Bruce Ellenbas of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Engineers, who

reported on their findings on the condition of the East Bridge.

Mr. Ellenbas explained, with the aid of photographs, the area of the bridge that would need immediate attention to bring the bridge up to a usable condition. He stated that many sections of the bridge would need to be replaced, rather than just repaired, such as the stringers, decking, wood joints, etc., for a cost of about \$245,000. These repairs would bring the bridge back only to a six-ton capacity and would last approximately only 30 years. The City's share of the cost would run about \$136,000.

As far as replacement, nothing has been done yet to investigate the possibilities, until a decision is made by the National Historical Register on whether it will or will not be accepted, and if there will be any funding forthcoming for such repairs.

A very lengthy discussion followed on whether or not a six-ton capacity bridge would be worth the trouble and expense, when, for instance, it would not be serviceable for a fire truck to cross. Also, it would take approximately two years to repair of the existing bridge or to construct a new one. The bridge will definitely stay closed until a decision is made, and Mr. Ellenbas suggested that a letter be sent to the National Historical Register Board, to act sooner than November, so that a decision can be made at our local government level.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that a letter be sent to the National Historical Register to expedite their decision whether or not to include the East Bridge as a historical bridge, so that a decision can be made by the City as to repair or replacement of said bridge, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Yes: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen and Collins. No: Councilman Heath and Warning.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada stated that he had done a comparison study of cemetery costs and was submitting a rate schedule change in his next report. He stated that also, a different rate charge would be used for residents and non-residents of the City, stating that those persons living in the City paid a portion of the upkeep of the Cemetery in their taxes, approximately 1 mill, and that they should not be charged at the same rate as those persons living outside the City, or in many cases, outside the state, who wish to come back here to be buried.

A lengthy discussion followed on the status of resident v.a. non-resident, and where the line would be drawn. Manager Quada suggested that the Council approve only the rate structure change, and he would work out a solution to the resident, non-resident problem and report back at a later date.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Heath that the proposed rate schedule be approved as submitted, supported by Councilman Carter.

Carried.

Manager Quada continued with a suggestion that the Code of Ordinances be updated at this time. Many items are very out of date and should be looked up, and public hearings scheduled in the future, and some decisions made. Council carried.

Manager Quada then stated that there is a small amount of Revenue Sharing Funds, approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 that is not earmarked, and he suggested that it be used for a review of the East Bridge needs, engineering costs, etc.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter, supported by Councilman Warning that the Revenue Sharing Funds be earmarked for Bridge repair.

Carried.

Citizen Input

Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson were present and lodged a complaint about a stone marker on their family's cemetery lot

being completely knocked off its base. Mr. Erickson explained that the stone was set into the concrete base in metal pins, and that the pins had been broken off with a bit of force to move the stone. He asked if City employees had been working in the Cemetery with heavy equipment and could have done it.

Manager Quada asked when it had been found in that condition.

Mrs. Erickson replied that it had been intact on Sunday morning, but that Sunday night it was found off the base.

The Manager stated that it could not have been City crews that in that instance, as no one was working on Sunday. He stated that he would check on the situation, as several other complaints have come in about vandalism in the Cemetery.

Under Mr. Ken Olson, representing the Lowell Area Jaycees was present, and asked for City volunteers to sit in the "Dunk Tank" for the annual 4th of July celebration. The City Manager will be one of the targets.

Council Remarks

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Heath asked about the status of purchasing a new photo-copier machine. Manager Quada will have cost figures for the next meeting.

Councilman Carter asked about nets for the tennis courts at Recreation Park. Manager Quada stated that they have been ordered through the School and that we are just waiting for them to arrive.

Also discussed was fencing around the pool area, and behind Luochan's Pizza, on the Flat River which is open, and it could be dangerous.

IT WAS THEN MOVED to adjourn at 9:32 by Councilman Carter.

Approved: July 2, 1979.

DEAN E. COLLINS, Mayor

RAY E. QUADA, City Clerk

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YMCA City Swim Meet

Lowell YMCA Eleventh Annual City Swim Meet was held at King Memorial Pool on June 27. Some 50 youngsters ages 6 and over participated in this year's meet. Events included 50 yard freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke, butterfly and the individual medley, which is one length of each of the four strokes.

These are the First Place results of the Meet: Girls 10 and under, 100 Freestyle, Beth Class 2:10; Girls 12 & under, 100 Individual Medley, Sue Sarniak 1:42.5; Boys 12 & under, 100 Freestyle, Divd Vera 1:52.6; Girls 14 & under, 100 Freestyle, Patty Reagan 1:51.82; Boys 14 & under, 100 Freestyle, Scott Cook 1:45.

Girls 8 & under, 25 Breaststroke, Andrea Hall 36.01; Girls 10 & under, 25 Breaststroke, Beth Class 30.0; Boys 10 & under, 25 Breaststroke, Scott Behne 29.2; Girls 12 & under, 50 Breaststroke, Mary Moore 50.6; Boys 12 & under, 50 Breaststroke, Matt Vredenburg 50.6; Girls 14 & under, 50 Breaststroke, Kelly Compton 50.6; Girls 12 & under, 100 Freestyle, Sue Sarniak 1:42.5; Boys 12 & under, 100 Freestyle, Divd Vera 1:52.6; Girls 14 & under, 100 Freestyle, Patty Reagan 1:51.82; Boys 14 & under, 100 Freestyle, Scott Cook 1:45.

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Legal Notices...

TO THE CITIZENS OF GRATTA TOWNSHIP AND THE PUBLIC ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held Wednesday,

July 18, 1979

at 8:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall in Grattan, at which time the following subjects will be considered and at which meeting any interested person will be heard: Request for a variance of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

- Jerome Shipalla, 11199 Crooked Lake Road, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.
- Jackson and Marguerite Hanna, 4866 Abraham Drive, Lowell, Michigan. Legal description: 41-12-29-277-005-006-008-009-010.

Harriet Kramer, Zoning Board of Appeals

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

LILLIAN LOU CORDER, Plaintiff.

VS.

CHARLES AVERY CORDER, JR., Defendant.

At a session of said Court, held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, this 19th day of June, 1979.

PRESENT: Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Judge.

On this 15th day of May, 1979, an action was filed by said Mark A. Naimo against the said Lillian Lou Corder against the said Charles Avery Corder, Jr., in this Court for a Judgment for Separate Maintenance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the defendant, Charles Avery Corder, Jr., whose address is unknown, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 19th day of Sept., 1979.

Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a Judgment by Default against such defendant for relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Roman J. Snow, Circuit Judge.

Mark A. Naimo, Petitioner

3021 Kalamazoo, S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49508

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. CLERK. M. DIEDRICH, DEPUTY. 7-4/75-79

NOTICE

Regular meetings for the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education will be held the second Monday of each month in the Board of Education offices, 12695 Foreman Road, Lowell with said meetings to start at 7:30 p.m.

The November meeting will be held in the Vergennes Township Hall at the corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue. The March meeting will be held in the Alto Area Elementary School, 6150 Bancroft Avenue, Alto.

Orion Thaler, Board of Education Secretary

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE

The Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee meeting date has been changed from its usual date of Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 19, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. due to the Showboat schedule.

Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the recreational programs in this community. They are terrible compared to the surrounding communities. Most cities have their own Recreation Department. Lowell does not. This is a detriment to the community and its surrounding residents.

The YMCA is limited to what it can do mainly because it doesn't have the money. The government provides grants for recreational development. It's a shame that we are not taking advantage of City Corner, where city are. Incidents such as last Saturday's cancellation of all the softball games that night are inexcusable. With a little maintenance to the field, the game could have gone on.

A good recreational program can be so beneficial to a community. It's a shame that in Lowell it's on the bottom of the list of priorities.

Thank you, Nick Sullivan

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who worked as hard as I did to make Lowell's July 4th celebration such an enjoyable day.

It's nice to be a part of the Lowell-Alto community, knowing all the effort that went into making the floats, forming the parade, and putting together the booths and restaurants at the 4-H grounds to celebrate the Independence of our Country.

A special thank you goes to my father and my husband in helping me plan such an event.

Norene Martin, (Tired, Sunburned Chairman)

Dear Editor:

Thank you to all the young musicians who volunteered their time for the July 4th parade. It sounded great. Thanks also to Kari-Sue Lambert for the many phone calls, to her father for being responsible for the instruments, to the YWV color guard, to Alto Lions (and Ladies), to Lowell Volunteer Clowns and to all other units in the parade.

Thank you so much. D. Dey, Parade Chairman

Dear Editor:

What is this? Each week, I used to trip down to a Main Street store eager to pick up my edition of the Grand Valley Ledger. A confirmed addict of the Coy Corner and the type graminlin, plus news of those I do, will and have known, I became a subscriber (thus saving money and glad that the paper would be delivered by my local mailman, allowing me the opportunity to read the paper on publication day around 2 o'clock, and not having to wait until that evening).

But since I've been receiving the paper through the mail, I have become increasingly depressed—oh, not by my local postman, as he is always prompt, and I might as well have a smile and a cheery word, if I get to catch him at the door. Not so my usually cheery Coy Corner writer (and we all know who that is).

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the fine group of young people who cared enough to come out and provide "real live music" for the Fourth of July parade.

If they could be stood on the sidelines and listened to the comments of the spectators, they would have felt well repaid for their efforts. After all, what is a parade without a band?

There can be no parade without participants, and those public spirited citizens who gave of their time and talent also deserve a pat on the back. Hurrah for Lowell!

Sincerely, Peg Bedell

TIPS FOR PAINTERS

Spraying paint makes garden furniture in bright, glossy colors will give your yard a festive appearance that will enhance barbecues and outdoor parties. Paint different pieces of furniture to match the flowers in your garden or, if you prefer, pick one lively color, like sunny yellow or fire engine red for all of the furniture. Either way, you are assured a striking contrast to the lush green of a summer yard.

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The Back Page...

Ugums, cont'd.

Despite her success, Leslie recalls the old days when the going was hard. "Success or no success, I always remember who I am, and where I came from," she says. "I remember a reviewer once asked me if I thought I was black. I told him, I make up in front of the mirror every morning, don't I?"

When Leslie Ugums performs at the Lowell Showboat for six nights starting July 23 at 9 p.m., it marks her first appearance in this area of the state. She will be supported by two professional acts along with the highly-regarded Showboat chorus, orchestra, and Endmen and the amateur talent winners.

Tickets for all six nights can be purchased at the Showboat box office or by calling 897-9237. All seats are reserved.

Use Up Cards By July 15

July 15 is the deadline mailers have to use up small and under-sized envelopes and cards, Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle reminds customers.

Starting that date, the Postal Service makes its new size standards effective. Cards and envelopes measuring less than 3 1/2 inches high or 5 inches long no longer will be mailable and will be returned to sender.

Extra large First-Class envelopes—more than 6-1/8 by 11 1/2 inches—will incur a 7-cent surcharge if they weigh one ounce or less.

Postmaster Doyle advises these oversized pieces will be returned to the sender if they do not carry the 7-cent surcharge but can be remailed if the surcharge postage then is affixed. However, delays for these pieces can be avoided if mailers

make sure that sufficient postage has been applied.

The new regulation also will prohibit thin or flimsy cards. After July 15, the cards must be at least seven thousandths (.007) of an inch thick.

"Small envelopes and flimsy cards tend to jam mail processing equipment and cause damage to other mail as well," explained the Postmaster. "The surcharge on oversized or odd-shaped pieces is intended to cover the added cost of handling such pieces which must be processed manually. These standards have been established to allow the Postal Service to process mail more efficiently and this will mean better service for customers."

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Macker Tournament Held This Week



Scott McNeal, owner and founder of the Gus Macker Tournament.

Lowell Mayor Dean Collins has declared the week of July 9-15 as Gus Macker Tournament Festival Week. The Sixth Annual Gus Macker All-World Invitational Three-on-Three Outdoor Basketball Tournament will be held on July 14 and 15 with related activities taking place throughout the week.

On Monday Smith and Clemenz will play Showboat Automotive in a softball game at 8 p.m. at recreation field. The game will feature many of the tournament players. Tuesday is the official opening of the Macker Hall of Fame. Wednesday there will be the annual closing of Elizabeth Street between Amity and Lincoln Lake. Also included in Wednesday's activities will

be the watching for the fall of Skylab. Thursday's thrill will be the First Annual Miss Macker Beauty Pageant at 8 p.m. at 521 Elizabeth Street. On Friday the tournament will sponsor a party at Larkins Saloon to begin at 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday will be the days of the basketball tournament, also held at 521 Elizabeth Street.

Anyone from ninth grade to nursing homes is welcome to participate. The tournament is being sponsored by the Grand Rapids Press and the Lowell YMCA.

The tournament started in 1974 and has been played every summer since. This year's tournament looks to be the biggest ever, with five divisions and approximately 250 players.

Some of the better known hoop stars who will be competing are Val Bracey, who, at 6'2"-200 pounds has played with Central Michigan University and the Detroit Pistons. Last year's winner Leon Guydon of Central Michigan University will also be present. Melvin McLaughlin, from Grand Rapids Creston High School, recently signed to join the Central Michigan team and will be there with his 30-foot jump shot (which is on target 58% of the time). Other players are coming from as far away as Detroit, Toledo, and Atlanta, Georgia.

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First Security To Open Branch Here

First Security Bank will open a new branch office in the Lowell area.

Harry R. Larkin, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, of First Security Bank announced that the Financial Institutions Bureau of the State of Michigan has approved the bank's application to establish a branch office in Lowell Township in Kent County.

The new branch office will be located at 11947 East Fulton Street, just west of U. Lowell City Limits.

It is anticipated that the new bank will open for business in temporary quarters on or before September 1, 1979. Plans for construction of a permanent facility are currently being developed.

Upon receiving notifications of the approval, Larkin stated, "All of us at First Security Bank are delighted to have this opportunity to provide our brand of community banking in the Lowell area."

First Security Bank's Lowell office manager and staff will be appointed at a later date this summer.

First Security Bank now operates offices in Ionia, Belding, Carson City, Saranac, and Lyons-Muir. It is a member of the Independent Bank Corporation.

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