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## School Board votes to levy taxes twice annually

At the regular meeting of the Lowell Board of Education Monday, January 10, the board adopted a resolution to impose a summer property tax levy on residents of the Lowell School District. The resolution states that, beginning in 1983, the school district will levy one-half of school property taxes in the summer, with the remainder due as usual at the first of the year.

The purpose of a summer property tax levy, according to School Superintendent Donald Kelly, is "not to collect more taxes, but to change when they are collected."

Kelly explained at the meeting that school districts in the state of Michigan formerly received a large portion of their state aid funds at the beginning of the school year, when funds generated by the property tax levy were beginning to dry up. Now, because of the state budget crunch, the state has delayed aid payments, and, in addition, spread those payments in smaller amounts over the year.

As a result of the change in aid payments and the school's already tight money situation, Lowell School District had to

borrow \$600,000 to meet payroll expenses in 1982 until money from the property tax levy began rolling at the first of the year.

The school Board adopted the resolution to levy a summer tax with the expectation that such a tax would eliminate the need to borrow money at the end of the year. Assistant Superintendent George Jacobs said that the cost to the school in interest payments on the loan was about \$11,000. Such a figure does not take into account the loss in interest generated by the general fund equity when that fund drops below zero.

The summer property tax levy will cost residents in the Lowell School District approximately 16 mills against the state equalized value of their property, payable from July 1 to September 14.

Residents of the City of Lowell will discover that their total tax bill in the summer will be approximately 27.2 mills assessed against the value of their property, the sum of millage levied against them by the school district and the city. By comparison, winter taxes for city residents will be approximately 22.8

mills, about 4.5 mills less than the summer taxes.

The above figures assume that voters in the Lowell School District will approved a millage renewal sometime before July 1, because all voted operational millage -- 17.9 mills -- has expired. Should voters not approve some sort of millage renewal package, the school district would only be able to levy half of

the allocated millage. Allocated millage is slightly less than 10 mills.

Members of the Board's finance committee James Dumas, Wayne Dowling, and John Haggain will be meeting with others to set a tentative date for a millage election for the district.

In other board business, Lowell High School Principal Gary Kemp reported that the school

has received a letter from the North Central Association, an accrediting agency, informing school officials that the North Central Association will probably place the Lowell High School on accredited-warned status once again this year.

Because the school does not meet North Central standards of a minimum of a 6-hour school day, staggered teacher prepara-

tion periods, and adequate community support (millage), the agency cannot give the school accredited status. Though Kemp expected that the North Central Committee would renew Lowell's accredited-warned status this year, he was positive that the school's accreditation would be dropped next year if changes were not made soon.

## Coons retires from Savings & Loan

A new year has brought new things to David Coons, who retired on January 1 from his position as branch manager of the United Federal Savings and Loan, formerly Lowell Savings and Loan. Coons retires after 29 years with the organization.

Coons explained that the Savings and Loan, originally organized in 1888, was until recently operated as a business-within-a-business. A small amount of space within the Coons men's wear store, which Coons operated concurrently, was devoted to the business of the Savings and Loan.

The volume of business for the Savings and Loan grew partly as a result of government rulings which increased the versatility of such businesses generally. Business increased to such a point that in 1974 Coons decided to close out the clothing store and use all of the available space for the work of the Savings and Loan.

Until November of 1980, the Lowell Savings and Loan was an independent, locally owned business. At that time the Savings and Loan merged with



David Coons, retiring as branch manager of the Lowell United Federal Savings, is pictured here in front of the harpsichord he assembled himself.

United Federal Savings of Saginaw.

Coons remarked that the amounts of home mortgages have increased drastically during the years he has worked with the organization. Whereas loans of \$2000 of \$3000 were common years ago, mortgages of \$20,000 or \$30,000 are equally common

today.

Coons mentioned with some pride that the Savings and Loan continued operating throughout the Depression when a lot of banks didn't. Though the Depression years were a struggle, Coons said that "hardly anybody had to give up their homes. Working

with the Savings and Loan, they managed to keep going and avoid foreclosure."

Now that the Coons have a little more free time, Coons said that he and his wife "want to do more traveling, and take trips we haven't been able to take. We'd like to do some things while we are still able."

## Hutson retires from Lowell Police Force

Sergeant James L. Hutson, a well known figure to most Lowell residents, will retire from the Lowell Police Department on January 15, 1983.

"Sarge", as he is known by most youngsters, has collected numerous letters and citations over the years, many from surrounding departments, detailing his efforts in the apprehension of elusive law-breakers.

Police Chief Barry Emmons stated that, "Jim will certainly be missed; he is an asset to the department and the community alike."

"Sergeant Hutson has a near 'bird dog sense' when it comes to criminals," Emmons stated and "his persistence and keen observation has allowed us to place several colorful criminals in jail where they belong."

City Manager Ray Quada added his appreciation for Jim's work as an officer and went on to point out that Sergeant Hutson has worked for the City for 16-1/2 years last September without taking one day of sick leave, "a remarkable accomplishment in

this day and age," remarked Quada.

Friends who wish to bid Jim well are invited to attend an Open House in his honor to be held from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday January 15, 1983 at the American Legion Bldg. second floor, 805 E. Main in Lowell.

Jim's retirement plans include travel and relaxation, no guns, monitors, flashing lights, or screaming sirens.

The Community of Lowell wishes you the very best, "Sarge".

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Sergeant James L. Hutson



### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Student Services Center at Lowell High School has announced that it is holding a financial aid workshop for parents of college-bound high school seniors on Monday, January 17, at 7 P.M. at the High School.

The workshop will be conducted by Dave Steffee, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Aquinas College, in cooperation with the staff of the Student Services Center.

Parents are urged to attend this productive and informative workshop.

### ATTENTION LOWELL CLASS OF 1978

It's time for us to plan our five year reunion. There is a meeting January 27, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School, room will be posted. If you would like to help but cannot make the meeting contact Laura (Dey) Leasure at 897-8916.

### TIP-UP TOWN POSTPONED

Insufficient snow has forced a two-week postponement of the nation's second-largest winter festival: "Tip-Up Town U.S.A." at Houghton Lake, Michigan.

Originally set for the weekends of January 15-16 and 22-23, it has been re-scheduled by the Tip-Up Town Festival Committee for January 29-30 and February 5-6.

Lack of a substantial snow base needed for such events as cross-country skiing and snowmobile competition was cited by the committee as the reason for the postponement.

For information about Tip-Up Town U.S.A. and Michigan's other winter festivals and activities Write: The Michigan Travel Bureau, P.O. box 30226, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Referred to juvenile court was a 13 year old who admitted to Lowell police she had shoplifted from Eberhards and had broken into a private residence on Wed., January 5.

Lowell Police are investigating the theft of a pickup truck from a residence on Riverside Dr. that occurred Friday, January 7.

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# Obituaries

**ROZELL** - Mr. Michael D. Rozell, aged 65, of Cape Coral, Fla., and formerly of the Caledonia area, passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, 1983. He is survived by his wife, Helene F. Rozell; their children, Michael H. and Nancy Rozell of Dutton, David A. and Janet Rozell of Cuylerville, Lou Jean and Ted Dykstra of Ada, Nancy and Gary Hopkins of Ariz., Kathy and Clare Heintz, of Dutton, Susan and Larry VanKoeveering of Lowell; 13 grandchildren; also surviving are four sisters and two brothers, several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the chapel.

**BRAUER** - Cora T. Brauer, aged 89, of 787 Bungalow SW., passed away early Saturday morning in Kent Community Hospital. Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Alta McKeage of Lowell; several nieces and nephews, a great niece and nephew, several great-great nieces and nephews, and two great-great-great nieces. Cora was a retired employee of Kel-

vinator, Inc. Funeral and Committal Services were held Tuesday at the Van't Hof Chapel, with Rev. David Cooper of Wallin Congregational Church officiating. Interment Kent Memorial Gardens.

**NOTT** - Robert C. Nott, aged 69, of 2565 Chatham Woods Dr. S.E., died Friday evening in Kent Community Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Jane S.; two sons, Robin K. of Kalamazoo, and Bennett C.; two granddaughters, Alison and Erin, all of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Emma Louise Lake of Saranac, MI; several nieces and nephews; and aunt, Amy Roberts of Grand Rapids. Announcement of funeral services later.

**BUSH** - Mr. Clinton L. Bush, aged 84, formerly of the Alaska area, passed away Saturday evening, Jan. 8, 1983 in Lowell. He is survived by his children, Alice and Ted Demarest of Gun Lake, Alfred and Thelma Bush of Alto, Lois and Duke Dukash of Alaska, John and Joy Bush of Hastings, Dale and Joy Bush of Caledonia; 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; a brother, Forrest Bush, and a sister, Esther Willy both of Caledonia. Funeral Services were Tuesday morning at the funeral chapel, with Elder Kenneth Colborn officiating. Interment Alaska Cemetery Mr. Bush reposed at the Rootman Funeral Chapel, 616 E. Main St., Caledonia, 891-8155.

**WOOD** - Robert I. Wood aged 76 of Lowell, passed away Jan. 10, 1983. He is survived by his wife Sara, a Godchild Mr. Dean (Dibbie) Richardson, a brother Howard Wood of Baldwin, sisters Mrs. Mary Corman of Grand Rapids, & Mrs. Awaanda Mikolich of Grant, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Wood worked for the University of Michigan for 27 years. Funeral services will be Thursday 1:00 P.M. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell with Rev. William Douglas of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. The family will meet friends Wed. 2-4 and 7-9.

**O.E.S.** No. 97, passed away Monday evening, Jan. 3, 1983. She is survived by her husband, J. Irvin Rodgers; two daughters, Marcia L. Briney of Muskegon, Michael and Lavonda Martin also of Alto; granddaughter, Jennifer Ann Martin; a special son, William Zaagsma of Kentwood. Funeral Services were held Thursday at the funeral chapel, with Rev. Herbert J. Kinsey of the Bowne Center United Methodist Church, of which she was a member, officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

**DECKER** - Robert M. Decker, aged 60, of Beverly Hills, FL, formerly of Brower Lake, Rockford, passed Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1983 in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Decker; his children, Robert C. and Mary Decker of Lowell, Deborah and James Gryka of Brower Lake; three grandchildren; his father, Clifford L. Decker of Grand Rapids sister, Mrs. Daryl (Betty) Hamp of Murray Lake. Services were held Saturday morning at the funeral chapel, with Rev. Thurman E. Meredith of Northlawn United Methodist Church officiating. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**HAAK** - Mrs. Maude Haak, aged 88, of 217 DeWitt Lane, Spring Lake, passed away Saturday afternoon at her home. She was born March 8, 1894 in the Netherlands, and married William Haak, Oct. 2, 1919. He passed away July 15, 1976. She was a member of Christ Community Church. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Margaret) Comstock of Stafford, Virg., Mrs. John (Betty) Kramer of Wyoming, and Mrs. Lloyd (Wilma Jean) Boynton of Ionia and Mrs. Mildred Morgan of Hastings; a brother, William of Lowell; nieces and nephews. The Mass of The Christian Burial was offered Monday morning at Our Lady of Consolation Church, with The Rev. Paul Milanowski as celebrant. The Rosary Scripture Service was held Sunday at the funeral home. Interment in Assumption Cemetery.

**TEN EYCK** - Mr. James Ten Eyck, aged 82, of Rockford, died Friday morning Jan. 7, 1983. Survivors include his wife, Leona; his children, Bill and Theresa Ten Eyck of Belmont, Margaret Ten Eyck of Rockford, Allan J. and Gloria Ten Eyck of Grand Rapids; 21 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; his sisters, Mrs. David (Helen) Stedman of Ionia and Mrs. Mildred Morgan of Hastings; a brother, William of Lowell; nieces and nephews. The Mass of The Christian Burial was offered Monday morning at Our Lady of Consolation Church, with The Rev. Paul Milanowski as celebrant. The Rosary Scripture Service was held Sunday at the funeral home. Interment in Assumption Cemetery.

**RODGERS** - Mrs. Flora Rodgers, aged 61, of Alto, and a member of the Caledonia

Obits continued

# Coming Events

**WED., JAN. 12:** (and seven Wednesdays after) V.F.W. Post 8303 Euchre Tournament starting at 7:30 P.M. Everyone Welcome.

**THUR., JAN. 13:** Survivors of Suicide, a regional support group for persons affected by the suicide of a relative or friend, will meet from 7:30-9:00 at Park Congregational Church, 10 Park Place, N.E., Grand Rapids. Use the Ransom St. entrance. For more information call South Kent Mental Health, 774-3780 or the Advisory Center for Teens, 458-7434.

**THUR., JAN. 13:** The Grand Rapids Business & Professional Women's Club will meet at 6:15 P.M. at The Brown Home, 1415 E. Fulton St. SPEAKER: Mrs. James M. Davis, South Haven, MI, former President and member of steering committee of Women's Resource Center in Grand Rapids and a member of the Michigan Women's Commission. For reservations call 245-0013 or 458-9106.

**SAT., JAN. 15:** The Piccolo Opera Company will present two one-act operas in English at 8 P.M. at Lowell Middle School, 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell. The Detroit based company will perform "The Music Master" by Pergolesi and "The Telephone" by Menotti. This evening of light opera is sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council. Tickets will be sold at the door. They may also be bought prior to the performance at That Special Place, 215 W. Main for \$7 for adults and \$2 for students through 12th grade.

**TUES., JAN. 18:** The Grand Rapids Mothers of Twins Club will meet at 8 P.M. in Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr.

**S.E.** This month's program is "Winter Activities for Young Children." All area mothers and guardians of multiples are invited.

A slide program for new and expectant mothers on the care of infant twins will be shown at 7:15. For more information call 361-6708 or 691-8557.

**TUES., JAN. 18:** The Alto PT Club will meet at the School at 7:30 P.M. to hear Mr. John Kirkman from Social Services speak on child abuse. This meeting is being arranged for all parents and teachers. Babysitting is provided.

**JANUARY 22 - 27:** The THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, featuring Dr. Victor Matthews, continues Thursday, 7:30 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary Auditorium (located off Leonard Street just west of the East Beltline). This week's topic in The Joy and Power of Biblical Faith series is "The Basis of Faith." The public is invited free of charge. Call 949-5300 for any further information.

**TUE., JAN. 25:** Knights of Columbus Activity Night. Wives of Knights invited.

Condensed meeting for Knights from 7:30 to 8:00. Special Speaker at 8:00 from Michigan State Univ. Expanded Nutrition Program. Followed by Nutritious refreshments. Meetings are held at St. Marys school in Lowell.

**TUE., JAN. 25:** Lowell Area Schools will be host to the first reception to be given for President Stein, president of Michigan Technological University to get acquainted with the parents of students now enrolled at MTU also prospective high school seniors & their parents. This will be held at the Lowell Middle School Cafeterium with punch and cookies served at 7 P.M. followed at 7:30 by an informal talk by President Stein with questions and answer period til 8:30.

**JANUARY 1983-JUNE, 1983:** Steak Dinner 4-8 P.M. and Dance 8-12? every 3rd Saturday of the month. VFW Post 8303, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, MI.

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**In The Service**

Marine Pvt. Douglas F. Banfill, son of Irene and David P. Banfill Jr. of 13306 Vergennes, Lowell, MI has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

**24-hour crisis help line**

Switchboard is a 24-hour crisis help line. Trained volunteers are available day and night, seven days a week for people to call with their concerns. These concerns pertain to loneliness, depression, family problems, suicide, drugs, alcohol and other problems. Switchboard also acts as a community information and referral source.

Switchboard is having a training program for persons interested in volunteering their help. The training is 50 hours and focuses on such topics as empathic listening, the helping relationship, suicide, adolescence and many others.

**Dey-Biggs Wed**



Mr. & Mrs. David Biggs

Wearing a wedding dress made for her by her mother, Katherine E. Dey was united in marriage with David R. Biggs on November 6, 1982, at Saint Mary's Church in Lowell, with Monsignor James Moran officiating.

The bride is the daughter of George and Dolores Dey, of 404 Lincoln Lake Rd., Lowell. The groom's parents are Richard and Connie Biggs, 1410 Biggs, also of Lowell.

Accompanying the bride was maid of honor Paula Doyle, friend of the bride, and bridesmaids Sue Averill, Mary Wernet, Barb Porter and Laura Lea-

sure, all sisters of the bride. James McCormick, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were John Brower, James Fitzpatrick, and Mark Canfield, friends of the groom; and Mike Dey, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Art Heydenburg and Frank Leasure.

After the wedding reception at Shady Acres, hosted by master and mistress of ceremonies Mike and Lucy Dey, the couple traveled to Florida for a one-week honeymoon. Since their return, the couple has resided at 10275 Sayles Rd., Lowell.

**Jaycee Week Observed January 16-22**

The Lowell Area Jaycees join Jaycee chapters across the country and around the world in celebrating Jaycee week January 16-22nd. The local group has enjoyed another successful year of service to our community, including: Participation in area parades and celebrations, holding hayrides for foreign exchange students, purchased and painted school playground equipment, ran Christmas Is For Kids, and sponsored a Bluegrass concert for the handicapped and disadvantaged. Proceeds from the Bluegrass show will help provide equipment for Lowell's E-Unit, and will help to establish a fund for a West Michigan Ronald McDonald House.

The Jaycees have recently moved their base of operation to the third floor meeting room of the American Legion Building.

They meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. All area men between the ages of 18-36 interested in community service and self improvement are invited to join.

The Jaycees will hold an open house at their new meeting rooms on Thursday January 20th, 7-9 P.M. to give area residents an opportunity to learn about their organization.

Some of the projects in the planning stages now that will require additional manpower are: The Detroit Lions Basketball game to be held locally this spring, an Easter Egg hunt for area children, and a Lowell P.R. project. Interested men should call Stan Williams 897-6374 or Rod Smith 897-8922 for more information.

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**HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS**

by Pauline E. Spray



...Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way (Luke 24:32).

This morning the world outside resembles a giant marshmallow sundae. Everything is lusciously and generously topped with the whitest of fluff. The temperature hovers precariously near the zero mark. The biting cold chills one to the bone.

O how good the fire feels on a day like this! What a comfort it is! There was a time when we did not have an automatic furnace to keep the temperature inside the house at a comfortable degree even in the severest weather. But then the wood stove or hard coal burner was equally appreciated when one was subjected to frigid temperatures.

Two disciples walked toward Emmaus. Sadly they discussed the events surrounding their Lord's death. But then Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them. As He talked and expounded the Scriptures, their hearts were strangely warmed and comforted; joy replaced their sorrow.

The Risen Lord is with His children today. None need to walk through life in frigid loneliness. He ever waits to "make the trusting heart His home," and to comfort each of us with His presence. As surely as in days of old, "Jesus warms the heart."

Prayer: My Risen Lord, thank Thee for dying for me and conquering death and the tomb. Walk with me. Speak to me through Thy Word. Comfort and warm my heart with Thy presence. Amen.

Joys are flowing like a river. Since the Comforter has come.

He abides with us forever. Makes the trusting heart His home.

Manie Payne Ferguson

**FOCUS ON EDUCATION**

Bushnell students in Karell Burd's Kindergarten classes have formed some special relationships. They have not only found friends their own age, but many four or five years older! Fourth graders from Margaret Hoats' class hold a special spot in the hearts of many five and six year olds.

The two classes have gotten together and worked on many activities. Early in the fall they painted each others feet and made a paper mural. With this, not only was the ice broken for the beginning of many friendships, but every Kindergarten knew that Mr. F had Funny Feet.

Johnny Applesseed's birthday was celebrated by the two groups. Side-by-side, the groups made homemade applesauce, apple cider, and butter. In November, a short play performance was presented on Grandparents Day. Thankgiving gifts were made and given by the Fourth Graders. Christmas rolled around and the Kindergarten-ers surprised their older friends with homemade cookies made with lots of love.

The latest activity was a cooperative math walk. Ready with paper, pencil, and crayon, partners searched Bushnell looking for the shape of a circle. Children found circles ranging from eyelets in shoes, holes in pencil sharpeners, clocks, to even the shape of Ms. Hoats' glasses.

Here are some excited comments from Kindergarten-ers after their search was completed.

TALLIE BASSETT - I liked it because we got to walk around the inside of the school without a teacher. We were good at it.

JULIE VERSPOOR - I liked it because there was a lot of stuff that was cool. I found a round doorknob. I drew it.

BRENT YOUNG - It was fun! We looked up at the ceiling and I saw circles up there. They were lights!

LAURA LINGER - We found lots of circles, but it was hard. We didn't need a teacher to help.

CONNIE GOULOOZE - I got to find so many circles. The Fourth Graders helped because we found a lot of circles together.

NICK MYERS - I found a lot of circles! Guess what? I was with my favorite partner!

**Open House**

In honor of Hazel Baird's 91st birthday, her family is holding an open house in her honor at the home of Allan Baird, 13738 3 Mile Rd., Lowell, on Sunday, January 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. All well-wishers are invited to attend, but are requested not to bring gifts.

**HOT LUNCH MENU WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 1983**

- MONDAY**  
Fruit juice, pizza w/meat and cheese, garden salad or veggie, chilled fruits or jello, milk.
- TUESDAY**  
Cheeseburgers or corn dogs, lettuce salad w/dressing, steamed corn, assorted fruits or pudding, bars or cookies, milk.
- WEDNESDAY**  
Lowell fried chicken or hot dogs, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy butter green beans, rolls or bread, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.
- THURSDAY**  
Spaghetti or pork and noodles, cole slaw, french bread, choice of fruit, milk.
- FRIDAY**  
Fishwiches or pork barbeque on a bun, potato chips and pickles, soup or salad, fruit and cookies, milk.
- Price of lunches to students includes milk. Elementary 70¢, Middle and Senior High 75¢.

**Lowell Hockey 7-4-1**

The Lowell High School hockey team skated to an 8-4 win over Forest Hills Central on Thursday, January 6, in a win which gives the Arrow hockey team a season record of 7-4-1.

Hockey coach Rob McCormick remarked that "This was a big win as we averaged a 5-3 loss (to Forest Hills Central) earlier in the season. All the kids skated well.

Lowell took 31 shots on goal, compared with 16 for FHC. McCormick credited fine defensive play by Andy Vredenburg and Max Astor for keeping FHC scoring down.

The victory over Forest Hills moves Lowell into third place in the league, and helps the team in clinching a spot in the Ford Cup competition.

This week Lowell faces Grandville at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, and on Saturday Lowell will meet West Catholic in a match originally scheduled for 4 p.m. but changed to 6 p.m.

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<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO</b> Corner of 60th Street &amp; Bancroft Avenue Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Jr.-Sr. High Young People 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. REV. GEORGE L. COON 866-6403 or 866-6912</p>	<p><b>GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARANAC</b> Corner of Orchard &amp; Pleasant Early Service 8:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Young Peoples Afterglow 8:30 P.M. Wed. Family Night 6:30-8:30 P.M. REV. JAMES FRANK 642-9174 - 642-9274</p>	<p><b>WHITNEYVILLE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST UNDENOMINATIONAL</b> 4935 Whitneyville Rd. Ada 49301 Sunday Morn. Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wed. Evening Prayer Service 7:30 P.M. Challenger's Youth Group. Wed. 7:30 P.M. PASTOR JAMES GROENDYK</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. 5:30 Evening Service 7:00 P.M. Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 P.M. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 P.M. DR. DARRELL WILSON 897-5300</p>	<p><b>VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Corner Parnell &amp; Bailey Drive Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Coffee Hour 11:00 A.M. Church School 11:15 A.M. DR. STANLEY H. FORKNER Ph: 531-7942 Little White Church On The Corner</p>

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**Births**

**IT'S A BOY!**  
John & Frances Brown are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, Beau Joseph on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1982. Beau weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. He joins two sisters, Kara & Rebecca at home.

Pleased grandparents are Dwight & Phyllis Brown and Leo & Helen Huser. Great Grandparents are Lester & Leda Reynolds, of Six Lakes.

# Letters...

Dear Editor: What is the problem with the contract negotiations between the KCEA/LEA and the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education? Consider three things.

The Board's unwillingness to negotiate. The Board chooses to deny the fact that they are dealing with the Lowell teachers. The problem is not the KCEA. The problem is the Board of Education. Secondly, can the School Board afford to reach a settlement? Compared with the majority of school districts in Kent County, yes they can. Their problem is the half million dollar feeish that they nourish. Many districts have put education as their priority. In Lowell finances are the number one concern. The Board could bring about a settlement. It chooses not to. The problem is not the KCEA. It is the School Board. Thirdly, take another look at

the KCEA. The majority of districts in the county have settled. All but a few are members of the KCEA. Has the KCEA held up their contracts? No, they have negotiated, reached agreements and settled. The Lowell teachers feel that they are worthy of a settlement comparable to other districts in our county. The KCEA agrees. The KCEA is not holding up a settlement in Lowell. The KCEA is not the problem. The Board of Education is the problem.

George Stegmier

Dear Editor: Recently the East Press section of the Grand Rapids Press ran an article regarding the status of negotiations in the Lowell Area School District and more specifically the financial situation of the district.

Superintendent Donald Kelly has never contended that the district was unable to afford the modest demands of the teachers. Only that the district will not pay them. In fact an investigation by the Michigan Education Association has shown that the Lowell Schools are in good financial condition.

The last remark in the article by Mr. Kelly that going back to a six-hour school day is more important than raising the teachers' salaries has incensed members of the teaching staff. How quickly he has forgotten how hard the teachers worked last fall to pass a millage to return to a six-hour

Dear Editor:

The Msgr. Hugh Michael Beahan Council of the Knights of Columbus, Lowell Council #7719 would like to thank the Grand Valley Ledger for the space it offers to the community in the coming events section. At this time of the year when giving and receiving is so highly recognized it is nice to be able to take notice of your weekly contribution to us all.

Again, we thank you and look forward to seeing our announcements throughout the year.

Tony Stencel  
Deputy Grand Knight.



## CONSUMER CONCERN

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Here's how you can tell if the building you're living in offers the fire protection it should:

Walls: The building should have a minimum of one-hour fire-rated construction for walls between the units and also for corridor walls. However, two-hour fire-rated noncombustible assemblies are preferable. According to the Brick Institute of America, a 4 1/2-inch-thick wall of brick masonry can withstand a fire for up to two hours.



## cozy corner

By Roger Brown

I sometimes think that the Ledger is on just about EVERYBODY'S mailing list. We receive news releases, newsletters, news-o-grams, news updates and just plain news from about every organization you can think of, and then some. I am sure that I could live quite handsomely on the postage and mailing costs involved in getting all this "news" into the Ledger in such a steady stream.

One such bit of news is a monthly newsletter published by the state Bar of Michigan, called "Newsbriefs." "Newsbriefs" is among the great majority of all this news that goes straight into the circular file, or waste basket as some folks call it. Last month's "Newsbriefs" was on its way to such a demise, when an time in it caught my eye. The item was headed, "Curses: No More?" I read on.

It seems that there is a fellow named Paul White of Cambridge, Massachusetts who is founder of Curseholics Anonymous. White lost two jobs as an auto salesman for cursing at customers, and according to the article, he now leads a crusade to make public profanity a felony. The organization is circulating petitions and plans to "picket state capitals. White claims that Americans collectively utter more than one billion curse words daily, swearing at the rate of 700,000 times per minute. I don't know how he came up with those figures, but I'm sure there may be some merit to them.

White's dream of a felony charge for cursing may seem ridiculous, but other crusades have eventually ended up in the law books. Prohibition in the 20's and 30's comes to mind, along with more recent laws against smoking in many public places. You may be wondering why I'm so interested in this little bit of "news." Well, it's not because I don't think I can refrain from using some of the "King's English" in public. I've trained myself to be pretty good at biting my tongue in mixed company anyway. My real worry is that if White's dream becomes law, I'll have to close my print shop down, or at the very least, spend a fortune soundproofing it.

We've all heard the old axiom, "He (or she) curses like a longshoreman." If someone were to organize a cursing contest between a printer and a longshoreman, my money sure wouldn't be on the traditional favorite. I'd bet that any printer worth his salt can curse circles around a longshoreman. Most people are of the belief that a printing press is loaded up with ink, and type, and paper, and printed sheets come out the end like magic. But in reality, a good pressman must have a knowledge of the craft, a feel for his press, know how different papers, inks and chemicals behave together, and above all possess a large vocabulary of curses, not to mention a stout toe for kicking a cast iron printing press.

I'd like to have a dollar for every time I've been waiting on a customer, and hear one of the presses grind to a halt from mis-fed, crumpled sheets, followed by a bellowed printer's oath. I'm prone to blushing, so as I turn red, I walk over and close the door to the back shop, and hope that the customer doesn't pack up and walk out. I guess what worries me about White's anti-cursing law, is that these customers could not only take their business elsewhere, they could call the cops on me.

Oh well, I'm sick of being a &%, \$%e€OS printer anyway, and making little rocks out of big ones will be good exercise.

## New species of boosters evolves

The Lowell area is quite familiar with the Athletic Boosters, but what sort of an organization is the Forensics Boosters?

Michele Geldersma, a senior at the high school, explains that Forensics Boosters is a student group which has taken on the task of raising \$1,000 to support a forensics program at LHS.

Geldersma and approximately 40 other students at the high school believe that a forensics program is worth working for because, in Geldersma's words, "Forensics gives students the ability to stand up in front of other people and express themselves," an ability which could prove highly valuable in later years.

Geldersma added that a published survey of phobias indicated that the fear of standing before an audience ranks among the commonest of fears. A forensics program could be a boon to students who suffer from such a phobia.

Because they feel strongly about a forensics program, Geldersma and others have decided that, rather than sit around and complain about program cutbacks, they would take matters in their own hands and raise funds for themselves. Geldersma said that the group's attitude could be summarized in the words, "Anything worth keeping is worth fighting for."

The group has already swung into the fund-raising spurt on December 21, members of the Forensics Boosters, stationed at Lippert's Pharmacy and Eberhard's, sold baked goods. Fund raisers planned for the new year include raffles, with winning tickets to be drawn January 14 and 21, and a benefit dinner to be put on in the home of Jill VanAntwerp, an English teacher at the high school.

In the coming week, members of the Forensics Boosters will be approaching community residents with whom they are acquainted in a Rent-a-Kid campaign. Booster members plan to volunteer their time on Saturday, January 15, to do odd jobs for

idents who will in return make a donation to the Boosters. The group is hoping that a heavy snow Friday night will put their services in high demand. The group has already drafted and mailed a letter requesting donations from area civic groups, promising a spring performance for donors. The Boosters have had no response from these groups as yet.



## STEAK DINNER

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## THE LOWELL TEACHERS ASK: "HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?"

As a concerned citizen and parent in the Lowell School District, we would like you to take a minute or two and put yourself in our shoes:

When teacher contract negotiations began last summer, we were asked to forestall serious contract talks until after the September 27 millage vote, so that both groups could devote their energies toward reinstating the 6 hour day.

We knew this was the top priority of the Board, so we agreed to the request. The staff worked harder on this campaign than on any other millage election in the past.

It is now three and one half months after the millage vote, when the district's voters said that this was not the time to increase millage in order to reinstate the 6 hour day. We hear Mr. Kelly and the Board continue, however, to state that the 6 hour day is top priority, and not teacher salaries.

On top of that, the Board has stated that salary increases will not be retroactive to September, which was the time when we were asked to delay our negotiations in favor of the millage election. In past years, when we had started the school year without a contract, we had been given retroactive pay, once the settlement had been reached. Because of this, there was no hesitancy on our part to agree to cooperate with the Board on behalf of the important issue at hand, rather than to try and settle the contract at this time.

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RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS BLAKESLEE AND BOEREMA

WHEREAS, the Kent County Library System Board has requested to eliminate (1) one full time Data Entry Clerk, \$4.81 per hour and establish (2) two full time/part time, 22 hours per week, Data Entry Clerk positions, and

Commissioner Blakeslee moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Byington. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS KUHN AND LAMOREAUX

WHEREAS, under the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.1101, et seq., the County may, but is not required to, have a County Board of Health, which Board is advisory in nature to the Board of Commissioners, and

1. The Board of Health shall consist of (5) members, three of whom shall be members of the County Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER KUHN

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has received an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) Grant, and

Commissioner Kuhn moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Gaine. Motion carried by the following vote:

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS LANINGA AND BOEREMA

WHEREAS, Kent County as a part of developing the South Kent Landfill acquired properties north and east of the general landfill properties to provide access to the landfill site, and

Commissioner Laninga moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Marsh.

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS LANINGA AND BOEREMA

WHEREAS, Kent County as a part of developing the landfill and related properties has constructed a road over the properties north and east of the landfill to the specifications of the Kent County Road Commission, in contemplation of turning the

road over to the Kent County Road Commission for maintenance as a public street, and

Commissioner Laninga moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Lamoreaux.

Motion carried by the following vote: Yes: Vaughn, Somerville, Sietsema, Pappel, Oppewal, Marsh, Lorch, Laninga, Lamoreaux, Kuhn, Kemper, Gaine, DeVriendt, Dekraker, Byington, Martin But, Blakeslee, Bandstra, Chairperson But - 19.

1983 COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Byington moved Chairperson But's Standing Committee appointments be confirmed. Seconded by Commissioner Bandstra.

Motion carried unanimously. Chairperson But announced there will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Somerville moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairperson, and to Friday, January 28, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. for a Committee of the Whole Meeting, and to Wednesday, February 2, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. for an Official Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Medical expenses provide year-end tax deductions

You have until December 31 to reduce your 1982 federal income tax bill and one area that could provide significant end of year deductions is medical expenses.

However, not all medical expenses can be deducted. Only those expenses not reimbursed by insurance or health plans qualify.

Allowable deductions for medical expenses include insurance, medicine and drugs as well as doctor and hospital bills, travel to and from doctors' offices and special equipment you need for health care.

For example, let's say your adjusted gross income is \$28,000. Medicine and drug costs are reduced by \$280 before you can include them in your total medical expenses.

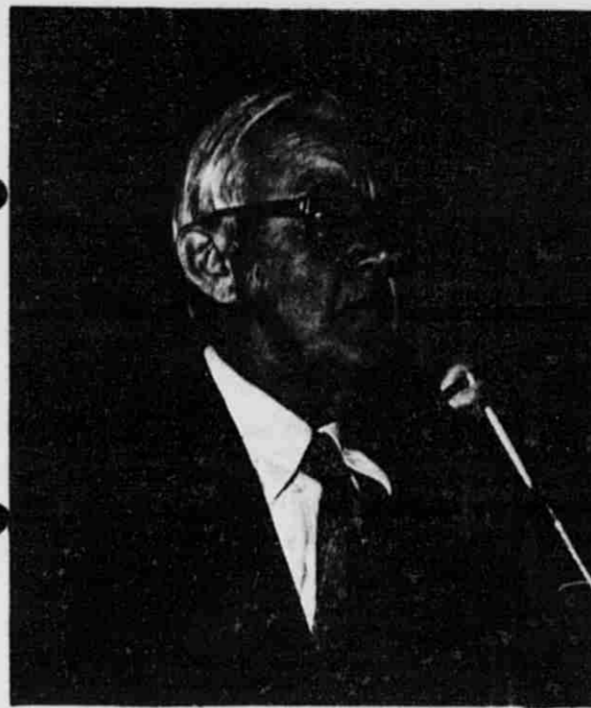
Beginning in 1983, however, medical expenses must exceed five percent of your AGI to be deductible. For the example above, that means an increase of \$560 to a floor of \$1,400.

After 1983, you won't have to reduce medicine and drug costs by one percent of your AGI, but you can include their total cost in with other medical expenses.

CPAs advise that to get the most medical deductions possible, plan your medical expenses for 1983 and move as many as possible into 1982.

Perhaps you can schedule (and pay for) checkups and other routine work in December. If possible, you might wait until January of 1984 for your next series of examinations and then have them done again in December of that year.

Or, if you prefer to undergo checkups annually, look for other medical expenses you can shift for tax purposes. Voluntary surgery and the purchase of eyeglasses are costs that you can schedule for your convenience.



A farewell to the House... State Representative Martin But (R-Kentwood) concluded his 24 years in the Michigan House of Representatives by presiding over the chamber on the closing day of session.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT File No. 82-48290-DM ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER

As a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 7th day of Dec., 1982. Present: The Honorable Robert A. Benson, Circuit Court Judge

On the 21st day of October, 1982, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

It is hereby ordered that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 1147 Alto S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 7th day of March, 1983.

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

Robert A. Benson Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Eahly M. Lyons, Deputy Clerk

SOLICITATION OF BIDS The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the items listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office Room 227, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

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I may be becoming addled in my old age but I just can't seem to recall weather such as we have experienced during this past year. Can any of you previously remember a thunderstorm on Christmas?

Thinking back to last spring, the weather dealt a devastating blow to early migrating songbird populations. The robins and several other species died by the hundreds of thousands when they migrated early due to unseasonably warm weather, then still weakened from their northward flights.

The mid winter, so far, has been wonderful, for most of you, but how about the skier, the snowmobile enthusiast, the ice fishermen, hunter, trapper, etc.?

It is my contention that all perennial crops will be very scarce next summer and we would be well advised to take this into consideration when putting foods by for the coming year.

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

The City of Lowell is accepting applications for the position of City Treasurer-City Assessor.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lowell, MI 301 East Main Street Lowell, MI 49331

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Act 207 of Public Act of 1921, a public hearing will be held on Monday, Jan. 17, 1983 8:00 P.M.

at the Municipal Offices by the Lowell City Planning Commission.

This hearing is called to consider changes in the Lowell Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

SECTION 6.04 Schedule of Parking Requirements: Item B-6 shall have added item "C", as follows: C. Other Recreation Facilities - One (1) space for each two (2) persons at capacity, plus one (1) space per employee.

SECTION 7.07 Signs: Residential Districts: Item A-8 as presently shown is proposed as Item A-9.

New Item A-9 is proposed to read as follows: 8. One (1) business ground sign, not exceeding 4' x 6' or 24 square feet shall be permitted for private recreation facilities as permitted by this Ordinance.

SECTION 8.02 Schedule of Permitted Buildings: Shall be amended to read as follows: The Uses Permitted Section for the RR Residential shall read as follows:

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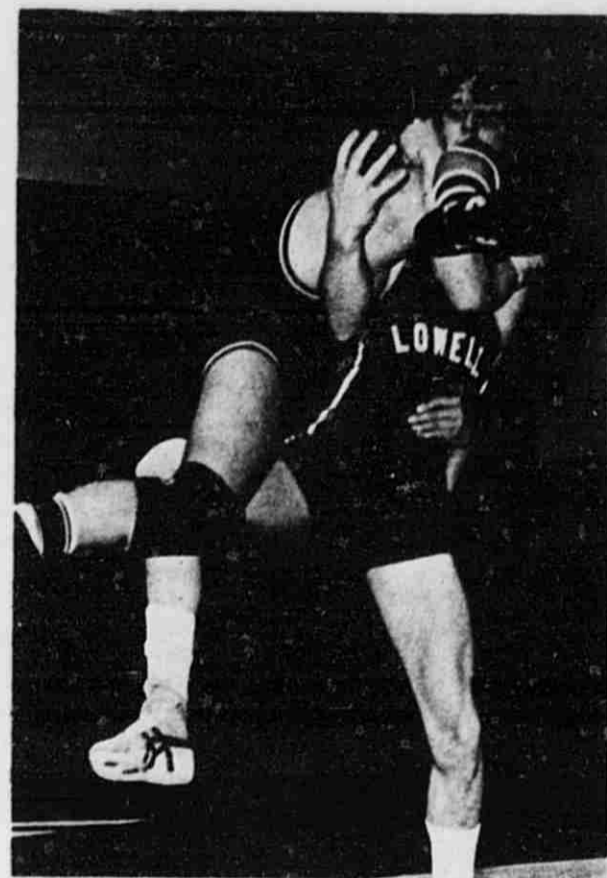


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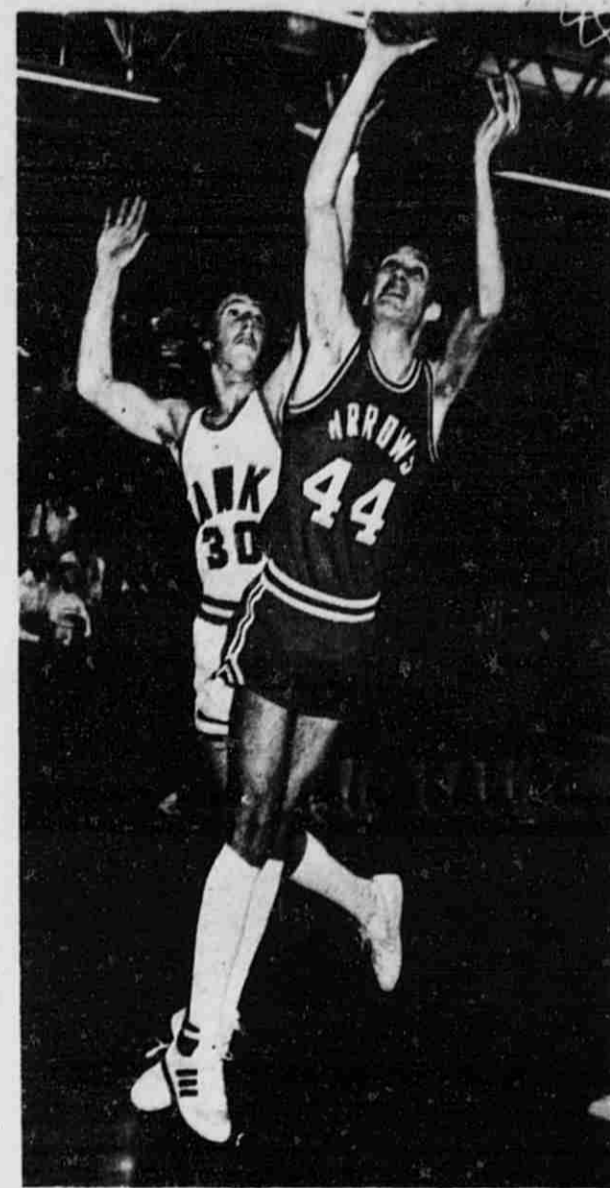
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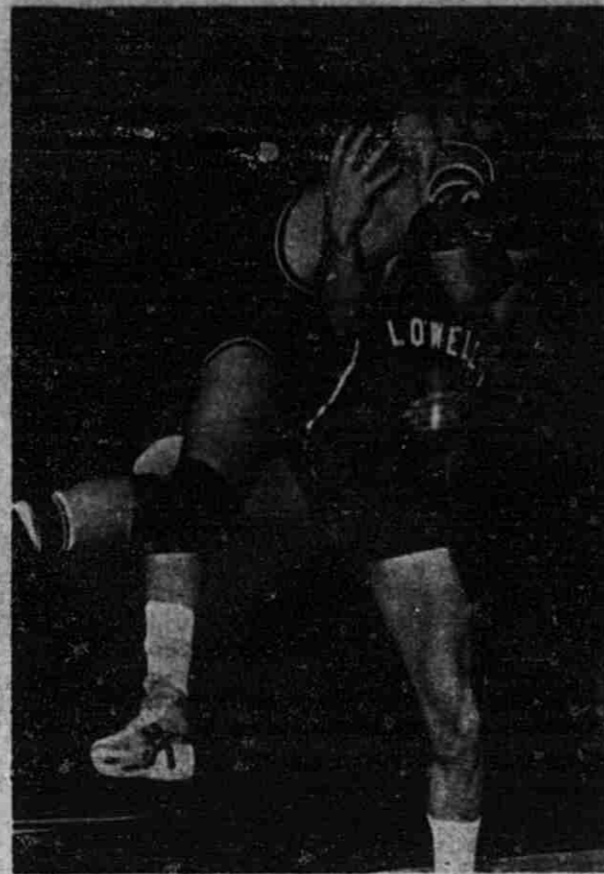


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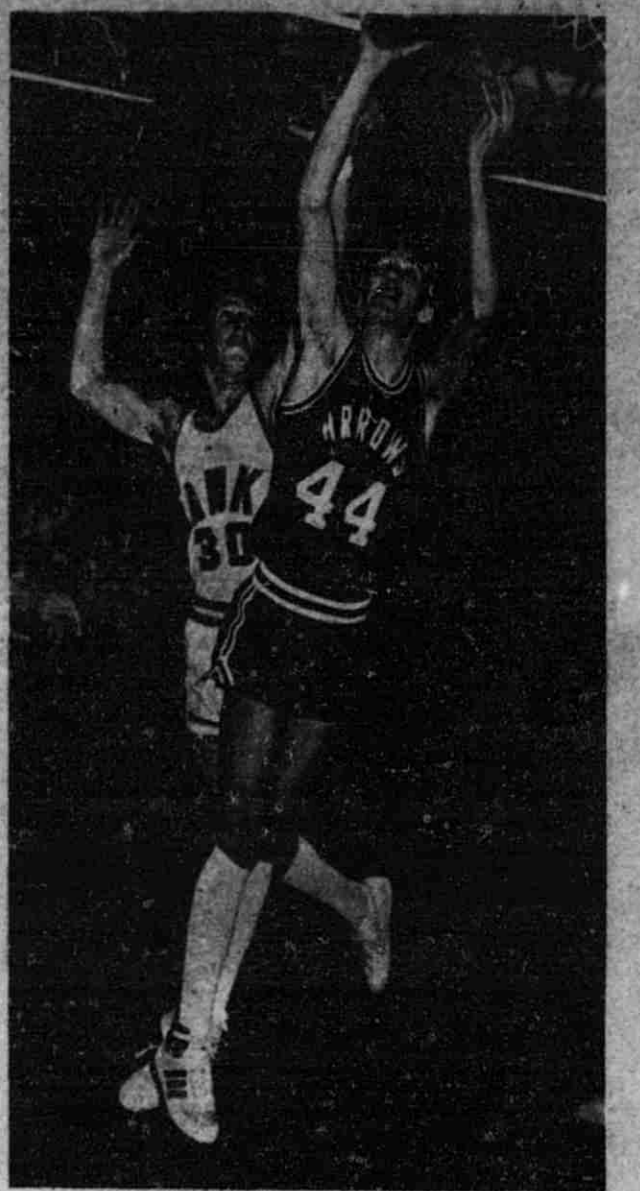
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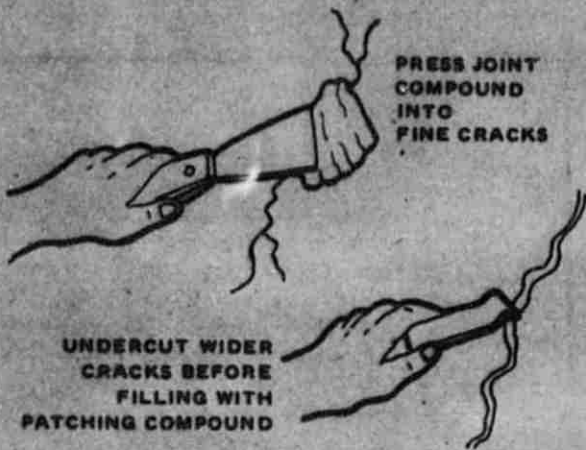
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We wish to thank back everyone for their thoughtfulness at the time of the death of our husband, father and grandfather. Nelson A. Stormzand. For the prayers, cards, flowers, food brought to the house, luncheon following the funeral, phone calls, visits to the home, the minister conducting the service, the Lowell police and Lowell Rescue. God bless all of you.  
Mrs. Cora Stormzand  
Jean Stormzand Jellenia  
Tony & Carol Stormzand  
Laurie, Sue, Jeff & Andy Stormzand  
Mrs. June Stormzand  
Brothers & Sisters

## In Memoriam

In Loving memory of our husband, father and grandfather. Charles R. Ritter who passed away Jan. 12, 1980.  
Looking back with memories  
Upon the path he trod.  
We treasure the years we had with him,  
And leave the rest to god  
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# Seniors learn history in Community Ed. classes

Lowell Community Education has recently begun classes in Michigan history for senior citizens which are taught at the Alto Elementary School and Cumberland Manor. The classes, which meet for 3-1/2 hours on Mondays, have a combined enrollment of about 25 class members.

Gordon Gould, night supervisor for Community Ed, said that a survey taken at Cumberland Manor indicated a strong interest on the part of senior citizens in Michigan history, and Community Ed officials have been pleased with community response to this class offering.

Mary Condon, who is the instructor in the classes, said that she has avoided the textbook approach to history.

Instead, she has supplemented book study with field trips, films, guest speakers, and ethnic cooking.

In fact, Condon said that on some occasions her pupils have

taken over the class, since many of them have lived in the Lowell-Alto area for years. One of her students, Leona Wieland, spent some time telling the class about the village of Alto as it was in her childhood and how it has changed over the years.

Members of the class said that they decided to take the course for a number of reasons. Ila Swanson, a former school teacher at Alto Elementary, said, "I think Michigan history is always interesting."

Instructor Mary Condon added that "lots of wonderful history is packed in this area," and her students have been around to see a lot of it.

As part of their study of Michigan history, the class has looked at different ethnic groups which have settled in Michigan, and tasted some of the cooking common to those groups. Mary Condon made a vinegar pie for one class session, a pie which



Members of the Community Education Michigan history class pictured are: Alma Vos, Val Watts, Emerson Stauffer, and Elmer Swanson.

Field trips to the Ford Museum and the State Capitol are planned before the class comes to a conclusion.

one class member said was "different, but good."

She added that "It's not something you'd want to eat everyday."



Ila Swanson, Mildred Stauffer, and Virginia Reynhout.

## McPherson honored by Ada Masons



Don McPherson

Donald A. McPherson received the award of 'Mason of the Year' 1982 from Ada Lodge #280, January 8th, 1983. Invocation by Rev. Faulkner, pastor of Vergennes Methodist Church, pledge of allegiance to our Country's Flag was given preceding a bountiful and delicious dinner.

Welcome was given by Roger Jansma acting as Master of Ceremonies 'Take Time to Live'. Introduced were presiding officers of organizations present: Cecil

DeRushia, Worshipful Master of Lowell Lodge; John Strachan, High Priest of Royal Arch; Glen Morris, Pres. of the Building Association; Kay Hall, Worthy Matron, and Richard Hall, Worthy Patron of Cyclamen Chapter #94; Kenneth Anderson, Past Worthy Master of Egypt Grange; Roger Jansma, Worshipful Master of Ada Lodge; Lillian Shepherd, Worthy Matron, and Roger Jansma, Worthy Patron of Vesta Chapter #202. All were given a hearty welcome.

Tributes were given to Don by: Jenett Patrick, representing his family; Martha Szudzik from Vergennes Church; Ferris Miller, Historical Society, read by Bill McPherson; Connie O'Dell, Historical Commission; Adelbert O'Dell, Cemetery Association; Ed Roth, Farm Bureau,

read by Alex McPherson; George Story, Rotary Club; Kenneth Anderson, Egypt Grange; Cecil DeRushia Lowell Lodge and Eastern Star; John Strachan, Royal Arch; Glen Morris, Masonic Building Association; Lillian Shepherd and Mildred Harter, Vesta Chapter.

Roger Jansma, Worshipful Master of Ada Lodge, presented Brother Don with his beautiful framed, certificate of award, and a Memory book containing a copy of all the tributes given. Eight members and friends came to share this special evening with Don, and the dinner and program given to honor him as 'Mason of the Year'. The benediction was given by Rev. Faulkner. The social hour that followed gave all a chance to make new friends, and renew old acquaintances.



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