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A look back at 1985; a good business year

The end of 1985 marks the halfway point of the '80's. Lowell, along with the rest of the nation, especially Michigan, has enjoyed an economic resurgence in the past few years. Unemployment, inflation and other woes that haunted us through the '70's, are on the wane. Lowell's factories are bustling, and our largest employer, Attwood Corporation, has begun a major expansion program. Many once vacant downtown stores are reopening with businesses that appear to be here to stay. As you read through this retrospective of 1985, we're sure you'll agree that it was a pretty good year for Lowell in most respects.

JANUARY

Our first issue of the new year reported that three employees of the State Savings Bank were promoted. Lucille Green was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Terry Conley to Vice President and Charles R. Myers was also named as a Vice President.

A report on the first City Council meeting of the new year found the councilmen haggling over what should be done about sidewalks piled deep with snow. The eventual spring thaw solved the problem, only to have the issue re-surface when the first snows began to fall in December. A public hearing on a

proposed snow removal ordinance is scheduled for the first meeting in January of 1986.

The Red Arrows knocked off Kenowa Hills on January 4 to stand 3-1 in the OK White.

An extensive tree program for Lowell was unveiled by city officials in January. The proposal called for the removal of 62 trees along city right-of-ways, a tree lease program to place 40 trees in planters along Main St. and various trimming and planting measures for the city's tree population. As the year closes, much of the work has been completed, and Christmas lights glow in the Main Street trees nightly.

A joint city and YMCA recre-

ation committee was formed in early January. Councilmen Dean Collins and Bill Thompson, along with City Manager Ray

Quada were chosen to represent the city. Y Board Members Jim Corcoran and David Douma along with Y Director Jim

Hodges were chosen to represent the YMCA.

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Holiday Carriage Rides in Lowell



The Lowell Chamber of Commerce sponsored candlelit carriage rides last Tuesday evening. Karin and Joann Hale from Cousins' Cards and Gift Shoppe, along with a little help from their husbands and Bob Pfaller, lined Riverside Dr. with candles inside milk cartons for the benefit of those taking advantage of the rides. The route took the carriage north along Riverside for a breathtaking view of the illuminated Showboat. The carriage then turned west at Mercer and south down Lincoln Lake past Richards's Park and the community Christmas Tree. The carriage was busy all evening, with people standing in line in the crisp, cold air. The carriage rides, and several other events have made this Christmas Season a special one in Lowell. Those responsible deserve hearty congratulations.

Three year pact inked with all school employees

School administrators and local union officials announced Tuesday, a tentative agreement with the district's teachers, custodians, secretaries, and teacher aides for a new three year contract beginning in September 1986 and continuing through June 1989. Members of the Kent County Education Association and local association groups approved the tentative agreement by a wide margin. The agreements will be submitted to the Lowell Board of Education for final ratification at its January 13th meeting.

The expedited bargaining efforts were conducted by local association presidents with the district's Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent over two separate three day periods during late November and early December.

"Both sides started with a strong commitment to a reasonable settlement based in cooperation and seeking solutions to common problems," said Fritz Esch, Superintendent of Schools. "When association officials and school district administrators enter into negotiations

with a spirit of problem solving and positive attitudes, the process can move rather quickly."

Tom Stahr, Lowell Education Association President, stated "... these successful negotiations serve as the first in Kent County. Lowell has set the pace for expedited bargaining in an informal atmosphere. We are very pleased with the results."

The three year agreement calls for a seven percent (7%) salary increase during each of the three years and guarantees each student 181 days of classroom instruction each year. Lowell teachers have been consistently in the lower one-third of salaries paid to teachers in Kent County. The agreement will, for the time being, bring them to the mid-point of current salaries paid Kent County teachers.

Support staff agreements for Secretaries, Custodians, and teacher aides, call for an average increase of 6.8% during each of the next three years with minor improvements in fringe benefits.

"We are fortunate to have the right combination in Lowell," said Fritz Esch. "District employees are committed to excellence in education and to joining with the board in seeking solutions to common problems. The recipe that made these negotiation sessions successful was supportive and positive attitudes between district employees and administrators and a unique commitment to reaching for education excellence. When we have all that in Lowell, I don't understand why anyone would want to live anywhere else."

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Coach Rivers marks 300th career dual meet win

Gary "Coach" Rivers and his exceptional wrestling teams have become legendary. Rivers posted his 300th win last Thursday in a dual match with Forest Hills Central. His wrestlers, including his sophomore son Mike, rose to the occasion, walking away with the match 55-18. The Lowell grapplers led 33-0 at one point.

Rivers came to Lowell, and began his wrestling career in 1960. In his 26 years here, he has recorded only one losing season, 5-6-1, in 1967-68. Rivers' teams have posted only 88 losses in his 26 year career. He is only the second wrestling coach in Michigan prep history to chalk up 300 wins. Oscoda's Judd Wainwright earned his 300th win last year, and now has a 404-96-5 record.

Having coached the sport for 26 years in one school, Rivers has entered a second generation of wrestlers. Rivers has had several wrestlers on his teams in recent years, whose fathers wrestled for him back in the 60's.

Rivers has no intention of retiring anytime soon. At 50 years of age, he's looking forward to his 400th win. "I just hope the next 100 don't take as long", he was quoted as saying.

Rivers' record is remarkable. His teams have won 14 league championships, and are well on their way to another one at 10-0 so far this season. This year's

team recently scored a convincing win over defending league champion Northview. Lowell also won the 19 team Olivet Invitational on Saturday, December 14.

Coaching his son Mike is a special joy for Rivers. He was concerned that the father and son, coach and athlete combination might not work well. Mike is 11-3 on the season and posted a four minute pin in his match on Thursday. Mike says he's just happy to be part of the team, and calls his father a great coach and dad.

A large crowd of about 300 were on hand for River's historic win, "about one for each win", someone noted. Many of Rivers' ex-wrestlers are still fans of the sport, and attend matches regularly.

Besides his high school teams, Rivers has been the backbone of the Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club. Each spring, dozens of young wrestlers, aged 5 through their early teens wrestle in the freestyle club. The young frees-

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10 lb. bag ice, 96¢ plus tax at Heritage Meat Market, Lowell 897-7049



LEDGER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Grand Valley Ledger will hold with tradition, and close the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. We will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 2. We will re-open on Thursday, January 3. There will be no publication next week. Again this year, we were unable to obtain TV listings in advance to include the week of Friday, January 3 through Thursday, January 9. Our TV listings will resume in our January 8 issue, and include programming for Friday, January 10, through Thursday, January 16. Thank You, and have a safe and happy holiday season.

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME IS COMING

The Annual Lowell Red Arrows Alumni Hockey Game is slated for Thursday, December 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kentwood Ice Arena. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Skaters are asked to arrive no later than 6:15 that evening.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCK HOP

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

Rivers' Record

1960-61	9-7-0
1961-62	9-7-0
1962-63	14-1-0
1963-64	14-1-0
1964-65	12-2-1
1965-66	10-2-0
1966-67	11-2-0
1967-68	5-6-1
1968-69	9-3-0
1969-70	14-0-0
1970-71	16-2-0
1971-72	18-4-0
1972-73	12-1-1
1973-74	8-3-0
1974-75	9-4-0
1975-76	10-2-0
1976-77	14-0-0
1977-78	10-1-0
1978-79	11-6-0
1979-80	13-2-1
1980-81	7-7-0
1981-82	11-1-0
1982-83	10-6-1
1983-84	14-9-0
1984-85	15-3-0
1985-86	10-0-0
TOTALS	300-88-5

Obituaries

GUENTHER - Cynthia Ann Amway Corp. She was a Guenther, of Gavin Lake N.E. Graduate of Belding High School Class of 1980. She was in Cannon Township, Kent County, at the age of 23. She was born April 11, 1962 at Sheridan. She was employed at Guenther of Rockford a sister.

Becky Kulhawik of Muskegon. Funeral Mass was held Friday at St. Patricks Church, Parnell, Fr. Ernest Bernott officiating. Interment St. Patricks Cemetery.

PURCHASE - Frieda Purchase,

aged 79, of Lowell, passed away December 17, 1985. She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Julius Bienick of Grand Rapids, Mrs. George Bailey, Mrs. Betty Rogers, Mrs. C. Oren Balcom all of Lowell; brothers, John,

Theodore, Christopher and Henry Stuyfzand; sisters, Catherine Embody, Gertrude Stuyfzand, Adrianna Race; ten grandchildren. 23 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst

Funeral Home, Msgr. James P. Moran officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

The year in review, con't.

The Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 hosted the district Klondike Derby on January 12. About 160 Boy Scouts, 40 Webelos and 25 adult leaders took part in the activity.

A tragic accident took the life of Barry Gordon Blasher, 26, of 9935 Vergennes, when the bulk milk truck he was driving slammed into the side of a C&O freight train on January 20. The accident happened at the Alden Nash crossing just south of 60th St. near Alto. Sheriff's Deputies suspected that wind blown snow may have hampered Blasher's visibility.

It was announced that the parents of James Pfaff were suing the City of Lowell for \$2 million in damages stemming from the 1983 shooting death of their son. Lowell Police Officer Calvin Kamphuis shot and killed Pfaff after Pfaff attacked Kamphuis with a knife on Main St. Kamphuis was cleared of any wrong doing in a study conducted by the Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor's Office following the incident. The lawsuit remains in litigation.

The Helen Look Daly Memorial Committee approved about \$4,000 in funding to pay for microfilming bound copies of the Lowell Ledger and Lowell Journal dating back into the early 1870's. The microfilming should be complete early in 1986, and Lowell residents will then be able to easily access more than 100 years of community history at the Lowell branch of the Kent County Library.

Lowell drops to a tie for second in the OK White by losing a tough 61-58 game to Roges on January 18. The Arrows were then 4-2.

The Lowell Area Arts Council announces that they will be renovating the office area of the old Sortex building into a "center for the arts." The new center was made possible by the donation of the space by the King Milling Company, and grants from several sources, including the Michigan Council for the arts. LAAC members worked diligently to complete the renovation work, and several shows were conducted in the facility before the end of the year.

Work was completed on the second huge, 517,000 bushel silo owned by the King Milling Co. The new silo brought King's total storage space to 2.85 million bushels, still short of their annual grinding quota of 3.5 million bushels.

Roger Kropf, a partner in Kropf Orchards was appointed to the State Savings Bank Board of Directors. Kropf replaced Steve Wittenbach, who was forced to step down when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 70. Wittenbach served on the board for 16 years.

Bud's Pharmacy opens in Eberhard's Supermarket, a Hinkley Pharmacy opened at Main and Monroe Streets the following week, bringing the number of pharmacies in Lowell to three. Carole's Critters, a Main Street pet store, also opened its doors in late January.

The Red Arrows finished out the month with two tough league losses to Wyoming Park and East Grand Rapids, bringing the league record to 6-5.

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Season's Best



Lots of holiday surprises with lots of special things to do...All of the fun that Christmas brings...That's our holiday wish to you. Have a wonderful Christmas season!

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The year in review, con't.

FEBRUARY

Our first issue in February announced the bequest of a \$200,000 scholarship fund left by Peter and Evelyn Speerstra. Peter had died in January of 1983, and Evelyn passed away on January 27 of 1985. The Speerstras were lifelong residents of Lowell, raised their children here and owned several businesses. Attorney for the estate,

Robert DeBoer said, "The Speerstras wanted to leave a legacy that would continue to benefit their lifelong home." The thousands of dollars in interest that the trust will generate each year will be given to graduating Lowell High School students in the form of scholarships.

Cousins' Cards and Gift Shoppe finally found time to celebrate a "Grand Opening," after rushing to get open for the holidays, and then taking a few weeks to get organized. The ill-fated "Steak-Out" Restaurant also celebrated their grand opening in early February.

The Ledger published the first of three editions that contained the County's Delinquent Tax Sale Paper.

The Red Arrows triumphed over Middleville in a non-league clash 63-52. In a league contest with Northview, the Arrows fell

to the league leaders 59-57. Lowell is left at 4-5 in the league and 7-6 overall.

The new 22 cent stamp went on sale at the Lowell Post Office in time for the February 17 effective date for the new price.

The YMCA's "Invest In Youth" campaign is at 36% of its \$11,000 goal after just five days.

A record snowfall for a 24 hour period in February, dumped

9.1 inches of the white stuff during the night of Monday, February 11. Schools were closed, and city and county plows worked around the clock to clear streets and roads. The heavy snowfall followed a severe cold snap that settled in over the weekend. Frank Martin, who records the official temperature for the city at the waste water treatment plant, said that the mercury dipped to 21 degrees

below on Friday, February 8 and back down to 20 below on Saturday morning. That gives us all something to look forward to this February.

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PROMOTION - Is the name of the game! Advertising book matches from the Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

Coming Events

Notice in the Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE canned goods or other non perishable foods can be left at the rear of the Club Room for the Christmas baskets.

MON., JAN. 6: The Lowell Athletic Boosters will meet at 7:30 P.M. in the K-Quad of the Senior High School.

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

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

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

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

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

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South Side Of Main St. On The Bridge
Lowell, Mich.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him (Lamentations 3:25).

It isn't easy to wait. I remember one Christmas morning when we were youngsters. We started down the open stairway in the living room long before daylight to catch a glimpse of the mysterious packages under the tree.

"What are you youngsters doing out of bed at this time of night?" Dad and Mom wanted to know. "You get right back upstairs. Stay there until it is time to get up!"

"But Daddy . . ."

"Do as I say! You'll have to wait a while longer."

However mistreated we felt, we lived through the waiting. When the proper time of day

came, what joy we experienced when we opened our presents, those wonderful gifts our parents had provided.

So it is with us, Christians. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, all that our Heavenly Father has prepared for those who wait for Him. It has not entered into the imagination of finite mortals all that He will do for His children. If our hopes, dreams, and desires are long in becoming realities, let us remember our Father has treasures in store for the patient. It isn't always easy, but "It pays to wait."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Thou art very good. Thy Word assures me that Thou art able to supply all my needs and to give me the desires of my heart. Help me to wait patiently for Thee. Amen.

New Year's Eve Family Film Series

"THE HIDING PLACE"

The Alton Church family invites you and your family to welcome the new year with them by enjoying the inspirational war-time portrait of Corrie ten Boom in the compelling film, "The Hiding Place".

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In the Service

Mr. George C. Schoolmaster entered the United States Air Force on December 10, 1985, according to SSGt Kurt D. Groom, the Air Force recruiter here.

Upon graduation from the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas,

he will receive technical training as an Avionic Inertial and Radar Navigation Systems Specialist and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

Mr. Schoolmaster is a 1984 graduate of Lowell High School.



News From 5th District Congressman . . .

Paul Henry

Engagement Told



Lori Greenwald and Brian Rimmel

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenwald of Ada, Michigan are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Kay to Brian Rimmel.

Lori graduated from Lowell Senior High in 1982 and is now attending Marquette University

in Milwaukee, WI. The groom elect is from Wisconsin where he graduated from Germantown High School. Brian's parents are Earl and Ann Rimmel of Colgate Wisconsin.

The Couple has planned a May 10, 1986 wedding.

A Special American-German Youth Exchange Program

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program, now in its third year, provides a unique intercultural educational opportunity for American and German youth. In 1986, 260 American high school students will receive full scholarships to become exchange students to West Germany, where they will live with host families for a year and attend German schools. Similarly, 220 German students will live for a year with American families in the United States.

This special program was conceived, is supported and funded, by the United States Congress and West German Bundestag, and is designed to strengthen ties between the successor generations of each country. The friendships developed through this special program will deepen each participant's understanding of the commonalities and differences in German and American social, economic and political structures.

American participants will depart for Germany in mid to late summer 1986 and will return the following July. During their stay in Germany, students are expected to complete a project on U.S. - West German relations which may be presented during their visit to Washington, D.C., upon their return.

Students interested must be nominated by their high schools to apply for this program. Application materials were mailed to high school principals in early October. Each school may nominate up to two students, who then complete the application materials. All applications must be postmarked by November 29, 1985.

In addition to this program offered to high school students, scholarships are also offered to young professionals to work and study in West Germany for one year. This program is designed for 18-24 year-olds who have graduated from high school, have had some work experience and possess competency in the German language.

Participating in an international exchange program is an exciting opportunity for an individual to integrate him or herself into another family and culture. It can be an asset in a variety of ways in one's education, career, and community. Many years later, former exchange students state that their experience abroad continues to be valuable and enriching. For information on other exchange programs which are offered through various other American organizations throughout the year to other countries, please write to: International Youth Exchange, Pueblo, Colorado, 81009, and ask for a copy of: "One Friendship at a Time -- Your Guide to International Youth Exchange".

The fate of plant life in tropical regions, which contain about two-thirds of the Earth's 240,000 species of plants, is not rosy. National Wildlife magazine reports nearly 100,000 square miles of tropical forests are cleared or disturbed each year throughout the world.

Births

Ben and Sue Zoodsma are proud to announce the arrival of Jamie Lynne on November 19, 1985. She weighed 9 lbs 9/2 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Elenbaas of Lake Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zoodsma of Cascade.

United Way continues to respond to community needs

Residents of Kent County have again responded generously to the needs of our community, helping the United Way of Kent County achieve its second largest campaign increase in 30 years.

Campaign Chairperson Thomas S. Spangrud, president to Blackmer Pump Div./Dover Corp., announced at a news conference Wednesday that United Way volunteers have raised \$7,232,476, a 14 percent increase over the 1984 campaign. This represents \$888,993 in new money raised for local community services during the 1985 campaign. The Lowell Community Fund was allotted \$5,025 in 1985.

"This significant increase demonstrates a great compassion and concern for the growing needs in our community by the people of our community," said Spangrud. "The winners in this campaign are the thousands of Kent County residents who depend on the services of our 61 member agencies. That's what the United Way campaign is about - people striving to meet the human service needs in our area."

The 1985 United Way campaign has yet another feather to add to its cap - it is ranked ninth among 84 United Ways nationwide that raise \$4 million or more each year, in terms of percentage increase. Additionally,

two other Michigan communities, Ann Arbor and Flint, rank among the top ten. There are approximately 2,100 United Way chapters across the country. "As community needs increase and government support declines, the United Way of Kent County continues to address the challenges facing our community through its annual campaign," said Max E. Smith, partner-in-charge of Trouche Ross & Co. and president of United Way's Board of Directors.

Spangrud attributes much of the campaign's success to a greater number of volunteers who worked on the campaign and an expanded Loaned Executive program, in which 14 local

companies "loaned" an employee to work full-time for the United Way during campaign. These volunteers worked with area companies to give their employees a better understanding of the United Way and the agencies it supports.

The year in review, con't.

Miss Michigan, Barbara Jean Crandall, paid a surprise visit to the Lowell High School. She was there to visit with Mike Doyle, an L.H.S. student who had recently undergone treatment at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. St. Jude's coordinates such visits made by celebrities such as Miss Michigan. A talented ventriloquist, Crandall entertained Doyle, several other student and staff with a show featuring her dummy, "Granny."

After records snowfalls built the heaviest snow pack on record for the area, unseasonably warm temperatures in late February brought about a threat of heavy flooding. The snow pack was not the deepest, but was the heaviest ever recorded. Several collapsed roofs in the area testified to that fact.

Two teen aged girls fled a burning home at 200 N. Center St., and escaped with only minor injuries. The home, owned by Duane and Sue Brooks, was gutted. The Brooks' 15-year-old daughter and a friend were the only ones home when the Saturday afternoon fire broke out in the laundry room.

The Arrows lost another close league game to Rogers, 70-68. The February 22 loss left the Arrows at 7-6 in the league and 11 and 7 overall.

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WHISPER - If you're 65. We won't tell. We'll just give you a buck off the regular subscription price! Call 897-9261. Grand Valley Ledger.

Cultivating bacteria instead of trees and cotton plants to produce cellulose may one day lead to cheaper paper, clothing and medical supplies. National Wildlife magazine reports that a researcher at the University of Texas at Austin has discovered a strain of bacteria which produces cellulose requiring much less processing than wood pulp to produce paper.

"Although we fell just short of our \$7.4 million goal, we were able to strengthen our base of support by reaching more employee groups at small and midsize businesses, and at companies that ran first-time employee campaigns," Spangrud explained.

Last year, in a record-breaking campaign, volunteers raised \$6.3 million for a 17.3 percent increase - the largest for United Way since 1950.

According to Spangrud, it was the start of a tradition for United Way and for the people of our community. In only two years, giving to United Way has increased from \$5.4 to \$7.2 million.

With a successful campaign behind him, Spangrud will turn over his duties to United Way's 1986 Campaign Chairperson, Richard Tierney, president of Lear Siegler, Inc.

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<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of 60th Street & Bancroft Avenue</p> <p>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 868-6403 or 868-6912</p>	<p>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:50 A.M. (Broadcast 10 A.M. WMAX 1470) Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL 1151 West Main Street - 897-8841 REV. STEPHEN M. ARRICK</p> <p>Worship Service 10 A.M. & 6 P.M. Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Supervised Nursery During All Services</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL 201 North Washington Street Rev. Rick Upchurch</p> <p>Church School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Mid-Week Service Jr. Teens, Adults 7:00 P.M. Nursery-Come & Worship With Us</p>
<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (Member United Church of Christ) North Hudson at Spring St. Lowell 897-5906</p> <p>REV. DAVID HAGENS</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Church School 10:00 A.M. (Cribbery & Nursery Provided)</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:00 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Church School 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of Segwun & Grand River</p> <p>Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>RENT YOUR SPACE TODAY!! 897-9261</p>
<p>SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH (United Church of Christ) 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI DIAL-A-PRAYER-642-9659</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:15 A.M. ALLEN H. HERMANSADER, INTERIM PASTOR 642-6322</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR JAMES MORAN NEW HOURS</p> <p>Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Word of Life 5:30 P.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Awana - Wednesday 6:45 P.M. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 P.M. DR. DARRELL WILSON 897-5300</p>	<p>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL Old Grange Hall 1019 Grand River Ave.</p> <p>Sunday Services 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>

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DECEMBER 30: Joey Hunt, Ben Hodges, Chris Schram, Jenny Dine, Brett Daugherty, Clarence Burtle, Greg Wheeler, Lee Ileen, Jr.
DECEMBER 31: Steve Idema, Krista Rozich, Brandon Decker.

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JANUARY 2: Norma Gochenour, Jeff Dykhuizen, Rose Nead, Tim Arnold.
JANUARY 3: Sharmayne Althaus, Jon Vezino.
JANUARY 4: Orville C. Hostler, Nita Baker, Nicki Turner, Winton Wilcox.
JANUARY 5: Ronald Kryger, Carol Baker, Ryan Sauber.
JANUARY 6: Don Green, George Johnson, Pamm Shaffer.
JANUARY 7: Beckie Seese, Grace Peters, Mark Silvis, Jean Nugent, Amy Alderick.

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The year in review, con't.

MARCH

As was predicted, the warm temperatures in late February caused heavy flooding along the Grand. The Grand crested at 17 feet, two feet above flood stage, on Thursday, February 28, and remained at 17 feet on Friday, March 1. The flood waters began to recede over the weekend, just in time for a severe winter storm to close schools on Monday and Tuesday. Like the old man says, "If you don't like Michigan weather, just wait five minutes".

Carole's Critters, Thomet Chevrolet and Buick and Hinkley Drugs were all granted Public Act 255 tax relief by the Lowell City Council. P.A. 255 is similar to P.A. 198, but is for the benefit of commercial business rather than industry. The act allows for a 50% reduction in any new property taxes created by an expansion, or improvement that will create new jobs.

William Scheur, Jr. of Ada is ordered to pay Patrick Bigelow of Grattan, \$5,000 for shooting one of Bigelow's fox hounds.

Bigelow was hunting on Scheur's father's property on Bailey Drive when the 1983 incident occurred. Bigelow was ordered to pay William Scheur, Sr. \$1,000 for trespassing.

The Red Arrows closed out league play with a 73-64 win over Wyoming Park on March 1.

At the request of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the City Council acted to begin enforcing the city's two hour parking limit. The decision was popular with most merchants, as they felt it would free up more parking spaces for customers in the central business district. Some merchants and employees were upset with the decision, and vowed to continue to park along Main St.

Lowell school administrators were awarded a 6% pay increase. The staff at Dr. Reagan's dental office placed a picture ad wishing everyone a "Happy St. Patrick's Day."

The Red Arrows bowed out of tournament play in a tough 56-55 loss to Ionia. The Bulldogs avenged a 79-73 overtime loss to the Arrows in the

regular season. Lowell ended its season at 12-8.

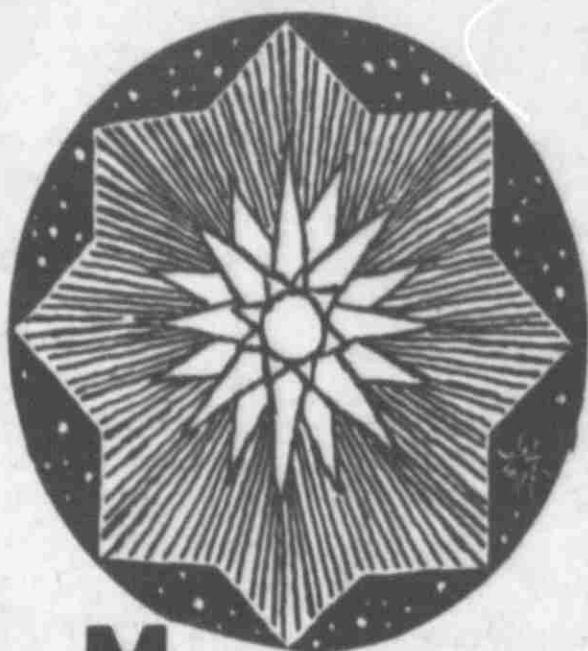
Plans were announced for the third annual WCUZ/Budweiser Showboat benefit on Memorial Day Weekend. Steve Warner is booked as the headliner for the show, and new attractions such as a breakfast cruise on the Showboat and a Friday night Las Vegas Party onboard the Showboat are planned.

Blind golf pro, Greg Matthews spoke before the Lowell Rotary Club, promoting the Lions Leader Dog School. Matthews was a very inspiring

speaker, and his attitude, in spite of his handicap, could be a lesson for all of us. Matthews is the brother of Marcia Caldwell, of Lowell.

A February 22 blaze destroyed a barn on property owned by Stanley Ralys at 11530 40th St. The barn was a total loss. There was no livestock in the barn. A cart and some miscellaneous tools were lost in the blaze.

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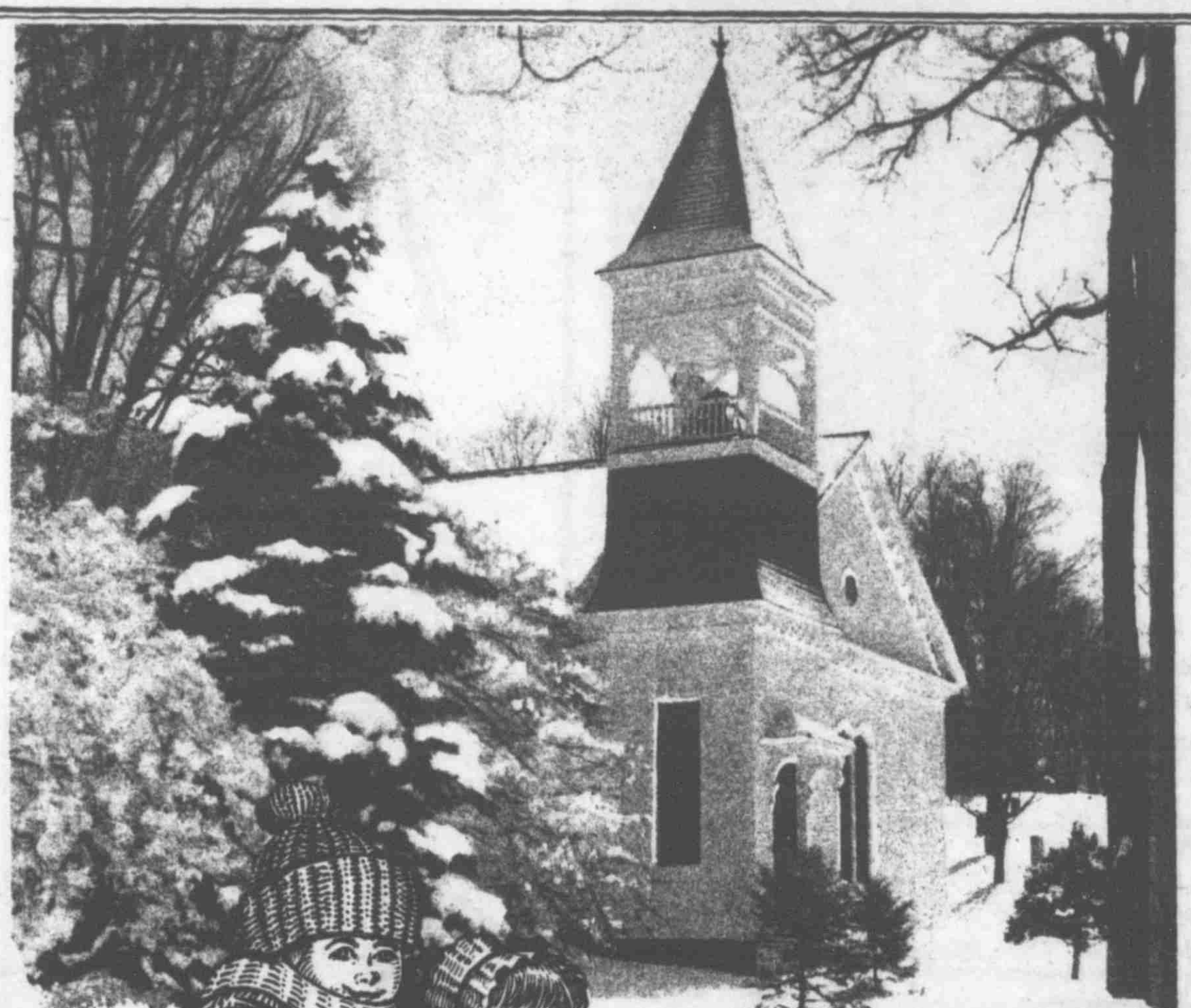


May your holiday glow with all things bright!

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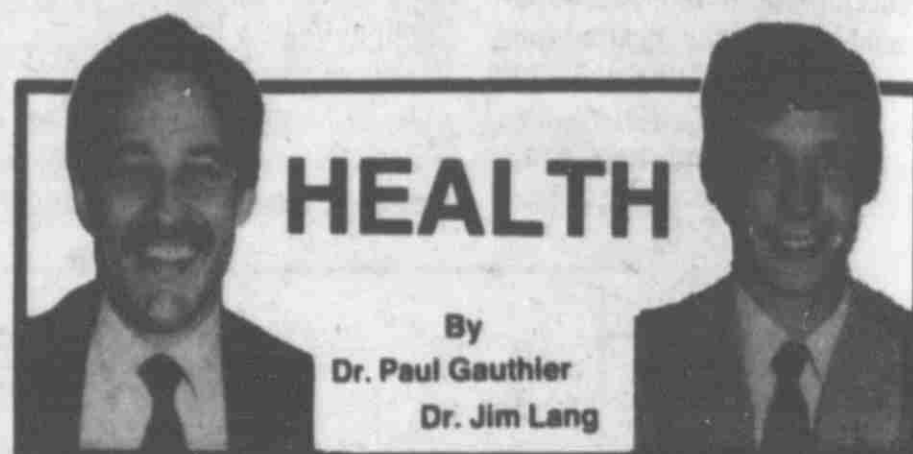
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HEALTH



By Dr. Paul Gauthier
Dr. Jim Lang

IMMUNIZATION FOR ADULTS

Recently, the Medical Letter® published a guideline of routine immunizations for adults. Today we are going to review some of the current recommendations.

Immunizations protect immunized patients from a given illness by stimulating the patients immune system to form protective antibodies. Later, when the patient is exposed to the illness the antibodies will destroy the offending agent, thus, preventing disease. The following six immunizations are currently recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA: Most persons will have received the primary series as children but they should also receive a booster every 10 years. After a cut or dirty wound most physicians recommend a tetanus booster be given if the last booster was more than 5 years ago.

MEASLES: Measles has become more common in the past few years. Anyone born after 1956 who has not received the vaccine or has not actually had measles should be vaccinated. Persons born before 1956 are immune. Any patient that was vaccinated between 1963-1967 with inactivated vaccine should be revaccinated.

RUBELLA: Rubella vaccine is given to unimmunized women of child bearing age to prevent fetal infection. The vaccine is recommended to all individuals who are not immune to further prevent fetal exposure.

INFLUENZA VACCINE: Commonly referred to as "the flu shot" is probably the most well known vaccine. The influenza vaccine will decrease the incidence and complications of the flu especially in older individuals. Annual immunization is recommended in the fall as the protection will last only one season. The immunization is especially useful in anyone with chronic diseases (diabetes, emphysema, heart disease) and those over age 65.

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE: Also known as the pneumonia vaccine, this vaccine will prevent pneumonia caused by the organism Streptococcus pneumoniae. The immunization is recommended for the same population as the influenza vaccine. Protection after receiving the immunization lasts at least 5 years and probably longer. The current recommendation is for one dose only.

HEPATITIS B VACCINE: This is recommended for homosexuals, IV drug abusers, close contacts of hepatitis B carriers, and any health care workers (doctors, dentists, nurses, laboratory personnel, etc.) that come in contact with blood products.

Most vaccines are underutilized in the United States today. They are safe and prevent serious complications of illness and death. They form the backbone of any individualized preventative health care program.



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Toys for Tots meets Goal!

Captain Larry Martin and Helen DeVos, honorary chairman of the 1985 Toys for Tots campaign, announced today that more than 13,000 children will have a happy Christmas because of the generosity of the local community.

Captain Martin commented that the campaign started off with a record breaking number of toys at the kick-off event November 26, but after that contributions of new toys slowed. Local television, radio and print media responded to a request to let the public know that toys were needed, and there was an immediate response. Many organizations held special campaigns and events, and the corporate and business community responded to an appeal by Mrs. DeVos for funds to purchase additional toys, to supplement those being donated at various collection centers.

Captain Martin announced that the average value of one or more gifts given to each child was \$15, for a total value of \$195,000 worth of toys distributed this year.

Mrs. DeVos closed by commenting that it would be a sad Christmas, indeed, if even one child went without a toy under the tree. She added her thanks to Captain Martin's, asking that appreciation be extended to each person in the area who brought a toy or made a financial contribution to Toys for Tots. Thank You and Merry Christmas!!!!

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"A dilettante is an idler who kills time by study."
George Bernard Shaw

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The year in review, con't.

An open house at Kropf Chemical Co. attracted over 200 area farmers and growers. Owner, Roger Kropf is bullish on agriculture in Michigan, and pointed to the excellent turnout as proof that farmers and growers aren't ready to "throw in the towel".

Lowell FFA Advisor Pete Siler was honored as "Outstanding Advisor for Region 5." Al Eckman was honored at a special ceremony for his 25 years of tireless volunteer work for the Lowell YMCA.

APRIL

The Lowell City Council approved a plan for a one way parking mall on Riverside north of Main Street at their April 1 meeting. The plan would increase parking space, and smooth the flow of traffic in the area.

The City Council balked at a zero lot line request from the company planning to build a 7-11 store on the property formerly occupied by Rosie's Restaurant. A survey conducted by the

High School revealed that Lowell High School athletes carried grades well above the average for the intermediate district.

Work on the new LAAC Arts Center was reported to be progressing nicely in the April 3 edition of the Ledger. The issue also noted the donation of \$100 from the Lowell Masons to the Lowell Fire Department.

An accident on West Main St. seriously injured James McCaul, 74, of Ada, on April 3. McCaul eventually died from his injuries. McCaul was alone in his vehicle, and the other vehicle was occupied by two Lowell female juveniles. The accident occurred as the girls pulled out onto Main St. from the McDonald's driveway.

Lowell Police Officer James Valentine was honored with an award for "Professional Excellence" by the Michigan State Police. The award was issued as a result of Valentine's key role in the arrest of Benjamin Acosta in August of 1983. Acosta was wanted for the hit and run death

of a Smyrna woman.

The Lowell Athletic Boosters donated \$6,000 for Middle School interscholastic athletics.

The Alto-Bowne Fire Department took delivery on a shiny new tanker truck in early April.

In a whirlwind decision, the Lowell City Council opted to take immediate action on a demonstrator fire pumper truck. In a report to the council at their April 15 meeting, City Manager Ray Quada told the Council the bad news regarding the city's old 1970 pumper. Estimates to fix the truck's main pump and body are more than the truck is worth.

When Quada told the Council members there was a GMC pumper available for immediate delivery for \$67,500, they decided to move on it, rather than be left without a pumper for several months while a new one was being built. County matching funds and federal revenue sharing paid for the new truck.

The Council also came to terms with the 7-11 builders, and allowed a variance that would

place the building no less than 8 feet from the back lot line.

An Alto man, Eric Richard Redlak, 19, went berserk on April 20, brandishing a shotgun at ambulance personnel, firing random shots and leading Sheriff's Deputies on a wild car chase. Redlak finally put his vehicle in a ditch and held the deputies at bay with his shotgun.

When Redlak began walking toward a deputy, he was shot in the feet with a shotgun, and immediately subdued. Redlak was charged with felonious assault, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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The first movie to use scent was "Behind the Great Wall," a travelogue of modern China shown in December, 1959. The scent was forced through ceiling vents in the theater.

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A Holiday message from the Director of ACTION

This is the season when we show special appreciation for America's volunteers. But will our support for volunteers last throughout the year?

To capture the holiday spirit, many of our newspapers, radio and television programs focus on

the work of community volunteers, and rightly so, for their service exemplifies the sharing and caring of the season. But as we celebrate the great contributions that volunteers make to our country, let us also resolve to keep the spirit alive all year.

volunteers are America. They always have been the mainstay of our democracy. Volunteers fought to create our nation. Volunteer suffrage workers won women the right to vote. A volunteer drive enabled us to conquer polio. The spirit and vision that

built the American West is the same force that inspires today's volunteers and volunteer organizations -- groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving who are fighting to solve today's problems.

The volunteer spirit fills the

holidays, but more than that, it is the spirit upon which rest our heritage and our future as a nation. Citizen participation is the foundation of government, by and for the people.

Indeed, the leadership of President Reagan has taught Americans to see more clearly that freedom does not come "for free," that sharing and sacrifice are essential parts of democracy.

As director of ACTION, I see every day the great accomplishments and still greater potential of volunteers. I see what can be done when communities create opportunities for older citizens to share the experience of their lifetimes through the Retired Senior volunteer, the Foster Grandparent and the Senior Companion Programs. I see what college students can achieve when volunteer programs allow them to help illiterate children gain the skills they need to compete in school. I see our VISTA volunteers assisting young mothers who have dropped out of school and lack job skills -- helping them locate training programs and build confidence so they can enter the workforce and end welfare dependency.

I truly believe that we can solve every challenge facing our communities if we fully develop available volunteer resources. Volunteers can do the job, but local volunteer efforts cannot thrive, or even survive, without solid support for the private sector and from every individual in the community.

As we begin the new year, let us resolve to support volunteers. Let every citizen and business leader, every club and church member, every student, teacher, homemaker, retired person and responsible citizen -- let us seek to discover what we can do to make 1986 the year of the local volunteer -- the year that our holiday spirit never fades.

Donna M. Alvardo
Director of ACTION

On a 67-39 vote, lawmakers approved legislation that calls for a phased withdrawal of assets of the State Employees and Public School Employees Retirement Funds from all investments held in firms owned by the South African government or from American firms which operate there. The legislation would require that total divestiture be achieved within five years.

I also believe that the bill fails to take into account the Sullivan principles. These principles, originally proposed by Rev. Leon Sullivan, a member of the General Motors Corporation Board of Directors, have been adopted by numerous U.S. corporations doing business in South Africa.

The six principles are:
--nonsegregation in all eating, comfort, and work facilities.

It has been estimated that as many as 350,000 of the nation's 1.2 million underground gas station storage tanks may leak within two years, reports National Wildlife magazine. A small leak of only one-and-a-half cups per hour can contaminate as much as a million gallons of ground water in one day.

BEEN NOW!
THEN: Cleopatra, the Macedonian queen of Egypt was a temptress, hungry for power. Julius Caesar fell in love with her. So did Mark Anthony, who first met Cleopatra dressed as Aphro-

dite, the Greek Goddess of love. They ended up marrying in 37 B.C. and Cleopatra continued to set the style when it came to clothes and makeup.

NOW: "The Cleopatra Look" is alive and well for Fall, 1985. The exotic eye design is achieved by applying liner to the outermost corner of the eye, and smudging it up and out for an almond-shaped appearance. The professional consultants at Beauty for All Seasons salons may help you put a little of Cleopatra's legend into your lifestyle. You can find a local color consultant by calling toll free at 1-800-233-0389.

Legislation that would require various state pension plans to withdraw their assets from firms owned or operated in South Africa was approved today by the Michigan House but the vote may do harm to the very people it hopes to assist.

While I am strongly opposed to apartheid and all forms of racial oppression, this particular legislation is not the proper way to address the issue.

Although the authors of the legislation had good intentions, I think it may have a negative effect. Instead of curbing unrest and lessening foreign intervention, it would encourage it. I think it could be very disruptive to the South African economy and the society it supports. It's likely that the first workers to be laid off during difficult economic times would be the blacks we're trying to help.

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The year in review, con't.

MAY

O.E. Bieri & Sons razed the old Rosie Drive-Inn. The restaurant had been a Lowell landmark and popular hangout since 1967 when it was opened by Mac and Rosie Fonger.

The Lowell Lions Club spearheaded a fund raising effort to underwrite a "Skills For Adolescence" program to be taught to Lowell sixth graders. The program costs several thousand dollars, and the Lions sought donations from all area service clubs.

The Lowell Rotary Club Celebrated their 50th Anniversary in late April. Bob Elzinga was named as Rotary "Man of the Year". Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to Peter McPherson, an honorary Lowell Rotarian and posthumously to Donald McPherson. Paul Harris fellowships are \$1,000 donations to Rotary International for use in their humanitarian efforts.

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A hostage incident made the evening news on May 10 when 29-year-old Kevin Donahue held his wife Sally at knife-point in their Eastgate home. Members of the Kent County Sheriff's Department "Tactical Unit" negotiated with Donahue for four hours before finally convincing him to give up. No one was hurt in the incident.

A new time and temperature sign goes into service outside the State Savings Bank's main office.

Lowell commercial artist Mike Pelz wins the prestigious Grand Rapids "Festival" poster contest. Pelz' design shows a graphic of a child with a balloon near the Calder stable.

Lowell and the city of Hudson, located in the southeast part of the state, exchanged mayors during "Michigan Week." Mayor James Maatman and a contingent from Lowell visited Hudson, and found several similarities between the two cities, and came away with some ideas to improve our city.

The WCUZ/Budweiser Showboat Benefit Weekend netted \$4,000 for the Showboat cause. The third such event helped rid the Showboat of its \$45,000 in long-term debt.

The Lowell School Board began considering the possibility of instituting double bus runs. Many sound economic reasons were listed by the administration.

Larry Churchill, a 45-year-old child molester, was found guilty on a second count of first degree criminal sexual conduct. Churchill was already serving a 7 to 20 sentence for a previous conviction. Churchill faced yet another such charge. Churchill, formerly a Valley Vista resident and private detective, was arrested for molesting neighbor

children and his step-daughter. The children ranged in age from 4 to 6 years.

Stephen Ford is named L.H.S. Valetictorian, while Janyne Althaus and Sandra Gruizenga tie for Salutorian honors.

A \$300 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest of vandals who caused several hundred dollars in damage to the Lowell Showboat.

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Beards were once subject to government control in Rumania. Those seeking to wear whiskers needed an official permit and had to pay a fee.

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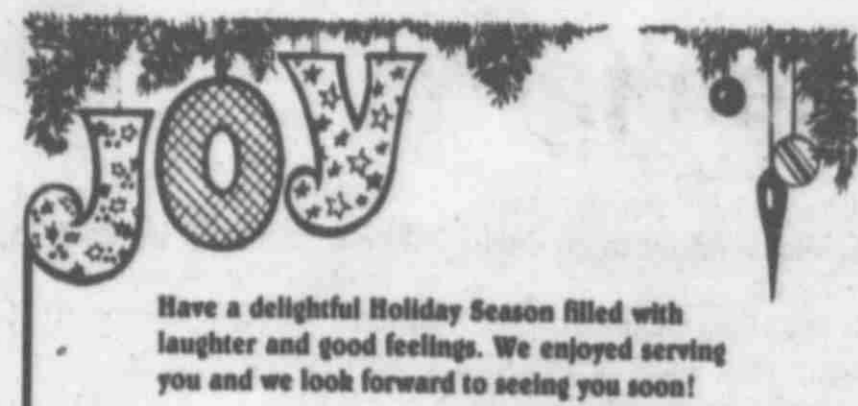
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The year in review, con't.

JUNE

June got off to a windy start with a tremendous windstorm that packed gusts recorded at well over 60 miles per hour at the Kent County Airport. A huge tree located at the northeast corner of the Riverside School playground was toppled where students and teachers had been staging field day activities just minutes before. Bob Cilley, then Sales Manager at Vennen Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth barely escaped injury when a huge plate glass window was blown out, and crashed onto his desk. Trees were blown down all over the area, and the city established a huge brush pile in Recreation Park where homeowners could dump their fallen trees and limbs.

The Lowell City Council approved a nearly \$3 million dollar budget for the city's 1985-86 fiscal year. Lowell City Manager Ray Quada asked for a one-quarter mill tax increase to balance the budget.

The first of the 40 potted trees to line Main Street, arrived in early June. The trees will be replanted along city right-of-ways when they've grown too big for the planters.

The Lowell School Board adopted a double bus run policy at their June 10 meeting. The double bus run will require separate starting times for elementary and secondary schools.

A twenty-eight-year-old Lansing woman, was arrested after deliberately smashing into, and totalling out a parked car owned by off-duty Lowell Police Officer, Calvin Kamphuis. The incident took place in the parking lot of Heritage Meat Market. Diane Oullette was seen careening around the west end of town prior to the incident. Off duty police officer Mike Martin witnessed the incident. Martin and the on-duty officer Jim Valentine eventually subdued the woman.

The Bieri Brothers were at it again in June. Their heavy equipment razed and hauled away the old mincemet plant at what is now Michigan Wire Processing. The old building was demolished to make way for a new addition to the Michigan Wire facility.

Thad (Buster) Burger, 17, of 10067 52nd St., Alto was hospitalized when the truck he was driving slammed into a Grand Trunk freight train at the Alden

Nash crossing on June 17. The vehicle was totally demolished, with parts scattered several yards from the vehicle. Those first on the scene were surprised to find that Burger was conscious and apparently not too badly injured. Rescue workers toiled for over an hour before freeing Burger from the wreckage.

Two juvenile Lowell females caused thousands of dollars in damage when they vandalized several buildings and vehicles with green spray paint. The paint was stolen from a local drug store.

Dave Potter was installed as President of the Lowell Lions Club.

Lowell played host to an unusual event on June 29 and 30. The Central States Chapter of the International Llama Association held its annual show here. It was reported that a loose Llama was wandering the downtown on Saturday night. Quite a sight for someone stumbling out of one of the local pubs.

Drs. Orval McKay and Donald Gerard entered into an agreement with Butterworth Hospital to establish a Med Center at their offices on Lincoln Lake Ave. The after hours clinic offered basic medical care.

JULY

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce sponsored Fourth of July Celebration was as usual a big success. Day long events included a Main Street parade, volleyball tournament, all-star softball games, children's activities at the pool, lots of fun and food with a gala fireworks display at dusk.

The Lowell City Council gave its nod of approval to Bob Ford's plans to build an eight foot high home run fence at the Recreation Park Softball Field. Ford plans to pay for the fence by selling advertising space on the fence itself.

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"This Week In Outdoor NR Michigan"

WINTER GOOSE HUNTING SEASON ANNOUNCED

Waterfowl hunters will be able to take advantage of Michigan's unique late Canada goose season in southern Michigan which begins January 1 and runs through February 16, 1986. Both the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service hope the late season and large hunting area will help control locally reared giant Canada geese.

The local goose population in the special hunting zone was estimated to be 36,000 birds just before this past fall's regular hunting season started. It appears the population has more than doubled in the last five years.

The hunt area will be the same as last year and includes parts of 24 counties. They are: Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Oakland, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, St. Joseph, Branch, Cass, Van Buren, Allegan, Kent, Ionia, Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Lenawee, and Hillsdale.

The boundaries of the Southern Michigan Goose Management Area, the hunt area, are shown in the States 1985-86

waterfowl hunting guide. Available at license outlets; most DNR offices; and DNR Information Services, 7th floor, Mason Building, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909. Hunters are reminded that the daily bag limit is two Canadas.

"Many winter geese are found on private lands," says Jerry Martz, Waterfowl Specialist with the DNR Wildlife Division. He cautions hunters to obtain permission from landowners before setting up their hunt. Hunters should check with local conservation officers and wildlife biologists at the DNR District Offices at Pontiac Lake (313-666-1500), Jackson (517-784-3188), and Plainwell (616-685-6851) if they have questions about public access, hunting closures, or local hunting conditions.

The Department is also seeking hunter cooperation in collecting biological samples needed to identify the proportion of locally-reared giant Canadas harvested. Interested hunters should contact wildlife biologists at the DNR District Offices in Pontiac Lake, Jackson, and Plainwell who will supply them with instructions and materials.

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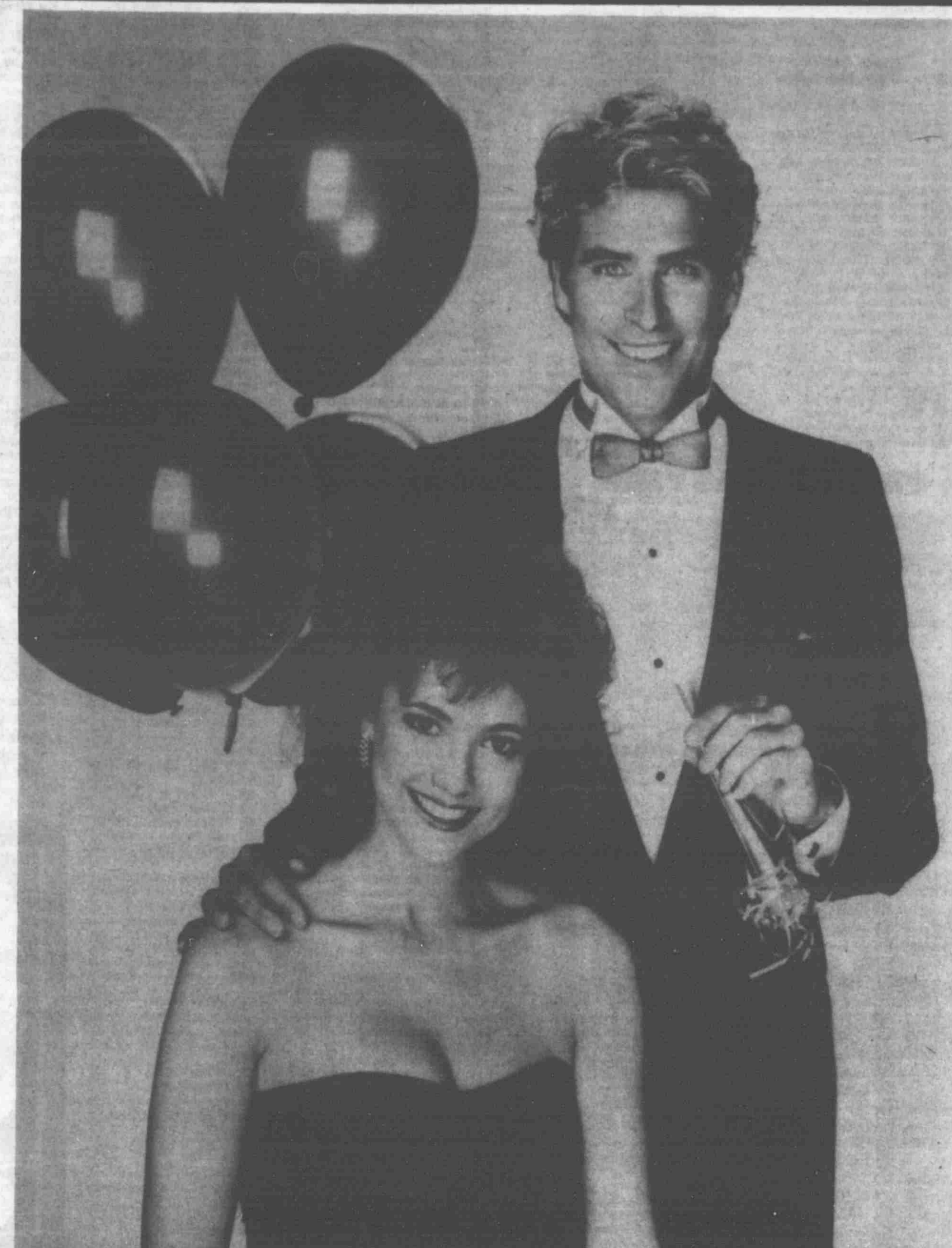
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WWMT	Kalamazoo, MI	● (1)
WUHQ	Bottle Creek, MI	● (4)
WXMI	Grand Rapids, MI	● (17)
WLNS	Lansing, MI	● (8)
WFSL	Lansing, MI	● (1)
WOTV	Grand Rapids, MI	● (1)
WILX	Jackson, MI	● (19)
WGVC	Allendale, MI	● (2)
WKAR	E. Lansing, MI	● (2)
WZZM	Grand Rapids, MI	● (1)
HBO	Home Box Office	● (HBO)
WTBS	Atlanta, GA	● (WTBS)
CINEMAX	Cinemax	● (MAX)
USA	USA Network	● (USA)
DISNEY	Disney	● (DISNEY)
CBN	CBN Cable Netwrk	● (CBN)
WGN	Chicago, IL	● (WGN)
ESPN	Sports Network	● (ESPN)
CNN	Cable News Netwrk	● (CNN)
NICK	Nickelodeon/A&E	● (NICK)

Old acquaintances won't be forgotten when "Dynasty" star Emma Samms and "Love Boat" star Ted McGinley co-host "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve - 86," airing live Tuesday, Dec. 31 on ABC. The Temptations, Barry Manilow and Tears for Fears also add to the festivities.

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FRIDAY 12/27/85

- MORNING
5:30 Shing: 1985 U.S. Ski Team
6:00 [MAX] MOVIE: 'Heart Like a Wheel'
6:30 SportsCenter
7:30 [HBO] 'The Last Moment'

FRIDAY'S MOVIES

FRIDAY 12/27/85

- 6:00AM [MAX] - 'Heart Like a Wheel'
8:00AM [HBO] - 'Midnight Madness' (CC)
10:00AM [HBO] - 'Man, the Wolfman, and Me'
12:00PM [HBO] - 'Christmas Story' (CC)
12:30PM [HBO] - 'The Rookie'

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Christmas Story' (CC)
1:30 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Natural' (CC)
2:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Just the Way You Are' (CC)
2:30 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Heart Like a Wheel'

EVENING

- 6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Brigadoon' (CC)
7:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Last Moment'
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Wall' (CC)
9:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Last Moment'

WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW

- 12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Park Is'
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Mortgage Insurance for home buyers

Home mortgage insurance ranks among American's least understood family financial options. Although it's been offered to home buyers for more than 25 years, many people remain unsure about exactly what mortgage insurance is, how it works, and what its best uses are.

Mortgage insurance allows you to qualify for a mortgage while making a small down payment on a home, explains the Michigan Association of CPAs. It's become an integral part of the home mortgage market of the 1980's. In fact, lenders generally will require mortgage insurance when you make a down payment that's less than 20 percent of the value of the home.

With mortgage insurance, some home buyers can make a down payment as small as \$5,000 on a home appraised at \$100,000. To compensate the lender for accepting so little up front, the home buyer pays for mortgage insurance.

THE COST: Generally, mortgage insurance will increase a monthly mortgage payment by \$15 to \$35, depending on the size of your down payment and whether you have a fixed or adjustable-rate mortgage. Typically, the cost comes to about \$15 a month on a conventional \$60,000 fixed-rate mortgage, and \$33 a month for a \$60,000 ARM.

HOW IT WORKS: Let's say you want to buy a home for \$100,000, but cannot meet the minimum 20 percent down payment most lenders require. The

only way lenders -- mortgage bankers, savings and loan institutions and other mortgage brokers -- would grant a mortgage is if you arrange mortgage insurance, CPAs say. Based on the size of your down payment, your income, and other financial measures, your mortgage lender tells you if mortgage insurance is required.

A POPULAR MISCONCEPTION: Mortgage insurance should not be confused with mortgage life insurance. Mortgage life insurance policies guarantee that monthly mortgage payments will continue in the event of the death of a family member who pays the mortgage. Mortgage insurance doesn't actually insure a home buyer. It insures the mortgage lender. The insurance guarantees your lender that, if you cease to make your mortgage payments and must be foreclosed on, at least 20 percent of the outstanding mortgage principal will be paid by the mortgage insurance company to the lender. Until recently, most residential mortgages were insured by the FHA and VA, but now about 70 percent of all mortgage insurance is written by private mortgage companies. In 1984, Americans had \$63.8 billion in private mortgage insurance coverage, according to the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America (MICA), the trade association that represents the nation's 13 mortgage insurance companies. According to MICA, its dollar volume has tripled since 1980 and 40 percent of

all 1984 mortgages carried private mortgage insurance.

USE IS NOW WIDESPREAD: Mortgage insurance is geared to first-time home buyers, those baby-boom home buyers who have recently flooded the housing market. These 30 to 40-year old baby boomers are having a harder time affording the house they want, because the median-priced home is now out of reach for most households. Mortgage insurance fills the down payment gap. The explosion of adjustable-rate mortgages is also pushing home buyers into mortgage insurance. But the chief reason lenders are requiring more borrowers to obtain mortgage insurance is because home prices of the 80s are not appreciating the way they once did and people have less incentive to continue making payments on a home that's not appreciating.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: In the third quarter of 1984, mortgage delinquencies were at the highest level since the Great Depression. A record 550,000 home mortgages of the nation's 9.2 million were at least 30 days past due, and 63,000 more were facing foreclosure. Many people who bought homes during the 1981-82 recession are having difficulty making their payments. In response, mortgage insurers have raised underwriting standards recently: You now can qualify for mortgage insurance only if your housing payments do not amount to more than 33 percent of your

gross income. In addition, your total long-term debt -- that's all debt due in more than six months -- cannot exceed 36 percent of your gross income. (Qualifications for ARMS are somewhat stiffer). This will make it more difficult for many first-time home buyers to obtain mortgages.

TIPS: Home buyers who can afford a hefty down payment on a home may sometimes opt for putting down less and paying the extra \$15 to \$35 a month mortgage insurance premium. They must weigh the extra financing cost and tax benefits of higher mortgage interest deductions against other investment options. You may need the help of a CPA to figure out what is best in your personal financial situation.

CPAs say that when your mortgage balance is less than 80 percent of the purchase price of the home, you may no longer need mortgage insurance. You may also cancel a policy by submitting a new appraisal showing that the mortgage balance is less than 80 percent of the home's current value. It's worth asking your lender when you will reach this mark. Those who have paid more than 20 percent of their mortgage balance should ask their lender if their mortgage insurance policy can be discontinued. The Federal National Mortgage Association last year advised mortgage lenders to stop charging homeowners when they cease paying the premiums. This could save you about \$160 to \$400 a year, depending on the type of mortgage you have.

GREETINGS

Here's hoping Santa has something special for you in his bag of gifts! Have a very merry Christmas, friends!

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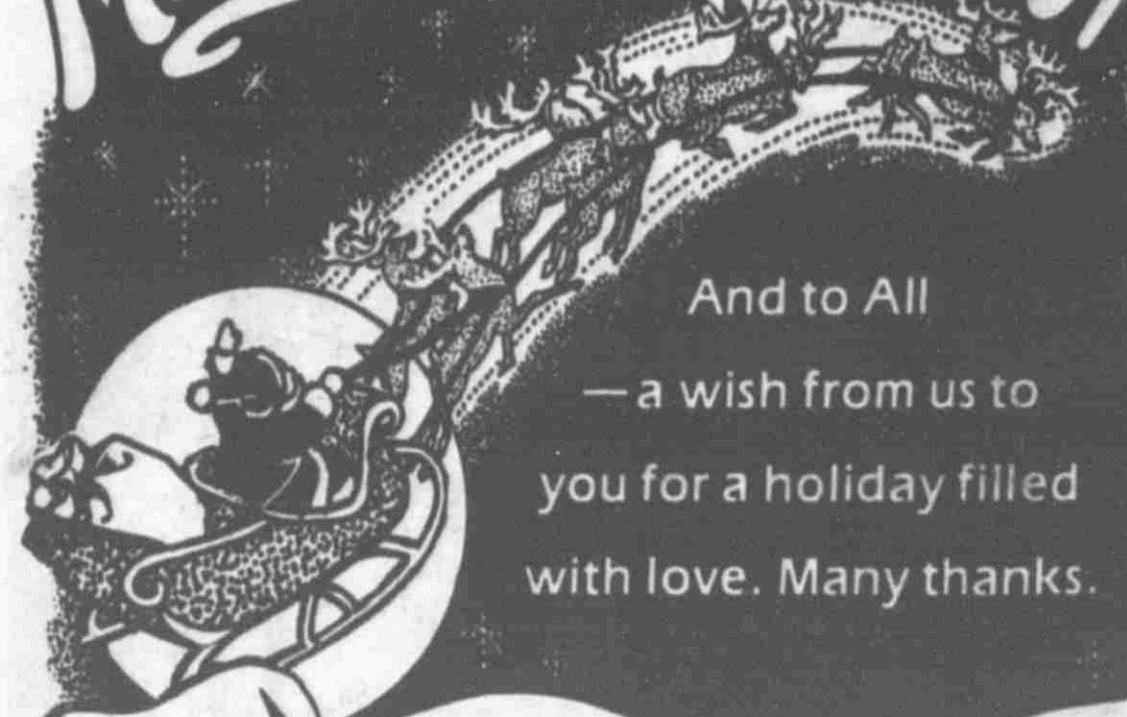
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The year in review, con't.

The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair got underway in late July. Horse shows, livestock judging, livestock auction, craft judging and a gala midway drew thousands of exhibitors and spectators to the annual event. Like snow in January, wind

in March, showers in April and flowers in May, July had its annual sidewalk sale. The Lowell downtown merchants closed out the month with sidewalk bargains each year, but their was more organization and participation in 1985 with the help of the

newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce. The Lowell High School Class of 1935 got together at Deer Run to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Of the 65 original graduates, 35 attended the function.

AUGUST

A new parking mall on Riverside north of Main Street was completed, and immediately spawned criticism from some neighboring merchants. Complaints were directed at the large size of barrier islands in the mall and the direction of traffic through the 200 block alley. Complaints subsided after some changes were made, and merchants & motorists grew accustomed to the new arrangement.

The Lowell School Board set October 7 as an election date for a millage increase. The board wanted 1.9 mills in 1986 and 1.4 mills the following seven years to make major repairs and improvements in the district's

buildings. Roofs and insulation are the primary targets.

Tummino and Tummino, Attorneys at Law, moved into their new quarters at 311 E. Main St. The newly remodeled building more than doubles the space they had available at the previous location. Lambert Variety later bought their old building and will expand into it early in 1986.

A "Computer Poet" went on line at Cousins' Cards and Gifts. The unique machine creates poems written by a computer using information supplied by the customer.

Lifelong Lowell merchant, Ralph Townsend passed away suddenly in his home on August 8. Townsend was a Main Street merchant in Lowell for 54 years.

The Lowell Nature Pantry, a food co-op, moved into the vacant store most recently occupied by White Lace Fashions. The Nature Pantry had been a Lowell business for many years, operating from a location on South Hudson Street.

The Lowell Police Department started a Law Enforcement Explorer's Post here. The program, directed by Lowell Police Sergeant Al Eckman is open to young men and women age 14 to 20.

The Lowell Rotary Club sponsored its annual community blood drive, and collected nearly 100 pints of whole blood. Postmaster Charlie Doyle chaired the 1985 campaign.

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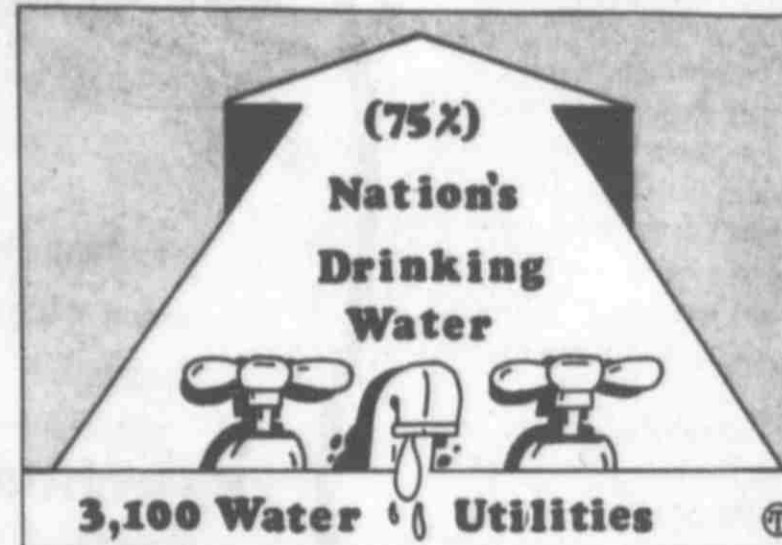
Working To Make Our Drinking Water Safer Than Ever

America's water utilities are working on ways to provide better quality, safer drinking water for the country at reasonable cost.

The 1985 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act were created to improve the quality of our nation's drinking water by emphasizing such areas as:

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- Setting standards more quickly
- Filtration of surface water
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- Increased monitoring for contaminants
- Timely enforcement of regulations
- Protection against tampering with public water supplies
- Protection of underground sources of drinking water

Encouraging passage of new amendments to protect the public safety is the American Water Works Association (AWWA), a 104-year-old, non-profit, scientific and educational society that includes 3,000 water utilities that provide about 70 percent of America's drinking water. The group is especially concerned



Three thousand one-hundred water utilities provide about 75 percent of the nation's drinking water.

with the slow regulatory process for setting nationwide drinking water standards, and has been pushing for progress in this area.

AWWA has joined with the Federal government to sponsor more research emphasizing the development of technology and the application of improved techniques.

The group has developed an education program for school children that is being used in many communities across the nation. Schools can order special workbooks, developed for different grade levels, with stories and activities about our drinking water.

The trend towards increasing recognition of the importance of our water supply is gaining ground throughout the nation's school system. Thousands of high school students will debate US water policy during the 1985-1986 school year, marking the first time water has ever been chosen as the national debate topic. AWWA has developed a bibliography of water-related reference material to help students prepare for the debate.

If you have any questions about the quality of your water or about the drinking water education program listed above, contact your local water utility. They will be happy to answer your questions.

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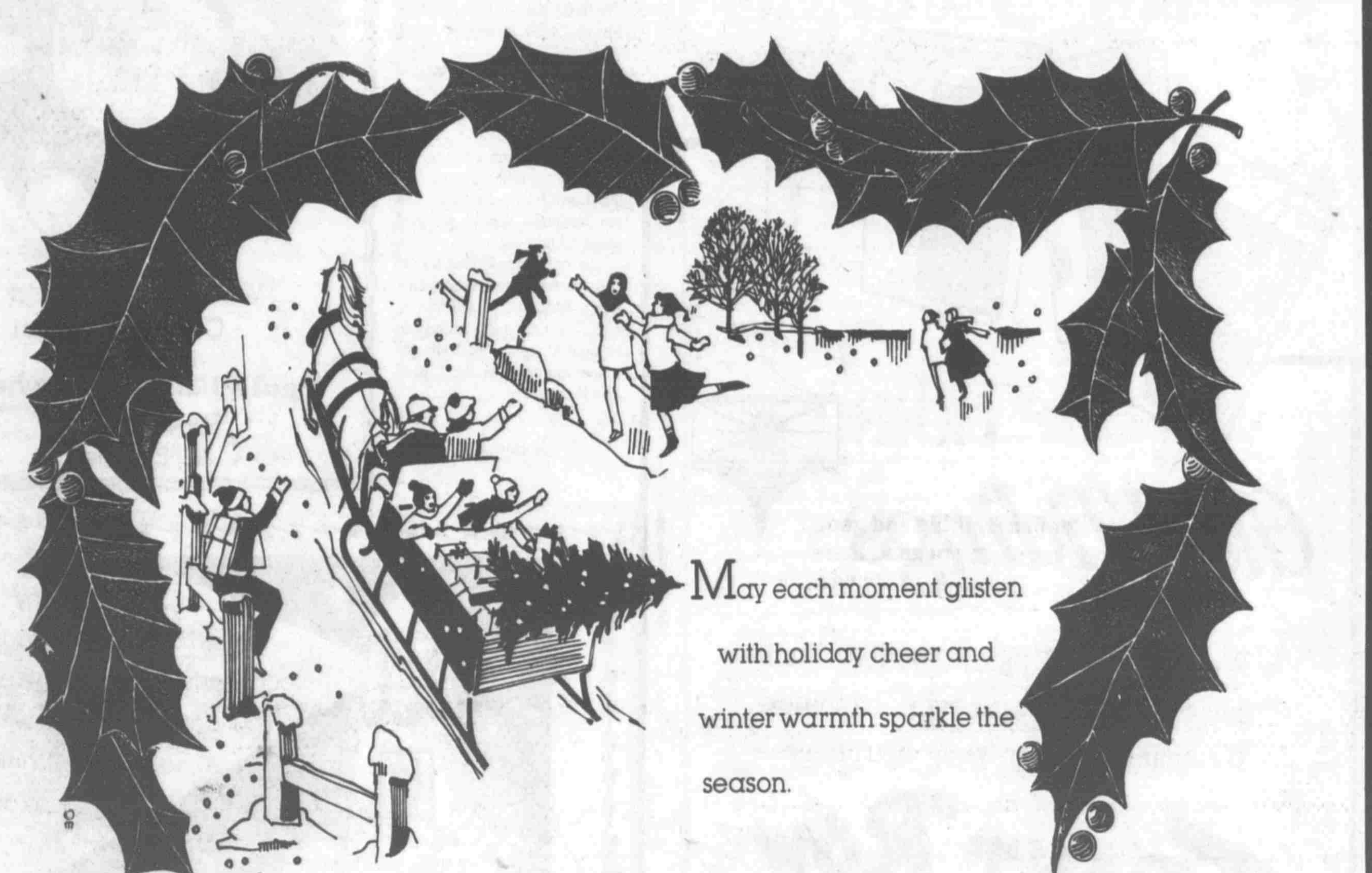
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City of Lowell

The year in review, con't.

A Lowell resident had the good fortune to hit it big in the Michigan LOTTO on Saturday, August 10. Fred Shortle, 33, of 1833 Woodpine was one of four people to hold a winning ticket in the \$5.5 million drawing. Shortle will receive about \$55,000 per year, after taxes, for the next twenty years.

Storm sewer assessments were finally retired thirteen years after the project was completed. Carlin Anderson, who was mayor as the project evolved, hosted a reception at his home to commemorate the pay off.

Lowell Cable TV rates were hiked by \$1.00, bringing the monthly basic rate to \$10.00.

The LAAC hosted a unique exhibit in the new Arts Center. "Home Grown" featured varied works from all-local artists. Photography, ceramics, oils, water colors, carving and leathercraft were just a few of the mediums represented.

Old Kent Financial Corporation made a bid to buy the State Savings Bank. The S.S.B. Board is split on the offer, and a one vote margin decides to send the issue to the stock holders. The issue became heated.

as both sides held firm to their positions. Old Kent finally withdrew their offer, stating no reason for the decision. Most speculate that the Division of the S.S.B. Board of directors was the principle reason.

C. Howard "Doc" White passed away at age 91. "Doc" had been a familiar face around Lowell as a merchant here for many years, and later in his retirement years as he visited about town while on long walks.

Lowell's antique "S.S. Lee" fire truck wins in competition at a Charlton Park meet. The 1946 Seagrave took "Best appearance of an antique in original form."

Lowell Area Schools headed back to class in late August with the new double bus runs and staggered elementary and secondary hours causing minimal problems.

SEPTEMBER

Our first issue in September bore the tragic news of a death of a 19-year-old Lowell man killed in an alcohol related auto accident. Kurt Dunning, of 8751 Cascade Rd. was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Joseph

Merklinger, 18, also of Lowell. The car left the road on Grand River Dr. at a high rate of speed and struck a tree on the passenger side where Dunning was seated. Merklinger was seriously injured, and two back seat passengers received minor injuries.

The Lowell Area Arts Council held a "Formal Opening" of the new Arts Center on South Hudson Street. Several dignitaries and representatives of the LAAC spoke at the function on Sunday, September 8. A tornado warning drove the event inside.

A Wyoming motorcyclist died in a September 7 head-on crash on M-21 west of Lowell. Sheriff's Deputies said that Kelly R. Deska, 29, rounded a curve near Cumberland, crossed the centerline and struck an oncoming vehicle driven by Craig DePree of 1530 Carol Lynne, Lowell. DePree and his wife Cathy were not injured in the accident.

The Red Arrow varsity football team won their opening game with a 26-13 win over the Ionia Bulldogs.

A front page article pointed to several new businesses and storefront renovations as indication that the central business district was on the rebound. The opening of Straw Basket Collections and the completion of extensive remodeling and expansion at Keiser's Kitchen highlighted the article.

The Red Arrows lost their league opener in a tough defensive battle with Northview, 9-6.

Mel's Bar changed hands, and was re-named Cheyne's Pub. Wayne and Erma Cheyne of Caledonia, took possession of the bar in mid September. Former owner Mel Bulk, said he had no firm plans for his retirement.

The Fallsburg Fall Festival sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, again drew thousands of people to the juried arts and crafts event. Several

community groups served up wonderful food under fair skies.

Jason Robertson, a Lowell Senior, was a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Robertson was the first Lowell student in seven years to win the prestigious honor.

The Red Arrows downed Forest Hills Central 13-7 to even their OK White record at 1-1.

OCTOBER

Historic milling turbines were placed on Main St. near the site where they were used to generate power for a flour mill on the east shore of the Flat River. The landmark was designed by Lowell Area Arts Council member Gil Wise, and was funded by the LAAC, King Milling and Michigan Council for the Arts.

The Lowell Red Arrows ran past the Kenowa Hills Knights 28-7 at the Knights' homecoming. The Arrows upped their league record to 2-1.

The Christiansen home was moved from its traditional location just west of the Methodist Church, to a new site several blocks north. Harold Ball purchased the home, and will re-plant it into a two family apartment. The Methodist Church will use the site for a future parking lot.

Two major plant expansions were announced. Attwood Corporation and Newell Manufacturing were both expanding to meet increasing production needs.

Attwood, a subsidiary of Steelcase, is the world's largest manufacturer of marine hardware. They also produce many die cast and plastic molded parts for Steelcase. Their expansion is a \$2.5 million, 32,000 sq. ft. addition to their present facility on North Monroe. All assembly operations will be moved into the new addition, freeing up space in the existing plant for additional plastic injection molding equipment. A new cafeteria and laboratory are also included in the expansion.

Newell will build a \$500,000 12,500 addition to their Chatham Street plant. Newell primarily manufactures parts for the auto industry. Both projects received P.A. 198 tax relief approved by the Lowell City Council. The two additions should generate about 50 new jobs.

The millage requested for repairs to the Lowell School District's buildings passed 788 to 632. The first year's millage to be used to replace the badly deteriorating roof on the Lowell Middle School.



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Evaluating shorter term mortgages

Paying off a mortgage quickly is becoming more popular among home owners and home buyers. An estimated 10 to 20 percent of home buyers are choosing 15-year mortgages, and some lenders are beginning to offer biweekly mortgages. In addition, some home owners are "paying ahead" on conventional mortgages.

Shortened terms on a mortgage can save you tens of thousands of dollars in interest, says the Michigan Association of CPAs. Shorter-term financing is important to home buyers who must choose among the hundreds of mortgages available and it may also bring savings to those paying off a mortgage.

HOW IT WORKS: Shorter-term financing makes it less expensive to pay off your mortgage because it chips away quicker at your principal and fights interest from accumulating.

"The mathematics of shorter-term financing are basic, but astonishing," says Robert F. Richter, chairman of the American Institute of CPAs' (AICPA) Real Estate Committee. The typical 15-year \$100,000 mortgage currently available saves a home buyer \$154,000 over a 30-year conventional mortgage.

WHY IT WORKS: Because it takes years of mortgage payments to make a dent in the amount you owe, shorter-term financing saves you money. Take a look at the amounts in principal and interest you pay over the life of a mortgage. With a 30-year \$100,000 mortgage, assuming a 12 percent interest rate, your monthly payment is \$1,029, but, \$1,000 of your first payment goes for interest on your loan. Only \$19 of that first payment nibbles at the \$100,000 principal. Ten years hence, after 120 monthly payments, \$935 of your monthly payment is for interest and \$94 goes toward the principal. Finally, in the 25th year of that 30-year mortgage, after 292 payments, the majority of your monthly payment, \$518, will go toward principal while \$511 will pay interest charges.

Shorter-term financing, the CPAs say, cancels the worst effects that interest accumulation has on mortgages. A survey of your options can save you money.

PAYING AHEAD: If you are paying a mortgage, ask your lender if there is a penalty for pre-paying your mortgage. If not, compare the pay-ahead option with the range of investment options open to you. "Paying ahead on a 10 percent mortgage amounts roughly to investing in something with a 10 percent return," says Richter. If you have a 10 percent mortgage, you should opt for paying ahead only if you

cannot get better than a 10 percent return elsewhere.

When comparing your mortgage with an array of investment options, keep its poor liquidity in mind. Once you pay ahead on your mortgage, it's expensive to get the cash back should you need it. Tapping equity you've built up in a home can often incur a blizzard of refinancing costs.

BIWEEKLY MORTGAGES: An import from Canada, biweekly mortgages are beginning to show up at some neighborhood mortgage lenders. Biweekly mortgage payments are new and somewhat different. Michael Wilson, who tracks mortgage trends for the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, says he doesn't yet know how many lenders this method of paying a mortgage. Payments on a biweekly mortgage are usually made electronically, commonly, a borrower's paycheck is directly deposited in a checking account every two weeks and the account is automatically debited for the mortgage payment. According to Richter, the borrower saves by making 26 payments a year, one every two weeks. This is quite a bit different from making two payments a month, which would result in only 24 annual payments. By making payments biweekly and making the extra two annual payments, principal accumulates at a faster rate and interest accumulates at a slower rate. It results in substantial savings.

The cost of a 30-year conventional \$100,000 mortgage, assuming the prevailing 13 percent interest rate, is \$1,106 a month. With a biweekly mortgage, assuming the same terms, your payment would be \$553 every

two weeks. You save \$138,284 over the life of the mortgage and the mortgage is paid off in about 18 years instead of the full 30-year term.

15-YEAR MORTGAGES: This is emerging as a popular financing method. "With a 15-year mortgage, a home buyer saves on the interest because of the shorter-term," says Richter. "But you also should be able to find a lower financing rate." You may be able to get a discount of one-half percent below the prevailing 13 percent rate for a fixed-rate mortgage.

To qualify for a biweekly or a 15-year mortgage, your monthly housing costs generally may not exceed 28 percent of your gross income and your total long-term

debt may not account for more than 33 percent of your gross income. This may require some strict budgeting, but the savings can make it worthwhile. If you need help deciding whether this is the right option for you, contact your local CPA.

When Halley's Comet next returns in March, 1986, International Wildlife magazine reports it will be intercepted by a spacecraft that will, for the first time, photograph the comet's nucleus.

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HOW TO DRY YOUR WET BOOTS AND SHOES, AND OTHER TIMELY TIPS

After an invigorating winter romp through the countryside, those friendly old leather boots and shoes often take on more moisture than they should. The method you choose to dry them out could mean the difference between a few extra minutes of your time and an unnecessary trip to the shoe store for new ones... so do take care.

First, remove, wash, and dry the laces separately. Then wipe all mud and grime from the boots with warm water and a small scrub brush. Hand-dry the boots with a rag. Crumple sheets of newspaper into balls, warm them near the stove, and stuff them loosely inside the footwear. This will both speed the drying process and help the boots retain their shape. Place the footwear near (but not too near) a heat source where the air can circulate freely around them. Keep the boots away from excessive heat since leather burns, shrinks, cracks, and stretches out of shape more quickly when it's wet. When the footwear is dry and still warm, apply several coats of a waterproofing compound (but not a silicone-based formula, because it'll make your feet sweat).

Out on the trail it's a little more difficult, but still possible, to successfully restore wet shoes to top condition. After cleaning and partially drying them near the campfire or in the sun (inverted on stakes to allow the warm air to circulate), heat some pebbles in a pan till the stones are warm to the touch. Place the rocks in the boots and shake them around occasionally to hasten drying. In an emergency, the leather can be waterproofed with bacon grease.

Are you tired of lost or wet winter gloves each time you come in from an outing? If so, make a "rope-ladder clothesline". Just find a free corner (or any two supports a reasonable distance apart), and drive one nail into the wall about a foot and a half to the left of the corner's seam and another nail directly across from it about a foot and a half to the right (you can shorten or lengthen the distance according to the length of clothesline you wish to use). Then tie a piece of rope or string from one nail to the other, and repeat the whole process down the wall toward the floor (leaving 10 to 12 inches vertically between strings) to accommodate as many pairs of gloves as you wish to hang.

If you position your miniature clotheslines according to the heights of your family members, even the smallest will be able to hang up his or her gloves. Just clothespin your damp hand-warmers to the string as you come in from the cold, and you'll have a matched pair of dry gloves ready and waiting the next time you depart.

And don't be too quick to take down your contraption when the warm months of spring roll around. Work gloves, sun hats, and a wide variety of much-used, often-misplaced items can be clipped to your ladder as well!

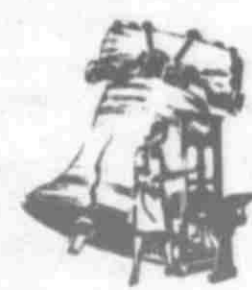
You may be surprised to know that snow can be used to clean upholstered furniture! Each winter Leena Iso-Shola, a reader of THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS, takes her lounge chairs and sofas outside on a crisp, snow-on-the-ground day. She then lets her furniture get good and cold, brushes it all down with the fresh white powder, and totes the clean and bright seats back inside!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



"Deck the halls with
boughs of holly...
'Tis the season to be jolly..."



The Grand Valley Ledger
105 N. Broadway, Lowell, Michigan 49331

The year in review, con't.

The Lowell Rotary Club kicked off its annual United Way Fund Drive on Wednesday, October 2.

The Red Arrows knocked off Sparta at the Arrow's homecoming 34-13.

The City of Lowell received an order from the Department of Natural Resources to build and

put into operation a secondary waste water treatment plant by July 1, 1988. This was given, even though Lowell does not currently qualify for state and federal help on the project. Lowell City Manager Ray Quada estimated that to build such a plant to state and federal specifications, without financial help,

Lowell sewer customers would be faced with sewer bills of over \$50.00 per month. Quada told the City Council that he planned to huddle with City Attorney Richard Wendt, and plan what course the city should take in the matter.

The Red Arrows increase their league record with a 27-12 win over Rogers.

Lowell City Council. Collins and Fonger were incumbents. Another incumbent, Phil Schneider lost in his bid for reelection. The small turnout was due in part to an oversight by Ledger, and no news story about the election was published in advance.

From her husband's recent stroke, maybe take a trip, and invest the rest. Krauss and her husband Duane live in Key Heights Mobile Home Park.

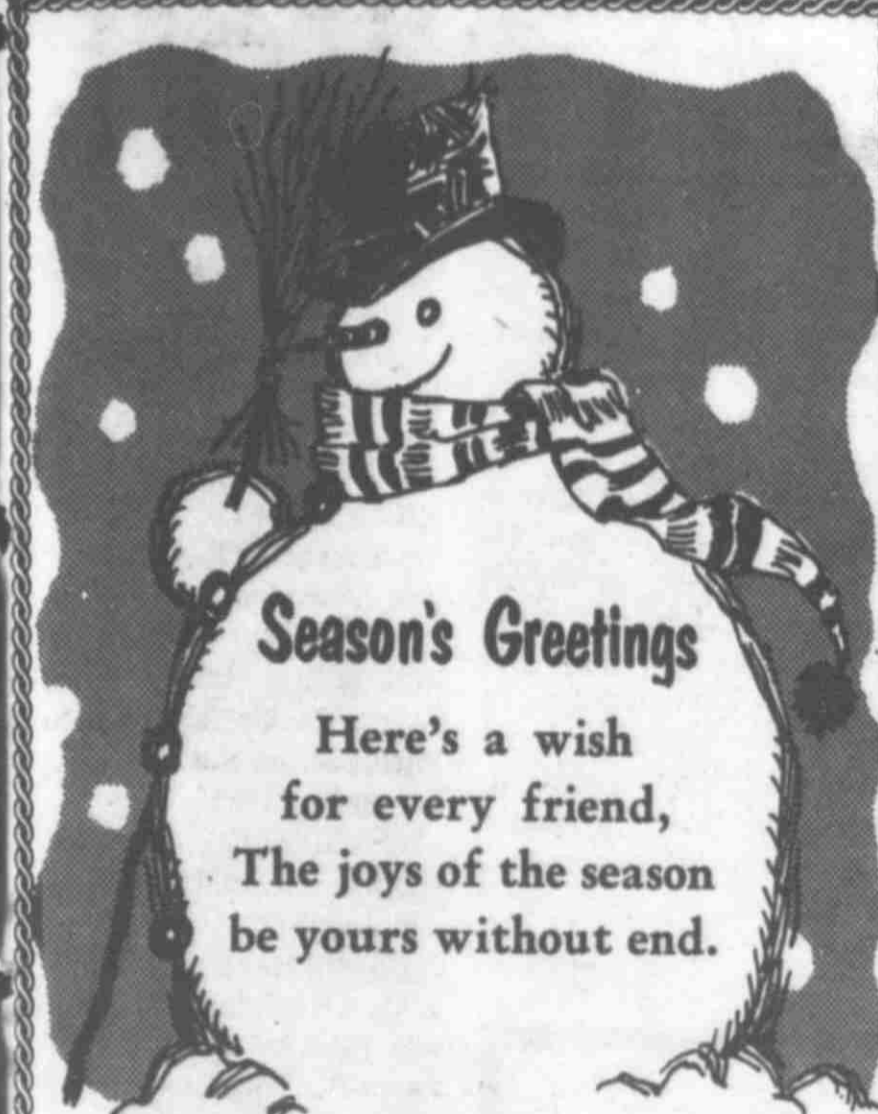
DECEMBER

At their December 2 meeting the Lowell City Council opted to place a snow removal ordinance before a public hearing scheduled for their January 6 meeting. The ordinance, as proposed, calls for removal of snow from sidewalks, or a pathway, within 24 hours of any accumulation. A \$50.00 fine and costs for the city to remove the snow, are included in the ordinance. The council was split on the issue. The January 6 public hearing promises to be interesting.

The Chamber of Commerce announced a residential Christmas outdoor lighting contest in our December 4 issue.

The Lowell City Council adopted the name, "Creekside Park" for the new west side park at Geer Dr. and Foreman. The name immediately draws flak from Councilman Jack Fonger

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NOVEMBER

Our first issue in November featured the results of the hastily planned Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the Grand Valley Ledger. The response to the contest was incredible. It required five pages to publish pictures of all the people we found in costume at area businesses. Next year, the Ledger plans to begin work on the contest a little earlier, formalize the rules and try to offer some bigger prizes.

Former Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Patton was pictured on the front page of our November 6 issue with several copies of the new brochure promoting Lowell as a great place to live, work or visit. The brochure was published by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Grand Valley Ledger and Pelz Art and Design Service. The brochures have been distributed to various places that can put them into the hands of people inquiring about our community, such as realtors, the school, city hall and The West Michigan Tourist Association.

Clark Fletcher, a former Lowell businessman, died at age 73. Fletcher operated "Fletcher Electric" out of his home for 40 years.

The Red Arrows wrap up their 1985 season with a 3-2 win over Spring Lake. The game was played in torrential rain, and the field was a quagmire. The Arrows finished at 7-2 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

State Representatives Vic Krause met with about 25 Lowell

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The right form can make a small business big

One of the keys to running a successful small business is making tax laws work for you. The greatest tax planning in the world can't help someone who wants to sell ice to Eskimos, but a small business owner who plans an effective tax strategy is likely to have a stronger business.

According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, one of the fundamental tax questions facing the owner of a small business is what form the business should take. What are the drawbacks to running sole proprietorship? Is a partnership the answer? Perhaps you should consider incorporating your business? Or maybe a different type of corporation -- the "S" Corporation -- is what's right for your small business.

Here is a summary of the basic characteristics of small business

formations and some ideas on how they work.

The simplest business form is a sole proprietorship. The minute you open your doors and sell something, you've got a sole proprietorship. All you have to do is comply with any state or local licensing laws, but no other organizational fees need to be paid. When filing a personal income tax return, any income or losses from the business are reported by the owner. In the case of someone with a new business in which a big loss may be anticipated, the sole proprietorship allows you to utilize the loss directly on your personal income tax return to offset other income. Sole proprietorships have one serious disadvantage, however. They make the owner's personal wealth fully liable for business

debts and claims.

Partnerships are similar to sole proprietorships except there's more than one owner. Income and losses from a partnership are passed through the business to the owners. Basically, there are two kinds of partnerships. In a "general partnership," each partner is responsible for the acts of the other partners. In a "limited partnership," only certain partners -- the general partners -- manage the business and accept liability for the company's operations. Another level of partners -- the limited partners -- are not personally liable for the business and may not participate in managing it. Limited partners, however, receive a share of the income or losses generated by the business. They are liable for business losses only to the extent

of their investment.

Corporations are the most expensive business form to establish and maintain, and they're also the most complicated. The owners of a corporation, who are called stockholders, generally are liable only for the money invested in the business. When securing a loan, however, many lenders will insist that the owner of a corporation pledge some personal collateral or take personal liability.

For tax planning, the corporation may be a big plus. The major tax benefit derived from incorporation is the federal income tax rates that currently apply to corporations. Currently, corporate income up to \$25,000 is taxed at the 15 percent rate; income between \$25,000 and \$50,000 is taxed at the 18 percent rate; income between \$50,000 and \$75,000 is taxed at the 30 percent rate; and income between \$75,000 and \$100,000 is taxed at the 40 percent rate. When these rates are lower than the personal income tax rates paid by partners and sole proprietors, it makes sense to incorporate and have the corporation retain the income in excess of your salary. In addition to the favorable tax rates, the corporation offers other tax ben-

efits derived when it pays for life insurance coverage, retirement plans, health insurance coverage and corporate savings plans.

The main disadvantage of a corporation is that earnings are sometimes taxed twice. The business's profits are taxed at the corporate rate and then again on a personal income tax return when distributed as dividends. This is what has led to the popularity of the S corporation.

The S corporation, which gets its name from a section of the Internal Revenue Code, gives a business owner all of the liability protection of a conventional corporation, but income and losses from the business directly pass through to the shareholders. Someone who owns a small business and wants to fund his children's college education may find an S corporation financially prudent for tax reasons. The owner can make his children shareholders in the corporation. The children will have their share of the profits transferred to them. The transfer of income may bring a handsome tax savings, since children are usually in a lower tax bracket than their parents.

At a session of said Court, held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, on this 27th day of November, 1985.

PRESENT: Honorable GEORGE V. BOUCHER, Circuit Judge.

On the 16th day of August, 1985, a Complaint for Divorce was filed by Jack D. Reed, Plaintiff, against Patricia Reed, Defendant, in this Court for an absolute divorce.

A Summons and Complaint in this action is unable to be served because the Defendant has abandoned the Plaintiff over four years ago and her current whereabouts or address is unknown. Further, the Defendant to this action filed a Bill for Divorce in Jackson County, Mississippi, in April of 1983, however, the Defendant moved without notifying her attorney and the action was dismissed for lack of progress in July of 1984.

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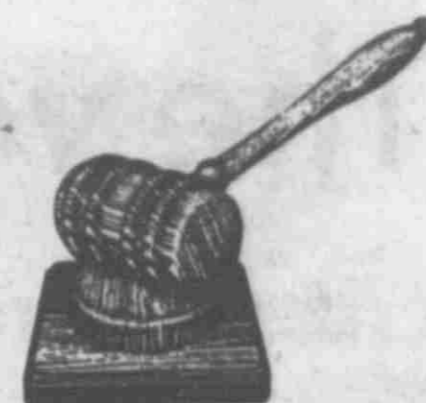
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HONORABLE GEORGE V. BOUCHER, Circuit Judge

Attest: A True Copy Michael W. Sefton (p-31320) Attorney for Plaintiff The Atrium Building 3351 Claystone S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Phone (616) 957-0600

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND/OR ORDER TO ANSWER

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FOR SALE - 1977 Ford window van removable third seat, AM/FM, runs good,

Pointers For Parents

New Robot Toys: Trend Turns Away From Violent Images

Many parents are expected to be pleased with the trend toward an end to violence as a theme in children's toys for the coming holiday season. One example is a new toy robot with an image that's decidedly gentle, lovable and appealing.

Many of the other robot/warrior type toys on the market today emphasize high technology -- sleek chrome and stainless steel design -- and come off as rather hostile characters. Many parents' groups are concerned. This image can probably be traced back to the earliest images of robots in literature and film: Mary Shelley's gothic horror story, "Frankenstein," portrayed an artificial intelligence that turned against its own creator. In 1926, Fritz Lang's popular film "Metropolis" may have sealed the fate for robots of future fantasy by presenting the public with an evil robot named Maria.

Efforts to offer today's children alternative robot role models to help them better adapt to the reality of robots as helpers are underway. In fact, the recently introduced Robotman and his friends, characters created by United Media, require human love to exist. Their favorite form of communication is melodic music, and they seem to stress warmth and companionship. This is a far cry from the ray beams and laser guns of the past. Robotman and his friends are soft and cuddly



There seems to be growing trend toward toys that portray technology as friendly rather than dangerous.

robot toys who are also featured as characters in a syndicated comic strip, in television specials and in a line of products including coloring books, a board game, T-shirts, sleepwear and more.

There are also other ways you can help your child avoid some of the more distressing signs of this violent world. Watch what your youngster watches on TV. View it with him, so you have an opportunity to express your disapproval of violent behavior. Dissuade your child from participating in war play or any other play that degenerates into deliberate cruelty or meanness (though you needn't interfere in every tussle or argument). Explain, pleasantly, that you don't approve of such games or of violent toys and perhaps offer some more peaceful alternatives.

HOT LUNCH MENU WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 1985

THURSDAY
January 2, 1986

Breaded Chicken or chopped steak, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, green beans or sweet potatoes, hillbilly rolls or bread Jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
January 3, 1986

Grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwiches, potato chips and pickles, soup or salad or baked beans, assorted fruits or jello, cookies or bars, milk.

WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 1986

MONDAY

Fruit juice, pizza w/meat and cheese, carrot sticks or salad, choice of fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

Ground steak or fishwedges, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, green beans or sliced carrots, dinner rolls or bread w/p-nut butter, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Cheeseburgers or "MAC" chicken sandwiches, tossed salad w/dressing tater tots or whole kernel corn, fruit or jello, cookies or bars, milk.

THURSDAY

Ravioli or macaroni and cheese, garden salad, french bread w/honey, chilled fruits or pudding, milk.

FRIDAY

Red Arrow sub sandwiches or hot dogs, potato chips and pickles, soup or salad or baked beans, assorted fruits or jello, bars or cookies, milk.

Price of lunches to students includes milk. Elementary 85¢. Middle and Senior High 90¢.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE #86-1

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

SECTION I - SIDEWALKS AND AREAS TO BE CLEARED

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

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

SECTION II - DISCARDING SNOW AND ICE

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

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

SECTION III - RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPAIRS

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

SECTION IV - VIOLATIONS

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

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

SECTION V - FINES

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

SECTION VI - WAIVER OF PROVISIONS

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

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

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NOTICE

RE: RECYCLE STATION AT EBERHARDS

To the citizens of Lowell, please be advised that the above location is not for the drop off of unwanted animals. This is cruel, inhumane and thoughtless. Also it is against the law and if it continues, whoever or whomever is caught will be prosecuted.

John K. Erickson
Animal Control Officer
For the City of Lowell

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SIZE LIMIT ON BASS NOTICE

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

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

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Coach Rivers, cont'd.

tylers often graduate to Rivers' high school teams with several years of wrestling experience already behind them.

Rivers notes that high school wrestling has progressed significantly in his 26 years of coaching. He points to the freestyle program, clinics, better conditioning techniques and wrestling camps that all combine to make his present wrestlers more skilled than those of 26 years ago.

Rivers' first win was a 24-23 triumph over Godwin Heights on December 7, 1960. He won his 100th match in 1969 and his

200th in 1978.

Rivers', who has also coached football and baseball during his years at Lowell, says he loves wrestling because of the dedication it takes to be good at the sport. Rivers enjoys watching his wrestlers develop into manhood under his guidance. He feels that many of his wrestlers take the self-discipline that they learn in wrestling on into their adult lives, and are better for it. Many ex-wrestlers around Lowell will wholeheartedly agree with their "Coach".

Congratulations Gary!

Cynthia Ann Guenther, 23, of 6352 Gavin Lake Rd. was killed when the pickup she was driving left the roadway, flew about 30 feet through the air and landed on its side in a field. The accident happened on Five Mile Rd. at McCabe Avenue in Grattan Township on Tuesday, December 17.

A passenger in the pickup, Edward Elenbaas, 25, of 6314 Gavin Lake Rd. was treated and released at Blodgett Hospital.

Sheriff's Deputies say the Geunther was not wearing a seat

belt, and would probably not have been killed if she was using it.

The vehicle was eastbound on Five Mile Rd. at about 1:15 a.m. when the accident occurred. Kent County Medical Examiner Eugene Kramer pronounced Guenther dead at the scene.

The roads were snow covered and slippery at the time of the crash, according to deputies. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

The accident was especially tragic, because another member of Guenther's family was killed in an auto accident just three years ago.

Kent County Sheriff's Deputies and the Cannon Township Rescue Unit responded to the scene.

One car crash kills Grattan woman

Freshmen win

The Red Arrows freshman cagers hosted the Greenville Yellow Jackets Tuesday, and chalked up a 42-34 win. Erik Fulkerson was high-point-man

for the Arrows with 10. Fulkerson also had 11 rebounds. Pete Kemp and Tony Nauta each scored 8 points, while Ben Richmond aided the cause with 8 rebounds.

Greenville Yellow Jackets Sneak past Red Arrows

The Lowell Varsity squad fell prey to the Greenville Yellow Jackets in a non conference match up Tuesday night at Lowell. The Red Arrows led 15-14 at the end of the first quarter, but trailed 29-27 going into the locker room at the half. The Arrows were on top again at the end of the third period 44-42,

but were outscored in the final stanza by four points

Brent Noskey led Lowell scorers with 16 points. Salvador Rodriguez, an exchange student from Mexico trailed Noskey with 15 points. Mike Dumas had 7, Jay Messner scored 4, Don Reagan had 4, Jeff Gessler had 2 and Mike Dykstra had 7.

The year in review, con't.

and future Councilman Charlie Doyle. Both would like to see the park named after someone who has donated large estates to the city. Solomon Lee and Helen Look Daly were two names that surfaced.

Jim and Berdie Cook won Reserve Grand Champion honors with a registered holstein cow that they showed at the International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky on November 13. Cook said his cow was competing with \$1 million animals.

Lowell donned more Christmas lights and decorations than in any year in recent memory. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City and Lowell Light and Power, strung white lights in all 40 of the potted trees along Main St. The lighted trees, combined with the lamp post decorations and merchants' decorations, made the downtown a beautiful sight. The Chamber also mounted a huge Christmas tree atop the Showboat, and with the tree lights and the boat's regular lights aglow, it made a beautiful site from the west bank of the river. The Chamber's residential lighting contest spawned numerous participants among homeowners. The Chamber also sponsored several events during the Christmas season. They offered, carriage rides, a tree lighting ceremony, the annual Santa Claus Parade, visits with Santa, downtown caroling, and other events to entertain shoppers.

Famous runner Greg Meyer spoke before the Lowell Rotary as the guest of Rotarian James Lang on December 4. Meyer has won both the Boston and Chicago Marathons.

The Saranac American Legion Post No. 175 was the successful bidder on a prime piece of property formerly occupied by the Saranac milk plant. The village, condemned the property and had the badly deteriorated buildings demolished, then offered it for sale to the highest bidder. The American Legion plans to build a new post home on the premises with a banquet hall large enough to seat 300 people.

Carl Kloosterman appeared on the front page of our most recent issue, after receiving several honors for his play on the Central Michigan University football team. Kloosterman, a defensive back, and former Lowell football standout, was named, All MAC Conference, first team, Team Most Valuable Player, and Honorable Mention All-American.

The Perry Beachum residence won the Chamber of Commerce lighting competition. Beachum completely outlined the silhouette of his 924 Riverside home with white lights.


That's it, 1985 in review from the pages of the Grand Valley Ledger. We have tried to include the more noteworthy events from the last twelve months. When summed up at the end of the year, we're always impressed with what a busy little community this seems to be. We hope you do to, Happy Holidays!



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