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LOWELL, MICH., THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1965

Six candidates run for council

Six candidates for the three positions on the Lowell City Council filed petitions on Monday for the April 5 election. Besides Charles E. Doyle who had obtained his petition last week, petitions were filed for the following: Arnold Wittenbach and Herbert Reynolds, incumbents; Ray Engle, Robert G. Chrouch and Mrs. Virginia Myers.

Charles Doyle served a two year term on the Council several years ago. Mr. Doyle is a right-of-way buyer for the Wolverine Cooperative Electric. Mr. Wittenbach was named mayor last spring, and has served 3 years on the council. He operates a milk trucking business in this area.

Herbert Reynolds recently appointed to the council, is associated with Roth & Sons Funeral Home and is a licensed mortician. He was active in civic affairs in Columblaville where he operated his own business before returning to Lowell in 1963. Ray Engle is projection operator at the Strand Theatre and also is a stamp dealer. Mrs. Virginia Myers is the wife of a local physician, Dr. Harold R. Myers. Robert G. Chrouch operates a record shop and a two-way radio communication sales and service business.

State to Build Bridge
City Manager Bernard Olson

read a letter of understanding from the State Highway Department which revealed that they expect to contract for a new bridge over Grand River at Lowell to replace the old M-91 structure. Construction is expected to start in 1966. M-91 will be abandoned as a state highway after the bridge has been constructed.

Lowell, and the Kent County Road Commission are expected to provide needed new right-of-way, the letter stated.

Ask Longer Lease

A letter from King Milling Co. offering to give the old Forrest Mill Building on East Main St. to the city and the use of the land for ten years, exempting the Milling Co. for taxes on the property during this period, was read to the council.

After some discussion the city council requested the city manager to inform the King Milling Co. that the city is interested in turning this area into a parking area but does not feel that 10 years was a long enough lease on the land. The Manager was requested to ask for a renewable lease.

City cost of tearing down the old mill, building a retaining wall, filling, blacktopping and paying taxes to the county and school would run over a \$1,000 a year.

Dinner meeting set by Chamber of Commerce

The annual dinner meeting of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to be held on Thursday evening, January 28, at 7 p. m. in the Lowell Masonic Hall.

Any business or professional people who are concerned enough with Chamber activities, the future of Lowell, its business prospects and City betterment are urged to attend.

Guest speaker for the evening will be a representative from the State Department of Economic Expansion, who is an expert on the subject of industrial and economic growth in towns, such as Lowell.

Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by contacting or calling George Dey, jr. They will go on sale some time this week.

An important item on the agenda for the meeting portion of the program will be the election of three new directors. Those nominated for the three vacancies are Bernard Baer, Mike Doyle, Dr. Harold R. Myers, Wayne Dowling and Ted Milanowski.

The balloting for the candidates is being done by written votes, before the meeting. The board will then meet and elect a new slate of officers from those elected prior to the meeting.

All Chamber of Commerce members are asked to return the ballots before January 21.

PAPER DRIVE NEXT WEEK

The FFA Chapter of Lowell High School will hold their annual paper drive from January 21 to 25. Anyone wanting papers picked up call any FFA member or TW 7-9152.

Bob Krebs, Reporter
Reporter

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VERGENNES TWP. TAXES

I will be at the Lowell Bank Saturday mornings, February 6 and 13 to collect Vergennes Township taxes. You can send payment by mail or I will be home until February 28. Dog licenses are also due.

Goldie Clark, Treasurer



Mothers' March of Dimes Drive

Mrs. Leonard Kerr (left), Vergennes Township; Mrs. Bruce Tower (center), Lowell Township; and Mrs. Henry Hagemeyer (right), Grafton Township, Mothers' March volunteers, are enthusiastic about the new leaflet "Things To Do If." Kent County Mothers' March volunteers will distribute this leaflet, which gives sound advice for every family, as they call on their neighbors next week for support of the March of Dimes fight against Birth Defects. The 1965 goal for the Kent County Mothers' March of Dimes is \$60,000.00, as announced by county chairman, Mrs. Louis VanderKaay. Last year Mothers' March volunteers raised \$58,186.34 in Kent County.

Accident injuries fatal to Royal A. Kyser, 82

A rural Lowell farmer died Thursday at Pennock Hospital in Hastings of injuries suffered in an automobile accident January 8 at the intersection of M-50 and Cemetery Road, near Jordan Lake.

Funeral services for Royal A. Kyser, 82, of Route 3, Lowell, were held Saturday afternoon in the Clarksville Bible Church. The Reverends Peter Gardner and Donald Mathis officiated and interment was made in South Boston cemetery.

Mr. Kyser was born August 28, 1882, and celebrated his 80th wedding anniversary at an open house on December 27.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie; seven daughters, Mrs. Lila Wylie of Escanaba, Mrs. Mildred Todd of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Floy Combs of Monroe, Mrs. Dorothy Brake of Clarksville, Mrs. Marie O'Connor and Mrs. Margaret Rose of Saranac, and Mrs. Helen Alderlink of Lowell; three sons, Leo of Clarksville, and Gerald and Donald of Lowell; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Hans Andrews to address club

Hans Andrews, Guidance Director at Lowell High School, will address the Lowell Child Study Club on Thursday evening, January 21.

The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Darrol McLaughlin, 396 Hunt Street, starting at 8 p. m.

Co-hostess for the evening will be Mrs. James M. Marron. Program chairman is Mrs. Howard Thurlall.

Mr. Andrews was born and raised in Grayling, Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Central Michigan University and his Master's Degree from Michigan State University.

The meeting will be of special interest to those who will have children entering high school next year. All members are urged to attend.

LEGION POST TO SERVE OCEAN PERCH FISH FRY

The Clark-Ellis American Legion Post will sponsor an Ocean Perch Fish Fry on Friday evening, January 29.

Serving will be from 4 to 8 p. m. in the Legion dining room on East Main Street.

Ticket sales this week, under the leadership of Frank Stephens, post commander, will get underway. They can be purchased from any Legion member.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nash and Claire Flynn of Bowne Center were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis.

Present "A Plan For Lowell" at January 25th meeting

Fire destroys former Lone Pine Inn

Fire broke out Friday afternoon about 5 p. m., destroying a Vergennes Township landmark known for many years as Lone Pine Inn, the scene of numerous dinners and social affairs.

The large old farm home is located near the corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue, about 6 miles northwest of Lowell.

The fire was discovered by Pat Goggins, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goggins, owners of Shady Acres Inn, for the past 4 years. The boy smelled smoke in the kitchen and called the fire department, and his father who was in Grand Rapids.

Firemen of Lowell and Ada worked 6 hours at the fire attempting to save the building and preventing spread of the fire to the nearby barns. The shell of the old house remains standing, but the interior was nearly destroyed.

The owner estimated the loss between \$15,000 and \$20,000, de-

pending how much can be salvaged; the loss was partly covered by insurance.

Firemen and insurance investigators have set the cause of the fire as faulty wiring in the kitchen partitions. Most of the furniture on the first floor was saved but all the family's clothing, bedding and second floor furnishings were destroyed.

Mr. Goggins expressed his appreciation for the fine work of the firemen who worked in the near zero temperature, and for the help from neighbors and friends. The family is now living with relatives in Grand Rapids and the boys are driving back and forth to school. The barn and horses used in hayrides and the recreation room in the barn are intact so their hayride parties will be continued.

Mr. Goggins said he would like to rent a furnished or unfurnished house in Lowell or vicinity until the building can be restored.



Dr. Glenn Frye at School of Missions

Lowell Methodist Church is having Dr. Glenn Frye from the University Methodist Church at East Lansing as guest speaker at the School of Missions.

Dr. Frye will speak on "The Methodist Church in Alaska." Wherever he has gone people have appreciated his sparkle and wit and we are certain of a very interesting program.

Junior and Senior High Youth will meet with the adults for a potluck supper at 6 p. m. The 3-M's will be hostesses.

At 6:30 classes for grades 1 thru 6 will be held. Nursery provided. At 6:45 program begins in the sanctuary with Mrs. Ruby Avery having devotions.

Mild spring weather which has prevailed in Michigan during the winter months, took a cooling off with temperatures reaching below zero this week. Snow put a white blanket over the area, and the wind cuts sharply as shoppers go from store to store.

The various changes in the weather has caused local residents to see their fuel bills rise and fall.

Wittenbach Sales and Service were represented at the Inaugural Parade in Washington on Wednesday by six new Oldsmobiles, which were provided by the local agency to transport the Saranac American Legion Historical Honor Guard to the ceremonies.

The honor guard was one of four Michigan units in the parade.

Albert J. Hermans, proprietor of the Lowell Gamble Store on West Main Street, is starting his 20th year as a local businessman.

Mr. Hermans opened his store here in 1945. His business was plagued by a fire that struck his store on January 13, 1945.

The strike at Newell Manufacturing Company over a closed shop continues. The plant is operating with about half of its normal working force.

An injunction was secured in Circuit Court last Friday prohibiting violence and permitting employees who wish to work and trucks and cars to enter and leave the plant.

The Southern trek of lucky Lowellites has begun, and we have started to receive notes from our "southern friends."

Most of the replies that we have been getting are a "little frosty."

The Lowell Police Department will be reduced to four members again next week when the resignation of the newest member, James Rabal takes effect.

He has joined the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Ten years ago this week... The Lowell Board of Trade, starting its 50th year, elected Harold Jefferies as their new president... The Lowell Bakery was sold to Raymond L. Hansen of Greenville... A truck driver for the C. H. Runciman Co. was overcome by carbon-monoxide poisoning when he fell to sleep in his truck, while the motor was running... Fourteen-year-old James White, a freshman student at LHS was the featured teen of the week.

Mrs. Theron Richmond, 403 1/2 West Washington, Ionia, formerly of Lowell, was submitted to surgery for a fracture of her right hip sustained Monday, when she fell on the kitchen floor at her home.

LOWELL BEER STORE
Open every day and evenings until 10 p. m. Sunday until 9 p. m.

Band boosters form new club

Lowell has a new Band Booster's Club! Recently twenty-seven vitally interested and enthusiastic parents of band members met at the high school to organize a club to support our Lowell bands.

They learned much can be done to help. Instruments need to be purchased and several new uniforms should be ordered to take care of the enlarging senior band. Interested parents are also needed to attend out-of-town band festivals and concerts.

Officers elected were: William Cannon, president; Ivan Blough vice-president; Ken Pletcher, treasurer; and Mrs. Kenneth Price, secretary.

One of the first projects to be undertaken will be to plan and promote a band camp this summer. Lowell is one of the few schools in our area that does not have a band camp where marching maneuvers can be practiced before school starts.

Future meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be February 8, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium. All band parents are urged to attend and anyone else interested in boosting our bands is also cordially invited. There are no dues!

New Culligan man

Announcement was made on Tuesday of the appointment of Carl A. Wood as the new Culligan representative in the Lowell area.

Mr. Wood who resides at 617 West Main Street, Lowell, will be handling the Culligan Soft Water Products business in this section of the state.

Culligan's main office is Ionia. Anyone wishing further information on Culligan services, are urged to contact Mr. Wood.

Ice Skating

The ice skating rink, located at Recreation Park, will be open the following hours: Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 9 p. m. Saturdays, 2 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 10 p. m. On Sundays, the rink will be open from 2 to 5 p. m. Special hours this week—2:30 to 5:30 p. m. on Thursday, Friday and next Monday.

The rink is maintained by the City of Lowell and supervised by the Lions Club and YMCA personnel.

"A Plan for Lowell" will be formally presented to the City Planning Commission and the general public at an open meeting in the City Hall on Monday, January 25, at 7:30 P. M. Scott Bagby, Lowell Planning Consultant will be present to explain and answer questions on the city's planning study just completed.

All citizens of the community are invited to attend this meeting and all who are interested may secure a copy of the City Plan at the city offices.

The Ledger is reprinting the introduction to "A Plan for Lowell" herewith to better acquaint citizens with the reasons behind this study.

The Necessity for Planning

Planning is essential to any successful community today. The time, effort, and money spent in planning are investments necessary to prevent waste and duplication in a community just as in industry. But here the similarity is ended. The Directors of City action are its elected City and School officials. They are responsible to, and dependent upon, the citizens of the City.

No matter how valuable and sound plans may be to every resident of the community, elected officials cannot adopt plans and carry them out as a matter of course. There is not the final voice, as in management's industry. Without the wide support and understanding of their citizens, even the soundest of planning programs faces a very negative future.

The level of success or failure which the City of Lowell will achieve will depend upon its citizen's responses and understanding. A realization of the nature, extent and severity of the City's existing problems, on the one hand, a recognition of its very real assets and future prospects on the other, and a thorough acquaintance with steps which can be taken to overcome problems and capitalize on the assets, will be necessary to instill vitality into any planning program.

It is not usually the self-interested schemes of unscrupulous investors which create unlivable cities; rather, it is the failure of well-meaning citizens to think and act with reason and responsibility which is most damaging.

Planned Action

Positive continuous planned action of the kind Lowell needs cannot be expected to succeed if distorted viewpoints about community development factors prevail. Among the beliefs most damaging to a city's well-being is the one which holds all city and school taxes to be a kind of malicious penalty, inflicted upon property owners by poor officials. Cities and School Districts are often forced to practice false economies because of it.

This short-sighted attitude can be illustrated with a very simple example. Let us assume that in 1958 a mile of street needed minimum repairs which would have cost \$5,000, and that the tax increase, necessary to finance it, would have been very minor. However, assume that the pressure against any tax increase at all was so great that even the very slight one needed was avoided. Now it is 1964, and the street repair can no longer be delayed; but now, with added years of neglect increasing the extent of the damage, \$50,000 is needed to do the job adequately. Every taxpayer will have to share the excess costs for the 1964 necessity because of the 1958 folly. There is no alternative.

Must Have Taxes

Cities cannot give people something for nothing. No level of government can. Without City and School services, no property in Lowell would be worth half its current value. In Lowell, as in any other American City, a tax bill of \$200 a year which maintains the value of a \$12,000 home by supplying full services and protections, is a major savings; with no taxes and consequently, no public services, a \$6,000 to \$10,000 loss in the actual value of the property would quickly result. But even as the value of the home decreased, the annual costs to provide water, sewer, administrative and school services and police and fire protection on a private basis would elevate yearly expenses to exorbitant heights. In addition property insurance costs would be prohibitive. In other words, without taxes it would cost many times more per year to provide services privately, and all property would decrease by thousands of dollars in actual value.

Local taxes, wisely administered, constitute both an immediate and a long range insurance against higher annual costs and greatly decreased property values. If an informed community of Lowell can recognize their tax bills for the profitable investment they very rarely are, there are many reasons for believing that a prosperous, thriving community can result.

Until very recently with the 1960 annexation, the boundaries of Lowell had not changed ap-

preciably since it was incorporated as a village in 1861. However, the functions it serves have been greatly altered in this century of change and the momentum of change has increased steadily in the post World War II period. The City of Lowell now, though still serving the rural area which surrounds it, is no longer exclusively the rural market place. The arm of metropolitan Grand Rapids development reaches to include it. The United States Bureau of Census now establishes Kent and Ottawa Counties as a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. The importance of this part of Michigan in the Nation's manufacturing belt and the Interstate network which connects this broad area to all national markets are creative forces which will both directly and indirectly affect the future opportunities of the City of Lowell.

As these factors exert their influences upon the community, many desirable changes will occur if the community is ready to direct new growth to advantage. However, without a readiness to cope with the new demands which growth involves, the period of sound change and growth may be of short duration. Growth, of itself is not a desirable goal. It is only when the economic, social and cultural life of the total community is benefited that it becomes desirable.

Changes Are Coming

As physical changes occur, components of the population will change. Metropolitan influences would indicate that a majority of newcomers will be employed in the metropolitan center. To attract them, the City must be highly livable, with advantages and qualities not easily found within other parts of the urbanized area. And it cannot be assumed that, having established a home in Lowell, these people will remain if their expectations are not fulfilled. The ease with which the modern urban family adjusts to moving and changing homes is a factor which cannot be overlooked. This easy mobility applies to present citizens as well, and the City continuously will have to make it more desirable and attractive for the one to come... the other to stay.

All citizens in all age groups want a community which offers opportunities to achieve individual goals. These individual goals and needs will differ from age group to age group, and with differing economic levels. There will be some, particularly among the retired and elderly, whose needs must be met almost entirely within the community. Others will use the entire metropolitan area as an extended arena in which to achieve their assorted personal goals. In common, all will need an economically stable community which can offer comfort, diversity and stimulation.

Great Potential Benefits

It would be well to recognize what potential benefits are possible to Lowell through a reasonable and conservative growth during the course of the next twenty years. For example, 400 new families in the area during that time would mean an investment of \$6,000,000 in new homes which would bring about investments of over \$3,000,000 in new businesses and industries attracted by the additional incomes, purchasing power and increased labor force. There would be substantial new investments in churches, clubs and similar supplements to the life of the urban community. This is an impressive sum and if all the new growth is located so that it solidifies the new and the old, everyone will benefit. It is entirely possible however, without a policy which exercises enough control over new development to protect the existing uses and values, that nothing but a more costly, less orderly, and less desirable City will result.

The planning function is to insure that each new development is located where it will be an asset rather than a liability. Four hundred new homes, properly located so that existing services can be economically extended to them, will pay enough in taxes to cover all their own service costs and, in addition, they will help defray the cost of other City services which benefit both existing and new properties. Four hundred new homes in unrelated locations could easily force the City to

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Alto party line

Grange holds sale
There will be an auction of the contents of the Alto Grange Hall on Saturday, January 23 at 12:30 p. m.
Quite a few antique dishes and furniture are among the list of articles to be auctioned off.

On critical list
Marlene Grummet is reported to still be on the critical list, but they have been able to do some skin grafting and her condition is improving a little. She is able to receive cards and anyone wishing to do so can send them to Marlene Grummet, 5408 Alomar Court, Cincinnati 8, Ohio, c/o A. L. Peet.

Cub scout news
The Cub Scouts Council meeting was held at the home of Keith Gould of Elm Dale Monday evening.

They are working on the annual Blue and Gold Dinner in the evening at the Alto School.

Time is still undecided. Families are urged to attend.

Methodist W.C.C.S.
The Methodist W.C.C.S. will meet January 25, at 7:30 with Mrs. Carlotta Fairbrother. Topic for discussion, "A Look at Ourselves as Christian Women."

Chairman, Helen Wittenbach; committee, Eva Fairbrother, Mildred Tobias and Barbara Wittenbach.

Mothers' March
One of these ladies will be calling at your home Thursday evening, January 25, for the annual Mothers' March of Dimes Campaign.

Mrs. Robert Grummet, Chairman; Mrs. Gerald Posthumus, Mrs. Vernon Yetter, Mrs. Terry Distaman, Mrs. Patsy Reynolds and Mrs. Harvey Slater.

CLARK CIRCLE MEETS
Mrs. Eleanor Yetter of Morse Lake entertained the Clark Circle at her home Wednesday, January 17. Twenty members enjoyed the potluck dinner.

Other Alto News
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bergy attended the open house of the "Trailer Factory" in Ionia Sunday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Van Houten are the owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fahrlis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pearson of Lowell. Mr. Fahrlis is coming along quite nicely but is still in a cast.

Mrs. Ray Pitsch called on her son Paul Murray of Lowell on Sunday. He had returned home after spending quite some time in the hospital.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Mildred Tobias and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson attended the Ladies Auxiliary meeting at the Michigan Christian Home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson called on her sister, Mrs. Marie Porri at Sunshine hospital Sunday and in the evening called on her brother Clinton Brewer of Grand Rapids.

Bluebird News
Busy Little Elvies had their meeting January 14 at 3:30 p. m. Our new president Carl J. Anderson, called the meeting to order.

We made calendars out of yellow construction paper, colored picture post cards, glue, nature seals of a blue bird, bill fold size of a calendar and gummed reinforcements.

Vickie Austin passed us marshmallow cookies by the help of Sheila Kennedy. No meeting next week Thursday, January 21, Susan Barton, Scribe

Start exercise programs early
"Exercise is one of the important factors contributing to total fitness," says a new pamphlet of the American Medical Association.

To assist you in planning a program of regular exercise, here are a number of suggestions.

If you're beginning to become active again after illness or injury, medical supervision of the effects of exercise is essential. If you are competing in body contact sports, or in sports requiring great endurance and strength, pick on someone your own size and strength. Don't try to stand up to someone who is much larger, stronger or more skilled.

Body contact sports require protective equipment, and it's very important that the equipment be good. Careful preparation and maintenance of playing fields and other sports arenas are essential to reduction of injuries and full enjoyment of the activity.

Something of exercise to every individual can be found to make exercise satisfying and enjoyable. In addition to many sports, the variety of choices includes daily habits such as walking and gardening. Hard, fast, sustained or highly competitive games and sports should not be played by persons of any age unless they have attained an appropriate state of fitness through regular training. All persons should be found by medical examination to be organically sound before training for competition or other strenuous exercise.

If you're out of training, don't try to keep pace with any vigorous sport with an individual who is properly conditioned by regular exercise. Being in condition for one sport doesn't necessarily mean you're in condition for another. If you've been long out of training, you will need a period of gradual conditioning to get back to strenuous activity.

How can you tell whether your exercise program is too strenuous? If breathlessness and fatigue persist two hours later, if you're still fatigued the next day, then you have overdone it.

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The Safe Winter Driving League presents the following reminder from the National Safety Council: "Be sure your wiper blades are in good, live condition, and have arm pressure of one ounce."

Teacher sarcasm hard on students

Sarcasm and ridicule are a hard on a student because they indicate to him that the teacher rejects him as an individual, says John Check, associate professor of education of Flint College of the University of Michigan.

"When a teacher lacks order in the classroom, it is certain that respect for the individual is not considered," Check says. "This keeps the student from preparing to be a reliable, dependable, persistent, and above all, self-controlled."

"In a room where the teacher's presentation is inaudible because of the noise created by the class, he will usually rely on sarcasm, ridicule and intimidations to bring about some semblance of order," he says.

"These three techniques will generally produce a temporary quiet but at the expense of the student's respect for the teacher and his respect for himself."

Check notes that great emphasis is now placed on college preparatory programs. "Students entering this program are ambitious academically. It would be only natural that these classrooms would have a minimum of behavior problems," he says.

"On the other hand, the students who are pursuing a general program of instruction lack most of these qualities. Many wander from classroom to classroom in hopes of latching onto something tangible. Obviously such students are likely to display aggressions toward both teachers and the present compulsory school attendance law. It is conceivable that some of our 14 and 15-year-olds are not junior high school students at all but are our present curriculum is constructed—and that there are educational 'mistakes'.

Many teenagers may continue in school for lack of anything better to do. This most assuredly will contribute to classroom problems."

REPORT OF CONDITION OF "FARMERS STATE BANK"

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ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	468,584.79
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,084,496.62
Obligations of State and political subdivisions (including \$2,300.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	6,948.75
Corporate stocks (including \$2,300.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	6,300.00
Loans and discounts (including \$2.00 overdrafts)	1,616,551.92
Bank premises owned (including \$27,901.00, furniture and fixtures)	36,200.44
Real estate owned other than bank premises	5,404.44
Other assets	8.23
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,225,193.29
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,798,765.55
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,095,620.08
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	3,575.53
Deposits of State and political subdivisions	108,707.32
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	16,422.47
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,221,291.94
(a) Total demand deposits	907,135.65
(b) Total time deposits	2,114,056.36
Other liabilities	33,428.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,254,628.15
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital: Common stock, total par value \$105,000.00	105,000.00
Surplus	185,500.00
Undivided profits	10,500.14
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	50,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$270,560.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,225,193.29

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$125,000.00

Loans as shown above after deductions of reserves of \$1,003.63

Charles I. Colby, President of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES I. COLBY

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Walter E. Wieland,
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State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of Jan., 1946.
(SEAL)
Thelma H. Colby, Notary Public
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The Old Timer

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This message paid for by the Sunday School of Calvary Christian Reformed Church

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West Main St., Lowell H. Buikema, Pastor

SERVICES—10:00 A. M.—7:00 P. M. Sunday School—11:10 A. M.

Everyone Welcome



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We wish to thank our relatives, friends, and Rev. Davis for the flowers, cards, and acts of kindness during the loss of our baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankowski, jr. p41

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We wish to express our deep appreciation to Rev. Beulah Poe, the Clark Circle of Alto Methodist Church, friends and the neighbors, and the employees of Kent County Rd. Com. for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in our recent loss of our beloved wife and mother.

c41 Family of Ella Scott

coming events

Jobs Daughters regular meeting will be held Monday evening, January 25.

TOPS Club will meet January 28 at 8 p. m. in the clubroom at the YMCA. Mrs. J. D. Brooks (Nee Sue DeVries) who is a registered nurse and physio-therapist of Grand Rapids, will discuss and demonstrate exercises for the group. Mrs. Brooks was an earlier speaker for the club, and they are pleased to have her return. Any interested person is invited to attend.

The Installation dinner of the Past Noble Grand Club of Rebekah Lodge will be held at the Congregational Church on Monday, January 25, at 6:30 p. m. Also the revealing of secret pal.

The next meeting of the Methodist WSCS will be Thursday evening, January 28, at 8 p. m. in the church lounge. Martha-Priscilla Circle will be hostesses. Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw, 48 chairman of the program entitled "The Young American Mother—Who Is She?" All women of the church are invited.

The American Legion will meet Monday evening, January 25, at their hall.

The South Boston Grange will host a public benefit card party on Saturday, January 23, at 8 p. m. in their hall. Grange members to furnish sandwiches and cookies. Everyone is cordially invited.

The Happy Hens Extension Club will meet January 23 at the home of Mrs. Larry Cahoon. The lesson will be "Husband and Wife Relationships."

The Lowell Child Study Club will hold its meeting in the home of Mrs. Darrol McLaughlin Thursday, January 21, 1965 at 8 p. m.

Girl Scouts will meet Monday at 3:30 at the Legion Building.

January 23, Boy Scout Klondike Derby at Bertha Brock Park.

Saturday, January 23, the Co-Weds will meet.

Hi! Ho! It's come to the Fair time. The Gingerbread Fair which is sponsored by the Lowell French Club is being held once again at Lowell High School, February 8, 5 to 9 p. m.

Cyclamen Chapter OES will have a family night potluck dinner Saturday, January 23, in the Masonic Temple. All members and their families are invited to attend. Cards and games will follow the 6:30 dinner.

Ocean Perch Fish Fry, January 29, sponsored by the Lowell American Legion.

Senior Citizens potluck supper at 6:30 at the VFW Hall. Bring dish to pass and own table service. Cards and prizes. Everyone welcome.

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The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

c41 The Family of Philip Davenport

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We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors, Lowell schools, businessmen and all organizations who sent flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy at the sudden loss of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Earl C. Noah.

Mrs. Earl (Helen) Noah
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Preston and children
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dilley and children
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Mr. & Mrs. Ralph H. Coombe
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The average American paid out \$235 in state and local taxes in 1963, taxpayers in New York paid the most, \$327.

Present "A Plan for Lowell" at meeting Monday, January 25

(Continued from front page)

supply services at costs which the new homes could not reasonably meet with taxes; the wasteful, excess costs could only be met by sharply increased taxes on all existing property.

Lowell, through its official and citizen action, can determine now to adopt sound plans, and through consistency and continuity of planning effort, insure

1. a pleasant, completely served City where taxes return a dollar in services for each tax dollar paid, and

2. a sound, pleasant, completely served City capable of attracting good new development, which will pay its full service costs plus its fair share of existing service costs.

The Lowell Planning Commission has worked with personal devotion to provide an insight and appraisal of local customs, conditions, and attitudes which can only be gained from years of living within a community. The Planning Consultant has worked with the Planning Commission to provide and supply the planning techniques which a citizen Planning Commission does not ordinarily possess. Working together, a plan for a better and sounder City has developed; it is presented for the thoughtful and serious consideration of everyone who lives in the Lowell area.

The Process of Planning

As a necessary first step in the development of a planning program a thorough, objective inventory of present conditions was made by the Planning Consultant. This involved an in-the-field inspection of every property within the City of Lowell and within its adjacent Township areas where the pattern of development has and will continue to have direct impact upon the City itself. Each type of use, its location and the condition of the primary structures on every property were recorded.

From this study the pattern of the City's development emerged and the residential building which is typical or average for Lowell could be determined. However, since Lowell housing is now, and even more in the future will be compared to metropolitan and suburban housing in the Grand Rapids area, its housing conditions were evaluated with this factor in mind.

The Land Use Study graphically points out many facts about the community today; for example, existing substandard residences when delineated upon a map, give a much more insistent danger signal than casual observation is able to impart. Uses which are grossly out of character with their surroundings can be easily pinpointed. Residential densities, available developable vacant land and new subdivision activi-

ty within the area are some of the other factors which such a study reveals.

Realistic planning projections can only be based upon a detailed account of the way that City land is actually used. For this reason, a Lot Line Map was prepared from tax descriptions showing actual ownership lines, rather than original platting. This has been used as the Base Map upon which all studies and future proposals are presented.

Future Area Affected

It will be noted that no City Limits are shown. In actuality, there is nothing to differentiate between the house which was built just outside the City and the one within its boundaries, and very probably those beyond the City would never have been built at all if the City had not been there to serve their commercial and social needs. The concept of a related community must be firmly established; the City and the Townships cannot be extracted from one another. The Base Map establishes this graphically.

A City never completely renews itself. It changes, but new buildings always join past development to create the total City as it is today. In order to understand why the City is as it is today, it is necessary to know what significant factors gave impetus to its growth and if any of them are still active forces. It is necessary to know how the City relates to its larger areas and what new forces will be affecting its future.

Studies of the City's history, past and current development trends, and new influences supplement the land use studies and establish a firm foundation upon which a reasonable, conservative Population Target for the planning period can be based. We can then determine what improvements and new facilities will be needed to serve the future population and where it will be most beneficial to encourage all of that new growth to locate. By knowing exactly what will be needed to build an attractive and sound community and when each improvement will have to be completed, we can develop a plan for financing all needs at a stabilized yearly cost which will not impose a severe burden upon the taxpayer. This type of financial planning is geared to the rate of growth. It is based upon the practical facts that needs develop in relation to the size of the population, and more families mean more taxable values to help pay the cost of new improvements. This enables the City to speed up or slow down its scheduled improvements with full confidence that the pre-determined tax rate will be adequate to buy all the projected improvements as the need for them matures.

Four danger signs detect glaucoma

Glaucoma causes more than 12 per cent of all blindness, and it is estimated that one out of every 50 persons over the age of 40 has the disease. There are at least a million Americans who have this serious sight-robbing disease and don't know it.

Glaucoma is produced by buildup in pressure in the eye accompanied by an imbalance and impairment of the flow of eye fluids. What causes this increase in pressure is a question still engaging eye specialists.

Glaucoma seldom warns of its presence. Usually there is no pain, and often the disease is in an advanced state before the patient becomes aware of impairment in side vision. Occasionally there may be an acute attack causing severe pain.

Glaucoma can be detected during physical examination by measuring the tension in the eyeball with a simple painless test. If discovered in early stages, progress of the disease usually can be checked and the remaining vision saved through treatment. Once it has been discovered, glaucoma can be controlled by regular use of drops to reduce pressure, or, sometimes, by surgery.

The doctor can look for the four danger signs of glaucoma. Gradual or sudden loss of side vision; frequent but unsatisfactory changes in glasses; blurred or foggy vision; or rainbow-like halos around lights.

Anyone of any age can get glaucoma, but it is more common among persons over 40. Eye exercises are useless in treatment. Heredity may be involved, in that doctors have found that patients are more likely to get glaucoma if either parent or a brother or sister has had the disease.

Medical eye specialists recommend that everyone past 40 have an eye examination at least every two years by someone medically trained to diagnose glaucoma. Those who have glaucoma in the family should be examined each year.

Sherry Johnson, Raymond Murray wed on Friday

The Reverend Keith Bovee performed the ceremony which united in marriage Miss Sherry Doreen Johnson and Raymond L. Murray Friday evening, January 15, in the First Methodist Church of Lowell.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Johnson, Route 2, Alto, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murray, 905 East Main Street, Lowell.

Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, organist, accompanied the soloist, Gordon Sterzick of Alto, who sang "Because."

The bride entered the sanctuary at the arm of her father, adorned in a gown of white organza over silk taffeta, styled with a fitted lace bodice and long sleeves. An organza cummerbund tapered into a cabbage rose in back with organza tiers terminating to the length of the gown. A crown of pearls and sequins secured her shoulder-length veil and she carried a bridal arrangement of pink rose buds, white carnations, stephanotis, and ivy accented with crystalized grape clusters and satin streamers.

Mrs. Carol Lawrence of Lowell, attended the bride as matron of honor. She was attired in a street-length gown of aqua chiffon over yellow taffeta. A lace crown adorned with teardrop pearls held a brief veil and she carried a colonial bouquet of yellow and white carnations, crystalized grape clusters and satin streamers.

Attending the groom as best man was the bride's brother, Richard W. Johnson of Alto. Seating the guests was the groom's brother-in-law, Harold Everett of Clarksville.

A reception was held in the church parlors following the ceremony with Mrs. Donald Sleeman of Alto presiding at the guest book; Mrs. Harold Everett at the punch bowl; Mrs. Al White, pouring coffee; Miss Sally Hoover, cutting the cake; and Mrs. Ella Sterzick and Miss

Patty McWhinney at the gift table. Out-of-town guests attending were from Alto, Grand Rapids, Clarksville, Belding and Saranac.

Following a southern wedding trip, the couple will make their home on 60th Street in Alto.

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