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Cancer Society arraigns local merchants

The most wanted merchants in Lowell had their day in court Wednesday, March 9, in front of honorable judge Dick Hooker, 1988 chairman of the American Cancer Society Great American Lock-up program.

During a brief arraignment, Judge Hooker read Lowell's 10 most wanted merchants their charges, listened to their plea, and then like any honorable judge found each one guilty and

sentenced them to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Each one of the merchants were asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000 in cash and or pledges.

"This is a fun and very effective way to raise the much-needed funds in our battle against cancer," Hooker said. The honorable Judge was joined by bailiff Patty Saunders.

Among those serving as arrestees were Roger Brown, Lowell

Ledger/Buyers Guide; Gerald Patton, J.R.B. Agency; Charles Myers, FMB State Savings Bank; Roger VanVleck, Modern Photography; Larry Coleman, Family Fare Supermarket; Ron McCullum, Flat River Antique Mall; Louis Haeck, Attwood Corporation; and Bob Joldersma, Wittenbach Olds-Pontiac

Other arrestees absent from the arraignment included Brett McManus, Sneaker's Sports Bar; and Ruth Summerfield, Lowell Sport Shoppe.

Despite being found guilty, all the merchants except one pleaded innocent to the charges, that exception being Ron McCullum.

McCullum was being tried on charges of overstating the age of everything in the mall except his own; and attempting to sell old refrigerators complete with their original food and dairy products.

The charges brought up against Brown were listing on his resume the fact that he was a reporter for "The Daily Planet," and for using as the Ledger's motto: "All the news that's fit to print... plus the stuff that people read;" and "The truth must never be compromised, unless sales are down."

Town photographer Roger VanVleck was brought up on three charges, the most cruel of which was making people smile for their picture, then cry over their bill.

Haeck, Attwood, was guilty of impersonating a big shot and secretly lusting in his heart for a Herman Miller office environment.

Hooker said Joldersma was guilty of listing the engine as an "attractive option" and encourag-



Judge Dick Hooker and Bailiff Patty Saunders, far left, stand with the Lowell arrestees that were found guilty and sentenced to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Standing next to Saunders, front, from left to right, are Ron McCullum, Bob Joldersma, Chuck Myers, Roger VanVleck, back, left, Larry Coleman, Louis Haeck, and Roger Brown.

ing people to buy new cars by telling them he's not the kind of guy they'd want to buy a used car from.

Coleman, Family Fare, was charged and found guilty of keeping his thumb on the scales while weighing meat and produce; and for undercutting the competition.

"We will hold a wrap-up session of the court on March 23, at 5 p.m." Hooker said. Not unlike the arraignment, it will also be held at Larkin's Saloon, where all the money and pledges will then be collected.

"We're thankful for all the merchants that helped in our effort to raise funds in our battle against cancer," Hooker said.



Louis Haeck, Attwood Corporation, gets a chuckle out of the charges Judge Hooker arraigned him on.



LAAC'S SPRING WORKSHOPS TO BEGIN SOON

Life Drawing Sessions begin the Spring Workshop Series. The Life Drawing sessions are non-instructional and intended as studio time for area artists. A second weekly session is being offered due to demand for this opportunity. Life Drawing begins Monday, April 4, from 7-10 p.m. or Wednesday, April 6th from 7-10 p.m. This is an eight week workshop. Fee is \$32.00 for LAAC members and \$36.00 for non-members. For enrollment information, phone 897-8545, Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.

LAAC PRESENTS NOTED MICHIGAN POET IN PERFORMANCE

Terry Wooten, Michigan poet, author and storyteller will appear at the Center in two performances on Friday, March 25th. The first performance is "An Afterschool Special" aimed at Elementary and Jr. High students from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., admission is \$2.00 for members and \$2.50 for non-members. An evening performance is planned for 8 p.m., admission is \$4.

Terry was born and raised in rural northern Michigan and had his imagination sparked by nature, trains, ghost towns and folklore. In 1980, he met Michigan poet Max Ellison who taught him the magic of the oral tradition. Terry brings alive Michigan folklore, American classics, Indian and Chinese translations, children's poems as well as his own writings. An evening not to miss!

BARB CADDICK TO TEACH BASKET MAKING AT LAAC

Barb Caddick will be teaching classes in basket making on April 6, 13, and 20 at the Lowell Area Arts Center, from 1-5 p.m. The fee is \$12 for LAAC members and \$14 for non-members. A wall basket with metal heart will be made on April 6; a stenciled wine or bottle basket on April 13; and a wall basket with towel rod or a heart basket may be made at the April 20 session.

For more information, please call 897-8545.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident on West Main at Broadway Tues., March 8, was Robert Griffin, 43, when he failed to yield right-of-way at the stop intersection and struck a car driven by Brian DeBold, 23. Both drivers are from Lowell.

Arrested for assault and disorderly conduct, Thurs. evening, March 10 was Joseph Yurkinas, 28, of Lowell by Lowell officers. Yurkinas pled guilty at arraignment in 63rd District Court, March 11 and received 30 days in jail and \$105 in fines.

Arrested in 63rd District Court on a warrant for embezzlement of money from Hinkley Drug Store was Katherine Griffin, 31, of Saranac.

Involved in a property damage accident at Main and Hudson St. Friday, March 4 was a 16 year old juvenile from Alto, when the vehicle he was driving struck the rear of a car driven by Robert Smith, 56, of Gowen.

Arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol Sat., March 12 was Ricky Sorensen, 30, of Lowell by Lowell officers.

Involved in a property damage accident March 14 was Connie Sobleskey, 23, of Muir when she lost control of the pick-up truck she was driving and struck a sign on N. Hudson near Spring St.

Taken to the Kent County Jail Sat., March 12 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol was Jeffrey Larabee, 25, of Lowell.

Changes in elementary districts are discussed by Lowell Area School Board

After a lengthy discussion the Lowell Board of Education tabled two motions that would identify certain locations as swing areas.

The motions called for identifying students on Bowes Road and M-21 in addition to key Heights Mobile Home Park and Valley Vista Mobile Home park as being "swing areas."

The second motion included assigning kindergarten children living in the Eastgate subdivision to attend Alto Elementary School beginning with the 1988-89 school year.

However, the board agreed that both should be tabled and not voted on until all areas involved are notified.

"This is a sensitive area. The last time this process was used, parents were not involved, and I'd like to think we've learned from past errors," board vice

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president Chris VanAntwerp said.

VanAntwerp also wondered if this would solve the problem? Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said that yes, it probably would, but much depends on the wheres and whens of enrollment growth and on classroom space.

Board trustee Roger Kropf added, "Let's notify the areas first, before voting, thus having no repeat of the problems caused previously."

The board also listened to a proposed plan for the renovation of the Bushnell playground.

Bushnell Elementary Principal, Bill Kirby, listed safety, drainage and the quantity and quality of equipment as three reasons the renovation is needed.

Kirby's biggest concern was the construction of islands to separate the parking lot from the asphalt playground where basketball and volleyball nets are located and controlling the Howard Street traffic flow around the building.

This would be done by con-

structing peninsulas (sidewalk extensions) to help limit the distance children have to walk without the safety of curbs and sidewalks. "It should reduce the distance by a third," Kirby said.

Kirby said the costs of the islands for the asphalt playground and other areas where they are needed, would be roughly \$5,000. This would also cover the cost of the peninsula.

"We are hoping that the school will be willing to make a commitment to the safety factors involved in the renovation," said Pinky McPherson, president of the Bushnell Parent and Teacher Clubs. Kirby said.

Kirby said if all the work was to be hired out, the renovation would cost around \$273,000. "But I believe that can be shaved to somewhere between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Remember we're talking over at least a 10-year period," Kirby said.

"I'm sure your aware of this, but the board is facing a \$500,000-\$600,000 deficit budget for next year," Van-

Antwerp said.

--- In other news the board approved the appointment of Keith Boeve as the high school boys track coach and Mark MacDonald as the Lowell Middle School boys track coach.

--- The board approved a resolution calling for the annual school election to be held on June 13.

Two spots on the board will be vacated by Wayne Dowling, board treasurer, and Norm Byrne, trustee. Petitions may be picked up at the superintendent's office and must be handed in by 4 p.m. on April 4. The petitions require 20 signatures.

--- The board agreed to release the road commission from its obligation to lease a portion of property located in section 36 of Vergennes Township to the Lowell Area Schools for the purpose of reforestation and gave authorization to the board's president (John Haggai) and secretary (Kay Carter) to sign the quit claim deed.

Lowell Community Fund is 33

It was 33 years ago that the Lowell Community Fund was started by Elmer Schaefer, Bill Jones, Ray Avery, Frank Battistelli, Gerald Rollins and Lisle Watterson.

The initial year, \$1,200 was returned to Lowell from the United Way drive of Grand Rapids. It was divided between the Boy Scouts and the Lowell Lions Club. The Lions Club began a swimming pool project, and for the next several years,

75 percent of the money the Lowell Fund received from the United Way went towards this project. Eventually, the Florence King Estate and the YMCA built the pool for the Lowell community.

Since that small start in 1953, the Lowell Community Fund's share of the United Way has grown to about \$5,000 yearly. The largest percentage of this money is given to the YMCA, however, many other organiza-

tions presently receive a portion of it.

Some of the organizations are: Camp Fire Girls, Cub Scouts, Lowell Area Arts Council, Little League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Project DARE, Soccer Club, New Dawn, Quest, Senior Citizens Center, East Community Center, and several individual gifts.

The present board of the Lowell Community Fund consists of five members from the Rotary Club and Lions Club, and five members from the community at large. To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations. Each organization requesting funds must document its request with a copy of its annual budget and statement of intended use. A subsequent report shall be submitted by the following April, certifying that funds received were actually expended in accordance with the statement of original request.

Any group or organization considering applying for funds should contact an officer of the Rotary Club or Lions Club by April 10th.

Obituaries

MCCARTHY - Mrs. Marie L. McCarthy, aged 84, a resident of Villa Elizabeth, and formerly of Parnell, passed away Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at the Villa Elizabeth. She was preceded in death by her husband, W. Justin McCarthy in 1985. Surviving are two sons, William (Dorothy) McCarthy, Patrick J. McCarthy both of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ella Howard of Grand Rapids; one niece and one nephew. Mrs. McCarthy was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Parnell. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. Ernest Bernott as Celebrant. Interment in St. Patrick Cemetery.

WEBB - Mrs. Ruth G. Webb, aged 73, of Lowell, passed away March 8, 1988. She is survived by her children, W. James and Beverly Albus of Fraser, MI, Edward and Donna Albus of Arizona, Mrs. Lawrence (Carrie) Pelon of Lowell, Harold and Rena Webb of Birmingham, MI, Mrs. Allen (Nancy) Eaks of Rosedale, MI, Robert Webb of Warren, MI; sister, Mrs. Marguerite Conn of Bridgeport, CT; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Memorial Services were held Friday at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. William Amundsen officiating.

WEBBER - Mr. George J. Webber, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, March 3, 1988 at Metropolitan Hospital. He retired from Kelvinator in 1971 after 43 years of employment. Mr. Webber is survived by his wife, Cora; three sons and their wives, Ronald and Barbara, James and Helen, Larry and Sandy; his daughter, Mrs. Mary Klein; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass was offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lowell, with Rev. Msgr. James P. Moran as Celebrant.

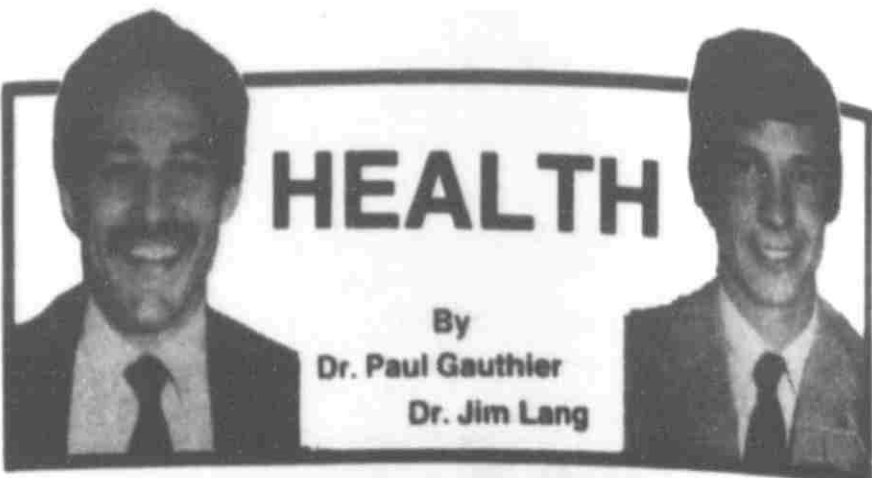
Although the state is pronounced Ark-an-saw, the river running through it is pronounced Ar-kan-sas, like the state of Kansas.

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Three from area named to Ferris honors list

Ferris State College officials have announced students included on the academic honors list for the Winter quarter, 1987-88.

Among those honored students are: Dale H. Bates, Diane G. Stencl, and Kerry S. Vezino all of Lowell.



HEALTH

By Dr. Paul Gauthier and Dr. Jim Lang

INFANTILE COLIC

"Colic" in infants has been recognized for centuries, and remains a common problem today. Colic can occur in an estimated 10 to 20 percent of babies in the first three to four months of life. It tends to occur more often in first born male infants and siblings of colicky children. Colic seems to be more severe at four to six weeks and gradually subsides by three to four months of age.

Parents of children with colic paint a very vivid picture of their child's dilemma: He will draw his knees up to his abdomen and appear to be in great pain. He may pass some flatus, be quiet for a short while, and then begin crying again. These episodes tend to happen late in the day or in the evening and they may last from a few hours to many hours. Giving the baby a feeding or changing the diapers seems to offer no comfort.

A widely accepted definition of colic is this: "An infant with colic is one who, otherwise healthy and well-fed, has periods of irritability, fussing or crying lasting for a total of more than three hours a day and occurring on more than three days in any one week."

While we don't know the exact cause of colic, there appears to be several identifiable risk factors;

1. Cow's milk has been implicated as a major cause of colic in some formula fed infants.
 2. There seems to be a correlation between infantile colic and a high level parental intelligence and education. This may reflect a higher frequency of reporting or a lower level of tolerance among such parents.
 3. Many believe that gas in the intestine causes abdominal bloating and spasm.
 4. Parental smoking is thought by some to account for colic at least in a small percentage of cases.
- The treatment of colic involves several approaches:
1. Mothers who breast feed their babies should avoid ingesting irritating or potentially allergenic substances such as caffeine or chocolate. In some cases, avoidance of cow's milk will help also.
 2. Close, cuddling type contact with the baby seems to exert a calming effect, even on the most colicky baby.
 3. In severe cases of colic, contact your doctor. Several prescription medications are available which may lessen your baby's distress.

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Coming Events

Notices 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.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY The Lowell Area Fishing Club now meets at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Road, just East of Montcalm Ave, at 7:00 p.m. All prospective members or interested individuals are cordially welcome.

LADIES: Join us for coffee break/story hour and interfaith Bible study at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, Tues. mornings at 9:30 a.m.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold regular meetings at the Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Woman's Club meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Schneider Manor at 12:00. Luncheon and program.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 8:00 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. A Pot-

luck is at 12:30 p.m. with business meeting following. New members and guests are welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: Post Polio Support Group meets at the Easter Seal Building, 4065 Saladin Dr. S.E. (off East Paris) at 2:00 p.m. Survivors, families and friends welcome.

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

FEB. 11 - MAR. 31: West Michigan Shores council - SME Kick-off & Campaign

FEB. 28 - MAR. 20: 3rd Annual Euchre Tournament from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick School. Will run every Sunday until March 20. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, with proceeds going to benefit the mentally retarded.

MAR. 15 & 16: 12:30 to 4:30, a safe-driving refresher course for those 55 and over at Schneider Manor (sponsor Ann Booth), Cost \$7.00 Call 897-8179 or 897-5223 for reservation.

THURS., MAR. 17: West Michigan Shores Council coordinated board meeting, 6:30 p.m., dinner, Methodist church, Marne.

THURS., MAR. 17: Keenagers will meet 10:00 at Vergennes Methodist Church. We will play Euchre and have a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

THURS., MAR. 17: Senior Citizen motorcoach trip to Cook Energy Center and lunch at the Patchwork Quilt in Middlebury, Ind. Sponsored by Lowell Community

Ed., 897-8434. Reservations by Mar. 1.

SAT., MAR. 19: West Michigan Shores Council, Wood Badge Breakfast, 8:45 a.m., American Legion Hall, Grand Haven.

THURS., MAR. 24: Government Surplus commodities will be distributed to all those eligible on March 24 at the Lowell Moose Club, 210 1/2 E. Main Street, Lowell from 10:00 to 5:00 p.m.

MAR. 24 & 25: Lowell Senior Neighbors, 214 E. Main, will hold its Spring Craft-Bake Sale and Flea Market on Thursday and Friday, March 24 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come one! Come all! Bargains Galore!

SAT., MAR. 26: Fish Fry "All You Can Eat" 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults \$4; children \$2. Fish, fries, slaw, rolls, coffee, and milk. Alto Elementary School. Sponsored by Alto Lions Club.

SAT., MAR. 26: Lowell Firemen's Pancake Breakfast serving from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall,

307 E. Main, Lowell. Cost is \$3.00 adults, \$1.50 children. All proceeds go to equipment.

SUN., MAR. 27: A card shower is planned for Pearl Armstrong's 88th birthday on March 27. She has recently moved to Lowell Medical Care Center and you can make her birthday special by joining her friends, neighbors and relatives in sending cards addressed to: Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331.

THURS., MAR. 31: West Michigan Shores Council, deadline for Silver Beaver Nominations.

THURS., MAR. 31: West Michigan Shores Council, Pay One Half of Summer Camp Fee.

JUNE 23, 24, & 25: Lowell Showboat is back! Any service organization interested in having a snack or souvenir booth should contact Patty Elzinga from 9:00 - 5:00 at 676-3138 and after 5:00 p.m. at 897-9509.

Youth bowling champs



Sergio Saldivar, left, and Chris Clark, right, took first place in the Greater Grand Rapids youth doubles tournament.

Christopher Clark and Sergio Saldivar of the YABA junior bowling league at Lowell Lanes took first place in the recently completed Greater Grand Rapids Youth Doubles tournament.

Clark and Saldivar competed at Lincoln Lanes with 53 other teams in the 12-14-year old boys' division.

Clark, 13, bowled a 591/687 series, to finish 159 pins over his average. Saldivar, 12, had a 375/582 series, to finish 81 pins over his average for series. The boys' combined series total was 966/1269.

Clark is the son of Mike and Kathy (Haybarker) Clark of Ada, and is in the eighth grade at Forest Hills Central Middle School.

Saldivar is the son of Juan and Connie Saldivar of Lowell, and is in the seventh grade at Lowell Middle School.

The boys will be honored, along with the other divisional winners of the Greater Grand Rapids Youth singles, doubles, and team tournaments, at a dessert banquet on May 3, at the Grand Valley Armory.

Cultural cooking class is "Yummy"

Never was the logo more accurate: "Community Education - Everyone Learns, Everyone Teaches". Ken Mulder, a Lowell High School senior, came to the Lowell Community Education a few weeks ago with a proposition. A member of the National Honor Society, Mulder had to come up with a project that would involve doing something for others without compensation for himself. He decided that shoveling snow or some other such task would be boring, and, because he has a part-time job as a cook in a hotel, he'd like to teach a cultural cooking class, with any monies he would earn being donated to the charity of his choice.

Mulder did a super job! Classes covered Italian, Chinese, Cajun, French, and Mexican foods, and students did not just sit and watch, but were able to get in there and help prepare the foods. Of course the best part came when they could get in there and EAT the foods!



The class finished up Tuesday evening and Mulder has decided to donate his earnings to the Lowell Rotary's polio fund.

It's 7:15 p.m. and Ken Mulder, Cultural Cooking instructor for a Lowell Community Education enrichment class, is getting into the task at hand; preparing a teriyaki glaze. This night the specialty is Chinese cooking.

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Pair of 4-year School Board seats are open

Two four year terms on the Lowell Board of Education which are currently held by Wayne Dowling and Norm Byrne will be expiring on June 30, 1988. Persons interested in running for these positions must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be a citizen of the United States.
2. Have attained the age of eighteen (18) years or older.
3. Be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days.
4. Be a resident of the Lowell

School District for at least 30 days before the election. Nominating petitions may be obtained by any candidate from the Board of Education office. The petitions must contain at least 20 signatures of registered school electors of the district, and not less than 1% of the votes of the candidates who received the greatest number of votes in the last election in which Board members were elected.

Petition circulators must be registered voters, individual petitions must be taken for each

township and city in which signatures are obtained, and ELECTORS CAN SIGN AS MANY PETITIONS AS THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED.

In addition to filing nominating petitions, candidates are also

required to file two identification affidavits. The affidavit of identity must contain:

1. The candidate's name
2. The candidate's address
3. The candidate's ward and precinct where he or she is registered as a voter

4. The number of years the candidate has resided in the state and county

5. Other information that may be required to identify the candidate

The identification affidavits are available at the Board of Education office also.

If you are interested in running, please note the following

dates:
APRIL 11, 1988 - 4:00 p.m. last day for filing nominating petitions

APRIL 14, 1988 - 4:00 p.m. last day for a candidate to withdraw his/her name

JUNE 13, 1988 - Annual School Election

If you have any questions, please call 897-8415.



"After School Special"

by Joan Wittenbach

There are times when I've gone to plays, musical performances, theatres, museums, art shows or other special performances and I would come away thinking, "Oh, if only my kids could have been here," or "wouldn't my husband enjoy this."

A couple of weeks ago, I heard the young Michigan poet Terry Wooten speak at a writer's conference for area students in middle school. I came away thinking, "wouldn't Terry be someone special for our Lowell middle and high school students to hear?" Two days later, I saw the article in the Lowell Ledger announcing Wooten's up-coming performance at the Lowell Area Arts Council Center on March 25. There is to be an After School Special from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. for students (or adults who can't make the 8:00 p.m. meeting). This is for students in any of the surrounding schools as well.

Wooten shares his philosophy about poetry when he says, "I think poetry has lost its roots. Poetry, ritual, dance and religion—they all come from the same roots. For thousands of years poetry was spoken around fires at night. It was used to teach people and inform them. All of their early history, myth and ethics were transmitted orally. Now poetry has become an academic thing and most of the common people have lost touch with it."

"What I am trying to do is bring poetry back home. There is an added power to poetry when it is recited rather than read. And the fire and boulders are an important element. They add mystery. It reminds people how to act in the presence of art. It puts the ritual back in it."

"Poetry as I see it, is the ritual of life experience proclaimed in words that look and sound sometimes like prayers, or songs."

The boulders and fire elements he mentions refer to the Stone Circle event which Wooten built and hosts every Saturday evening during the summer at Elk Rapids, Michigan.

Those of us who have heard him before, are looking forward to hearing him again. I hope many more of you will join us.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord... (Psalm 150:6).

Have you ever sat on the "stoop" of an old farmhouse in the dusk of an early spring evening and listened to the croaking of the frogs in a nearby pond? Could you not hear them joining their basso profundo voices in a chorus of praise?

Have you heard the song of the birds on a summer morning? Everywhere the sound of their musical voices echoed and re-echoed strains of gladness and thanksgiving.

The shepherd lad who later became king of Israel loved nature and the great out-of-doors. To him all the creatures of God's world seemed to send forth notes of adoration to their Creator. And we, too, can hear the same joyous notes when we listen with ears tuned for praise and thanksgiving.

How heart warming are the song of birds, the croaking of frogs, the chirping of crickets, and the purring of kittens! If these humble creatures can ex-

press their sentiments of joy, peace, and contentment, how much more should we? Let us, too, "proclaim His praise." Prayer: "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify Thy name forevermore." Thou hast given me of Thy abundance to enjoy. I shall ever proclaim Thy praise, Amen.

To our bountiful Father above We will offer our tribute of praise. For the glorious gift of His love And the blessings that hallow our days.

S.F. Bennett

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- MAR. 17: Michele McGee.
- MAR. 18: Rob Burritt, Mike Dumas, Scott Dykhuizen.
- MAR. 19: Tara May, Jeremy Barker.
- MAR. 20: Sharon Hurley, John Roudabush, Hugh Cosgrove.
- MAR. 21: Sally Reinke, Richard Johnson, Michael Serne, Joy Drayton.
- MAR. 22: Howard Briggs, Jenny Tschirhart, Robert King, Toni Miller.
- MAR. 23: Hazel Turner, Brian Gabrion, Scott Whaley, Richard King, John B. Capen, Sr., Francine Hovarth.

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Information on YMCA spring programs . . .

Spring sponsored YMCA soccer, softball, and baseball will be available for the youths of Lowell this spring.

These YMCA programs attempt to touch the lives of the participants in many meaningful ways and seek to help individuals achieve their fullest potential in terms of mental development, physical well being, social growth and in spiritual awareness.

Registration for the Lowell YMCA's Spring Youth Soccer Program is open to boys and girls in the first thru eighth-grades. Deadline for signing up is noon on March 31.

The purpose of YMCA soccer is to teach youngsters the fundamentals of soccer. Divisions are provided for grades 1-3, grades 4-6 and grades 7-8.

Winning is kept in perspective (as just one of many goals), as the YMCA attempts to teach fair play, soccer skills and rules, as well as being a good team player.

Team practices will begin the week of April 11, with a six game schedule beginning April 23 (Saturday morning and Wednesday evening games will conclude May 14). All games will be played at Creekside Park on Gee

Drive. Many parents help as coaches and other volunteer services. If you could help, please call the Y-Office: 897-8445. The YMCA will have a coaches meeting March 31 at 7 p.m., at the YMCA office.

Fees are \$18 for members and \$30 for non-members (Lowell city residents may deduct 1/3 from the fee).

The Kinder Kickers is for boys and girls now in kindergarten. This is a basic soccer class for first time players. The class teaches basic skills in dribbling, passing and scoring. No games will be played just short scrimmages at the end of each class.

Kinder Kickers starts on April 30 and runs thru May 21. The class will take place at the soccer fields at Creekside Park. The fees are \$15 for members and \$24 for non-members.

The YMCA's Youth Ball League will offer three divisions of ball for the youngsters, T-Ball, Cadet and Jr. Ball.

T-Ball is for kindergarten and current kindergarten youngsters interested in learning the basics of hitting, running and bases and team work. Thursday evening games will

be broken into five weeks of learning skills and scrimmages, then five games with the other T-Ball teams.

Gamedays and scrimmages will be on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, running May 5, thru June 23.

Cadet is for first, second and third-graders interested in playing organized softball. Coaches will provide the pitching during the 10 game schedule. Classes are on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, running from May 17 thru June 25.

Jr. Ball is for current third, fourth, and fifth-grade boys and girls that are ready to learn mid-level softball play. Sportsmanship is emphasized with youngsters pitching and everyone getting into at least half of every game. Play will run on Thursday

and Saturday mornings, May 19 thru June 25.

Coaches will be in contact with their players after April 30 for team practices and game schedules.

Fees are \$18 for members and \$30 for non-members.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, pursuant to a directive from the Intermediate School Board of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, April 19, 1988.

TAKE NOTICE that the purpose of the special election is to vote on the following proposition:

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSITION
Shall the 1.25 mills limitation (\$1.25 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of handicapped persons be increased by 1.75 mills (\$1.75 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1988, IS MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1988.

PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 O'CLOCK, P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1988, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Linda Beers
Secretary, Board of Education

\$\$\$ for Fallasburg

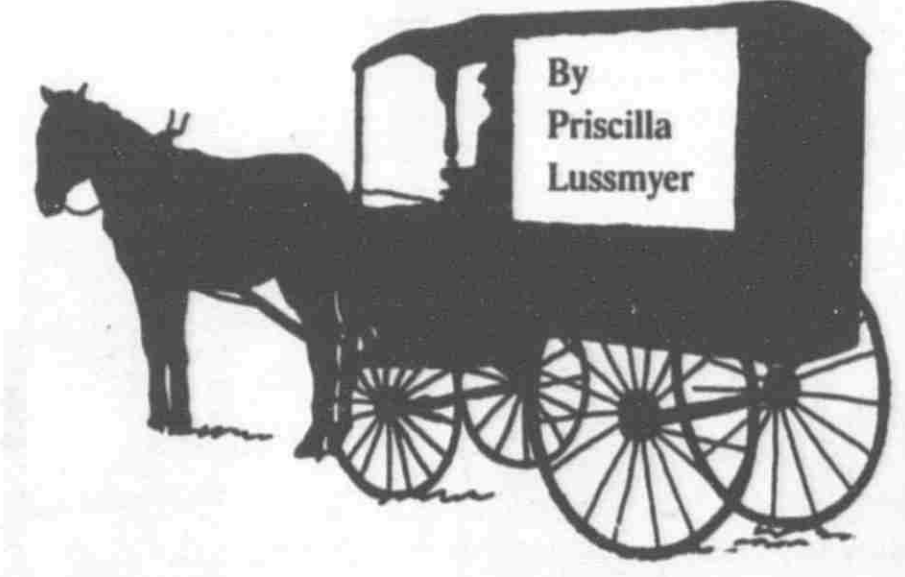
Last Friday, March 11, Judy Baird, Secretary of the West Central Michigan Historical Society, received a check for \$1000 from Smiths Industries; SLI Avionics Systems Corp. of Grand Rapids. This is the former Lear-Siegler, Inc.

This grant will go toward purchase of the Fallas House, for which more than one-third of funds has already been raised by private donation, historical soci-

ety fundraisers and the Grand Rapids Foundation. It is the oldest house in the village, having been built in 1842 by John Wesley Fallas for his bride, Phebe.

The society is in the process of buying another property, the details for a future article. Meanwhile, the historical society has a brief slide show and program to present for groups interested in this project. Call 897-6430. Thank you, Smiths Industries.

Ledger Entries . . . of 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago



100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MARCH 16, 1888
Outside parties are putting up several private telephone lines about town this week.

An Ionia farmer has two cows that cost \$4,925.

Mrs. O'Herron and Mrs. Goodwin are opening a millinery shop in the Blue Front on the bridge.

Don't forget to stock up on Hood's Sarsaparilla, with spring coming on. Nobody wants impure blood and torpid liver.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 20, 1913
Twenty-four neighborhood columns run more or less regularly in the Ledger, and no more will be accepted.

The constitutional amendment to have U.S. senators elected by the people rather than by state legislatures is moving right along.

The feds are trying to persuade Michigan to shorten the commercial fishing season. Michigan allows taking of fish during spawning season; it is feared that commercial fishermen the state legislature will nix the proposal.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 17, 1938
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Gerald Henry's article, based on the murder of Mrs. Betty Adams of Frankfort, MI in 1933 is published in Actual Detective magazine.

Rotary is sponsoring the first annual Dad & Son banquet in the high school auditorium. Outdoor writer Ben East will speak.

Townships will be voting on road improvements outlined by the county. Both share the costs.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 21, 1963
The new city tractor-loader is placed in service promptly for a water-main break at Main and Hudson.

The cars grow bigger. The lowest-priced full-size Oldsmobile is a 280 h.p. Rocket V-8. The Showboat Restaurant opens with "new equipment, new menu" and Tony Zonvas.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Lowell Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Services and Youth Ministry "A JOYFUL WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY" 897-6477	MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlement Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 P.M. Wednesdays GLENN H. MARKS Foreman Road 897-9110	ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 7152 Bradford St., S.E. 676-1698 REV. BRIAN P. BOSSCHER Morning Worship 8:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: JERRY L. JOHNSON Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of 68th Street & Bancroft Avenue Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M. Pastor Gene Sickler 868-6403 or 868-6912	BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS 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.		CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL 201 North Washington Street Rev. Rick Upchurch 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
	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS 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	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson 897-5906 Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M. Barrier-Free Nursery Provided Rev. David Hagens Minister Eleanor Martin Director of Education Marilyn Ossentjuk Director of Music
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN NEW HOURS Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street 897-7168 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Services 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Awana-Wednesday 6:50 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR 281-3526 DAVID COBB, YOUTH PASTOR 897-6348	FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL New Address 10200 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489	FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST 48 Lafayette SE (1 block S. of Fulton) Grand Rapids, MI Sunday Service & Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Evening Service 8:00 P.M. (Child Care Provided) Reading Room at 24 Division N Weekdays 9 to 5:00 Saturdays 10 to 4:00 First 2 Mondays of month 7:00 - 9:00 ALL ARE WELCOME

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Board of Review will meet at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave. on:
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1988
 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1988
 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. except 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

You may appeal your assessment in one of two ways.
 1. By making an appointment by phone and appearing in person. The phone number is 897-7600.
 2. By writing a letter to the Assessor and received by March 15, 1988.

The tentative real property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 171 are:

Ratio 50% Multiplier 1.00
 Harry Yeiter
 Supervisor, Lowell Township
 C15,16,17

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE

NOTICE TO LOWELL PROPERTY OWNERS SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

To address a longstanding problem, the City of Lowell is initiating a voluntary sidewalk construction program to promote the replacement of deteriorating walks while encouraging the construction of new walks.

As an incentive, the City will provide a 50% match for replacement of sidewalks. In cases where new sidewalks are needed, the City will pay 25% of actual construction cost. For corner lots, the City will contribute one-third of the total lineal footage cost, in addition to the percentages already mentioned. Property owners may repay their portion of the cost over a 5 year period on a special assessment basis.

In order to participate, the property owner will need to fill out a brief application. The City will then inspect the sidewalk or proposed walk area determining the extent of work and have a cost estimate. If after being informed of the construction cost, an agreement between the property owner and the City will be prepared for those owners wishing to proceed.

A licensed contractor will perform the work. This will provide consistency in installation and lower cost. A property owner may perform the sidewalk work through a homeowner's permit. The City will provide same financial assistance based on a standard cost of materials only (minus any labor) to do the work.

In order to have strong competitive bidding, the City needs commitments from residents totalling 2,000 lineal feet of sidewalk. The City needs to know by Friday, April 8, 1988. Please contact the City offices as soon as possible if you are interested by phone, letter, or in person.

Sincerely,
 David M. Pasquale
 City Manager

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Husband's hobby becomes wife's livelihood at "Earl's Train World"



Earl and Tina Cilley, owner of Earl's Train World, have been running their little shop for nine years. Earl's fascination with trains started as a teenage boy growing up in the Grand Rapids area.

Growing up in the West Michigan area as a young teenager delivering the Grand Rapids Press and the Saturday Evening Post, Earl Cilley saw just a few Pere Marquettes pass through town.

Cilley delved into and discarded many hobbies growing up, except one, which has become a driving force in his life. Cilley gave building model boats a sail. The motor driven boat crashed and with it sunk Cilley's hobby of building model boats.

Cilley left the water and went to the air, as he undertook building model airplanes. The air was drier but the crack-ups were frequent, bringing Cilley's hobby back to land.

Cilley, finally decided on one of the highest recommended hobbies. A hobby that has many facets and lends itself to many interests—model railroading.

Model railroading remains a hobby for Cilley, but his wife,

Tena, has turned his hobby into a full-time occupation, "Earl's Train World."

"Earl's Train World started out with 27 boxes of magazines," Cilley said. "Over the years the hobby has gone wild."

With 25 years in as a lost and prevention employer for an area department store, Cilley never gave thought to making model railroading anything bigger than a hobby. He also never anticipated the day would come that Tena would be as wound up in the hobby as he was.

"Nine years ago we opened up Earl's Train World. Today, it serves as a full-time occupation for the head engineer (Tena)," Cilley said. He plans on joining his wife fulltime in June of 1989, following retirement. "Model railroading is for people from all walks of life," he said. According to Tena, Cilley's love for trains was first nurtured by his two uncles who worked

on the railroad.

"Model railroading is the type of hobby that can involve the whole family," Tena Cilley said. "Everyone in the family can find a niche. Moms usually do the landscaping. Dads take care of the electric and the kids run the train."

She continues, "Yes, model railroading can be expensive, but it doesn't have to be. A lot of it depends on how much of yourself you're willing to put into the hobby."

Cilley's children, Kathy, Earlena, Robert and Carolyn haven't taken model railroading to heart like their parents, but Cilley's 11-year old grandson, Tim Greene has and is enjoying every minute of it.

"I work with my grandparents at the shop on Saturdays," Greene said. "I like model railroading real well."

For Tena it's become her livelihood, her life's occupation. "If I didn't see so much good in the hobby, I couldn't sell it," she said.

If model railroading has become her livelihood, then chair caning, raising farm animals and growing a variety of plants serve as hobbies.

"I learned chair caning from Earl's father, Willard, who was a graduate from the Lansing State School for the Blind," Tena Cilley said. "He was legally blind. A person doesn't have to see to do chair caning, Willard could feel, he had very sensitive fingers."

She adds that chair caning gives her a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

"I like the adventure, variety and challenge that both model railroading and chair caning offer," Tena Cilley said.

Cilley also raises rabbits, a couple calves, geese and chicken. "I do this on my own, Earl doesn't want anything to do with it."

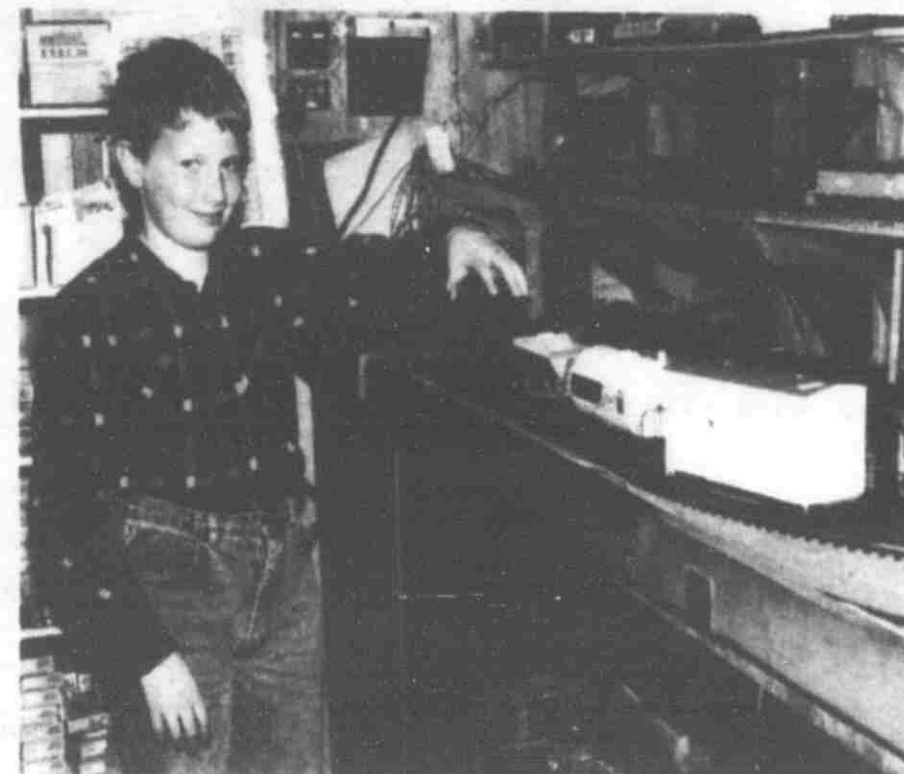
Tena's energy and spirit is definitely unique, but then again her appreciation of life is probably greater than most. "I had a bacterial infection last August that caused my esophagus to close up and I quit breathing before I got to the operating table," Tena Cilley explains. "I have had 12 surgeries thus far, I'm too busy to die, I still have work here to do."

Cilleys, members of the National Model Railroad Association, have been promoting model railroading for all of their 39 years of marriage.

"Most of the business at Earl's Train World is from out of town (Traverse City, Upper Peninsula and Ohio)," Tena Cilley said. "It's very popular and still growing."

While the model end of railroading is growing, Cilley feels that the train industry in this country, is a heritage that has disappeared.

While that may be so, Earl's Train World, a small shop, in a small town, is doing its part to remember and keep alive a small part of that heritage.



Cilley's grandson, Tim Greene, keeps busy on Saturday's helping his grandparents at the shop.



Above, are a couple of samples of Tena Cilley's chair caning work. Cilley learned the trade from her husband Earl's father, Willard.

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In Uniform

Pvt. Russell L. Gildner, son of Gaylord L. and Roxanne L. Gildner of 10908 Spicewood, Lowell, MI has completed training as an Army military police specialist under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort McClellan, AL.

OSUT is a 13-week period which combines basic training with advanced individual training.

Students were trained in civil and military law, traffic control, map reading and self-defense.

He is a 1987 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

Airman 1st Class Derk J. Overway, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Overway of 2500 Vergennes, Ada, MI has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

He is a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School.

The Lowell Ledger's . . .

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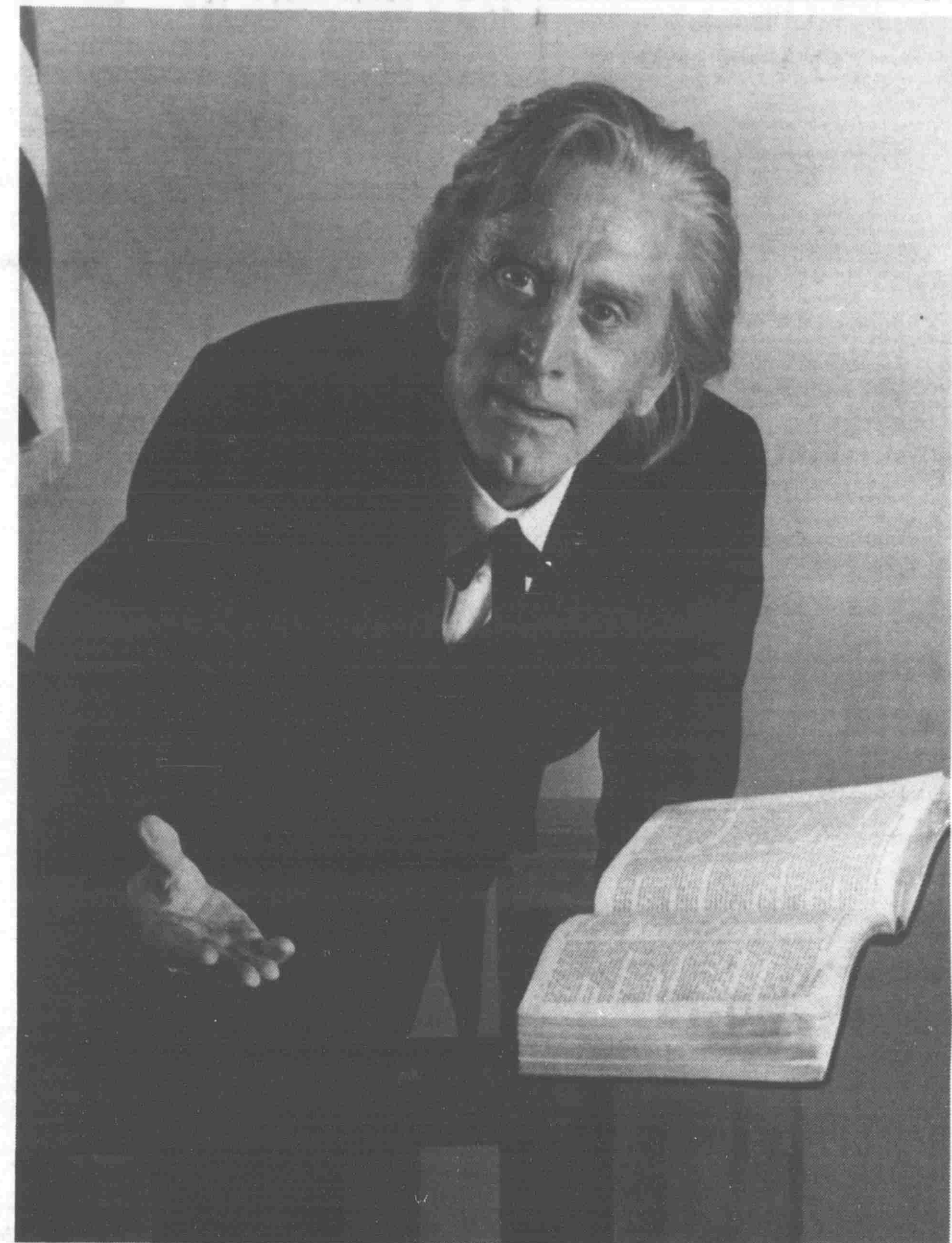
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33	WILX	Lansing
35	WGVC	PBS
37	WKAR	PBS
39	WZZM	Grand Rapids
40	HBO	Movies
41	WTBS	Atlanta
42	MAX	Movies
43	USA	USA Net.
44	DISN	Disney
45	CBN	Va. Beach
46	WGN	Chicago
47	ESPN	Sports
48	CNN	News
49	NICK	Nick



CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18 THRU THURSDAY MARCH 24, 1988

KIRK DOUGLAS portrays religious fundamentalist Matthew Harrison Brady, who battles in court for the beliefs of creationism when a teacher is tried for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in NBC's presentation of *Inherit the Wind*, Sunday, March 20.

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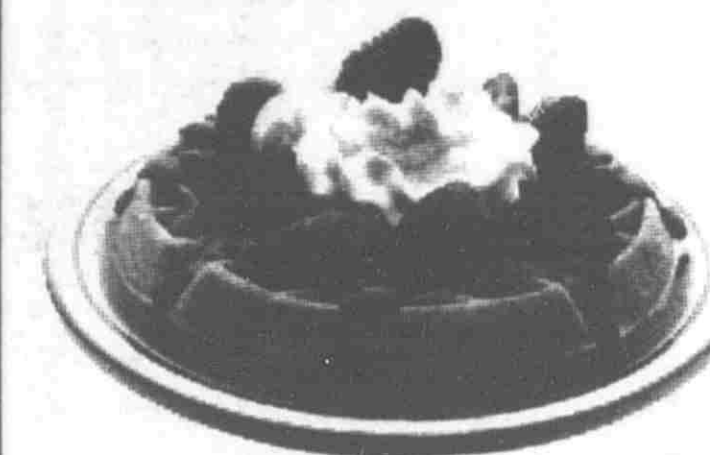
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SATURDAY CONT.

FRIDAY

March 18

MORNING

- 5:30 Getting Fit with Denise Austin
6:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Good Girls Go to Paris
6:30 Nation's Business Today
7:30 [MAX] MOVIE: To Be or Not To Be
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Absence of Malice
9:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
10:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Rocky IV
11:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Night of the Juggler

FRIDAY MOVIES

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12:00 [MAX] 'Saving Grace'
12:30 'Tarzan, the Ape Man'
1:00 'Meet Me After the Show'
1:30 'Darker Than Amber'
2:00 [HBO] 'The Sterile Cuckoo'
2:30 [MAX] 'Lust for Life'
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[MAX] MOVIE: Lust for Life

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5:30 Col. B'all

EVENING

- 6:00 M*A*S*H
6:30 Little House on the Prairie
7:00 WKRP in Cincinnati
7:30 MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour
8:00 Wild, Wild World of Animals William Conrad
8:30 [MAX] MOVIE: To Sir with Love
9:00 Cartoon Express
9:30 Housepiece Theatre
10:00 Crazy Like a Fox
10:30 Facts of Life
11:00 ShowBiz Today
11:30 Alice
12:00 CBS News
12:30 ABC News
1:00 Benson
1:30 NBC Nightly News
1:55 Nightly Business Report
2:00 Alexander Baxter
2:30 WKRP in Cincinnati
2:55 Inside Politics
3:00 Dennis the Menace
3:30 Carol Burnett
3:45 [HBO] Wonderful World of Disney
4:00 M*A*S*H
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PrimeNews

- Make Room for Daddy
8:05 [HBO] MOVIE: Car Wash
8:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Ryan's Daughter
8:55 [HBO] MOVIE: The Night Stalker
9:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Appointment
9:15 [HBO] MOVIE: The Lieutenant Wore Skirts
9:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Gazebo
9:45 [HBO] MOVIE: The Professionals
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March 19

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- 6:00 Young Rebels
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SATURDAY MOVIES

March 19

- [HBO] 'Gulliver's Travels'
7:00 [MAX] 'The Pirates of Blood River'
8:00 [HBO] 'Special People'
10:00 [HBO] 'Secret of the Incas'
11:00 [HBO] 'Back to the Future'
12:00 [HBO] 'The Dirty Dozen'
1:00 [HBO] 'The Schooner'
2:00 [HBO] 'Last Train from Gun Hill'
2:30 [HBO] 'All the Rivers Run, Part 2'
3:00 [HBO] 'Act of Love'
3:30 [HBO] 'Darby O'Gill and the Little People'
4:00 [HBO] 'Hamad and the Pirates'
4:30 [HBO] 'Superbug: The Wild One'
5:00 [HBO] 'Like Mom, Like Me'
5:30 [HBO] 'Invincible Obsessed Fighters'
6:00 [MAX] 'Something Special'
6:30 [MAX] 'Convoy'
7:00 [HBO] 'Critters'
7:30 [HBO] 'The Jewel of the Nile'
8:00 [MAX] 'The Professionals'
8:30 [HBO] 'Save the Dog'
9:00 [HBO] 'Back to the Future'
9:30 [MAX] 'The Mission'
10:00 'The Appointment'
10:30 'The Lieutenant Wore Skirts'
11:00 'The Gazebo'
11:30 'Rough Night in Jericho'
12:00 [HBO] 'Rustlers' Rhapsody'
12:30 'House of Dies Drear'
1:00 [MAX] 'Chopping Mall'
1:30 [HBO] 'Men of the Fighting Lady'
2:00 [HBO] 'The Exorcist'
2:30 'So Dear to My Heart'
3:00 [HBO] 'Rustlers' Rhapsody'
3:30 [HBO] 'The Mole People'
4:00 [MAX] 'Heartbreak Ridge'
4:30 'Cole Younger, Gunfighter'
5:00 'Reunion'
5:30 'Massacre at Fort Perdido'
6:00 'The Red House'
6:30 'Hamad and the Pirates'
7:00 'The Impossible Spy'
7:30 [HBO] 'Clan of the Cave Bear'
8:00 [MAX] 'Hamburger...The Motion Picture'
8:30 'House of Dies Drear'
9:00 'Hell is a City'
9:30 [HBO] 'Witchfire'
10:00 [MAX] 'Lust in the Dust'
10:30 [HBO] 'The Schooner'
11:00 'Grand Theft Auto'
11:30 'Pot O' Gold'
12:00 [HBO] 'A Night in Heaven'
12:30 'Out of Bounds'
1:00 'Daring Danger'

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Late Lowell rally comes up short, 82-74

All season long Lowell's basketball team has battled against that quarter where nothing goes right and nothing the team does comes out right.

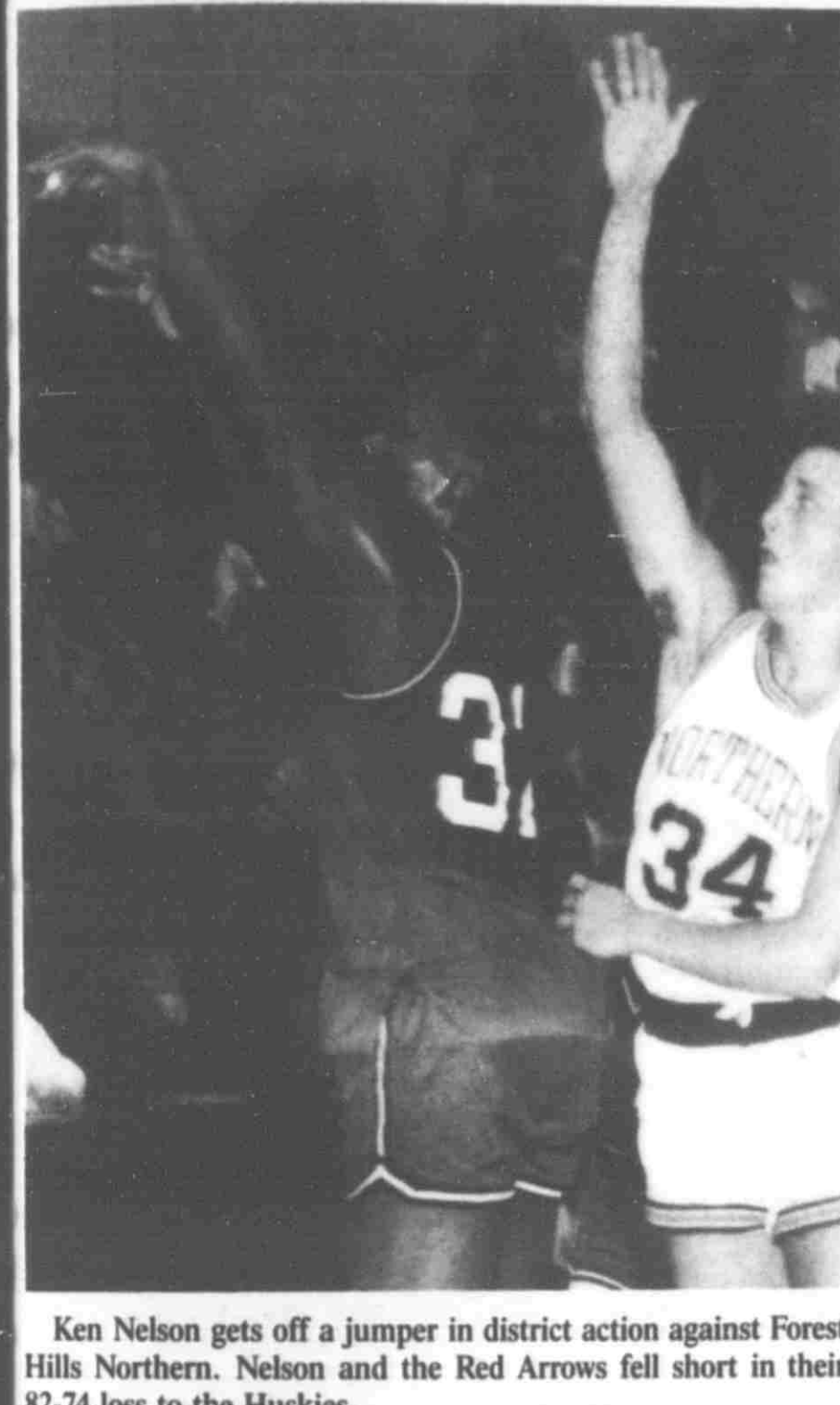
That problem surfaced again in the Red Arrow's district opener against Forest Hills Northern, as the Huskies brought Lowell's season to an end with an 82-74 victory.

"We had a lot go wrong early, and fell too far behind," Lowell coach Ken Akers said. "Although I would have liked the wins and losses (8-13 overall) to be reversed, I am very happy with the effort the boys put forth."

Akers continues, "They worked hard all year and never quit." The Red Arrows suffered through an opening quarter where buckets were scarce, and trailed 24-10 after eight minutes of play.

Lowell managed just four buckets in the first period, two by Paul Stroosnyder, and one apiece by Jeff Phillips and Dan Byrne.

FHN, meanwhile, ran off scoring spurts of seven and eight, with the latter coming in the final minute-and-a-half of the stanza.



Ken Nelson gets off a jumper in district action against Forest Hills Northern. Nelson and the Red Arrows fell short in their 82-74 loss to the Huskies.

Gymnasts finish eighth

For three-quarters of the regional gymnastics competition held at Kenowa Hills High School on March 5, the Lowell Red Arrows looked as though they would be chartering a bus to the state competition on March 12.

However, the fourth and final event was the balance beam, the event which had been the toughest on the Arrows all year.

That fact did not change, if anything, it was reinforced even more at the regionals. Lowell went into the final event in third place, and finished the balance beam exercise in eighth place.

Overall we had a good year and will learn from our mistakes," Fitzpatrick said. Lowell may not have qualified as a team, but Laura Kropf was the only Arrow that managed to qualify for the individual competition.

The Arrow finished third on the bars with a 9.15. Other scores in the event included Lisa Kilder, 8.5; Carrie Lipkea, 8.1; and Kelleigh Kinsey 4.9.

According to the Arrow coach a big disappointment was the fact that schools Lowell beat during the regular season finished ahead of the Red Arrows in the regional.

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CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MI

Councilmember Doyle, supported by Councilmember Collins, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 88-5
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CITY OF LOWELL
BY ADDING SECTIONS 22-7 THROUGH 22-15.**

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is hereby amended by adding new sections to be numbered Sections 22-7 through 22-15 which sections shall be read as follows:

Sections 22-7. Definitions.

When used in Sections 22-8 through 22-15 the words defined in this Section shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "City Manager" means the chief administrative officer of the City of his designee.
- (b) "Driveway approach" means that portion of a driveway which lies within the public right-of-way and extends from the inner edge of the sidewalk to the street pavement or edge of a graded roadway.
- (c) "Retaining wall" means a wall built on the edge of the sidewalk line for the purpose of confining earth.
- (d) "Sidewalk" means that portion of the street right-of-way designated for pedestrian travel.

Sec. 22-8. Declaration of Necessity.

It is hereby declared necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the general public that the City provide by ordinance for the construction, repair and maintenance of sidewalks, retaining walls and driveway approaches in the City. The failure to keep sidewalks, driveway approaches and retaining walls in good repair or to construct such structures when required by this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance.

Sec. 22-9. Responsibility and Liability for Sidewalks, Driveway Approaches and Retaining Walls.

All sidewalks, driveway approaches and retaining walls within the City shall be maintained in good repair, free from any buckling, unevenness, cracking, etc., which would pose a health or safety hazard to pedestrians, by the owner of land adjacent to or abutting the same. Said owner shall be liable to and fully indemnify the City for any damages recovered against the City by any person for neglect to keep these areas in good repair, and reasonably safe, fit and convenient for public travel of pedestrians. Said owner shall be liable to any injured person for violation of this Ordinance, and any injured person may recover the damages suffered by them directly from the property owner.

Sec. 22-10. Existing Sidewalks, Retaining Walls, and Driveway Approaches Not in Good Repair.

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to order any person who owns property adjacent to or abutting upon any sidewalk, retaining wall or driveway approach that is not in good repair to build, rebuild or repair such structure. The City Manager shall send a notice of violation of this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Section 22-12. Such notice shall specify the location of said structure, the work required and that work must be completed within sixty (60) days or less after receipt of such notice, provided, however, the City Manager may extend the period in which the work must be completed if weather conditions prevent completion of the work.

Sec. 22-11. Necessary Sidewalks, Retaining Walls, and Driveway Approaches.

In any street where concrete sidewalks, retaining walls and surfaced driveway approaches do not exist, and in the judgment of the City Manager, such sidewalks, retaining walls, and driveway approaches are necessary for the health and safety of the general public, the City Council may by resolution order the abutting and adjacent property owners to install such structures as required within such time period as provided in the resolution. The City Manager shall send notice of such order in accordance with the provisions of Section 22-12. Such notice shall specify the location of such structure, the work required and the time within which the work must be completed.

Sec. 22-12. Notice of Violation.

Notice of required sidewalk, retaining wall, and driveway approach repairs or construction shall be served upon the adjacent or abutting property owner as follows:

- (a) By delivering the notice to the owner personally or by leaving the same at his residence, office, or place of business with some person of suitable age and discretion;
- (b) By mailing said notice by certified or registered mail to such owner at his last known address; or
- (c) If the owner is unknown, by posting said notice in some conspicuous place on the property for five (5) days.

The responsibility for giving notice of violation is limited to providing for such notice to the property owner of record as shown on the most recent tax rolls of the City at the time of the giving of such notice.

Sec. 22-13. Sidewalks, Retaining Walls and Driveway Approaches Related to New Construction.

The owner of any property within the City upon which a new residential, commercial or industrial building is to be constructed shall, in conjunction with such construction, construct sidewalks and any necessary retaining walls and driveway approaches in the public right-of-way adjacent or abutting such property as shall be required by the City Manager at the time a building permit is issued for such construction. All such required structures shall be completed prior to the issuance by the City of a certificate of occupancy.

Sec. 22-14. Permit.

Before starting any work required by this Ordinance in the public right-of-way, the property owner or his representative shall take out a permit. There shall be no fee for this permit. When applying for the permit, the property owner or his representative shall submit a plan or sketch showing (i) the proposed location of the sidewalk and any related retaining walls and driveway approaches and (ii) that the existing ground surfaces adjacent to and within the limits of the public right-of-way will be graded and/or excavated to conform to the established sidewalk grade upon completion of the construction. Upon approval of the plan or sketch, the City Manager shall promptly issue the permit.

Sec. 22-15. Assessment and Lien Upon Property.

If a property owner shall fail (i) to repair an abutting or adjacent sidewalk, retaining wall or driveway approach pursuant to Sec. 22-10, (ii) to construct necessary sidewalks, retaining walls or driveway approaches pursuant to Sec. 22-11, or (iii) to construct sidewalks, retaining walls and driveway approaches pursuant to Sec. 22-13 within the time limits prescribed in such sections, the City may, without further notice, cause the same to be done and specially assess such expense against such property pursuant to Section 10-10 of the City Charter. Said special assessment shall be a lien upon the property and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as for general *ad valorem* property taxes of the City.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lowell.

YEAS: Councilmembers Doyle, Collins, Maatman.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Fonger & Thompson.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Dated March 7, 1988

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

"Capitol Column"

By
State Senator
Dick Posthumus



The key to our future—whether it be the state, business or individuals—is education. Knowledge unlocks doors to new opportunities; it inspires creativity; it serves as a point of reference and understanding. Without it, we will flounder and find ourselves and our businesses unable to compete with foreign countries replete with well-educated work forces.

More and more, employers and employees are recognizing that the education process doesn't stop with a high school diploma or a college degree. They are seeking seminars and classes to enhance and enrich themselves professionally and personally.

To encourage this mutually-beneficial relationship, the Senate will consider Senate Bill 706, which offers Single Business Tax (SBT) credits for businesses who send their employees to school to update or further their education. A second provision allows tax credits for businesses that make monetary or equipment donations to school programs.

It encourages some important things. First, there is greater in-

centive for businesses to provide employees with training. A business can recoup some of its costs through tax breaks and employees are better prepared for their jobs which should lead to increased productivity, better management and sharper sales skills. Second, it fosters greater communication between the business and education communities. After all, many education skills will be applied directly to business so it's vital that our schools are preparing students to meet the needs of business. Finally, businesses may have equipment on hand that could benefit schools for business or vocational training. Computers are constantly being updated and upgraded but even older models can serve as useful teachers, operating on the same basic principles with common languages.

Improving our schools and helping businesses are two of our prime objectives. This one bill meets the needs of both simply and effectively. It prepares Michigan to meet the future head on by forming this unique partnership between business and education.

D.N.R. News

Over the next five years, anglers will be able to cast their lines for bass on six southern Michigan lakes nearly two months before the regular bass season opener in May, as long as they immediately release the bass they catch.

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has approved a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal for a five-year test of catch and release no-kill bass fishing during the period of April 1 to the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend on the following lakes: Muskegon Lake, Muskegon County; Hardy Pond, Newaygo County; Holloway Reservoir, Genesee County; Cass Lake, Oakland County; Pontiac Lake, Oakland County; and Kent Lake, Oakland County.

Bass taken from the six lakes during the catch and release period must be returned immediately to the water, and may not be kept in live wells, baskets or on stringers. Signs explaining the catch and release rules will be posted on Public Access Sites at each of the lakes.

"One of the Department's goals is to provide optimum use of our State's recreational resources without hurting the resource," said DNR Fisheries Biologist Don Reynolds. "The

catch and release ruling promises to provide bass anglers that additional recreational opportunity without harm to the bass."

DNR Fisheries Division personnel will conduct a creel census on each of the lakes (Hardy Pond excluded) from April 1 through the regular bass season (December 31) at intervals during the five-year study period. Biologists will check what anglers are catching, how many fish are caught, length/weight measurements, and how many hours anglers spend fishing.

Additionally, the DNR will conduct general fish population surveys during the first year of the study and again in the third and fifth years to get a representative sample of the bass population in each of the lakes.

To gauge public response, the DNR conducted public information meetings between August and October on eight proposed catch and release lake sites. Response and support was favorable on all but two of the proposed lakes. Gun Lake in Barry County and Duck Lake in Calhoun County received strong public opposition and were excluded from the ruling.

Venetian blinds were not invented first by the Venetians, historians say, but by the Japanese.

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Alto's mini society encounters money crisis

Alto Elementary's fifth-grade mini society is in its fifth week of existence and already it has a money problem.

The \$2,000-\$3,000 the town collected in taxes and license fees the week before was either lost or stolen.

The consequence of this unfortunate mishap is that many citizens did not get paid and unless something is done many may not get paid next week either.

"Let's print up more money," suggested one of its council members. The suggestion received a lot of citizen support, but the consequences of such a move were soon brought forward.

"What happens if there is more money printed for everyone?" questions mini society citizen and Alto Elementary teacher Judy Kelley.

A citizen responds, "prices will go up."

Kelley continues to query, "What happens when prices go up?" Another citizen responds after a short pause, "taxes go up."

"Then what do we have?" Kelley continues. Again a short pause, "Inflation," a voice from the back of the debriefing room answers.

Although Kelley's face is not covered with a big smile, she is pleased her class was able to take something it learned in the classroom and apply it to their mini society project.

"The mini society is an educational event into the world of economics at the elementary level," Kelley said.

This discussion took place in the debriefing room, a lecture type hall without chairs. Debriefing is used to discuss the day's events, how the businesses are doing, and problems that may have surfaced during the 45 minutes that the mini society existed.

However, on this day, the only bad thing students discussed during debriefing was what should be done about the missing money. The rest of the time was used to discuss how businesses were going. If businesses were doing well, why were they doing well? If not, why not?

The event was instituted by Marilyn Kourilsky of California. The Alto fifth grade teachers, Kelley, Russ Bacon and Mike Fillman attended a workshop sponsored by Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce in coordination with the Kent Intermediate School District before the project started some five weeks ago (beginning of January). The society will continue to exist through March 23.

"The purpose of such a project, is to give students experience in problem solving, in areas such as economics and life," Kelley said. "I'm not sure students are taught enough problem solving, but then again school time is limited. This project gives them hands on experience on



Alto Elementary instructor Russ Bacon along with business partners Mike Wiersma and Marvin Walker keep busy filling sno-cone orders.

cozy corner
by Roger Brown

Several years ago, a friend talked me into printing the raffle tickets for the annual South Kent Ducks Unlimited Banquet in exchange for a couple of dinner tickets. I obliged, and have since lived to question the wisdom of my generosity. The size of the banquet has grown immensely. Along with it, the number of raffles and raffle tickets has increased proportionately. On top of all the tickets, we have also been talked into printing the program the past three years. My shop foreman estimates that we did about a thousand dollars worth of printing this year, in exchange for five \$50.00 dinner tickets. I guess such a donation would make some sense if we had some avid duck hunters in our midst, but I don't think anybody in my shop, including me, knows the difference between a decoy and rubber chicken.

I've always justified the donation in my mind by hoping that some year I may come home with one of the big prizes at the banquet. They give away boats, canoes, outboard motors, guns, and other valuable prizes. Of course they also give away stuff of lesser value, and if my ticket is drawn, that's where it pops up. One year I won a bag of lawn fertilizer that I didn't even claim. Fertilizer doesn't mix well with my philosophy of, "If you don't grow it, you don't mow it". Another year I won a free pizza at some joint way on the other side of Grand Rapids. Another year I won an Attwood spotlight that my wife could have purchased for me through the company store for about what the gas cost me to get to the banquet. Other years I've simply come up empty handed.

Winning nothing is probably better than the year I hit it kinda big, and won a \$100.00 gift certificate from a gunsmith. I had always wanted a Winchester 12 gauge Model 12 shotgun, so I bought a beat up one from the want ads for \$150.00, and took it to the gunsmith. His bill for a new stock, blueing, etc. was \$350.00. With \$100.00 gift certificate deducted, I only have \$400.00 invested in a gun I've never even shot. What a prize!

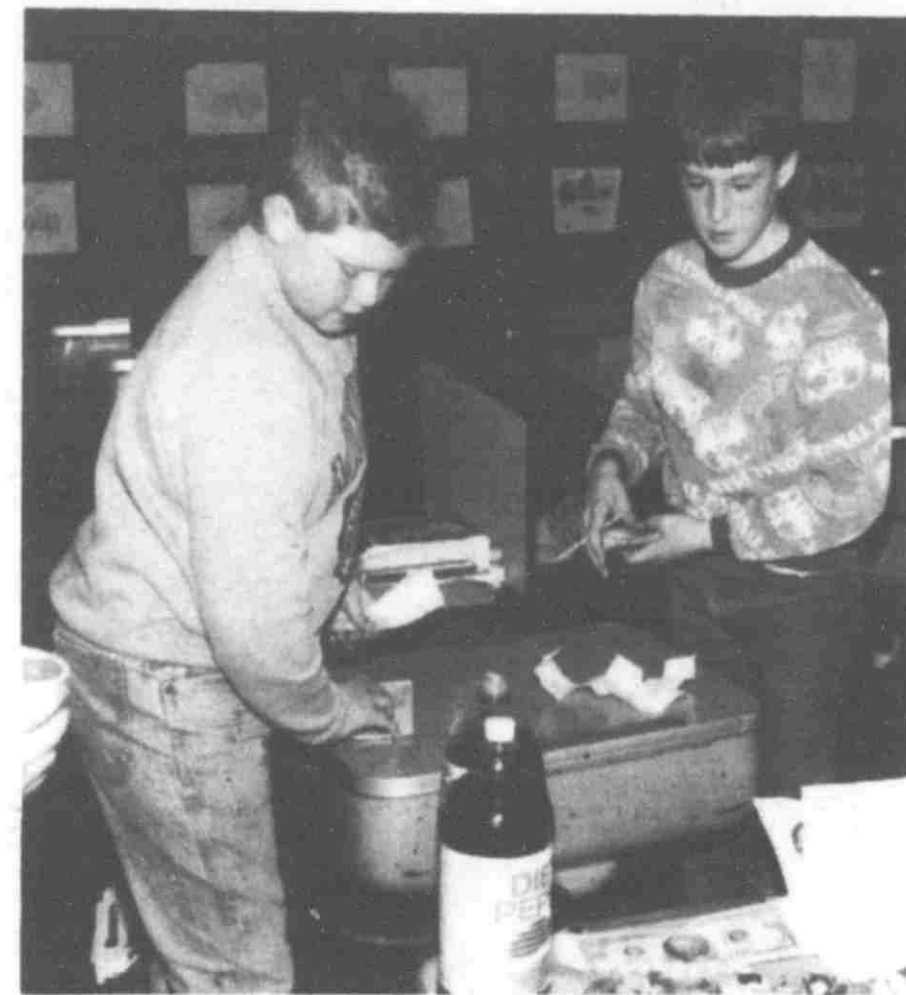
This year's banquet was last Friday and two guys from my print shop, my salesman, a friend and myself attended. One of the guys from the back shop won a beautiful black powder rifle and a huge, framed print of a duck hunting scene. The salesman won a .22 automatic rifle with a scope. The friend won a jug of bourbon in a fancy decanter. A fellow across the table from me that I knew from high school, won a limited edition commemorative Winchester 30.30 valued at several thousand dollars.

Me . . . I paid \$2.00 to the guy who won our table's centerpiece. It was a loaf of bread molded like a duck. I figured it'd make a good peace offering to Terese, who wasn't real tickled about me going to the banquet in the first place. Instead, I got a lecture the next morning about the bread crumbs all over her clean kitchen.

One year I did make out on the deal. It was the year Michigan State won the national basketball championship, and the final game was the night of the banquet. The friend that I took is an avid sports fan, and an M.S.U. grad, so we were either going to skip the banquet, or figure out a way to watch the game. I was able to talk the fellow who got me involved in this project initially, into giving me the key to the hospitality suite reserved for the Ducks Unlimited officers and committee members after the banquet. You may not believe this, but some people are as gullible as me.

When game time rolled around, my buddy and I slipped out of the banquet, let ourselves into the suite, tuned in the TV and helped ourselves to the committee's private stock. Pretty soon there was a knock at the door, and we let in a couple of guys who were curious about the score. Then there was another knock, and another, and another. Before we knew it, we had about fifty guys in there hooting and hollering for M.S.U. Of course they were also helping themselves to beer, mixing drinks and wolfing down the hors d'oeuvres.

Somewhere toward the end of the game, I saw the guy who gave me the key making his way through the crowd in my direction. I could tell he was more than a little upset. I promised I'd shoe everybody out as soon as the game was over, and clean the place up as best I could. After the game my buddy and I hustled around, and cleaned things up as promised. The way I look at it, the committee must have forgiven me, because I'm still printing their tickets. As for winning a big prize, I figure that impromptu party was more damed fun than I'd ever have with a shotgun.



Two mini society citizens count their earnings as another day of work comes to a close.

practical things, which requires decision making."

This practical learning experience takes place every Wednesday from 2 p.m. til 2:45 p.m.

The mini society citizens receive pay for being ready and on time for class; being reported on recess; not being reported on recess; and for keeping their desks clean.

"They receive \$25 for each one that they do successfully," Kelley said.

For each business started, a license must be purchased at a cost of \$100. Each week, each student must pay \$15 to the tax collector. If they fail to do so, their business is in jeopardy of being shut down.

The businesses included a candy store, bank, snow cone booth, a bakery and art shop, an art store, a lotto business where

the winner gets a half-hour of free time, and a soft drink store.

How do students get a snow cone booth? "We rented it from the Alto Lions Club," said co-owners of the snow cone business, Mike Wiersma and Marvin Walker.

The going rate for a snow cone was \$15. Too much you say? No, Wiersma and Walker sold every last one. "It was real successful," Wiersma said.

"I think the mini society intermingles a variety of subject areas," Kelley said. The students write a daily journal, keep financial records on their business (mathematics), and social studies is also involved.

The money crisis the mini society is experiencing was not solved in the debriefing session. The council needed more time to deliberate. Sound familiar?



Candy Store owners Brian Phillips, Steve Schutte, Jeff Martinez and Andy Craig had lots of business and found the rewards to be real sweet.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual township meeting of the electors in Grattan Township will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 at 1:00 p.m.

At such time in addition to regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the township shall be submitted for consideration.

Rex Lally
Clerk

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Foam trays solve fruit packing problems at Kropf's

Apple grower and processor Roger Kropf combined molded foam trays and Goodyear Omnifilm as the solution to fruit bruising problems.

That's good news in the United States, where annual apple consumption nears 18 pounds per person, and apple farming represents a \$909 million business.

Kropf's 12 Pack, a "better-by-the-dozen" package that cradles top-of-the-line fruit, resembles an egg carton.

"I am making this package available to anyone in the produce industry who would like to use it," said Kropf, president of Kropf Fruit Company. "It is highly adaptable and ideally

suitable to highly bruise-susceptible fruits, like peaches and plums.

"For years, people have wanted to buy perfect fruit," Kropf said. "But no matter how we handle the product here, it can be damaged anytime, starting at the point the trucks are unloaded at the store up until the consumer puts it in the refrigerator."

After wrestling with methods of protecting produce for years, Kropf almost accidentally envisioned his 12 Pack. "I was looking at an egg carton and wondering, 'Why can't we do that with apples?'" He began exploring possibilities with DOLCO of Decatur, Ind.

Three revisions and a rainbow of test colors later, Kropf has perfected a deep blue tray sporting wings to distribute the weight of stacked packages without damaging the fruit.

"The blue really makes the apples' freshness and color jump out," he said. "We overwrap with Goodyear's Omnifilm because of its sparkle and clarity. The film's breathability also helps extend the product's shelf life by creating a protective atmosphere within the package."

"The package has real eye appeal, and we support that with splashy, colorful point-of-sale merchandising in retail produce departments. It really isn't meant

to appeal to everyone -- just the 15 or so percent of consumers who will only buy the best."

With annual apple harvests averaging 7.5 billion pounds, that's a lot of top grade fruit.

Kropf Orchards & Storage Inc. packages and delivers Red Delicious, Ida Red, Golden De-

licious, Jonathan and MacIntosh apples in its distinctive 12 Pack.

Kropf, the third in a line of apple growers and shippers that now extends four generations, tested the 12 Pack during the peak of the 1987 apple season.

These distinctive packages since have found their way to St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Detroit and Birmingham, and inquiries have popped up from California, Minnesota and West Virginia.

For details on using or where to buy produce in the Kropf 12 Pack, call Kropf Fruit Company, 1-800-922-0635.



Glossy clear Goodyear Omnifilm puts the finishing touch on a special 12 Pack produce container designed to protect delicate fruit from being bruised. Apple grower and innovator Roger Kropf of Lowell, created the package to distribute the weight of stacked fruit without damage.

38 L.H.S. students are given MEAP Test awards



Pictured are the recipients of certificates from the State Board of Education for their achievement on the MEAP test. Front row: Jon Lawson, Kelly Cichon, Kristy DeVries, Amy Tichelaar, Carrie Lipkea; second row: Sue Normington, Patsy Deans, Jennifer Murphy, Stacy Beute, Wendy Perdok, Tanja Roudabush; third row: Randy Wieland, Brian Berg, Jennifer VanPutten, Kathleen VanBelkum, Janet Francis, Chrissy Garrett, Kirsten Gilmore, Cathy Seese, Carrie Todd; 4th row: Cam Saber, David Kelly, Dale Richardson, Steve Lenger, Jeff Schmidt, Ryan Holtz, James Lowry, Bradley Briggs, Chris Thompson, Kris Stouffer, Jennifer Amundsen; 5th row: Jim Hale, Dennis Wissman, Mike Gorecki, Shane Stevens. Not pictured: Cheri Bruinsma, Katie Hawk, and Tracy Lyons.

Recently, 38 Lowell High School students were awarded certificates for completing 100% of the objectives in the Math and English portions of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

The test is given to all 4th, 7th, and 10th grade students in Michigan each fall. It is designed to give an assessment of minimum competencies in the two areas.

As a district, Lowell has shown an increase in scores in recent years.

The students and their parents can be proud of the achievement on the test.



Car upholstery can be protected from greasy work clothes by covering the seats with fitted bed sheets.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

On Monday, March 21, 1988 at 8:00 p.m., the Lowell City Council will consider how Community Development Block Grant funds should be allocated for the coming fiscal year 1988-1989. It is estimated currently that the City will receive \$18,522 in Block Grant monies. These funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through Kent County are given to benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of blight and meet other urgent Community Development needs.

The City currently intends to allocate these funds toward a Hudson Street bridge and road improvement project.

If there are any comments, these may be directed in writing to the City Manager's office or may be presented in person at the City Council meeting.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1988 at 8:00 P.M.

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at the regular scheduled meeting of March 21, 1988 at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan at 8:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of the proposed ordinance placing no stopping/standing/parking signs along West Main (north and south sides) from West Street to the west property lines of 2222 West Main (on the south) and the Ridgeview Shopping Center (on the north) both approximately 1775 feet east of the intersection of West Main and Bowes Road.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Clerk's office.

Betty Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual township meeting of the electors in Lowell Township will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. on:

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1988 at 1:30 P.M.

At such time in addition to regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the township shall be submitted for consideration.

Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerk

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SEASONED MIXED HARDWOODS - \$85/cord - 2 cord minimum or 1 cord at \$100 - includes delivery. Call 457-5905 or 765-3028.
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FIREWOOD FOR SALE - \$90 a cord, cut, split, and delivered or 8' sections sold by truckload, \$70. Call 691-8503.
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FOR SALE - solid oak butcher block tables, approx. 30, many extra parts, unassembled and unfinished, \$3400.00 for everything. Call 897-5889
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HELP WANTED

RESIDENT TRAINING AIDES NEEDED - for group homes for mentally retarded adults. Ada and Lowell areas. Must be 18 years of age, degree in Human Services or experience in Nursing Homes or hospitals needed. Full time rotating shifts. Call for interview between 9 a.m. p 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Call Shannon at 676-2859.
C15-18

WANTED - motor route driver, for route south of Lowell, 7 day a week job. Must be dependable, and have references, excellent wages. Call 459-1655 or 459-1411, ask for Karen Echlinaw.
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BINGO

Every Friday night, 7:30 P.M.
Lowell VFW Hall,
East Main St., Lowell
Early Bird Bingo at 6:45 P.M.
PUBLIC INVITED TFN

WATER LIFE SAVING CLASSES

- in Alto start Tuesday, March 22, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. by reservation. Eight weeks, \$25, 868-7444.
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FOR SALE - used speakers, no cabinets. Many sizes and kinds. Custom Build your own cabinets. Phone 897-6592. nc17

FOR SALE - 1985 Ford EXP, 5 speed, bronze, sunroof, AM/FM, 36,500 miles, rear window defogger, inside release for hatchback and gas cap. Rustproofed, excellent condition, original owner. A real buy at \$5,000. Ph. Clarksville 693-2219. nc1tn

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WOOD CUTTING

- I will cut your wood, on your land, for shares or cash. Will cut any hardwood. Call 457-5905 or 765-3028.
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ELECTRICAL WORK WANTED

- Remodeling, new construction, residential, commercial and industrial. Licensed and insured. Call anytime 676-9574 or 897-8323.
Nctfn

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- Furniture/trash, etc. \$25.00 per load average, out-of-state okay. 765-3028 or 457-5905.
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- Forest View Electric. Residential, commercial, and service. State licensed, 676-2183.
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HERE COMES THE BRIDE!

- Wedding Bells? Gently used and some newer worn Bridal gowns, veils, attendants dresses, Mothers of the Bride or Groom dresses and accessories. Visit our new Bridal Shop and Registry. We also offer assistance in helping you decorate with balloons, silk arrangements, and live plants, also Prom dresses and accessories. Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppes, 219 E. Main, Lowell, 897-8720.
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- commercial 15 gallon shampoo machine, heavy duty, one day rental, \$18 plus deposit. Call 897-5267.
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FOR RENT

- 12'-14' aluminum boat with motor in 5 h.p. range. Must be fairly new and in real good condition. Call 698-7700 days, 795-9944 evenings. Ask for Bruce.
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Italian spaghetti or turkey and noodles, cabbage salad or vegetable, French bread w/p-nut butter, assorted fruits or jello, milk.

TUESDAY
Mac Chicken sandwich or cheeseburgers, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered corn or beets, choice of fresh or canned fruit, bars or cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Sliced roast turkey or chopped steak, mashed potatoes or rice & gravy, steamed green beans or carrots, Hill-billy rolls or bread, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Tacos w/meat, cheese and lettuce, cornbread w/honey butter, salad or vegetable, chilled fruits or jello, milk.

FRIDAY
Fishwiches or hot dogs, potato chips and pickles, baked beans or soup or salad, fruit or jello, cookies or bars, milk.

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

ATTENTION!

Parents of all Lowell Area Schools 8th Grade Students:

You are cordially invited to attend Lowell Sr. High Schools Freshman Orientation Meeting, scheduled for: **Tuesday night, March 22, starting at 7pm in the High School Gymnasium**

Important information pertaining to student scheduling, course selection, high school policies and student activities will be discussed.

Freshman teachers will also be on hand in their classrooms to explain and review different text and course materials, and to answer any questions you might have.

★ **Tours of the building will be conducted.**

★ **Student Clubs & Organizations will be on hand to share information about their different activities.**

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK - everyone for their thoughtfulness, expressions of sympathy, and acts of kindness during the passing of our dear husband, father, and grandfather, Gerald Smoes. A special thank you to the Ada Rescue Unit, Drs. Gerard and McKay, Gerst Funeral Home, and Pastor Brian Bosscher for his comforting words in our time of need.

The Family of Gerald Smoes
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Preparation for Showboat's June return underway

The Lowell Showboat talent search is back!
The talent search show will take place on Friday, May 20. The winners selected will perform on the evenings of the Lowell Showboat, June 23-25.

Interested performers are encouraged to start preparing their acts and to send in their applications. The deadline for applications is April 22. Preliminary auditions will be held at the Lowell High School

auditorium Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. The finalists selected will be able to perform on Friday, May 20 in the Lowell Showboat Talent Search '88. The Talent Search Show will

decide who performs on the Lowell Showboat. Acts will be judged by an appointed panel based on six categories: appearance, stage presentation, originality and novelty, crowd response, degree

of difficulty and overall act. All decisions will be final. Please keep in mind the judges will consider how quickly the set-up takes each act. The smooth flow of the Showboat without long pauses is important for the audience.

Showboat looking for Endmen, & others

The Lowell Showboat is back and it's looking for help! With the board decision to open all positions on the show to public application, Gordon Gould, vice chairman of the board and program committee chair, announced that he is soliciting applications from citizens of the area who may be interested in trying out for the position of Interlocutor or endmen for the Showboat.

"We have developed position profiles for each of those jobs," said Gould. "Our intent is to define rather carefully the responsibilities of each portion of the show with the idea of bringing to the public a very updated and snappy kind of show," Gould said.

The show is looking for persons who have some musical talent and some stage or media experience to fill the traditional comic relief roles between acts.

The interlocutor will have the responsibility of being the master of ceremonies of the show. While those positions have traditionally been filled by men, the show is indicating that it will entertain applications and inquiries from ladies as well, for any and all positions.

Persons interested in finding out more about each of those positions or requesting an application are invited to contact Gould at 897-4124 or 949-8777 or writing him in care of the Showboat, PO Box 213, Lowell, 49331.

"Lettermen" Tickets are now available

The Lowell Showboat has been featuring top quality riverboat entertainment since 1932.

That tradition will start up again on June 23-25 as the Lowell Showboat, the "Robert E. Lee," will return to entertain this summer.

Performing as the headliner on the amphitheatre stage will be the "Lettermen", as well as, other amateur and semi-professional acts.

A lot of water has run past the proud showboat since its last big performance in 1983. However, while the paddles were stilled on the riverboat, local support groups, radio station WCUZ and Budweiser worked to free it from past debts so another big performance under the stars could be enjoyed at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre.

For tickets to see the Letterman, please write to the following: Lowell Showboat Tickets; P.O. Box 213; Lowell, MI 49331.

Prices for reserved seating are \$10 for the center section and \$8 for the wing section.

Showboat spokeswoman, Bonnie Grooters said packets of old Showboat programs will be sold for \$2 at the Showboat office (the old Buyers Guide office) in the Flat River Antique Mall.

"Flat River Antique Mall owners Ron and Laura McCullum donated the office space and equipment to the Lowell Showboat Organization," Grooters said.

Grooters added that the Showboat is interested in any old pictures that people would like to donate.

"We'd like to hang them up in the office. The pictures can be dropped off at the office, and if the office is closed, people may drop off the pictures at the Flat River Antique Mall."

Krause at the House



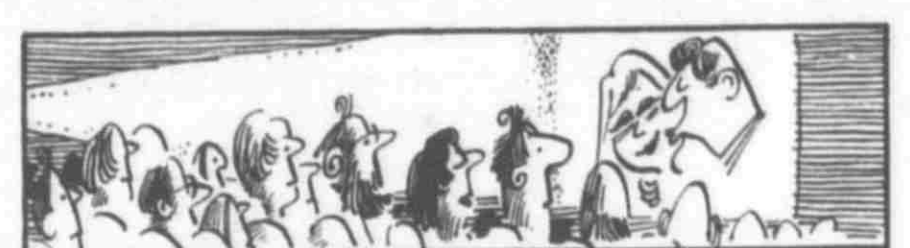
Vic Krause
19th District
State Representative

One of the latest bills to help fight Michigan's battle against drugs will make it a felony to solicit a juvenile to commit a controlled substances offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult. Recently signed into law by the Governor, the

legislation will impose more severe prison terms for adults who attempt to bypass the legal system and escape prosecution by using minors to commit serious crimes. I strongly supported the bill sponsored by my Republican col-

league Mike Hayes, which will require a mandatory minimum prison term of at least half the maximum term for the adult who enlists a juvenile to commit the same felony. In addition, the convicted person would not be eligible for a delayed sentence, a suspended sentence or probation. This exploitation of children is a particularly reprehensible as-

pect of drug trafficking. By creating special penalties for using a juvenile to commit a controlled substance offense, this law will appropriately punish that behavior and discourage drug pushers from engaging in it. This legislation is part of the 69-bill crime package which is currently moving through the House and Senate.



Two years after "talkies" were introduced in 1927, the movies were drawing 100 million patrons per week.

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