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Showboat inks B.J. Thomas

Performances
will be
June 22-24

YMCA STARTS ITS SPRING PROGRAMS

The Lowell YMCA has again expanded its program offerings. The YMCA Spring Programs include programs for youth, adult and family. Programs start on Feb. 27.

For Youth there is Kiddy Gym, Swim Lessons, Kinder Kickers, Youth soccer and softball. New programs for youth are indoor soccer for grades 1-6 and T-Ball for 4 year olds.

Horseback riding lessons are available at Meadow View Farms. This program can be for everyone in the family (youth must be at least 8 years old). Classes include grooming, tacking and riding. Classes are held in an indoor riding arena. Classes will be on Monday starting Feb. 27; Thursday, starting March 2 or on Saturday, starting March 4.

Y's Way to Weight Management is a program that involves the participant in decision making lifestyle changes related to eating behaviors, physical activity, and food choices. The program is clearly not a diet but rather an educational and self help program which combines these three essential components for successful long term weight management.

There are also morning, afternoon and evening fitness classes. Anyone interested in signing up for YMCA classes should call or stop in at the YMCA office. Financial assistance is available if needed.

VOTING PLACE CHANGE FOR PRECINCT II

Please note that the new voting place for Lowell Area Schools' precinct II has been reassigned to the Old Bowne Township Hall located on the corner of 84th Street and Alden Nash Road.

Voters going to the polls for this school's special March 21, 1989 millage election, please go to this new location.

YMCA BEGINS YOUTH POOL FUND CAMPAIGN

The Lowell YMCA will be kicking off its Invest in Youth/Pool Fund Campaign on March 1, 1989. (today).

James Reagan D.D.S. is this year's Chairman. "Invest in Youth dollars go towards scholarships for youth who cannot afford to pay for a YMCA program. No one is turned away because of the inability to pay for a program" Reagan said.

The YMCA has set a goal of \$25,000 for 1989. This year's campaign also includes repairing the King Memorial Pool. The City Council wants to see the YMCA raise \$11,000 to help with repairs of the pool.

LAAC OFFERS WINTER WORKSHOPS

The Lowell Area Arts Council is offering four workshops at the Arts Center, 149 S. Hudson St.

For children grades 2 through 6, the Center will hold two workshops. "Drawing Basics", taught by Sandra Bartlett, offers children a chance to learn basic drawing skill such as perspective, shading and shadow and linear control, while having fun at the same time. "Creating a Drama" taught by Dru Rooker, will instruct children in the process of developing and writing a play, creating props and scenery, producing a play program and performing the play for parents and friends at the conclusion of the workshop.

Both workshops will be held at the Arts Center on Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Fee is \$14 for either four week workshop.

Two workshops for adults will be offered also. "Life Drawing" begins Monday, March 6, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and is an eight week workshop for all area artists and affords the opportunity to work from both life and character models. Fee is \$32 members and \$36 non-members. Also offered to adults is a 4 week workshop in basket making with Barb Caddick, beginning Wednesday, March 8, 7-9-30 p.m. Fee is \$7 plus materials.

To sign up for any of the workshops, phone the Arts Center at 897-8545. Monday thru Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

'50's DANCE AND BUFFET SET FOR MARCH 11

Get ready to dance the night away. The 50's Dance and Buffet, sponsored by the Lowell Athletic Boosters, will be held at Shady Acres on March 11 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$8 each and may be purchased at The Casual Touch or call Denise at 897-9678. Reservations should be in by March 6.

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A selection process that started in September of 1988 is over. B.J. Thomas will entertain the summer crowds from the Lowell Showboat on the nights of June 22, 23 and 24.

Thomas, a musical craftsman, whose talents and unique vocal styling have crossed virtually every musical arena, earning him five Grammy Awards. Having earned numerous gold records, his sales are approaching the 40 million mark.

"Lowell Showboat is extremely happy with the selection," Showboat President Gordon Gould said. "Thomas is very much a crossover entertainer. He draws from more than just one segment of musical fans."

The selection process which was headed by Ray Quada, worked in cooperation with an agency out of Zanesville, Ohio. "It makes things much easier when working with an agency. Agencies know prices and the type of crowds and events an entertainer will work," Gould said.

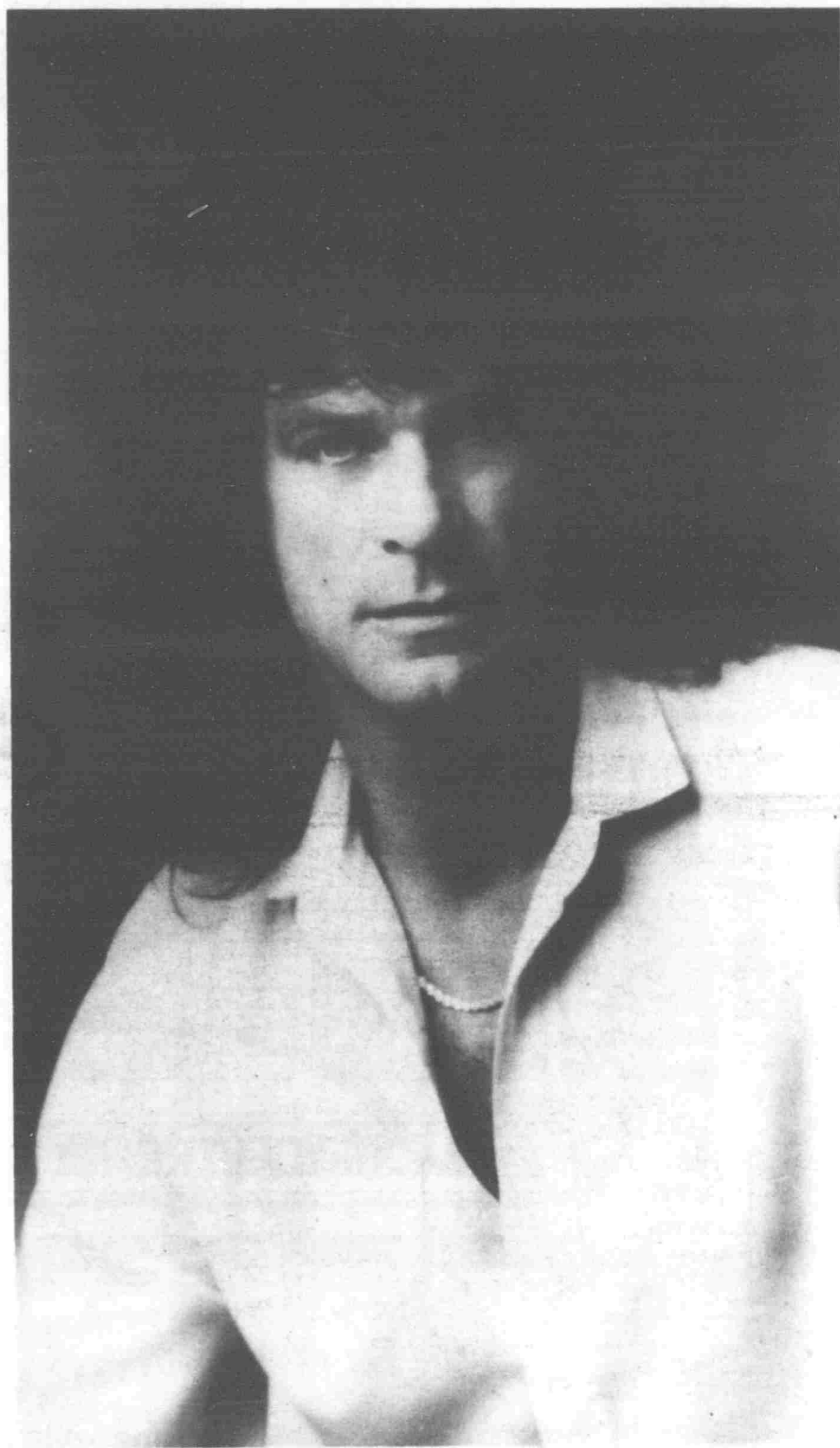
The Showboat board greatly appreciates the hard work and hours of follow-up by Quada even after resigning as the Showboat President position."

All three of the Showboat shows will start at 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$12 for reserve seats and \$10 for general admission. Gould said people may call the Showboat office now for reservations Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. at 897-8280, or people may write Lowell Showboat, P.O. Box 213, Lowell, MI 49331.

Thomas' hits include the Oscar-winning "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head," which replaced Diana Ross and the Supremes on Jan. 3 1970 as number one on the Billboard's pop chart. It retained that position for four straight weeks, when he was finally overtaken by the Jacksons, making "Raindrops" one of the top 25 hits of the decade.

His next number one hit replaced Elton John's "Philadelphia Freedom" with "(Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done somebody Wrong Song." Only one other number one single, a medley produced in Holland, has ever had a longer title. Other Thomas hits have included "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," "Hooked On A Feeling," "Rock and Roll Lullaby," "Whatever Happened To Old Fashioned Love," "New Looks From An Old Lover," and "Two

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B.J. Thomas, most notably remembered for his smash hit "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" will provide the headline entertainment at the 1989 Lowell Showboat.

Car Garage."

Born Billy Joe Thomas on Aug. 7, 1942 in Hugo, Oklahoma, he lived there for all of two weeks. His family moved often, finally settling in Rosenberg, Texas. His early musical influences included such country and rhythm and blues greats as Hank Williams, Ernest Tubb and Jackie Wilson. The first record the young Thomas boy ever bought was "Miss Ann" by Little Richard.

At the age of 14, Thomas joined the church choir. While still in high school he became a member of the Triumphs. It was this band with whom he later

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went into the studio to record his first hit, the Hank Williams classic "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry." Recalls Thomas, "My Dad told me not to come back unless I recorded something country."

One of Thomas' early breaks took place when Dionne Warwick, liking his vocal abilities, brought him to the attention of Burt Bacharach and landed him one of his biggest hits ever, "Raindrops Kepp Falling On My Head."

By the time he sang this Bacharach tune on the Academy Awards in 1970, Thomas' record

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sales had surpassed the 20 million mark.

In 1973 and 1974 he released his biggest hits on the Paramount label, "Rock and Roll Lullaby," featuring guitar great Duane Eddy, and "(Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Done Somebody Done Somebody Done

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Obituaries

Orval Jessup passes in Florida

JESSUP - Orval E. Jessup, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away February 23, 1989 in Englewood, FL. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; son, Ronald (Arlene) Jessup of Lansing;

grandson, James (Geri) Jessup of Rockford; granddaughter, Ronda Jessup of New Rochelle, NY; three great-granddaughters, Dawn, Linda and Michelle Jessup of Rockford; step-grandchild,

dren, Deanna Berry adn daughters, Nicole and Kimberly, of Lansing, Bradley Hagerty of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Andrews and daughter, Gretchen Hammerberg of Lansing, and Lori and Jeffrey Andrews of Williamston, MI. He was preceded in death by his brother, Howard.

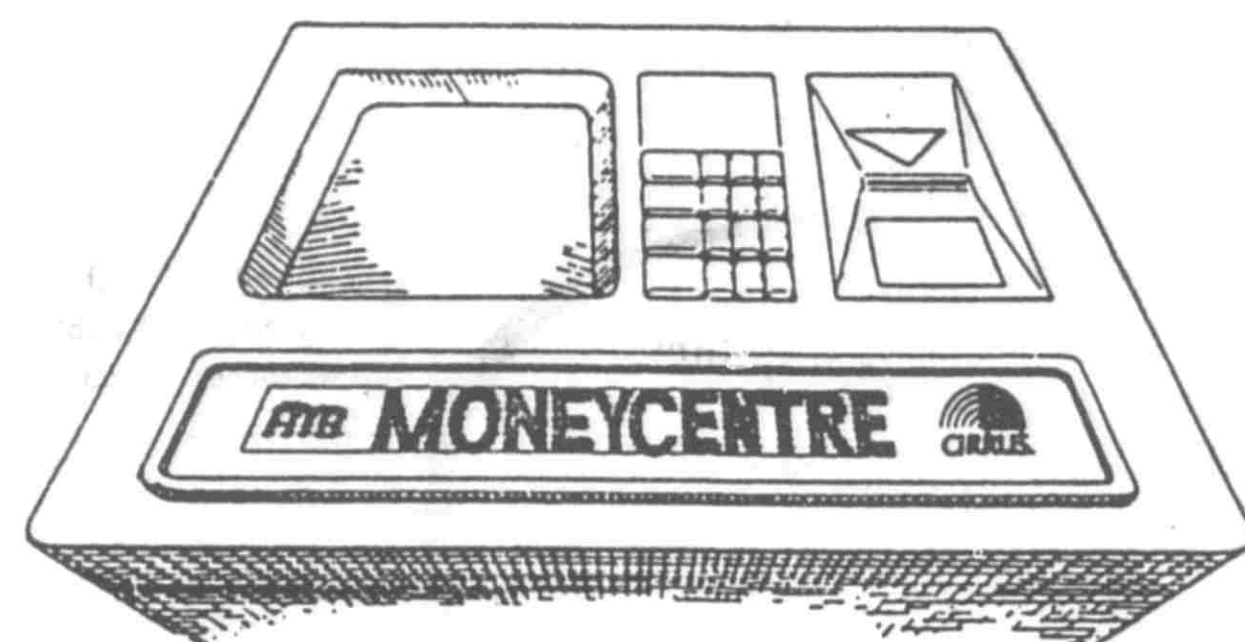
Jessup received his BS Degree in music education at Western Michigan University and a Master in music education at the University of Michigan. He taught public school music 37 years. He taught in Gladwin and Elkton before coming to Lowell in 1939, as band director, where he stayed for 29 years and retired in 1968.

He directed church choirs in Elkton and for 13 years at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell.

LINTON - Raymond J. Linton, aged 82, passed away February 20, 1989 in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Joan Durkee and her husband Dwayne of Alto, Janet Wheeler and her husband Ralph of Lima, OH; six grandchildren, Karen Potter, Pamela and David Durkee, James and Brandy, and Heather Wheeler; and one great-grandson; a brother, a step-brother, two step-sisters and a host of relatives and friends. He owned and operated R. J. Linton

Lumber and Coal of Alto for 53 years, was a member of Alto United Methodist Church, a charter member of Alto Lions Club, and a member of the Grand Rapids Elk Lodge No. 48, and many years in Alto Business Association. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alto Methodist Church. Funeral Services were held Friday, at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, with Rev. Margaret Peterson officiating. Interment at Bowne Center Cemetery.

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Orval E. Jessup

Funeral Services were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, with Rev. William Amundsen officiating. Masonic Services under the Auspices of Lowell Lodge No. 90 F & AM. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association or to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Well, today is the first of March. I realize we're still three weeks away from the official first day of spring. I also realize that here in Michigan we can get a foot of snow dumped on us the first day of spring. But, there is something magical about getting through February. I still say it's the longest month of the year, no matter what the calendar says.

The thought that winter is getting awfully old was prompted by the fact my feet are freezing this morning. We have an automatic thermostat here at the Ledger. It cools the place down to a brisk 60 degrees in here at night, and I'm sure that the temperature down where gravity and evolution have placed my feet, is considerably cooler than that.

Since I traditionally come in early on Tuesday to write this column, I'm the one to kick the furnace back on, brew some coffee, shovel the walk, etc. I then sit down to a sedentary two hours at the typesetter with my feet freezing. I much prefer the summer months when I come in early, make a pot of coffee and kick on the air conditioning. You winter lovers can say what you will, but I'd much rather mop my brow than rub my feet in an attempt to get some circulation back into them.

It may be a bit premature to talk this way, but in all honesty it hasn't been a bad winter. There haven't been any long bouts with bitter cold temperatures. There hasn't been a terribly large amount of snow. It seems like we've seen the sun more often than we do most winters. And, let's not forget that wonderful month of January in which we saw temperatures climb into the sixties. I thought I'd died and gone to Florida!

For me personally it's been a good winter in many respects. I haven't had any dead batteries. I've had no leaky roofs caused by ice build-ups. I haven't slipped on the ice and busted my butt. My little snow thrower actually worked when I needed it. I haven't had to call a wrecker. So far no pipes have frozen and burst. I'm just waiting for the blizzard.

The worst winter related problem I can recall from this season concerned a cup of coffee. I had poured a travel cup to take in the car. I sat the cup on the icy, rounded roof of the space shuttle (my white Ford Taurus) while I placed an armload of stuff onto the front seat. I stood back up just in time to catch the contents of that coffee cup down the front of me as it slid off the car roof. If that's the worst thing I have happen to me this winter, I'll be a happy man.

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March blows in "Save Your Vision Week"

March is blowing in the annual observance of Save Your Vision Week. This year's dates are March 5-11.

Around since 1972, the event "is growing in significance" says the president of the Michigan Optometric Association, major

sponsor of the celebration in Michigan. As proclaimed by the U.S. President and governor of Michigan, Save Your Vision Week is held to remind people how important good vision is to daily living and of the need to take

care of their eyes with regular eye examinations. "The message of Save Your Vision Week is more important now than ever because we rely so much more on our eyes in today's high-tech world," said Robert L. Carter, O.D.

Every day, he said, Americans watch 630 million hours of television, read over 62.7 million newspapers, borrow nearly 3.2 million library books, buy more than 2.8 million movie tickets and rent an almost equal number of videotapes. Nearly 40 million

people nationwide use computer terminals at work daily. "These figures don't include the many ways people use their eyes to drive, play sports, pursue hobbies, read magazines, learn, work and do an infinite number of tasks," Dr. Carter added.

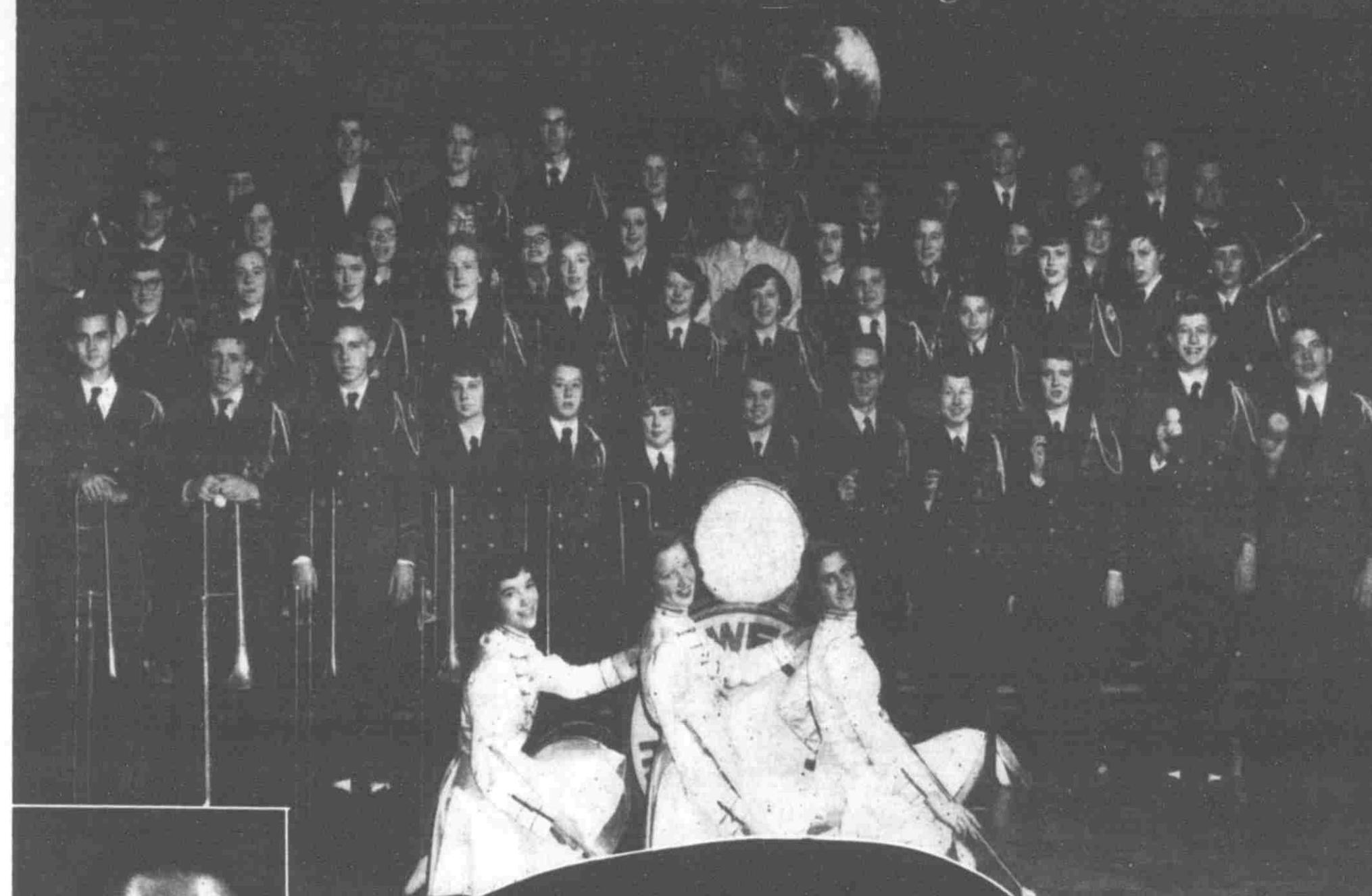
Because of the increased need to remind people to take care of their eyes, the Michigan Optometric Association is extending its Save Your Vision Week celebration throughout the month of March.

A memorial tribute to my husband, Orval E. Jessup

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The Citizens of Lowell take pride in their High School Band and its Director



- 4th Row, left to right:
Tom Morse, Drum Major
Kay Wood
James Mae Gregor
Karl Kutschinski
Jerry Timpon
Nesema Walter
Roma Heim
Orley Kranenberg
James Lind
Jack DeGraw
Cary Stiff
Errolyn Osborn
- 3rd Row
Charles Croninger
Diane Sealey
Suzanne Miller
Patty Schroeder
Phyllis Chatterdon
Lynne Watson
Director Orval E. Jessup
Judy McMahon
Nola Bedell
Raymond DeVries
Nancy Potter
Jack Mathews
- 2nd Row:
Joyce Williams
Beverly Bedell
Julie Lundberg
Joanne Davonport
Maureen Rankin
Barbara Burtle
Sharon Potter
Sandra Thompson
Robert Lind
Lacelle Bozung
Ladena Rhoad
Barbara Neid
- Front Row:
Steve Myers
Michael Miller
William Serne
Sally VanVorst
Nancy Oatley
Ruth Preston
Patty Trambull
Plynn Pennock
Rene Fairchild
Phyllis Lewis
Bruce Walter
Robert Loesch
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Lois White
Norma Heim
Frances Brown
- Absent from picture:
Robert Clark
Shirley Bierker
Roger Zedema
Gail McMahon

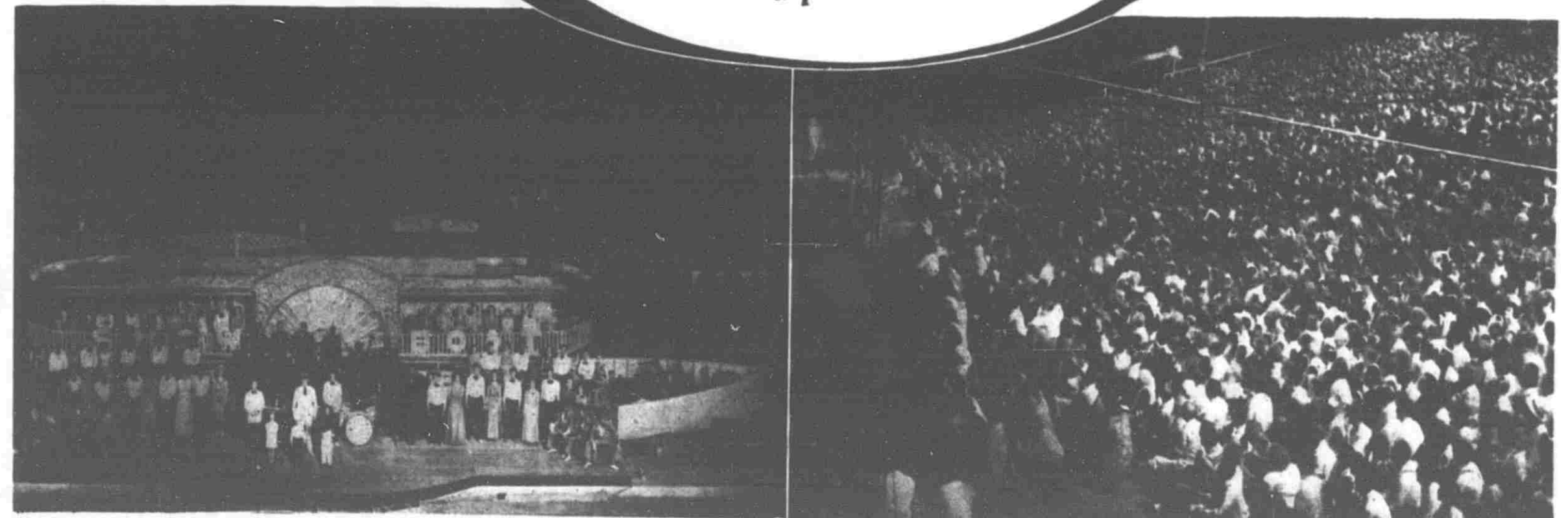
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Orval E. Jessup, band director, has served on the Lowell High School faculty for 13 years. And for 7 years he has participated in the annual production of the Showboat.

During the school year the Lowell High School Band makes about 20 public appearances including a tour of nearby schools for assemblies. It also gives summer programs, parades, and plays on the Showboat. Picture on back cover shows the Band marching in its red uniforms at Ann Arbor, October 13, 1951.

Below is shown the cast of the 1951 Showboat.



To everybody in Michigan and neighboring states Lowell is famous for its Showboat. Proceeds of the Showboat are used for civic and other worthy causes!

Lovingly, Bertha

Missionaries at Congregational Church



Rev. Telfer Mook and wife Jane

To celebrate the internationally-focused "One Great Hour of Sharing" Sunday on March 5, the Rev. Telfer Mook, former director of the United Church of Christ's world mission efforts, will speak at the Congregational Church at the 10 a.m. worship service. All members of the community are cordially invited to attend.

A graduate of Yale Law School, Rev. Mook began his career in the legal profession. His career was interrupted, however, in 1941; he served four years in the Navy during the Second World War as a Japanese language officer. He also organized a school for 3,000 Japanese and Korean children in the Marianas, who were prisoners of war there.

Returning home, after several years in practice in Des Moines, IO, he changed careers, and enrolled at Chicago Theological Seminary. Following graduation, he served churches in Illinois and New Hampshire before going with his family as missionaries to India in 1958. From 1960 until his retirement he served the United Church Board for World Ministries, first as Secretary for South Asia, and then

as General Secretary for Mission. Since retirement, Rev. Mook has continued to lead study groups in India, and work with Jaffna College in Sri Lanka. Rev. Mook will be accompanied by his wife, Jane, former writer and staff editor of the United Church Herald, and producer of films about the mission work of the United Church of Christ.

Homespun Devotions
By Pauline Spray

All scripture is... profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16).

I was disappointed because I wasn't having much success cleaning my silverware with a product which had proved highly successful for others. Then I remembered something I had read a few days before. One housewife wrote that after many years she had begun reading the instructions accompanying the products she purchased. Much to her satisfaction, she found the cleaners and bleaches worked fine if used as directed. So I followed her advice, read the directions, carried out the instructions, and my silverware came beautifully clean.

It was when I began seeking to be informed that I found what I was looking for. New spiritual light is waiting for each of us, fellow Christians. If we read God's Word with an open mind, ask God for His guidance, and seek to know His will, we can

be the recipients of divine help. When we realize our need of instruction and are willing to accept reproof and correction, and if we are submissive to God's leadings, we can have spiritual illumination. Within the Word of God "the directions are clearly given."

Prayer: O Lord, I turn to Thee with simple, trusting faith. As a child seeks counsel from his earthly parent, so I seek Thy help. Illuminate my mind. Impart to me Thy wisdom. Amen.

Lord, grant us all a right to learn The wisdom it imparts. And to its heav'nly teaching turn With simple, childlike hearts.
Bernard Barton



Avoid buying grapefruit with a soft and tender peel that breaks easily with finger pressure.



Stephen Wittenbach

Wittenbach honored

Stephen Wittenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wittenbach, of Ada, has been honored as District Sales Manager of the year for the Midwest Region of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors.

Out of 120 District Managers nationwide, Wittenbach was one of eighteen given the award which is based on Sales versus Objectives, Customer Satisfaction and Market Share.

Wittenbach was also recently promoted to Oldsmobile's St. Louis, MO Metro District and his accounts include four of the top fifty Oldsmobile Dealers in the United States.

He is a 1977 graduate of Lowell High School with a B.A. degree from Aquinas College in 1981 and received an M.B.A. degree from Western Michigan College in 1985.

Wittenbach and his wife, Debi, reside in Creve Coeur, MO, a St. Louis suburb.

In The Service

Pvt. Jeffery C. Patrick, son of Patricia L. Bray, of Ada and nephew of Mina Pierson of Belmont, has completed a supply course at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, SC.

During the course, students received instruction in the maintenance of stock records and the procedures necessary to receive, store, issue and ship supplies and material.

He is a 1988 graduate of Comstock Park High School.

Marine Cpl. Scott M. Organek, son of Thomas B. and Lynda N. Organek of Lowell, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

Organek received the award for good behavior and conduct over a three-year period in the Marine Corps.

He is currently serving at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA.

A 1985 graduate of Grandville Senior High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1985.

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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 areas. 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.

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. No December or January meetings.

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

SECOND TUESDAY - Better Buyers Food Buying Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Kutchev's home, 1001 Heffron, Lowell. Interested people are welcome. For information, call Kathy at 897-8779.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD THURS. - Lowell Area Jaycees, meet at the Lowell Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39

years of age. Leadership training through community involvement. Interested, call 897-9152 or 897-6539.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY - V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #MI 1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. 'til 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #MI 372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12685 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: "Euchre" will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes. Public welcome.

EVERY MON. & TUES. MORNING - Coffee Break Bible Study. Monday 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whiteville Rd.

3RD SAT. OF EACH MONTH - V.F.W. Post No. 8303 in Lowell, 307 W. Main. Steak dinner, serving 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Public invited.

EVERY TUES. MORNING - Ladies join us for Coffee Break/Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell 9:30 thru 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY - Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash, (just south of town). Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

THIRD TUESDAY EVENING - Ladies Joy Fellowship. Various topics and special speakers. For more info call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING - Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kids kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassador for the youth (7 thru 12 grades). Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts and basic moral learning. For more info call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

LOWELL LIBRARY - will be open: Mon. 9:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE - 60 years and older, welcome. Roll-Away Ltd. Lanes on Wed. at 1 p.m.

THURS., MAR. 2: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. All members bring a guest. Speaker is Mr. Edward Gillis, on "Michigan Indian Culture". Anyone interested in hearing this speaker or joining this club is most welcome. Guests call 676-2362 with reservation for a salad buffet luncheon.

THURS., MAR. 2: Any resident of Eastgate interested in the upcoming School Millage, is invited to an information meeting at the Lowell Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. from 7:30 p.m. For information concerning the meeting contact Nancy Williams, 897-7032 or Elaine Smith, 897-9880.

THURS., MAR. 2: Lenten Book Reviews start Mar. 2 at the Lowell Y-Lounge. Coffee 1:15. Book review starts at 1:30 p.m. 1989 is the year of the young readers. Jane Aronson, Librarian, will review the group of books for young readers, pre-school thru 6th grade. No charge.

FRI., MAR. 3: Regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. will be held at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple. Final preparations of the Sandy Coswell Reception on March 10 will be discussed.

SAT. MAR. 4: Travelogue No. 4 on the Slavic countries will be shown at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell. Betty Yeiter will be the presenter. The public is invited and there is no charge.

SAT., MAR. 4: There will be a Fellowship Breakfast at Hope Church of the Brethren, (located at M-50 at Kent and Ionia County Line) From 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Just \$1.00 per person, children under 5 free.

MON., MAR. 6: Lowell Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the K-Quad Room at the Lowell High School, Foreman Rd.

TUES., MAR. 7: There will a regular meeting of the Grattan Township Historical Society at 7 p.m. in the museum at 11676 Old Belding Road, Grattan. Guest speaker will be Priscilla Johnson, Director of Howard Christensen Nature Center, whose topic will be: Extinction or Survival.

THURS., MAR. 9: Senior Citizen lunch and program featuring a Michigan slide presentation by Roger Brown. Call Community Ed, 897-8434 for more information and reservation.

THURS., MAR. 9: The Ionia County M.A.E.H. is sponsoring a style show at 7:30 p.m. at the Michigan Research Station, 9302 Portland Rd., Clarksville, MI. Public welcome. Clothing by Lake Odessa Mercantile Shop. \$1.00 donation. Prizes given away.

THURS., MAR. 9: YMCA Lenten Book Reviews continue with Eunice VanderVeen reviewing "Life and Death in Shanghai" by Nien Cheng, a woman who survived 6 1/2 years of prison and torture in Communist China. Coffee at 1:15, review at 1:30. All invited, no charge.

SAT. MAR. 11: 50's Dance and Buffet sponsored by Lowell Athletic Boosters at Shady Acres from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$8 each and may be purchased at Casual Touch or call Denise 897-9678. Reservations must be in by March 6.

WED., MAR. 15: The newly reactivated Historical Society of Ada will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Amway Learning Center, 7215 Heady St. Ada. Frank Mackaman, director of the Gerald R. Ford Museum will speak on steps in establishing a historical society. Anyone interested, please attend.

THURS., MAR. 16: Lenten Book Review. Joan Wittenbach will present a biographical sketch of Beryl Markham: thrilling, captivating storyteller from Africa. Coffee at 1:15 and review at 1:30. All invited, no charge.

SAT., MAR. 18: The annual Smyrna St. Patrick's Day celebration will be at the Smyrna

Macabee hall with a roast beef dinner serving 11:30 until 2 p.m. Supper from 5 until 7 p.m. Donation for meals are adults \$4.50; children 12 and under \$2; children under 5 free with parent. Euchre tournament upstairs at 1:30 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with "Scatter". Program at 7:30 p.m. at the Mattison Lyceum Hall, everyone welcome.

TUES., MAR. 21: Open House for Tops No. 372 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Lowell. All persons interested in losing weight are invited to attend. Come and see the results of our members. You, too, can benefit.

THURS., MAR. 23: Senior Citizen trip to Voight House and St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Call the Community Ed office for information and reservation, 897-8434.

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March is Kidney Month

March is National Kidney Month. Throughout this month, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan makes a concerted effort to promote awareness of kidney disease and related disorders. They want to educate people on the purpose of the kidneys -- how they work, what they do, their affect on well-being -- since many people are not aware of the functions of these most important organs.

The number of individuals suffering from some diseases of the kidney and urinary tract is growing. More than 20 million people in our country suffer from some kidney or urinary tract related condition; and 80,000 lives are claimed each year from these diseases.

There are approximately 750 patients in our state suffering from these diseases. Kidney disease can be a serious, life-threatening disorder. Early detection and paying careful attention to doctor's orders are the keys to preventing treatable kidney diseases from progressing to fatal disorders.

During March, the National Kidney Foundation continues its efforts to increase public awareness of the early warning signs of kidney disease; burning or difficulty during urination; passage of bloody urine; puffiness around the eyes and swelling of the hands and feet; pain in the small of the back just below the ribs, and high blood pressure.

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<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Lowell Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Ministries 10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Services and Youth Ministry "A JOYFUL WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY" 897-6477</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of 60th 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. GENE SICKLER, PASTOR 868-6403 or 868-6912</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street 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 897-0017 DAVID COBB, YOUTH PASTOR 897-6348</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise 7:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA 7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson 897-5906 Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M. Rev. David Hagens Pastor Eleanor Martin Director of Education Marilyn Ossentjuk Director of Music Barrier-Free Nursery Provided</p>	<p>MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood 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</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Armit MSGNR. JAMES MORAN Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>
<p>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</p>			

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"Neighbors Who Care" kick off pro-millage campaign

Millage campaign chairman, Ray Quada, and school officials "kicked off" its public millage campaign Monday night (Feb. 27) with an orientation (coffee and treat) meeting at the Lowell Middle School Cafeterium.

The meeting provided key communicators of the community with information about the status of Lowell school's financial situation, details on the March 21 millage election and gave school officials a chance to

present facts and answer questions from 30-40 concerned community members.

The meeting, although bigger in size, is similar to what the "Neighbors Who Care" Committee would like to see happen throughout Lowell in small neighborhood settings.

The meetings would allow for millage and school facts to be presented by a school representative and questions to be answered.

The Feb. 27 meeting provided information and answers concerning the school's finances; local support versus state support; what effect the millage increase would have on the average household; and S.E.V. effects on the school budget.

Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp discussed the millage financial information. He stated that the school generates school revenue for operation in one of three ways: increase in

state aid formula through state legislature; increase in local millage; and increase in school enrollment.

"Expenses of the Lowell Area Schools have been increasing at the standard rate figure of eight percent," Kemp said. "Of the total budget (\$10,250,000) 85 percent of that is personnel related."

Between 1983-87 there was a five to seven percent yearly increase in state aid plus increased enrollment Kemp said

there was enough money generated along with the millage rates to operate the school district. During this time the school's fund equity (savings account) increased from \$250,000 to \$1 million during that four-year period. "That may seem like a lot of money compared to a household budget, but that \$1 million takes the school through one month's operation," Kemp explained.

In 1987-88 state aid increased by 3.6 percent. However, the yearly expenses were greater than revenue by \$170,000, dropping the fund equity to \$840,000.

During 1988-89 the state aid decreased to 3.5 percent. "And in order to balance the budget and keep the fund equity at \$840,000, cuts of \$260,000 were necessary."

"In 1989-90 we expect a maximum of a two-percent increase in state aid," Kemp said. "If we were to add back the \$260,000 in cuts made in October of 1988 and with 'core curriculum' expenses of \$90,000, yearly expenses greater than revenue by \$800,000 would cut the fund equity to \$40,000."

Kemp is often asked if property assessments keep going up - the schools must be getting more money from this? "True, but when taxes go up from increased assessment the state reduces its share of school fund-

ing, and the schools still cannot keep up with increasing costs," Kemp says. "Dollar for dollar the only way the school can maintain its present programs is to increase school millage."

Kemp pointed to a chart which showed in 1977-78 that 47 percent of Lowell's school funding came from local taxpayers, while the state provided 53 percent. However, in 1988-89 local taxpayer's share is up to 68 percent, but the state is only providing 32 percent support.

What will the 2.9 mill increase mean to home owners? A \$60,000 home (\$30,000 S.E.V.) would mean an extra \$87 a year or \$1.67 a week. A homeowner of a \$100,000 home with a \$50,000 S.E.V. would incur an extra \$145 a year or \$2.79 per week.

What does this mean for the school? Simply stated, with an increased S.E.V., state aid goes down. When the S.E.V. isn't high the state aid increases, either way the local school dollars remain the same.

School officials hope that the "Neighbor Who Cares" coffee meetings that will be held throughout the community in various households will not only be informative but provide a forum for area residents to ask and have questions answered about the school.

Amy Craycraft named to Western's Dean's List

Amy Craycraft, a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School has been named to the Dean's List at Western Michigan University after completing the Fall

1988 semester. Craycraft is also a member of the Western Michigan University Honors College.

City Council agrees to help YMCA repair King Memorial Pool

At its Feb. 21 meeting, Lowell's City Council voted to allocate \$22,000 toward the repair of the King Memorial Pool - \$11,000 from the Lee Fund and the \$11,000 the LOOK Memorial Fund board approved at its Feb. 15 meeting.

The City also officially agreed to provide the required labor, which would help reduce the cost of repairs by approximately \$17,000 based on the bid from Robertson Brothers Pool Service of Farmington Hills. It is still undecided whether other bids will be sought. "That will be left up to the YMCA," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said.

The City had one stipulation, that the YMCA raise its \$11,000 before the project is started. Lowell YMCA Director Doug Ybema reported that the Y board has agreed to try to raise \$11,000 to help rebuild the pool. He added that the board would also like to see a new pool contract drawn up after the summer, and a voucher system reactivated between the city and the YMCA.

"I'm in favor of a voucher system," Pasquale said. "Last year the City made a \$3,000 contribution to the pool and paid 50 percent of the regular city memberships to the YMCA." He added that with that system the contribution could go as high as \$8,000.

Ybema and the YMCA board continued to bring the discussion of pool maintenance and operating costs to the forefront. While no resolutions came from the talks, dialogue continues.

A March 6 public hearing was set for the request by Carol Tis-

kus of Grand Rapids for a variance to construct a 1,100 square foot house on Gee Drive. The property is located within the R zoning district where 1,600 square feet of floor area would be required.

Tiskus' stated that anyone able to afford a 1,600 square foot home is not likely to purchase a 1.7 acre lot (with an easement encircling it) to build it on. She stated they would be more likely to buy a larger more private lot. Consequently this variance is placing a burden on the seller in disposing of the lot. "Rather than continuing to leave this as undeveloped land, it would be wise to allow a more modest sized home to be built. Thus increasing the assessed value of the land and increasing the tax base for the community," Tiskus said.

Scott McKillop, zoning administrator, has asked the Zoning Board of Appeals to render a formal interpretation of the City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance. While there are two provisions that are clearly intended to regulate the placement of structures on corner lots, one is clear and one is confusing. The biggest hurdle being section 8.04 (D) which states there must be a full front yard setback distance from the side street right of way.

"It states clearly that a full front yard setback distance is required when specific conditions exist. It does not state, however, what the setback requirement is when those conditions do not exist," McKillop said.

The council approved the B.T. Brothers, Inc. request to transfer stock interest in a Class C - SDM

licensed business (Sneaker's) from Bret McManus to Shelley Marie Merigan.

Sneaker's also requested an entertainment permit. That request was denied by the council since Sneaker's does not meet required floor area and dressing room standards established by the L.C.C.

In other council news: *The City approved the purchase of two lawnmowers for its parks and cemetery operations. The mowers will be bought from George Hofacker (Grand Rapids). The city will pay \$4,850 for a Scag Lawn Mower and \$4,990 for a 61-inch Scag lawn Mower to help meet the requirements of the Lowell Public Works Department.

*The council was given a draft

of a capital improvement plan covering areas of facilities, streets and parks. Once the council has reviewed the projects, the finished document will serve as a guideline to determine future improvements. "This plan in no way commits the council to anything," Pasquale said.

Not included in the capital improvement plan was Oakwood cemetery. "A plan outlining the trees that will replace the Walnuts which were cut down last fall should be ready by March 20," Pasquale said. "We do plan on getting in-put from area residents."

*James Phillips was appointed to the planning commission and Dave Clark was appointed to the Board of Review.

Rabbit raisers needed

The interest in raising rabbits for a 4-H or family project is growing in the Lowell area. The 4-H Program needs adult volunteers to act as co-leaders in rabbit clubs. Volunteers need to have an interest and willingness to lead and work with elementary children. They do not have to be rabbit experts.

Raising rabbits is a fun and

Happy Birthday

MAR. 2: Kristina Kortjohn, Roger MacNaughton, Mary Vezino, Andy DeWitt, Karolyn Murphy.
MAR. 3: Don Reagan, Sue Burghuis, Phyllis Richards.
MAR. 4: Pat Fonger, Olive Wood, Kaleb Harris, Scott Vashaw.

rewarding opportunity and idea if you live in an urban or rural area. 4-H'ers raise rabbits for pleasure and profit. They enjoy showing their rabbits at fairs or rabbit shows.

Volunteers will receive an orientation or training. For more information, contact Deb at the 4-H Youth Program, 774-3265 or Laurie at 897-7272.


MAR. 5: Grandpa Don, Ernest Collins, Don Silvis.
MAR. 6: Pat Covell.
MAR. 7: Joyce Blasher, Marian Carrigan, Debbie Wright.
MAR. 8: Dennis Huver, Bill Briggs, Gordon C. Hill, Bill Green, Dorothy Bower, Kay Carter, Kathy Avery.

Gastroesophageal reflux is very common, at least one in ten people experience symptoms daily, and up to one-third of all people will experience symptoms at one time or another. In most people gastroesophageal reflux will not interfere with their lifestyle. In a small percentage, frequent reflux can lead to severe inflammation of the esophagus which may require treatment. If stomach acid refluxes into the trachea (wind pipe), it may cause choking and even pneumonia.

Most cases of reflux can be treated simply by following these recommendations:

- * avoid caffeine (coffee, tea, cola)
- * avoid carbonated beverages
- * avoid citrus juices, highly acidic foods (tomatoes)
- * avoid chocolates and peppermint
- * eat smaller meals - large meals distend the stomach allowing relaxation of the sphincter
- * don't lie down within three-four hours after eating-gravity helps keep stomach contents in the stomach
- * avoid alcohol - all alcoholic beverages relax the sphincter
- * stop smoking - inhibits the sphincter's functions
- * keep your weight in the normal range
- * raise the head of the bed by placing six inch blocks under the head posts - tilting the whole bed is important. Using extra pillows will worsen reflux
- * take one-two tablespoons of a liquid antacid a half an hour after eating and at bedtime.

If these simple recommendations do not adequately reduce your discomfort, you should see your doctor for further evaluation and treatment.



by
Joan Wittenbach

A STRANGER RE-VISITED

At one time or another, we will meet a stranger or two who will leave an indelible mark on our lives. Someone who seemingly comes out of nowhere, stays with us for a moment and disappears forever. They are never forgotten in the deep recesses of our minds or our hearts.

It is to this stranger that I give a testimonial, of the impact that he had in my life, for what seemed a brief moment of time. For that moment, I am grateful.

Dear John,

I am giving a testimonial for you today. I wish you were here listening, seeing me, and being part of my life again. I wonder where you might be at this time. Perhaps you have even died by now. If so, my testimonial will be my eulogy for you as well.

I hadn't thought about you for years, John, for 45 years. And then one evening I walked into a classroom, introduced myself to the teacher-- and there you were--only in memory of course, but real. I saw you--in her eyes. It startled me at first, but then I smiled in recognition. I haven't seen eyes like that in all these years. They belonged to you, once again: deep, marine, aqua blue, alive and caring.

My mother and I were on a train headed back to our home in Michigan. We had been on our yearly visit to my aunt in Ohio, when my mother fell and severely twisted her foot. We left soon after that for home. That is when you came into our lives.

I tried to make my mother comfortable on the train, but I was uneasy, not knowing quite how to take care of her. It was frightening to see her unable to move without pain. It must have shown. I saw you coming toward us, and heard you say, "Is there something I can do to help you?" I saw you smile and I saw the color of your eyes -- and I accepted your offer. You sat with us the entire trip. We laughed, played silly games, and shared stories of who we were and what we liked.

When we came to our stop in Michigan, I saw my Dad out of the window. I was relieved to see him because of my mother's foot, but unhappy because I knew the train would take you away from us.

As my mother reached out to my Dad's waiting arms, I turned around and looked at you standing in the opening of the doorway--smiling. "Good-bye, John. Thanks for helping us out." I heard the ends of the those last words of mine trickle out in tears. "My pleasure, Joan, my pleasure. Good-bye."

Now that I am older, the remembrance is vintage. If this were a eulogy, I would leave this Scripture verse on your casket: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for some have entertained angels unaware." Heb. 13:2.

I think you were that to me. You are still somewhere in the part of my heart that says, "ten years old."

Wherever you are, John, you are loved.

Happily your friend,
Joan

Lowell City Council proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 6, 1989.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Maatman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the clerk called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Hodges, Mayor Maatman.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and seconded by Hodges that the minutes of the January 16, 1989 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED by Thompson and seconded by Fonger that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Hodges and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS (2-6-89)

General Fund	\$65,502.94
Major Street Fund	587.50
Local Street Fund	864.65
Sewer Fund	3,447.76
Water Fund	2,970.11
Equipment Fund	2,176.02
Data Processing Fund	433.62
Current Tax Fund	54,707.16
Lee Fund	800.00

Item No. 1. MICHIGAN WIRE PROCESSING CO., INC. - APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - PUBLIC HEARING. Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing to consider a tax abatement for Michigan Wire Processing, Inc. for improvements made to its West Main facility. These included a 10,000 sq. ft. processing addition to the existing building, 1,600 sq. ft. of new office space and the installation of machinery and equipment totaling \$785,000 in investment. Don Fizer, President of Michigan Wire stated that 15 jobs are expected to be created within a two year period while 22 jobs are retained. He mentioned that the company has already hired more than the application stated. Mr. Fizer said the Michigan Wire does need the twelve (12) year tax abatement in order to remain competitive.

Jim Doyle (Vice President of King Milling) and A.J. Zengri (126 Flat River Dr.) stated their support of Michigan Wire's application for a twelve (12) year abatement. Letters of support were received from James Pfaller (Anderson Shoes) and Charles Thomas (Metric Manufacturing Co.) Ann Jankowski (315 Alden Nash) spoke against Michigan Wire receiving any tax abatement whatsoever. She believed that the plant causes excessive noise for the adjacent residential neighborhood. Sharon Potter (320 Alden Nash) wrote a letter voicing similar concerns.

Dr. Fritz Esch, Superintendent of the Lowell Area Schools (in a prior telephone conversation with City Manager Pasquale) expressed his general concern over the concept of industrial tax abatements. Dr. Esch noted that abatement is a particularly difficult issue in a time where the Public Schools must seek additional operational millage. The State reimburses the Lowell Schools as an in formula district for operational millage lost, not debt service.

Discussion from the Council concerned the current evaluation point system utilized for 198 applications. Michigan Wire's application was given five (5) years of abatement under the system. Several Kent County communities abatement evaluation programs have analyzed in a report given to Council. Councilmember Thompson stated that he likes the evaluation formula the City now has and would like to use it. Councilmember Fonger motioned to grant an eight (8) year tax abatement to Michigan Wire, but no support was given. The motion died.

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and seconded by Thompson to grant Michigan Wire a five (5) year tax abatement on the

\$785,000 of improvements given to the West Main Street plant.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item No. 2. INCREASED ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION. As deferred from the January 3, 1989 meeting, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber requested additional engineering fees of \$57,582 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was noted that Mayor Maatman and Councilmember Fonger met with the Fishbeck staff on January 17 to discuss the issue. Pete Daukss from Fishbeck pointed out that engineering hours were originally estimated in 1981. This was not changed since then. Also, redesign of the sludge system caused additional hours but saved the City approximately \$486,000. Through a legal opinion of the City Attorney, the City Council has the discretion to approve the increase but not the obligation. The Attorney suggested that the increase be approved subject to grant funding. The Council was concerned if this increase was grant eligible. Pete Daukss stated that as far as the firm knew, it is grant eligible. The request has to be submitted to the DNR for their review.

Councilmember Fonger motioned to grant Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber the \$57,582 increase in engineering fees for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but no support was given. The motion died.

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and seconded by Thompson to grant Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber increase in engineering fees for the Wastewater Treatment Plant contingent upon EPA grant funding approval.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item No. 3. SWIMMING POOL REPAIR. As requested by Council, City Manager Pasquale reported that a meeting was held January 24 with the City and YMCA representative to discuss the repair of the King Memorial Pool. Bill Robertson of Robertson Bros. Pool Service of Farmington Hills was also present. The discussion centered on means to reduce the \$50-60,000 cost estimate for repair. It was determined that

the City could substantially cut the cost by taking much of the labor work. With Robertson Bros. committing to such skill tasks as re-piping and cutting concrete, and a local contractor doing the finish concrete work, the price would be brought down to an estimated \$32,800.

It was proposed that the funding split be as follows:

Lee Fund	\$11,000
Look Fund	\$11,000
YMCA (thru donations)	\$11,000
	\$33,000

Don Fizer, President of Michigan Wire, stated that the town needs the pool to keep children active. He mentioned that he would support this project if asked. David Hagens, a member of the YMCA board, mentioned that each year the Y is incurring a loss for the operation of the pool, projecting \$17,000 deficit for this coming year. This should be considered before additional funds are used for repair.

The consensus of the Council was to table this item until the next meeting on February 21st. It was noted that the City, the townships and the Y will meet on February 7 to discuss recreation funding. Also, the Y Board needs to discuss the pool issue.

Item No. 4. INTERIOR PAINTING OF CITY HALL. City Manager Pasquale reported that the City sought quotations to paint the interior of the City Hall (for 15 rooms and 2 halls to be painted, including patching and prep work) from several Grand Rapids area contractors. It was recommended that David Noonon undertake the work at a cost of \$1,000 for labor and materials estimated at \$550. The cost was determined to be very reasonable and can be done after regularly scheduled business hours.

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and seconded by Fonger to award David Noonon the project to paint City Hall for \$1,000 for labor and \$550 for materials.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

The Council did request that City Manager Pasquale check with Mr. Noonon about liability insurance.

Item No. 5. INCREASE IN AUDIT FEES. Tom Dickinson from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson stated that his firm has a contract to perform City audit services for \$12,000. Any additional fees above that amount must have Council approval. Recently, an invoice from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson was presented to the City outlining \$4,155 in additional charges for work required to finish the audit. Mr. Dickinson noted that the sewer fund financial statement, new wastewater treatment plant construction and EPA funding were extremely complex this year requiring many additional hours to adjust during the audit. Also the requirements of the "Single Audit Act of 1984" demanded extra time.

A brief amount of time was spent answering Council questions.

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and seconded by Thompson to approve the \$4,155 increase in audit fees.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item No. 6. REPAIR OF CABLE TV - RESCUE BUILDING ROOF. City Manager Pasquale reported that the existing roof on the Cable TV - Rescue Building is badly deteriorating. The City received a quote from Jenne Technology of Michigan to install an expansion joint system to take care of this problem. The cost is \$2,059.76 of which Light and Power would assume 25% of the cost.

IT WAS MOVED by Fonger and seconded by Hodges to award Jenne Technology of Michigan the project to install an expansion joint system to the Cable TV-Rescue Building roof for the amount of \$2,059.76 with Light and Power assuming 25% of the cost.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item No. 7. CITIZEN SUGGESTIONS. None.

Item No. 8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. None.

Item No. 9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale

reported the following:

1. The Michigan Municipal League is establishing its Legislative Conference for Wednesday, March 22 in Lansing.
2. At its regular meeting of January 23, the Planning Commission discussed parking lot requirements with the Blue Crocodile on W. Main and approved a new sign for Root-Lowell.
3. At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, the Airport Board approved a proposal from American Sky Balloon Co. to place in operation at the airport maintaining a propane tank. This is subject to proper liability insurance approved by both the City and GRSBM.
4. Jim Porritt of the Kent County Road Commission stated that as of Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 a.m. the County is responsible for Hudson Street and the bridge. A resolution from Council authorizing repair to the bridge and accepting 50% of the cost was now required. This commitment was previously agreed in prior Council motions.

IT WAS MOVED by Hodges and seconded by Thompson to provide a resolution to the County authorizing repair to Hudson Street bridge and accepting 50% of the construction cost.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

5. The next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 21, due to the offices being closed on Monday, Washington's birthday (February 20).

Item No. 10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman reappointed David Drain to the Airport Board for three years and Randy Ossewaarde to the Parks and Recreation Committee for three years.

IT WAS MOVED by Thompson to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Approved: February 21, 1989

James D. Maatman, Mayor David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

An oyster will produce a pearl when a foreign body such as a grain of sand irritates its soft body. The oyster secretes layers of pearl, a calcareous or limestone deposit, around the sand to protect itself.

Lowell High School hosts O-K student exchange

Through the leadership of O-K Conference President Dick Korb, the first ever O-K Conference student exchange was held at Lowell High School, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The student exchange brought 12 students from other O-K Conference schools to Lowell High School for a day, exposing students to another school, its students and teachers. "At the same time it helped to tear down some of the school stereotypes that are built up," Lowell student counselor Gordon Gould said.

Each high school exchange student was paired with a host (student council member) from Lowell for the day.

Some schools had more than one representative. Rogers High School sent three representatives as did Forest Hills Central.

Two of the exchange students included Central junior Ryan Steensma and Rogers' senior Laurie DeVries. "It was a good

time. It reminded me of a regular school day," Steensma said. "The biggest difference between Lowell and Central is that FHC is a lot more modernized. Technically, Central is ahead of Lowell. Our school is more modern. It has television monitors, VCRs and phones in most of its classrooms."

He continued, "Part of that, I think, is because FHC is located in a richer district and the school is better funded - people are more willing to pay for modernization."

DeVries adds, "Here, students work on Commodore Computers at Rogers we're using Apple Computers."

Both students agreed that stereotypes are most evident and exist in all schools. "Lowell is thought of as a farming town (a hick town)," DeVries said. Steensma contributes "Lowell students think all FHC and East Grand Rapids students are rich

and skippy kids." He chuckles. "At FHC the stereotype is that come lunch time, Lowell students grab their muskets and go shoot their dinner. None of these stereotypes are true. Actually students are more alike than different."

Steensma, a Ranger football player, liked the idea of meeting guys he's only ever met on the football field. "It's a good opportunity to meet and see the other side of an individual."

Both students liked the fact that they were readily accepted by the Lowell students and teachers, which made them feel like they fit right in.

Another interesting comparison made by students was on the lunch programs. "The biggest difference, is FHC and Rogers students have a wider selection to choose from, at Lowell if you don't like the dinner you're left



Lowell High School was the host for an O-K Conference student exchange program on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The all-day program allowed students to share thoughts and ideas on the different schools. Above are the 12 visiting students who participated.

with a salad," DeVries said.

Gould said he thought the high school student exchange program was a good one, but would like to see it occur a couple times a year.

Showboat cont'd.

In the late 1970's Thomas formed his own management company, RainSong Management Corporation, with his wife Gloria. Located in Arlington, Texas, it is near where they reside with their three daughters Paige, Nora and Erin.

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Some of Thomas' current hits include "Throwin' Rocks At The Moon," "Broken Toys" and the theme song from ABC sitcom "Growing Pains," "As Long As We've Got Each Other."

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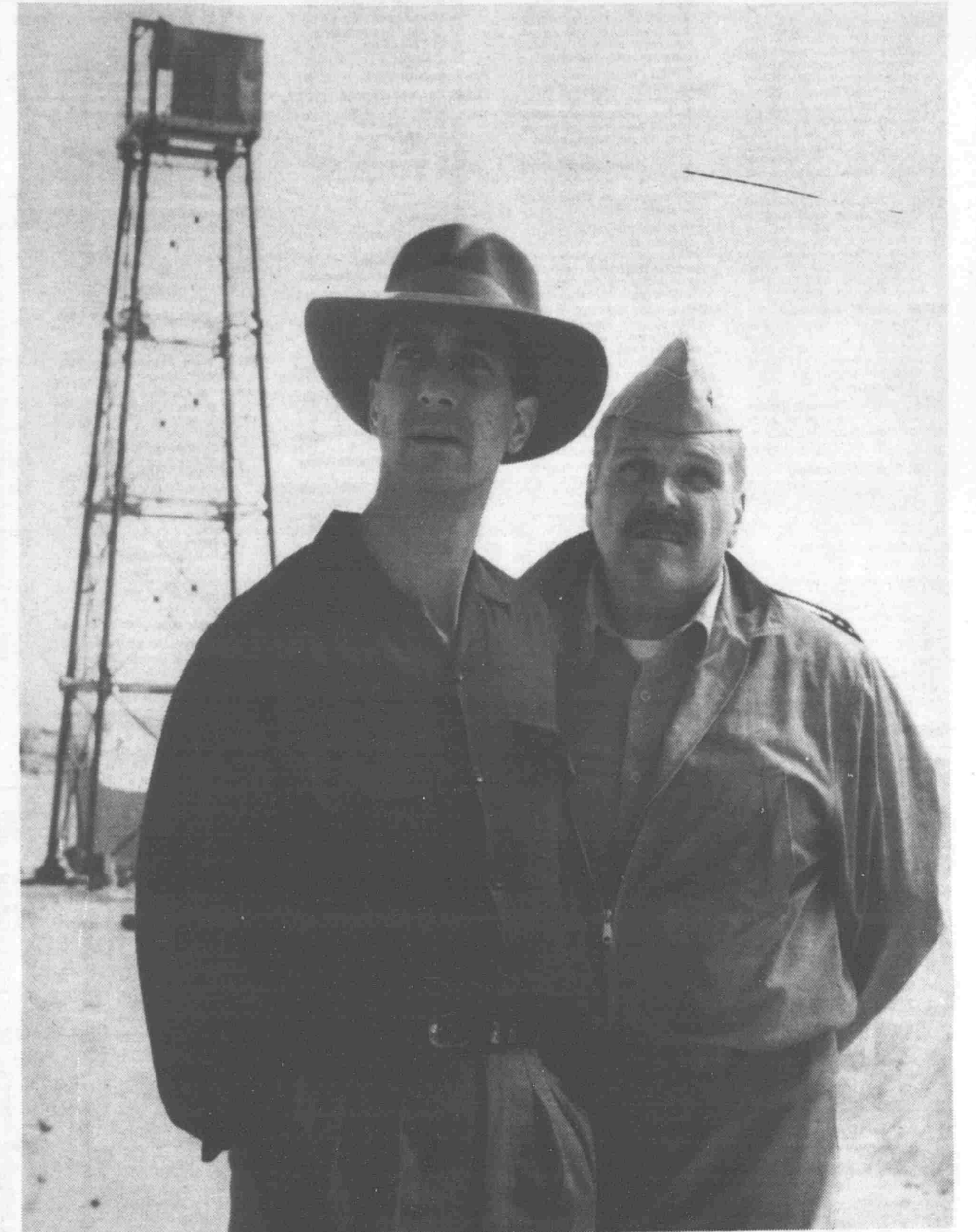
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21	MAX	Premium
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SUNDAY

March 5

MORNING

- 5:00 The Best of Walt Disney
6:00 Music Videos
6:30 Newsweek
6:50 Music Videos
7:00 News Today
7:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Man on Fire (Stereo)

SUNDAY CONT.

[HBO] MOVIE: Chapter Two

- 12:00 Jud Heathcote
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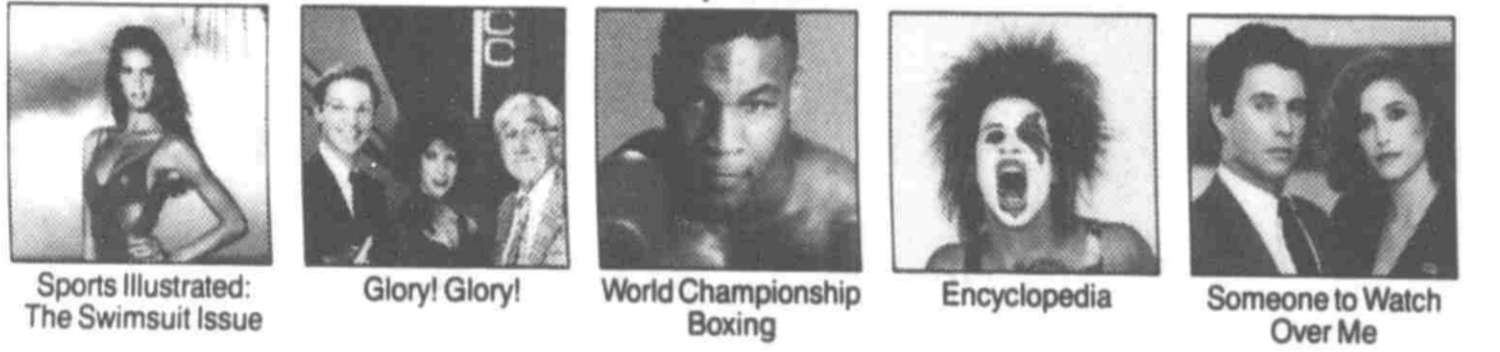
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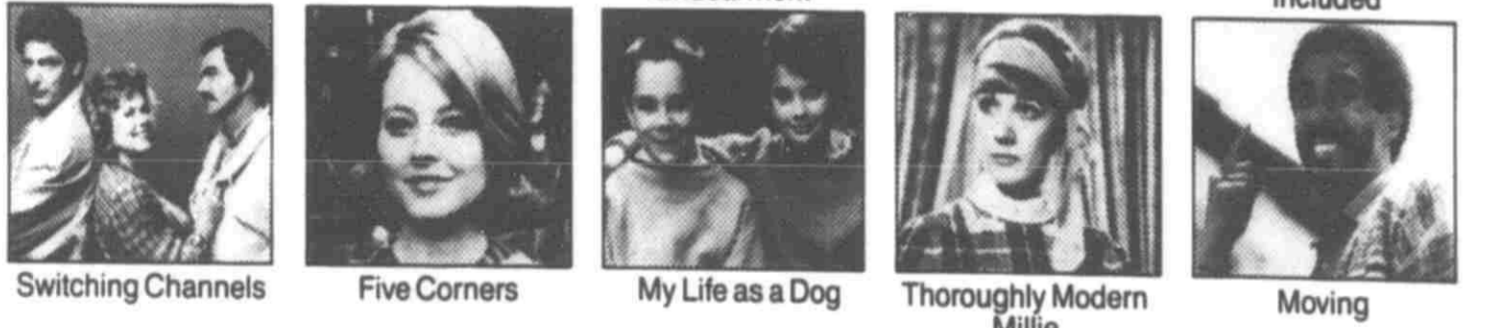
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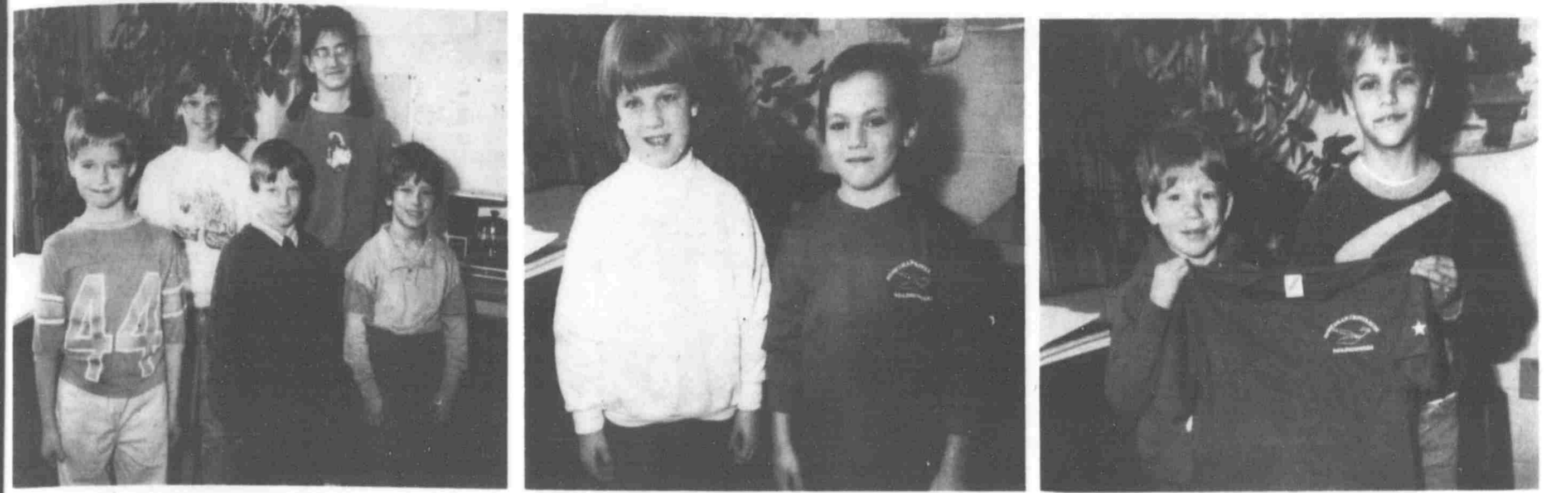
DAYTIME

- MORNING
9:00 (TU,TH,FR) Movie
5:00 (MO) Music Videos
5:20 (TH,FR) Three Stooges
5:30 (TU,WE,TH,FR) Gomer Pyle
5:40 (TU) Movie
5:45 (TU) Hooked on Aerobics
6:00 (TU) NBC News at Sunrise
6:15 (TU) Nightly Business Report
6:30 (TU) CNN
6:40 (FR) Jim Henson's The Tale of the Bunny Picnic
6:45 (TU) A.M. Weather
7:00 (TU) Music Videos
7:15 (TU) Mister Rogers' Neighborhood (CC)
7:30 (TU) Dennis the Menace
7:45 (TU) Sesame Street (CC)
8:00 (TU) Finders Keepers
8:05 (TU) Beverly Hillsbillies
8:30 (TU) Flintstones
8:35 (TU) Bewitched

- (FR) Understanding Human Behavior
(MO,WE) Straight Up
(TU) Firing Line
(TH) American Art Forum
(WE,FR) (MO,WE) Movie (CC)
(TU) Steven Wright: The Appointments of Dennis Jennings
(MO,TU,WE,TH) Zorro
(TH) Hot Potato
(MO) Gerardo
(Bodies in Motion)
(Sony Live in L.A.)
Pinwheel
(Family Faud)
(TH) Yan Can Cook
(FR) Southeast Asia Revisited
(MO) Uncle's Hour
(TU) The Sea in Their Blood
(WE) Christians
(TH) Heart of the Dragon
Perry Mason
Fandango
Hollywood Squares
CNN
Leave It To Beaver
(FR) European Journal
(WE) Royal Family Government Survey
(TU) American Interests
(TH) In Recital
(TU,FR) (MO,TH) Movie
(FR) The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet
(MO,TU,WE,TH) The Wind in the Willows
Play the Percentages
(MO,FR) American Baby
(TU) Liberty University
(WE) American Snapshots
(TH) Cable Kitchen
Bodyshopping
CNN Headline News
(TH) Young and the Restless
Scrabble
(TU) Global Village
1:00 Music Videos
(FR) Remodeling and Decorating Today
(MO,TU,WE,TH) New Country
Gong Show
(TH) Days of Our Lives
(MO,WE,FR) Synchronal Research
(TU,TH) Gunsake
(WE,FR) TV
(MO,TU,WE,FR) 3-2-1 Contact (CC)
(TH) 89' Worlds Largest Riptide
(TH) All My Children
(FR) (TH) Movie
(MO) Disney's Return to Treasure Island, Part 1 (CC)
(TU,WE) Disney's Return to Treasure Island, Part 2 (CC)
(TH) Disney's Return to Treasure Island, Part 4 (CC)
(MO) Reaction
Celebrity Chefs
News
(FR) 1988 International Outdoor Grand Prix
(MO) 1988 National High School Cheerleading
(TU,TH) College Basketball
(WE) Women's Volleyball
News
(MO) Club MTV
Nashville Now
(TH) DuckTales
(TH) Sesame Street (CC)
Love Connection

- (FR) The Berenstain Bears' Easter Surprise (CC)
(MO) Jim Henson's The Tale of the Bunny Picnic
(WE) Survival Series: Gentle Giants of the Pacific
(MO,WE) (TU,TH) Movie
(FR) Mouserpiece
Theatre
(MO,TU,WE,TH) Raccoons
High Rollers
(FR) Joy of Painting
(MO) Victory Garden (CC)
(TU) Tony Brown's Journal
(WE) Lillas
(TH) Yan Can Cook
(FR) General Hospital
(TH,FR) Movie
Welcome to Pooh Corner
Press Your Luck
Campbella
Leave It To Beaver
(FR) Off Road Championship Grand Prix
(WE) Ski Classic
(WE) NBA Today
(TH) Baseball Arm Wrestling
International Hour
Count Duckula
(TH) Guiding Light
(FR) Peter Ustinov in China
(MO) Snow Children
(TU) Wines of Italy
(WE) Spirit of Asia
(TH) Unifed Hour
3:05 Tom and Jerry
3:30 (MO,TU,WE,TH) Crook and Chase
(FR) Double Dare
(MO,TU,WE,TH) Super Sloppy Double Dare
Alvin and the Chipmunks
(TU) Using Media for Learning
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood (CC)
(FR) Dumbo's Circus
(MO) A Chucklewood Easter
(TU) Mouse Factory
(MO) Contraction
Tic Tac Dough
Green Acres
Yogi Bear
(WE) Thoroughbred Action
Heathcliff
(MO) North American Indian Portraits
(TU) Deaf Mosaic
3:35 Flintstones
4:00 Club MTV
Nashville Now
(TH) DuckTales
(TH) Sesame Street (CC)
Love Connection
Hill Street Blues
Family Ties
Current Affair
(FR) New Animal World
(WE) The Living Isles
(TU) Natural World
(WE) World Alive
(TH) New Explorers
5:05 Gilligan's Island
5:30 Dial MTV
You Can Be a Star
News
3-2-1 Contact (CC)
Night Court
(TU) More of the Best of Not Necessarily the News
(TH) Animation: Cartoons, Computers and Beyond
Edison Twins
Fun House
(FR) Scholastic Sports America
(MO) Sports Reporters
(TU) Sunlist K.I.D.S.
Don't Just Sit There
Cheers
USA Today
(FR) Amateur Naturalist
(MO) This Land
(TU) Natural World
(WE) In Search of Paradise
(TH) Pacific Outdoors
5:35 Leave It To Beaver
EVENING
6:00 American Magazine
Silver Spoons
News
Little House on the Prairie
Square One TV (CC)
(TU) Adam Smith's Money World
(TH) Great Decisions
(TH,FR) (MO) (MO,TU,WE,TH) Movie (CC)
(TH) Crazy About the Movies: Gregory Peck—His Own Man (CC)
(FR) The Easter Bunny Is Coming To Town
She-Is
Bonanza: The Lost Episodes
Facts of Life
(FR) Running and Racing
(MO) Sports Illustrated
(TU) Inside the PGA Tour
Mr. Wizard's World
(WE) World in Harness
Newhart
(FR) Futurescan
(MO) The 1930's
(TU) Spirit of Asia
(WE) Living Body
(TH) Odyssey

Runciman/Riverside announces "Students of-the-Month"



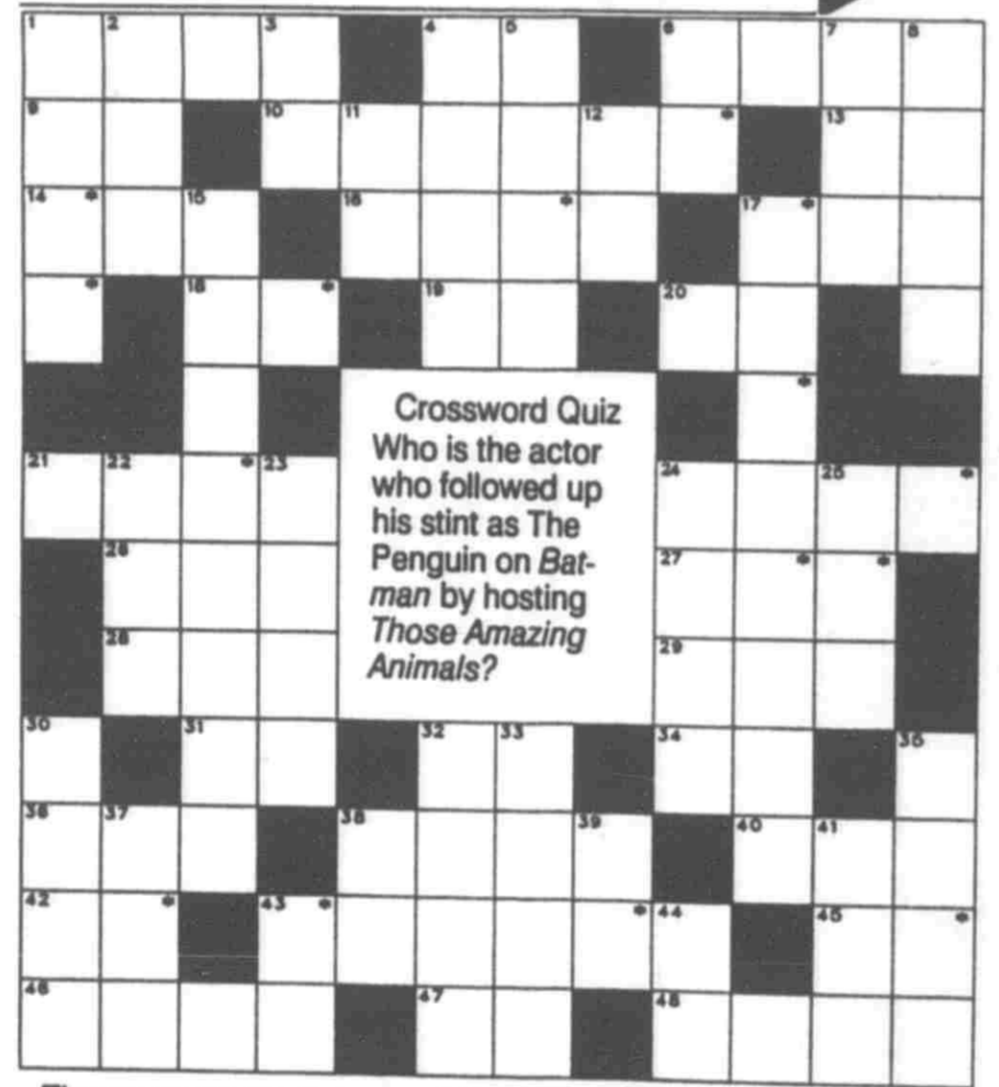
Pictured left to right: Matt Reed, Amy Larabee, Brett West, Shelly Schmidt, and Matt Offringa. Two Kindergarten Students-of-the-Month are left to right: Jessica Marvel and Matt Altoft. Jacob Baker (left) and Jeff Pfaller (right) are two Students-of-the-Month at Runciman/Riverside Elementary School.

As a means of recognizing the excellent work of our students in the areas of behavior and academic effort, Runciman/Riverside will be having a special assembly at the end of each month at which time a Student-of-the-Month will be announced from each grade (4 from kindergarten in addition to this recognition, each youngster will be awarded a special Runciman/Riverside Roadrunners T-Shirt. (Thank you to the PTO for providing shirts). The youngsters are selected by their teachers for this honor on the basis of a positive attitude, willingness to try hard, improvement in behavior or academics and interest in doing his or her best. January's Students-of-the-Month are: Kindergarten, Jacob Baker, Matt Offringa, Jessica Marvel and Matthew Altoft; First Grade: Matt Reed; Second Grade: Jeff Pfaller; Third Grade: Brett West; Fourth Grade: Amy Larabee; Fifth Grade: Shelly Schmidt. Congratulations to these students for their fine efforts.

A host of February births in the Lowell area

Michael and Teresa Alderink of Lowell, announce the birth of their son, Jason Michael on February 16, 1989. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Martin and Mary Alderink of Ada, Bill and Josie Heintzleman of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Ed and Chris Marsman and Merton and Addie Alderink, all of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller Jr. of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Saranac. Great-grandparents are Margaret Miller of Lowell, Ruth Dwyerspelare of New York. Kim and Beth Stevens are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kory Joseph. He was born February 23, 1989 at Butterworth Hospital. Great-grandparents are Don and Flora Jean Beachum of Lowell, Pat and Richard Stevens of Beal City. Great-grandmother is Angeline Mulder, of Lowell. Greg and Geri Smit are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashleigh Anne, born February 1, 1989. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big sisters, Amy and Kristin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smit Sr. of Saranac and Mrs. Marilyn Powell of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Eva Huver of Saranac and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Friend of Ionia. It's a Girl! Mark and Bonnie Essich of Lowell, are proud to announce the birth of their baby daughter, Tarah Starr. She was born Feb. 24, 1989, weighing 9 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big sister, Heather Nicole. Proud grandparents are Ronald and Joyce Essich and Harold Carigon of Lowell and Shirley Carigon of Saranac. Richard and Cynthia Longway of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Louise on Jan. 31, 1989. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She was also welcomed home by her brother, Richie. Grandparents are Lewis and Dorothy Reese of Wyoming and Betty BeVier of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Thelma BeVier of Grand Rapids and Clarence Wohlford of Wyoming. People believe if a fly lands on your nose, somebody has something to tell you.

Crossword Puzzle



The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- Crossword Quiz
Who is the actor who followed up his stint as The Penguin on Batman by hosting Those Amazing Animals?
Across:
1. Nick and Nora's pooch.
4. That's partner.
6. Ready's partner.
9. A Kettle.
10. Lone Ranger's steed.
13. Large deer.
16. Level.
17. Sanford and _____.
18. Clio nominee.
19. ____ Mom.
20. Smarta.
21. Fudd's foe.
24. Vidga series.
26. ____ Patrol.
27. You ____ There.
28. Gun group.
29. Gerstwin or Levin.
31. Puttin' ____ the Hits.
32. Not sm.
34. About.
36. Lennon's widow.
38. Betty _____.
40. ____ the Lionhearted.
42. Comedian Bean's monogram.
43. Chuckie's partner.
45. Twist's monogram.
46. A Man Called _____.
47. Actor Marshall.
48. Flinstone pet.
Down:
1. Planet of the _____.
2. Actor Mineo.
3. ____ the World Turns.
4. Whittman or Pickens.
5. Hugh Downs' _____.
6. Redford's monogram.
7. Holiday role.
8. Get Smart agent.
11. ____ Takes a Thief.
12. Elliott Gould series.
15. Captain _____.
17. Bullwinkle mouse's pal.
22. Vase.
23. Clio's partner.
24. It Happened at the World's _____.
25. Flipper's milieu.
30. Winnie the _____.
32. ____ Ranger.
33. Chuck Barris prop.
35. Dorothy's pet.
37. Basketball group.
38. ves' initials.
39. Magnium.
41. Eternity.
43. Kahn's monogram.
44. Post's pet.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW
The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road on:
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1989
between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; also on:
TUESDAY, MARCH 14
between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:
1. By letter addressed to the Grattan Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 7, 1989; or
2. By phoning the Township Hall at 691-8450 for an appointment to appear in person.
The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:
Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00
Joe Nowak Supervisor

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW
The Board of Review of Vergennes Township will meet at the Vergennes Township Office, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell on:
MONDAY, MARCH 13
between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and
TUESDAY, MARCH 14
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James B. Cook Vergennes Township Supervisor

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Property taxpayers have three major reasons for appealing an assessment to the Board of Review:
1. Your property had been assessed at more than fifty percent of its fair market value.
2. Your property assessment is not equitably assessed with similar properties within your neighborhood;
3. Your property tax payments would create a severe financial hardship. This reason has limited application since the State of Michigan income tax rebate tied to the State income tax addresses this need.
When you appeal your property assessment, please be prepared with some evidence of the value of the property. If you have purchased the property within the past two years, a copy of the closing statement or sales contract would be helpful. An appraisal by a reputable and qualified appraiser, or indications of sales in your neighborhood are also useful.
A STATEMENT THAT "THE TAXES ARE TOO HIGH" has no weight in any appeal process. The assessor is required to spread the burden of taxation equitably, based on value. He or she has no control over taxes. These are the responsibility of the policy makers, be it school, intermediate school district, Township or County, plus you as a voter selecting the quality of local government support you deem necessary.
1989 assessments may be appealed directly to the assessor prior to March 7, 1989 by calling 676-0777 for an appointment. On March 7, the control of the roll is transferred to the Board of Review. Your rights to appeal to the Board of Review are not waived by appeals to the assessor.
James B. Cook, Assessor

Red Arrow J.V. claims share of league title

Lowell's junior varsity basketball team rapped up a tie for the O-K White Conference title Friday night with a 72-69 victory over Zeeland.

However, behind the 18-point performances of John Borg and Steve Malone, Lowell was able to turn the tables.

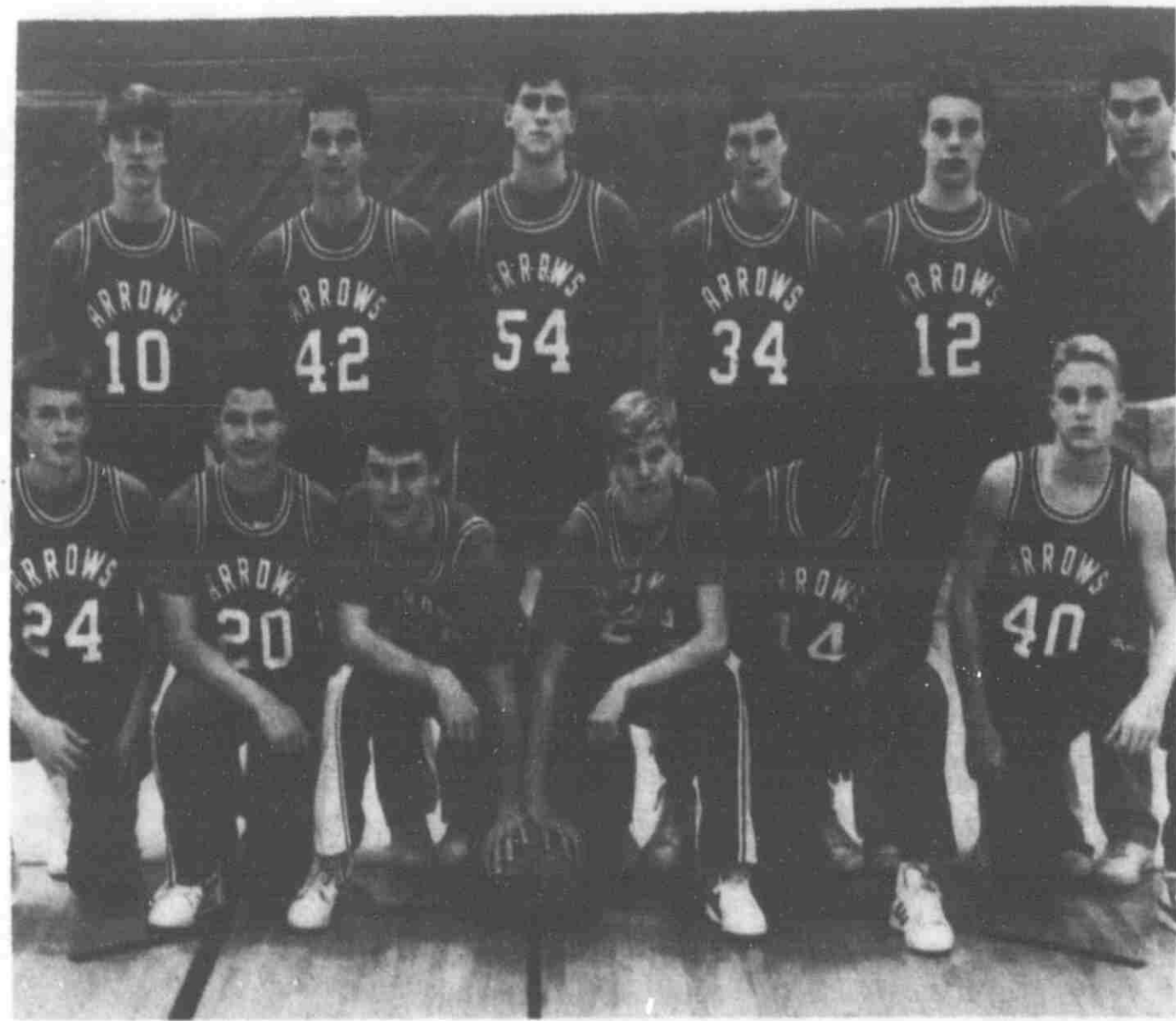
Malone and Borg also led the Arrows on the boards with nine and seven rebounds respectively.

Lowell led by one at the end of the first quarter 21-20. The game was even at 34-34 at halftime. The homesteading Chix held a 55-54 lead at the end of three stanzas.

The Red Arrows outscored Zeeland 18-14 in the final eight minutes to earn the victory. Lowell finished the season at 14-6 overall and 10-3 in the conference.

Vince Videan's two free throws with 50 seconds remaining gave Lowell a 71-69 lead, one which it would not relinquish. The two foul shots capped a late Arrow rally. Lowell trailed by six with two-and-a-half minutes left in the game, when it rattled off seven consecutive points to take the lead. The rally can be attributed to work from the Red Arrows' full-court press.

Other players to score for Lowell include Jerud Mierkals with 16 points; Ryan Brinks tallied seven off the bench; Vince Videan had six; while Todd Phillips netted four points and Jason White and Ed Nausieda scored two and one points respectively.



Lowell's junior varsity basketball team finished its regular season at 14-6 overall and 11-3 in the conference, earning it top honors. Members of the conference-winning Red Arrow team include front, left to right, Jason White, Jerud Mierkals, John Borg, Wayne Haines, Tim Cooks and Ryan Brinks. Back, left to right, James Chertos, Vince Videan, Steve Malone, Todd Phillips and Ed Nausieda.

Chix drop Lowell, 81-54

Facing league leading Zeeland at full strength is a momentous task for Lowell; facing Chix without starting guard Ryan Holtz seems unfair.

Classify it however you want, Lowell showed up Friday night at Zeeland for its final regular season basketball game to do battle with the Chix.

Battle - the Red Arrows did,

for all of one quarter, as it stuck with Zeeland throughout the first eight minutes. Lowell trailed 21-15 after the first stanza, but the much more talent-laden Chix used its team concept style of play as it pulled away from Lowell 81-54, insuring a share of the O-K White Conference championship with Northview, a 74-

62 victor over Forest Hills Central.

"Holtz averages 12 points a game for us and handles the ball a lot, too, but that was not the difference in the game," Lowell basketball coach Mark Thomas said. "We were competitive in the first half and made a balgame of it. But in the second half Zeeland's transition game really wore us out."

Chix coach Tom Bean was happy with the victory. "We're so happy with the win and the O-K White co-championship," he said. "We said we wanted to be champions at the beginning of the year and being co-champions with Northview certainly feels good."

The Red Arrows, who had had problems putting the ball in the hoop in their last eight games, suffered offensive lapses again. Lowell shot a dismal six-for-30 from the field in the second and third quarters.

Zeeland increased its six-point first quarter lead to 17 at 41-24 at halftime.

The third quarter was much of the same as the Chix outscored Lowell 21-8, taking a commanding 62-32 lead into the final eight minutes. The Red Arrows enjoyed its best offensive output of the evening in the fourth quarter, tallying 22 points and outscoring Zeeland by three in the fourth quarter (22-19).

"Lowell played hard, but they were simply outmanned tonight," Bean said. "Our guys really worked on finding their weakness tonight and they worked on the mismatches."

Jason Douma led Lowell with 14 points, Tim Weststrate followed with 12.

Everyone scored for Zeeland. The Chix were led by Steve Carignon with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Chad Holstege tallied

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Township of Vergennes NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED VERGENNES TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, for the purpose of receiving public review and comment on a proposed Vergennes Township Master Plan.

The proposed plan will be available for review at the Township Hall Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting February 15, 1989.

Written comments on the proposed plan will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk not later than March 14, 1989.

Richard Bieri, Chairman

FAMILY FARE

"Athlete of the Week"



Megan Kirby

up her fourth year of volleyball, second at the varsity level. She also played four years of basketball, two at the varsity level and will compete in her fourth year of softball at the varsity level this spring. "I guess softball is probably my favorite sport," Kirby said. She admits though, that it has a lot to do with softball coming more naturally to her.

The Arrow has been a standout defensive player for the Laurie Kuna coached Lowell volleyball team. She has been at the top of the digs and saves department all year.

Kirby has also been at the top of her class' academic list all four years. She currently carries a grade-point-average around 3.9. The senior will pursue a career in business at Michigan State University.

Kirby's teammates refer to her as the "Bug" - in part because of her size and quickness. "My Dad (Bill Kirby) used to refer to me as "Ladybug."

The 18-year old isn't sure that she inherited her athletic talents from either of her parents (Bill and Melodie Kirby). "I don't think they had sports back when they were students," chuckles Kirby.

A coach can measure an athlete's ability, height, weight, speed, but it can't measure its desire or heart.

Lowell's Megan Kirby probably wasn't the most athletic player on the Red Arrows basketball team, or this season's volleyball team, and probably won't be the most athletic member of the girls' softball club, but the heart and desire she puts forth makes her as valuable to a team as any athlete.

Kirby, a senior, is finishing



All of the other planets in our solar system could be placed inside the planet Jupiter.

LOWELL YMCA

323 W. Main St., Lowell

897-8445


WHAT: Organizational Meeting

WHO: YMCA Adult Softball Coaches

WHEN: March 6th

WHERE: YMCA Office

WHAT TIME: 7 p.m. - Women's Teams
7:45 p.m. - Co-ed Teams
8:30 p.m. - Men's Teams



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Thomas, Albro sharing unique friendship

Lowell first-year basketball coach Mark Thomas would like to see the Red Arrow program reach a level, par, with East Grand Rapids.

Well, Thomas, so would every other coach in the O-K White. The difference in Thomas' approach, he's using Pioneer coach Rick Albro's knowledge, experience and friendship to help build the foundation.

Hold it! Friendship? We're talking East Grand Rapids, the rich, snooty students with club memberships and silver spoons. Lowell, the farmers, the overall bums and Mother Earth under its nails.

That's right, clean off that spoon and buckle up those bibs, Thomas and Albro share a friendship that was first kindled at a Michigan State basketball camp in 1978.

"Coaches share a special fraternity. We all have something in common," Albro says. "We're all bums when we lose, no matter the community, and during tough times we draw upon our strengths."

Draw upon your strengths during the tough times. Thomas' first year at the helm of the Red Arrow basketball program has been tough, no doubt. So the Lowell mentor calls upon a

friend, one of his fraternity coaching friends, an 18-year veteran, 11 of those years at EGR. Despite being clothed in layers of success since coming to East Grand Rapids from Marlette High (in the thumb of the state), Albro remembers that first year.

"The club was 13-10 that first year. We lost seven games by five points or less and four of those in overtime," Albro says. The Pioneers 6-13 1988-89 season has also been difficult for Albro, his players, and the Pioneer allegiant following. The difference, Albro, unlike Thomas, has 18 years of sitting on the sideline to draw from,

along with many conversations from that fraternity of coaches. Albro's exposure to the game has allowed him to be pulled aside by some knowledgeable basketball gurus. "I've been fortunate in that I've had many people help me out along the way," he says. "It's nice to be able to return that opportunity to someone you like and respect."

In Thomas, Albro sees a lot of himself. "Thomas is a young student of the game. He has a strong work ethic and he's always looking for an edge," Albro says. Thomas has taken a catch phrase he picked up from Albro and has not only asked his players to apply it to the game, but has done so himself. In all of his chats with the Pioneer coach, both on and off the court, he has "learned to listen and listened to learn."

Albro's teams are a perfect example of this - "He promotes learning and understanding the game. His players are not mechanical machines out on the floor. They're knowledgeable and able to solve problems," Thomas said.

The Red Arrow coach would like to build that quality into the Lowell program. "The kids have to take the initiative for what Lowell basketball will become," Thomas said.

Thomas is focused on promoting that attitude. "There have been times this year where I think the team has accepted what's happened. Change won't occur until we quit accepting the present."

Albro adds that when a coach first starts out, he's out to prove that he's the right man. "The only



Rick Albro has coached the East Grand Rapids varsity basketball team for 11 years. Over the years Albro has received help from his peers, the same type help he is providing friend, and sometimes foe, Lowell coach Mark Thomas.

way to do that is by winning. But then at some point a coach realizes that winning and losing isn't as important as having the kids playing up to their talent and/or potential.

"One of my longest weekends after a Friday night basketball game, came last year against

Lowell," Albro said. "We won the game by 28 points and clinched a share for the conference crown, but the kids did not play to their potential. We did not get better. Lowell outlasted us."

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Lowell varsity basketball coach Mark Thomas first met EGR coach Rick Albro at a Michigan State Basketball camp.

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Lowell gymnasts keep balance in league meet

It's all in semantics. Holland and Rockford tied for first in the O-K Rainbow Conference. Mona Shores and East Kentwood tied for second, so that left Lowell's gymnastic team in third - or is that fifth. "We'll take third," smiles Lowell coach Tammie Fitzpatrick.

The Red Arrow club finished the regular season at 4-4. Lowell finished fifth in the O-K Rainbow Championships at Mona Shores. Rockford took top honors with 138.0, followed by Holland 137.55; Mona Shores 133.35; East Kentwood 127.85; LOWELL 104.25; East Grand Rapids 103.9; Kenowa Hills 103.0; Grand Haven 83.6. The only Lowell player to place in any of the four events was Laura Kropp. The Red Arrow finished fourth on the bars with a mark of 8.9. Kropp was sixth in the all-around. "Kropp had a good meet. She recorded eights in everything," Fitzpatrick said. Tracey Tatebe of Rockford won

top honors on the uneven bars with a mark of 9.25. Other Lowell scores on the bars included Kelleigh Kinsey's 6.25; Jenny Akers 3.2; and Jennifer Shuster's 2.65. Kropp led all Arrows on the balance beam with a score of 8.1. Rockford's Tatebe won the event with a total of 9.15. Lowell's Kim Pullen scored a 6.3; Jody Smith came in at 6.2 and Becki Hovey was right behind with a 6.1. "I was pleased with our all-around scores on the balance beam. I thought we did really well," Fitzpatrick said. Rockford's Jill Stuart claimed first with a mark of 9.4 on the vault. Kropp, despite not placing, tallied a respectable 8.45. Teammate Michelle Chamberlain recorded one of her best vaults of the year, receiving a 7.05. Hovey earned a 6.65 and Angie Fox totaled a 6.6. In the floor exercise Holland's Tracy Webber took top honors with a mark of 9.3. Lowell's top gymnast, Krpf, earned an 8.45 while teammate Hovey came home at 7.15. Pullen totaled a 6.25 and Chamberlain came in at 5.75. **E. Kentwood 110.65 Lowell 103.95** Lowell and East Kentwood battled right down to the last set of exercises in the Red Arrows

final regular season match against the Falcons. East Kentwood edged past Lowell 110.65-103.95. In the floor exercise, the Falcons posted the top mark at 8.9. Lowell's Laura Kropp was second at 8.6. Grabbing the number four position was Lowell's Becki Hovey, recording a 6.5. Michelle Chamberlain finished a few hundredths of a point behind Hovey at 6.25. Kim Pullen was sixth with a 6.1. East Kentwood took top honors in all four events. The Falcons catapulted their way to the top on the vault with a mark of 8.7. Kropp finished second with a total of 8.35. Lowell's Angie Fox finished fifth at 7.0 and Becki Hovey placed sixth at 6.8. "For being a freshman, Fox has done remarkably well this year," Lowell coach Tammie Fitzpatrick said.

Lowell did not have a whole lot of time to think over the loss for conference power Wyoming Park was next. The Red Arrows got off to an inauspicious beginning, dropping the first game of the match 15-4. However some strong serving by Megan Kirby and Jennifer Murphy rallied Lowell to a 15-12 win in the set's second game. Kuna made mention of the fine defensive play displayed by her squad against the Vikings. "We did a super job with our digs," she said. "Our serving against Park was also outstanding. In probably the most entertaining game of the day Lowell defeated the Vikings 17-15. The Red Arrows jumped out to 4-0 lead. Park recovered, scoring six of the next seven points and grabbed a 6-5 advantage. The Vikings seemed to have control, building leads of 10-6 and 11-7. However, behind the serves of Jenifer Murphy and Tammie Knottnerus, Lowell rallied to harness a 14-12 lead. The serve was volleyed back and forth with neither team able to score. Park then broke through, tallying two straight points, tying the contest at 14-14. The Arrows, not

what tomorrow will bring to the Lowell program and Albro yearns to beat the game one more time. It is ability that got Albro to the top of the high school coaching ranks and has provided Thomas with a coaching opportunity. But it is their character that will keep Albro at the top and will help Thomas join his friend there some day. While both men remain focused on the game, Thomas yearns for

Thomas/Albro cont'd.

Albro, along with working at the MSU basketball camp, has also helped out at the 5-Star basketball camp in Pittsburgh, PA for the past seven years. "It's one of the most prodigious camps in the nation," Thomas says. This year Albro will open up his own camp in Siena Heights for kids with aspirations for playing college ball. While both men remain focused on the game, Thomas yearns for

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Arrows seventh in conference



Becki Hovey performs on the balance beam in gymnastic action against East Kentwood.

Lowell's volleyball team entered the O-K White Conference Tournament with everything to gain and nothing to lose. The Red Arrows were 1-7 in league competition during the regular season. The Laurie Kuna coached squad opened the tournament against Forest Hills Central (eventual tournament champion). The Rangers took their first step toward the league's top spot with an impressive straight set 15-6, 15-5 win over Lowell.

Lowell finished the day with a 15-7 win over East Grand Rapids, earning seventh place and keeping the Arrows out of the basement. Lowell tournament totals: ACES - Doreen Schneider 9; Kirsten Amundsen 8. ASSISTS - Stacy Davis 25; Jennifer Murphy 14. DIGS - Schneider 24; Megan Kirby 22; Tammie Knottnerus 11; Amundsen 10. KILLS - Knottnerus 18; Jenny Berry 13; Schneider 8, Melanie Nelson 7. BLOCKS - Knottnerus and Nelson each had 4. SAVES - Berry 9, Davis, Schneider and Kirby 8; and Kris Stouffer 6.

With its serve at top form, the Red Arrows were 24 of 24 in the first game against the Spartans, scoring three of the next four points earning a thrilling victory. The win set the Arrows up with a shot of advancing from pool play, however, a straight set victory over Sparta, its third opponent of the day, was necessary.

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Gymnastics cont'd.

The Falcons mark of 8.65 took honors on the uneven bars. Kropp close behind in second with an 8.55. Red Arrow Kelleigh Kinsey was third at 6.8. On the balance beam it was a Falcon with the high mark of 8.25. Kropp finished third at 7.45. Pullen and Jody Smith with fifth and sixth respectively at 6.25 and 6.0. "Kinsey and Pullen have been extremely consistent throughout the second half of the season. They have really made great strides," Fitzpatrick said.

Basketball cont'd.

The first place teams will now compete for state honors at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention at Michigan State University on March 21-23, 1989. Other schools competing in the Region V Leadership Contests were: Cedar Springs, Coopersville, Belding, Saranac, Caledonia, Charlotte, Hastings, and Maple Valley.

Mierkalns M.V.P.

Travis Mierkalns, a student at Lowell Middle School and a defenseman for the Kentwood Squirt Hockey team, was voted MVP by the coaches at the Big Rapids Invitational Feb. 24-26. Mierkalns has been skating since the age of two and has played organized hockey for Kentwood for the past three years.



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LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

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MONDAY, MARCH 13

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; also on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

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Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

John R. Timpson
Supervisor

C15-17

CITY OF LOWELL

Notice of Meeting of Board of Review

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 1989 at City Hall on:

Tuesday, March 7, 1989 at 3:00 p.m.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals, and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

Monday, March 13, 1989, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 1989 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than Friday, March 10th. A personal appearance is not required.

The following are the anticipated multipliers for Real and Personal Property Assessments:

Commercial Property	50.00%	1.0000
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James Maatman, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT PUBLICATION NOTICE DECEASED ESTATE File No: 88-147,201-SE

Estate of: STANLEY J. LEWIS, Deceased, 384-05-9198.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

TAKE NOTICE: On November 28, 1988 in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before Hon. JANET A. HAYNES, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of ROGER A. HALE requesting that he be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Stanley J. Lewis, who lived at 709 Lafayette, Lowell, Michigan and who died 1-5-79; and requesting also that the will of the deceased dated 9-20-78 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

2-15-89
Roger A. Hale
209 Pine Street
Lowell, MI 49331

Michael J. Tummino Jr. P-21618
311 East Main Street

Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5931 C16

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT PROBATE COURT CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE File No. 89,147,729-IE

Estate of ALETTA ROZEMA, Deceased, SS No. 385-38-5604.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The Decedent, whose last known address was 7903 Alpine, NW, Sparta, Michigan died December 19, 1988.

An instrument dated June 22, 1988 has been admitted as the will of the Deceased.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be barred unless presented within four months of the date of publication of this notice, or four months after the claim becomes due, whichever is later.

TO THE INDEPENDENT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Milton Bursma, 4705 Ottawa Creek Drive, Allendale, Michigan 49401.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Craig A. Bruggink P-29358
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NOTICE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED

TO: JAMES H. TAYLOR, 820 Oakhill St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507, THE OWNER OR OWNERS of any and all interests, or Liens upon the lands herein described:

Place of Business: 253 N. SANTA FE P.O. BOX 45 SALINA, KS 67402-0045 C13-16

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal

service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5.00 for each description, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

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Lowell HS names its top 10 students of '89

Lowell High School named its top 10 students for the Class of 1989.

"In addition to all of their outside interests, these 10 students have maintained their focus on the primary goal of academic excellence," Lowell High School Principal Dick Korb said. "They are a talented and dedicated group of students, coming from a diverse group of interests, but all committed to excellence."

TODD CARLESS - The son of John and Joan Carless plans to attend Wabash College, where he will pursue a degree in business. Carless participated in football (recipient of the coach's award), is a member of the National Honor Society, the class vice president and a Lowell Junior Rotarian. Carless was also a member of Boys State.

TANYA COMSTOCK - Plans to attend Grand Rapids Junior College and continue studies in business, law and/or psychology. The daughter of James and Nancy Comstock is a member of the National Honor Society, the ski club, debate team, International club and a summer co-ed softball player.

STACY DAVIS - Plans on attending the University of Michigan provided she is not accepted at Harvard. The daughter of Gordon and Faye Davis will study to become a doctor. She would also like to learn how to fly and travel to many parts of the world.

Davis, valedictorian, "Whiz Kid" award winner, National Honor Society member, class treasurer and a member of the Teens Involved Steering Committee. Her extra curricular activities include football cheerleader, volleyball, softball, pep band and a member of the Women's Club.

MEGAN KIRBY - The daughter of William and Melodie Kirby will attend Michigan State University in the fall where she will study an area related to business. Kirby has served as sports editor for the school yearbook, class representative her freshman and sophomore years and class secretary her junior and senior years. Kirby is also the recipient of an academic excellence award from MSU. She plays softball, basketball and volleyball.

HEATHER NAUTA - Her interests include flying (private pilot), traveling, horses, biking and downhill skiing. Her immediate plans are to earn a degree from Embry Riddle

Aeronautical University in Aerospace Engineering. Nauta is an academic honoree, and a four-year letterman in debate. She is active in Science Olympiad, Women's Club, LHS computer team, Close-Up, National Honor Society and the Cornerstone Community Church Orchestra. She is the daughter of Vern and Gay Nauta.

MISSY NIKODEMSKI - The Lowell senior, come September, will pursue a degree in Biology from Michigan State University. She hopes to work in scientific research in the field of Biology. The daughter of Jim and Sandy Nikodemski was an academic honoree her freshman and sophomore years, the senior section editor of the yearbook her senior year and will go to Washington D.C. with Close-Up in May. Her extra-curricular activities include tennis, Young Republicans, Science Olympiad, Ski Club, International Club and Close-Up.

PATRICK NUGENT - The Lowell senior is a four-year academic honoree, a National Merit finalist, a debate conference champion, a Citizen's Bee regional champion, a member of the National Honor Society (Pres.), and a junior rotarian. Nugent, the son of Dennis and Mary Nugent, will study political science at the James Madison College of Michigan State University. He is also active with the Grattan Township Historical Society, a fifth-grade religion teacher at St Patrick's, forensics, Close-Up, Science Olympiad, Young Democrats, Computer Club and the International Club.

DOREEN SCHNEIDER - The daughter of Phil and Barb Schneider will attend Grand Rapids Junior College before transferring to a four-year school where she will study chemical engineering. Outside of academics she is involved in softball, volleyball, Teens Involved, National Honor Society,



The top 10 students at Lowell High school were recently announced. They are front, left to right Tanya Comstock, Melissa Nikodemski, Heather Nauta, Megan Kirby and Jennifer VanderMark. Back row, left to right, Jeff Zillmer, Pat Nugent, Stacy Davis, Todd Carless and Doreen Schneider.

Women's Club and the annual staff. She is the editor of the yearbook, freshman and sophomore academic honoree, an All-regional softball pitcher her junior year.

JENNIFER VANDER MARK - Is active as a volunteer at Blodgett Hospital, the Salvation Army, as a business basics teacher and is a YFU alumni volunteer. The daughter of Dennis and Denise Vander Mark is a member of the National Honor Society, is an academic honoree, a member of the student council, a 1988 YFU (Youth For Understanding) exchange student to Switzerland, a National Merit Commended Student and a semi-finalist in the Michigan Mathematics prize competition. She will continue her education at Purdue University where she plans to pursue a career in the field of aerospace engineering.

JEFF ZILLMER - The son of Bruce and Carol Zillmer will continue his education at the University of Michigan, studying to become an aerospace engineer. Zillmer was a member of the varsity football team and is active with Close-Up, the Ski Club and tennis. Twice the senior was a semi-finalist in the Michigan Mathematics prize competition and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Workshop scheduled to bring back bluebirds

"Bring Back the Bluebirds" workshops have been scheduled for the fourth consecutive year this winter and spring by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Natural Heritage Program.

Forty-eight sessions, designed to teach how to help bluebirds by building and placing nest boxes in suitable habitat, have been planned in cooperation with Michigan State University's (MSU) Cooperative Extension Service.

Students can help the bluebird, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and hundreds of other non-hunted species and endangered plants by "looking for the loon" on their state tax forms and giving to the Nongame Wildlife Fund.

The Workshop in this area is scheduled for March 18 at Kent County MSU Cooperative Extension Service, Jordan College, 1925 Breton Road. Pre-registration is required. Call (616) 774-3265 (Debra Schuster).

More than 12,000 people have attended the workshops in the past three years, and 6,000 are expected this year. Thousands of bluebird boxes have been built by workshop participants and placed around the state.

"Bluebird sightings have increased significantly during the past two years," said DNR Director David F. Hales. "We believe these workshops are a primary force behind the recovery of bluebirds in Michigan."

Some participants in each workshop will be given ready-to-assemble bluebird nest box kits through cost-sharing efforts of the Nongame Wildlife Fund and the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MCCC).

"Through the combined efforts of the Nongame Wildlife Fund, MSU Cooperative Extension Service and the MCCC, we hope to re-establish the bluebird as a common songbird of the farmland and large forest openings in the state," said Bob Hess, supervisor of the Nongame Wildlife Program.

Each year at these workshops, a key species or group of species is highlighted in addition to the bluebird. This year "forest cavity nesters" such as the great crested flycatchers, black-capped chickadees, barred owls, screech owls and bats will be featured. Tips on how to help these species, plus nest box construction plans for many other species will be available at the workshops.

Contributions to the Nongame Wildlife Fund make these workshops possible. Michigan resi-

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March 1, 1985

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Children, Sharon & Bob
Grandchildren, Deb & Doug
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PACIFIC ATLANTIC

The Pacific Ocean appears bluer than the Atlantic because the surface color of the Atlantic is screened by greater masses of microscopic plant and animal life.

this week's SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
WEEK OF MAR. 6, 1989

MONDAY
Fruit juice, pizza w/meat and cheese, carrot sticks or salad, chilled fruits or jello, milk.

TUESDAY
Barbeque on a bun or pita or cheeseburgers, tossed salad w/dressing, steamed corn or carrots, assorted fruits or pudding, cookies or bars, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breaded chicken or Swiss steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy or sweet potatoes, steamed mixed veggies, Hill-billy rolls or bread w/p-nut butter, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Italian spaghetti or oven fried potatoes w/roast beef, cabbage salad or peas, French bread w/honey butter, choice of fresh or canned fruits, milk.

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

There is also a 3rd choice everyday of a chef salad for students in the Middle and High School.

Prices of lunches to students includes milk. Elementary \$1.00, Middle and Senior High \$1.05.

Ledger Entries



100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 27, 1889
Wisner Mills bought 2,000 bushels of wheat from area farmers last week.
John Callier flattened two fingers in the mill rollers but will be alright.
Widdicomb Furniture in Grand Rapids is the world's largest. Acker Junction, P.O. Elmdale, is getting a sawmill from Foster Bros. of Fallsburg. They need an elevator and general store there yet, but want permanent residents so they don't "commit suicide" like Lake Odessa.
Things are gearing up for the inauguration: "Why go to Washington when you can celebrate in Lowell?"
75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 26, 1914
Edison and victrola concert at Stocking's Music Store Friday night.

With the law banning lottery and games-of-chance ads, Pedro prizes may be mentioned in news items.
Lowell teachers have been taking a course in typewriting. A front page Letter to the Editor supports the possibility of a YMCA organization in Lowell.
Gonderman's Department Store also buys butter and eggs.
50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR. 2, 1939
The South Bell School on old U.S.-16 in Boston Township is destroyed by fire, but teacher and pupils escape unharmed. The foundation for the new post office building is being dug. About 200 beneficiaries of City, State, and Lowell State Banks' liquidations have not picked up their dividend checks.
The Kellogg Vinegar Plant shipped 350,000 gallons of cider and is processing a half-million gallons of vinegar this season.
WPA workers must prove American citizenship in order to keep their jobs.
25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 27, 1964
A gas war gets prices down as far as 17.9 cents in Grand Rapids.
Richard Bryan is named Jaycee "Man of the Year."
Lack of sidewalks on Amity St. is creating problems between cars and walkers on the way to the new high school.
Norton Louis Avery will be the speaker at Ladies Night in the current adult farmer series. Notorious insipid coffee will be featured again.
Lowell wins the Tri-River wrestling championship for the third year in a row.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

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Bank trucks feed Stukkie's "Dutch" fever

"One man's junk is another man's treasure."

Herm Stukkie not only believes this, he's bought into it over the past 30 years.

The Ada resident and 28-year employee of FMB State Savings Bank (currently Vice President) has been collecting antique glassware, furniture, toys and primitives for 30 years. The overflows from these collections are displayed on his FMB office walls.

One of his current and ongoing hobbies is Stukkie's five-year collection of bank trucks. This "fever" as Stukkie refers to it, started in 1984. "I picked up a 1950 Chevy bank truck at the True Value Hardware Store in Cascade," he said.

Actually Stukkie's fascination with trucks doesn't stop there. It is just a carry-over from his collection of 30-40-year old childhood metal play trucks. "I have some vans, dump trucks and semi's," he adds. While these metal trucks were built with the intentions of childhood use, his collection of bank trucks are not, a fact that his grandsons, Jason

and Joey would like Grandpa to forget. "I tell them that the bank trucks are grandpa's toys and can't be played with like other toy trucks," smiles Stukkie.

His bank truck collection fever really started to rise when friends started buying trucks for Stukkie. "Around that time I purchased Meijer's, J.C. Penney and Sears' trucks," he said. Soon that wasn't enough either - Stukkie started ordering trucks through Christmas catalogs and attending flea markets - that wasn't enough either, so Stukkie became an ERTL Club member. The catalog displayed what was available through ordering and bank truck shows being held around the state. "I think the furthest I've traveled to a show is Midland," he said.

ERTL headquarters is located in Dyersville, Iowa. "I toured the factory this past November," recalls Stukkie. "Yes, while I was there I purchased a few more trucks."

One limit Stukkie has put on his bank truck collection is that the manufacturer be a national brand or local.



Herm Stukkie displays one of his many bank trucks. Here, he displays a Meijer truck.

The Dutchman, who had all 78 trucks boxed up at his home, due to room constraints, was encouraged by fellow employees to take the trucks out of their boxes and display them at FMB Bank.

While his house is filled with antiques, he smiles at the fact there is one piece of modern furniture that offsets the antiques.

Stukkie paid \$7.95 for that first Chevy truck and he estimates that today it would sell for \$25. "I bought a Texaco Tanker

for \$9 four or five years ago. Today, it would sell for \$65," he says.

He has spent as little as \$5 for a bank truck and as much as \$45. One truck he'd like to add to his collection is the 7-Up model. "I haven't been able to get myself to spend the \$50 they're asking for it," Stukkie smiles.

One senses from Stukkie's smile that the 7-Up truck bank will also fall victim to that Dutch "fever."

Along Main Street, cont'd.

COACHES MEETING FOR YMCA SOFTBALL LEAGUES

There will be an informational coaches meeting on March 6 for YMCA Adult Softball Leagues at the Lowell YMCA office. Women's teams will meet at 7 p.m.; Co-Ed teams will meet at 7:45 p.m. and Men's teams will meet at 8:30 p.m.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident Feb. 22 at Main and Church St. were Eugene Bouwkamp Jr., 35, of Lowell, when he failed to yield right of way and pulled his vehicle into the path of a car driven by Keith Ferguson, 25, of Grand Rapids.

Thomas Boersma, 37, of Lowell was involved in a very minor property damage accident at Main and Hudson St., Feb. 23 when he backed into a car driven by Theresa Baerwalde, 51, of Lowell.

Leo Colburn, 73, of Middleville, struck a parked car owned by Veronica Ward, 48, of Ionia Feb. 16 as he was pulling into a parking space at Keiser's Restaurant on East Main St.

Arrested early Saturday morning Feb. 25 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, was Kevin McGuire, 21, of Freeport.

Arrested Friday evening by Lowell officers and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, was Michael Baldus, 36, of Nunica, MI.

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MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1989

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

These meetings will be held at the Historic Township Hall at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE for the purpose of hearing assessment appeals.

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