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SPEAK UP!

And express your opinion on the overcrowding school building issues with The Lowell Ledger

The Lowell School system's bond issue to be put before the school district voters later this year, is the largest single project to surface in the Lowell community in the last 20-25 years or the next 20-25 years.

Prior to the bond issue vote, Lowell residents will be given an opportunity to express their input in regards to developing options that address the overcrowding issue.

Lowell School/Community Services Director, Dick Korb, believes that the process of asking citizens to help develop a plan and solution is singular to Lowell.

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch stresses the school's need for citizen input so that the bond package can be formed from the ground up.

As a component to this process, Lowell Schools will conduct a phone survey on March 14, 15, 19 and 20. It will inquire about the thoughts of 400 randomly selected registered voters from the school district. The survey will be composed by Project Outreach.

With this being the singular most important issue to come before registered Lowell voters in nearly a quarter of a century, The Lowell Ledger is asking all concerned registered voters to carefully read over the three options aforementioned, then take a minute to write down which option you think would best serve the school district. If you are opposed to all three options, state that, and if you have an option that isn't being represented, feel free to share that too. Please include your name.

Drop off or send your concerns to The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. All the concerns expressed will be forwarded to Lowell Schools.

Don't let the biggest issue to confront Lowell Schools come and go without having your voice heard.

Lowell School District to conduct phone survey, seeking thoughts on overcrowded 1990 school building issues

In two weeks, the 400 registered Lowell School District voters who have been randomly selected to participate in a 50-question phone survey, will be asked to address the overcrowded school building issues.

The results from the survey along with the citizen's strategic planning committee, administrative and teacher input, and the ability to pay for the improvements will all be components used to lend the Lowell Board of Education direction on how to handle the overcrowded issue that currently confronts it.

Ned Hubbell, Director of Project Outreach, from the Michigan Department of Education in Lansing, composed the survey. Lowell School/Community Services Director, Dick Korb, said Hubbell is considered the "George Gallop" of educational issue polling.

Part of the phone survey will be conducted on Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 15 between the hours of 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. The survey will be continued on Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"This process is unique in

that we're asking the citizens to help us develop the options that will be included in the bond issue they will be asked to vote on," Korb said. "I am not aware of any other school district that has sought the citizens' input on such a matter. Usually a package is put before the people and they are asked to vote." The 400 school district residents (registered voters) will be queried as to the number of their children currently in school if any, how to address the overcrowding problem and the best way to finance such an undertaking.

The 400 primary respondents surveyed will receive in the mail a summary of information, options, and enrollment data.

Option I will read as follows:

- * Build a new elementary school with new district athletic facilities.
- * Renovating Bushnell, Alto and Runciman Schools for equity.
- * Putting an addition onto the Middle School.
- * Renovating and building an addition onto the High School.
- * Renovating Riverside School to a Community Edu-

cation Center for such programs as:

- High School completion classes
- Daytime/evening college courses
- New Dawn pregnant teen program
- Senior Citizens center
- YMCA child care programs
- Leisure time/recreational activities
- * Board offices would remain at the Middle School.

Option II will read as follows:

- * Convert High School into an elementary complex. (sharing gym/cafeteria facilities)
- * Middle School remains Middle School with small addition.
- * Renovate Alto and Bushnell for equity.
- * Build new High School with new athletic facilities.
- * Renovate Runciman/Riverside buildings for community education center for such programs as:
- High School completion classes
- Daytime/evening college courses
- New Dawn pregnant teen program
- Senior Citizens center
- YMCA child care programs

-- Leisure time/recreational activities

* Move Board offices to Runciman/Riverside.

Option III will read as follows:

- * Convert the High School to a Middle School.
- * Convert the Middle School to an elementary school with a small addition.
- * Renovate Alto and Bushnell for equity.

* Build a new High School with athletic facilities.

* Renovate Runciman/Riverside buildings for Community Education Center for such programs as:

- High School completion classes
- Daytime/evening college courses
- New Dawn pregnant teen program
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- Leisure time/recreational activities
- * Move Board offices to Runciman/Riverside.

Each of the three options will cost \$30-35 million. That is a 4-5 mill increase over the next 30 years, according to Korb. For a family living in a \$70,000 home that would be an additional \$175 a year in taxes.

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Along Main Street



PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SUPPER - MARCH 31

The Lowell Fire Department is sponsoring their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 31.

This year in conjunction with the Open House of the new Look Memorial Fire Station, the firemen will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. and a Pancake Supper from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fire Station.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences for Alto, Bushnell and Runciman Elementary Schools are March 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Secondary conferences for the Middle School and High School, are March 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. and March 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"DISCIPLINE WITH DIGNITY" SET FOR MARCH 13

Tuesday, March 13, a program for parents entitled: "Discipline With Dignity" will be presented. The speaker Todd Johnson is a training consultant who travels throughout the United States working with educators, business managers and parents. He brings his experience as an adolescent therapist, teacher, principal and father of three children.

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Historical Society celebrates 25 yrs. of growth

The Vergennes Cooperative Club, which led to the West Michigan Historical Society, was organized to help save Fallasburg Village.

It will celebrate its 25 years of preservation, acquisition and restoration on March 10 at 6 p.m. with a pot luck dinner at Schneider Manor. Following the dinner, the musical group "Music of the Heart" will perform at 7:30 p.m.

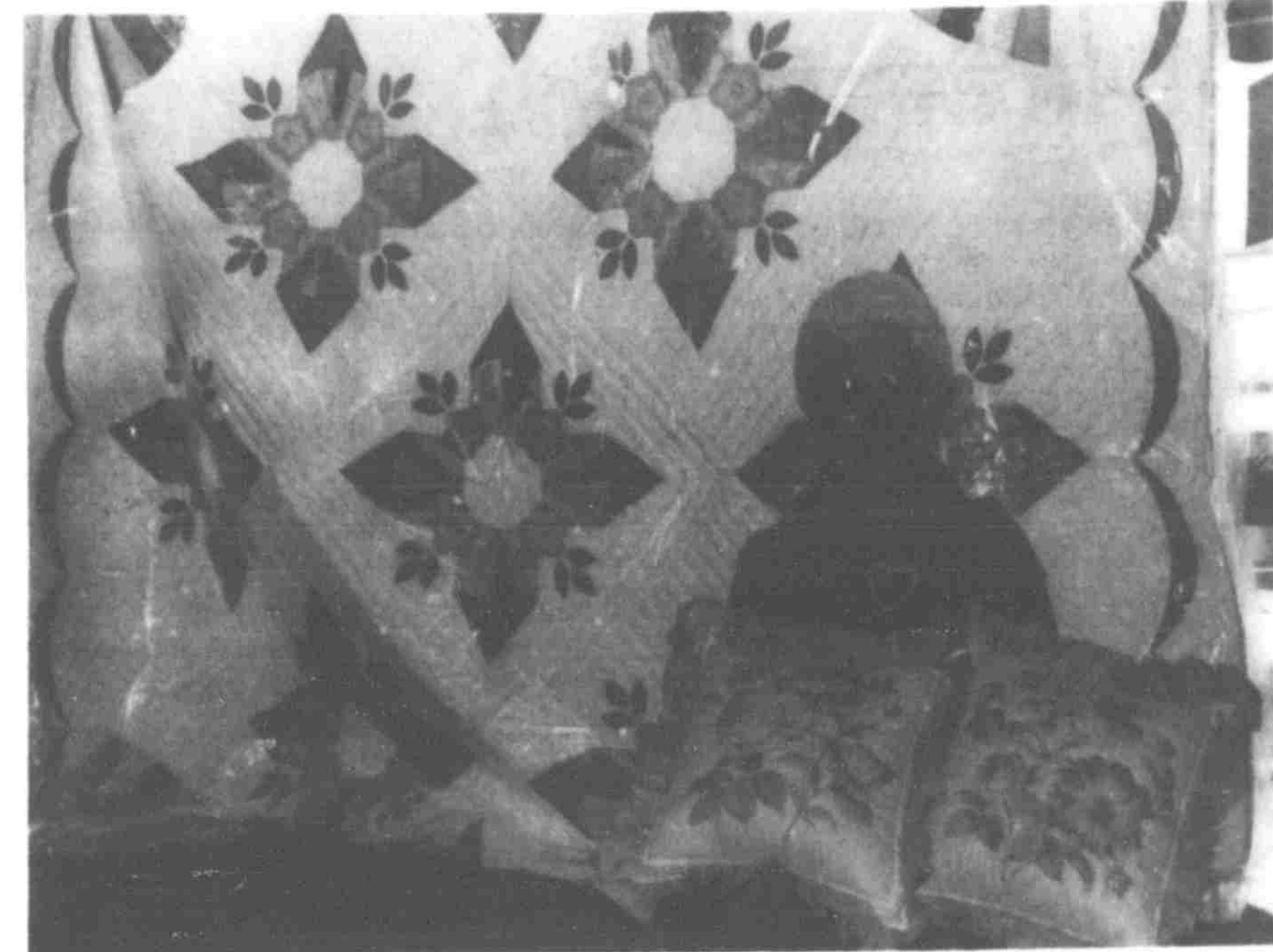
"Everybody from everywhere is invited and it's all free," said Judy Baird, Secretary of the Fallasburg Historical Society and Chairman of the Vergennes Township Historical Committee.

The anniversary also celebrates the incorporation of the West Michigan Historical Society. When the papers are renewed on March 25, the Society's name will be changed to the Fallasburg Historical Society.

Society cont'd on pg 2



"Music of the Heart" will be performing at Schneider Manor for the 25th anniversary celebration of the West Central Michigan Historical Society. They are from left to right, front row: Nancy Scigliano of Ada, John Orr of Gaines, Wilma Oliver of Owosso, Lindsay Scigliano and Helen Ostrom of Flint; Back row, left to right: Mick Hedrich of Merrill, Jack Oliver of Owosso, Jan Oliver of Owosso, Bob Hedrich of Oakley, Larry Hedrich of Merrill, Dave Scigliano of Ada. Not pictured is Marlene Hedrich of Oakley.



Janet Bovee is pictured here with the quilt that is to be raffled off by the Lowell Woman's Club at their May 9 Spring Luncheon. Tickets are available from members and from Marj Harding at FMB State Savings Bank.

Proceeds from quilt raffle will provide scholarships

This is the fourth year for Lowell Woman's Club to hold a raffle on a handmade quilt. The beautiful "Floral Fan-

fare" pattern quilt was pieced and quilted by twelve Women's club members.

Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each of six for \$5 and are available through any member or can be purchased from



About 16,000 icebergs form annually in the Arctic.



The earth is not perfectly round. Distances measured through the poles are shorter than those at the equator.

Marj Harding at FMB State Savings Bank.

The quilt is presently on display at Stichen' Pretty Fabrics Ltd. and it will also appear at FMB State Savings Bank and several local business locations until the May 9 drawing at the Woman's Club annual Spring Luncheon.

The money earned from the raffle helps Woman's Club provide three scholarships to worthy Honorary Member Senior girls who plan on attending college in the fall.

City Council accepts Green's offer to operate Creekside Park concessions

It won't be gourmet fare, but there will be food and drink available at the Creekside Park concession stand this summer. At Monday's meeting the Lowell City Council approved a proposal submitted by Don and Lynn Green to operate the concession stand during all scheduled events from April 15, 1990 thru April 14, 1991.

The Greens say they will limit their concessions to pre-packaged foods and canned soft drinks because of health department requirements and permits. The Greens also offered to open the restrooms during events, as well as make sure they are clean and supplied with paper products. The city would be responsible for providing supplies for the restrooms. The Greens did stipulate that they be allowed to close during weekend tournaments that are marginally attended and non-profitable for the time required to keep the stand open.

The city had been looking for a non-profit organization to operate the concession stand. City Manager Dave Pasquale said only one group, a church, had inquired, and they did not show any further interest. A Boy Scout Explorers group operated the concession stand periodically last season.

Mayor James Maatman asked that insurance requirements be checked into prior to the operation of the concession stand.

In other business, three public hearings were set for the March 19 meeting. Two of the hearings will deal with zoning variances. Bernard's True Value Hardware at 1601 W. Main St. wishes to provide propane filling services on their premises. The ordinance does not provide for storage of bulk petroleum products in the general business district. The second hearing deals with a request from Mark Denton of 611 N. Jefferson St. Denton wishes to install a plastic injection molding machine in his garage. Denton's proposal was not found to conform with the definition of a home occupation.

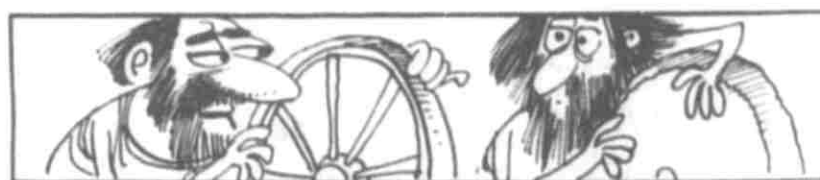
The third public hearing will deal with a tax abatement request from the Lowell Granite Company. An expansion project at their 306 E. Main location is estimated to cost \$206,718 for the building and equipment. The expansion will create one new job. The the expansion qualifies for two years of property tax

abatement using the point system adopted by the City Council.

The Council approved Pasquale's recommendation to earmark \$12,000 in Community Block Grant funds to help fund a \$120,000 water well project currently in progress near the Water Treatment Facility. To date, an additional \$50,000 in Block Grant funds has been allocated for the well project.

A pole license agreement with Consumers Power was approved by the Council. The agreement allows Lowell Cable TV the use of utility poles belonging to Consumers Power. The system currently uses 164 Consumers poles at a rate of \$4.95 per pole annually.

In his Manager's report, Pasquale noted the grants approved by the Look Fund at their February 21 meeting. The Stoney Lakeside Park project received \$20,000. The Lowell Area Arts Council received \$2,000 to help host the Michigan Artrain this year. And, the Lowell Fire Department received \$2,500 to purchase 20 personal alert safety systems.



The spoked wheel, historians estimate, was invented around 2000 B.C.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, SE., Alto on:

MONDAY, MARCH 12

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. by appointment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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 Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 12.
2. Appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00
Fred W. Moss
Supervisor
Bowne Township

LOWELL TOWNSHIP

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BOARD OF REVIEW

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MONDAY, MARCH 12

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

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:

1. By letter addressed to the Lowell Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 12, 1990; or
2. By phoning the Township Hall (897-7600) for an appointment to appear in person.

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Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00
John Timpson, Supervisor
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13	WZZM	Grand Rapids
16	HBO	Premium
17	TBS	Atlanta
19	MAX	Premium
21	DISN	Disney
23	USA	Variety
24	FAM	Family
25	WGN	Chicago
26	ESPN	Sports
27	CNN	News
28	CNNHEAD	Headline
29		News
31	NICK	Kids TV
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34	WUHQ	Battle Creek
35	WLX	Lansing
36	WLNS	Lansing
37	DISC	



CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAR. 9, THRU THURSDAY, MAR. 15, 1990

Clockwise from top right: Meryl Streep, Eddie Murphy, Dustin Hoffman, Bill Cosby, Dolly Parton and Phylicia Rashad are among the nominees for The 16th Annual People's Choice Awards, Sunday on CBS. Barbara Mandrell, Valerie Harper and Fred Savage host the award show.

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COMMISSION ORDER CFI-103.90

(Under the authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, as amended)

GEAR RESTRICTIONS FOR STREAM FISHING DURING SALMON AND STEELHEAD RUNS

Under the authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being sections 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission at its February 14, 1990, meeting ordered that for a period of five years the following gear restrictions shall be in effect:

1. Use multi-pointed hooks exceeding 3/8-inch between point and shank or single-pointed hooks exceeding 1/2-inch.
2. Use a hook, fly or lure having more than one single pointed hook if a weight is rigidly attached to the hook or suspended from or below the hook.
3. Use any hook attached to the line between any weight and the rod, except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3 inches long.

The intent of this regulation is to allow the baited hook or the lure to suspend freely in the water, allowing the fish to take the hook or lure in its mouth.

This order supersedes the Commission Order entitled "Gear Restrictions for Stream Fishing during Salmon and Steelhead Runs", effective April 1, 1985, and assigned number CFI-103.85.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 1990, and shall remain effective through March 31, 1995.

Raymond Poupore, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

FRIDAY

March 9

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

MORNING

- 7:00 MOVIE: The In-Laws A zany suburban dentist is pulled into a place...

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 College Basketball
- 12:30 MOVIE: Time Walker To his horror...

- 8:00 Music Videos
- 8:30 MOVIE: Animals Are Beautiful People
- 9:00 SportsCenter
- 9:30 MOVIE: Seven Minutes In Heaven

EVENING

- 6:00 Dial MTV
- 6:30 Top Card Jim Caldwell, Blake Pickett
- 7:00 Pirate TV
- 7:30 NBA Basketball

- MOVIE: Thief Man trying to break with his criminal past must find a way to get money quickly to pay a debt.
- 8:00 MOVIE: 'Real Genius' CBS Late Movie
- 8:30 MOVIE: House Of The Living Dead

SATURDAY

March 10

MORNING

- 5:00 Music Videos
- 5:30 Fishing With Roland Martin
- 6:00 Fishing With Orlando Wilson

SATURDAY CONT.

- 5:00 Fishing
- 5:30 NWA Wrestling Power Hour
- 6:00 News Update
- 6:30 Sports Close-Up
- 7:00 News Update
- 7:30 Sports Saturday

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 Music Videos
- 12:30 Fishing Michigan
- 1:00 National Geographic Explorer
- 1:30 Paid Programming

- Style
- CNN Headline News
- Night Of The Red Hunter
- Bob Iuzi Real Fishing
- MOVIE: The Unforgiven

EVENING

- 6:00 The Week In Rock
- 6:30 Country Kitchen
- 7:00 MTV Rockumentary: Eric Clapton

- terrifying future, combining elements of black comedy, science fiction and suspense.
- 8:00 MOVIE: Ambush Bay A Marine patrol secretly lands on an island held by the Japanese...

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MONDAY

March 12

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MORNING

- 5:00 Sports Review
5:30 [MAX] MOVIE: J.D. And The Fat Kid
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Red King, White Knight (CC)
8:30 SportsCenter
9:00 [MOVIE] Dusty: An aging shepherder...

AFTERNOON

- 12:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Lean On Me (Stereo) (CC)
1:00 Motoworld
1:05 [MOVIE] Vera Cruz Two soldiers of fortune...

EVENING

- 6:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Howling III (Stereo)
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Long, Hot Summer (Stereo)
8:30 SportsCenter
9:00 Lighter Side Of Sports

TUESDAY

March 13

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MORNING

- 6:05 [MAX] MOVIE: Oklahoma Crude
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Club Paradise (Stereo)
8:30 SportsCenter
9:00 Lighter Side Of Sports

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 [MAX] MOVIE: To Sir, With Love
1:00 [MOVIE] The Great Land Of The Small
3:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Let's Make Love (Stereo)
5:00 Renegades/ TNT Monster Truck Challenge

EVENING

- 6:00 [MAX] MOVIE: A Cry In The Dark (Stereo) (CC)
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: A Cry In The Dark (Stereo) (CC)
7:00 [HBO] MOVIE: A Cry In The Dark (Stereo) (CC)

regains her zest for living when she joins a carnival puppet show...

MORNING

- 5:00 Sports Review
5:30 [MAX] MOVIE: The Experts (Stereo)
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Experts (Stereo)
8:30 SportsCenter
9:00 [MOVIE] Robin Hood England's legendary hero...

AFTERNOON

- 12:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Guess Who's Coming To Dinner (CC)
1:00 Pre-Season Major League Baseball
1:05 [MOVIE] The Good Guys And The Bad Guys
3:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Defiant Ones

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Grant Withers, June Stribey, 1945.
Halloween Update
My Three Sons

MORNING

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College Basketball
Crossfire
Looney Tunes

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Dear John (CC)
Mozart By The Masters
Anything But Love (CC)

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Stanley And The Dinosaurs
NCAA Preview
Crossfire

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Later With Bob Costas
Collector's Journal
MOVIE: A Night In Casablanca

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THURSDAY

March 15

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MORNING

- 5:00 [MOVIE] Missing Woman
7:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Niagara
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: North By Northwest
8:30 SportsCenter
9:00 [MAX] MOVIE: The Bravado (Stereo) (CC)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 College Basketball (Stereo)
12:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Water (Stereo)
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EVENING

- 6:00 [MOVIE] Herbie Goes Bananas
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The Ben Stiller Show
Night Court (CC)
Hard Copy

MORNING

- 5:05 [HBO] MOVIE: China Girl (Stereo)
7:00 [MAX] MOVIE: The Experts (Stereo)
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AFTERNOON

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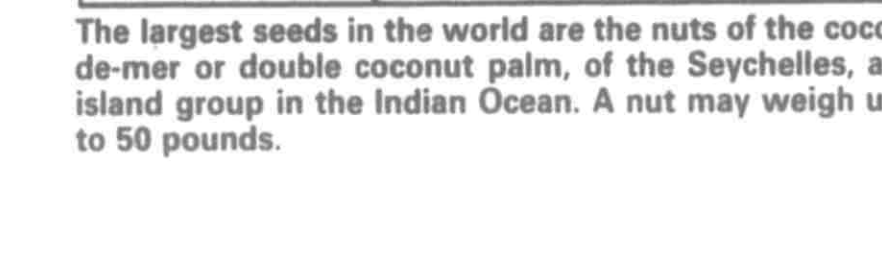
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The leaves of the fan palm tree spread out like the fingers of a hand. It is thought that this suggested the idea to its early namers.



The largest seeds in the world are the nuts of the coconut or double coconut palm, of the Seychelles, an island group in the Indian Ocean. A nut may weigh up to 50 pounds.

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Lowell gymnasts place 4th at Conference; finish 3rd overall

Fans at the O-K Rainbow Conference gymnastics meet were treated to two meets in one Saturday.

It was generally accepted that both confrontations would be closely contested. They were.

Lowell had two Arrows medal in the uneven bars event. Red Arrow leader Laura Kropf was crowned conference champion for her 8.9 performance on the bars.



Lowell's gymnastic team will compete in regional competition Saturday at Kenowa Hills

Holland, who had shared the Rainbow title each of the past three seasons, squeaked past Mona Shores to claim the conference title outright, 136.2 to 135.5.

Lowell coach Tammie Fitzpatrick said. "This is the best we've done in the league. Last year we tied for third."

In the battle for third at the conference meet, Rockford edged past fourth-place Lowell 127.4 to 123.05.

Blauwkamp also grabbed first in the floor exercise with a 9.4. Holland's Tracy Weber was second at 9.05; and Robyn Kaiser, East Grand Rapids, went home in third with a mark of 8.9.

Despite finishing below Rockford in the conference meet, Lowell took third overall in the Rainbow standings because it had a better dual-

She was followed by Rockford's Stacie Launstein with an 8.85 and Aimee Goff, Mona Shores, finished third with a mark of 8.8.

Red Arrows drop Sparta in league Finale, 74-62

Lowell's 74-62 victory over Sparta Tuesday night did two things: it ended its regular high school basketball season on a high note, and it built the players' confidence as they prepare for tonight's (Wednesday, March 7) district game with Catholic Central.

Lowell's Carrie Lipkea medaled by tying for fifth with Holland's Heather Vanlangevide with a score of 8.65.

The Red Arrows have not entered a contest too many times this season as the favorite, although on at least two occasions they have - against Sparta.

A team's top four scores from each event are used in the scoring. Other Lowell gymnasts' scores include Tammy Jeske with a mark of 8.1 and Katie Hawk tallied a 6.3.

Lowell's win pushed its final conference mark to 3-11, placing it seventh, three games ahead of Sparta (0-14) and one game behind sixth place Wyoming Park.

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The Mark Thomas coached Red Arrows were slow jumping out of the first-quarter shoot, as both clubs struggled to a 10-10 tie after eight minutes of play.

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Junior Jerud Mierkalns helped to relieve some of that pressure in the second quarter as he connected on 10 of his 15 points in helping Lowell outscore Sparta 20-12, taking a 30-22 halftime lead.

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Mierkalns really came through for tonight, "Thomas said. "He hit some big buckets for us in key situations."

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With less than four minutes to play in the half and Lowell tied at 16-16, Mierkalns netted a three-pointer from the left wing. The bucket ignited a 12-0 Lowell run.

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Sparta, down eight at halftime, ripped off nine unanswered points to start the third period, taking a one-point lead, 31-30.

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Following a timeout, Bob Adams led the Arrows on a 17-9 rally, scoring 10 of his game-high 19 points, pacing Lowell to a 47-40 lead.

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Sparta would get no closer than seven the rest of the way. Lowell outscored Sparta 27-22 in the final stanza. The Red Arrows got some inspired inside play from Jim Bowen.

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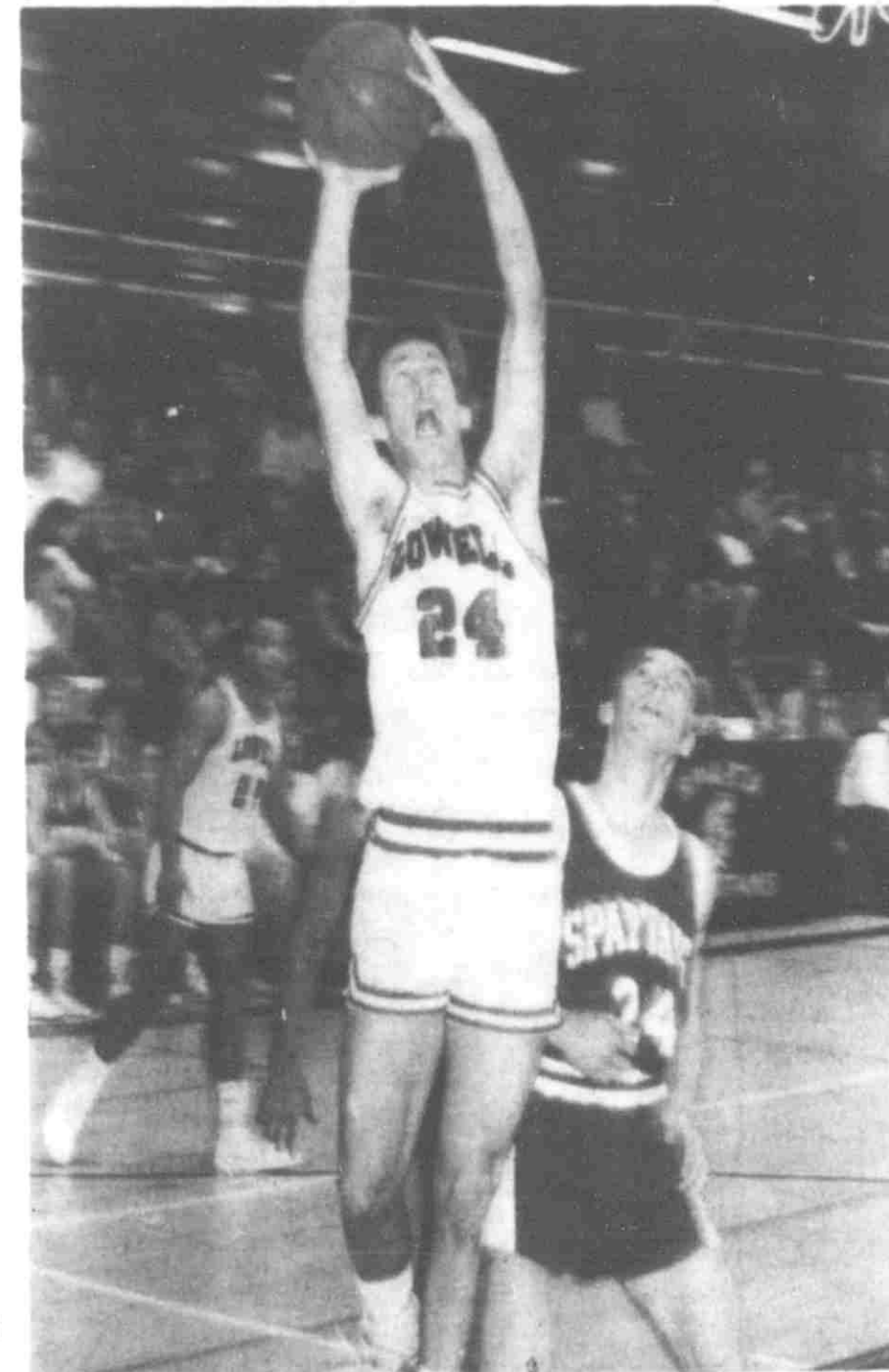
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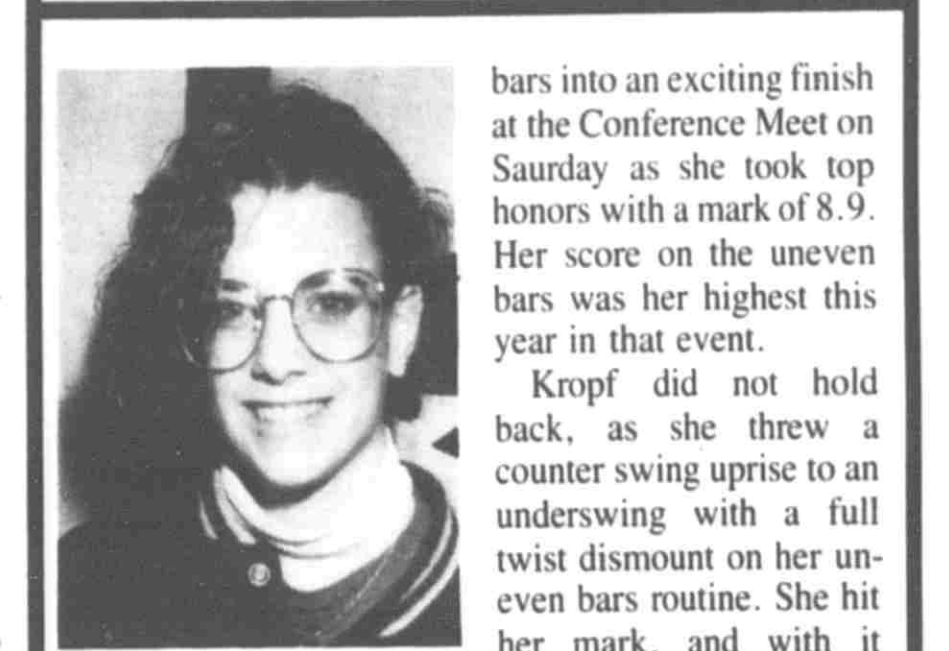
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Laura Kropf looked forward to the start of 1990 gymnastics' season. The new season had all the earmarks as possibly her best year to date.

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Energy conservation program savings are dramatic

The results from a comparative heating fuel cost study, to determine how effective the school district's "energy conservation" program has been since the 1.4 mills was passed in 1985, was released by the school.

Clare McCaul, Lowell's School Maintenance Supervisor's report on the seven-year program shows the savings have been dramatic.

"The fund equity right now is minimal, but it would be a disaster without having the energy conservation measures intact," McCaul said.

He added that the original plans have been altered to some extent due to the roof replacements at several buildings. "The most exciting aspect is with the new roofs and increased insulation. There the savings are sizable,"

McCaul says. "Therefore, even the urgently needed roofs are saving a lot of dollars by stopping leaks and protecting buildings."

McCaul warned though, that people should take into consideration the increases in building use over the last six years. Churches on weekends have more than tripled the schools' off-hour building use. "Also, take into consideration the increase in gas cost over the last six years," McCaul adds.

Alto School had a heating

fuel bill of \$20,142 in 1988-89. That was up from \$16,078 in 1987-88. However, it is expected to go down drastically in 1989-90 due to the new roof put on over summer.

Bushnell is expected to have a new roof put on in the summer of '90 which should help reduce the \$17,100 heating fuel bill cost in 1988-89.

In comparison, Riverside which had a new boiler installed in 1982 and a new roof put on and an EMS system put in 1988 saw its heating fuel bill drop from \$14,516

in 1985-86 to \$5,473 in 1988-89.

The Middle School had a new EMS system and a new roof installed in 1986 saw its heating fuel costs drop from \$44,207 in 1983-84 to \$28,317 in 1988-89.

The high school which has had a new EMS system, a partial re-roof, a new entrance-way and new windows has seen its heating fuel bill drop from \$41,445 in 1985-86 to \$22,568 in 1988-89.

The savings, according to McCaul, hasn't stopped with the schools. The bus garage has added a new EMS system, radiant overhead heaters, and a new roof. The heating fuel bill there has dropped from \$5,115 in 1985-86 to \$3,190 in 1988-89.

Wrestlers compete in freestyle tournies

Lowell Freestyle wrestlers competed this last weekend in tournaments held at Comstock Park, Delton Kellogg and Harper Creek.

Those wrestlers that placed were, Group I (5-8 years): Caleb O'Boyle 1st place and John McKay 1st place. Group III (11-12 years): Mike DeGarmo 3rd place; David Luyk 3rd; Ryan Winchell 1st; Mike Minier 3rd; Matt Osmolinski 1st; Tony Smith 3rd; Dan Spicer 1st; Chad Lake 2nd; Nick Bladey 4th. Group IV (13-14 years): Matt Inman 2nd; Corey Kirkbride 1st; Wade O'Boyle 1st and Sean Smith 1st. In the Cadet group Jim Inman placed 2nd.

If you wrestled and placed and your name was not listed in this issue, notify Sue Anes at 897-8060 by Sunday night and it will appear in next week's issue.

Lowell varsity spikers lose in District

Lowell's varsity volleyball season ended in district play season ended in district play at Belding over the weekend as the Red Arrows lost to Lakewood 15-8, 15-4.

Lowell ends the year with a mark of 7-16. "Our record isn't as good as we'd hoped, but many of our players have developed quite well throughout the season," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "There were a lot of first-time varsity starters that really progressed."

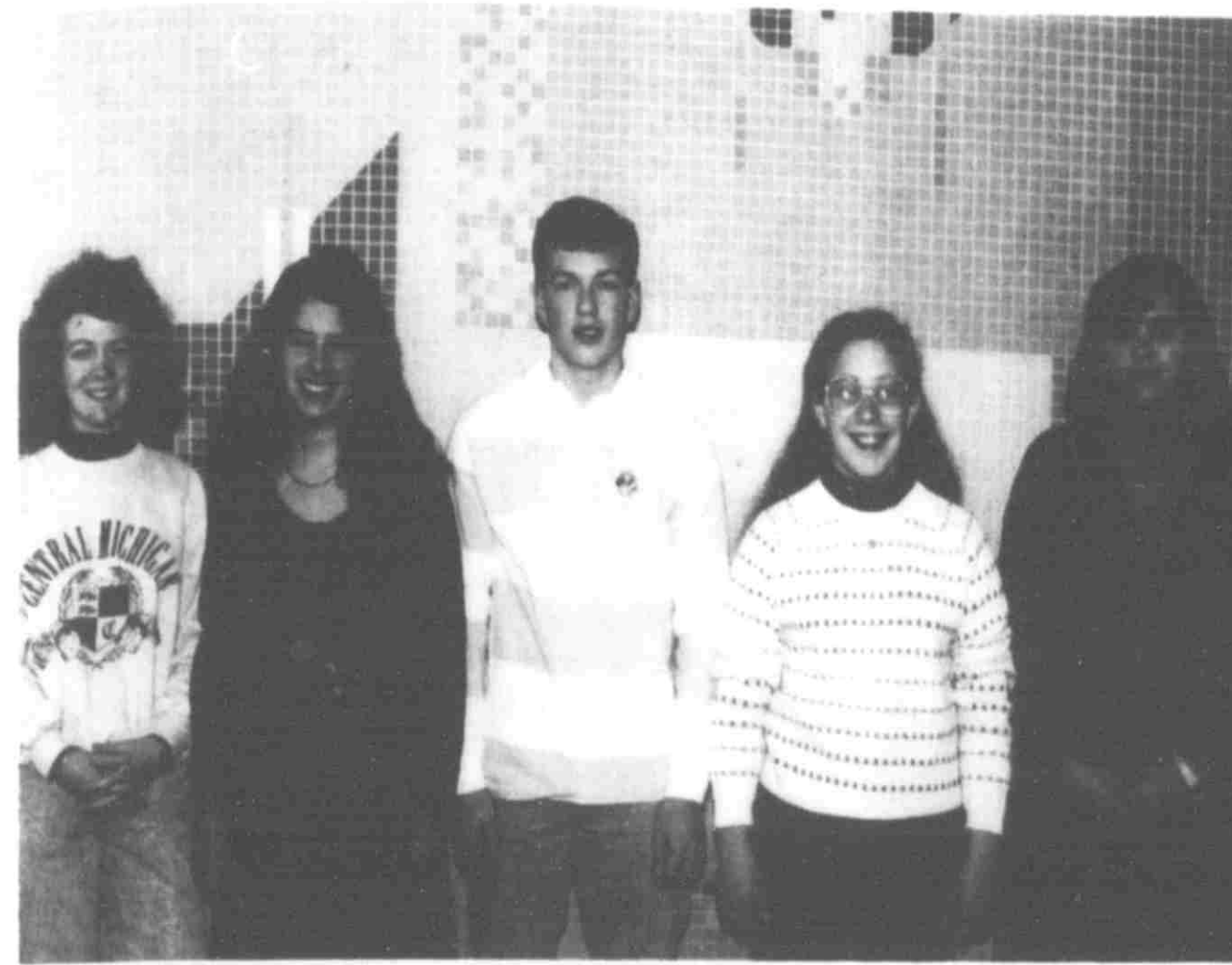
The Red Arrows' individual district leaders were Jenny Berry with two blocks, Kris Stouffer had three aces, Kirsten Amundsen tallied five digs, Sherry Hildenbrand posted two kills, and Angie Nauta recorded two assists.

"Lakewood had two very good hitters. We did a good job of returning in game one, but had problems in game two," Kuna said.

Kuna added the club won more matches than a year ago, and that with many players returning and a good group of junior varsity players coming up, the future for Lowell volleyball is bright.

Lowell's junior varsity posted an impressive 21-7 mark under the guidance of Sheila Dubbink.

L.H.S. announces March "Students of the Month"



Lowell High School Students of the Month are from left to right: Katie Hawk, Kelly Cichon, Jason White, Melanie Kaeb, and Betsey Thaler.

March students-of-the-month have been selected by the Lowell High School faculty and staff. They are seniors Kelly Cichon and Katie Hawk, junior Jason White, sophomore Melanie Kaeb and freshman Betsey Thaler.

Cichon is the daughter of Terry and Colleen Cichon of Ada. She hopes to be an elementary teacher and has volunteered as an elementary teacher's aide, which helped her set her future goal. She will begin work on that goal in the fall by attending Grand Rapids Junior College. In the meantime she is keeping very busy at LHS. She is senior representative of the art club, of which she has been a member for three years. She is also a member of Close-Up, International Club, Junior Rotarians, Teens Involved, and St. Patrick's youth group, where she is senior representative. Cichon has maintained a place on the honor roll throughout her four years despite this busy schedule. She has earned a varsity letter in track. Besides

art, favorite activities include going to dance clubs. Her teacher nominator commends Cichon for her hard work and good attitude, adding that "she always has a smile on her face which makes her a pleasant person to be around."

Hawk is the daughter of Denny and Linda Hawk of Alto. She lists her horse, Rocky as her favorite pastime and her activities show this interest. She is a member of the FFA and was on the first place team for horse judging at state competition. She has been on the equestrian team throughout high school and has lettered. She showed Rocky for ten years in 4-H and has also been a state 4-H Horse delegate for two years. Hawk plans to attend Michigan State University where she hopes to study veterinary medicine. Presently she works at the Lowell Vet Clinic. Hawk was chosen to be a member of the National Honor Society in her junior year, having been on the honor roll all four years; she also has spent four years on

the gymnastics team, earning a varsity letter; two years on the yearbook staff; and is president of her 4-H club. She was on the 4-H Royal Court in 1989. Her favorite classes have been chemistry and physics, while gymnastics is a favorite activity. Her teacher nominator praises her for her work as an office aide in the Student Services Center, commenting that she "always gets the job done and done well!"

White is the son of James and Bobbie White of Lowell. His favorite classes are chemistry and typing; his most challenging is calculus. He has been on the honor roll since entering high school and is presently a member of the National Honor Society. He received his academic letter in the tenth grade. He plans a career in business administration. White has been very active in sports. In the ninth and tenth grades he played basketball and was on the varsity tennis team. He has been on the soccer team all three years, serving as co-

captain this past fall and being selected all-conference. He is the treasurer of the Lowell Methodist Church youth group. He currently works at Vega's in Grand Rapids and has been employed as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Lowell Y. He has an exciting summer planned. He will be attending Boys State at MSU and will be touring Europe on a soccer team. His teacher nominator's comment on White's positive attitude and his determination to meet his personal goals, adding that he is highly respected by his teachers and peers because he is willing to be helpful.

Kaeb is the daughter of Curtis and Luanne Kaeb. She is very involved in FFA, specifically the Ag Forum and poultry judging teams. She was first in the state in the poultry judging contest, and the Ag Forum team is on its way to the state convention after finishing first at district and regionals. 4-H is one of her major focuses. She does up to 40 projects annually for the 4-H fair, including entomology, sewing, dairy, gardening, and teen leadership. She has been third in the state two years in a row in entomology. She works part-time at her uncle's dairy farm. Kaeb's goals include college, hopefully MSU, majoring in some field of agriculture. She enjoys her math and science courses, particularly Honors Algebra and Honors Geometry. Her teacher nominator expresses amazement at Kaeb's energy and her willingness to do extra tasks, such as volunteering in the media center before school begins each morning. She describes Kaeb as confident and outgoing, an independent learner with a fun sense of humor.

Thaler is the daughter of David and Carolyn Thaler of Lowell. She has been very active during her first year at LHS. She is a freshman representative to the student council and served on the student council survey committee. She has been a cross country statistician and is an alternate for the Science Olympiad. Her favorite classes are Honors Geometry and Honors English, but despite this tough schedule of classes, she is on the honor roll. Outside of school she is a volunteer worker for the Special Olympics, a member of her church's youth group, and does computer data entry and

clerical work for her father's business. Special interests include piano lessons, drawing, writing short stories, reading Stephen King novels, psychology and the Brady Bunch. Thaler's teacher nominator describes her as a hard worker who is always prepared for class and who has a "team-effort approach," always helping others succeed.

The faculty and staff of LHS are proud of these students, who help to uphold the pride and respect of the high school, and ask the community to join in honoring them as March Students-of-the-Month.

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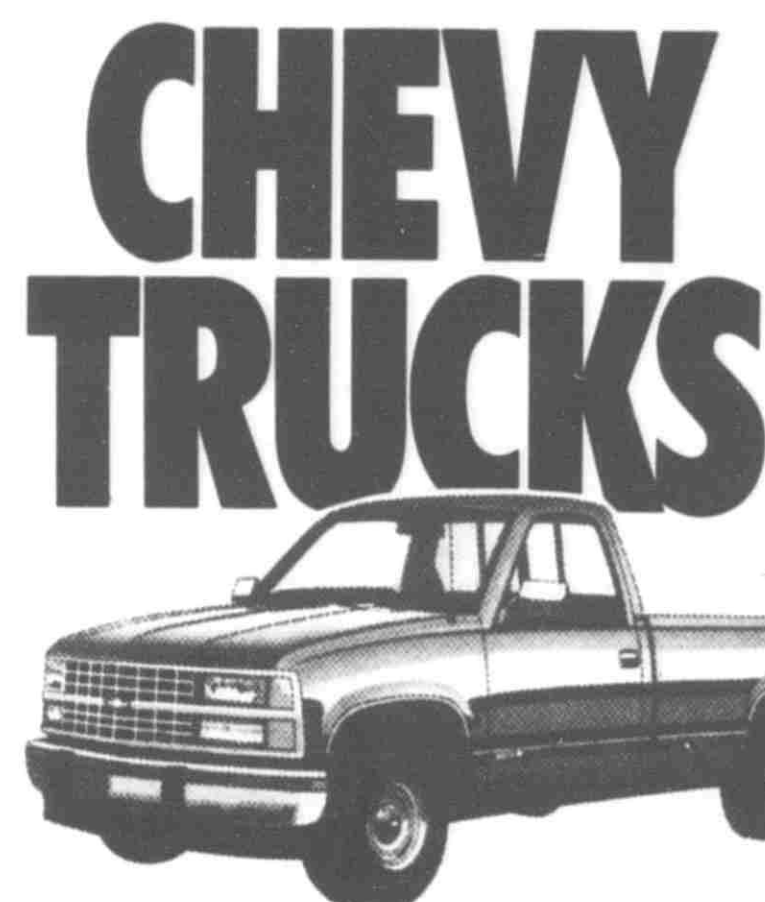
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Bushnell & Runciman students participate in Bee



Winners of the Spelling Bee held at Runciman-Riverside School for the fifth graders were, Sumer Brenner, left, runner-up and Brad Claus, right, winner.



Amanda Eggerding, left, was the runner-up at the Fifth Grade Spelling Bee held at Bushnell School and Andy Smith, right, was the winner.

Larabee, Russell Menefee, Darren Slone, Sara Triplett and alternate, Scott West. Mr. Blodgett: Jessica Anstett, Christie Bauman, Andrew Boone, Sumer Brenner, Brad Claus, Terresa Kenney, Teresa Rich and alternate, Eric Kozal.

Contestants from Bushnell were: Miss Martinson: Meagon DeZwaan, Ryan Malone, Ryan Teelander, Lisa Murphy, Scott VanDyke and alternate, Nicole Fortin. Mrs. MacDonald: Stephanie Graber, Brian Carstens, Nicole Linkfield, Andy Smith, Jenny Borg, and alternate, Amara Traux. Mr. Stevens: Jason Haybarker, Shelly Hoogewind, Alicia VanHeulen, Katie Duhr, Angela Pattok and alternate, Ann Townsend. Mrs. Young: Deanna Anchors, Carrie Hubbarth, Shelly Staal, Erin Patterson and Amanda Eggerding.

All of the fifth grade students from Alto participated in the Spelling Bee. The winners were Erin Taylor and Barb Schaffer was runner-up. Both students were from Mrs. Kelley's room. Virginia Fonger, retired Librarian from Lowell High School, presented the Spelling Bee words at both Bushnell and Runciman-Riverside Schools to determine the winners and runners-up. At Runciman the winner was Brad Claus with Sumer Brenner the runner-up. At Bushnell the winner was Andy Smith and Amanda Eggerding, runner-up. Scott Smith, brother of Andy, was the winner at Lowell Middle School, as well as last year's winner at Bushnell.

Where did the name "Spelling Bee" come from? The word, bee, as used in Spelling Bee, is one of those language puzzles that has never been satisfactorily accounted for. A fairly old and widely used word, it refers to a community social gathering at which friends and neighbors join together in a single activity (sewing, quilting, barn-raising, etc.) usually to help one person or family. The earliest known example in print is a spinning-bee in 1769. Other early occurrences are husking-bee (1836). Spelling bee is apparently an American term. It first appeared in print in 1875, but it seems certain that the word was used orally for several years before that. In keeping with this early American tradition, the fifth grade students from Alto, Bushnell and Runciman-Riverside Elementary Schools have recently participated in the Spelling Bee sponsored by the Grand Rapids Press.

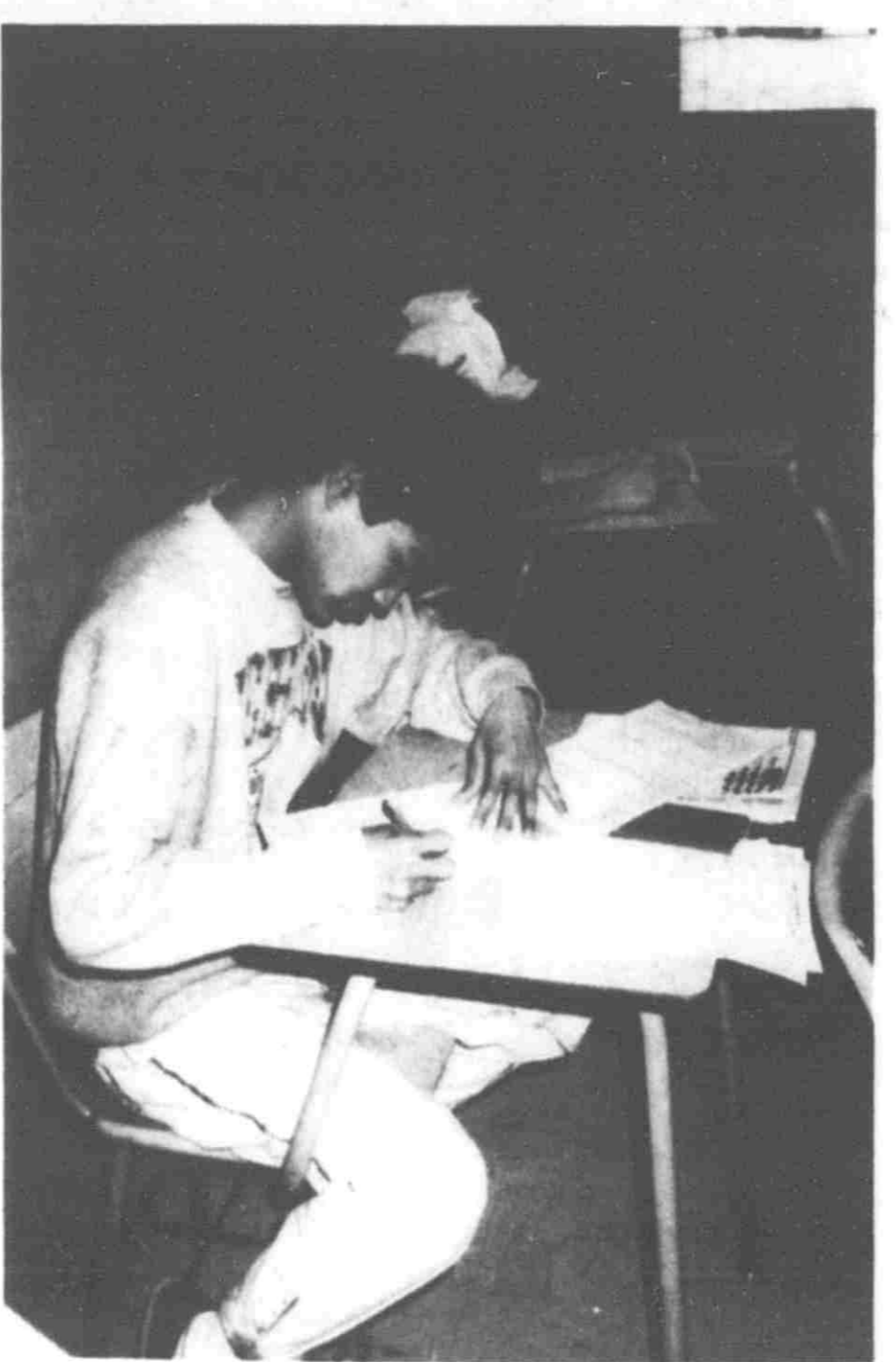
Each fifth grade class was represented by a number of room winners. Participants from Runciman-Riverside fifth grades were, Mrs. Roth: Jame Baughn, Aaron Bloem, Sabrina Conger, Amy

Students do their on taxes

The business math classes at Lowell High School recently completed a two-week unit on taxes. Actual federal, state and city tax forms with booklets were used in class to help the students locate information needed to complete their own taxes.

The students were required to complete a 1040 Federal and State form, a schedule A and B, and the Grand Rapids non-resident City Tax form. Meisner asked her students for their opinions about doing taxes and she received these comments: "I hate doing taxes, I'd rather pay some-

body else to do them for me." (Craig Fonger). "I think it was a good idea -- because we got to learn how to do our own taxes." (Derek Mixom). "I think it was a good idea -- I used to be scared of doing my own taxes, so I would let my Dad do them. This year, I did my own taxes and it felt great to know what I was doing." (Patsy Deans). "I'd rather be audited." (Adam Watson). "I thought taxes were fun and easy. Taxes are a challenge because they take time to do." (Jud VanStee).



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Astronaut Alan Shepard used a six iron when he hit three golf balls on the moon February 6, 1971.

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- South American Indians called the rubber tree *cahuchu*, which means weeping wood. The drops of oozing latex made them think of big white tears.

Rock and Read: Liturgy begins at birth....



Bushnell Principal Dave Burdette kicks off March's "Reading Month" with a story from Dr. Seuss.

The "Rock and Read" program, a project started and promoted by Kent Reading Council, is aimed at instilling a love of reading even before children learn to read.

During the past two years, over 5,000 Rock and Read packets have been delivered to mothers and their newborns at St. Mary's Hospital. A committee of volunteers has visited the hospital daily to visit personally and explain the content. Each folder contains information for parents and two read-aloud children's books.

low-up surveys have indicated that the program is effective. After one year, 73 percent of the families surveyed reported reading to their child everyday!

To help promote this worthwhile project many of the teachers at Bushnell have given another challenge to their students: That for every book they read at home during the month of March and return a book report form, the teacher will give a penny to the Rock and Read Program.

The goals of the Rock and Read project are simple yet profound. Short term goals emphasize the parent's role in guiding the child, such as reading regularly, modeling a love of reading, and providing books in the home. Long term goals reflect the true intent of the program: That the child will develop a lifelong love of reading that once the love of reading is developed, these children will have fewer reading problems and a lifelong source of pleasure and information. These children will be educated employees who will influence a literate community. Results of fol-

Governor's program challenges students to read more books

Michigan Governor, James Blanchard has proclaimed March as "Reading Month" across the State.

The program is a month-long effort to encourage everyone to read. Throughout the month, schools and civic groups across the state will be conducting special activities to celebrate reading.

Bushnell Elementary began its celebration with Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat" (alias School Principal Dave Burdette). He visited each classroom, sharing with them the story of "Green Eggs and Ham." Following the story, the "Cat in the Hat" encouraged students to read more.

To this end, he challenged students to take part in an at-home project which Bushnell Reading center and staff planned for the month of March.

Parents are asked to designate on a Rainbow Calendar every day that a child reads or is read to for 15 minutes (outside of school).

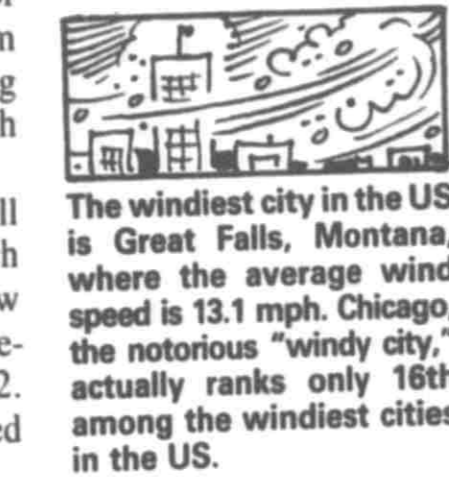
After 18 days of reading, a child will receive a free ice cream cone from Ball's Soft-tee Cream; after 24 days of reading, a student will receive a free game of bowling (with the purchase of another game) from Lowell Lanes; and after 28 days of reading, Roll Away, Ltd. will donate half the admission for roller skating.

Reading Center Instructor Carolyn Blough adds that each time a child finishes a book that he/she read or that

was read to him/her the child will receive credit toward a school-wide project.

A challenge has been given to each class at Bushnell by Dr. Seuss and the "Cat in the Hat" that the class that reads the most books (outside of school) will get to feed him Green Eggs and Ham during a school assembly on March 29.

Students will have to fill out a report form for each book that they read. Rainbow Calendars will need to be returned no later than April 12. Certificates will be awarded by April 20.



The windiest city in the US is Great Falls, Montana, where the average wind speed is 13.1 mph. Chicago, the notorious "windy city," actually ranks only 16th among the windiest cities in the US.



Debbie Shaffer and Michael Shepard

Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaffer are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Michael Shepard.

Shaffer and Shepard are both graduates of Lowell Senior High School. The couple is planning a July 28 wedding.



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MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1990

from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1990

from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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James Cook
Vergennes Township Supervisor



Napoleon was a well-known insomniac and had to get up on three or four hours of sleep a night.

KRAUSE at the HOUSE



The Michigan House has passed legislation allowing Detroit to impose a 5 percent utility tax on city residents.

House Bill 5495 reinstates the Detroit City Utility Users Tax, which was struck down by a Wayne County judge last month. He ruled the city was illegally collecting the tax because the enabling law expired June 30, 1988. The bill also makes the tax retroactive to July 1, 1988.

Among the reasons why I voted against this legislation: --It is a regressive tax on those who can least afford to pay.

--My Republican colleagues and I believe it may be illegal for the Legislature to reinstate the tax retroactively.

--We believe that, under the 1978 Headlee constitutional amendment, imposing the tax may require approval from Detroit voters. Republican amendments to legalize voter approval were defeated by Democrats.

--The original law was enacted in 1970 and had an expiration date that was extended several times but never removed. This bill has no expiration date, so the tax can be collected indefinitely.

--The city council voted to buy 100 new business cars the

While I voted "yes" on the property tax cut, I voted against linking the plan to a \$400 million tax increase on employers.

The people of Michigan deserve property tax relief but slapping an additional tax on job providers is the wrong way to fund it. It's incredible that House Democrats and Gov. Blanchard would push such a plan when our state's economy is softening and our manufacturers are fighting to stay competitive.

Instead of taxing employers, the administration should practice better budget discipline. The Auditor General found that last year state departments spent \$150 million more than they were appropriated.

Wiser decisions and prudent planning by state department heads would mean more money for property tax relief.

Last week House Republicans offered a major property tax relief plan during the debate over the controversial utility tax in Detroit.

The Democratic majority voted the bill down, but incorporated many of our ideas in the plan passed today. Obviously, our message got through.

The most common last name in the USSR is Ivanov.



Batting helmets were introduced in major league baseball by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1941.

Local Alma students go south with Alma College Kiltie Band Tour

For the last 50 years, the Alma College Kiltie Band has proved itself both a visible and an audible symbol of Alma's Scottish heritage, traced back to the college's founding by Michigan Presbyterians in 1886. Each May the college campus is the site of the City of Alma's Highland Festival held Memorial Day weekend (May 26-27, 1990). The festival has earned Alma the nickname Scotland, U.S.A.

Robert Dine of Alto is among 67 Alma College Kiltie Band members presenting seven concerts during a tour from Feb. 24 to March 2.

Dine, a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Robert and Judith Dine of Alto. He is a freshman planning to major in biology.

Other members from Kent County are Jennifer Hordyk of Cedar Springs, Cynthia Thomas of Grand Rapids and Amy Derusha of Kentwood.



Robert Dine of Alto, (left) Jennifer Hordyk of Cedar Springs (center), and Amy Derusha of Kentwood (right) are among the 67 Alma College Kiltie Band members presenting seven concerts during a swing-to-the-south tour from Feb. 24 to March 2. Not pictured, but also participating, is Cynthia Thomas of Grand Rapids. Taking places during Alma's Winter Term break, the concert tour opens at Walnut Hills School in Cincinnati, OH and ends at the EPCOT Center Illumi Nations Hall in Orlando, FL.

Also scheduled are concerts at Presbyterian churches in Louisville, KY and Naples and Deerfield Beach, FL, and two colleges, Stillman in Tascaloosa, AL and Valencia in Orlando, FL.

Wilkowski makes up for blindness with committment

Mary Beth Wilkowski believes she can do almost anything - she just has to go about it differently.

The independent woman, she admits almost to a fault, has gone about documenting the independence at every turn in life's path.

Wilkowski, born with a congenital disease, has been left without sight since birth.

The 1986 Aquinas graduate credits her parents for raising her no differently than the three other Wilkowski children, for her self sufficient, "I can do almost anything" attitude.

While attending Aquinas, Wilkowski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems

and mathematics. "I've known since childhood that I had every intention of obtaining my bachelors degree," Wilkowski said.

Once out of college, Wilkowski's task was to find an employer who had the vision to see beyond her sight disability. One who would strictly judge Wilkowski on her talent for computer programming.

"The hard part has been finding a permanent job. I knew it wouldn't come immediately, but I was confident if I kept at it, I would find something," she said.

Wilkowski continues, "Employers are more open to hiring a handicapped (blind) person, but that's not to say there are not some close-

minded people out in the real world."

Her independent will refused to let this frustration halt her drive for a permanent job. "I didn't find these rejections frustrating. I figured if the people were close-minded, I probably didn't want to work for them anyway," she says.

The Creston High School graduate went to the Hope Rehabilitation Network for their job placement service. It was through a representative for the Michigan Commission for the Blind that Wilkowski was put in touch with Devon Capman, a small computer businessman (owner of DTC), looking for someone who was committed and willing to work together to help

strengthen a business.

After six months of meetings and discussions Wilkowski decided that DTC was the company for her. "I chose DTC because Capman had a sense of where he wanted to go and because of the training the job would provide me," she said.

Capman, just getting DTC onto its feet, is unable to offer Wilkowski big benefits, a high salary and a full 40-hour work week. Wilkowski doesn't mind. "I'm worth every cent. He just can't afford me yet," she laughs.

Wilkowski lives on her own with her three cats and enjoys being self-sufficient. "Sometimes I'm independent to a fault. It's common for people to want to help a blind person. It's hard for me to accept help if I know I'm capable of completing a task," she says. "For example, I know if I'm patient I can cross a busy street on my own. I'm not the person who's unsafe it's the drivers."

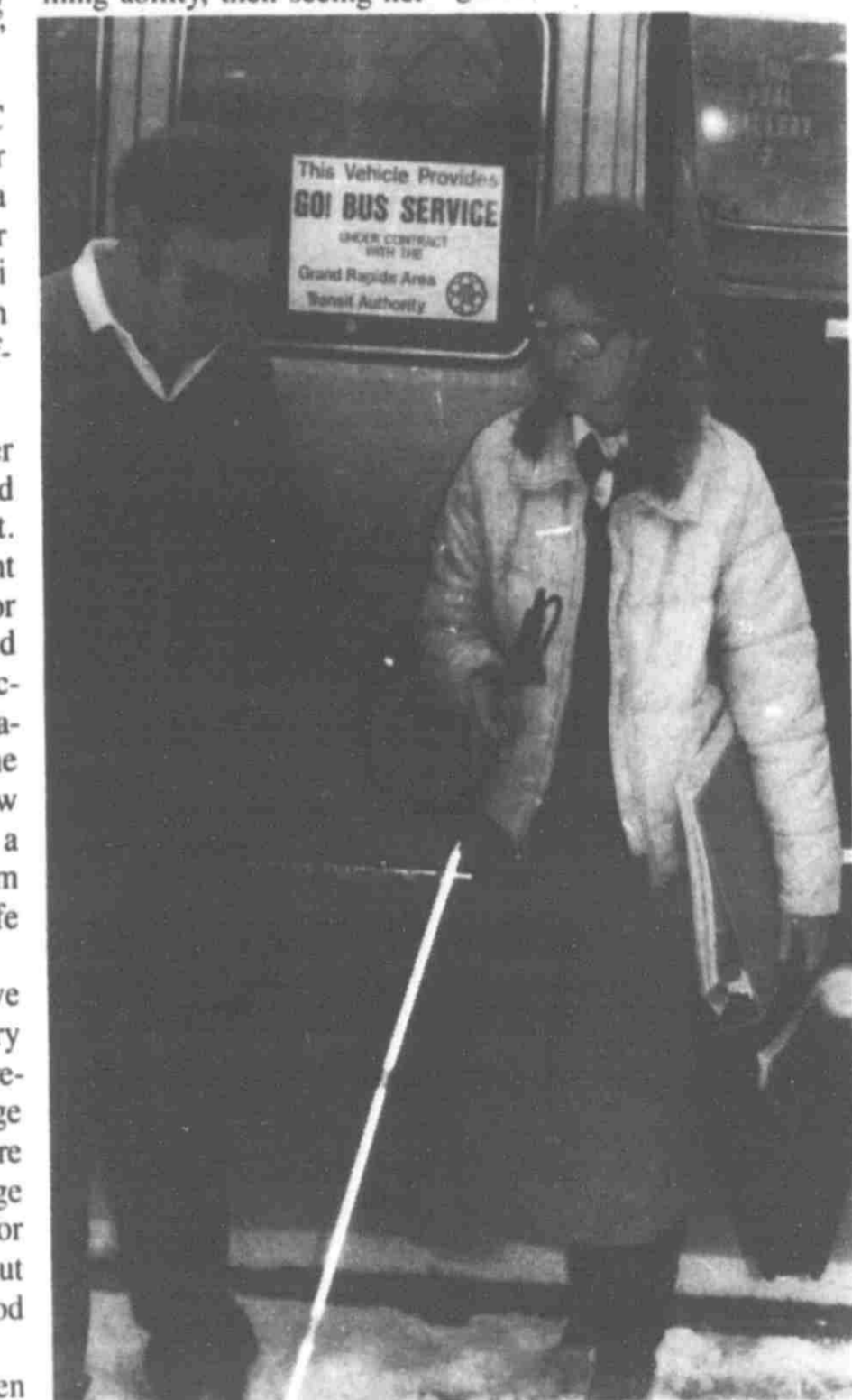
Wilkowski does not have much time for feeling sorry for herself or being depressed, her drive and courage don't allow it. "I'm no more depressed than the average person," she says. "I live for today and don't worry about tomorrow. I give today to God and accept what comes."

She says people are taken back that she's a computer programmer, but wouldn't be if they knew what was out

there to assist her. "I have a voice synthesizer that reads to me what's on the screen and tells me what files are in my directory."

If they are not taken back by her computer programming ability, then seeing her

downhill ski puts them on their back-side. "It doesn't take near as much courage as it does trust to downhill ski," Wilkowski explains. "I need a guide to go down the hills with, but if I don't trust the guide, I don't ski."



Wilkowski does computer programming work for Capman five days a week.

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Lowell Area Arts Center begins spring workshop

The Lowell Area Arts Council announces the beginning of their spring workshop series. The following four workshops will be offered at the Center, 149 S. Hudson St.

Life Drawing offers a chance to work with professional life models in the media of your choice. This is a non-instructional workshop intended to give local artists studio time and the opportunity to work in a group situation. Eight weekly sessions beginning Monday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$32 for members and \$36 for non-members.

The Making of An Animated Video is a workshop for children ages 8 to 12. Creating a story board, setting each frame, voice over, and presenting the video to an audience of family and friends. Instructors are Sandy Bartlett and David Davis. It is a six week workshop beginning Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There is a \$15 tuition fee.

Taking Great Photographs is a workshop with photographer Roger VanVleck. You will learn the Do's and Don'ts of good picture making, visit a professional studio and darkroom and make a pinhole camera. Bring your camera or one you wish to know more about. Children ages 10 to 14 are welcome. The workshop begins Monday, April 2 and runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuition is \$10.

Sample Quilting Class is a workshop designed to teach the basics of hand piecing and quilting. Help with fabric and pattern selection is offered. Some materials for sample pieces will be furnished. This is a six week class starting Wednesday, April 4. Instructor is Dode Dey. There are two times for this class. 1:30 to 3 p.m. and/or 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Please phone the center at 897-8545 for registration for any of the workshops. Early registration is suggested as workshops are limited to 15 participants.

GF Women's Club holds its annual Legislation Day

General Federation of Women's Clubs - Michigan (GFWC-MI) held its annual Legislation Day on Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing, MI.

This event is held annually and is hosted by the women of the GFWC-MI clubs. Presiding for the day was Bonnie Marie Todd. Legislation Day Chairman. The GFWC Lowell Women's Club attended and President Janet Bovee, Treasurer Emma Herron and Evelyn Tichelaar were present.

Key topics for the day were "Education in Michigan" with Senator John Schwartz; the issue of "Effect of Pollution on Wildlife in the Great Lakes" was addressed by Dr. James Ludwig of the Ecological Research Service and Professor Jon Cisky spoke on the subject of "Crime-Stoppers." Over 100 people from GFWC-MI clubs across the state and local legislators enjoyed this most informative day.

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Changes in store for the 1990 Lowell Showboat

Showboat Board changes entertainment format to three headliners

All the T's have been dotted and all the T's have been crossed for the 1990 Lowell Showboat entertainment docket.

The entertainment agenda will sport a change from previous years. There will be a different headliner for each of the three shows (June 21-23).

Lowell Showboat President Gordon Gould said the change in the entertainment format was made by the Board so that more of a variety could be offered. "Other shows similar to Showboat have had success with this type of a format," Gould says. He added that the board believes by offering a variety it will help to increase the individual attendance for all three nights.

Performing on the Showboat stage on Thursday, June 21 will be the country and pop group, Exile. Friday night, the stage will belong to the stars from the Lawrence Welk Show, Myron Floren and dance team Bobby Burgess and Elaine Balden. The Saturday night Showboat air will be filled with the sounds of country star Ricky Skaggs.

"This is an important year for the Lowell Showboat. We believe this format will sell and hope that it's a formula for success," Gould says.

The Showboat Board first talked about a format change in November and December of 1989. The entertainment selection process began in force following a National Touring Convention in Las Vegas in January.

Not only has the format for the headliner been changed but other acts in the West Michigan area have been booked for all three nights on the Showboat. The "Great Lakes Chorus" will be featured each of the three nights. The Showboat Board has tentatively scheduled Jimmy "The Spoon Man" Krews for all three nights, too. This is all in addition to the annual amateur talent acts.

"We've received word that many people thought the stage was too cluttered a year ago. With that in mind, the Board has decided to change the stage layout," Gould said.

Looking to garner more community involvement and

to build Showboat excitement prior to the actual Showboat weekend, a Showboat Pageant, March 24 and a Showboat Parade will be held. Once again on the Saturday of Showboat weekend, an arts and crafts show will be held along Main St.

Ricky Skaggs began his tenure at Epic Records in 1981 by unveiling his traditional-steeped album *Waiting For The Sun To Shine*. With his new release, *Kentucky Thunder*, another deep-roots country collection, Skaggs rounds out an artistically rich decade. Between these two meteorologically tagged mileposts stretches an uninterrupted spell of great musical weather. And through it all, Skaggs has doggedly carried the banner for a country music that puts its accent on "country." *Kentucky Thunder*, his ninth album from Epic, combines songwriting of such masters as Larry Cordle, Jim Rushing and Paul Overstreet with the fluid picking of Albert Lee Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas Steve Gibson, and, of course, Skaggs himself.

Although his thick concert schedule and thriving music publishing companies might by now give Skaggs both the excuse and the means to slow down, he has, instead, become more creatively active than ever. In addition to co-producing *Kentucky Thunder* (with Steve Buckingham), the Grand Ole Opry star also oversaw Dolly Parton's country comeback package *White Limozeen*. And he sings on the newest Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Kenny Rogers, Glen Campbell and Jim & Jesse albums.

To Skaggs, traditional country music is essential spiritual nourishment: "I don't care if it's the year 2000. I think there's always going to be a hunger and a want to hear music that touches your heart. To me, traditional music has a value in it, a wholeness and warmth that some of the other kinds of music don't have. It's our heritage, our roots. It's everything that we're about."

That outlook has served Skaggs well. When he came to Nashville in 1981, slick, synthetic Urban Cowboy music was in vogue. The only traditional music available to speak of was on radio's Golden Oldies spots. But within a couple of years, "Top 40" country was on its way out; and the bedrock music Skaggs had long championed became the artistic foundation stone for Dwight Yoakam, Randy Travis, Patty Loveless, and Ricky Van Shelton, among others. Well before some of these acts were even signed to labels, Skaggs' albums were going gold, a clear indication that hard country was not "museum music." To date, *Waiting For The Sun To Shine*, *Don't Cheat In Our Own Hometown*, and *Highways and Heartaches* have sold more than half a million copies each.

While Skaggs is reluctant to take credit for the back-to-the-future movement, he freely admits that he's ecstatic that the change took place: "People give me an awful lot of credit for starting the resurgence - especially in this decade. It's hard for me to accept that. I was very fortunate to have the talent and the vision, so to speak, to be able to do what I did."

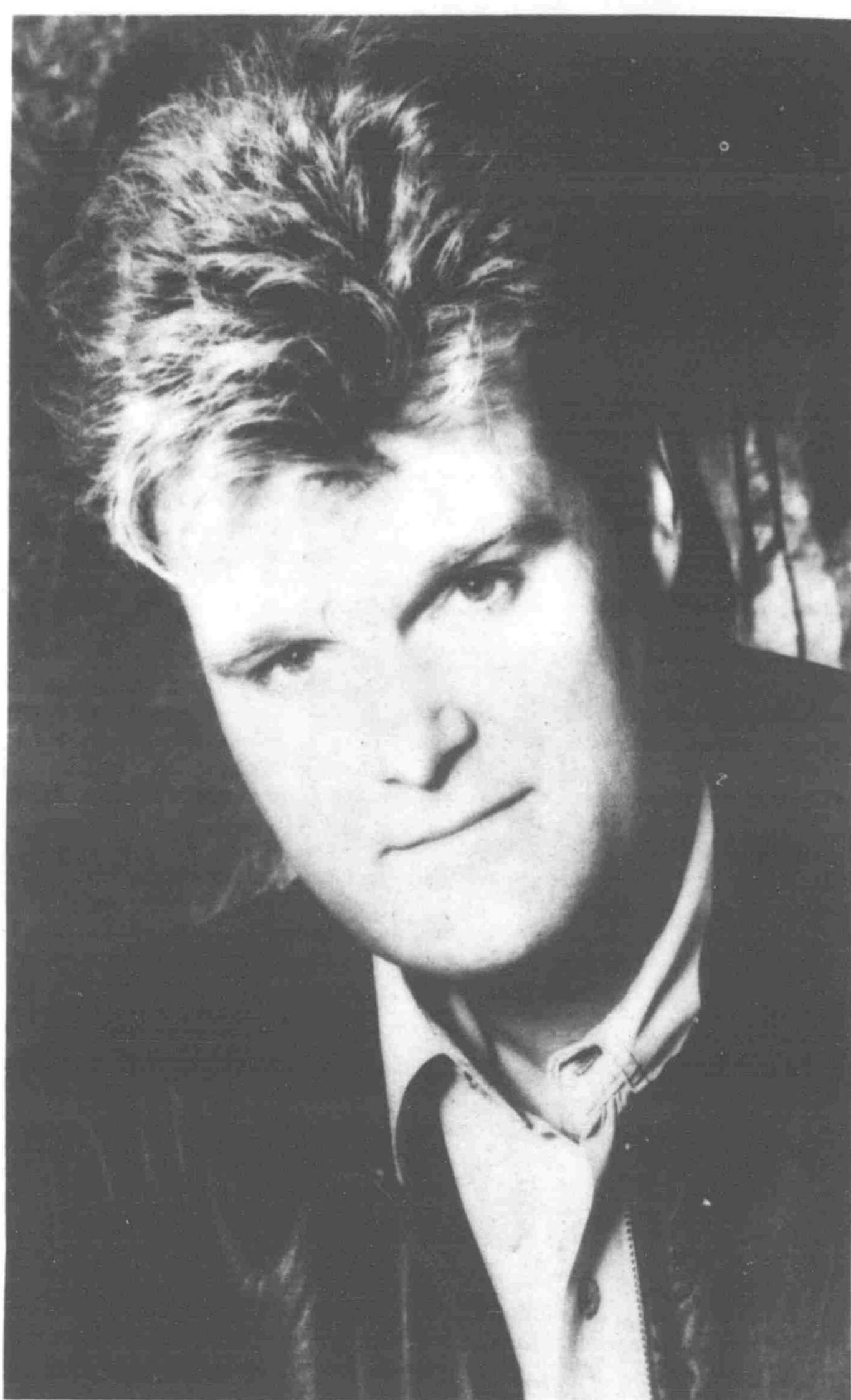
"Maybe anyone could have done it had they thought of doing it. I don't know. I set out to create a more traditional, back-to-basics kind of sound - to bring forth the mandolin, fiddle, banjo and steel guitars that had really been lost by the wayside. It was something I felt like the fans wanted, and it was certainly something I wanted."

Skaggs has earned the Country Music Association's "Male Vocalist of the Year" award in 1982 and followed it in 1985 with CMA's top honor, "Entertainer of the Year." His band won the "Instrumental Group of the Year" prizes in 1983, 1984, 1985. And Skaggs and his wife, Sharon White, were voted "Vocal Duo of the Year" in 1987.

On Thursday, June 21, the energy and artistry of Exile will stir the Lowell Showboat faithful with selections from the groups first LP for Arista Records. **STILL STANDING.**

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Exile's conversion to country after the success of their number one multimillion-selling pop hit, "Kiss You All Over", enabled the band to triumph in another musical genre, a feat rarely accomplished with such sincerity and success. As the seven-Showboat cont'd pg 28



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ties came to a close, pop music moved towards a high-tech sound that Exile felt was inappropriate for their songs. "Our music is our greatest love, but as songwriters, our lyrics just didn't fit into the

new dance sound that was emerging. So we went back to our homes in Kentucky, returned to our early music roots and began writing new songs," remarks Sonny

LeMaire, Exile's bassist and vocalist.

As Exile's albums rose to the top of the charts, the country music community took immediate notice. Their quick acceptance was re-

flected by their nominations from the Country Music Association as the Vocal Group of the Year in 1985, 1986, and 1987, and for the Instrumental Group of the Year in 1985. Similarly, they have not gone unnoticed by either the Academy of Country Music, which nominated Exile for the Top Vocal Group in 1983, 1984, and 1985, or Radio and Records, which named "It'll Be Me" the 1986 R&R Record of the Year.

Steve Goetzman, Exile's distinctive drummer, said "We've enjoyed a lot of success and a lot of change in the past decade. We're looking forward to presenting our new sound, under the direction of Tim DuBois and Randy Sharp."

Co-producing the new Exile product will be Tim DuBois, vice-president and general manager of the Arista - Nashville office; and Randy Sharp, Grammy Award-winning writer and arranger. Most of the songs on the album were co-written by Sonny LeMaire and Randy Sharp. LeMaire has written songs with 1988 Songwriter of the Year Max D. Barnes and J.P. Pennington.

Exile is the name that brings four individuals together as one: musically, creatively, philosophically and personally. Lee Carroll is the keyboardist of the group, with Steve Goetzman on the drums, Sonny LeMaire on the bass guitar and singing lead vocals, and Paul Martin also on lead guitar. "Being a part of Exile is exciting. Perhaps the one thing I enjoy most is the creative interaction. Whether we're discussing a song, an arrangement or our stage show, everyone gives 110 percent. We build off each other's strength to make it work - not just for us, but for the audience," said Paul Martin, Exile's newest member.

DuBois and Sharp feel they have captured the special essence of Exile that has made their live show a top draw around the country.

Lee Carroll, Exile's keyboardist and former musical director for the Judds, comments "...there is a unique intimacy that we feel with the audience and among ourselves. This is what makes Exile special."

Of all the exceptional fine musicians and performers in the famous televised Lawrence Welk organization, the one most in demand for personal appearances throughout the country is quiet-mannered, fast-fingered accordionist, Myron Floren, Welk's assistant band director. During the years when Lawrence Welk was taping the television show, Myron would fly two or three cities each week between television tapings and recordings, chalking up an average of more than 150,000 air miles each year.

Now that the show is no longer taping, Floren traveled well over 250,000 miles each year, playing special engage-

ments in communities throughout the nation as accordionist, conductor, and performing in solo concerts as well as doing shows with other former members of the Lawrence Welk Show.

When the enthusiastic Welk hired young Floren in 1950, while both were in St. Louis on separate engagements, Welk's hotel and ballroom "bosses" thought he had gone berserk in bringing into the band an accordionist far superior to Welk himself.

But Welk is perhaps more musically knowledgeable than any other television orchestra leader today, and knew full well Floren's potential as a musician, and how much his efforts would help to improve his band. Today, those erstwhile "bosses" heartily agree with Welk as they note the great popularity of Floren, his musicianship and his dependability.

A native of Webster, South Dakota, Myron first took up the accordion at 7, beginning, like Welk, with a Sears-Roebuck catalog instrument which cost \$19.95. With no teachers in that farm country, long hours of practice took the place of formal instruction, and when he was 8, he was entertaining crowds at the Day County Fair. At 9, he won first and second prizes in a local amateur contest, playing both accordion and piano.

He worked his way through Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by teaching the accordion, and began to play professionally at 19 over radio station KSOO. He also played for countless parties and dances, and in 1944, joined a USO unit to entertain troops in Europe.

Upon his return, he joined "The Buckey Four," a hill-billy group and remained with them four years until 1950, when he accepted Welk's invitation to join him.

Myron and his wife, Berdye (Koerner), met while she was one of his accordion pupils, and in 1945, following his return from Europe, they were married. They live with one of their five daughters, in Rolling Hills, a suburb of Los Angeles, overlooking the ocean. Their oldest daughter, Kristie is married to Bobby Burgess, dancing star of Welk's television program. Burgess and his dancing partner Elaine Baldwin will join Myron at the 1990 Lowell Showboat.

In September of 1982, Bobby Burgess celebrated his 21st anniversary as a regular member, and one of the most popular stars weekly on 190 P.B.S. TV Stations nationally. Bobby had met Kristie Flo-

ren, a daughter of Welk's accordionist Myron Floren, and married her in 1971. They now have four children: Becki Jane born in 1976; Robert Floren, born in 1979; Wendi Ellen, born in 1983; and Brenton Christopher, born in 1986.

When Cissy King left the fold in December, 1978, Bobby commenced another search for a suitable dancing partner, introducing several possible selections, filling in the occasional gaps by prancing on stage with Barbara Boylan, now the mother of two children, and the head of her own dancing studio in Denver, Colorado. Bobby did his own choreography and directed his TV dances the last five years of the show.

His nationwide search for a likely partner to meet the demanding standards was met by Elaine Balden, his current partner, of Dallas, Texas. Elaine's versatility of Latin and ballroom dancing, jazz, ballet, singing and "the right look" and size and personality, have made her the ideal partner for Bobby.

Most virtuoso performers begin their art early in life. Elaine Balden is no exception. At the age of five, she began her dance career at Storybook Playhouse, in her home town of Dallas, Texas. Here, she studied ballet, tap, jazz, and acrobatics. Two years later, she began studying classical piano. Her years of training and performance resulted in a piano scholarship at Sam Houston State University, where she also engaged in University musical productions which include, "My Fair Lady," and "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying."

To further her training, Elaine moved to Houston and studied with Roy and June Mavor, World Ballroom Dance Champions from Australia. Roy proved to be more than just a great coach. He recognized Elaine's incredible talent and provided the link between Houston and Hollywood. Knowing that Bobby Burgess was looking for a new partner, Roy approached Elaine. "As much as I would hate to lose you from my staff, I feel that you are just what Bobby's looking for," Elaine recalls.

She auditioned along with thirty-five other dancers, and was called back as one of the final three to make a television guest appearance with Bobby. Lawrence Welk gave Elaine the final nod of approval. She was now part of "The Lawrence Welk Show," and half of the best known dance team in America. She remained with the Welk musical family until its final telecast.



Myron Floren



Bobby Burgess and Elaine Balden

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