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Grattan Township and Murray Lake residents fight to maintain area's rural character

"They tell me Americans are apathetic," said Woody Hoover, Chairman of the Grattan Township Planning Commission. "I don't believe it."

Hoover made the opening comment after the Planning Commission meeting had to be moved from the Township Hall to the Grattan Fire Station so that it could hold all 153 people in attendance.

It is not an exaggeration to say that most, if not all, of those in attendance were there to discuss the proposed development of roughly 130 acres on the Northwest side of Murray Lake at Five Mile Road and the property that extends to Murray Avenue.

The development calls for the addition of 69 lots and 30-35 slips. According to Murray Lake residents in attendance, the already overcrowded lake does not need more people and boats on it, especially on the weekends.

There are a few precious moments when Murray Lake is not overcrowded in its use, according to its residents. Wednesday (July 11) from 7:30 until 10 p.m., may have been one of those moments because most of the Murray Lake residents were at the Planning Commission meeting.

The development proposal was brought forward by developer, Thomas Byrne of Rolling Meadows, Ill. If there was support for his proposed development of the 100-plus acres he owns, it wasn't at the Wednesday meeting.

Byrne was questioned, interrogated, and then cross-examined on Murray Lake's overcrowdedness, the sewer system, the noise pollution, the assessment on the effect of the removal of wetlands, and the impact the development would have on the school.

Byrne said he planned on modifying, and/or changing, only 1.1 acres of the five acres of wetlands. Many argued that there are more than five acres of wetlands and that

Byrne should leave the wetlands alone. Byrne was asked how long it would be before he decided that the rest of the wetlands should be modified. He said that there were none at the present time.

Hoover told the captive planning commission audience that if they are worried about the deterioration of the wetlands surrounding small lakes they should write the planning commission, their state representative and the DNR.

When asked why Byrne could not build around and improve the wetland condition, he responded "I'm not destroying the wetlands. I'm only going to modify 1.1 acre."

In response to Byrne's remarks, a Murray Lake gentleman said he did not believe the development was palatable with the ecology in Murray Lake. He added that the number of lots (69) would mean lots of extra fertilizer which would end up in Murray Lake and in turn would mean an increase in weeds.

The stickiest problem, and in this case, ordinance confronting Byrne is the Grattan Township ordinance that is clearly against his proposed development of the scheduled 30-35 slips and how far out they are proposed to go into the water.

"We have an ordinance that prevents this kind of funneling development," Hoover said. "The docks can go no further out than 4-1/2 feet deep." Byrne must also allow for 50 feet of lakefront for development. As it stands, Byrne currently has roughly 300 feet of lakefront property, which is not even a tenth of what is called for by the ordinance.

Byrne's plan violates the ordinance, but Hoover said the ordinance may or may not hold up in court.

In a similar argument (the Fox Case) in Charlevoix according to Hoover's understanding, the township had invoked an ordinance to prevent development like Grattan. The developer took the township to court. The ordinance was up-

held. In an appeal, the ordinance was struck down.

Had the case gone to the Supreme Court, legal precedent would have been set, but a compromise was made and the case was settled out of court. The settlement called for a lower density development.

"We have this ordinance and we intend to support and follow it," Hoover said. "We may very well have to do this all the way to the Supreme Court. That would not be an inexpensive process."

Many concerns were raised about the sewer system and the impact a new development would have on it. Hoover made it clear that the design of the sewers now in place are there to solve problems that the lakes have had and not to provide for substantial further development.

With this before him, Byrne said he would then have to sit down and present a plan that would adequately deal with the sewer problem.

The development presented by Byrne falls under the site condominium act. The difference between the typical condominium and the site condominium which Byrne proposes is with the typical condo a person purchases building space. With a site condominium a buyer purchases land and space (referred to as a unit). Progressive Engineer planner, Will Andresen said that a site condominium would be like a sub-division with individual home sites. "The benefit of this is that there are areas of common ownership, and as a part of the condominium agreement the condominium association maintains the common areas," Andresen said. "The other benefit is that the review process is not as lengthy." Hoover added that Byrne could not guarantee there would be no extra cost to the township down through the years. "That will depend on the assessments," he said.

Depending on how many are sold, Byrne said, each lot/ Murray Lake, cont'd., pg. 2



CLASS OF 1925 WILL CELEBRATE 65 YEARS

The Lowell High School Class of 1925 will have a 65th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 4. Members of the classes of 1924 and 26 and also welcome to attend.

Class members will meet at Keiser's Kitchen, East Main, Lowell at 1 p.m. for a lunch and then go to Schneider Manor for visiting.

Call Vassar Rosewame at 245-3051 or Theo Schutt at 243-9155 for reservations by July 28.

CLASS OF 1975 HOLDS REUNION

The Lowell High School Class of 1975 will hold its class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Dari's in Alto at 6 p.m. for cocktails and dinner at 7 p.m.

A family picnic will also be held on Sunday, Aug. 12 at Creekside Park at 1 p.m.

Mail \$17.50 per person reservation checks payable to L.H.S. Class of '75 by July 31 to Robert and Mary Ford, 1376 Sibley, Lowell, MI 49331.

JAYCEES INVITE YOU TO HELP CLEAN UP M-21

The Lowell Area Jaycees in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation invite all Lowell residents 16 years of age or older to help clean up M-21 (Montcalm to Cumberland) on Thursday, July 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Everyone will meet on the north side of Richard's Park

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Increased ticket sales help Showboat near financial stability in 1990

The year of the 1990 Showboat was one of change.

It went from one headliner over three nights to a different headliner each evening.

It was the initial year of the Princess Laura Dinner Cruise and for Corporate Sponsorship.

The 1990 Lowell Showboat may also be the year the Showboat turns the bend toward financial stability.

It is no hidden secret that 1989 was not a financial success. It is estimated that in 1990 the Lowell Showboat will lose roughly \$660. That may sound disheartening to outsiders looking in, and frustrating to those that put so much time and effort into the gala event, but there are reasons for optimism.

The different headliner for each evening was met with much enthusiasm by the community which explains why ticket sales were up over the last two years.

Total ticket sales in 1988 (Lettermen) were \$49,500; total ticket sales in 1989 (B.J. Thomas) were \$41,000; total ticket sales in 1990 ring in at roughly \$52,500.

The Lowell Showboat

started its corporate sponsorship program in 1990. In its kickoff year, the program brought in \$9,250. "I thought for the late start that we got (March-April), that Dick Korb and Dale Triplett did an excellent job," said Lowell Showboat President, Gordon Gould. "For 1991, we will talk to corporations and businesses prior to the budgets being completed."

Showboat accountant/bookkeeper Lu Greene said she doesn't believe \$20,000 is an unrealistic goal for 1991.

One way to help corporate sponsorship reach that figure is to have the talent lined up at an earlier date. "There's no doubt that if we go to corporate sponsors with the three headliners already in place, that will help," Gould said. "The risk in doing that is the performer can back out if a better offer comes along down the road."

One area that both Gould and the Showboat Board would like to see trimmed is expenses. In 1990 the three major expenses were production \$39,650; sound and

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The Showboat board feels confident that an earlier start on corporate sponsorship and a restrictive eye on spending will help put the 1991 Showboat into the black.

Obituaries

CLEVELAND - Violet (Vi) Cleveland, aged 76, passed away in Battle Creek at her home on July 13, 1990. She was retired from Amway, Ada. She had been Customer Service Rep for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl and a daughter, Marcia Cleveland. She is survived by a son, C. Jeff Cleveland of Battle Creek; daughters, Mrs. De (Carolyn) Quinton of Post Falls, ID; Mrs. Keith (Gail) Gould of Ada; a sister Mrs. C. Blake (Vera) Smith of Vero Beach, FL; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday (today), July 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bowne Center Methodist Church, Burial at Bowne Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Battle Creek Hospice Care, Battle Creek, MI.

HENDRICKS - Mrs. Mary Hendricks, aged 93, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Thursday, July 12, 1990. She was preceded in death by her son, Erbin Richards. She is survived by her husband, Herman; her daughter, Susan White of Lowell; her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Richards of Florida; her sister, Johanna Plas; her sister-in-law, Mable Hendricks, both of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Carl Reitsma of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Rest Lawn Cemetery.

KELLY - Larry G. Kelly, aged 48, of Lowell, died July 11, 1990. Survived by his wife, Carol M; children, Linda (Kenneth) Vos of Lowell, William Schmidt of Terre Haute, IN, Dawn (William) Brown of Lowell, Randy Kelly of Grand Rapids, brothers, Charles and Ted Kelly of Big Stone Gap, VA, Gary Kelly of Copperous Cove, TX, Benton Kelly, Jr.

Lowell Schools establish a Saturday detention session for students

Starting with the 1990-91 school year, Lowell students wishing to skip school during the week, will attend school on the weekend.

A Saturday session has been established by the Lowell Board of Education for students who choose to skip school during the week. The student will make up one hour on Saturday for each repeated unexcused class absence during the week.

The Saturday session will also be used for students with five unexcused class tardies and as a consequence for other repeated rule violations normally resulting in in-house suspensions.

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said the committee felt that it is the students with high absenteeism who need to be in school the most. Therefore, assigning truant students in-house suspension only serves to magnify their attendance problem in class.

"While in-house suspension has proven to be an effective deterrent to other rule violations, it is not preferred in attendance or tardy situations," Esch said.

Another attendance change students will incur includes the reduction of allowable unexcused absences from seven to five and the total absences from 15 to 12. Students not adhering to these numbers will receive a loss of class credit for the semester.

School	Total Absences	Unexcused Absences
Belding	Unlimited	Unlimited
Caledonia	12	---
East G.R.	10	5
Forest Hills N.	10	6
Forest Hills C.	10	---
Ionia	10	---
Kenowa Hills	Unlimited	Unlimited
Rockford	12	7

Murray Lake, continued

home will be sold for \$150,000. The President of Dan Byrne Oil Company in Rolling Meadow, Illinois said he can develop the lots without a zoning change. He said he would like to tie it together into a nice system where people can enjoy common areas and lakes.

"I'd like the homes to complement each other and form a community instead of just running together."

At a previous planning commission meeting where Byrne first presented his plan, he stated that by developing the land this way it would be financially better for him. Hoover said that is not a good reason to change the zoning. "But it is a good reason for Byrne to ask us to change the ordinance."

Later, Hoover added that the ordinance was written with the idea of trying to protect the rural character of Grattan Township.

Byrne's development plans will challenge that charge, but after Wednesday night, there will be no question as to the concern of the Murray Lake (Grattan Township) residents.

Editor's Note: There is a special planning commission meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. At that meeting, Thomas Byrne will discuss other developmental plans.

A regular Grattan Township Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Showboat, continued

equipment, \$9,000 and advertising \$10,500.

One way to help cut expenses is to find local and area residents to donate time and to complete tasks that are currently being paid for by Showboat.

Because of the weather problems of the last two years, pushing back Showboat into July may also be considered by the Showboat Board. Another thought being given by the Board is to extend Showboat over two weekends with shows on Friday and Saturday of each week. This would cut out the Thursday night show, which has not been a real successful show in regards to ticket sales. "Right now we're just opening everything up to discussion," said Showboat Vice President Laura McCullom. "Despite the weather this year I thought the crowds were exceptional."

Gould added that the board would be willing to make a change provided it's a viable option. "When you depend on walk-up ticket purchases on the day of the show, then weather tends to be a problem."

McCullom said it's frustrating to come up short financially after all the effort that was put forth, but she believes the outlook for the Showboat remains positive.

"Despite the hectic, harried period of time that the three weeks prior to the Showboat brings, I still find it fun," Gould said.

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Lowell City Council approves use of collection agency

Because the Lowell business district has grown to include shopping malls and franchise businesses, the City is now experiencing an increased problem with tax collection, according to Lowell City Treasurer Judy Noonon.

"Some businesses are operated by non-residents and may be open only a short time before closing their doors and moving to another location," Noonon said. "Once they leave the area, it is difficult for me to collect the taxes."

To that end, Noonon proposed to the Lowell City Council that it use a collection agency regarding delinquent personal property taxes in lieu of seizure and sale.

She pointed out that this method has been successfully used by a number of cities. This way, instead of conducting the sale (the final step in the previous collection process), the collection agency (FCA) would be given the responsibility.

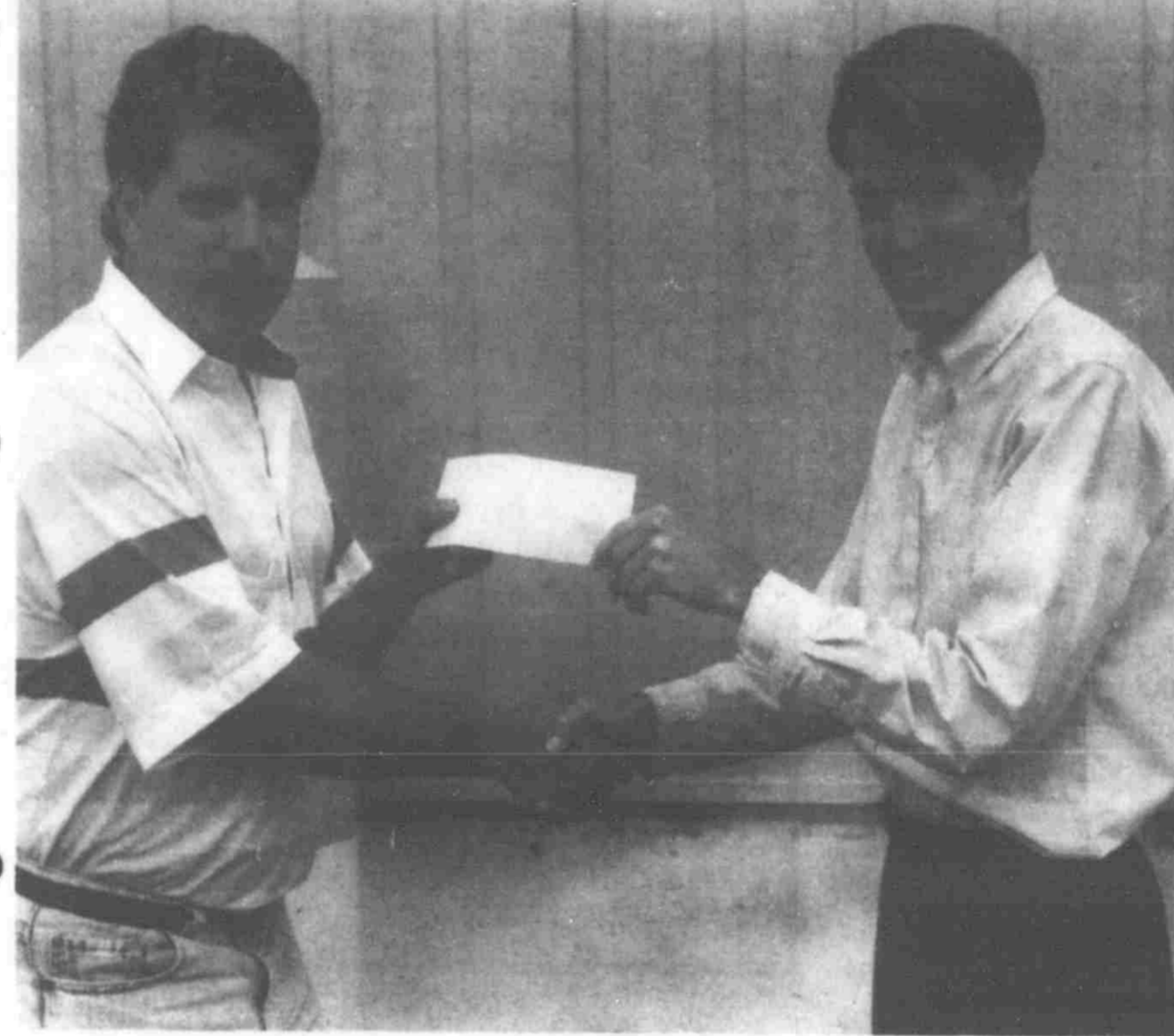
"The City will still collect the full payment of taxes handled by the agency," Noonon said. "The FCA also attaches a service fee which is over and above this. The agency would collect an additional 30 percent to cover its fees and we would receive full payment for every tax they are able to collect."

This new method which was approved by the Lowell City Council would only be used for those who fail to respond to all attempts at collection short of property seizure. The third notice in this method would explain that unpaid taxes will be turned over to the collection agency. The fourth notice would state the date that taxes would be turned over to the agency and the penalty to be charged. Noonon said after that no payments would be accepted.

Lowell would instill one change in this method, it would only use the collection agency for businesses that are out of its jurisdiction and/or whose assets are no longer in town.

Currently the procedure used for collection of delinquent personal property taxes is to send a reminder letter following the due date of Feb. 14. If this second notice does not result in payment being made, a third notice in which Noonon explains the legal action to be taken if payment is not received.

Lowell's Lions Club donates monies to Athletic Boosters Club



Mike Dey, President of the Lowell Athletic Boosters Club, accepts a check from Lion's Club President, Jim Doyle for \$1,666. The money will be used for athletic equipment.

School, continued...

not accept such attendance standards, nor should the school.

Other high school attendance policy/student handbook changes include forming an attendance appeals committee consisting of one counselor, two teachers, two students, and one administrator. This committee will meet as needed to decide on appeals from parents regarding their child's loss of credit due to absenteeism.

LHS will also begin to use attendance status reports having four carbons instead of three. The additional copy will be issued by the teacher directly to the student, thus ensuring the student's awareness. Also, on the ninth absence, the student's counselor will contact the student for additional counseling regarding his/her absenteeism.

Money will be allocated to purchase essential attendance needs that will help in tracking student absenteeism.

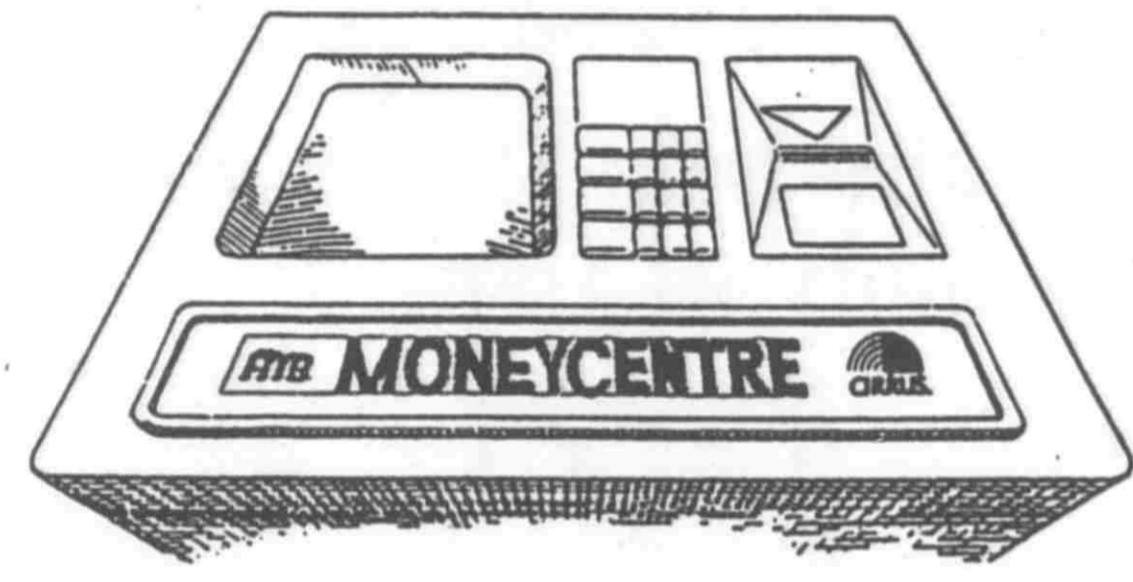
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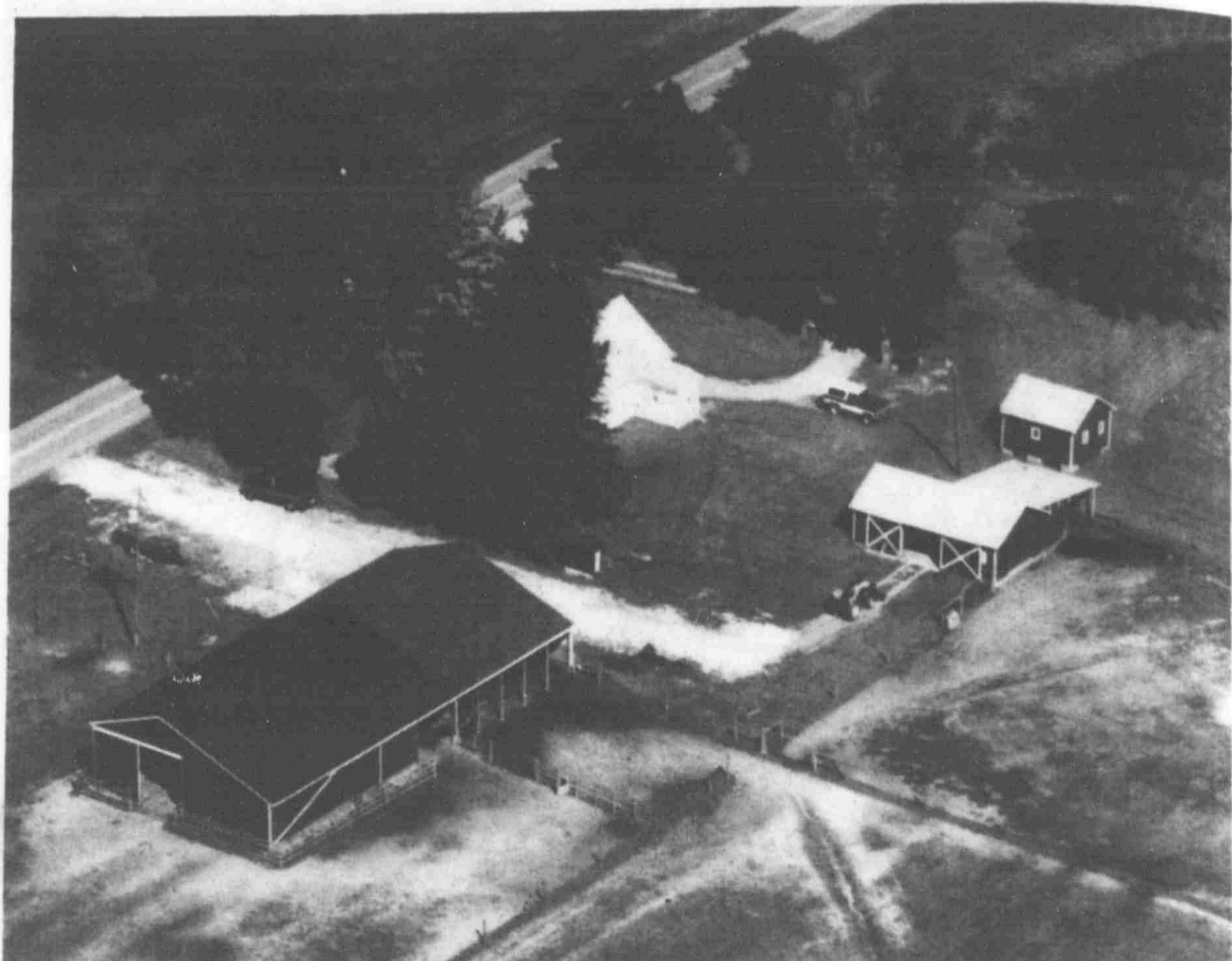
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In the 15th week of the Lowell Ledger Mystery Farm, there were 11 responses. All 11 responses identified the mystery farm correctly. Congratulations. Try your luck this week with Mystery Farm No. 16. It should be noted, that when identifying a farm, the first and last name should be used. Also, entry forms found only in the Ledger should be used! Thanks for your cooperation.

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Judd Hirsch (seated) stars as John Lacey, the title role, in *Dear John*, an NBC comedy series about a singles support group. Other members of the group are (from left) Jane Carr, Harry Groener, Billie Bird, Jere Burns and Isabella Hofmann. The series will return to Wednesdays in the fall.

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2:15 MOVIE: Washington Story Newspaper reporter, assigned to write a hatchet story...

3:00 MOVIE: The Naked City
3:30 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

4:00 MOVIE: The Trap Trapper buys a young mule girl as his wife and takes her to the Canadian wilds...

5:00 Music Videos
5:30 MOVIE: The Big Wheel Young man follows the career of his father...

6:00 MOVIE: The Naked City
6:30 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

7:00 MOVIE: The Naked City
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8:00 MOVIE: The Naked City
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9:00 MOVIE: The Naked City
9:30 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

10:00 MOVIE: The Naked City
10:30 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

FRIDAY CONT.

3:30 Tales From The Darkside
3:45 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

SATURDAY

July 21

5:00 Music Videos
5:30 MOVIE: The Naked City
6:00 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

6:30 Club MTV
6:45 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

AFTERNOON

12:00 Just For Laughs Weekend
12:30 MOVIE: The Naked City
1:00 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

2:30 Gospel Jubilee
2:45 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

EVENING

6:00 The Week in Rock
6:30 MOVIE: The Naked City
7:00 MOVIE: 2 1/2 Dads Two fathers and a bachelor decide to share a house...

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Crossword puzzle grid with 10x10 cells and numbers indicating starting points for clues.

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- 1. Morning; abbr.
2. Jumble of A's/S's/H
3. Chatter
4. Keaton, once
5. One of 5 U.S. "Greats"
6. President Dabny
7. Start of Iowa's capital
8. Kennedy or Nixon; abbr.
9. Coward
10. Character on Generations
11. Pre-World War I
12. Law
13. "The Lumbar Stair"; abbr.
14. Commercial
15. Acting award
16. Mild grade
17. Nevertheless, for short
18. Popular actor (1890-1956)
19. Singing syllable
20. Note
21. Sign of approval
22. Canine
23. Moran of Happy Days
24. on L.A.
25. John Walton
26. Connie of film
27. Judd Hirsch's series (2)
28. Deceased
29. Oddball
30. Jai
31. Created
32. President Dabny
33. Daniel or Saddy
34. Start of Iowa's capital
35. Cripple, Tex. ? (2)
36. 1982 Disney film
37. Common Latin abbr.
38. Actress Joanne
39. German actor
40. Parisian pal
41. Myrna
42. HST's acronym
43. Fred Dwyer
44. Actor, nation
45. Oliver on Alice
46. Göteborg resident
47. Actor Parker
48. Coach Parsigliani
49. "Tin Tin"
50. Buttons and Skelton
51. Comedy about 3 families
52. Feel poorly

THURSDAY CONT.

- 2:30 (M) MOVIE: On The Town Gable, Chip and Ozzie, three sailors on 24 hour leave in New York City...

DAYTIME

- MORNING
5:00 (M) Morning Stretch
(FR) Hogan's Heroes
(WE,TH,FR) Madame's Place

- (M) Strip Quilting
(TU) Sewing With Nancy
(WE) Joy Of Painting
(TH) Ciao Italia

- 10:05 (M) Movie
10:30 (M) The Judge
(1) Love Connection
(FR) Country Basket Weaving

- AFTERNOON
12:00 (M) Remote Control
(M) American Magazine
(1) Inside Edition

- 3:05 (M) Tom And Jerry's Funhouse
3:30 (M) Chip 'N' Dale's Rescue Rangers
(1) DuckTales

- 4:05 (M) Flintstones
4:30 (M) Vol MTV Rap!
(1) Silver Spoons
(1) Small Wonder

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Resolutions and adoptions fill Lowell Board of Education agenda

An agenda filled with routine annual resolutions and adoptions made for an unusually busy summer meeting for the Lowell Board of Education.

The motion for a 10-cent increase in school lunches will probably have the most direct effect of the 23 items on the agenda.

Superintendent Fritz Esch to make an application for the bond proposition to be placed before the voters on Sept. 25.

The Board adopted a resolution which authorizes Superintendent Fritz Esch to make an application for the bond proposition to be placed before the voters on Sept. 25.

Sally Spencer was employed as a seventh-grade math teacher for an amount of \$25,676.

Carmen Parsons was employed as a seventh-grade English teacher for an amount of \$24,262.

The Board agreed to the continuation of business transactions with Kropp Orchards, with the stipulation that payments to Kropp Orchards be approved by two-thirds vote of the full membership and excluding said member (Roger Kropp) from voting.

Barb Townsend was employed as the half-time DVK teacher for an amount of \$14,511.

Tim McDonough, Alto wins in the 15th week of the Mystery Farm



The Lowell Ledger's 15th Mystery Farm belongs to the Henry Kauffman family, 13804 76th SE Clarksville. The winning entry in the 15th week of the Mystery Farm contest was turned in by Tom McDonough of 8210 McCords Rd., Alto.

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Championship log rollers at Historic Bowens Mills

Historic Bowens Mills presents. The Great Lake Timber Show, featuring Da Mad Frenchman and Friends. The shows will be held on July 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 22 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. There will be a Log Rolling on the mill pond, axe throwing, cross cut saw sawing, modified chain sawing and much more!!

"Da Mad Frenchman" and his friends home base is Escanaba, MI, however, they perform all over the United States. It will be a great family show, full of good clean backwoods humor, as well as pertinent information concerning the timbering industry. There will be multi-shows daily.

Old Fashion Day activities will also be taking place. The Mill's main floor museum will be open and there will be water power demonstrations. The lower level of the mill will also be open, it houses a working water powered machine shop, a cooper's shop and blacksmith shop. A living history Civil War encampment will be demonstrating the way of life in the 1860's and shooting their black powder cannons and guns. Costumed craftsmen will be making and selling their wares. There will be hay rides and "Chuck Wagon Food" will be available plus all kinds of apple related desserts from the "Cider Mill Cafe."

Folk singer Marilyn Purdy of Delton will be singing between the lumberjack acts on Saturday. Christina and Stephanie Lee of Bradenton, FL will be singing at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Christina, daughter of the mill owner, has been into singing and writing Gospel music for 14 years and has produced 5 tapes. She is formerly from the Barry County area.

Historic Bowens Mills is a water powered grist and cider mill. It was built in 1864 and is a Michigan State Historic Site. It ground flour for nearly 80 years, then for 40 years it sat dormant, deteriorating and decaying. In 1978, Marion Cook and her late husband Neal, purchased the old building and started extensive restoration. Today, the Old Mill stands straight and proud, a memorial of the past. It is a 4 story working museum, dedicated to preserving the past for future generations to enjoy. Also on the 17 acre site for folks to enjoy is a pioneer 1830's Plank House, and 1850's Post and Beam Barn which houses a team of Belgian horses, an 1850's one room school and a general store. A covered bridge crosses over the mill stream. A 17 foot water wheel is being installed.

Gate fees for the event are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. The Mill is non-profit and has no state funding. All restorations and upkeep depend upon the gate fees and donations.

Folks are invited to bring cameras and lawn chairs and step into the past for a full day of family fun. Rain or shine, the show will go on! The top level of the mill, known as "The Rainy Day Museum" would be open too in case of rain.

Log rolling is only one of the events offered at Historic Bowens Mills this weekend during The Great Lake Timber Show.



Lowell All-Stars defeat West Muskegon

The Lowell Little League All-Stars started playing Friday night against Southwest. They were defeated 8-0. Lowell had no runs and 1 hit. The only hit in the game was a single by Justin Maddox.

In their next game on Saturday, the Lowell All-Stars won 5 to 2 over West Muskegon. Jarred Sper stole home plate in the second inning to tie the game at 1-1. In the bottom of the fourth Dan Maynard tripled with the base loaded for 3 more runs. David Denboes then grounded out to bring in Lowell's final run. Jarred Sper was the winning pitcher. He went six innings and struck out 12 batters for Lowell's first win.

The Great Lake Timber Show at Historic Bowens Mills this weekend features "Da Mad Frenchman" and Friends, a group from the Escanaba area who travel around the United States and teach about the timber industry.



When in the 1920 Olympics Theresa Weld of the U.S. became the first woman to attempt a jump in figure skating competition in the 1920 Olympics, she was reprimanded for her "unfeminine behavior."

TOWN TALK

What do you believe is the reason for the the recent decline in the number of Lowell retail businesses?



Ray Clark
Their prices are too high. Also, the traffic lighting system in this town is terrible. People get into places and have a terrible time getting out.



Bud DeWitt
They are so close to Grand Rapids and it's hard to be competitive. Businesses just don't have, the buyers, being so close to the Grand Rapids metro area.



Diana Been
Too many shops - e.g. auto. The clothing stores are priced too high. I also believe Lowell is just too small of a town. There are not enough people.



Bonnie Wiese
A lack of parking has a lot to do with it. The prices are not comparable to the surrounding Grand Rapids area. People will drive an extra mile to save.



Duane Lambert
I don't believe there has been a recent decline. I think Lowell has had more new businesses open up recently than close. In order for a new business to make it, there must be a need for the item or product. You must also have a good inventory. Yes, independents can be competitive. They must focus on low overheads and keep their business more efficient.



Bob Pfaler
I think the reasons are varied. Undercapitalized, over-expansion, excessive debt service, long hours, and the day to day pressures of running a business are all possible reasons for the recent closings. Business in Lowell is good and those who are fair, take care of their customers and stay competitive will survive.

Flat River Community Players present "A Bad Year For Tomatoes"

Director Rick Jensen is rehearsing two casts for Flat River Community Players' summer production, "A Bad Year For Tomatoes." The John Patrick comedy will be performed at Greenville Area Community Center July 19-22 and 26-28.

A matinee cast presents the off-beat characters created by Patrick, who also wrote "The Curious Savage." July 21 and 22 at 2 p.m. The July 22 matinee coincides with the Family Arts Festival at the community center. The evening cast performs at 8 p.m., July 19-21 and 26-28.

The lead in both casts is taken by Sandy Duncan, who portrays Myra Marlowe, a TV actress seeking peace and quiet in a small village in order to write her autobiography. Duncan assumes a double role when Myra invents a mentally disturbed sister to keep the neighbors away.

Myra's agent and would-be lover, Tom Lamont, is played by Ric Davenport in the evening cast and Tommy Sanders in the matinee cast. Sanders is also stage manager.

The sister is invented when bizarre neighbors who process through her house destroy Myra's solitude with friendly meddling and noisiness. In the evening cast, the

townsfolk are Arney Mustonen as the back-woodsy Piney, Marcia Walker and June McMeeken as Cora Gump and Reba Harper, the town's Hospitality Ladies, and Debra Uhrich as the odd occultist Wilma Mae Wilcox. David Inbody plays the bumbling sheriff in both casts.

Neighbors in the matinee cast are John Morais as Piney, Deb Dieckman as Cora Gump, Nancy Jackson as Reba Harper, and Laurie Uhrich as Willa Mae Wilcox.

Deb Ellingen is producing the play and Lisa Groot is the assistant director. Tommy Sanders has charge of set construction with Kelly Lucas doing the set design and the props.

Tickets for "A Bad Year For Tomatoes" are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students, senior citizens, and the general admission matinees. For reservations and information call the Players' box office at (616) 754-8207.



Darlene Westcott
Taxes are too high. Rentals are also too high to stay in the business. The State of Michigan makes it tough for small businesses. No, I don't believe small businesses can be competitive with Grand Rapids. Success is achieved by giving people what they want and providing a good service.



Larry Coleman
People still have the idea that in order to get something, they have to go to the mall. Lowell must support its own businesses. The town won't attract other businesses until we support the ones already here. I shop in Lowell as much as I can, because I want other merchants to shop at Family Fare.

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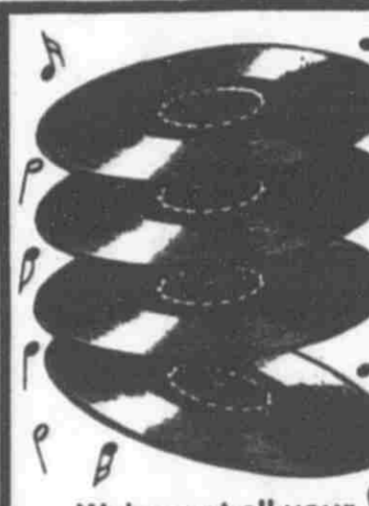
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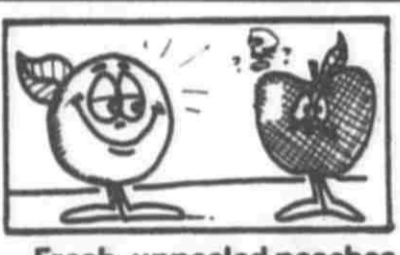
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Burglars break into Fallasburg Park office over the weekend

The Kent County Sheriff's Department is looking for information leading to the apprehension of the culprit(s) who broke into the Fallasburg Park office sometime between 11 p.m. Friday and 6-7 a.m. Saturday.

Kent County Deputy Sheriff Ed Knott said the culprit(s) broke in through the back of the office and took maintenance equipment, tools and personal effects be-

longing to employees.

"I estimate that the stolen belongings total roughly \$1,500," Knott said.

He added that it is believed the burglar parked the getaway car on McPherson just off of the Covered Bridge Road.

"We'd like to hear from anyone who saw a car parked in this vicinity from the times aforementioned," Knott said. "Taking the path of least resis-

tance from the scene of the break-in, we believe the burglar(s) took the stolen items up over the hill and then slid down the hill."

Knott said he found loose items on top of the hill, however none of the items could be checked for fingerprints.

It was first noticed that the building was broken into on Saturday morning around 7:30 a.m. when Fallasburg Park employees came to work.



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Area students receive their degrees from Ferris

A total of 1,490 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate's, bachelor's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University during the spring quarter, which ended May 15, 1990.

The spring graduates were eligible to participate in the official commencement ceremonies held on campus May 19.

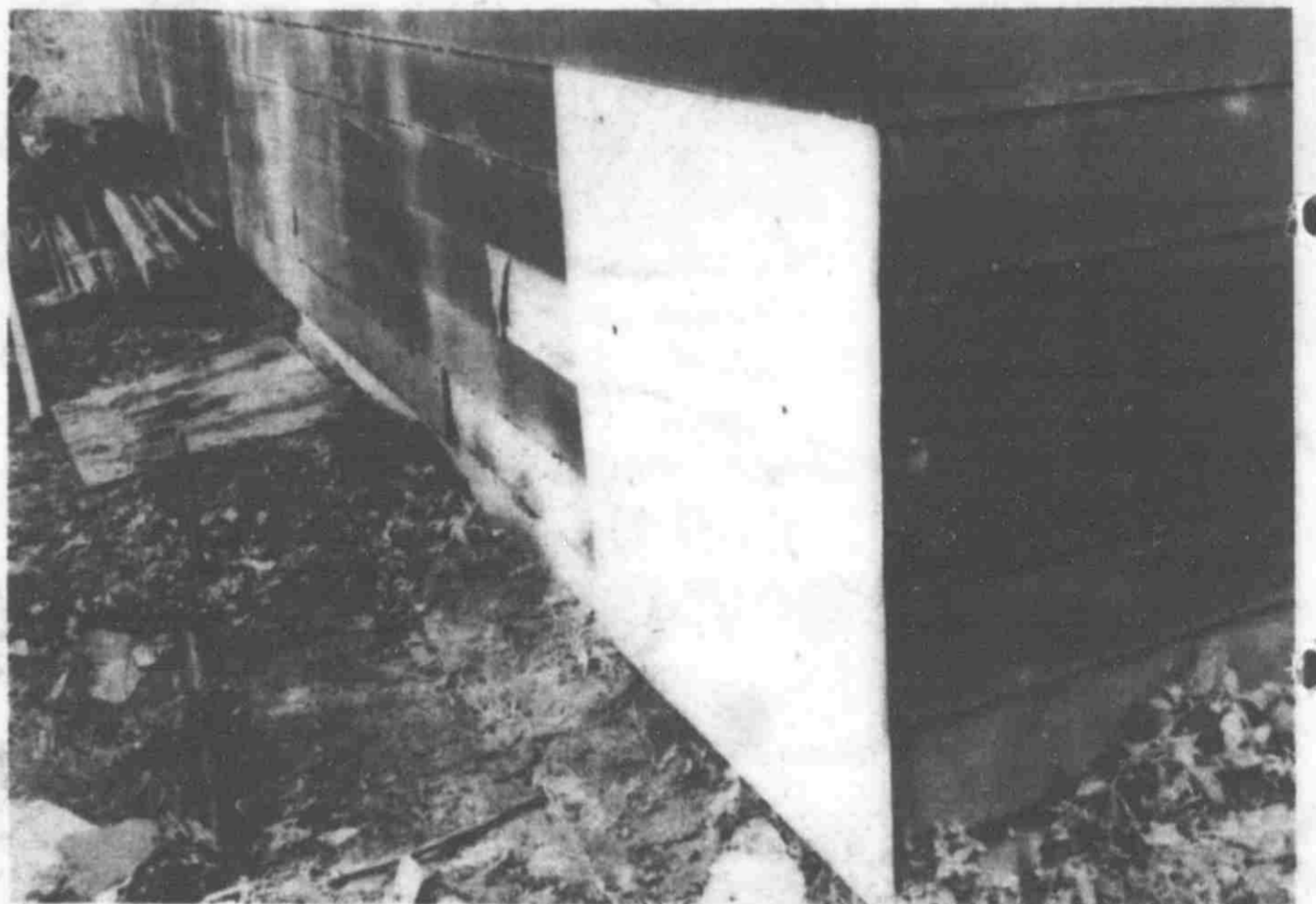
Degrees awarded by the University are doctor of optometry; master of science; bachelor of science; associate in arts; associate in applied sci-

ence; associate in science; and certificates in six areas of study.

Students graduating with honors are recognized for high academic achievement on the basis of grade point averages computed on a 4.00 equals "A" scale.

The names of recipients of degrees and certificates from Ada, Alto, Lowell and Saranac follows: Greta Mae Osborne of Lowell received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing; Richard H. Wingeier, of Alto, received an Associate in Applied Arts

Degree in Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning; Tammy Lyn Jann, of Ada, received an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Retail Fashion Merchandising and Jeff Olen Roark, also of Ada, received his Associate in Applied Sciences degree in Technical Draft and Tool Design; Scott Allan Knoop of Saranac received his Associate in Applied Science degree in Plastics Technology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Plastics Engineering Technology.



Roughly \$1,500 in equipment was taken from the Fallasburg Park office.

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Cyrockis receive setback variance

David and Lori Cyrocki were extended a variance for extending a non-conforming front yard setback to construct a porch addition.

The couple who lives at 807 N. Washington applied for a variance so that they may construct a porch addition to their residence.

Lowell's City Council followed the unanimous recommendation put forth by the Planning Commission back in June as it approved the variance.

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The frontage of the Cyrocki house is 18 feet from the street right of way. With a 30-foot setback required for the front yard, the 5-6 foot extension would make the structure even more non-conforming.



According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates, the job classification with the most openings likely between now and 1990 is that of computer service technician.