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## Bleacher Agreement: Resolution states recognition of ownership rather than forgiveness. Bleacher balance erased from City books.

A long-standing historical problem was cleared last Monday night from the minds of the City auditor, Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson, P.C.; the Lowell City Council; and the Board of Showboat Corporation II Inc.

The Council acknowledged that Showboat Corporation II Inc. owes nothing further to the City of Lowell for the Showboat amphitheatre bleachers.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale presented a prepared agreement between

the City and the Showboat to the Council for its approval. The agreement was in regards to which portable bleachers at the amphitheatre are the City's.

The balance owed by the Showboat, which was taken off the books, was \$13,303.

The agreement hinged on resolving which section of the bleachers are the City's. It was originally stated by Councilmember Charlie Doyle that sections "BB" and "FF" (portable) should be involved.

Following a meeting be-

tween Pasquale, Showboat President, Gordon Gould, and Vice President, Laura

McCollum, it was resolved that bleacher sections "AA" and "BB" belong to the City. Former Councilmember Jim

hall and Ray Quada thought the portable bleachers encompassed the entire upper deck.

Along with acknowledging that the Showboat owes nothing further, the agreement stated that the City purchased the bleachers; the corporation has the right to use and maintain the bleachers; liability insurance on the bleachers is provided by the Corporation; the City's

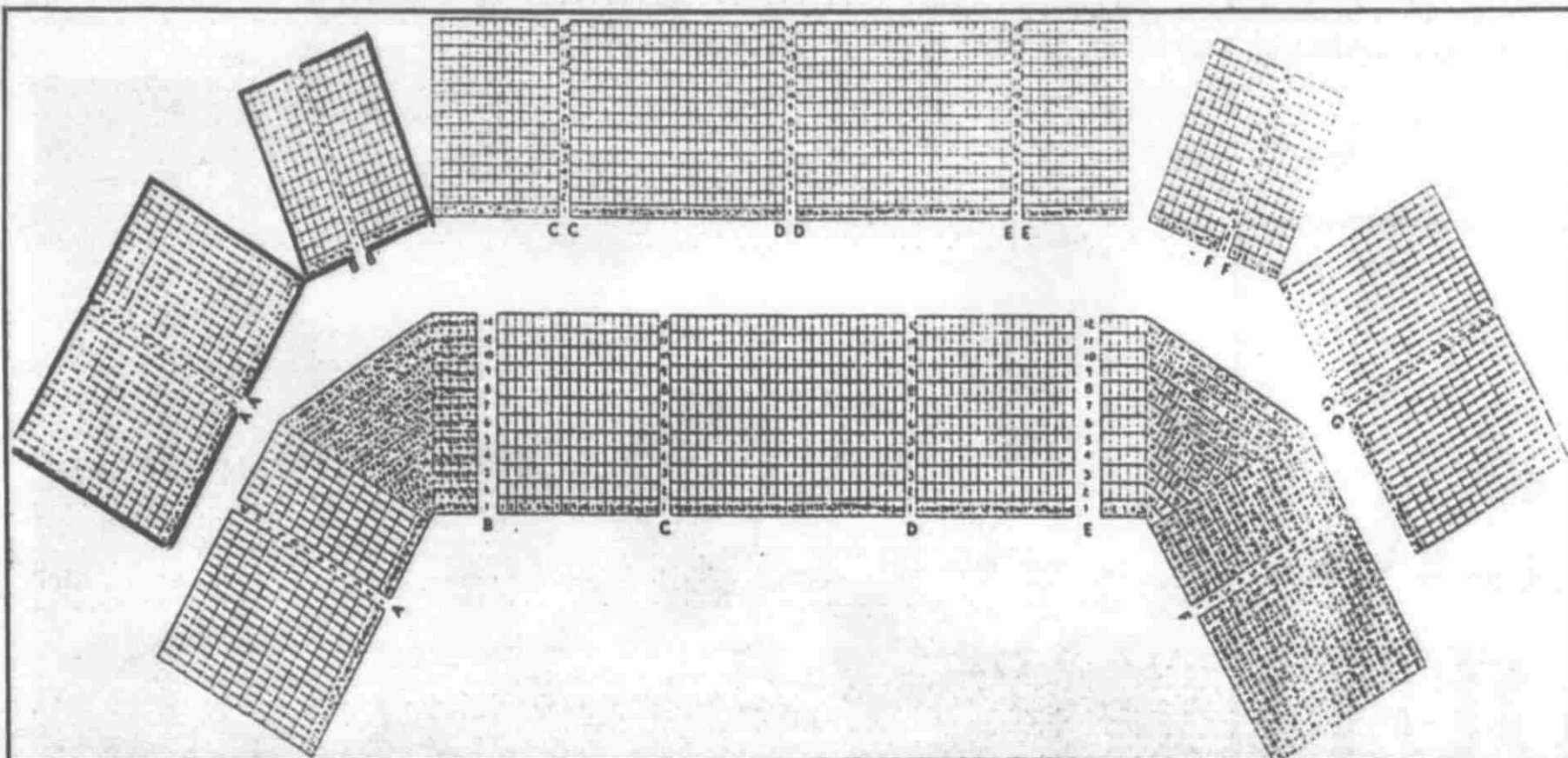
right to use the bleachers and the availability of these to the Corporation during the three nights of Showboat; it agree-

able to the City, the Corporation may purchase the section of bleachers on a pro-rated basis.

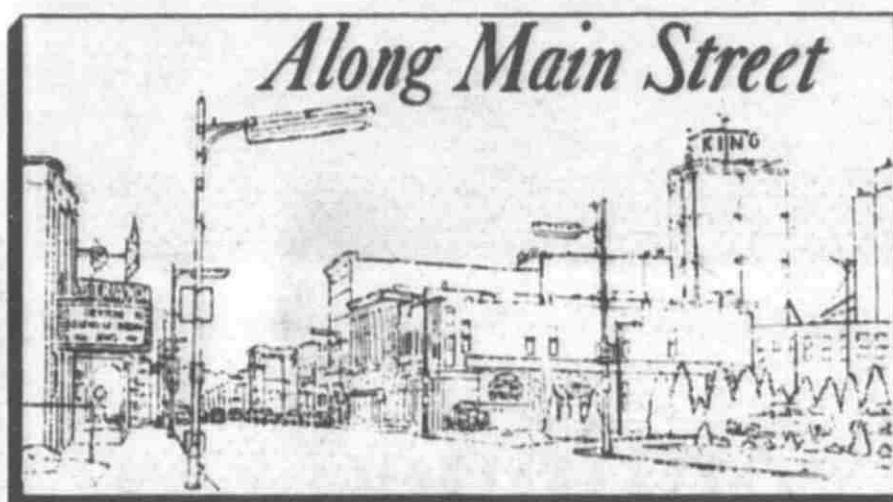
The bleachers were purchased by the City for the Showboat Amphitheatre at a cost of \$22,461 in 1973. The Showboat Corporation made payments to the City up through 1980, totaling \$9,158.

"I believe the agreement is something both bodies can live with," Gould said. "We've resolved an historical problem"

Pasquale said he felt the resolution was the simplest way to address the issue. "The council was happy with it because it states the recognition of ownership rather than forgiveness," he said.



Portable bleacher sections "AA" and "BB" are owned by the City. They will always be available for use at the amphitheatre for Showboat.



### SHOWBOAT RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets are available now for the Showboat Car Raffle. Get your tickets now. Call Thad, 897-9261.

### K OF C FREE THROW COMING TO LOWELL

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will be coming to Lowell on January 8. Call 897-4145 for further details.

### FINANCIAL AID FORMS AVAILABLE

Financial aid forms are now available at the Student Services Center at the High School for the academic year 1991-92.

The forms must be filled out by Feb. 14. For more information, see your counselor.

### GROUND SCHOOL STARTS JAN. 14

Private pilot ground school starts on January 14. Call Speerstra Aviation at 897-4955 evenings and weekends or write Speerstra Aviation, P.O. Box 44, Lowell, MI 49331.

### LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING JAN. 8

The Lowell Little League Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the High School.

### END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY PLANS IN THE WORKS

The Parents Committee for the 1991 Seniors End-of-the-Year Party will meet at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21 in Room A-1 at the high school.

### Erickson celebrates Christmas with the children of Lowell

For 22 nights in December, Santa Claus has sat in front of the Christmas kaleidoscope of lights at 517 Avery, listening to the wishes of the Lowell and outlying area children.

John Erickson has displayed his multitudinous of colors for the past 21 years in Lowell. This year he added a few new wrinkles. More lights. Santa Claus and a couple of games.

Erickson held a guess-the-number-of-lights contest for adults, and for all the children that stopped and sat on his lap, they were allowed to fill out entries qualifying them for a variety of gifts.

The gifts varied from a sled to crayons. In those 22 days, children filled out 7,063 entries. "They were allowed to fill out more than one entry per person," Erickson said. For stopping and talking to Santa, all the children received a candy cane. Last Sunday alone, Erickson handed out 360 candy canes in a two-hour time frame.

"The response I received was overwhelming," Erickson said. "No way did I expect this."

Jordan Ickes, three-years old, of Alto, was the first name drawn and thus received the sled.

Dolores Myers, 1073 Beech St., came the closest

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The home of John Erickson, 517 Avery, is quite a holiday sight.



John Erickson's love for children is what motivates him over the Christmas holiday.

# Fijian family finds fairness away from islands

Violence, corruption, discrimination, plundering and nepotism drove Vijay Chandra's family from the Fiji Islands. A Christian government, peace, and equal treatment of people may someday take them back, but until then, Chandra is happy with the security of living in a free country.

Chandra along with his two boys, Andrew and Phillip and his wife, Narsamma, would someday like to become United States citizens. "Becoming a U.S. citizen would make it easier, and much safer for me to return to the Fiji Islands to see my family and my wife's family, and to see what's happening," Chandra said. "All of our belongings are still there."

Chandra and Narsamma knew it was time to get off the

island when their children were beaten by governmental thugs on their way to school.

"Harassment of my family started when the government accused me of trying to get money in an attempt to overthrow the government," Chandra said. "We had to bar our doors to protect ourselves from the thugs. They use to stand outside our door and talk all night to harass and frighten us."

Through the help of the Association of Grace Baptist Churches, Chandra was able to get sponsorship and help in leaving the country. The Fijiian studied in a seminary in Toronto, Canada to become a Baptist Minister (1982-86). After his studies he returned to the Fiji Islands to start a Baptist Church for the Indian people.

In 1986 Chandra attended a conference in Grand Rapids where he was commissioned as a missionary by the Association.

Mara was not challenged until after the "grass level" people (Indians and natives) formed a party and started to gather information about the corrupt Prime Minister. In 1987 the foundation was set for an election to get Mara out of power. The election took place on April 30 of 1987. The new party (Coalition Party) got 30 seats compared to Mara's Alliance party which received 20 seats. His initial reaction to defeat was gracious, but Chandra says this was just a coverup for the planning of a coup.

Using a Fiji Military Force made up of native Fijijs, Mara bundled up all members of the new government and put them under house arrest. "What followed was chaos. Law and order broke down. Mara doesn't run the government because that would not look good to other countries, but Steve Rabuka does, and he is Mara's puppet."

The American Embassy, and American politicians, Paul Henry and Don Riegle were also helpful in getting Chandra's family off the islands.

Not only did Chandra have to leave family and belongings behind, he also had to pay \$1,400 in false tax charges.

The Fiji Islands, located in the South Pacific, are north of New Zealand and east of Australia.

Fiji was under the rule of Britain for 100 years before claiming its independence from Britain in 1970. A native political party chief ruled in Fiji from 1970-1987.

"The government was corrupt," Chandra says. "Money being sent in from the United States (as help for everyone) was being stuffed in the pockets of the party's leader, Ratu Mara. He was building his own empire. Similar to that of

Marcos," Chandra said.

According to Chandra, since the coup takeover, temples have been knocked down, looting and raping has existed, governmental thugs have come into homes and taken what they wanted, houses have been stoned and people have been beaten.

Chandra and his family live in Lowell. The Fijiian is studying to earn his masters and would someday like to get back into the B-ptist ministry. "I do a little bit of ministry occasionally on the weekends at various churches," Chandra said. His full-time work is with Zondervan. He works in freight.

Chandra hopes that someday the U.S. government will apply more pressure so the Fijiian people are treated more fairly by their government, a fairness the Chandra family has found in Lowell.



Vijay Chandra's family has found serenity in Lowell. Pictured from left to right are Vijay Chandra, Andrew, OPhillip and Chandra's wife, Narsamma.

## Erickson continued

to guessing the number of lights strung up in Erickson's yard. Her guess, of 17,650, was just 50 lights short of the 17,700 total.

Erickson said he received 5,000 entries for the light contest. Myers received a fruit basket for being the closest to the correct amount.

It takes nine separate breakers to run the outside lights at the Erickson residents. The Lowell resident has plans of adding many more next year.

"Christmas has always been a special holiday for me. I love to do things at Christmas time," Erickson said.

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**2ND WEDNESDAY:** Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Chapter night meeting is held the first Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business Meeting is held the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

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

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

**FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne Center, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. No December meeting.

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY:** Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY:** GFWC - Lowell Woman's Club hold a monthly luncheon with program following at Schneider Manor. For further information call President Janet Bovee at 897-8112.

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. A Potluck is at 12:30 p.m. with business meeting following. New members and guests are welcome.

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

**EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY - Lowell Area Jaycees** meet at 7:30 p.m. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement. For location of meeting, please call 897-6186.

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

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

**4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Women's Breakfast at the Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson, 897-5949 for reservations.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** Awana from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Alton Bible Church, (Corner of Lincoln Lake and 3 Mile) Children ages 3 and up are welcome to join in on the scriptures learning, fun, fellowship and games. For more information or to set-up transportation call 897-4273, 897-9731 or 897-5648.

**MON., JAN. 21:** Parents Committee for the 1991 Seniors End-of-the-Year Party will meet at 7 p.m. in Room A-1 at the high school.

**IF YOU REVEL IN THE BOLERO, YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THIS SPANISH DANCE IS NAMED FOR THE MAN WHO DEVISED THE STEPS: SEÑOR BOLERO.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS:** Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

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**COMMUNITY ED LUNCH AND LEARN** at 12:15 p.m. given at the Lowell High School. Cost of lunch is \$1.85.

**WED., JAN. 2:** A monthly meeting of the Alzheimer Support Group meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center St.

**SUN., JAN. 6:** Sportsman Club Breakfast at Caledonia Sportsman Club.

**TUES., JAN. 8:** Lowell Little League Board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School.

**MON., JAN. 21:** Parents Committee for the 1991 Seniors End-of-the-Year Party will meet at 7 p.m. in Room A-1 at the high school.

## Paperwork is completed, installation starts in Jan.

The green light was given for the traffic signal at the intersection of M-21 and Valley Vista.

An agreement between the City of Lowell and the Michigan Department of Transportation provides a split in the cost of the installation and maintenance of the light.

The installation cost is estimated to be \$23,297 with the City being responsible for \$11,648. It would cost the City \$504 a year for maintenance.

The council voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

"The light will be similar to the light at Hudson Street and Main Street," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said. "The work is scheduled to be done sometime in January."

The Michigan Department of Transportation contracted out the work to the City of Grand Rapids for installation of the light. "If there is a need to expedite the work, the City of Grand Rapids can subcontract it."

Prior to learning that the City of Lowell received a work order recently and had already made application for the permit with MDOT, the City of Grand Rapids expedited the installation of the light from November of 1991 to January of 1991.

The Council passed the necessary resolutions last year for the installation of the light.

The cost is figured on a 50-50 basis with the state.

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**NEW YEAR**



The weather was cold enough, but snow would have made the weather ideal for this visit with Santa.



Santa rocks to the sounds of Christmas as he awaits visits from the youth of Lowell.

### Happy Birthday

DEC. 27: Royal Clark, Steve Idema, Krista Rozich, Roger Reed, Shannon Frasier, Linda Ak-samatowski, Lucy Miller.  
 DEC. 28: Jeff Durkee, Greg Durkee, Ashley Black, Roseanne Ritzema, Lisa Stormzand, Wes Keim, Mark Vandenhout.  
 DEC. 29: None listed.  
 DEC. 30: Jenny Dine, Brent Daugherty, Greg Wheeler, Lee Iteen, Jr., Joey Hunt, Kyle Triplett, Ben Hodges, Chris Schram.  
 DEC. 31: Denise Lenartz, Steve Idema, Krista Rozich, Suzie Heeringa, Brandon Decker, Margaret Miller, Harold Alderink.  
 JAN. 1: Ken Hall, Sr., Carl Kloosterman, Sam Blasher, Alice Merriman Hesche, Doug Weeks.  
 JAN. 2: Tim Arnold, Norma Gochenour, Jeff Dykhuizen, Rose Nead, Allison Crandall.

### In the Service

Marine Cpl. Rodney B. Phipps, son of Peggy L. O'Neil of Lowell, recently reported for duty with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Camp Pendleton, CA. He joined the Marine Corps in February, 1985.



There were plenty of children to greet Santa, at 517 Avery, last Thursday night.

### Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...look not behind thee... (Genesis 19:17).

It certainly pays to watch your step these wintry days, especially if you are walking on an ice-glazed sidewalk or climbing ice-coated steps. One backward look can cause catastrophe.




God was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot, his wife and daughters, were warned to flee for their lives, to leave their home and acquaintances. They were cautioned to not look back. But Lot's wife disobeyed the warning. She could not forget the past. She could not keep her eyes on the mountain ahead and the safety it offered her. She disregarded the Lord's warning. Consequently, she became a pillar of salt.

Fellow Christians, let us keep looking "to the mountain." We dare not look back on the mistakes and blunders of the past lest we be overcome with discouragement and humiliation. We must not allow our blunders to cripple us, but we should let them challenge us to do better in the future.

### Area Births

Mitch and Barb Wilson of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Mitchell, on December 2, 1990. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 20 inches long. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Michael.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL.	<b>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH</b> 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS Morning Worship 9:50 A.M. (Broadcast 10 A.M. WMAX 1470) Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service 7:30 P.M.	 <b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL</b> 201 North Washington Street REV. JIM GELDHOFF Church School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Mid-Week Service Jr. Teens, Adults 7:00 P.M. Nursery-Come & Worship With Us
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# Viewpoint

## I had's Thoughts

All too many times, I have heard, it's the game that counts, and it doesn't make any difference who's broadcasting it. Bull do-do.

Being that I've always had a fascination for sports broadcasting, I did a couple years of it in high school, I care very much who's announcing a sporting event that I may be watching and/or listening to.

I'll take an afternoon of listening to Dick Enberg over Dick Stockton any day.

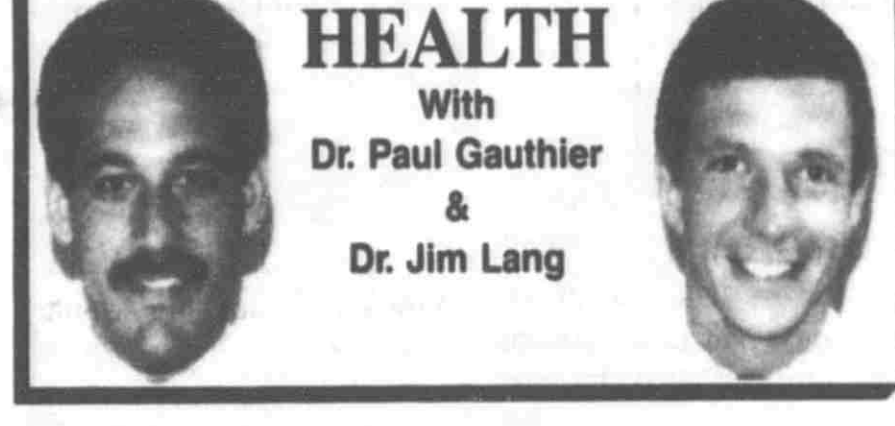
I first became aware of just how important an announcer was to me back in 1975. That was the year that KDKA and the Pittsburgh baseball team fired Bob Prince as its announcer. Going from a Prince to a Milo Hamilton was like going from automatic drip coffee to instant.

Prince was the Pirates, they have never been the same without him. I spent many nights as a youth growing up, sitting out on the front porch with my general electric radio sitting on the window sill, listening to Prince call for "Some chicken on the hill for Will (a Willie Stargell home run); or boom over the airwaves "You can kiss it goodbye;" or after a Pirate victory, bellowing "We had'em all the way."

In the Curt Smith book "Voices of the Game," Smith wrote Prince's following ranked among the most fervent in the game; he was the Pirates, and they have been a sorry sight without him.

### HEALTH

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 Dr. Paul Gauthier  
 &  
 Dr. Jim Lang



### COLD INJURY

So far, this winter has been relatively mild, but if past experiences teach us anything we all know that many long cold days await. With more people partaking in outdoor winter activities we thought it would be a good time to review ways to prevent cold injury.

Frostbite occurs when tissue freezes. Exposed parts of the body become cold and painful and actually freeze if allowed to stay in contact with subfreezing temperatures. The most commonly affected parts are those exposed to the elements like the hands, ears, face and feet. Individuals most likely to experience frostbite are those with "poor circulation" or peripheral vascular disease, smokers and anyone who has experienced frostbite in the past. Wind chill definitely plays a role. Studies have shown that tissue exposed to 0°F without wind chill freeze in one hour, while tissue exposed to 0°F and a 40 MPH wind will freeze in 10 minutes.

Cold injury is greater by severity of damage. First degree frostbite occurs when the exposed area becomes numb and red. Some swelling may occur. Hard white plaques often develop over the area. Second degree frostbite occurs when blisters appear 6-24 hours later. Third degree frostbite presents with blood filled blisters and fourth degree frostbite occurs when full thickness freezing has taken place.

Treatment of frostbite is immediate rewarming of the affected body part in warm (104°F) water. Severe pain may occur during rewarming and persist to some time after injury. Immediate medical attention should be sought if any blisters develop. Your doctor will usually prescribe pain medication and anti-inflammatory drugs to prevent further damage. Antibiotics are frequently prescribed to prevent infection. In a patient with severe frostbite, hospitalization is frequently indicated and blisters will be surgically removed to aid in healing.

Frostbite can lead to long term problems including persistent pain, or numbness, dry and discolored skin, excessive sweating and in severe cases, amputation. Proper clothing will prevent frostbite. Wear several layers of light loose fitting clothing. Trapped air helps as a source of insulation. Polypropylene underwear helps move moisture away from the body preventing excessive loss of heat. Over the underwear use wool or down garments. For the outer layer use a wind repellent shell. A fabric that allows evaporation of perspiration yet prevents outside water penetration is excellent. Always wear a hat to protect the ears and minimize excessive heat loss from the scalp. Proper boots and mittens are a matter of common sense. Above all, avoid excessive outdoor activity in extreme cold weather if at all possible, as frostbite is much easier to prevent than to treat.

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I tell you all of this, because I'm sure all Tiger fans are feeling what I felt 15 years ago when Prince was fired, upon the news of Detroit firing Ernie Harwell.

I'll admit I have never listened to Harwell for a whole game, but being a baseball fan and even more so a sport broadcasting fan, I have tuned in Harwell many of times on WJR, for an inning or two, for a score. Like all great radio baseball announcers his voice is unforgettable. My grandmother listened to Harwell when the Tigers played on the west coast (living in Erie, PA that's the only time she could pick up a Tiger baseball game). She loved his voice.

While Prince was as much an entertainer as a play-by-play man, Harwell is referred to as a lyricist, an essayist, a musician.

Detroit and WJR's reasoning behind Harwell's dismissal was a need for more of a homer. WJR felt it was in need of a full-time sport broadcaster who could do football, basketball and baseball. Harwell just worked the summer doing what he does best - baseball.

Harwell was the fifth announcer to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He came to the Motor City in 1960. In 31 years he has missed just two broadcasts, the day he was inducted into the Hall of Fame and the day his Dad died.

WJR, the Detroit Tiger organization and its President, Bo Schembechler showed a coldness, a callousness, an irreverence for a legend. It was a huge public relations snafu.

Pittsburgh fans still have not forgotten or forgiven what KDKA and the Pirate organization did to Prince. I doubt if

Tiger fans will forgive or forget what has been done to Harwell.

Mitch Albem from the Detroit Free Press said "You retire old beat up football players, but a guy with Harwell's record should be able to retire himself."

Milo Hamilton was the unfortunate soul who was selected to replace Prince, fans and writers hated him. He left in four short years. He referred to his stay in Pittsburgh as hell.

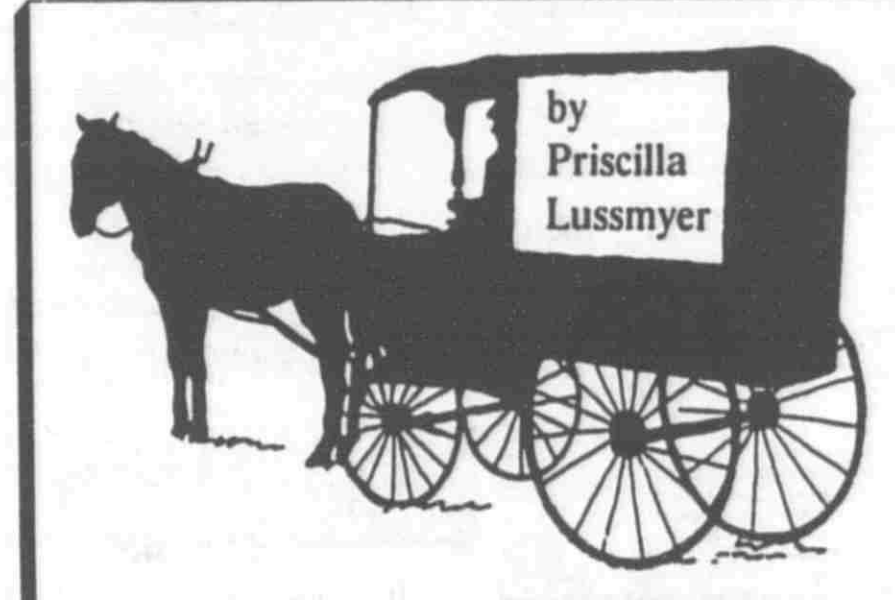
I reckon the poor soul selected to replace Harwell in 1992 will not find hell to his liking either.

Tiger fans, just like Pirate fans, have had a friendly voice taken away from them. Someone they could count on. A voice that meant summer was here. A voice that took away the loneliness of the dark summer night.

Schembechler may think he can replace all of that with any voice, and he will find another voice, but Bo can't replace Harwell. Because "Bo don't know" or understand the power of a legendary broadcaster. This isn't football where an old beat up body can be replaced with a younger, stronger one.

No this is baseball. Tiger baseball - which should be broadcast by Ernie Harwell for as long as he sees fit.

## Letters to the Editor



## Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 24, 1890**  
 The Journal needs wood and will pay cash for it. The editor is tired of being promised wood for subscriptions and waiting-and-waiting for it.

The Lowell Poultry Club garners several prizes at the Central Michigan Poultry Show at Battle Creek. Unseasonably warm weather hereabouts.

Miner King of Elmdale put his colts' reins around his (Miner's) neck because his hands were cold. The colt bolted, but Miner managed to both stop and keep his head, though he was dragged quite a ways.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 23, 1915**  
 The LHS basketball team manages two days training before meeting Grand Rapids Bethany. The game "was closer than the score, 35 to 6, indicates".

Miss Huckle has organized a Senior Discussion Club to encourage public speaking at the school.

Harmon Nash gives a history of the Ada bridges. The new one has just been completed.

America may break relations with Austria over the torpedoing of an Italian passenger liner on which Americans were traveling.

A paved highway from Detroit to Chicago via Battle Creek and Kalamazoo is called for.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 26, 1940**  
 Purchase of the new light and power generator prompts an article about the Municipal Plant founded in 1895 and the bitter arguments preceding it. Council was divided 3-3 and President Chris Bergin had to cast the deciding vote.

Staal's lunch counter is replaced, having started as a saloon bar 50 years previously.

The village council applies for WPA financing of sewer, curb, gutter and blacktopping of several streets.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 23, 1965**  
 Susan Campau is the high school senior Good Citizen of the year.

The Dick Bryans win the Christmas home decorating contest.

Keiser's Kitchen celebrates its 20th year in business.

A new steel guardrail at 28th and Cascade should protect the Cascade Pharmacy from any more assaults by automobiles.

Mrs. Perry Damouth of Alto knits 50 pairs of mittens for the Santa Claus Girls.

Dear Editor,

The United States' response to the Persian Gulf Crisis may represent the most significant decision that we, as a nation, make in this decade. If we allow Saddam Hussein to remain in Kuwait, we will have in fact condoned his naked aggression against Kuwait. The civilized world will see that the United States is not willing to support them in times of crisis. The security of the world will be unstable as Saddam Hussein intimidates the economies of the world and builds his armies with weapons of mass destruction.

George Bush has realized this threat to the world and has responded appropriately. He has shown that we will not reward the aggression of dictators. The United States must stand behind its allies. The cost may be great, however the cost of inaction is greater. This type of naked aggression must not be rewarded. The world allowed this type of aggression with the armies of Hitler, and the world's inaction led to World War II.

The position of George Bush is not surprising. He has taken the position that has long been the position of the Republican Party. The Republican Party has shown that strength deters aggression and deterrence brings peace. Deterrence has kept the peace for more than forty years in Europe, and has more recently led to the release of the hostages in Iraq.

Critics say we need to be more cautious; however, if we hesitate to show that this aggression will not stand, ruthless dictators around the world will believe they too can profit from their own aggression. The President understands the necessity of thwarting this aggression, if there is to be stability in the Middle East. This use of aggression is not an Arab problem. The implications of Hussein controlling the world's oil affects us all.

If Saddam Hussein is allowed to keep any part of Kuwait, his aggression will have been profitable. If we do not stop Saddam today, we will be forced to stop him in the future! If he achieves his nuclear goals, the cost in human life will be much greater.

President Bush should be commended for his courage to make these tough choices and he deserves our support.

Chuck Job  
 Republican National Committeeman

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS MYSTERY FARM?

This aerial photograph was taken especially for the Lowell Ledger and is part of a series of Lowell area farms.

No one knows whose farm the aerial photographer snapped, so it's up to you, our readers, to identify the mystery farm each week.

If you can identify this mystery farm...merely fill out the entry blank below with your answer, name and address and mail or drop off at the Lowell Ledger, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

The name of the person correctly identifying this farm will be put in a drawing to be held on Monday, December 31, at noon for a FREE DINNER FOR TWO (excluding drinks) at Sneakers in downtown Lowell, a free gallon of Devco flat white latex paint from Lowell Paint & Wallpaper and a free subscription to the Ledger.

The owner of each week's Mystery Farm will receive ABSOLUTELY FREE, a 4x5 color photo of the farm merely by claiming it at the Lowell Ledger office by the following Wednesday noon.



In the 38th week of the Lowell Ledger Mystery Farm, there was only 1 correct response. In week 39, let's see if we can increase the number of correct responses. It should also be noted, that when identifying a farm, the first and last name should be used. Also only entry forms printed in the Ledger will be accepted. Thanks for your cooperation.

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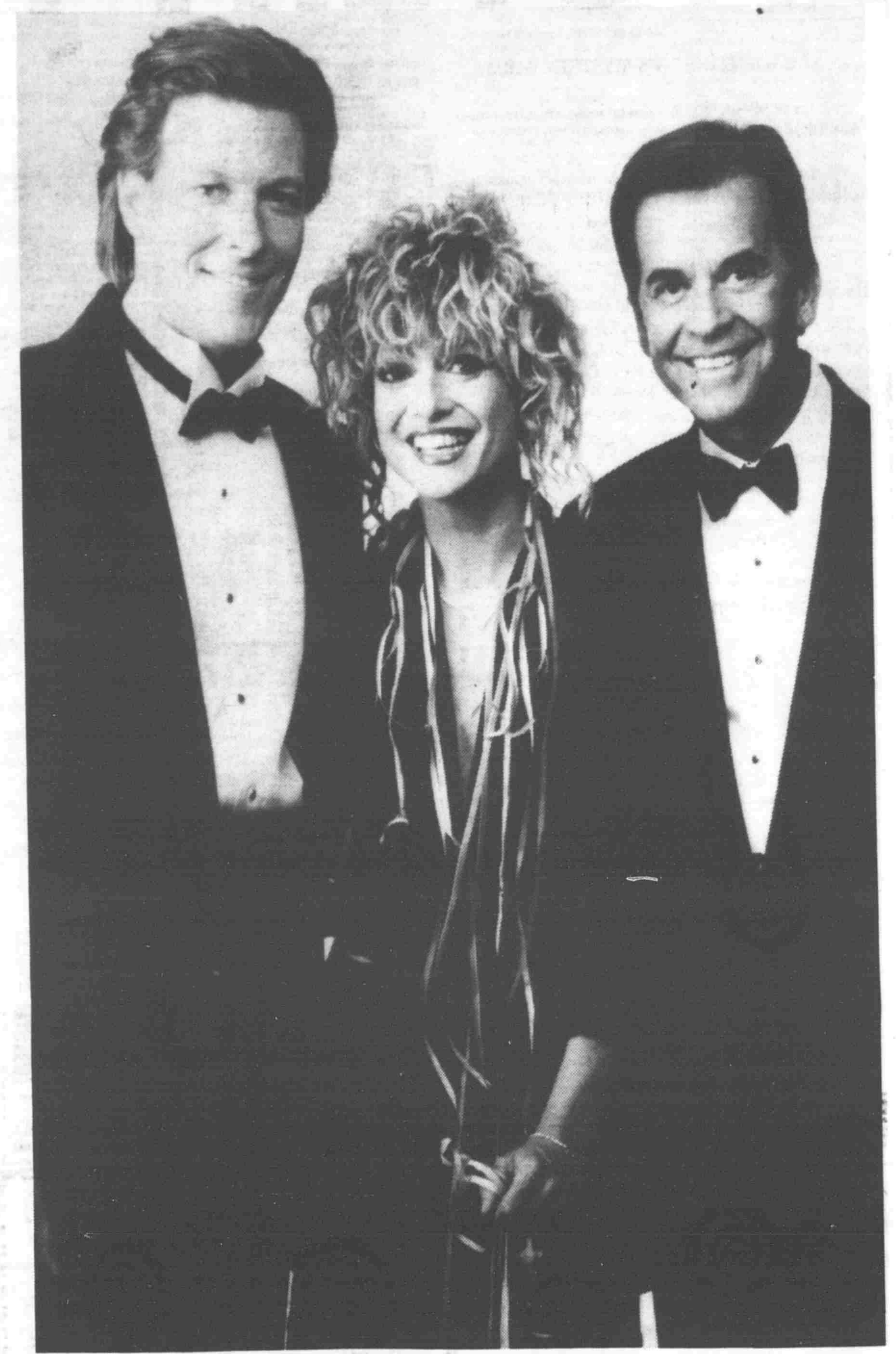
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General Hospital heartthrob Jack Wagner, music reporter Nina Blackwood, and Dick Clark (from left) ring in 1991 with the likes of The Beach Boys and The Kentucky Headhunters during Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve, Monday on ABC.

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FRIDAY

December 28

MORNING

5:00 MOVIE: Last Rites A priest is torn between his sacred vows and the passion of a beautiful young woman who has been married to a doctor...

7:00 MOVIE: Barefoot in the Park A marriage counselor is having a hard time convincing a businessman and a housewife to get together...

9:30 NFL Films All-Time Greatest Plays A collection of the greatest plays from NFL history...

10:00 J. MOVIE: The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm The story of the Grimm brothers and their fairy tales...

10:50 MOVIE: Father of the Bride A bride-to-be is shocked by a letter from her father after his remarriage...

10:50 MOVIE: Plan Clothes A cop who is believed to be a hit man is actually a man who is a victim...

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: Manions of America A group of young women are kidnapped and taken to a remote island...

12:30 MOVIE: Young Sherlock Holmes A young boy is accused of murdering his father...

1:00 MOVIE: A Winner Never Quits Peter Gray triumphs over a physical handicap to become the only cheerleader to play in the major leagues...

1:05 MOVIE: Sands of Iwo Jima A young man is drafted into the military and goes to fight in the Iwo Jima battle...

2:00 MOVIE: The Iron Mask Straight No Chaser Performances and interviews highlight a profile of jazz great Thelonious Monk...

2:15 MOVIE: Elephant Boy After discovering an unknown herd of elephants in the jungle, a native boy thinks he's located an ancient herd...

2:30 MOVIE: Nobody's Perfect A Jewish college freshman disguises himself as a woman to join the cheerleaders...

3:00 TV Highlights 90 U.S. News & World Report

3:30 MOVIE: The Devil at 4 O'Clock A priest is the help of a young couple who are victims of a murder...

4:00 Legends of World Class Wrestling

4:30 MOVIE: Land of Faraway A young boy is taken to a magical world where he is a prince...

5:00 Rerun: TNT Monster Truck Challenge Series

5:30 Scholastic Sports America

EVENING

6:00 MOVIE: Nickelodeon An animated series featuring various characters...

6:30 SportsLook Year-End Special

7:00 World of Sports

7:30 The Jeffersons

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5:00 MOVIE: Fuzzbucket An invisible creature named Fuzzbucket is a 12-year-old's best friend...

5:30 Gomer Pyle

5:35 Home Shopping

6:00 Hogan's Heroes

6:05 [HBO] MOVIE: Clara's Heart

6:30 Fairly Tale Theatre

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7:00 Music Videos

7:05 Gunslinger

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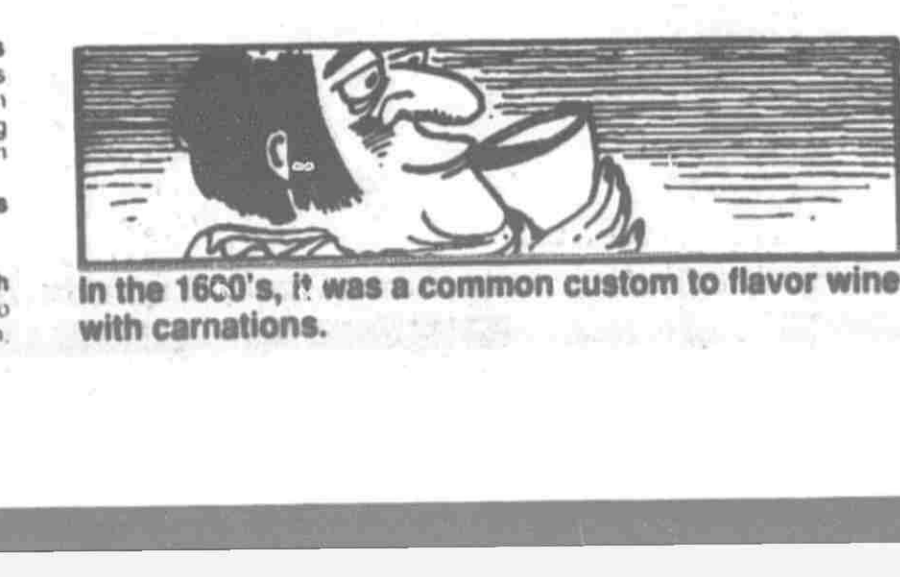
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2:30 (MOVIE) Born Free A game warden and his wife raise a motherless lion cub...

DAYTIME

- 5:00 (WE,TH,FR) Music Videos
5:30 (FR) Best of Walt Disney Presents
5:45 (MO,FR) Hooked on Aerobics

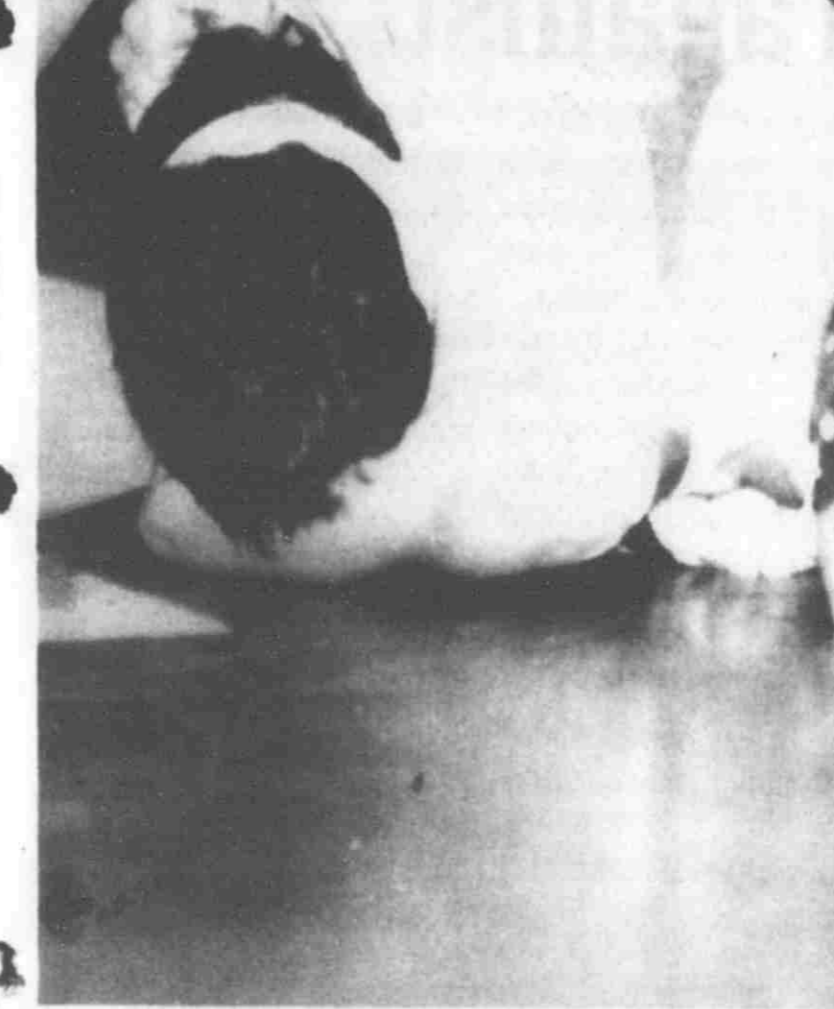
- (MO,WE,TH,FR) Fraggle Rock
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9:05 Little House on the Prairie

- Bowl Classic
(FR) Antiques Roadshow
(MO,TU,WE,TH) Great Escape
1:35 (TU) Movie

- (TH) Movie
(WE,TH,FR) Yo! MTV Raps
(FR) Celebrity Outdoors

Lowell's freshmen making contributions on the mat; Red Arrows 7-0, finish second at Olivet

The only way to overcome the lack of experience in wrestling is through "mat" time. Lowell coach Gary Rivers scheduled plenty of "mat" time this past week for his five freshman wrestlers.



Lowell's Chris Kamphuis puts his nose to the mat in action against EGR.

In its matches against Caledonia and Belding Lowell won 20 of the 26 matches. Rottier won by forfeit against Caledonia and posted a first-period pin against Belding.

Anes won his match against Belding by forfeit, but was decisioned against Caledonia 8-0. Whalen posted first period pins against both of his counterparts.



Nate Nauta, Lowell wrestler, works over his East Grand Rapids opponent.



Cory Kirkbride pinned his Pioneer counterpart.

Jim Anible suffered the only loss, a third period pin at 5-46. At the end of two wrestling invitationalss Lowell and Charlotte are even at one apiece.

Two weeks ago Lowell earned top honors at the Battle Creek-Lakeview Invitational as it edged Charlotte by 4 1/2 points. Last Saturday at the Olivet Tournament, Charlotte evened the score, as it clipped Wrestling cont'd, pg. 16

Pigskin Picks '90



Table with columns for Team, Location, and Score. Includes entries for Syracuse/Arizona, Air Force/Ohio State, N.C. State/S. Miss., etc.

Lowell Area Schools Lunch Menu Week of January 1, 1991. Includes a menu for Monday through Friday with items like Swiss steak, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, etc.



# Lowell's volleyball team hurt by poor serving in season-opening losses to FHN and Union

Forest Hills Northern and Union were both well served by Lowell's volleyball team Wednesday night. Red Arrows' first-year volleyball coach Joni Keskey saw her Lowell squad miss on 28 serves in two matches.

"Missed serves are a momentum breaker," Keskey said. "We would win some long rallies and then turn around and miss on our serves."

Poor serving played a key

role in both of Lowell's losses to Union (5-15, 15-9, 15-17) and Forest Hills Northern (2-15, 11-15).

"I thought we played well against Union in the second and third games. The first game the girls were a little nervous," Keskey said. "The girls had some problems with the rotation. That's because it is early and they're still learning."

One lesson Keskey need not teach her Red Arrows is

sticking with it and not giving up. "I didn't see any heads drop after a missed serve in a key situation," Keskey said.

Lowell's first-year coach said she was also pleased with the play of her Arrows at the net. "Our net game was not bad. The girls threw up some blocks," she said. "We can keep the ball in play."

Keskey doesn't like to apply the adage "The early bird gets the worm" to vol-

leyball. "Personally I prefer not to play games this early. I believe teams are better served by scrimmages this early in the year. It's too early to play, teams are still preparing," she said.

After the opening game jitters ceased, Lowell played competitively with Union. Angie Arnett led all Arrows in kills with nine. Heather Gowen contributed with four kills and Sherry Hildenbrand tallied three.

Beth Stouffer led Lowell in assists with five. Krista Mackety added four assists. Heather Gowen led the team with two digs.

"I thought Mackety played real well. She has real good court sense," Keskey said. "Her play is consistent."

In the game with the Huskies, Lowell played as if it was intimidated in game one, but came back to play inspired volleyball in game two.

Stouffer posted six assists against Forest Hills Northern. Arnett led the club in digs with four, while Hildenbrand had a team-high three aces.

"We also got some fine play off the bench from Allison Zillmer and Jodi Bishop," Keskey said.

Lowell will get a chance at redemption on Jan. 2 against Forest Hills Northern, when its plays host to the Huskies and Grand Haven.

# Red Arrow boys find sledding tough against 'Cats

The spirit of Lowell boys' varsity basketball was at a peak following season-opening wins against Lakewood and Forest Hills Northern.

In two short weeks, that spirit has been doused by four consecutive losses to Wyoming Park, East Grand Rapids, Belding and then Northview last Friday night.

The Red Arrows had a chance to win two of those games, Park and EGR. Lowell coach Phil Beachler will tell you the Arrows should have won the game against the Pioneers. Lowell led by eight with eight minutes to play.

For as easy as it is to win when things are going well, it's even harder to stop a losing streak when things are going poorly. The Red Arrows have learned that lesson well over the last two weeks.

For the first time this whole season, Lowell's games were decided by more than single digits. The Red Arrows lost on Tuesday night to a hustling, hearty group of

Redskins from Belding 79-60. On Friday night, Lowell was taken to school by an impressive group of Wildcats from Northview, 82-58.

Northview opened the contest with a full-court press, forcing Lowell into numerous turnovers, and building an early 14-0 lead.

The tempo was set for the remainder of the game, as Northview built a 25-9 first-quarter lead. Lowell was never able to knock the lead below double-digits.

"Northview came out and pressed us, and we didn't handle it effectively," Beachler said. "As a result they jumped out to an early lead and took us out of the game. Northview was outstanding tonight."

Lowell was once again led by its duo of senior guards John Borg and Jerad Mierkalns. Mierkalns netted 14 points, including three 3-pointers. Borg tallied 12 points, including two triple tries.

Northview led 44-26 at

halftime and increased that lead to 25 at the end of three periods. 58-33. Lowell outscored the Wildcats 25-24 in the final stanza.

Ryan Rempalski led all scorers with 19 points. Tim Felix canned 13 points and Eric Williams added 11.

Northview improved its record to 2-1 in the O-K White and 4-2 overall. Lowell, with the loss, fell to 0-3 in the conference and 2-4 overall.

In the junior varsity game, Lowell led 28-27 at halftime, but 19 percent shooting in the final two quarters of play spelled out a 54-44 defeat.

The Red Arrows shot 57 percent from the floor in the first half to take a one-point halftime lead. Matt Craig led all Red Arrow scorers with 12. Ray Aldridge followed with eight.

The loss dropped the Lowell JV to 3-3 overall. The Red Arrow freshman were defeated 86-79 in a wild, high scoring ballgame. It record is now 1-5.

On Tuesday, at home against Belding, Lowell was beaten underneath by the quickness of the Redskins.

"We got good play from our guards, but we didn't get

any help from our big guys," Beachler said. "Borg did a good job of getting them the ball, but we weren't finishing off the play with a bucket."

The majority of Lowell's scoring came from the perimeter. Mierkalns, behind the strength of five three-pointers, tallied a game-high 22 points. Ryan Brinks netted 12 and Borg added 11. Amundsen contributed with eight.

Lowell was outbounded by a smaller, but quicker Belding club, 32-22.

Ty Sweet led Belding with 21 points.

In the junior varsity contest, Lowell coasted to an easy 82-38 win.

The Red Arrows tallied 33 steals against the outmanned Redskins. Chad Dunn led the way with 15 points. James Manion and Matt Craig each added 12 points. Craig also pulled down seven rebounds, as did Dave Jones.

Lowell's freshmen squad posted its first win of the year with a 79-54 verdict over Belding.

# Wrestling continued

Lowell by 4 1/2 points to earn top billing.

"As a team, I thought we wrestled well," said Lowell coach Gary Rivers. "I think the Olivet Tournament was a little stronger than Battle Creek. Olivet has fielded more balanced teams."

The Red Arrows only first was taken home by Nate Nauta at 130 pounds. He completed the day at 3-0. "He was exceptional. He anchors this team."

Pinning down second place finishes were Jim Inman, 125, 2-1; David Stouffer, 140, 2-1; John Rupp, 171, 2-1; and Rob McGee, 189, 2-1.

In earning a third-place finish, Brad Whalen, 119, 3-1, only loss came to the eventual tournament champ, "Whalen did a good job, but wrestled a tough kid."

Steve Woodhead, 152, 3-1, also took a third, as did

Rich Depew, 160, 4-1. "Depew wrestled extremely well. Wrestling five matches in one day is a lot of work," Rivers said.

Lowell's Dave Rottier, 103, posted the only fourth-

place finish, recording a record of 2-2.

"It was a tough week," Rivers explained. "We're very young, but I'm pleased with how well we're wrestling."

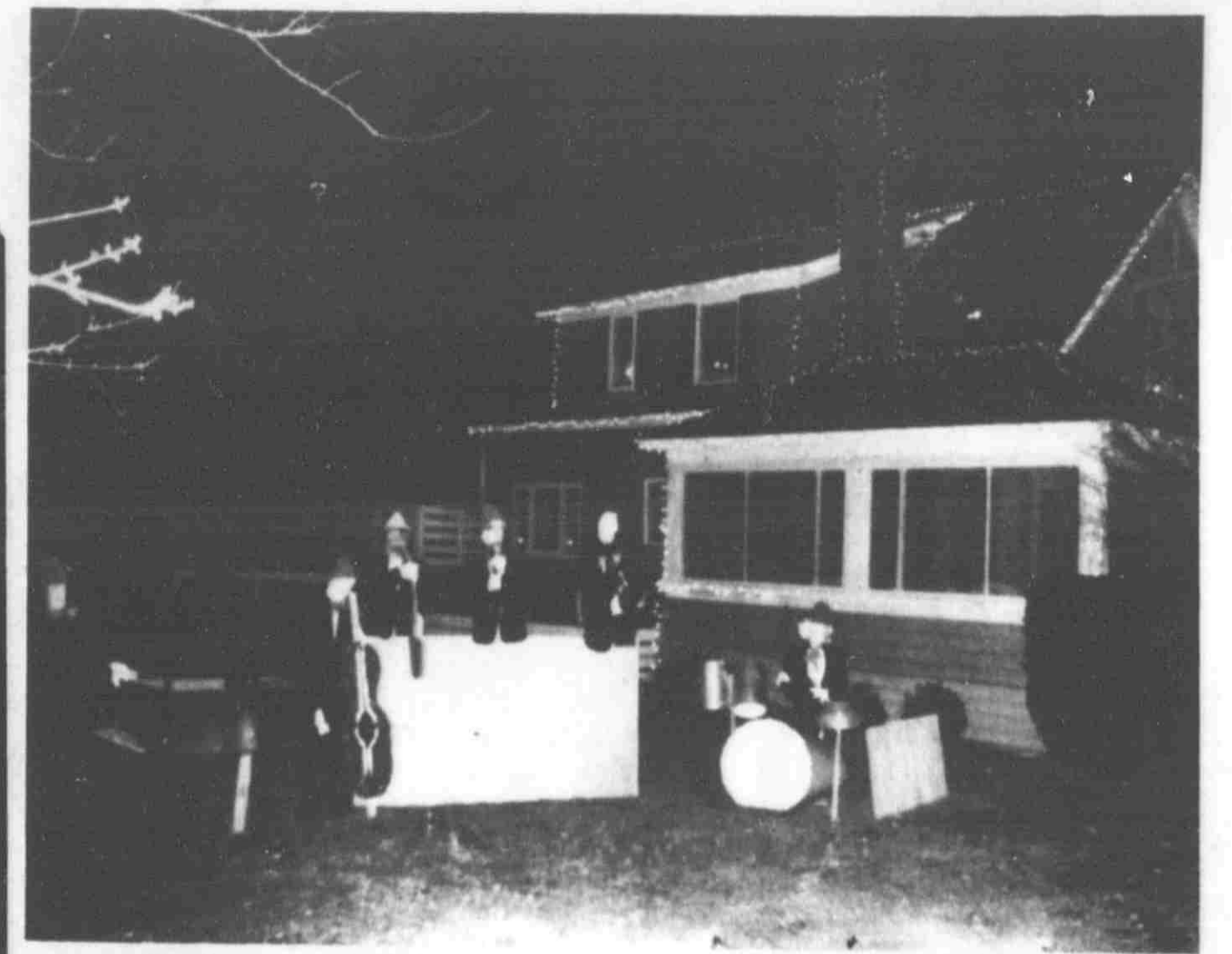


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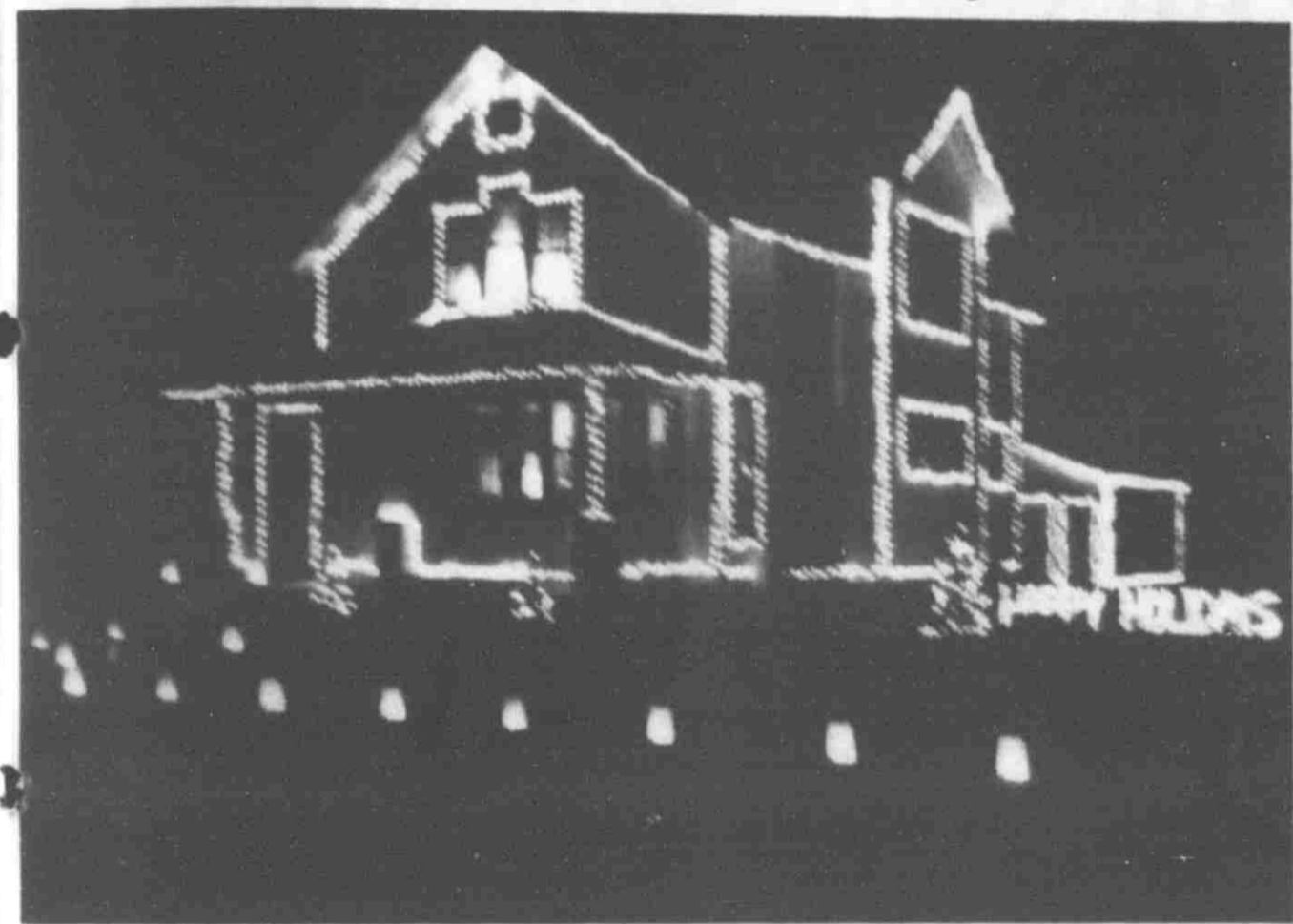
# Area residents and businesses shine brightly for Christmas



Roger Chapman's State Farm Insurance agency will hang the business Christmas Lighting plaque from his walls. Chapman won the business competition.



Perry Beachum was given honorary mention for his support and participation over the years in the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



John Vezino, 517 Chatham, finished second in the residential lighting contest. Note: Because of developing problems some Christmas lighting pictures could not be printed.



Tom Koewers finished third in the residential Christmas Lighting contest. He won a \$25 gift certificate from Family Fare.

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The new times will be:

	Doors Open	Classes Begin	Dismiss
Bushnell	8:55 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Runciman Riverside	8:45 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	3:05 p.m.

This will not change the time your child is picked up or dropped off at the bus stop. If you have questions, please call your school.

**LOWELL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Recreation Committee of Lowell Township has prepared a Recreation Plan to determine the recreational needs of the Township. The Lowell Township Board will present this plan at a public hearing to be held on:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1991 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE. Copies of the proposed plan are available for inspection during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells  
Lowell Township Clerk

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

The Vergennes Township Board is now accepting names of interested people to serve on the

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Jean Hoffman  
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**BOWNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

JANUARY 10, 1991 at 7:30 P.M.

in the Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan, to hear citizens' comments regarding the proposed new Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed new zoning ordinance may be inspected at the Township Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Earl Posthumus  
Secretary

# St. Mary's travels "Around the World at Christmas time"



The program was presented on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the St. Mary's Church. Students sang "The First Noel," and "Joy to the World." Students also sang "Silent Night" with sign language.

St. Mary's students, Kindergarten through sixth grade performed their Christmas program for parents and friends. The theme for this year's program was "Around the World at Christmas Time."

## Lowell's FFA Chapter adopts a family for Christmas holiday

Lowell's Future Farmers of America Chapter under the direction of Pete Siler helped to define the true meaning of this holiday season as it provided a local family with a gift of care and happiness. Together with the Salvation Army, the Lowell FFA participated in a new program of giving and caring called "Adopt-a-Family."

The program is sponsored by the Salvation Army. The program is designed to help a needy family in the area who may not, without the help of others, be able to enjoy a merry and joyful holiday season. The program is open to all groups, clubs or organizations.

The Lowell FFA adopted a family of three, collecting gifts and food. In a little more than a week it was able to collect gifts for two little girls, canned goods, a 20 pound turkey, 10-pounds of ground beef, and \$50 in cash.

The gifts were presented to the family on Dec. 19 by Scott, project organizer; and Jennifer Cook, FFA Chapter President.

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### GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

A Public Hearing by the Planning Commission will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road on:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1991 at 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place any interested person will be heard.

1) Michael J. Cloud has requested a Special Use Permit to build a house on a lot of record with less than 7,500 square feet. Parcel #41-12-10-426-019 located at 7034 Larned Ave., Section 3.21 (4).

Written comments concerning the request should be received by January 2, 1991 and addressed to George Poulas, Secretary, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 11676 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

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## Red Arrow's varsity volleyball team shares its spirit of Christmas

A volleyball team that works together on the court also works together in the community.

Under the guidance of coach Joni Keskey, the Lowell varsity volleyball team has worked this Christmas season to provide food and gifts for a needy family in the Lowell area.

"Not only does it help make the holiday season merrier for a Lowell family, but it also unites the team and brings it together," said Lowell varsity volleyball player Sherry Hildenbrand.

The volleyball team used the services of Heather Gowen's grandfather, Al Fletcher, to identify a family through the Access-Six program.

The team held a bake sale which raised \$52.60; started a loose change can program which raised \$30; and went caroling last Friday night.

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## Wilson wins 38th farm contest

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