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Caldwell hands over Presidential reins to Bosserd

FMB President of last 11 years retires to Lakeland Florida

Probably since the beginning of time, some retired Michigan residents have chosen to live in Michigan nine months and rent a place to live in Florida the other three months.

Keith Caldwell, who officially served his last day as president/ chief executive officer of FMB State Savings on Friday, believes they have done it wrong all these years. "I believe we will live in Florida nine months and rent in Michigan three months," Caldwell says.

The FMB State Savings Bank president for the past 11 years drove to Florida with his wife, Marcia on Monday. Awaiting them was their new home in Lakeland, a villa, located at the Imperial Lakes Golf and Racquet Club. "It's located right at the 11th tee and next to the 12th green," Caldwell said. "It's a villa type approach to

living, but with singular homes."

On Thursday morning Caldwell recommended to the FMB State Savings Bank Board that it appoint Jim Bosserd as the new President/CEO. Caldwell then handed Jim a whip and a set of reins. "I'm not sure if Jim needs this to use on the other employees or if the other employees need it to use on Jim," Caldwell chuckled.

That's probably what a young high school tennis and basketball star would have done at the suggestion that he would someday be a successful bank President/CEO.

Caldwell, who attended college but did not graduate, worked one year at a bank in Cadillac before marrying and taking a job in Lansing at the American Bank and Trust Company. He remained there five years before landing a

job as a bank examiner for a financial institutions bureau.

Five years later, 1967, Caldwell came to Lowell to work at Lowell Bank.

He credits his years as a bank examiner for helping him attain the knowledge to later become a bank president.

"Back then it was always fun. We were all compatible with one another," Caldwell explains. "Harold Englehardt always made sure of the banks safety."

Another constant at Lowell bank for Caldwell has been the recognition factor. "That's the best thing about this Lowell bank (an affiliate of FMB since Dec. 30, 1986), everybody who comes through that door is a person the people who work here recognize."

What separates FMB State Savings Bank from the rest? "This is an individual bank, in an individual community, with its own board of directors," he explains. "This is what sets us apart from the others."

The decision to retire was not that tough for Caldwell, for a couple of reasons. A year-and-a-half ago Keith and Marcia started to build their new Florida home. "The other thing is, Marcia and I are so compatible with what we do. We enjoy one another's company."

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Keith Caldwell congratulates Jim Bosserd on his appointment as President/CEO.

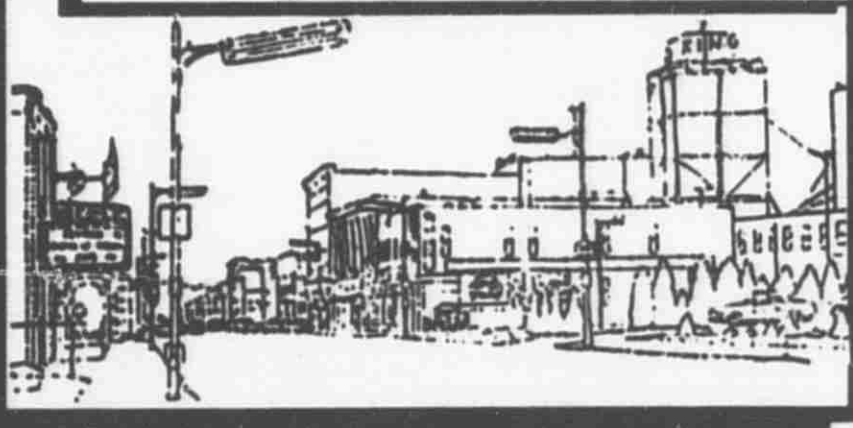
the challenge of the banking industry. "I would say banking has been challenging. However, having the proper people in place under you removes some of the challenge. "Because of this, now would probably be the best time for me to stay," he says. "This place runs by itself with just a little guidance."

The biggest challenge facing banks today and over the next few years is the competition they have been unfairly placed in with other types of institutions such as credit



Former FMB State Savings Bank President/CEO Keith Caldwell hands over the whip and reins to Jim Bosserd who replaced Caldwell, following his last day on Friday.

Along Main Street



LOWELL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Anyone wishing to participate in the Lowell Christmas parade on Dec. 5 should contact The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 or Dr. Jim Reagan at 897-9656.

The parade line-up will start at the south end of the Bushnell School parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Placement numbers will be sent to entrants as soon as the entry is received, these must be placed on the left side of the entry for the judges to see.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTESTS

Entries for the Christmas lighting contests for residents and businesses will be judged Dec. 10 starting at 6 p.m.

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Post Office lobby will be closing at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27.

LOWELL MUSIC BOOSTERS POINSETTIA SALE

The Lowell Music Boosters are holding their annual poinsettia sale. Orders can be placed with any High School or Middle School band or choir student. The cost is \$10 for each six inch pot available in red, white, pink or marbled.

All proceeds are going toward the purchase of new band and choir uniforms. For more information call 897-8959, 897-6149 or 897-9845.

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Ionia County man remains in critical condition after Saturday crash

An Orleans Township man remained in critical condition Tuesday morning following a multi-car accident three miles east of Lowell on M-21 Saturday afternoon.

Joel O'Donnell, the Ionia County man, remained at Butterworth Hospital, receiving treatment for head and leg injuries.

The Kent County Sheriff's Department reported that O'Donnell, was traveling east in his Chevrolet Cavalier when he hit a westbound pickup truck driven by Daniel Heckman of Grand Rapids. The car then spun back into the eastbound lane and was struck by another vehicle driven by Walter Stanford, 38, of Gowen. O'Donnell's car was torn in half. The Orleans Township man was also thrown from his car.

Stanford was transported to Blodgett Memorial medical Center. His 14-year son, suffered a broken arm and was also treated at the hospital.

Daniel Heckman, Grand Rapids, the driver of the pickup truck, did not sustain an injury.

A Greenville woman, Martha Sowell, reported that O'Donnell had passed her and her husband at a high rate speed in a no passing zone just prior to the accident.

Aerial maps for Township water district completed

Aerial maps of the Lowell Township water district were completed late last week.

Lowell Township contracted out Abrams Aerial Survey Corp. to provide an aerial map of the total water district.

"There was a couple hours of sunshine which provided a small window for the filming to be completed," Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said. "Leaves must

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OBITUARIES

DELOOF - Rosie P. DeLoof, aged 92, of Lowell, Ada, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband, Adrian; daughter, Leonora Tower; and grandson, Roger DeYoung. She is survived by her children, Donald (Helen) DeLoof of Sand Lake, Lorema (Martin) DeYoung of Ada, Adrian DeLoof Jr. of Newaygo, Arthur (Susan) DeLoof of Marne, Elizabeth (Robert) Stanard of Ada, Arnold (Norann) DeLoof of Lowell, Rosalie (Bob) Kroes of Grand Rapids; brothers, John (Mable) Watrous of CA, Emery (Marion) Watrous of Grand Rapids; 30 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell.

KLINE - Hazel L. Kline, of Lowell, passed away November 18, 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband, Barton. She is survived by her son, Richard O. (Anna)

Kline; grandchildren, Marcus Kline, Judith (Robert) Young, all of Lowell; five great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Erica, and Richard M. Kline, Bobby Jo and Morris Young. To friends, family and loved ones to carry on. May your heart and soul be with you forever in remembrance of Hazel. When God shows the time for you to leave, your remembrance will be with us forever and forever. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Joseph Gerkin of First Baptist Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

RIGGS - Walter P. Riggs, aged 72, husband of Elois Riggs, of Lowell, died Monday, November 23, 1992. He is also survived by his children Dale and Darlene Fegel of Lowell, Eugene and Phyllis Riggs of Coopersville, Jim and Diana White of Kentwood, Larry and Trish Riggs of Grand Rapids; three brothers, five sisters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at O'Brien-Gegebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Thomas Keizer officiating. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

Alto Elementary fourth-graders first to tour restored capitol



Alto fourth-graders toured the restored State Capitol building.

Fourth grade students from Alto Elementary School were among three groups of schoolchildren touring the newly restored State Capitol the day after official rededication festivities, announced Senator Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto). "Our restored Capitol shines every bit as brightly as it did 113 years ago when it was first dedicated," Posthumus said. "I hope the students enjoyed their tour and take pride in this beautiful piece of Michigan history."

The Capitol building restoration is now complete, marking the end of a three-year project to rejuvenate the aging building that suffered from years of neglect and just plain physical decay. When first built, the Capitol was without modern technology such as electricity.

Today's building has been structurally shored up and

equipped to handle handicapped needs as well as serve as a functional office for lawmakers.

"This has been a tribute to the original architect Elijah Myers as well as the people involved in the project. I encourage people to make the trip to Lansing and tour their Capitol," Posthumus added.

The Michigan Capitol was the first of three state capitols designed by architect Elijah E. Myers in the 1870's and 1870's. The successful completion of Michigan's Capitol established Myers' reputation as the premiere capitol-builder of the post-Civil War period. Interior embellishment of the Michigan State Capitol involved extensive use of decorative painting. So skillful and elaborate were the techniques and patterns employed that the building, as now restored,

ranks as one of the best surviving examples in the country of the Victorian decorative painted arts.

It was fitting that Michigan's Capitol rededication ceremonies began with an unveiling of the portrait of Zachariah Chandler, a successful self-made business man, former Mayor of Detroit, and a veteran 19-year United States Senator for Michigan. He has been hailed as one of Michigan's most influential leaders.

Chandler died in 1879, the year Michigan's Capitol received its finishing touches. Louis Ives, a leading portrait artist in his time, painted Chandler's portrait in 1881.

Chandler's portrait was found in storage in the Historical Museum archives when the Capitol restoration project first began. The Michigan Capitol Committee immediately recognized the importance of Chandler's contributions to Michigan's and United States history. Chandler was one of Michigan's most famous senators.

"Zachariah Chandler stood up for what he believed in," said Senator Dick Posthumus (R-Alto). "In the U.S. Capitol, Chandler is one of two Michiganders represented in the Hall of Statues. He helped direct the course of American history." Chandler was also one of the founders of the Michigan Republican Party.

Work at new high school site progressing smoothly

Call him superstitious and Craig Willison, Owen Ames and Kimball, may disagree. Electrically and mechanically Willison says everything is put together. "We may actually be ahead," Willison says.

The underground utilities are in with the exception of the water main. The superintendent believes that will be in this spring.

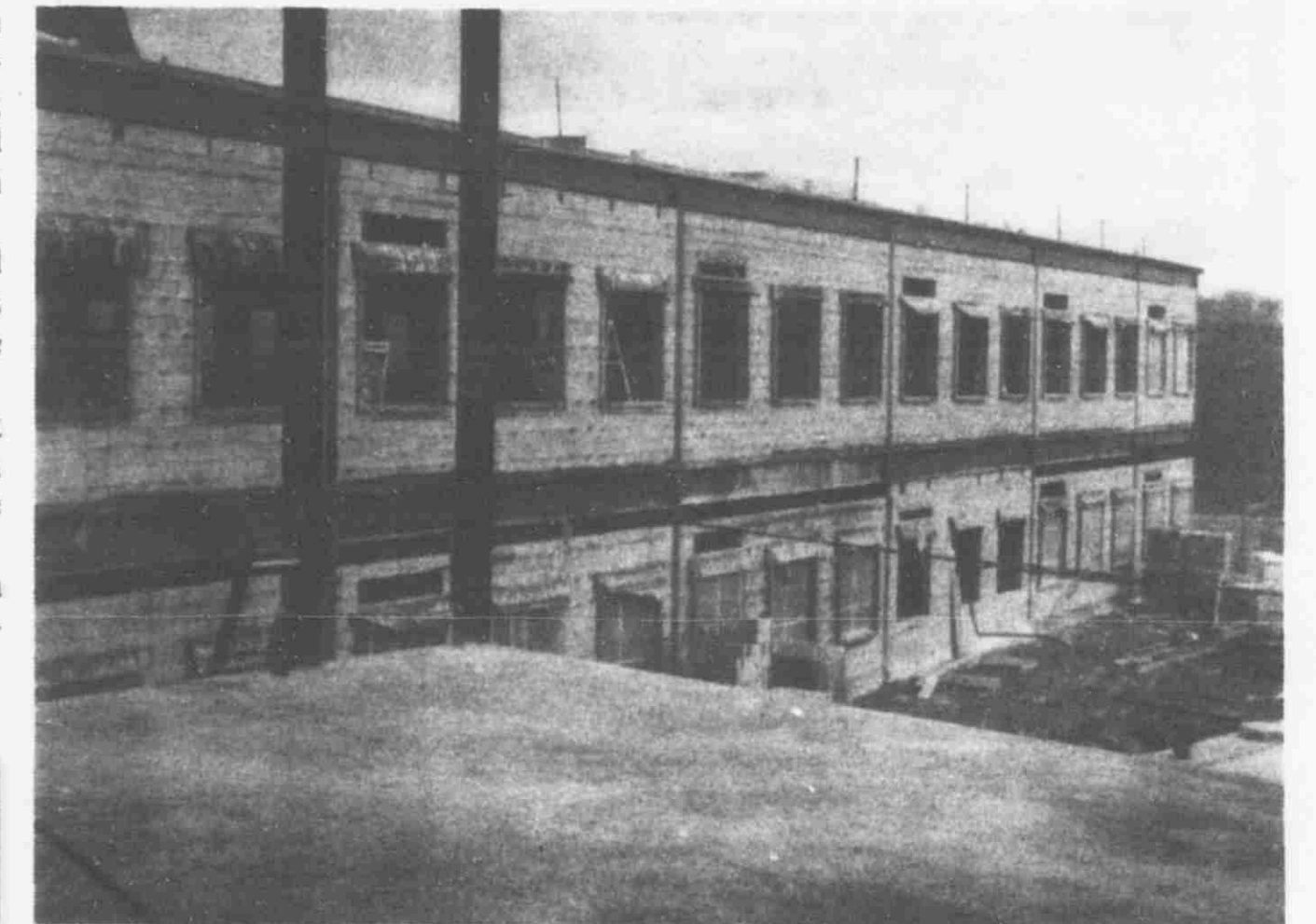
Currently work is being completed to enclose the classrooms. Concrete is being put down up through the second floor of the wings. "I expect the second floor of the science wing to be poured by the

end of the week," Willison explains. "The roofer has already started on the A-wing (math/administrative) and will continue to work through the rest of it."

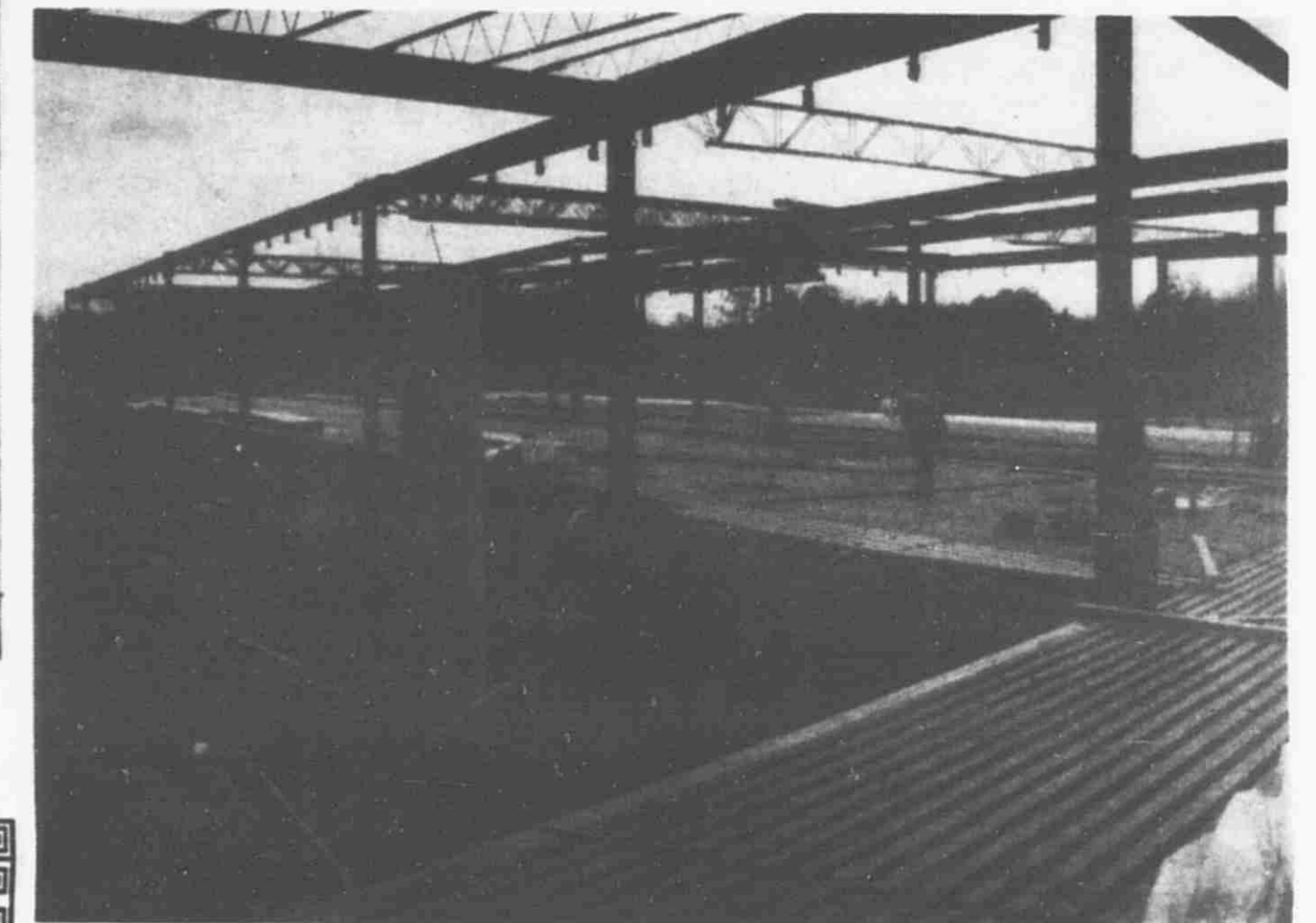
The mason has enclosed the lower half of the wings and will move up to enclose the second levels.

Some of the bleachers at the football/soccer stadium have already begun to be poured.

The pit for the orchestra has been dug for the auditorium.



This is the A-wing, it will house the mathematics department and administration.

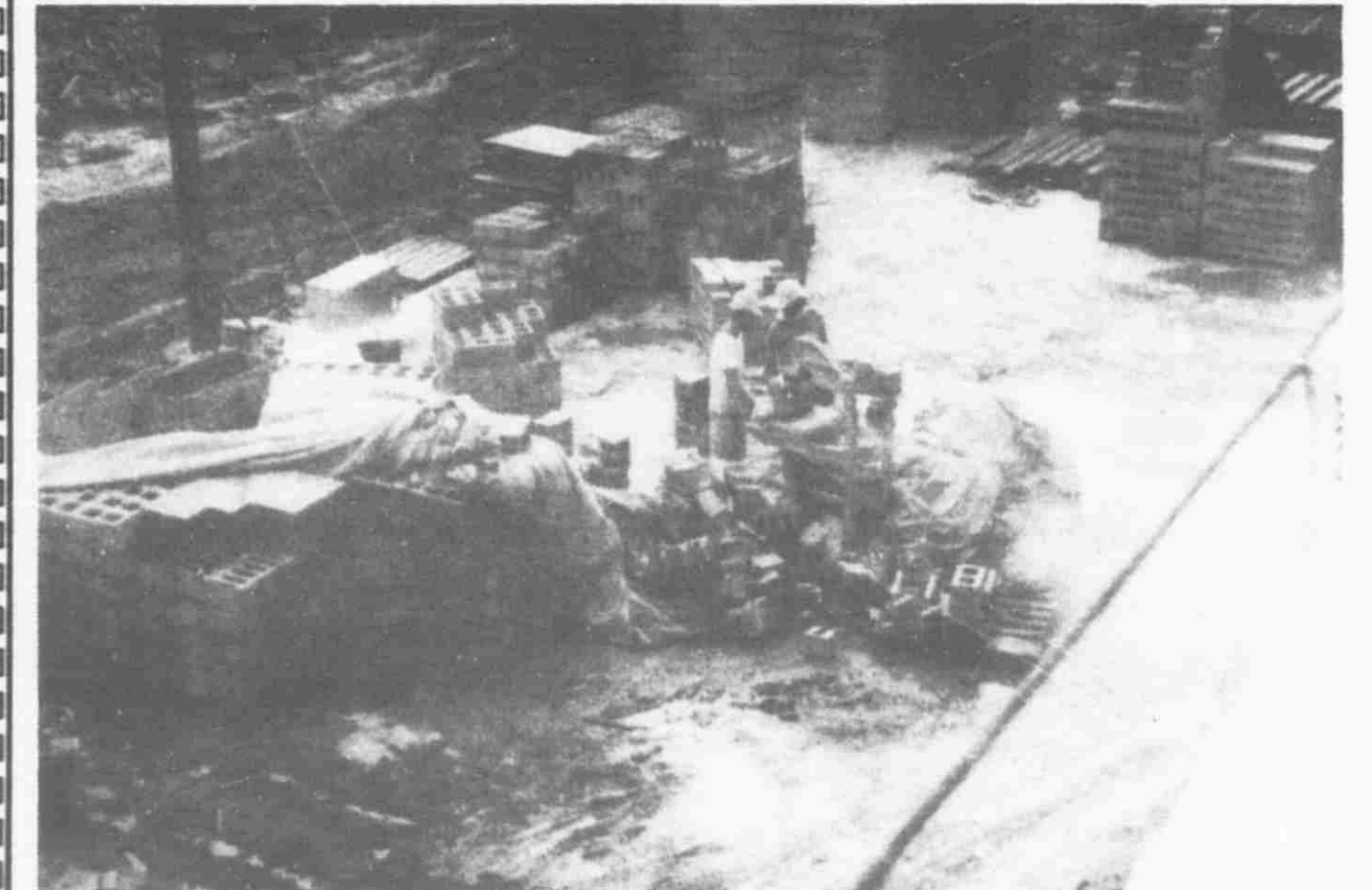


One row of the home-team bleachers have already been put in.

This is the C-wing. The science department will be located in this area.



The foundation for the orchestra pit has been dug out.



From this second floor level, you are overlooking the media center below.

FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month"



CHAR KOOISTRA

The November 1992 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Char Kooistra. Char has been a bank employee for 18 years and works as a bank supervisor.

When asked about her job at the bank, she replies, "As a lifelong resident of Lowell, my family has farmed in this area for generations. Because of this, I am acquainted with many of my customers personally. The bank's small town atmosphere is appreciated by the customers because they are not treated like a number."

In our spare time we enjoy stock car racing. My favorite being #88 out at Berlin Raceway. In the winter I do a lot of reading and cross stitching."

Congratulations November Employee of the Month, Char Kooistra.



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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Fear not, Paul: thou must be brought before Caesar... (Acts 27:24)

Marjorie felt called to God to go to Africa as a missionary. She spent years in preparation. At last, when she was ready to leave, unforeseen circumstances prohibited her departure, and she was forced to wait many months before sailing. She has been ministering to her beloved Africans now for several years.

God gave Paul a job to do and he, too, met with interference. A shipwreck disrupted his journey. He and the other men aboard escaped safely to land. Paul spent three months waiting on an island before resuming his journey and accomplishing his mission.

Interferences come in all our lives. Sicknesses, delayed plans, and disappointments are trying and often require a great deal of patience.

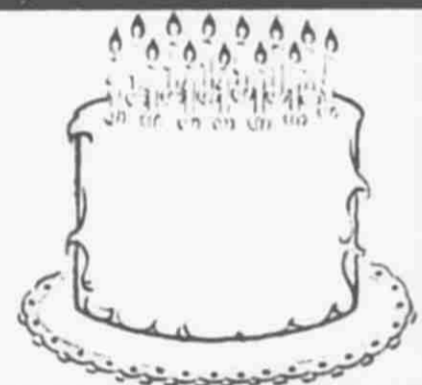
But the Lord keeps His resolves. He will not fail. He may allow our faith to be tested—sometimes severely. We can rest assured that if He has assigned special tasks to us, He will see us through. Interferences may come, but they cannot hinder God's ultimate goal for our lives, if we trust Him implicitly.

Prayer: Dear God, enable me to be patient when interferences come. Strengthen my faith in the time of trial. Thou wilt not fail me. Thou wilt see me through. Amen.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

WASHINGTON
GLADDEN

Happy Birthday!



Nov. 26: Tonya Comstock, Joan Durkee, John Erickson, Andrew Reed, Chandra Johnson, Brandon Gasper.
Nov. 27: Kim Gould, Chad Uzarski, Bonnie Vezino.
Nov. 28: Paul Brandt, Michelle Pethers, Gladys Thelen, Lee Miller.
Nov. 29: Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Gary Rivers, Tom Turner, Chantel Cosgrove, Cheyenne Brower, Scott Swanson, Tom Turner, Larry Boss, Margaret Gardner.
Nov. 30: Brian Carless,

Howard Hobbs, Cheryl Andrews, Dave Shook, Benjamin Dubridge, Joe Kiczinski.
Dec. 1: Craig Miller, Travis Briggs, Jill Borton, Wayne Borton, Jamie Denton, William Anderson, Jack Fonger.
Dec. 2: Morgan Boss, Garth Snyder, Christian Wieland, Dwight A. Frey, Carolyn Batt, Lori Kathan, Mary Alice Bancroft, Ann Marvin, Tim Scanlon, Melinda Heykoop, Elmer Swanson.



Harry and Ruby Berends

Berends celebrate 50 years of marriage

A golden wedding anniversary will be observed on November 27, by Harry and Ruby B. (Hendricks) Berends of Newaygo, formerly of Byron Center.

The occasion will be highlighted with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on November 28 at 3251 108th Street, Caledonia.

The Berends children are Effie Dykewell, Jerry and Ruby Peterman, Tom and Cathy LaBine, Ed and Liz Rogers and Ray O. Lynne Simpson.

They have 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

Gaylord and Roxanne Gildner of Lowell, announce the engagement of their son, Russell Lee Gildner to Rebecca Louise Langley, daughter of Raye and Shirley Langley of Easton, Kansas.

The future groom is a 1987 graduate of Lowell Senior High. He is currently serving as a Military Police Investigator in the United States Army. He is stationed at Fort Leavenworth Kansas and was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is also attending Kansas City

Kansas Community College and is working on an associates in Law enforcement.

The future bride is a 1991 graduate of Pleasant Ridge High School, Easton KS. She is a certified nurses aid employed by Leavenworth County Infirmary and is attending Kansas City Community College.

The couple plans a December 12, 1992 wedding at the United Methodist Church in Easton, KS followed by the reception and dance.

Mondas observe their 64th anniversary



John and Linnie Monda

John and Linnie Monda, of Saranac, will be celebrating 64 years of marriage on November 24, 1992.

The Mondas have three

sons, Walt, of Detroit; Paul, of Grand Rapids and Gary of California.

They were married in Howell, MI.



Russell Lee Gildner and Rebecca Louise Langley.

Engagement

Jim Schafer of Ada and Amy Boss, of Lowell, would like to announce their engagement to be married.

Parents of the couple are Jay and Mary O'Conner, of Ada, Larry Boss, of Lowell and David and Pamela Benson of Belding.

A June wedding is being planned by the couple.

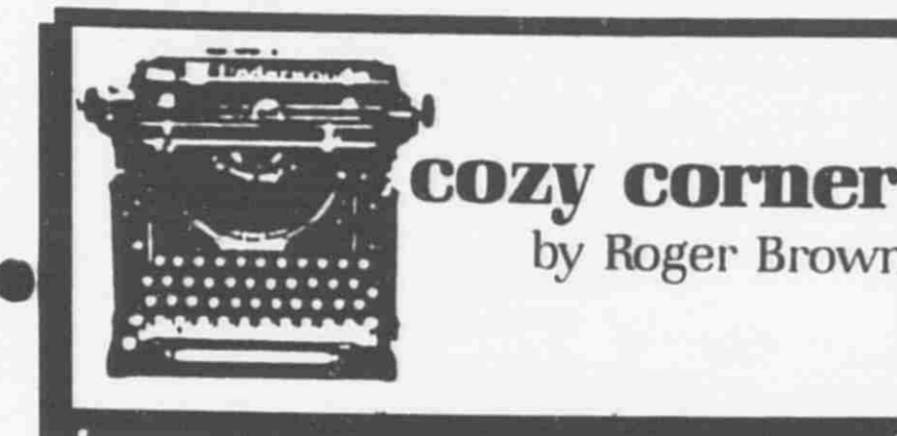
AREA BIRTHS

Ashley Lynn Roth is proud to announce the arrival of her baby brother, Brandon Michael Roth, on October 16, 1992. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Randy and Rhonda Roth of Alto. Grandparents are Ed and Pat Roth of Lowell, Tom and Cathi Holton of Cutlerville and the late Jackie Holton.

Great-grandparents are Phil and Juanita Wheat of Lowell, Pearl Holton of Caledonia and Ed and Katherine Winchester of Holland.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

It was parent's weekend at Michigan State University a couple of weeks ago. Terese and I took the opportunity to visit our freshman daughter and have a first hand look at where those thousands of dollars are going. Just a quick thought here about the word freshman. Angie likes her sports, and I've always kidded her about being a bit of a jock, but she's certainly not a man. I have to agree with the feminists on this one, the term is definitely sexist. But, what to replace it with? Freshperson? Freshkid? Freshstudent? Freshthing? Fresh-it? I hypothesized that last one because it looked so bad when I typed it. After that little faux pas, I guess I'll leave it up to the gals, excuse me, people over at N.O.W. to come up with a better term.

So, back to the money thing. I've got a bit of a problem with the way our system works. I usually don't get into politics in this space. However, since I've had so many people tell me I look like President-elect Willie, maybe I'll start offering up some of my rather unique political opinions. Can you imagine, me, looking presidential? I plan to write about this look-alike business in a future column. To be honest, I wasn't too thrilled to find out I look like Clinton. But on the bright side, I could look like Perot. I'm convinced he is not really a person, but rather a character that some wise guy drew at the Warner Brothers cartoon studio.

Wasn't I talking about money? Oh yeah. Here's my dilemma, and I'm sure a lot of parents of college kids can identify with me. Terese and I have worked hard all our lives. I mean *all* our lives! By that, I don't mean we had our diapers changed between shifts at the salt mines, but we both had jobs during our adolescent years. For Terese it was baby-sitting, waitressing at a truck stop, etc. For me it was slaving away at the numerous menial tasks involved in publishing my dad's weekly newspaper in the old hot metal days of printing. We acquired a good work ethic, stuck to it, and have been moderately successful. Our income is somewhere between people working on one of those Arkansas chicken farms and what that cartoon character makes. Unfortunately, where we

fall in that spectrum is a heck of a lot closer to the chicken farm than the other end.

So, when it came time to fill out the application forms for student aid, we were forced to settle for a good belly laugh as reward for working hard all our lives. I could live with that. Work hard, pay your fair share in life and call it good. That's fine. But, it dawned on me that there are students at that college who are getting financial aid. Where does that aid come from? Tax dollars. And, where do those tax dollars come from? I figure Terese and I are footing the bill for Angie and at least one other freshman. I just hope it's not that loudmouth creep that sat near us at the football game.

I hope you folks don't decipher all this as a bunch of whining on my part. Even though, that's exactly what it is. As you know, I always try to look for the silver lining in life's trials and tribulations. In this case I'm going to thank my lucky stars for the bumper sticker that reads, "My Daughter and my Money go to M.S.U." If there had been a glitch in our gene pool and she had been born a genius, or if she had concentrated on her studies instead of sports and friends, I might be sporting a bumper sticker that says, "My Daughter and my Money go to Harvard." If that were the case, you'd see Terese and I around town in the evening, peddling papers, pumping gas, shoveling walks, etc.

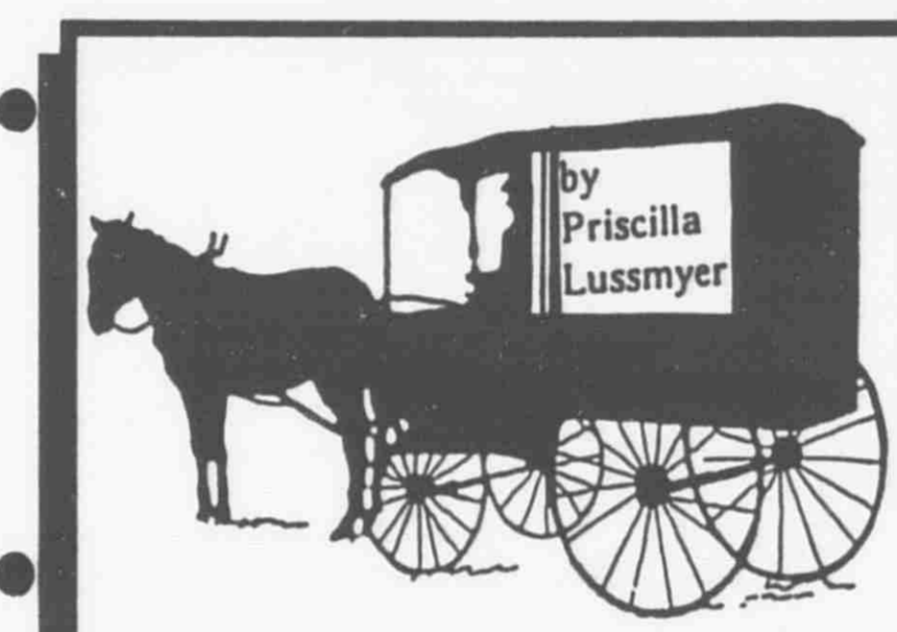
75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 15, 1917
Six more Lowell men, of 62 from Kent County, are called to military service.

Red Cross Christmas TB seals and a large fund drive for the Army and Navy YMCA are starting.

New York goes Democratic and voting rights for women.

Electric sign operating hours are cut in order to save coal for the war effort.

Candy manufacturers have sugar quotas set to preserve the supply for citizens. Louisiana is the sugar-producing state.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - NOV. 16, 1892
Meat markets are now closed on Sunday. Did the closing of the PO start a run?

A good brickyard is needed in Lowell, with the finest clay available within the village limits.

Petition for a street railway was withdrawn from Township Board consideration because of opposition, but may now be reconsidered.

The democrats "mop the earth" with a landslide that leaves republicans muttering about the dire consequences.

The "Chapel" column in Neighborhood Notes refers to North Ada; Chapel has a P.O. and the Egypt school.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 19, 1942
Sugar ration stamps will also be used for coffee.

The War Production Board asks everyone to dispense with outdoor lighting this Christmas to save electricity.

A large heron flies into wires at White's Bridge and shorts out both telephone and electric service, plus starting a grass fire.

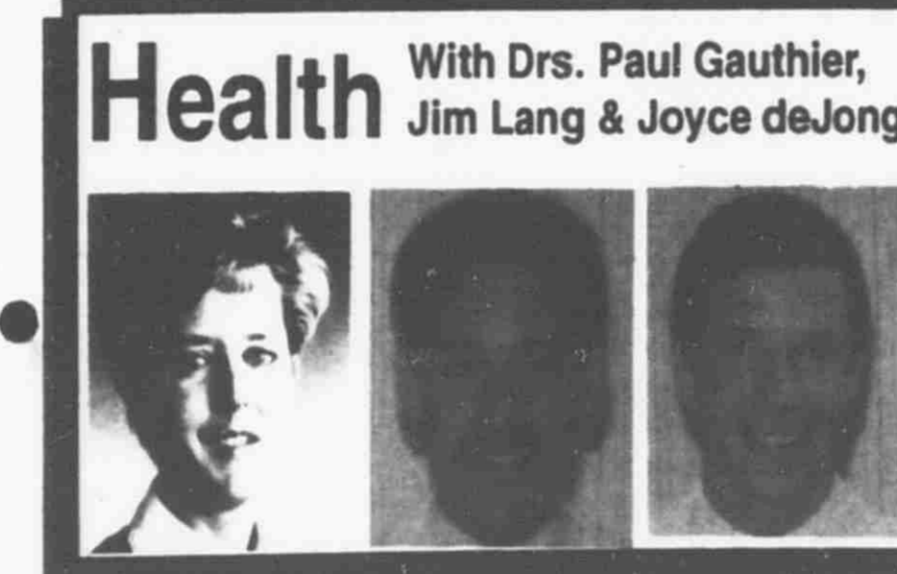
Harry Briggs reports an average of 40 tires a day being sold to the Defense Surplus Corporation; anybody owning more than five per vehicle won't get a gas ration book.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 16, 1967
A new division, the Explorers, is added to Lowell Boy Scouts, led by Leo Haybarker.

Most hunters will head for the north for deer season opening on Saturday.

Wittenbach's adds a big new building to their service department, now that they have added GMC trucks.

Dancing every Saturday night at the Moose Lodge.



Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ACNE

Q: Few teenagers are able to avoid acne completely in some form or another. It is an unavoidable fact of adolescence. However, you can do some things that will help you not make your acne worse, and some that may even make it better.

Q: What causes acne?

A: In the base of many of the pores of your skin (which are the openings where hair follicles are located), you have a gland called the sebaceous gland. Most of these glands are located on your face, back, and chest. When puberty starts your hormones cause the sebaceous gland to work overtime, producing sebum. Sebum is what makes your skin feel oily.

Persons with acne produce a large amount of sebum.

Two things happen when your body begins producing excess sebum. First, bacteria grow in your pores. Second,

dead cells that your body tries to get rid of by pushing them out of your pores begin to stick together and plug up the pores.

These clogged pores are called either blackheads or whiteheads.

Whiteheads become pimples. The bacteria that grow in your pores live in the whiteheads and multiply, causing irritation. The chemical reactions that occur because of the sebum production and the bacteria cause your skin to become inflamed, leading to a pimple.

Q: Can what I eat give me acne?

A: Many people may have given you a list of things that are supposed to cause acne. Foods such as pizza, chocolate, and candy often have been implicated. The good news is there is absolutely no evidence that anything you eat increases sebum production, or causes acne, even chocolate. Acne is caused by hormones, which cause sebum production, which causes blocked pores, which, in turn, cause pimples, it is as simple as that.

Q: What should I do to prevent acne?

A: Here are some things you can do:

• First, good hygiene is very important. This means washing your face two to three times a day. Washing more often than three times a day may cause your skin to become too dry, however, do not use anything abrasive to wash your skin. You cannot open your pores by scrubbing them, and you may end up irritating your skin and making matters worse. You do not need expensive "hypoallergenic" or special soaps either. Use a mild, ordinary soap when you wash.

• Second, avoid putting things that contain oil on your skin. If you are a young woman who wears makeup, this means

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Thad's thoughts

Thanksgiving Turkey Stuffers:

1. I went to a hockey game Saturday night in Kalamazoo and two fights broke out. True story. There were two fights within the first four minutes of the game between the Kalamazoo Wings and Milwaukee. The Wings loss 5-3.

2. Passing time Sunday morning, I took an environmental safety test out of a consumer's report magazine. I got eight of 16 right. Not anything to write home to Mom about. After you're done taking the test, the magazine provides you with a scale to grade yourself. It said that less than 10 percent of those taking the test get half the questions right. Isn't that a sad commentary on environmental awareness.

3. I spent part of the lunch hour and part of the dinner hour at a favorite dining and watering hole in Lawton on Saturday. The restaurant is called, Big T's. It is renowned for its wide selection of foreign beers. It has roughly 180 to choose from. For those who are able to consume 130 of them (okay you clowns, not in one sitting), your name is put on a plaque and I believe you get a T-shirt. It cost you a \$1 to join the club. I've been a member of the club for close to two years now and have partaken in 35 foreign beers. The beers can range in price from \$2 to \$10. I erred on Saturday and ordered a beer brewed in Brazil (it was the only one listed from that country). In scanning across the list to check for the price I read \$2.85, NOT! It was \$8.75. Worst than that, it was terrible tasting. It was dark. It failed the light test and it was thick. The party I was at Big T's with said it looked more like syrup.

4. A couple weeks ago I tuned in a football game late one Sunday afternoon for some scores. The game that was on was winding down and the network, NBC, promoted that a scoreboard show would follow. Great, I would get scores and highlights of the afternoon's games that I missed in my weekend travels. The game went off the air at 4:16 p.m., instead of sticking with the network until the bottom of the hour (4:30), the station switched to local programming joined in progress. I think it was the millionth rerun of a Magnum P.I. episode. If you think "irritation and annoying," you now realize it was TV-8. I have nothing personal against the people at that station who make programming decisions, except 99.9 percent of the time I think their decisions stink. Do they actually think that those football gurus who sit in front of the television on Sunday afternoon or who tune in late to a game sit there waiting for Magnum P.I. to be joined in progress. Correct me if I'm wrong, my guess is most of them would have preferred the scoreboard program. My second guess is that when TV-8 made that programming decision, most of the West Michigan football audience that tuned in, switched stations.

5. Thanksgiving remains at the top of my list for holidays. It is not commercialized like the others. Actually, it's skipped right over in favor of Christmas. Not me though, I don't even begin to think Christmas until the Monday after Thanksgiving. Over the last few years the men in the family (and one sister) have started an annual Thanksgiving Day "Dirty Hearts" game. I've already started anticipating the game almost as much as the great food that comes before it.

6. HAPPY TURKEY EATING TO ALL!

TOWN TALK—

How does your mother cook the Thanksgiving Day turkey?



Robbie Bender
Starts getting the turkey ready the day before Thanksgiving. The turkey is about a foot long. She puts stuffing in it, cooks it and then cuts it.



Steve Sper
She starts getting the turkey ready the morning of Thanksgiving. She puts stuffing in it and cooks it with a lot of juice. She cooks it about two hours. The turkey weighs 17-18 pounds.



Cassie Burke
She gets up at 7 on Thanksgiving Day and it's done at noon. She buys one of the biggest turkeys in the store since the whole family comes over. She puts stuffing in it. She also sticks a little ball on top and then pokes this thing into the turkey. It helps give it more flavor.



Jamie Beachnaw
She stuffs it with stuffing. She puts a sauce on it and puts it in the oven and cooks it. She cooks it for 10 minutes or a half hour. She buys the turkey at Meijers. She starts getting the turkey ready after I get out of school the day before Thanksgiving.



Jon Williams
She put it in the oven around a half hour to an hour. My Mom puts this orange thing around the turkey. It has a hole in the middle of it. The turkey is around 10 inches tall and weighs about five pounds.



Kelsey Myers
She buys the turkey at the store. She doesn't put anything in or on the turkey. She cooks it for about 20 minutes. It's the size of a regular turkey. She starts getting it ready a week before Thanksgiving.



Katie Ellison
She takes a turkey and pops it in the oven. She puts nothing in or on it. She puts it in the oven around 5:30, about the time cartoons are on. It's a medium size turkey. It weighs about 50 pounds. It's about seven to eight inches tall. She cooks it about 28 minutes.



Josh Soyka
She buys it at the store. It's about a foot long and weighs 50 pounds. She doesn't put anything on the turkey before cooking it. She cooks it about 30 minutes. She starts getting it ready about a week before Thanksgiving.

The desire of knowledge, like the thirst of riches, increases ever with the acquisition of it.

—Laurence Sterne

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on December 2, 1992, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The proposed text amendments include revisions to the following sections:

- 10.02 Uses Permitted ("C-1" Commercial District)
- 10.03 Required Conditions ("C-1" Commercial District)
- 11.02 Uses Permitted ("C-2" Commercial District)
- 11.04 Area Regulations ("C-2" Commercial District)
- 12.02 Use Regulations ("I" Industrial District)

The proposed text amendments include the addition of the following new sections:

- 2.64 Construction Yards (Definition)
- 13.18 General Retail Business Establishments, Any Portion of Which is Conducted Outside of a Fully Enclosed Building (Special Use Standards)
- 13.19 Mortuaries, Including Funeral Homes, Crematories, and Other Ancillary Funeral Operations (Special Use Standards)
- 13.21 Wholesale and Storage Enterprises (Special Use Standards)

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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New sewer use ordinance complies with Federal & State requirements

A new sewer use ordinance passed by the Lowell City Council has put its Waste Water Treatment Plant in parallel with other cities.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt said it will put Lowell's program at 100 percent compliance.

The new ordinance complies with the revised federal and state requirements. It establishes limitations on the strength and character of waste water discharged into the City's sanitary sewer system.

The ordinance also requires that industries keep certain kinds of records and file certain kinds of report.

The new regulations also require that the City prepare an industrial pretreatment program manual. The manual provides the procedures for implementing and enforcing the Sewer Use Ordinance and industrial pretreatment program.

City Attorney Dick Wendt said all communities who own and operate wastewater treatment facilities that discharge into surface water are required to go through this process of adopting a new sewer use ordinance and preparing an industrial pretreatment manual.

"The City has been a leader in the State in this process and is one of the first to receive the approval of the DNR," Wendt said.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SECOND MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

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.

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, 12675 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.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Swingers meet 6 p.m. at Lowell Senior Center.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up, or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m., during the school year, in the Scout Cabin, at the end of North Washing-

ton Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield A. E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 is changing its regular meeting place from Roll Away Lanes to Lowell VFW Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m. starting Oct. 26.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: Coffee break, a community Bible study for ladies at Calvary Church, 1125 W. Main St., Lowell at 9:30 a.m. Free nursery, Bible story hour for 3 to 6 year olds. A good way to meet your neighbors.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

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.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: If you are looking for an enjoyable way to exercise, come join the Lowell Community Education line dance at The First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Bring com-

fortable shoes. \$1 donation.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club - meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES.: Coffee break Bible study and children's story hour, (3 to 6 years old). Free at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. No previous Bible knowledge or experience expected. Nursery provided.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. 55 and over.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY THURS.: Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

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

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dar's at 7 p.m.

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

2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH: All Lowell area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend the Lowell Community Education lunch and learn at 12 p.m., at Lowell High School. The cost of lunch for 1992-93 school year is \$2.20. Call Marge at 897-8434 to make your reservation and learn about the program to be presented.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1493 meets every Sat. at 9:00 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

NOV. 27 THROUGH DEC. 24: Christmas trees and wreaths will be sold in the Family Fare parking lot by the Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club. Hours: Mon. through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.

SAT., NOV. 28: VFW Post in Saranac will be holding a Christmas auction at VFW Hall on Bridge St. at 3 p.m. Gifts, toys, etc.

SAT., DEC. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club's annual Christmas catered luncheon at Schneider Manor. Sponsor, Lucille Curtiss. (Please note date and time change) Punch at 12:30 p.m., luncheon at 1 p.m. Only pre-paid reservations acceptable after Dec. 1. Punch and decorations, Gladys Thome and Phyllis Bieri. Program, Judy Tummino and "her watercolors." No meeting in January or February.

SUN., DEC. 13: The Clark-Ellis Post American Legion and Auxiliary family Christmas potluck dinner will be at 1:30 at Schneider Manor. Please bring your own table service and dish to pass.

Coffee and punch will be furnished. Sponsor is Angeline Mulder.

SUN., DEC. 13: Saranac Country Village Christmas Home Tour from 2 to 7 p.m. Tickets \$5 each from Geranium Guild members in advance or at the Saranac Community Church the day of tour. For more information call 897-8936.

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

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.

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SCHOOL SKILLS IN THE WORK PLACE?

We can always find ways to improve our schools. Teams of Lowell teachers, for the past four years, have spent hundreds of hours analyzing problem areas and making adjustments to provide better instruction and increase student learning. Improvements in schooling are particularly important to businessmen and legislators because there is a presumed relationship between education in the public schools and increased economic growth in a competitive world business market. Improvements in instructional programs are to have little or no impact on the annual budget. This is difficult to do when we have more students and declining State Aid to support them.

A research article written by Robert Balfanz, and published in the December 1991 issue of "Educational Policy" has some interesting facts that are substantiated with some good of fashioned research techniques. It's worth a closer look for those who want to dig into the subject, but briefly the author argues that there is a "fragmentation of knowledge" which is a consequence of economic development. He estimates that 80 percent of

all the engineers and scientists who ever lived are alive today, and as a result of economic demands in the work place have developed a highly specialized body of knowledge. Even if the nation's common knowledge is in decline as the critics of K-12 education contend, the nation's total knowledge is increasing. As a result, a few people know a lot about some things, but few people know about a lot of things. When other researchers tell us that our knowledge is doubling every 3.5 years and will increase, the real question for our local classroom teachers is "what do I teach?"

Another assumption is that "improved mass schooling would translate into increased productivity from better educated workers". In other words, there is a presumed positive relationship between student success in the K-12 system and worker productivity. Balfanz personally surveyed 116 personnel directors from the largest corporations in Illinois and asked them to rank the importance of 30 academic skills. The survey revealed that being able to write standard English sentences and paragraphs, comprehend main ideas in written work, and performing mathematical calculations made the Top 10. However, many of the skills currently highly valued by school districts were ranked dead last by the 116 corporate personnel directors. Personnel directors gave much greater weight to a worker's ability to follow instructions of supervisors, speak with others with self-confidence, and demonstrate good work habits.

School reformers often jump on the "core curriculum" bandwagon as a method of improving success in the work place, but there is a volume of research that continually proves that knowing how well students do in school subjects tells very little about how well they will do as workers. To require students to learn those things which are unrelated to job success may cause an

unintended diversion for those things that do matter in the work place. Does it make sense for kids to learn the same things, if knowledge is "exploding" in every facet of our society? While there is strong evidence that the basic skills taught in the elementary curriculum do show a positive transfer to life situations, including the work place, the problem is really deciding which sequence of courses ought to be required at the secondary level. If every student were required to take geography and few students took world history, wouldn't we have more redundant knowledge in geography and more ignorance of world history? The mandates for "core curriculum" must be tempered with some common sense!

Lowell Area Schools has a unique relationship with its community and has been working at expanding its relationship with local business and community leaders. Through these relationships we are searching for ways to improve our community and particularly school programs and student instruction. School achievement, worker competencies, and life skills can only be improved when there is better alignment. That alignment will occur when we can begin with a clear and common vision of an end in mind, i.e. What is it that we want our students to be able to do at the end of their K-12 schooling? When we can reach a consensus among the stakeholders on the answer, then schools will be able to begin to deliver an improved "product" to the work place.

The district will soon be asking for help in developing our vision and plans for the next five year cycle. We enthusiastically encourage anyone interested in participating on the six month long process of planning and program realignment to consider becoming involved in the process. Please watch for notices of invitation and plan to participate in the realignment process.

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LISTINGS FOR FRI., NOV. 27 THRU THURS., DEC. 3

Sunday on NBC, Hallmark Hall of Fame presents *An American Story*. Brad Johnson plays an idealistic Army officer who returns from World War II to find his Texas hometown in the control of an unscrupulous mayor and sheriff. Also starring in the drama are Kathleen Quinlan, Tom Sizemore and Patricia Clarkson (pictured) as Johnson's manipulative wife.

Watch Disney Free Channel 14 Sunday, Nov. 29 & Sunday, Dec. 6

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the article in the Ledger on November 18. The article was regarding a Lowell Police officer receiving an award from the local M.A.D.D. chapter.

In the previous two years I have seen two other articles on officers receiving the award. If I remember correctly a great deal of emphasis was put on arrest totals. In this year's article nothing was mentioned of how many arrests the officer had achieved. I believe that the reason for this is because the total was an embarrassing fact for the department compared to the two previous years.

I have heard from a few

Lowell officers that this years recipient has a past history of not arresting drunk drivers when he has the opportunity. It is my understanding of this award the officer must show a little dedication to the act of arresting drunk drivers.

As a citizen of Lowell I cannot believe that our fine police department would honor an officer who has not shown any dedication to the act of arresting drunk drivers. I would hope that in the future the police department would take the time in finding an officer who is deserving of the award instead of the first officer that comes along.

Sincerely,
C. Smith

*Editor's note: A story in last week's edition of the Lowell Ledger, noted that Mike Bartosiewicz was recognized for his fight against drunk driving by MADD. Bartosiewicz, a part-time police officer, made nine drunk driving arrests.

Health, continued

using only water-based makeup or powder, not oil-based cosmetics. The label will usually say if the product is water-based. Also try to avoid oil-based shampoos and sunscreens.

• Third, DO NOT PICK AT YOUR PIMPLES. You have been told not to pick or squeeze your pimples, and for good reason. Squeezing pimples can push the bacteria and pus deeper into your skin, causing further inflammation and possibly leading to infection or scarring.

Q: What else can I do?

A: If you have mild acne, an over-the-counter acne medication that you buy in the drugstore may help. You should put it on every night, not just on pimples when they show up.

If you have more serious acne, see your doctor. He or she can give you stronger medications that help stop pimples from forming. It is very important that you follow your doctor's instructions and the instructions on the medication very carefully, if you do not, the medication may not work or you could actually make your acne worse.

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JAYCEES WARM CLOTHING COLLECTION

The Lowell Area Jaycees are collecting warm clothing, coats, hats, mittens, boots and blankets for their annual "Everyone should be warm at Christmas" project.

They will be collecting until Dec. 4 at Family Fare, Plumbs, West Side Deli, The Moose Lodge and FMB. This year the goods will be distributed locally first, then the leftovers will be given to the Salvation Army.

LAAC CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE

The Lowell Area Arts Council will hold its Gala Christmas show and sale Sunday, Nov. 22. Nearly 50 West Michigan artists have been invited to exhibit their work. The champagne brunch is by reservation and the cost is \$7.50.

Tickets are available from the LAAC or phone 897-8545.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the Family Fare Supermarket parking lot. The sale will be held from Nov. 27 through Dec. 24. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.

Please help support our athletes by purchasing your trees and wreaths from the Athletic Boosters sale. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help us sell please call Pat at 897-8963.

WARM CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY

The Lowell Area Jaycees are attempting to organize a warm clothing give-a-way, December 5, in the Lowell area. They are attempting to distribute the clothing collected in the annual "Everyone should be warm at Christmas" drive, locally first. Your help is needed.

If you or an organization you are involved in can assist us with set-up, distribution or packing up, please contact Jackie Foster at 868-6766, or Barb Flater at 897-7691. The success

of this project depends on us all.

SANTA'S LUNCHEON

St. Mary's Home and School Association is planning a luncheon following the Lowell Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5. The menu includes a choice of chili and homemade bread or hot beef sandwich and chips or grilled cheese sandwich and chips. Each selection also includes veggie sticks, a piece of homemade pie and a choice of coffee, hot cocoa or juice.

The cost is \$3 per person with a \$15 maximum cost per immediate family. Children ages five and under are free.

YMCA HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell YMCA Thanksgiving holiday hours will be: Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 8 to 11 a.m., closed Thanksgiving Day and Nov. 27, 28 and 29.

LAAC HOSTS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Arts Council will host a Christmas workshop for children on Saturday, Dec. 12 and again on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children participating will be involved with making a special Christmas gift for mom, teacher, grandmother or aunt. Each child may choose between a pair of hand rolled beeswax candles or a hand made mini market basket.

Fee for this Christmas workshop is \$10. Call The Arts Center at 897-8545 to enroll. Class size is limited so early enrollment is advised.

PARENT/STUDENT SKI CLUB

For more information concerning the parent/student ski club call Marsha LaHaye at 897-7190 after 3:30 p.m.

COMPUTER LAB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lowell High School is looking for a volunteer to supervise students in an IBM computer lab two afternoons per week. Interested individuals should have some knowledge of and/or background in computers and computer networks. If interested please call Dave Eickberg at the High School office, 897-4125.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Two juveniles, 11 and 12 years old, will be referred into probate court on charges of larceny when they reportedly took bicycles from a residence on Nov. 17.

Matthew Sobie and David Jones both 17 and both from Lowell, collided in the high school parking lot Nov. 19. Both received injuries and were transported to a Grand Rapids hospital.

A breaking and entering of the First Baptist Church was reported to Lowell police Nov. 17. The thieves left with a small amount of petty cash.

Michael Kapuscinski, 25, of Orleans, was arrested for driving while license suspended and on a warrant issued out of a City of Grand Rapids court for giving false information to a police officer on Nov. 20.

Michael Stiles, 32, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant issued out of an Ionia County court for failure to appear.

Justin LaMontagne, 20, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers Nov. 22 on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for larceny from a motor vehicle and on two warrants out of a Grand Rapids City court for failure to appear.



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Light and Power Board confident that '92 fiscal year won't be repeated

Some unusual items charged against Lowell Light and Power's year end results factored into the net income loss for the fiscal year ending 1992.

Virgil Biggs from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson, attributed much of the \$4,290 loss in 1992 to a shifting of power that was previously sold which is now being consumed by Lowell Light and Power as it breaks ties with Consumers Power.

Lowell Light and Power Supervisor Paul Christman explained that the Light and Power Board also had a write off on bills not paid by commercial customers dating back to 1985.

"It wasn't intentional. Around that time Lowell Light and Power went to computerized billing. Some errors were made when inputting the information into the machine,

causing some accounts to be miscalculated," Christman said. "The Board has decided to put it to rest, and to move on."

Christman, who has been on the job four months, said there is no reason to be alarmed. "I won't panic," he said. Christman adds that there are things that can be done to establish other typical fees and to prevent such errors from occurring again.

The Supervisor suggests that meter readings and billing be followed judiciously. He also agrees with what was

suggested by Lowell Light and Power auditors which was, that the Board set fees for what he calls typical services.

Christman used delinquent bills as an example. He says that there is no monetary penalty for delinquent bills.

"Such revenues could prevent us from raising rates in the long run," Christman said. "I believe it is necessary for Lowell Light and Power to get some kind of contribution for service when it is appropriate," he says. As an example the Supervisor added that this

could include charging new homes for power installations. This might include assessments for underground service, and a standard per foot charge for above ground installations.

Biggs said that an evaluation might be done in areas where competing electric companies are assessing for additional services before adopting any suggestions.

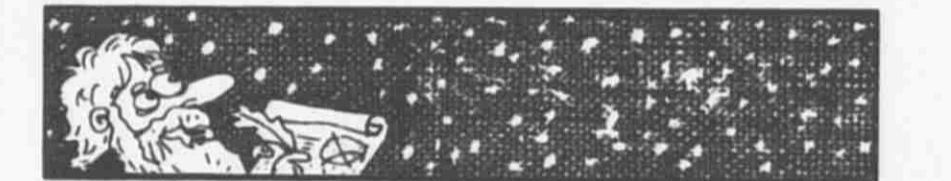
Ray Quada, chairman of the Lowell Light and Power Board, said he is confident the board will address the issues. "It's been a difficult year,

but I'm confident the board and I will keep our nose to the grindstone, and that there will be a dramatic difference in next year's report."

While Lowell Light and Power showed a net income loss of \$4,290 in 1992, it's important to note that in 1991 it's net income gain was

\$52,183 and in 1990 it was a plus \$352,256.

Biggs noted in a letter of comments and recommendations that numerous audit adjustments were required. He noted that it is important that the knowledge of accounting principles on the part of the bookkeeper be expanded.



Horoscopes are derived from the 12 constellations of the zodiac with which the signs coincided in the time of the astronomer Hipparchus, about 2000 years ago.

Caldwell, continued

unions, and credit card suppliers. Caldwell says they have come into the industry with no governing.

Because of this competition, Caldwell says banks must become financial products organizations in addition to regular commercial banking.

If nothing else, Caldwell says he hopes those who have worked with him at FMB have learned the responsibility of being honest and the ability to treat each other fairly and with compassion.

"Keith has been a super individual to work with," Bossard relates. "He has been a fair and honest banker who has shown a genuine concern for people, employees and customers."

Terry Conley, Vice President-Mortgage, adds that in his 18 years of working with Caldwell he has learned a lot. "More importantly, Keith cares for his customers more than any other bank official I have ever worked with."

FMB State Savings Bank Vice President Chuck Myers lauds Caldwell for his knowledge, leadership and their personal friendship.

FMB held a retirement open house for Caldwell on Friday.

Maps, continued

be out of the trees and there cannot be snow on the ground."

The map will be used as a planning tool, so pipes can be laid out.

The filming will cost the Township \$1,000. It will cost the Township \$15,000 to transcribe all 2,920 acres of the water district from film to paper. Timpson said only the areas that will be used will be transcribed at this time.

Timpson said it will cost \$5.45 an acre to transcribe.

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The picture is clear - Lowell Cable a profit producer

Lowell Cable rate increases that went into effect in September of 1991 had a favorable impact on the system.

The \$65,486 increase in gross profit from basic sub-

scribers in 1992 over 1991 represents the single most significant component in the overall increase of \$82,800 in net profits from 1991 to 1992.

Biggs explained that a con-

tinuation of this trend would result in the favorable elimination of the retained earnings deficit.

Total cable revenues in 1992 jumped to \$545,000 from

the 1991 mark of \$480,000. Christman noted that approximately \$50,000 for debt retirement and system upgrade has been invested and is earning interest.

Biggs added that it is not clear if the interest earned on the restricted funds is to be credited to those restricted funds or remain available for general operations. He recom-

mended that the board establish a policy to clarify the matter.

"Lowell Cable is a positive profit producer," Biggs said. While the success of Lowell Cable this past year is documented in the audit, Christman said there could be a fallout from the national Cable Bill which was passed this year. "That could increase some of our costs," Christman said.

The Lowell Supervisor said he knows Lowell Cable will suffer cost increases, but cannot say whether that means cable rates will go up.

GRI and City come to an easement agreement

An addendum to the easement agreement between the Grand River Investments, Inc. and the City relating to public access to the boat launch at Stony Lakeside Park was approved by the Lowell City Council.

The City entered into an agreement with Grand River Investments (owners of Pebble Beach Apartments) to provide access to a proposed boat launch at Stony Lakeside Park. The agreement involved deeding of property and an easement to the City.

As part of the agreement, a four foot high fence will be installed by the City. Originally, the fence was to be extended 100 feet from the southeast corner of the easement property. But after reviewing the site, it was felt by city staff and Grand River Investments that the new location will avoid placing the fence in the asphalt and will be easier to maintain for plowing snow.

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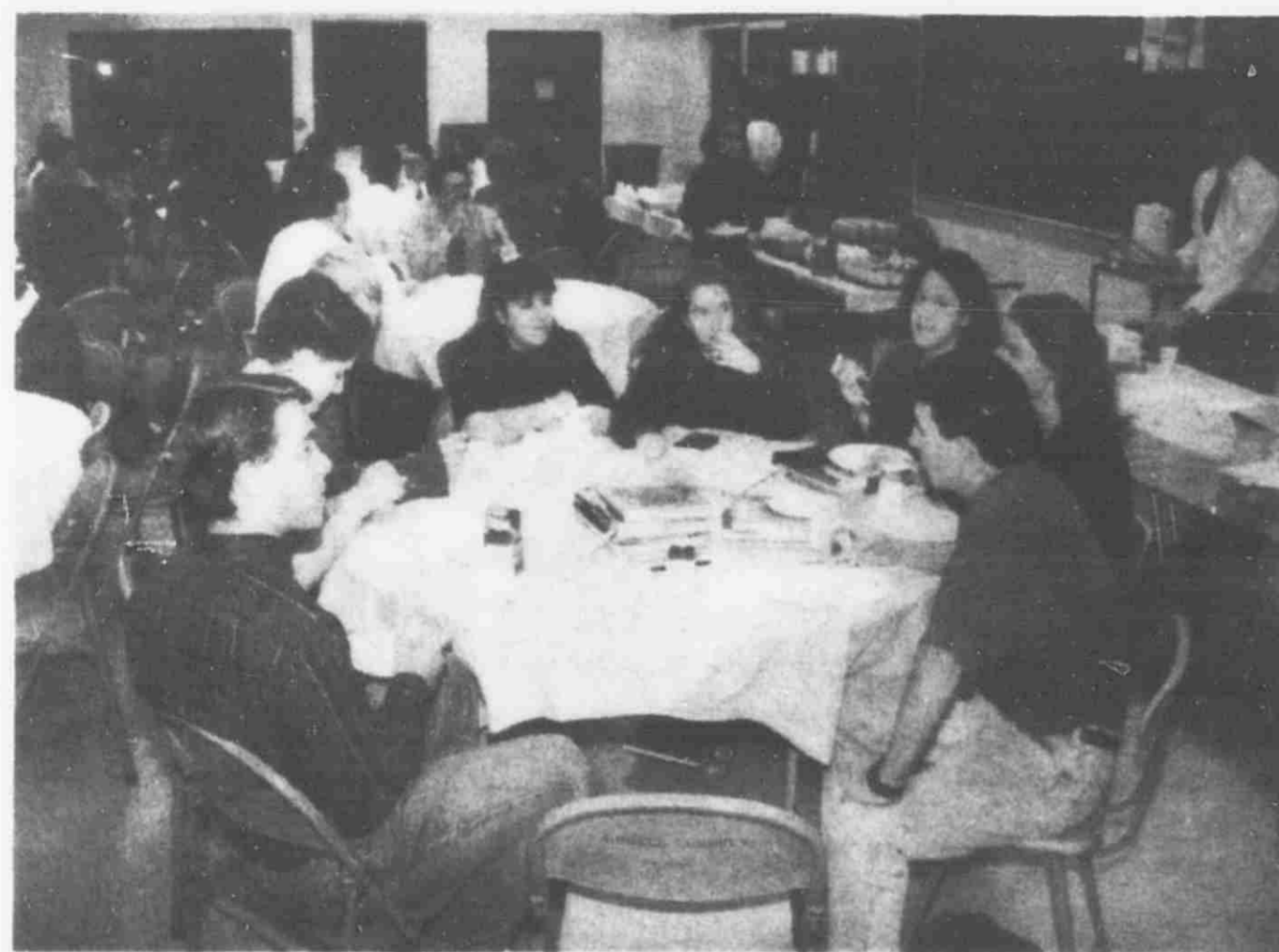
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375 students were invited to the continental breakfast.

Academic achievement & improvement recognized at continental breakfast

Lowell High School's Academic Boosters Club sponsored a continental breakfast for roughly 375 high school students last Wednesday morning in the LHS choir room.

All students who had red, white or gold renaissance cards (handed out for academic achievement or improvement) and students with perfect attendance were invited to the breakfast (from 7 to 8 a.m.).

Of the 375 students, 150 had perfect attendance. Students were served rolls, fruit and orange juice.

Other events planned for later in the year, by the Renaissance Program and the Academic Boosters Club for these honored students, include a pizza party and an ice cream social.



Jim White, left, and Peggy Idema served rolls and fruit to students who were in attendance at the Academic Boosters Club continental breakfast.

Optimist Club salutes youth

Lowell High School's Sarah Matyczyn and Ryan White attended a luncheon at Duba's Restaurant as guests of the Kent Optimist Club to help celebrate Youth Appreciation Week.

In 1954, a group of Optimists decided too much attention was being given to the negative acts of youth and too little to their roles as responsible citizens. To bring about recognition of the positive actions and contributions of young people, Youth Appreciation Week was inaugurated.

Since its inception, this

observance has grown to where it is now sponsored by Optimist clubs throughout North America. It has as its objective to publicize the fact that today's youth are not the selfish, lazy degenerates that too many adults fantasize. The vast majority of youth is well informed, concerned, willing and interested in becoming involved in efforts to improve our society.

While the vitality and spirit of youth need the wisdom and experience of adults as support in efforts toward the successful achievements of their goals, it follows each

adult has a responsibility to assist youth through the transitional stage toward adulthood. It is indeed important that we give the needed recognition to deserving youth, but we must not become complacent and overlook the necessity for continued personal dedication and involvement with community improvement.

Youth Appreciation Week is a vehicle through which all adults and youth may work together for the good of all.



In attendance at the Kent Optimist Club Youth Appreciation luncheon at Duba's were, left to right, Barb Pierce, school counselor; Sarah Matyczyn; Barry Emmons, Lowell Police Chief; Ryan White, and Harry Margo, President of the Kent Optimist Club.

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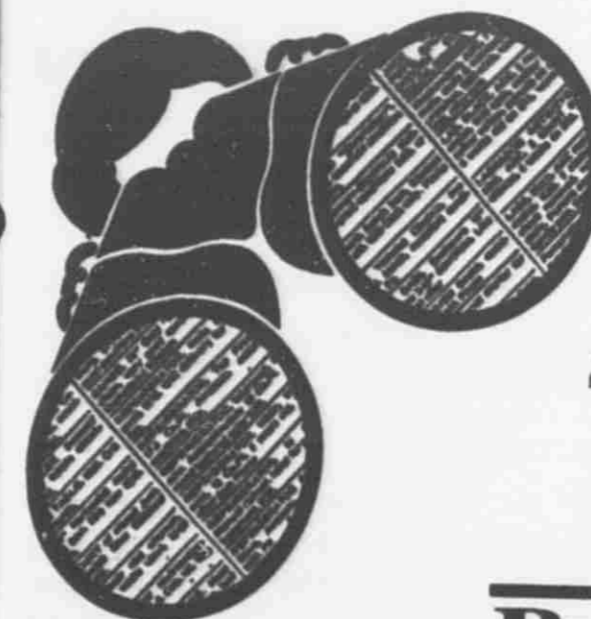
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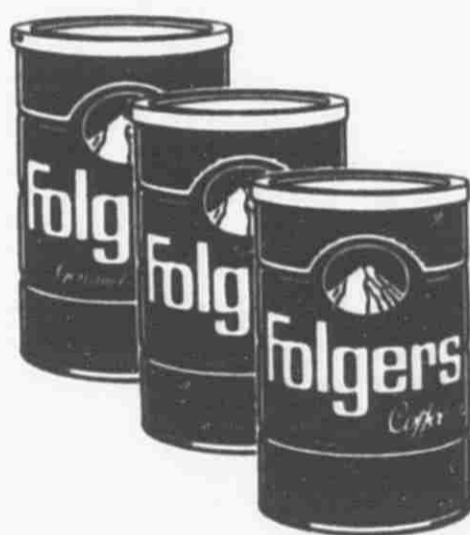
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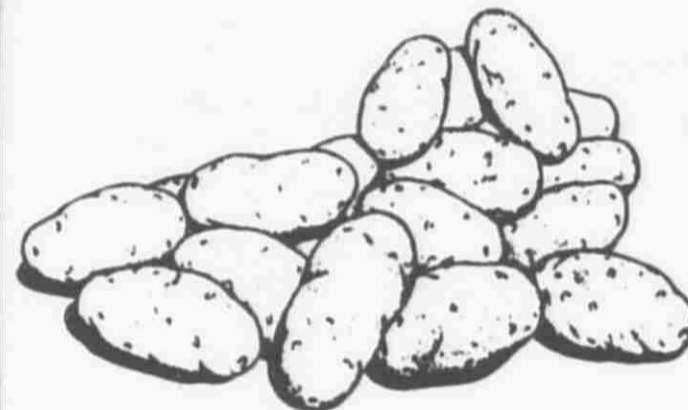
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1-lb. quarters please limit 3

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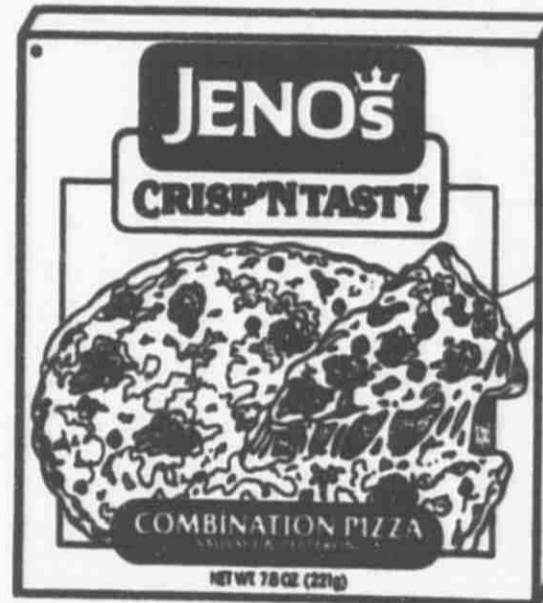
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