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## New Showboat executive board to focus on community involvement

### Following Gould's resignation, Kraus named new President of The Lowell Showboat

Following four years as President of the Lowell Showboat, Gordon Gould has stepped down as its leader.

"I think any community organization is best served by someone local," Gould explained. "With my departure from the school system, I no longer see myself as being a local member of the community."

The Lowell Showboat Board's choice to replace Gould, was Lowell Ledger Editor and three year board member, Thad Kraus.

"In the short time I have spent living in the Lowell Community, I have gotten caught up in the tradition and pageantry of the Showboat," Kraus said. "It truly is the only community signature left in Lowell."

The new Showboat President says his initial focus will be to return the Showboat to a community event.

The change of President is not the only facelift on the Showboat Board. Tony Stencel will serve as vice president, Sheila Dubbink will be the treasurer, and Terri Robinson is the Showboat secretary. Gould will serve as past president. A role created so that he could answer questions along the way that the new executive board members may have.

**"I think any community organization is best served by someone local." —Gould**

"It was not easy stepping down as president, but a choice, I believe, is in the best interest of the Showboat," Gould explained. "In the advent of the Downtown Development Authority, community block grants and the recruitment of volunteers it is essential that the President be someone who can be in touch with these issues on a daily basis."

Stencel's role as vice president filled the void left by the resignation of Laura McCollum, who served as vice president for the past four years. She has been on the Showboat Board for five years. Both McCollum and Gould

will remain on the Lowell Showboat board of directors.

Kraus said, that along with the new executive board members, they are anxious to tackle the challenges that face the Showboat.

"I have already begun speaking to organizations about making a commitment to help with the 1993 Showboat. Thus far I have been pleased with the response," Kraus explains. Both the new showboat president and its board members have also begun soliciting the volunteer help of the community.

"For the Showboat to be a community event it must reflect the signatures of businesses, organizations and the residents of Lowell," Kraus said. "The Board is not asking that volunteers attend every meeting, but it is asking that they commit to do one thing this year to help with the 1993 Showboat. What's that cliché, 'many hands....'"

The Lowell Showboat Board is hopeful that the announcement of the entertainment for this year's shows will be forthcoming over the next couple of weeks.

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Thad Kraus

### Showboat fund-raiser expected to bait the sportsmen in all of us

The Lowell Showboat Board is just weeks away from unleashing one of its biggest fund drives in recent memory.

Under the coordination of Showboat President Thad Kraus, the Lowell Showboat will be selling \$1 raffle tickets for a 1993 Pro 17 Bass Tracker fishing boat, valued at approximately \$6,000.

The Lowell bass fishing rig comes with spacious raised casting platforms, a pair of running stations and a deluxe molded console. The package includes a Tracker 25 HP electric start outboard by Johnson or Evinrude with an aluminum prop, a Tracker 12 volt 30 pound thrust foot-controlled trolling motor by MotorGuide and Tailstar drive-on-trailer, a Tracker 1000 LCG, a volt meter, speedometer, tachometer, windshield, marine battery and tray, fire extinguisher, paddle, motor toter and fuel gauge.

"With Lowell being a prime area for fishing and hunting, it is thought that a quality fishing boat would be a coveted prize," Kraus said.

The Showboat President said because the price of the tickets are only a \$1 a piece, 20,000 raffle tickets will be printed.

"To ensure that this type of

fund-raiser is successful, it must involve the community and outlying areas," Kraus explained.

Kraus is in the process of seeking ticket-selling commitment from local organizations. "I've made four presentations to local organizations and clubs. I've already received a commitment from three of them to sell and/or purchase a certain number of tickets. The drawing for the fishing boat will take place on June 19, he explains.

Kraus said he is scheduled to speak to another four clubs within the next week.

"The goal is to have a commitment to the sale and/or purchase of enough tickets to cover the cost of the boat before the Grand Center Boat Show opens on Feb. 23," he says.

The Lowell Showboat will also be represented in the Grand Center Sport, Fishing and RV Show on March 18-21.

While the boat's retail value is approximately \$6,000, Kraus said the Showboat, through the help of

Giant's in Ionia and Bass Tracker, will be allowed to purchase it at a cost of \$4,700.

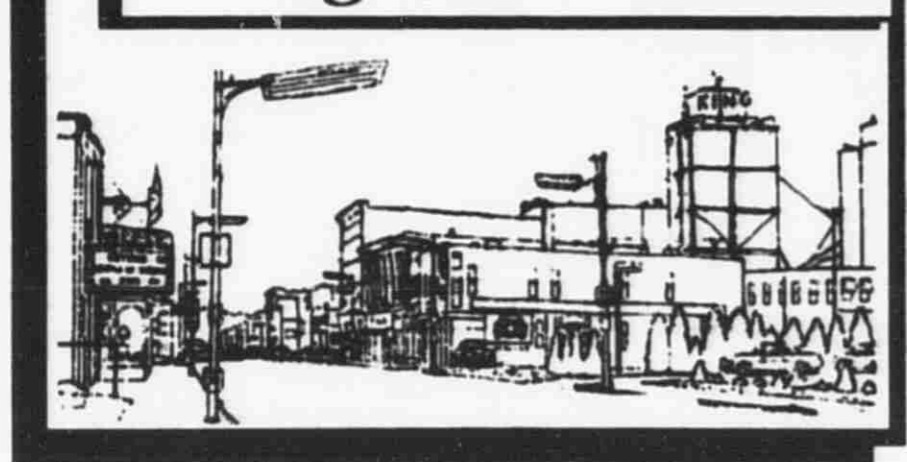
"Ideally and I think realistically this activity can raise roughly \$15,000 for the only signature this community has left, The Lowell Showboat," Kraus said. "The only way for that success to be realized is if the entire community plays a key role in the sale and/or purchase of the tickets," Kraus said. "I am very pleased with the early response. I am hopeful and confident that it will continue."

Burger King has agreed to cover the printing cost of the tickets. For that, its name will be printed on the back of each ticket. "Greenridge Realty has also committed to the sale and/or purchase of 100 tickets.

Organizations, businesses, clubs, families who would like to make a commitment to the sale and/or purchase of tickets are encouraged to contact Kraus.

"Ideally such a fund raiser can help with the cost of the show and in turn help keep ticket costs down," Kraus concludes.

## Along Main Street



### CLASS OF '83 REUNION

Lowell High Schools Class of '83 is holding its 10 year reunion on Sept. 18.

Call Marcy Emmons Hall at 1-887-1641 or Patty Reagan Wade 897-6147 if you can help plan in any way such as invitations, addresses, etc.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held Feb. 18 at Hillside Restaurant.

The social hour is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the speaker on the Silent Observer program at 6:30.

### LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL

There will be a meeting for Lowell Youth Football on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School. Everyone is welcome.

### ALTO PTO BERGER BENEFIT NIGHT

The Alto PTO Burger Benefit Night will be held Feb. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Lowell Burger King.

The school will receive a percentage of the profits. Come support this school fund raiser.

### PARENTS OF SENIORS

A general meeting for all parents of Lowell High School seniors with regard to the senior overnight party will be held Feb. 10. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the High School in room A-1.

### LOWELL POLICE ASKING PARENTS TO CHANGE DROP OFF SITE FOR STUDENTS

The Lowell Police Department is asking parents to drop off, and pick up, high school students in the parking lot on the south side of the Lowell Senior High School.

The practice of dropping students off on Foreman Street is creating safety problems, and the practice of dropping students off in front of the high school is also creating traffic flow problems.

### ATTENTION WRESTLER SIGN-UPS

Sign-up for the Lowell freestyle wrestler's 1993 season begins at Lowell High School cafeteria on Feb. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. There is a \$30 sign-up fee.

Birth certificates are a must and you must be five years old in 1993. It is open to all other ages.

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## Lowell Township residents cork M-21 water main construction

Lowell Township citizens stopped the construction of a new water main on the north side of M-21 Monday night.

The proposed water main would have run from Alden Nash to Cumberland Dr. along M-21. The cost of the project was estimated at \$277,000 and would have been paid for by property owners in the area.

The township saw a need for the main because of complaints to the health department on wells in the area being contaminated.

"Upon research of the area in question we found a number of people complaining about contaminated wells," said Gary Voogt, of the engineering firm Moore and Bruggink. "Many people have been asking the township when a municipal water system would be run to this area."

The average assessment for property owners along this route was estimated at \$5,200. This figure was determined by adding half of the acreage of a lot, half of the frontal footage the pipe would go through each property and a \$975 lateral service fee.

The township was to provide each property owner 15 years, at a low interest rate, to pay off the cost of the pipe.

For the proposal to be tabled, 20 percent of the land owners in the area had to object to the building of the water main. A vote was taken Monday night at a necessity hearing in the township hall and more than 20 percent of the owners objected to the idea.

The township could go ahead with the project and charge home owners a one time fee if they decide to hook up in the future. However, according to Township

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## OBITUARIES

**COONS** - Russell W. Coons, aged 70, died Sunday, January 24, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Lucille; and son, Earl (Marcia) Coons of Reed City; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Denise, Robert; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services was held Wednesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Dr. Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Kidney Dialysis and Transplant Center.

**DEHAAN** - Margaret Louise DeHaan, aged 74, of Lowell died Sunday, January 31, 1993. She was preceded in

death by her husband John. She is survived by her children, William (Dawn) Braman of Lansing, Helen (Michael) Grant of Kentwood; brother Donald (Violet) Chance of Ionia; five grandchildren, Natalie Thelen, Mitchell, Russell and Kyle Braman, Tami Froese; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1:00 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Terry E. Hoese officiating. Memorials may be made to the Kent County Humane Society.

**SHERMAN** - Nancy F. (Roesink) Sherman, aged 56, of Lowell passed away unex-

pectedly Tuesday night January 26, 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles R. Sherman, Sr. She is survived by her sons Theron E. (Dawn) of Wyandotte, Charles R. Jr. (Paula) of Lowell; daughters Julie F. (Steve) VanderTuin of Kentwood, Heather D. at home; mother, Joyce F. Roesink (Wilson) of Lowell; brother William E. (Jean) Roesink of Wilmington, NC; nine grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Service was held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. Richard Foerster officiating. Committal Service was Saturday at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek. Memorials may be made to The Moose Heart Fund.

## Kash for Kids program deposits practical experience into savings

Bushnell Elementary students began cashing in on the practical life experiences offered through the Kash for Kids Bank opened for students at the elementary level on Monday.

The Kash for Kids Bank will be run by the students as

a real bank. The bank includes teller stations and banking supplies.

The Kash for Kids Bank is part of the Lowell Public School's educational program which seeks to teach children the real world skills such as managing money and good

work habits. The school program has been coordinated by Bushnell Principal Dave Burdette.

It also opens up opportunities for the Lowell FMB Bank branch. "It enables FMB Bank to become closer to the community, and to be more in touch with it," FMB Corporation regional marketing manager, Jim Redilla said.

The skills the program offers students includes creativity, designing name and logo, filling out job applications, the process of interviewing for a job, job skills (balancing the drawer), and math skills.

The Kash for Kids Bank employed 20 students, of which four were selected as managers. "This provides the kids with a great experience and it gives them an understanding of what a bank is all about," Redilla said.

The marketing manager sees this as a permanent program. While the program is not rare, it is not common either. A similar program is used by the FMB State Savings Bank, Rockford office at the Belmont Schools.

The FMB State Savings Bank of Lowell will put \$1 in each of the students' accounts. The students will have an opportunity to make a transaction in their account twice each month. Students will earn the standard savings rate. In order to withdraw money from their account a student will need written permission from his/her parents.

The student employees will be under the supervision of parents and teachers.

"While this program is not a part of the school/business partnership, it is a nice addition," said Dick Korb, Lowell's Director of School and Community Services. "I think anytime a school can enhance the relationship between business and itself it should initiate as many of these opportunities as possible."

Korb commended Burdette, the students, the parents and FMB Bank for the development of the program.

Leaders in organizing the program were Ginny Gauger, Linda DesJarden, Sue Ford and Diane Thomas.

Local contractor Ivan Blough constructed the teller stations, and supplies were provided by FMB and Family Fare.



FMB State Savings Bank President, Jim Bosserd, helps cut the ribbon.

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## Service News

Pvt. Joseph D. Segar has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Marion M. Segar of Lowell.

The private is a 1992 graduate of Lowell High School.

## Students' awareness benefits from Vocational Technical Fair

It was a case where the diversity of programs offered to the general public was equal to the demand.

The Lowell Academic Boosters Club held a Career Vocational Technical Fair for high school students and their parents. "We wanted it to serve as a career awareness program for students and their

parents," Lowell Guidance Counselor Barb Pierce said.

There were approximately 200 students and parents who attended the Career Vocational Technical Fair. There were over 50 presenters with over 30 career vocations being represented.

Pierce said the Fair is just another way the Academic

Boosters Club can support its mission statement. The statement expresses the charge of the club, which is to encourage, recognize, and honor academic achievement and improvement for Lowell High School students.

The Fair gave students and parents an opportunity to talk to representatives in the dif-

ferent career areas about what type of classes should be taken in school and to provide background in the areas of interest.

Vocations represented were the Armed Forces, computer sales, veterinary medicine, engineering, agriculture, law, law enforcement, education, doctor, emergency medi-

cal technician, cosmetology, printing, optometry, pharmacy, nursing, dentistry, construction, commercial art, National Institute of Art, Technical Institute, Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport College, psychology/social work, skilled trades, environmental technology, manufacturing technology, land-

scape/greenhouse, diesel and equipment mechanics, business technology, apprenticeships, and architecture.

"The Boosters Club is very grateful to all of those who played a role in making this a successful event," Pierce said.

Pierce said she believed the club would sponsor a similar program next year.

## Lowell woman injured in Main St. crash



Mary Wolschlager, 57, of Lowell was injured in an accident Jan. 29 at Main Street and Valley Vista Drive when she failed to stop for the traffic light and struck a vehicle driven by Joyce Johnson, 44, also of Lowell.

## Foreman Road construction to begin this summer

With summer comes the inevitable road construction in Kent County, and Lowell Township will be no exception.

Construction will begin on Foreman Rd. from Alden Nash to Gee, an estimated 1.3 miles. The construction is based on a two-year plan, with Foreman ready for blacktopping at the end of this summer and being blacktopped in 1994.

Lowell Township budget includes \$40,000 in road construction each year, but the township over spent \$25,000 for construction of Bewell last year. This left the township with \$15,000 for 1993 plus an additional \$12,000 from Governor Engler's Build Michigan Plan. Engler's plan gives townships additional funds for the purpose of road construction.

The cost of construction on Foreman has not been determined at this time. Current cost estimates are two years old and must be re-calculated by the Kent County Road Commission before a total can be given to the township. Whatever the cost, Lowell will pay for 55 percent and the county pays 45 percent of

the total price. Any work done on Foreman will have to coincide with the construction of a sewer for the new school. Presently,

the township cannot say where the sewer will go, but it may be on the part of Foreman that will be worked on this summer.

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# Fire-fighting techniques change, but Towne's love for fire trucks remains

Al Towne has been the man about town aboard that red fire truck, just how he envisioned it as a child.

"I loved playing with the toy fire trucks as a kid," Towne concurs.

That fascination continued as a youth, as Al spent as much time as he could at the home of Ray Alexander, his neighbor. Alexander was a volunteer fireman. "If I was there when a call went out, Ray used to let me go along," Towne said.

That was 26 years ago, today, Towne reflects back on his days as a volunteer fireman and what it meant to him. He retired as a Lowell area volunteer fireman at the start of the year. According to Towne, it is standard operation procedures that a volunteer no longer fight fires after reaching the age of 55. Towne was 55 on Feb. 3.

"It was an opportunity to help people. It also provided me with a way to get involved in the community," Towne explained. "That made me feel good. The idea of helping someone was a great reward."

Towne got started as a volunteer in the spring of the year. "That's when you have many grass fires," he said.

The Lowell man said to this day when he hears the alarm sound his heart jumps up to his throat. "It's not from the excitement of going out on a call, but instead, it comes from the unknown, the unexpected of what you're going to see when you arrive on the scene," he says.

Towne says he always wondered how he would handle it. "I think once a volunteer is at the scene, things come naturally."

While it may come nat-

rally, there is still a task that puts butterflies in Towne's stomach. "It's when you're in a bedroom and have to reach underneath a bed, and you grab ahold of something that feels like a little kid, you pull it out and it's just a doll," he explains. That always gives Towne a huge feeling of relief.

The fire-fighting business has changed over the years. The techniques have changed. "They are different alright, but they save lives," Towne said.

The cost to fight fires has also changed. Towne states that fire trucks used to be \$7-\$8,000 and now they are \$100-\$110,000.

With Al stepping away as a volunteer fireman, it is only fitting that his son, Rusty, will continue the fight his father started. "Rusty's fondness of firefighters came on his own. However, he was around it quite a bit."

While he dreaded having to tell Lowell Area Fire Chief Frank Martin he was retiring



Al Towne

as a volunteer, the Lowell man said he won't miss going out in the below zero temperatures to fight a fire.

## Health, continued

develop on opposing skin surfaces of two toes. Persons who bite their fingernails and consequently have periungual warts, (warts around the fingernails), can develop lip warts.

If you have a wart, consult your doctor before applying any medication that you might purchase over the counter. There are no data that prove that these remedies are of any help in treating a wart. Do not pick at the wart or try to cut it off. Such attempts in wart removal at best do nothing; at worst, they result in scarring or infection. Your doctor might advise you to leave the wart alone for a period of time. If treatment is necessary, it may consist of cryotherapy in which the physician freezes the wart with liquid nitrogen. Surgical removal might be required for some warts.

- To prevent occurrence or recurrence of a wart:
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  - Avoid biting your nails or picking at your cuticles.
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8 (8)	WOTV	Grand Rapids
10 (7)	WXMI	G. Rapids
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13 (3)	WZZM	Grand Rapids
16	HBO	Premium
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**TUESDAY:** Chicken patty on a bun (or Rib-b-que pork - MS & HS), seasoned, buttered corn, homemade vegetable soup, peach crisp or canned fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Taco with meat, cheese and lettuce (or baked enchilada - MS & HS), cole slaw, cornbread with butter and syrup, assorted or fresh fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes or rice with gravy, steamed green beans, homemade dinner rolls with butter, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Red Arrow sub sandwiches, lettuce salad, baked beans, canned fruit, Valentine peanut butter treat, milk.

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MONDAY cont.

- abandon her John Ritter...
3:30 The College Basketball Kansas State at Missouri (L)
9:30 Dick Van Dyke

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Inside Daisy...
1:00 MOVIE: Rainbow Brite and the Star Stealer...
1:05 MOVIE: Manhunter

EVENING

- 6:00 Classic MTV
6:05 [Three's] Company (CC)
6:20 [MAX] MOVIE: Masters of Sex

- 11:00 [HBO] Confronting Evil...
12:00 [HBO] Confronting Evil...
12:05 [HBO] Confronting Evil...
12:30 [HBO] Confronting Evil...

EVENING

- 6:00 Classic MTV
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MORNING

- 5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Mahant
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Maid
7:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Let It Ride

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Thin Man
1:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Thin Man
1:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Thin Man

EVENING

- 6:00 Classic MTV
6:05 [Three's] Company (CC)
6:20 [MAX] MOVIE: Masters of Sex

WEDNESDAY cont.

- 2:00 Dreamtime
2:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...
3:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...

- 3:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...
4:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...
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9:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...

- 10:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...
10:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...
11:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Ewok...

TUESDAY

- 5:00 Sports LateNight
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Police Academy 5
6:30 [MAX] MOVIE: The Nutcracker Prince

MORNING

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE
WEDNESDAY
February 10
MORNING
5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Mahant

THURSDAY

- February 11
MORNING
5:00 [MAX] MOVIE: The Laughing Policeman
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Private Eye

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





# Promoters the apple of St. Mary's students eyes for a day

The Michigan Apple Promoters have been busy doing some "Apply in the Classroom" presentations in area schools this fall. Developing an awareness of agriculture,

shedding a positive light on agriculture and bringing about a better understanding of agriculture are the goals of the classroom teaching.

The girls began the project

last spring when they visited four area schools. The project evolved upon completion of the "Apple Educational Kit" and the "Michigan Apple Story" video, classroom teaching aids that were developed by the group of grower's wives.

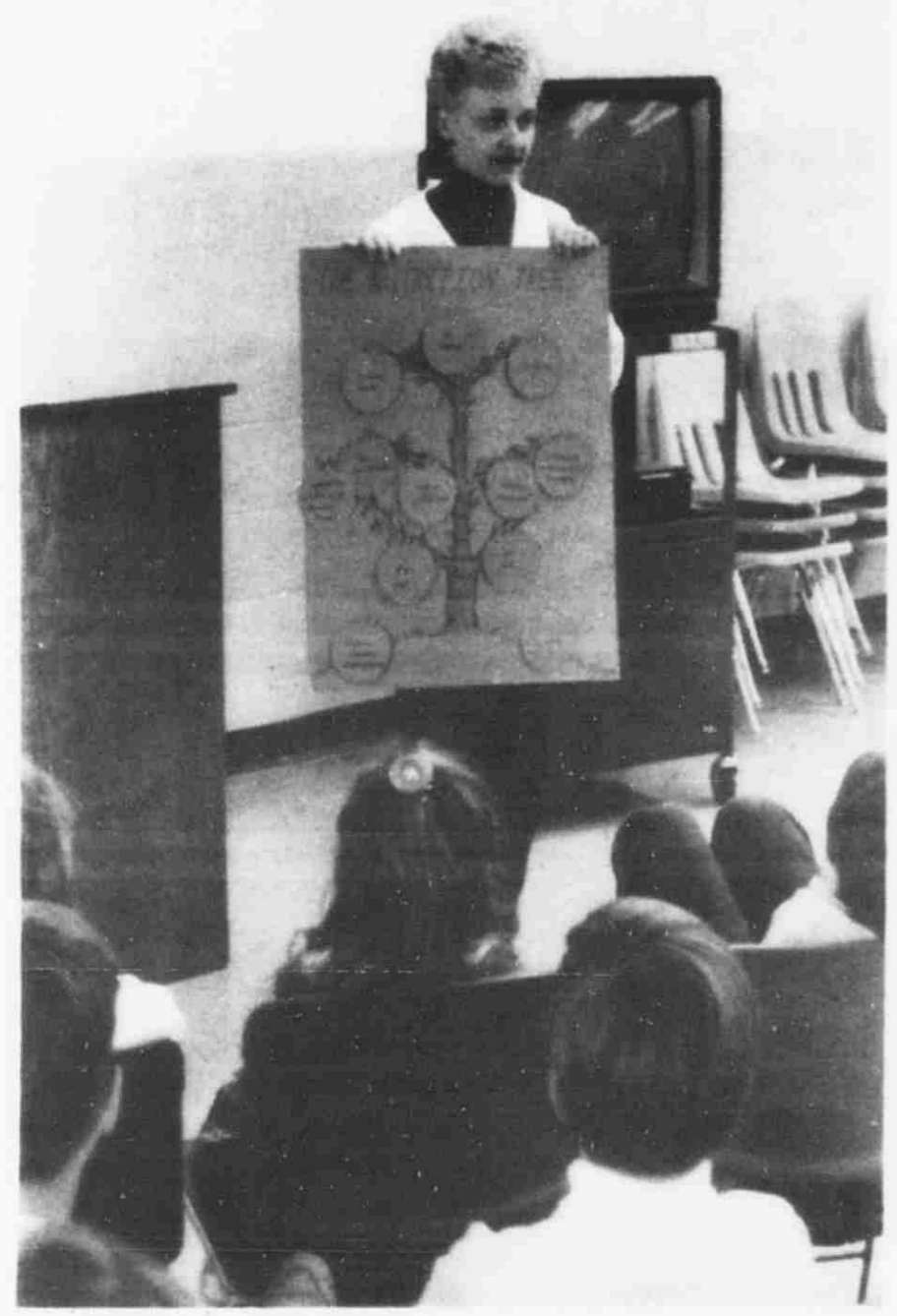
"Kids love apples, and it's fun to see how excited they get when they see 'Mrs. McIntosh' coming into their classroom," said Linda Wittenbach, organizer of the program. "We have some very talented girls in our group,

you should see them in front of a class!"

Lynn DeVos, Carmen Dietrich, Becky Hall, Kathy Hall, Leslie Heffron, Ellen Nyblad, Sally Rasch, Amy Umior and Linda Wittenbach volunteer their time to promote Michigan apples in a classroom setting. They go

into classes armed with visuals such as variety posters, an apple blossom made from styrofoam, pipe cleaners and felt, wooden apple trees with questions hanging on them and an apple and bee costume. They tell apple stories, act out the apple alphabet, and sing apple songs.

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St. Mary's students entertained by "Apple in Classroom" program.



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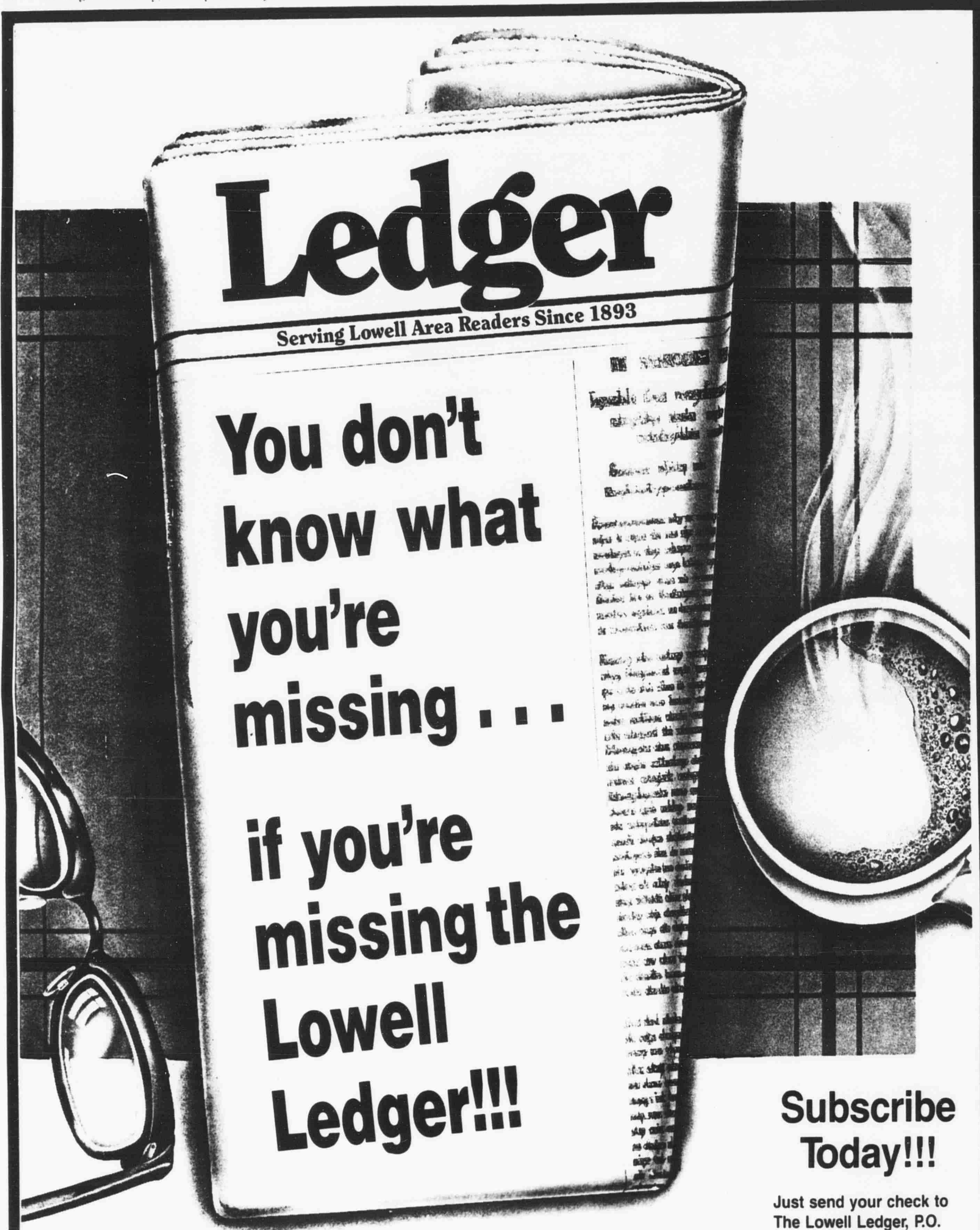
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## Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 1, 1893  
A clock has been invented that runs a year without winding.

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

It's refreshing to hear that the proprietors of Lowell want a beautification program for our city. It certainly would raise the economy of our city by bringing in tourists. But, are some of the merchants realizing there are two classes of residents being overlooked?

One, the elderly, the other the disabled. We have money to spend but, in many cases we are forced to shop in Grand Rapids or Ionia because many of our stores are inaccessible. (Title III 4.400) If our combined spending were only \$100 a day, that would equal \$36,500 a year we are spending elsewhere. Then with the festivities Lowell offers, i.e. Showboat, 4-H, Santa parade, etc., we would spend much more.

Many of us don't take vacations. We just stay home and spend. We too have friends and family to shop for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. That alone would at least triple what we would spend on ourselves. We are now up to \$109,560 a year we spend somewhere. Why not in our own hometown?

Because we can't get into the stores we would like to we look forward to the sidewalk sales. But, do the merchants know that Title III 4.2600 of the A.D.A. states that when a

business is open, yet inaccessible, by law they must service customers at the curb with products or services?

Can you imagine the frustration of being crippled with arthritis or in a wheelchair and wanting to buy a gift, not knowing what you want to buy, and a clerk has to bring all the merchandise outside to us in the rain or snow? Who would be more frustrated, the customer, or the clerk? What would the weather do to the merchandise? Who would man the store while the clerk is servicing a sidewalk customer that isn't sure what they want?

Also, how far must one travel from the handicap parking on crutches, canes or wheelchairs, in the icy weather we've had, to make a purchase? Many of the businesses have made sure the parking is as near the door as possible. These are the ones we patronize. Others don't seem to want our money through their own inconvenience.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We would appreciate any comments either for or against this matter. We can be reached at 897-8754.

Keith and Virginia Heydenburg.

## Apples, cont'd...

They cover topics such as the importance of farmers, Michigan apple facts, nutrition, varieties, how to store apples and how apples are used. The "Michigan Apple Story" video is shown that teaches how apples are grown followed by a quiz.

Each student is given an apple, a sticker and an "Apple Recipe Treats" handout. Teacher response has been very encouraging and we're having a great time doing it."

said Lynn DeVos, president of Michigan Apple Promoters. "We are very excited about the response we have received on our school kit and video. To date we have sold over 850 kits and 750 videos. It's been a great way for us to encourage school age children to eat Michigan apples."

They have invitations from 164 schools from all over the state of Michigan that would like growers to visit their schools to "talk apples."

Two cheers for democracy: one because it admits variety and two because it permits criticism.

-E.M. Forster

An Adrian businessman hopes to make his fortune making and selling lightweight wooden camp stools for the World's Fair.

A revolution in Hawaii (ruled by Queen Liliuokalani) will likely result in annexation by the U.S.

"Out on the ice! Isn't it nice/ To cut a figure eight;/ to twist your spine to a figure nine/ And land upon you pate."

Farmer's Institute will be at Train's Opera House next week, with entertainment as well as instruction in subjects ranging from Making Good Roads to Peach Growing to Equine Dentistry.

## 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 31, 1918

The state promises to pay at least half the cost of keeping trunk line roads open this winter. Five roads are proposed for immediate attention. Shortages of railroad cars due to the war have made the problem worse, with manufacturers attempting to ship by truck.

President Wilson proclaims two wheatless, one meatless and two porkless days a week. Victory bread contains 5 percent flour substitute now, and will be 20 percent by the end of the month. Shoppers may buy wheat flour only when they purchase an equal amount of other cereals. Every day is a fat and sugar saving day.

Prohibition goes into effect in Michigan May 1, and indications are good for a national ban on booze.

The Detroit Free Press calls for publicizing the execution of spies as a deterrent to would-be traitors.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 4, 1943

Issuance of ration book #2 depends on registering the number of cans of rationed food on hand in the household; any over five will have stamps deducted.

Bowling balls will be made of wood for the duration and pins, if any, will be inferior-grade maple.

The new nickels contain no nickel; fashions will be less colorful because dye materials are needed elsewhere. Pupils may buy bikes if they need them to get to school. Finally, watch out for anti-freezes containing calcium chloride; it will damage your engine.

Walter Galloway, 44, of Detroit is released on parole and is working in a Detroit tool and die plant. He was one of the holdup gang that robbed the Grand Rapids Savings Bank and killed Deputy Charles Knapp in Lowell during the getaway. He helped convict the others by his testimony (Vincent Henry was never caught).

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 8, 1968

Fred Roth, elected as treasurer of Vergennes Township in 1917, is honored for 50 years of public service.

City Council decides to switch North Hudson into a major thoroughfare with county help, and approves a lift station for the sewage system in the Sibley Valley Vista area where housing is expanding.

New home construction in 1967 more than doubled that of the year before.

## Council approves interest rate reduction

In one of the easier recommendations the Council has had to deal with, it approved the Lowell Light and Power Board's request to reduce the interest rate on the loan to Cable Television.

The request came from Lowell Light and Power Supervisor Paul Christman.

The Light and Power Board

approved a resolution recommending to the Council that the interest rate be further reduced from six percent to four percent retroactive to July 1, 1992.

With the Council's approval the Lowell Light and Power debt could be retired on November of the year 2001, compared to January, 2003 under the current plan.

Christman said the move will generate a savings of \$124,000 of interest in addition to benefits of early retirement.

On Oct. 19, 1987, the City Council approved a reduction in the Cable TV loan from Light and Power from eight to six percent. The action cut 22

years off the payoff schedule. The original loan was for 50 years.

On Feb. 4 of 1991 the Council approved a \$1.70 a month cable rate subscriber increase to help cut the debt retirement by six years (from 18 to 12).

## Posthumus unveils plan to expand public exposure of financial records

In light of recent revelations about the workings of the House Fiscal Agency, Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto) is leading the efforts to increase public exposure of financial records in the state Legislature. He has proposed writing into law provisions that would mandate biennial audits of the Senate and House budgets, combining the fiscal agencies under one roof and subjecting legislative financial records to the Freedom of Information Act.

"We've run a tight ship in the Senate. The Senate Fiscal Agency is an exemplary organization, and the numerous Auditor General audits demonstrate that," Posthumus said. "When I first became majority leader, I ordered an audit by the Auditor General's office of the Senate books which showed a clean financial bill of health. Since that time, I have never refused any media request to review Senate financial documents."

"But while the Senate's fiscal agency is free of controversy, I am stepping forward on this issue because I believe it is now a problem the entire Legislature must

deal with. Statutory changes require the involvement of both chambers."

The majority leader is in favor of amending the Freedom of Information Act to include legislative financial records in order to make the process more open.

"We want the public to know what is being done with their money," Posthumus said.

Posthumus has proposed a biennial audit in order to improve accountability and implement better oversight. The audits would be done alternately between the state Auditor General and another independent agency.

"In a biennial audit had been in place before, the HFA scandal would have been prevented," Posthumus said.

And by combining the state's two fiscal agencies, state taxpayers could save up to \$20 million over the next decade. Also, oversight would be more efficient. Posthumus said he would call on and consult with Senator Harry Gast and department directors in making these changes because they have proven their ability to govern Senate agencies with a high degree of efficiency and oversight.

## POSTHUMUS' PLAN TO GUARANTEE ACCOUNTABILITY

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• Amend the Freedom of Information Act to include legislative financial records.

• Biennial financial audits, alternating between state Auditor General and an independent firm.

• Combining the two fiscal agencies and other duplicative services to ensure better oversight. Working example: the Legislative Service Bureau.

• Upon being elected majority leader in 1990, Posthumus ordered an audit of the Senate books by the state Auditor General. The audit showed a clean financial bill of health.

• Since 1990, the Senate Fiscal Agency has been audited five times. The House Fiscal Agency has been audited once in the past 20 years.

• The five-member, bipartisan board which provides oversight to the SFA met five times since 1990. The three member HFA board has met no more than once since 1972.

• "The Senate Fiscal Agency only wrote 181 checks in 1992, all for travel advances or minor reimbursements. No questionable expenditures were discovered, and total checks written amounted to \$28,217." The Detroit News, Jan. 21



The tarantella, a popular Italian folk dance, gets its name from the city of Taranto. According to folklore, the people there danced the tarantella as a cure for the bite of the tarantula spider.



# Township mulls over its rate of growth

In 1990 Lowell Planning Commission members faced a question that many small cities face: How should the township grow and at what rate?

The commission began to review its current land use plan due to requests from developers and as required every five years. The plan was

to be a perspective of what the community is to be in 10 to 20 years.

Goals of the plan were to include the preservation of farmlands and rural character of the township. The plan also addressed industrial development. The main question facing the board on this issue was: Do we want industrial

development and where should it be located if so desired?

Development request initially came from Robert Grooters on behalf of I.T.M., Cascade Engineering, and Abraham and Son's indicating their interest in his proposed industrial development on Cascade Road.

To help with issues facing the board, Bob Toland, of Progressive Engineering, was called to assist the commission with its efforts.

Issues the commission looked into included: Industry in Lowell-Yes or no and where? Development of I-96 and M-21. Transportation plan for M-21 and finally a public opinion survey.

On Oct. 29, 1990 Toland talked to the board on industrial development property near I-96.

Toland stated that the land in question was prime agricultural property and this is a sufficient reason not to use it for industrial zoning. He went on to state that the commission must ask itself if industry is needed due to tax load and is it in the best interest of the community. He then advised that there should be rationale to change from the current plan and capacity to support the change.

"Planning should not be done to make a profit for any group," said Toland. "The township should not be overwhelmed with what a developer wants to do, it may not be what you will get."

A benefit analysis, environment impact study and a public survey were recommended to determine if industrial zoning may be an option for the township.

Benefits to the township could include an additional 500 jobs and initial tax revenue

estimated at \$361,335. The board was also assured that no toxic waste would be disposed of by such companies as I.T.M.

The public survey showed that citizens favored industrial growth as long as it was light industry, not heavy industry. Citizens went on to say that, if local taxes did not increase and cost of water and sewer lines were not absorbed by the township, they would be in favor of growth. The survey also showed that citizens believe agricultural land should be preserved.

Grooters office called the township hall on Nov. 26, 1990 withdrawing its request for re-zoning of the property on Cascade Rd. near the I-96 interchange. No reason was given by Grooters but the commission speculated that Grooters discovered one parcel was enrolled in P.A. 116 and public attitude was negative.

At this time Toland suggested to the commission that it needed to update the land use plan. The commission presented Toland with a list of questions that would help update the plan.

Questions needed to be answered were: 1) What is the standard ratio of industrial zoning of townships equal or closed to Lowell's size. 2) Cost benefits to the township for industrial zoning versus current zoning? 3) Using the four site analysis

maps used for the site on Cascade Rd. are there areas in Lowell Township that are suitable for industrial zoning?

On Jan. 28, 1991 Toland presented his findings to the commission. Progressive initially looked at an actual proposed site at I-96 and Alden Nash and then expanded from that point. Two sites were recommended at this time: a corridor along M-50 from south of the Grand River to the Alto area and corridor along M-21 extending both east and west of Lowell.

Local industrial needs were suggested to be anywhere from five to a maximum of 82 acres. When comparing Lowell to other townships of similar size, it's currently very close to the standard for industrial land development.

The recommendations from this study were based upon four factors that affect the overall land in Lowell Township: P.A. 116-prime farm land, wetlands, slope of land and prime farm land soil.

Due to continued development and further analysis Bob Toland presented a revised industrial component of the land use plan to commission members on Dec. 14, 1992. The revision recommended two areas for consideration for industrial development, the primary area being I-96/Alden Nash/ Cascade.

The commission then heard public opinion this past Monday on the current revisions.

## St. Patrick School has a slate full of "Catholic Schools" week activities

There are 135 students at St. Patrick Catholic School who are celebrating this week because their parents chose "Catholic Schools" - "The Good News Education."

The week of Feb. 1-8 has been declared Catholic Schools Week by the National Catholic Education Association.

The theme of "Choose Catholic Schools - The Good News Education" is being celebrated at St. Patrick School with week-long activities.

On Wednesday (Feb. 3), students grades kindergarten through eighth-grade will share their appreciation for Catholic schools with the greater Grand Rapids area by distributing buttons commemorating the week and by publishing information about the catholic schools in local newspapers. St. Patrick students will be allowed to wear green/white clothing and/or

school logo clothing.

St. Patrick Principal, Roberta Bonner said the week is organized by the National Catholic Education Association. "The week helps to give students a keener appreciation of the quality education they receive," Bonner said.

On Thursday, students will honor parents, parishioners, and other area people who have volunteered their time and talent to assist in the operation of St. Patrick School. Thank you notes will be written to those who have given special assistance to the school. Students will also be allowed to wear jeans.

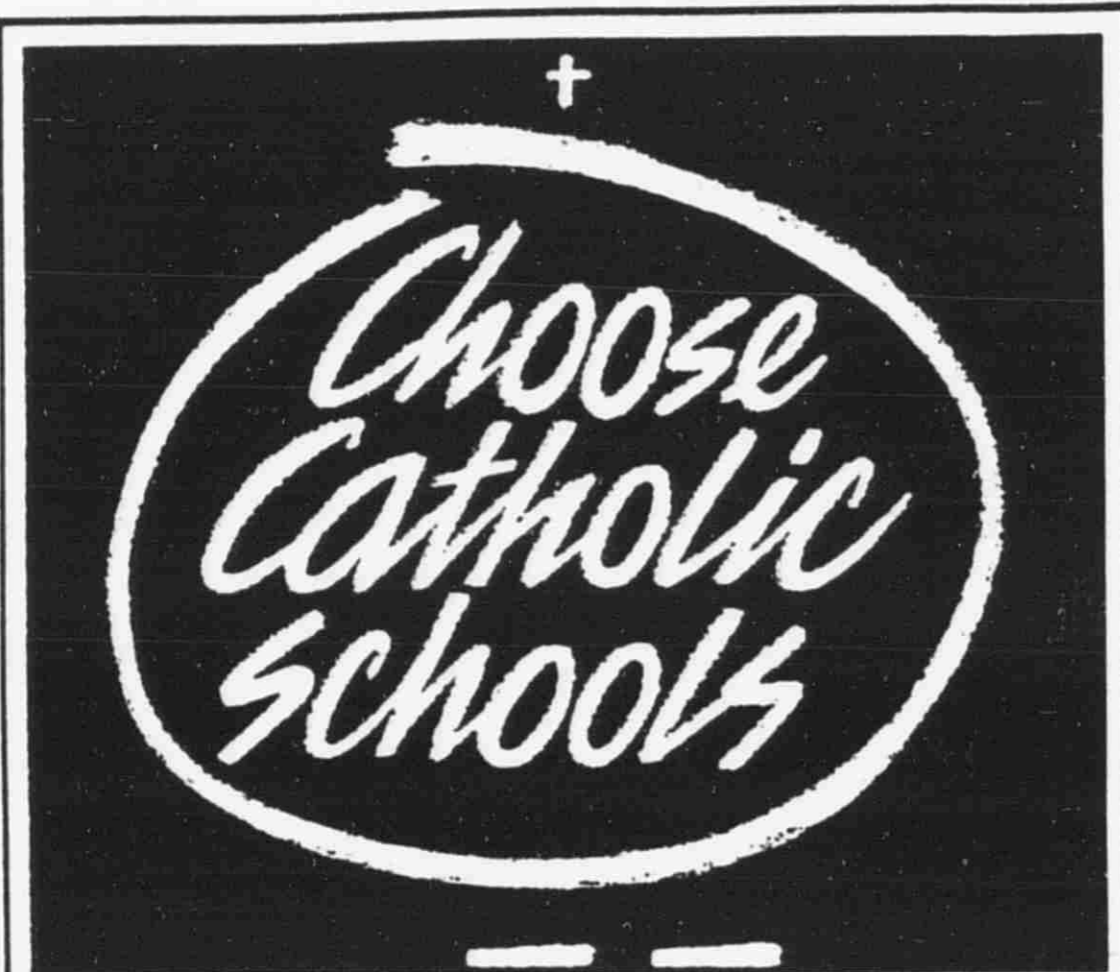
On Friday, St. Patrick School will honor a special St. Patrick graduate, who will be presented with a certificate of recognition from the National Catholic Education Association. The honoree selected had to be a St. Patrick graduate, representative of the ide-

als of the Catholic school, and must have had successes as a result of Catholic education. An open house will follow.

On Monday the students shared the fellowship of students from St. Joseph and Belding Catholic Schools. Bonner said students participated in a number of special activities.

Tuesday, students were visited by parents and grandparents. Tuesday afternoon, eighth-grade students were allowed to fill teacher and administrative positions in the school.

"I hope the week also gives students a sense of the Catholic community and the group of people they share a value system with and that from this their beliefs are reinforced," Bonner said.



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