

Age Is Just A State Of Mind

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It seems as though working with teenagers keeps this week's Man of the Week, Lewis Flom, "young" and active.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Lewis graduated from St. Olaf College, Minn., and earned his masters degree at the University of Minnesota.

For about 20 years, he was engaged in school work. He taught math and science for 3 years, was a principal for 9 years and a superintendent for 8 years.

Flom met and married his wife, Sally who was teaching at a school in Aledo, Ill., where Flom was principal.

Thirty years ago, Flom and his wife moved to Lansing because of his job with General American Transportation Corp.

The Flom's have two married children, Patricia and Edward, and three grandchildren.

Active in a number of organizations, Flom had his first Boy Scout Pack in 1920. Since then he has worked at the district and council levels and received the Silver Beaver of Scouting for outstanding work.

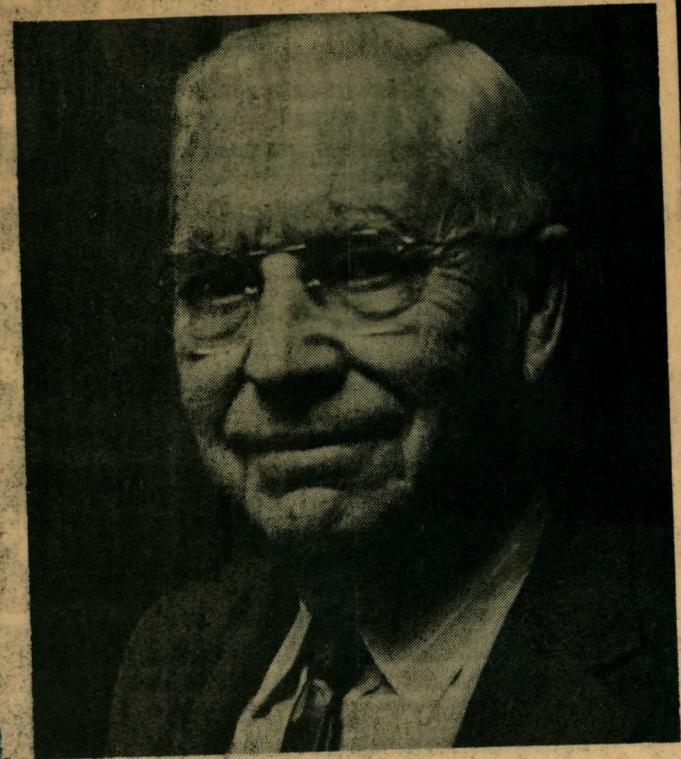
As a member of the American Legion, Flom was Chairman of the Boys State Committee since 1947.

Flom has donated much time to a number of charity drives over the years also.

Serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and a Sunday school teacher, he is an active member of the Methodist Church.

Flom was also on the original board for the Lansing Special School of Education.

Flom's most notable accomplishment is that he has been



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member of the Library Board for 22 years and president for 20.

He recalls when the library used to be in the old pump house, now known as Fire Station No. 2.

"We built this building in 1957 and thought it would be good for at least 25 years, but with the population growing and about half of that population belonging to the library, we're overcrowded already," Flom said.

Being retired for the past 10 years has kept Flom busy. He said, "Now I have the time to do all day what I used to crowd into the evenings."

Flom has always especially enjoyed working with young people, although he admits they are quite different than children of 40 years ago.

"They seem to know more today than we did at that age, Of course, they have more problems which are only complicated by their environment."

Living in Lansing since 1941, Flom can remember when it was mostly open fields.

"Behind our house is an open field where we used to pick asparagus," he recalls.

When they find time, the Flom's enjoy traveling. They just recently returned from Europe.

Keeping Flom young over the last 70-odd years might be his philosophy of life he says, "I do what I enjoy doing so my work is never a drudgery." Words to live by, no?