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## A renovated WOW Hall strikes a new chord

**W**OW Hall. The staid old building has walls thick with a 45-year-old memory. Absorbed resonances of gavel-silenced union meetings and heel-clicking Saturday night polkas linger like ghosts, filling the immense void with a certain undefinable character.

It is this character, this tenuous substance clinging to every maple floor board and plastered pillar, that keeps the Hall going. From Woodsmen of the World meeting place to New Globe Repertory Theatre to Community Center for the Performing Arts, the Hall has survived as a community focal point. But it hasn't always been focused and it hasn't always been smooth sailing. Please turn to Page 4B for the story.