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Fire Thursday Morning Destroys Seven Lowell Retail Stores

An estimated \$100,000 in damages resulted when a raging fire swept through seven buildings on Main Street in Lowell Thursday morning. The fire started in Mel's Bar (formerly Neubecker's Tavern) and was believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace. The bar and six other stores were completely destroyed—the Showboat Inn, Wepman's Clothing store, two barbershops and two empty stores. The Cascade department was called and had some trouble when their pumper froze up, but it was soon thawed out and was ready for use again. The blaze began shortly before seven o'clock and when the Cascade engine left Lowell at 11:00, the fire was still smoldering. The Ada truck returned home at 9:00. The few families which were living in upstairs apartments were safely evacuated and apparently no one was injured.

Fred Beckett and Carl Smith, who had been standing on the corner of Main and Lafayette, saw the light coming from the back of the stores (located on Flat river) and hurried around to the back, where they saw flames shooting up the side of the tavern. Mr. Smith ran down the alley in back of the A & P market to the fire department. Before he could get there, Mrs. Glenn Bassett, wife of the man who operates the Showboat Inn, had seen the blaze and turned in the alarm. The Bassetts lived in the apartment above their place of business.

Besides the Cascade and Ada departments, two Lowell trucks, Ionia, Saranac, Grattan and the Kent County engines were summoned.

Firemen gave special attention to Avery's Jewelry store and to the Levee (A Lowell restaurant) which were located on either side of the burning structures. The side of Avery's is brick and the Levee is covered with tin sheeting which protected them to some extent. The merchandise from Avery's was removed from the store and taken to a place across the street. Neither Avery's nor the Levee was damaged seriously.

Because of the extremely high insurance rate on these buildings, it is believed that most of them did not have adequate protection. Some did not have any insurance at all. It appears that it would be difficult to rebuild because of the location of stores right on the river.

Electricity and telephone wires were disconnected because of the danger involved if any of them caught fire.

Lowell had the biggest crowd since Showboat with an estimated 5,000 townspeople and those from the surrounding territory. Radio and television stations and newspapers from all over the area sent reporters and cameramen to cover the story. This was undoubtedly the biggest fire since the burning of the King Milling Company in 1943.

Some people were milling around in their heavy overcoats and galoshes which they had tossed on over pajamas and many were taking pictures. The most frequently heard comment was, "I always knew it would happen sometime," referring, of course, to the fact the buildings were old, dilapidated and "nothing but a big fire hazard."

MOTHERS' CLUB BOARD MEETING TUESDAY

The monthly board meeting of the Cascade Mothers' Club will meet in Mr. Rood's office on Tuesday, January 7th, at 9:30 a. m.

Ada PTA to Present School Board Panel

School Board members will make up the program of the Ada P. T. A. meeting Tuesday, January 14th at 8:00 p. m. at the Ada School.

A panel discussion with questions from the floor and a question box will enable members to learn more about their school board's functions and the progress of the new Forest Hills High School.

Members of the board are John Adrianse, William Idema, Thomas Ray, Dale Charters and John Baines.

Hostesses for the evening will be room mothers from the 6th grade, Mrs. Franklin Hoover and Mrs. Donald DeVos.

Curtis Dykhuizen Shot by Pellet Gun

Curtis Dykhuizen, aged 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dykhuizen, 2751 Thornapple River dr., was accidentally shot Sunday with a pellet gun while playing in the basement of his home.

Curt is in Blodgett hospital and was on the operating table two hours while six holes in his intestines were repaired. He is doing as well as can be expected at this time.

Accidents Mar Christmas Holiday

Richard Thomet, 23, skidded at the corner of Vergennes Road and Hunt Street Saturday morning, December 28th about 8 a. m. and struck a utility pole. His car was damaged to an estimated \$150, but he was not injured.

Another accident occurred when a car hit a tree and fence post about one-fourth mile west of Parnell road on M21 about 2:30 a. m. Monday. Driver of the auto, Hubert Duthler of Cascade, was not injured and no other people were involved. About \$400 damage was done.

Several other miscellaneous accidents happened over the Christmas holidays, but no major injuries resulted.

Now it's up to everyone—drivers and pedestrians alike—to keep the toll down. Don't start out the New Year in the hospital!

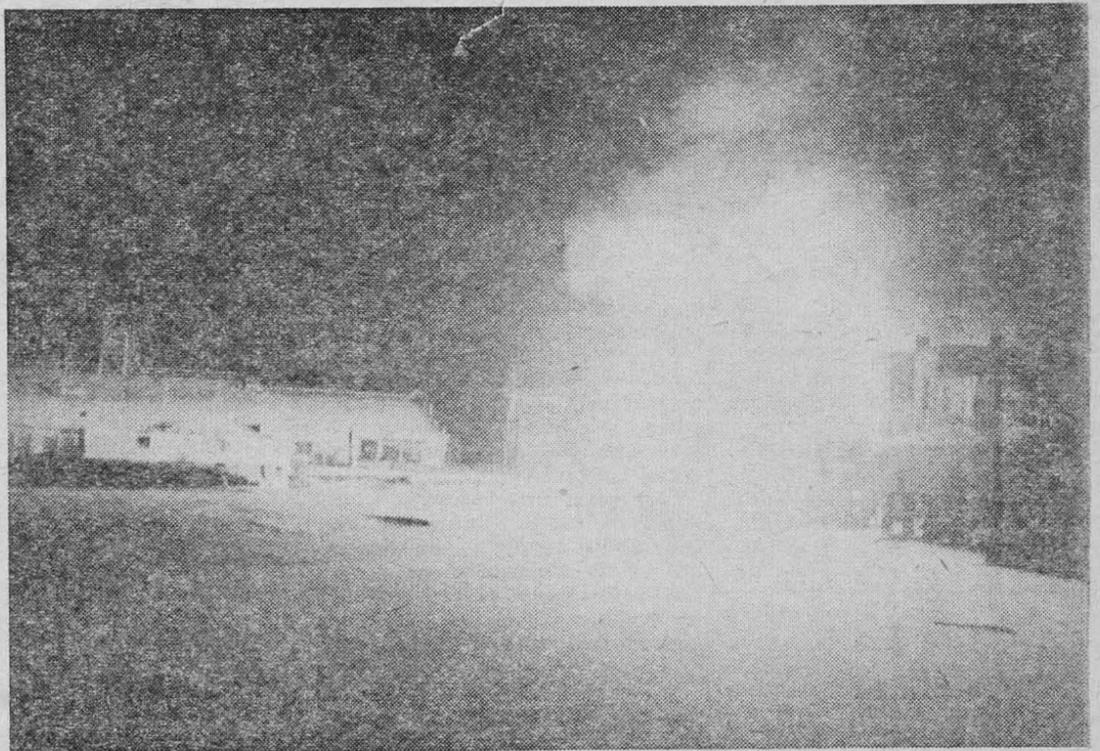
C.Y.F. HAS NEW YEARS PARTY

The C. Y. F. of the Cascade Christian Church held a New Year's Night party at the home of Judy, John and Jim Fletcher, 2510 Thornapple River Drive on January 1st.

Cascade and Ada Fire Departments Help Save Lowell Stores



Cascade Fire Department played an important part Thursday morning in helping to save Lowell stores in a \$100,000 fire which burned out seven buildings before it was brought under control. Shown above are firemen pouring water on the Wepman Clothing building where the fire was brought to a halt. A brick wall saved the Avery building on the left from destruction by the flames.



Here is a view of the fire which swept through seven Lowell business places early Thursday morning. This picture, taken at 7 a. m., shows the big start the fire had before the departments arrived. On the left are the Showboat seats lighted by the flames. Nearly a half block of business places were destroyed.

Guest Ministers To Speak at Cascade

The guest minister at the Cascade Christian Church on Sunday January 5th, will be Rev. J. Frank Green, former minister of the Cascade Christian church, who makes his home in Pierson, Michigan.

The guest minister at the Cascade Christian Reformed church on Sunday, January 5th, will be Rev. Dick Oostenink of Muskegon.

BOB GASKELLS SPEND CHRISTMAS IN DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gaskell, Ada dr., S. E., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gaskell, in Detroit.

Linda Gaskell Wins Train at Reilly's

Miss Linda Gaskell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gaskell, Ada dr., was the lucky winner of the 34-piece American Flyer freight train set, given away Christmas eve at Reilly's drug store.

East Paris Grange To Make Plans for Year

The East Paris Grange will meet on Friday evening, January 10th, at 8:30 p. m. There will be a business meeting at which time the plans for the coming year will be formulated.

Refreshments will be served after the business meeting.

'Call Me Mother' To Be Book Report

The Cascade Mothers' Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 9th, at 1:00 p. m. in the Cascade school. There will be nursery care provided.

The program is to be a book review of "Call Me Mother" given by Mrs. Leroy Walcott of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Walcott is well known for her reviewing of books, and it is a delight to hear her. The Burdell Group will be furnishing the refreshments.

Don't miss Louis P. Lehman, Jan. 11, Lowell City Hall, 7:45 c41

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New Telephone Almanacs Appeal to All Ages

Twelve instances of how man's curiosity and imagination helped make the world we know today are shown pictorially in the Telephone Almanac for 1958 available in all business offices of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Puzzle fans will find a challenge in the full page rebus, this year an intriguing riddle with an answer in twelve verses of poetry.

An important event is acknowledged for each day of the year in the 1958 calendar pages.



Cascade Christian Church

Sunday School — 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship — 11:00 A. M.
Pastor: Rev. Herbert Barnard

Ada Community Reformed Church

Morning Worship... 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School... 11:20 A. M.
Evening Worship... 7:30 P. M.
Pastor—Rev. C. A. VanderWoude

First Congregational Church of Ada

Morning Worship... 9:30 A. M. and 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School... 9:30 A. M.
Pastor—Dr. Ralph J. White
Nursery Provided at Both Services
Pilgrim Fellowship... 6:30 P. M.

Cascade Christian Ref. Church

Morning Worship — 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School — 11:15 A. M.
Evening Worship — 7:15 P. M.
Pastor — Rev. Jacob P. Boonstra

Ada Christian Reformed Church

Morning Worship 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School... 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship... 7:00 P. M.
Pastor—Rev. A. J. Verburg

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9:45 a. m. Morning Worship
11 a. m. Sunday School
Youth Meeting 5:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7 p. m.
Pastor—O. M. Smith

"Planets for 1958" is the head of a page devoted to astrological information provided by Hugh S. Rice, Ph.D., research consultant, American Museum—Hayden Planetarium of New York.

Sunrise and sunset tables are included, as is a record of eclipses due in 1958.

This is the 36th consecutive annual printing of the Almanac.

Christian Men's Group To Meet January 8th

The Christian Men's Fellowship of the Cascade Christian church will meet on Wednesday evening, January 8th, at 8:00 p. m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a program and refreshments.

DENISON GUILD MEETS

The Denison Guild of the Cascade Christian church will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7th, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Marvin, 6860 Cascade rd., S. E., for dessert at 1:00 p. m.

Business meeting and missionary lesson will follow.

Advise Caution to Prevent Year End Accidents on Roads

"End the old year safely and begin the new one the same way."

This was the plea of Commissioner Joseph A. Childs as State Police prepared for the annual New Year's traffic tussle.

Additional patrols have been scheduled for maximum coverage during the 36-hour period from noon Tuesday, December 24, to midnight, Wednesday, January 1. Troopers will work 10 hour shifts and be assisted by 50 National Guardsmen. Another 50 Guardsmen will work with sheriffs' departments.

State Police detectives will perform desk duty to relieve troopers so that they may take out more patrols. The detectives' unmarked cars also will be used for day patrol duty.

Last year nine persons were killed in traffic during the 30-hour period from 6 p. m. December 24 to midnight January 1. This is the period officially tallied for the New Year's toll when the holiday does not fall on a week end.

"December is a deadly month and New Year's can be one of our worst periods," Childs said. "We urge everyone to observe every safety precaution whether walking or driving. Those who celebrate too well should not drive."

"Unfortunately, there will be a few now alive who won't greet the new year and there will be some who die on the day 1958 is ushered in. But we can hold the toll to a minimum if we use our heads and drive or walk as we know we should. Make death wait in '58."

Ada News

HEAR FROM CHILDREN VIA TELEPHONE ON CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Fitch were happy on Christmas Day to enjoy a visit with their son-in-law, Chief Warrant Officer, F. S. Tworek, and Charlotte Tworek and their four small daughters, at Norfolk, Virginia, via long-distance telephone. To hear of their various holiday activities, the gifts "Santa" had brought to the family and best of all to learn that all was well with them.

They also enjoyed a second holiday visit via telephone from Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California, with M-Sgt. B. F. Burris, and Minivera Burris and their two sons, and Mrs. J. J. Weber, the latter Mrs. Fitch's oldest sister. They were surprised to hear of the holiday events and also that a large bed of Callalilies were in full bloom in December.

Observe 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris observed their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday very quietly with the immediate family in the afternoon and a few friends calling in the evening.

MSU To Help Provide Bus Driver Education

Providing greater protection for Michigan parents' most precious possessions—their children—is the goal of the Michigan School Bus Driver Education Program.

Michigan State University, along with four other state colleges and universities, is providing on-the-job training for new and old drivers to better train and equip them with the safest methods of transporting children on school buses.

The need for such a program can be seen by considering a few important facts and figures regarding the state school bus program:

The more than 5,300 school buses in the state travel more than 45,000,000 miles each year.

School buses transport more than 385,000 school children each day. Since 1946, vehicle registrations have doubled, total mileage by all vehicles has doubled, and the number of school buses in operation has nearly tripled.

In spite of the greater number of buses and cars on the road and the increasing number of youngsters of school age, fatalities have remained relatively constant—fluctuating up and down slightly from the 1948 total of three. The Michigan School Bus Driver Education Program has had much to do with this excellent safety record.

The initial bus driver program was launched during the 1949-50 school year at the request of the Michigan Department of Public Instruction. Participating institutions were M. S. U. and Central Michigan College, Northern Michigan College, Western Michigan University and Eastern Michigan College later joined the program.

The programs are 12-hour, county-wide courses, conducted in cooperation with the various county superintendents' offices. Classes are held at local school bus garages.

Course instruction includes first aid, safe driving practices, the Michigan Vehicle Code, emergency procedures and the role of the school bus driver in the total education program. Training aids, films, discussions and practical demonstrations are utilized for classroom instruction.

Merton J. Turck, of the M. S. U. College of Education, is one of the instructors in the program. Last year, he traveled a total of 32,000 miles, offering instruction to 845 drivers from 195 schools in 21 counties. The five schools, together, presented classes to more than 3,000 drivers from 72 counties.

Lynn M. Bartlett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, sanctions the program and recommends that "all schools and bus drivers participate in this program." "The five institutions have designed these courses to give Michigan children the best, the safest and the most economical transportation," Mr. Bartlett adds.

Church Board Meeting At Fellowship Hall

The monthly board meeting of the Cascade Christian church will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at 8:00 p. m.

There will be a church council meeting following the regular board meeting.

Sputniks Seen Beneficial By MSU Specialist

Some "benefit" for America from the launching of Sputniks I and II is seen by an expert on the Soviet Union, Dr. Alfred G. Meyer of Michigan State University.

"The thought that the country we have always considered backward might be beating our American scientists is a healthy shock," said the M. S. U. political scientist.

"The shock," he added, "is awakening in American policy makers more respect for learning and the sciences. The Soviet educational system is geared to bringing out the latent talent in all the population and we have known for some time that the Russians have been producing more and better engineers than we are."

The higher the grade average in Russia, the more scholarship money the student gets, Dr. Meyer stated.

The M. S. U. political scientist has made an extensive study of the Soviet Union and is author of the books "Leninism" and "Marxism" published by the Harvard University Press.

Of the Russian political situation and the recent downgrading of Defense Minister Zhukov, Dr. Meyer said: "The question of who is going to run the Soviet Union is relatively unimportant. Soviet policies depend far less on who makes them than on the groups he may represent, the problems faced by such groups and Soviet society as a whole."

The struggle for power in Russia, Dr. Meyer opines, is also a struggle against power. And with scant information, self-styled "experts" on Russia have done too much irresponsible speculation, he added.

Saturday is the most dangerous day of the week for motorists, according to the National Safety Council. Safest day? Tuesday.

Traffic Safety Films Available For School Use

Selected educational films on traffic safety for the use of the new County Driver Safety Schools being established in Michigan are offered by Michigan State University's Highway Traffic Safety Center and the Audio Visual Center.

One of the many available films points out to the adult motorist that the attitude of the driver is the major factor in causing accidents. This film, "The Case of Officer Hallibrand," is a dramatic presentation of five types of violators and their behavior in breaking safety practices.

Safety practices for starting, stopping and driving on ice are depicted in the film, "Don't Skid Yourself."

These films are especially recommended as teaching aids in the new County Driver Schools because of their treatment of specific driving problems and driver attitudes with which these schools are concerned. They are also suitable for other types of public education programs in traffic safety.

The recommended films for driver schools are part of the extensive film collection of the Highway Traffic Safety Center and covers all phases of traffic safety for children and adults. Films are 16 mm. sound and range in running time from a few minutes to half an hour. Many are in color.

A small rental fee to pay for handling charges is made. Films may be requested through the Highway Traffic Safety Center or ordered directly from the Audio Visual Center at Michigan State University. A catalogue is available upon request.

If you get a half or quarter of a large turkey, roast it in about the same way as you would a whole one. The meat is thick so it will take almost as long to cook.

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Frank Lules is recovering nicely at his home. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Wilson and Phillip and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bridgman spent Christmas with the Carl Wilsons.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens of Dutton spent Sunday evening at the Mary Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Densmore of Grand Rapids visited at the J. Cox home, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cox and Fred spent Christmas Eve at the Robert Cox home in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Mary Wilson and Mrs. J. Cox visited Mrs. James Stevens, Monday afternoon, of Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bridgman of East Lowell visited their

daughter, Mary Wilson and son, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George VanderStolp of Grand Rapids called at the Frank Lules' home, Sunday.

Mrs. Maud Wilson and sons, Ted and Millard of Saranac visited Mrs. Mary Wilson and son, Phillip, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox and family of Grand Rapids visited their parents the Coxes, Sunday afternoon.

Using commercial mixes for baked goods saves time in the kitchen. Buying the separate ingredients and doing your own baking usually saves money. You have to decide whether your time or money is more important in your family plan.

Women—21.7 million of them—make up almost one-third of the U. S. working force. Of the total, 35 per cent are in clerical, 23 per cent in service and 18 per cent in skilled categories of employment.

If you think politics easy, try sitting on a fence while keeping one ear to the ground.

Read Suburban Life Ads!

Honey Creek News
Mrs. Leona Hunt

FARM BUREAU

Farm Bureau held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson.

A short program was held and a report was given by Alice Anderson on the Women's Committee. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Letson on Grand River Drive.

Other News

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morris spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Hunt.

Mrs. Ethel Vanderwey spent a few hours at home Christmas day, then returned to St. Mary's. She is improving slowly, we all hope she is soon home to stay.

Sandy Hammer spent Christmas at home, then went to Detroit to spend the remaining vacation days before returning to college.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dennison held an egg-nog party at their home Sunday afternoon. Practically the entire district turned out.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knoop have had their son and wife home for the holidays. S-Sgt. Jacob Knoop is from Washington D. C.

If you sew on velvet or velveteen be sure the pile runs in the same direction in all pieces. With pile running up, the material has a deep, rich looking color. If the pile runs down, the color looks lighter.

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Five Generations Celebrate Christmas



Five generations were among the family gathering at the Robert Taylor home on Christmas day. Seated, left to right, are: Mrs. Olive Ritter, great-great grandmother of the baby, Alfred, who is sitting on the lap of his great-grandmother, Mrs. Robert Taylor. Standing are the baby's father, Larry Faulkner and grandfather, Laverne Faulkner. All reside in Ada. Five generations have been in this family for the last three years. There are five other great-great-grandchildren who are not pictured.

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- Dick's Super Mkt (at the bridge)
- Gilmore's Sporting Goods (on M21)
- Colby's Coffee Shop (on M21)
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- Ed. Bennett, Irving Alexander, Lou Paap



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Ada Bridge is Big Story of 1957

Now that the New Year is here at last, it might be interesting to go back over last year and recall some of the important events that took place during 1957.

The big news story of the year was the building of the new Ada Bridge and the fate of the old one. The construction was well under way during the last couple months of 1956 but the builders worked at top speed during 1957. The bridge made rapid progress and opened a full six weeks ahead of schedule!

In January the fate of the old bridge was not certain. Several groups requested that it be saved and repaired for local use. Later, 84 citizens signed a letter asking that it be abandoned. But finally it was announced that it would be repaired by the State and the county would take over after that.

The history of the two covered

bridges in Kent County were compiled; Darwin Nellist wrote about the Ada Covered Bridge and he and Martin DeRuiter made an account of the one at Fallasburg Park.

School Confusion

Mass confusion occurred in the Forest Hills area when Collins school was not completed by September because of a hold-up in the building materials. The students were placed in neighboring schools and about 1,400 had to be transported by bus to their destinations. Some families had children in two or three different schools and bus drivers were calling off the stops like train conductors. One driver started out with 25 pupils and at the end of the line still had 15 left. So then he had a merry time retracing his

route until he had everyone off at the proper place.

But the school was finally finished and then construction was being pushed on the new Forest Hills High School. This is to have 16 rooms and a gym, which is to be completed during the next three years.

Exchange Students

Joan Bishop, of Cascade, was chosen to be Lowell High School's exchange student aboard this summer. She spent the summer with a family in Remscheid, Germany. Jens Yde from Denmark, arrived at the Lester Norwood home in Ada in August. He is a senior in Lowell High for this year.

Backs GOP

Although the Democrats won the majority of the state offices in the April 1st elections, the Republicans carried most of the Ada-Cascade area and they also elected local officers although most of them were unopposed.

Weekly Happenings

Of course, there were weddings, births, deaths and many other similar events occurring every week. The first major fire during 1957 was the Donald Denison place causing about \$3,000 in damages. A Cascade girl, Ruth Ann Richards was killed in the first big accident of the year when the car she was riding in was struck by a train. Three Cascade mothers were tragically killed when they pulled out of a driveway in front of a truck.

Many people could be found in their cellars during the spring tornado warnings, but fortunately no great damage was done in this area.

The Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs kept the kids busy. They had camping trips, participated in ceremonies and did their good deeds while their parents were helping in PTA and other community projects.

Churches, too made news. Cascade Christian Church finished

their Christian Education Building in March. This included new classrooms, a fellowship hall and offices. Eastmont Reformed Church began using their building in March although it wasn't formally dedicated until October.

Look to the Future

That was 1957. Now we look forward to the future of our community. In the next few years, the new super highway, US16 will go through the area bringing more business and more people. Suburban Life will endeavor to keep you informed on each happening every week.

In the meantime, however, the staff of Suburban Life would like to express their appreciation to all readers, advertisers and correspondents. May you all enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Health Director Gives Suggestions To Baby Sitters

Baby sitting has become a definite part of our culture. This time of year, there will be a greater demand than usual for baby sitters, Dr. W. B. Prothro, City-County Health Director said today.

Some sitters have themselves become involved in tragic circumstances through their sitting jobs. This makes it imperative that the sitters parents know the situation that the young person will be in as well as that the employer should know basic facts about her.

Here are some of the most important things that baby sitters must do:

1. Before the parents leave, know where they can be reached and when they expect to return.
2. Get from them a list of emergency telephone numbers which include the fire department, police, a doctor, close relative and reliable neighbors.
3. If there is no phone in the home, ask for specific instructions to follow in case of an emergency.
4. Know the following: where first aid supplies are located, how to lock outside doors, (and never open them unless you are absolutely sure that it is all right to do so).
5. Know what to do if the child wakes and cries.
6. Toys small enough to swallow should be kept away from the baby and toddler.
7. In case the child is choking, turn him upside down immediately and slap him on the back. Call the Fire Department first aid squad, then call the parents.
8. Should the child be hurt seriously, call the doctor. If you cannot reach him or get a positive response, call the police and ask for an ambulance. Then call the parents. **Never try treating anything but a very minor injury yourself.**

For parents employing baby sitters, these few tips:

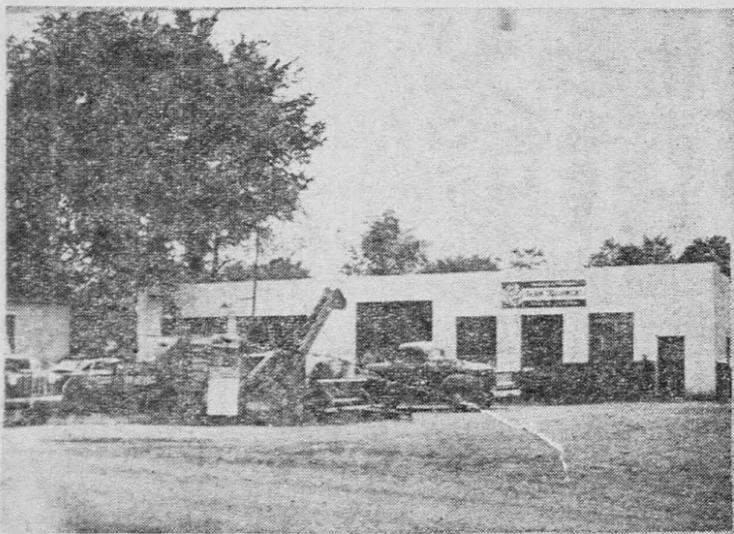
1. Know the sitter you are employing. Is he or she a good moral character, reliable, capable of handling emergencies.
2. Never hurry away without giving the sitter the information which she may need.
3. Introduce your child to the sitter. If the child has been put to bed before the sitter arrives, tell the child in advance what to expect.
4. Limit the sitter to one friend of the same sex.
5. See that your sitter gets home safely. Telephone her if you are unavoidably detained.

If you are the parent of a sitter:

1. Do not let a young sitter accept employment where parents are irresponsible or careless about the lateness of the hour they return. Demand that your teenager be brought home by an adult if she is to be out after dark.
2. Teach your child the rules of safety and fundamentals of child care.
3. Make sure she knows how to get in touch with the local police and—or fire department if necessary.

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Disease Flare Ups Health Dept. Problem

Immunizations and vaccinations are capable of holding communicable diseases in check but they aren't capable of eliminating them completely, according to Dr. F. S. Leeder, head of communicable disease control for the Michigan Department of Health.

"Disease flareups such as the current diphtheria outbreak in Detroit should remind all of us of two vital facts about immunity," Dr. Leeder said. "They are:

"First, the general availability of vaccines and the high level of immunity in Michigan will not protect us personally unless each of us is vaccinated.

"Second, once we become vaccinated we must restore and reinforce our immunity with periodic booster shots. For continuous protection against diphtheria, boosters should be administered every five years."

Dr. Leeder explained that persons who have little or no immunity against diphtheria are jeopardizing their health and lives because diphtheria can always be brought into Michigan from other states.

In Michigan, Dr. Leeder said, the people most vulnerable to diphtheria are those between the ages of 18 and 35. Persons under 18 usually are still protected by immunizations received in childhood. Persons over 35 probably acquired lifelong immunity by being exposed to the disease during the high incidence era before diphtheria was brought under control in the early 1920's.

"In case you have any doubts about your protection," Dr. Leeder suggested, "see your physician to have your immunity checked and brought up to date if necessary."

"And while you're in his office," he continued, "you can also receive a tetanus booster if you haven't had a tetanus shot in the last five years. The two boosters can be given to you in just one injection. And in the other arm you can receive a polio shot if you need one."

Through December 10, a total of 41 cases of diphtheria had been reported this year to the Michigan Department of Health, including 35 in Detroit, two in Lenawee county, one in Genesee county, and two in St. Clair county. During the same period of 1956,

Horn Blowing On New Year's Eve— Old Indian Custom

Up-to-date as it may seem, noise-making—including blowing horns and beating drums—was an old American Indian custom for celebrating New Year's Day.

So it's stated in Andrew J. Blackbird's "History of the Ottawa and Chippewa" in the possession of the University of Michigan Historical Collections.

Blackbird, who writes about the life of his people in their settlement near Little Traverse Bay in 1830's, was the son of an Ottawa chief and had been educated by French missionary priests.

He writes: "My people used to observe many holidays, particularly Christmas, New Year's Eve and Corpus Christi. On New Year's Eve every one of the Indians used to go around visiting the principal men of the tribe, shooting their guns close to their doors, after screaming three times, 'Happy New Year's bang, bang, together, blowing their tin horns and beating their drums."

"Early on New Year's morning, they would go around among their neighbors expressly to shake hands with one another, with the words of salutation, 'Bozhoo' (closest the Indians could come to the French 'Bonjour'), children and all. This practice was kept up for a long time, or until the white people came and intermingles with the tribe.

"I thought my people were very happy in those days, when they were all by themselves and possessed a wide spread of land and no one to quarrel with them as to where they should make their gardens or take timber or make sugar.

"And fish of all kinds were so plentiful in the harbor. A hook anywhere in the bay at any time of the year would take Mackinaw trout, as many as one would want. And if a net were set anywhere in the harbor, in the morning it would be loaded with fish of all kinds. Every big council of the Indians was transacted in the village of Little Traverse."

population each year without damaging the next year's production.

In actual practice, hunters don't come close to harvesting two-thirds of the crop, but it has been accomplished experimentally without hurting rabbit populations.

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Rabbits Are Michigan's Most Popular Small Game Animal

Although he is around throughout the year—in abundant numbers—the cottontail rabbit doesn't really achieve prominence until the winter months.

When the snow is on the ground and other hunting seasons past, rabbits receive the attention that has made them Michigan's most popular small game animal.

At least 300,000 hunters take to woods and fields each year, seeking the sport and good eating provided by the bouncing cottontail.

Hunters are well rewarded for their efforts, too, and bagged some 1,487,000 rabbits last season.

The reason for the rabbit's popularity are many. Rabbits are available to almost everybody; they are found close to towns; you don't need expensive equipment to hunt them; they are a tasty dish; and hunting seasons are long—extending through March 1 throughout the state.

Southern Michigan contains the main cottontail range, the bunnies also are found in the northern lower peninsula and even in the upper peninsula.

In the northern parts of the state, however, most hunting pressure is directed at snowshoe hares. About 283,000 of these broad-footed hares were bagged by Michigan hunters last season.

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COMING EVENT

The True Light Baptist church choir will present a program at the Eastmont Reformed church on Friday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Warren DeYoung Forest Hill Rd., are the parents of a son, James Marshall, born in Butterworth hospital on December 14th.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Arthur Reed, 4767 East Burton, returned Saturday from Blodgett hospital, where he had X-rays and was under observation.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Ormond, Lakeview, Michigan, visited Mrs. Ormond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed.

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Office Work Affected Less By Automation

Automation may have less effect on office workers than on the rest of industry, predicts a researcher at Michigan State University's Labor and Industrial Relations Center.

Dr. Jack Stieber, associate director of the M. S. U. Center, said that automation effects on the office worker would be less "because of high turnover, labor shortages, a large proportion of women and a prevalent management policy of no layoffs." His remarks were contained in an article in the current issue of Personnel magazine.

However, he believes that the "long-run employment outlook for white collar workers is more doubtful" and "the ability of white collar occupations to continue to absorb an increasing proportion of the total labor force, as they have in the past, cannot be taken for granted."

Dr. Stieber's tentative conclusions are based on research under-insurance at the M. S. U. Center and also on other studies conducted in insurance firms and a public utility company, all of which had installed electronic computers in their offices.

"The effects of office automation on skill requirements and upgrading of jobs and workers probably have been exaggerated," the M. S. U. researcher pointed out.

"There should be some rise in the occupational level of office work generally, but most workers will continue to do much the same work as before or work requiring about the same skills as their previous jobs."

Dr. Stieber predicted that such jobs as are created in offices by automation "can be filled by the upgrading or transfer of existing personnel."

Sign of the Times—In a cocktail lounge: "Please Don't Stand Up While the Room is in Motion."

Scouts Attend GV Order of Arrow

Members of the Order of the Arrow from all over the Grand Valley Council met at Camp Lion Monday evening, December 20th for their annual Winter Banquet. There was a fellowship meeting at 6:00 p. m. with the banquet at 6:30 p. m.

The speaker of the evening was Pat Scanlon, from the Federal Communications Commission, who spoke on "Tracing Radio Interference".

Those members attending from Cascade Troop 334 were Scoutmaster Milton Heaven, Donald Heaven, Douglas Stiles, James Atherton and Kenneth Gackler. Herbert Wilcox and Spencer Wilcox from the Martin School Troop also attended.

William Luthers Have Visitors From Nebraska

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson of Waverly Nebraska, with their two children, Sharon and Victor, were visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Luther, Clifford st., S. E., during Christmas week. They left for home on December 29th.

WSCS TO HAVE SUPPER JANUARY 8

The January WSCS Supper will be held in the WSCS hall on Wednesday, January 8th, with serving beginning at 6:00 p. m. sharp. The hostesses will be Mrs. John Blanding and Mrs. Leon Thompson.

ADA PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS JAN. 7TH

The Ada P. T. A. Executive board will meet Tuesday, January 7, at 7 o'clock at the Ada school. The officers and the chairmen of the committees will attend. The chairmen will give reports on what their committees have been doing.

The first Tuesday of each month has been set for the regular meeting date of this board.

Township Board Rules Outlined In MSU Manual

"The Michigan Township Board," a handy pocket-sized manual just published at Michigan State University, should prove to be of value to citizens interested and involved in local government.

The manual details township board powers, duties, modes of procedure and parliamentary rules in an easy-to-read outline for ready reference.

The manual does more than just examine existing legal dispositions. It reflects an examination of how actual legal rules are being applied in Michigan. It combines the law, traditions and day-to-day practices of the boards.

Prepared under sponsorship of M. S. U.'s Governmental Research Bureau, the manual was written by James and Marilyn Blawie, a husband and wife team formerly on the university staff.

D. Hale Brake, president of the Michigan Institute of Local Government, and William D. Dennison, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors, participated in the project. Many township board members were interviewed.

"Township offices generally are not full-time jobs," Mr. Brake pointed out, "so people holding them normally do not have time for extended research and reading. The most useful function of this manual will be to provide a simple and direct statement as to what boards can and cannot do in reference to definite problems, such as cemeteries, parks and fire service."

Copies may be purchased for one dollar from the governmental Research Bureau, Morrill Hall, M. S. U., East Lansing, Michigan.

A man spends his days pondering how to reconcile his net income with his gross habits.

Former Rotarian is Teen of the Week



Alfred Weigele, who was Junior Rotarian during November, is pictured here enjoying the latest issue of The Rotarian, Rotary Club's monthly magazine. Al, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Weigele of Alto, is among the eight boys who were chosen by the school faculty to attend Rotary meetings for a period of four weeks each during the coming year. High school students will agree that Al certainly is an outstanding Teen of the Week.

In addition to the honor of being a Junior Rotarian, Al, who is a senior this year, is the treasurer of his class, and has been a very active member throughout all his high school years.

He has been on the track team for three years and will be on it again next spring. In his freshman and sophomore years, Al was a member of the F. F. A. Club and in his junior year, he was in the Click Club, on the Junior Play committee and on the program committee for the Junior-Senior Prom. This fall Al was a member of the cast of the Senior Play.

Al is also very talented in music. Last year he provided after-dinner entertainment for the Junior-Senior Prom by playing several accordion selections. He also entertained at the high school Christmas Party December 20.

Besides playing the accordion, Al likes to read in his spare time, that is, if he can't go swimming!

After he graduates, Al plans on attending Michigan State University, and although he hasn't definitely decided on his career, he is considering the field of public service.

Martha Mary Wittenbach, L. H. S. Reporter

TRYOUTS FOR TALENT NIGHT TO BE AT CASCADE SCHOOL

Tryouts for the Talent Night Show will be held Saturday afternoon, January 4, at 3:30 p. m. at the Cascade School for students in the Forest Hills district. Lyle Dykhuizen is in charge of the tryouts. All students in the first through the eighth grades are eligible to compete.

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