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coming events

The Thornapple Community Theatre members will meet at Forest Hill's High School at 8 p. m. on Monday, December 11.

The Snow Farm Bureau will have their annual Christmas potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bradley on Sheffield Drive in Cascade on Friday, December 8, at 7 p. m.

The annual Christmas potluck given by the Honey Creek

Team of St. Robert's Guild will be held in the church basement on Thursday, December 7, at 7 p. m. with a social hour beginning at 6:30 p. m. A demonstration of Christmas decorations will be featured. All the ladies of the parish are cordially invited.

The Lowell VFW Post 8303 will hold a business meeting on Tuesday evening, December 5, in their post rooms. All members are urged to attend.

School notes

Thursday, November 30, the Wrestling team will oppose Rockford at home at 7 p. m.

Friday, December 1, Basketball Forest Hills' Rangers vs. Kentwood, there; varsity at 8 p. m. Junior Varsity at 6:30 p. m. and freshmen at 4 p. m.

The Home Economics Department held a style show, Monday evening, in the multi-purpose building. All the styles were created by the girls in this department.

Many parents planning holiday vacations have been calling the office for the vacation schedule—it is as follows:

Beginning December 22 thru January 1, inclusive, will be the Christmas vacation period.

School will resume on January 2, 1968.

December 1 is the end of the second marking period for the students in the Forest Hills system.

Hospital notes

Wesley Shusta is once again a patient at Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

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Register, vote, meet, and visit in Cascade's new Township offices

The new Cascade Township Offices are now open for viewing and conducting business although workmen will be putting on final touches for some time.

This exciting move for the officers of the township takes the functions out of homes and private offices to be united under one roof at last.

Probably the most important fact to the taxpayers of Cascade Township regarding this building is that it was paid for entirely out of the monies collected from the sale of Cook Cemetery. At the time of that sale, the funds were deposited and the resulting interest was enough to pay for Board Room equipment and the varied colored visitors' chairs scattered throughout the three special offices and in the general office.

As a further savings, these chairs were purchased from the Herman Miller Co. of Zeeland for less than the normal cost as they happen to be rejects... although it is difficult to determine the reason.

The Lower Level of the building will now become a voting station for Precinct number 2 so that those persons who formerly voted in the fire station are advised to go to the new Township Hall. The regular Township Board meetings on the first Monday of every month will also be held on the Lower Level.

This too will be the place wherein the township records will be stored. There are a great many that have accumulated over the years that must be retained in good condition and as the township grows, so grow the files.



Cascade Township officers Heemstra, Baker, Patterson



Supervisor Baker in new office

register

On the Upper Level residents will find a place to register to vote, may contact the cemetery supervisor, and the electric and building inspectors. Water and sewer problems may be discussed and all other information that will make the township function effectively.

A special note here: this room with the large counter for conducting general business is being paneled through the generous gift of the Township Supervisor Gerrit Baker. The budget did not cover the finishing of these walls so in order to make the building more complete, he decided to present the township with the peccan paneling.

fire bay

This fire bay was built with the millage voted to the township by the citizens. It is between the fire station facing on Cascade Road and the new Township offices with the exit for the new fire truck on Orange Street. The truck is on order and will be available in a year.

The landscaping will be completed in the Spring around these additions. Within the fire station new heating equipment, insulation and ceilings are being installed.

offices

The three offices leading from the general office are for the use of Supervisor Baker; Clerk Al Heemstra, and Treasurer Lee Patterson. These offices have wood paneling, acoustical ceilings, mixed green carpeting, large desks and credenzas and the visitors' chairs. In time it is hoped that bookcases may be built in each office for reference material and records.

Originally the plumbing for the restrooms was only to be roughed-in, and completed later, but through astute savings it was possible to go ahead with this project. There is an outside exit on the north side of the building from each floor leading to the parking lot, which will be blacktopped in the spring.

The building is 52' x 28'8"

horse race

There is a legend passed on by long-dead early settlers, that every Township Board meeting was prefaced by a horse race from the schoolhouse to the town hall.

So far nothing of this sort has been planned although it would certainly make a colorful open house activity. Perhaps today it would be necessary to utilize an arrival in a helicopter instead.

old hall

The first question the officers seem to receive from interested citizens as they begin their functions in the new township offices is: "What will happen to the old Township Hall?" Heemstra remarked, "Never fear, no one intends to harm that precious treasure of our past. In fact, it was just last year that \$900 was spent to restore it in order to preserve it."

It will still be used by all of the organizations that have been utilizing its space regularly over the years. Voters in Precinct No. 1 will continue to vote there, the River Associations will continue to hold meetings there as well as the American Legion Auxiliary.

Every Spring young boys line up to register within its halls for that grand old game, Little League Baseball. One of the favorites of the Fourth of July celebrations in Cascade has been the local artist's show and the doors will be open for this event again.

Justice Court is always held in that building on Saturday mornings and public hearings for the Planning and Water Commissions have been held there. Now, however, these two can meet at the same time,

Theatre group named; contest for playwrights

A name has finally been chosen by the earnest group of these people who have been trying to form a community summer theatre for this area. They will call themselves "The Thornapple Community Theatre."

This big step was taken at the last meeting held in the Forest Hills High School on Monday, November 20. In addition, there was much discussion on the matter of site.

The problem of where the fledgling theatre group will put on their productions is the biggest question to be solved by the group, and Gerrit Lamain, who was the focal point around which the group was formed, says that it is the one which must be solved at the next meeting.

At that time also, a formal organization consisting of a Board of Directors and officers will be elected.

This all important meeting will be held again at the Forest Hills High School in the multi-purpose building. Time is set for 8 p. m. on Monday, December 11. Anyone interested in joining should be there at that time.

writer's attention

If you are a playwright, or would like to be, and interested in entering the 12th annual contest sponsored by the Community Theatre Association of Michigan, it is currently being held.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage the writing of plays and to promote the work of talented new writers.

The contest rules, in brief, call for one-act plays which must be original and unpublished. Playing time should not exceed 45 minutes.

All entries must be submitted by February 15, 1968.

Complete rules for the contest, and answers for any questions you might have, can be obtained from Mrs. Fred Golden, 6795 Rickett Road, Brighton, Michigan, 48116.

plays wanted

The guiding lights of the new Edwin Booth Experimental Theatre now holding forth in the barn at Bellline Turkey Farm are also interested in using plays written by local playwrights.

Mostly they are interested in contemporary plays, experimental in form or content, but will be glad to talk with anyone about anything.

There you are, writers—opportunities! Now get into the garret and starve.

Superstitions pie

Several writers say that mince pie originated in Germany, and others say that it's beginning is lost in the annals of history.

It was however, an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

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