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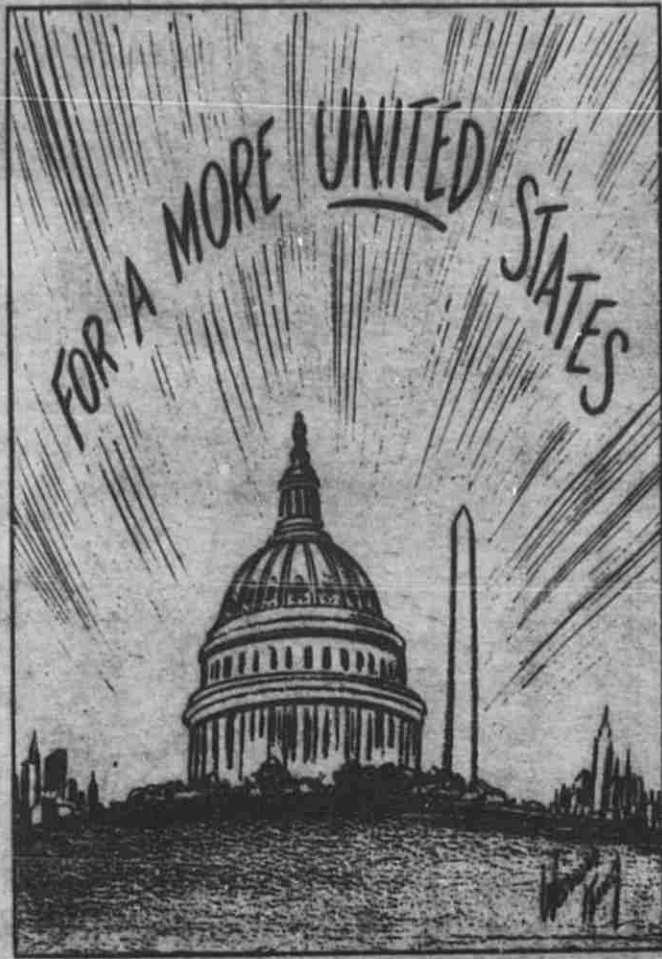
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## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



### Set Snow Removal Cost at \$10-Million

Ten million dollars seems like a lot to spend to get rid of something that will eventually go away by itself. But when that something is snow and ice on state highways, it is a sound investment.

The State Highway Department spent just under \$10 million for winter maintenance on 2,207 miles of state highways in 1967-68 and has budgeted \$10.1 million for this winter. This is about average, although the cost has ranged in recent years from \$8 million during a mild season to \$13.5 million in the severe winter of 1966-67.

To justify the expense, one has only to consider the jolt to the state's economy if winter's snow and ice were not removed.

For example, the combined payroll at Lansing's Oldsmobile and Fisher Body plants in 1967 was about \$490,000 a day. Retail sales in the greater Lansing area during the same year averaged \$1.7 million a day.

At these rates, stoppage of traffic in the Lansing area would cost at least \$2.1 million a day. In five days, the loss

in the Lansing area alone would be greater than the cost of winter maintenance on state highways throughout Michigan.

A complete paralysis of the highways in a given area is unlikely. The blizzard of late January, 1967, was a supreme test, but highway crews, working round the clock, were equal to the task.

From the Upper Peninsula—where natives joke about nine months of winter and three months of poor sledding—to southern Michigan, highway crews are ready to go at the first sign of snow and ice.

Plows and sanders are gassed and tuned, salt is stockpiled, and road patrols, making their rounds in wee hours of the morning, are ready to rouse workers at the first sign of trouble.

Michigan has long been recognized nationally for its progressive winter maintenance program, now approaching its 51st year.

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## School Woes Dominated Area News in 1968

BY FRAN SMITH

Continuing fiscal problems in the Lowell district... record turnouts for two elections... and the death of the area's most prominent citizens.

These were the major news stories of 1968 in the area serviced by the Ledger-Suburban Life.

There were other stories that found their way into headlines, many of them reflecting the changing moods and patterns of life in a community swinging slowly, but surely, from rural to suburban.

The most readily recognizable sounds of progress were the steady tattoo of hammer on nail and the whine of bulldozers as new buildings and homes sprung up almost overnight and new roads, sewers and utilities were installed to service growing needs.

No story occupied as much attention throughout the year than that of the financially-plagued Lowell School District.

Twice during the year, the board of education sought additional operating millage and each time was rebuffed by voters.

The first special election for 3.3 mills on August 26 appeared to have won by a single vote, but a recount was called. The official canvass resulted in a 457-457 tie and "no vote."

On November 25, a record turnout of 2,171... 60.7 percent of the district's registered electorate... turned out to again reject a proposal calling for a 7-mill levy for operating by a 113-vote margin.

Twice during the year, the board authorized borrowing money to head off "payless paydays" after the district wound up fiscal 1967-68 with an accrued deficit of \$114,000.

As the old year ended, a special citizens advisory committee was circulating petitions in a bid to secure 1,500 signatures to present to the board in an attempt to bring about a new millage election in early spring.

Forest Hills District voters were called upon, in March, to approve a 13-mill operating levy for two years. The millage was approved by just 52 votes. In September, the fast-growing school system announced an all-time record budget of \$2,144,137.

Every precinct in eastern Kent County reported record turnouts on November 5 for the general election. While the presidential race, with third party candidate George Wallace challenging Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, was the focal point, there was considerable interest in two local offices.

These were the newly-established positions of District Court judge and district supervisor, created by legislative bills passed during the previous year.

Joseph B. White, a native of East Grand Rapids, was elected to serve as judge for the 63rd District Second Division and Gerrit Baker, long-time Cascade Township official, became the new Third District Supervisor on the 21-member Kent County board.

Both offices became effective January 1.

The community and state was shocked on November 12 when Carlton H. Runciman, Sr., 79, died from self-inflicted gun wounds. A businessman in Lowell for 52 years, Runciman had been an outstanding figure in community affairs.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Lowell" or "Runci," he was a co-founder of the famed Lowell Showboat and had served as captain and interlocutor of the summer extravaganza for 25 years.

Messages of grief poured in from points throughout the nation and more than 250 persons attended the largest funeral in the history of Lowell.

Showboat '69 was both an artistic and financial hit with record crowds on hand for the six nights as Dinah Shore, the Dukes of Dixieland and other performers added more fame and prestige to the annual event.

Five later trips 'round Cattail Bend were uneventful for the Robert E. Lee after the boat's smokestack sheared off overhead power lines on the opening night run down the Flat River.

These were the major stories of 1968. Others that held the attention of area residents during the year are found in this month-by-month capsule review:

#### JANUARY

Post offices reported a rush for 1c stamps as first class rates went up from 5c to 6c. The Lowell department ran out of the new six-centers, had to have more flown in from Chicago.

A landmark in Ada, once a blacksmith shop and later a market place, was levelled to make way for renovation of the Ada Village Hardware.

Paul Kerekes, a rural car- (Continued on page 12)





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## Obituaries

ETTIE L. FASE

Ettie L. Fase, aged 77, of Ada, passed away Sunday, December 22, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; five sons, Leonard of Ada, Henry, Jr. of Saranac, Donald of Grand Rapids, Milford of Lowell and Arlie of New Mexico; four daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Beatrice) Kuiper of Lowell, Mrs. Sam (Viola) Pellerito and Miss Winifred Fase of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Burleigh (Ardith) Schroeder of Ada; one sister, Mrs. Emmett (Blanche) Needham of Lowell; 24 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 24, at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell with the Rev. Eugene Kuiper officiating.

Interment in Cascade Cemetery.

GEORGE W. REGAN

George W. Regan, aged 49, of 4234 Cascade Road SE, passed away Sunday morning December 22, at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids following a brief illness.

Mr. Regan, a member of Wealthy Street Baptist Church was an expeditor for Steelcase, Inc. in Grand Rapids.

He is survived by his wife, Zella, three sons, George C. of Traverse City, Ronald J. and Robert W. of Grand Rapids, four grandchildren, his mother, Mrs. John Regan of Detroit, one brother, John Regan of Fullerton, California, and two sisters Mrs. Albert Shont of Detroit and Mrs. Ray Hoag of Alto.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel with Dr. David Otis Fuller officiating.

Interment in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

SISTER MARY CONSILIUM

Sister Mary Consilium Doolley, RSM, aged 85, passed away Sunday evening, December 22, at St. Gertrude's Convent in Grand Rapids.

Sister Consilium, a Mercy nun for over 50 years, taught at St. Patrick's High School in Parnell for a number of years.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Mrs. Agnes Taffee of Hastings and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday morning in the Mount Mercy Chapel.

Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

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## Changes Many in Churches

After sorting through a busy year of routine church activities, it became evident that changes in church personnel easily rated the number one spot.

Beginning with Rev. Robert Otto's decision in March to leave the Ada Community Reformed Church and accept a call in Arizona, other area pastors left in close order.

Rev. Charles Davis of the Lowell Congregational Church is now in New Hampshire and Pastor Henry Buikem of Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Lowell in Belding. Rev. Keith McIver of the Lowell Baptist Church resigned as did Rev. Russell Spray of the Lowell Nazarene Church.

Newly appointed to their parishes were Rev. James E. Leitzman at the Lowell Nazarene Church, Mr. Gary Foster at the Alto Bible Church, Rev. Hartwell Gosney, assistant at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell and Rev. Robert Whitehead of the First Evangelical Free Church of Grand Rapids.

Two ordinations were celebrated during the year. Gordon Svoboda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Svoboda of 2135 Negamee SE, was ordained on Sunday, August 4th, in special services at the First Congregational Church in Ada.

A first was celebrated at the 104-year-old Cascade Christian Church when on June 16th a local man was ordained to the ministry. He is Terry Van Heyningen who is now pastor of a church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Three area clergymen celebrated important anniversaries during the year. Father Benedict Marcellonis of St. Mary's Church in Lowell and Father Edmund Farrell of St. Patrick's Church in Parnell both noted their 25th year in the priesthood.

Rev. Raymond Gaylord of the Cascade Christian Church was surprised by his parishioners with a party and presents on his tenth anniversary as pastor of the church.

During the year 1968, the Alto Bible Church celebrated its 100th anniversary, the present church building having been dedicated in September of 1868.

A dedication service for a new church was held on April 21st at the Ada Township Hall. The site of the new Thornwood Baptist Church, Buttrick Avenue and Thornapple River Dr. in Ada has been chosen by the new congregation. Until building can be completed, services are being held in the Ada Township Hall.

On May 19th, Bishop Dwight E. Loder came to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell for a formal dedication of their new steeple, cross and pews and later in the spring, at the annual ox-roast and homecoming, an addition to Vergennes Methodist Church was inspected by members.

An expanding membership forced the addition of a new wing to the Eastmont Baptist Church. It was opened for use in October.

In all, 1968 has been a year of growth and satisfaction to the pastors and parishioners of the various churches of the area.

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New construction... and plans for still more... highlighted the world of business in the area during 1968.

Several major projects were initiated during the year, there were reports of continued growth in sales, production and employment in local companies and new home building

reached all-time highs in practically every community.

Foremost was foremost... and Root-Lowell close behind... in the matter of dollar expenditure for new facilities. The Foremost Insurance Company launched work on its new \$1.4-million office building in Cascade Township in late May while Root-Lowell Corporation of Lowell broke ground on a new plant, that with equipment, will cost an estimated \$1,000,000.

Both projects were nearing completion at year's end.

New apartments sprung up in Lowell's Valley Vista development and in the Cascade Village project while subdivisions with exotic names like Hidden Hills and Adacraft Commons came into existence to

serve the growing needs of the area.

A new supermarket was started in Lowell with the opening of Fonger's Super Save and the new D & W Supermarket in Cascade East joined a growing family of business places on 28th Street in Cascade.

New additions to the growing complex at Ada Shoppers Square included Ada Floral and Gift Shop and Ada Wash King. Just up the street, a complete remodeling gave the Ada Village Hardware a new look and Ada Plumbing and Heating started construction of its new quarters.

Newell Manufacturing in Lowell became part of Wolverine Industries in a straight stock transaction.

was named as a director for State Savings Bank following the death of C. H. Runciman, Sr., who had served on the board since the bank's reorganization in 1934.

In January, the bank declared a dividend of 25c per share and holdings of \$9,100,331. By year's end, holdings were near \$10-million.

A new professional building was erected on 28th Street in Cascade and plans for a similar structure for Lowell reportedly were in the preliminary stage in December.

School construction slowed down slightly as classroom space started to catch up with enrollments but by year's end the demand for further educational facilities was becoming apparent.

house also were announced.

Major street and sewer projects were formulated for the city of Lowell and plans for renovating the city's ancient office building had reached the architect's drawing board.

Most observers felt that 1968 marked the year that eastern Kent County... long overlooked in development of the metropolitan Grand Rapids area... finally started to come of age.

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The Lowell Chamber of Commerce continued its active role in community life, outlining plans for creation of an industrial development complex and sponsoring various civic projects, including awards to the businessmen for interior and exterior improvements and for improvement through relocation within the city. The chamber also elected Larry Wittenbach as president.

Ford Motor Company gave recognition to Royce Ford, its agency in Lowell, by honoring the company with its "Gold Shovel Award."

Banks and banking also were prominent in news for 1968.

A new branch drive-in for the State Savings Bank was started in Lowell and Union Bank opened its newest branch at Cascade Road and Forest Hills Avenue.

Harold Englehardt was elected chairman of the board and Everett (Steve) Wittenbach

A new middle school was proposed for Lowell to house grades five through eight and to replace the 59-year building now housing the junior high. Forest Hills school officials were contemplating a new high school building as enrollment leaped eight percent.

The new Ada Elementary School was opened in Forest Hills in early September and additions to other schools were completed.

Cascade Township's new administrative building was opened and additions to the fire halls at Cascade and Ada were finished. Plans for a new municipal water system for Ada also were revealed at the close of 1968... a facility that could add materially to the business growth of the community.

The Ada-based Amway Corporation reported continued sales growth throughout the year. Plans for a new ware-

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**Civic Calendar**  
Monday, January 6—Cascade Township meeting—8 p. m., township hall.  
Monday, January 6—Lowell Township meeting—7:30 p. m., township hall.  
Monday, January 6—Ver-gennes Township meeting—8 p. m., township hall.  
Monday, January 6—City of Lowell council meeting—8 p. m., city hall.  
Tuesday, January 7—G.R. Township meeting—7:30 p. m., township hall.

*The Village Smithy*  
BY FRAN SMITH

By the time these words are in print, 1968 will have expired and the dawn of a new year will have arrived.

There is no question that many will arise and wonder by what stroke of luck they have managed to get this far.

That's a thought most generally associated with the final tick of the clock marking the end of another 365 days for this tired old world of ours.

I don't know how 1968 treated you and yours, but for the Smithy it marked a complete change in his life and habits.

For the uninitiated, it was just a year ago this week that the newspaper changed hands and the Smithy took the helm. Whether we have been a good captain is something that only you can judge.

It was a year that marked a sharp departure from the conventional form of publishing on an old and creaking press to the more sophisticated offset process.

It was a year for making new and, hopefully, lasting friendships in a community far removed, in too many ways to recount, from the hub-bub of the metropolis forsaken.

It was a year in which we shared, in the form of written communication, the tribulations of a community just now reaching out to grasp a glowing future.

It was a year, too, in which we shared at first hand those events that, now written, will become legendary as the calendar flips, page by page, the months and years ahead known simply as the future.

It is the nature of the business that certain developments, as they unfold, help chart fortunes of the days ahead.

Equipped with this intelligence (!), the Smithy has taken crystal ball in hand and confidently predicts the following for 1969:

There will be no immediate cessation of combat in Viet Nam (men who can't resolve how best to seat themselves around a peace table are not likely to reach an accord on still weightier matters).

There will be no immediate action by the new administration to do away with Federal expenditures under programs initiated by earlier administrations (never disturb a good thing, Charlie).

There will be more new laws dreamed up, forged in legislative foundries and poured out on an unsuspecting public... which even at this date hasn't caught up with laws dreamed up, forged and poured out in 1968.

There will be new demands placed by labor upon management, and new demands placed by management upon consumer, and new demands placed by government upon labor... and management... and consumer in the never-ending battle of wits that few other societies in all of history have ever witnessed.

There will be new pleas by educators for more assistance and facilities with which to educate and new cries against providing these funds by taxpayers wearied by the constant rise of education costs.

There will be cries from authorities for new powers to handle a staggering increase in crime and much of the same breast-beating of other years by those resolved, but helpless, to head off this national disgrace.

There will be new awareness of man's insignificance in matters universal as he explores deeper and deeper into the realm of space.

There will be moments of joy and sadness, of triumph and travail, of hope and despair.

And, with any luck, we will still be around come the dawn of 1970 to look ahead to still another year.

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## Tax Break for Seniors, Veterans

Tax exemption affidavits may be filed by senior citizens and veterans anytime after December 31.

Ada Township residents are advised that forms are available now from Supervisor Fred Clancy or Clerk Kenneth Anderson. Other area residents should check with their township or city offices.

Senior citizen exemption qualifications are as follows:

A citizen must be 65 years of age or older as of December 31, 1968; state equalized value of all property owned in or out of Michigan must not exceed \$10,000; income from all sources must be less than \$5,000 annually; and Michigan residency established during five of the last 10 years and six of the last 12 months.

Applicants are urged to present birth certificates, deeds and other proof of ownership. Qualifications for veterans or their widows include the following:

Occupant of a homestead as of December 31, 1968; taxable property in Michigan is not to exceed \$10,000 state equalized value; resident of Michigan for five years prior to filing date.

Applicants should present Veterans Administration claim number, discharge papers, deeds or other proof of ownership and the last VA check as proof of disability.

Veterans with disability of

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Correction**  
A story appearing in the December 5 edition of the Ledger-Suburban Life erroneously reported an incorrect address for two Lowell brothers arrested in Belding.  
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**Becomes Holiday Bride**

Martha Esther DeVoe and Jon Steve Alexander were married Saturday, December 21 in an afternoon candlelight ceremony at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kentwood. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. DeVoe, Grand Rapids, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Alexander, Sr., Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of English peau de soie with trim of guipure lace on the front and at the hemline. The A-line dress had a built-in train falling from the high neckline. The elbow length sleeves and high collar were edged with the lace. Her full-length cathedral veil of nylon tulle fell from a floral bell headpiece. She carried a bouquet of white poinsettias and holly.

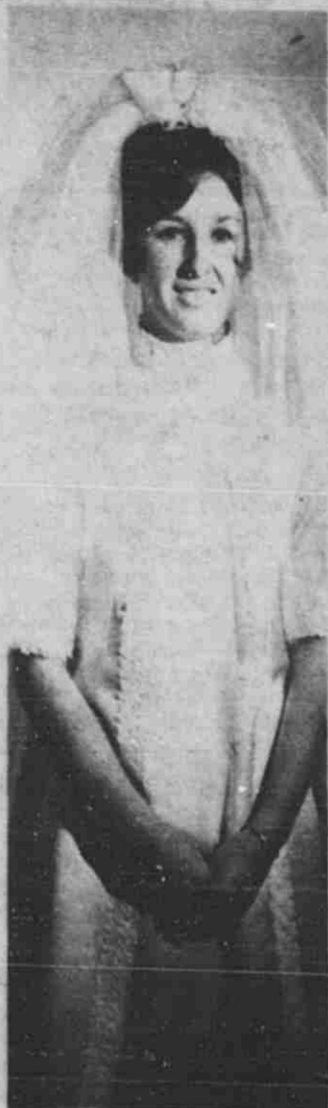
Janice Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, was maid of honor. Mrs. James Kraft and Miss Dorothy Smith, both of Kalamazoo, also attended the bride.

The bridegroom's niece, Julie McCarthy, was junior bridesmaid.

They wore floor length A-line dresses of royal blue velvet. Rolled satin trim accented the elbow length sleeves and stand-up collar. A royal blue satin train was attached at the neckline with a satin bow. The headpieces were royal blue velvet and satin poinsettias with short nylon tulle veils. Each girl carried one long-stemmed white poinsettia with royal blue satin ribbons.

Sharon McCarthy was flower girl. Dressed similarly to the bridesmaids, she carried a basket of white poinsettias, light blue carnations, and holly. Mark Alexander, the bridegroom's nephew, carried the rings.

James Chalfin of Canton, O., served as best man. Groomsman were George W. Alexander, Jr., the bridegroom's brother of Caledonia, the bride's brother, Ben DeVoe of Grand



**MRS. ALEXANDER**

Rapids, and Tyrone Reminga of Lowell. The bride's brothers, Robert and William, served as acolytes and assisted the ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Vail and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Rensland, all of Grand Rapids, presided at the reception held in the church Fellowship Hall.

After a honeymoon of skiing in northern Michigan, the couple will reside in Grand Rapids.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to thank my neighbors for their gifts of food, the Alto Baptist Church ladies for putting on the dinner and my friends for the cards of sympathy in the death of my son, Paul Murray.

Mrs. Raymond Pitsch  
c-39

Club news, coming events and social items must be submitted by noon on Monday.

**Miss Hines, Mr. Wessell are Married**

Trinity Methodist Church in Grand Rapids was the scene on Saturday afternoon, December 21st, of the wedding of Linda Louise Hines to Tyrus Raymond Wessell, Jr.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James N. Hines of Ten Mile Road NW and Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus R. Wessell of Kenbrook Street, SE.

For her wedding the bride chose a velvet gown and shoulder train edged with bands of crocheted lace worn with a matching Dior bow.

Honor attendants were Mrs. Ronald Bagley and Patsy Hines, Kim Wessell, Mrs. Fred Markoff, Mrs. Timothy Shoskey and Mrs. T. G. Marietta were bridesmaids.

Lloyd B. Wepman acted as best man. Ushers were James C. Dolan, Thaddeus Heckler, Steven J. and David B. Wessell, Gerald K. and Emery Brisson and Charles Ford.

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The Quarterly Conference for the Snow Methodist Church will be held on January 13th and the Snow Board Meeting will be held at 8 p. m. on January 2nd.

A very good and inspiring Christmas program was held at the Snow Church Sunday evening, December 22.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Everett of Grandville were Sunday visitors of Lt. Col. Richard Doezema and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Meno Baker attended their son's wedding at Okemos. Other guests from this vicinity were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antonides, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Daverman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keyt and Mrs. Phyllis Shaler and son, John.

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  - 2) Don't start a long trip at night, or when you feel tired, or after you've had a heavy meal.
  - 3) Don't have "one for the road," in the hope that it will pep you up; alcohol is a sedative, not a stimulant.
  - 4) Don't use drugs that will pep you up or calm you down; they can also affect your vision, your judgment and your reflexes. When their effect wears off, you'll feel more tired than before.
  - 5) Don't drive more than three hours after your normal bedtime.
  - 6) If you must drive, keep a window open—even if it's only a crack.
  - 7) Keep switching radio stations, to avoid drowsy middle-of-the-night music; rock-and-roll may irritate you to the point where it will help you stay awake.
  - 8) Stop every so often (at least once an hour) to get out, and walk around your car a couple of times.
  - 9) As soon as you feel sleepy—when you blink to keep your eyes in focus, or yawn—get off the road. If you can't find a motel, pull into a service station or parking lot, and nap in the back seat of the car.
- Traffic accidents have become a national epidemic—but this is one cause of death and injury for which there is no medical panacea.

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**ALTO MOTHERS CLUB**

Fun and games were the order of the evening on December 17th as the members of the Alto Mother's Club met to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

The entertainment committee a lovely corsage upon arrival and then led the group in the singing of Christmas carols and some really fun games.

In place of the gift exchange, the club members each gave a donation to the Santa Claus Girls. Refreshments were served.

The club will hold its next meeting in March, 1969.

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**ALTO GARDEN CLUB**

The Alto Garden Club met on Friday, December 20th at the Alto Methodist Church. A business meeting was held and twenty dollars was set aside to use for groceries for needy families of the community.

The following new officers were elected for the coming year: Rhena Damouth, president; Mildred Potter, vice-president and Myra Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Other Alto News

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stauffer attended the Ross brother's Christmas dinner at the Egypt Grange Hall on Saturday, December 21st.

Mrs. Freida Russell was taken to Butterworth Hospital on Thursday for tests and observation.

Mrs. Alice Kramer of Grand Rapids and Teddy Feuerstein of Parnell were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lynden Humphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fairchild entertained Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kretzman and sons of Detroit at a pre-Christmas dinner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rice and family, Mrs. Jennie Westbrook of Sheridan, Frank Pierson of Sidney were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Yelter.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson visited the latter's brother, Charles Brewer and family of Byron Center. In the evening they visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sherrington of Caledonia and the ladies attended a Christmas program at the U. B. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Huntington and three children of Slidell, Louisiana arrived on Tuesday to spend some time with the former's mother, Mrs. Lucy Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winn of Sparta were Saturday supper guests at the Huntington home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Fairbrother and family were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fairbrother.

Carlton Fairbrother got hurt Saturday while at his son's home and is confined to the house.

Mrs. Eva Fairbrother called

**With Our Servicemen**

Now serving with the 1st Marine Division in Viet Nam is Frank G. Osmolinski. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osmolinski live in Ada and his wife, Christine, resides at 2746 Albert Drive SE in Grand Rapids.

Terrance K. Raaymakers, son of Mrs. Clara Raaymakers of Grand Rapids and former local resident, was appointed warrant officer while serving with the 85th Maintenance Battalion in Germany. Raaymakers is a maintenance technician with Company A.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



**HAZEL'S HAT SHOP**

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## Pictorial Review of '68

News is made by people and events . . . and 1968 produced news in pictorial as well as written form, as demonstrated in year-end panorama.

One of the highlights of the year, as always, was the annual production of Lowell Showboat (1), which featured songstress Dinah Shore (2) and the Dukes of Dixieland for the six-night run in August.

Voters throughout the area turned out in record numbers, including at Ada Township Hall (3). Another citizen turnout in September (4) brought protests to the Lowell School Board of Education over newly-established bus transportation policies.

The community lost a long-time leader with the death in November of C. H. Runciman, Sr., shown (5) presenting a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth on the occasion of a testimonial dinner honoring Roth for 50 years of service to Vergennes Township.

An old logging wagon was uncovered (6) beneath backwaters of the Ada Dam when that facility was

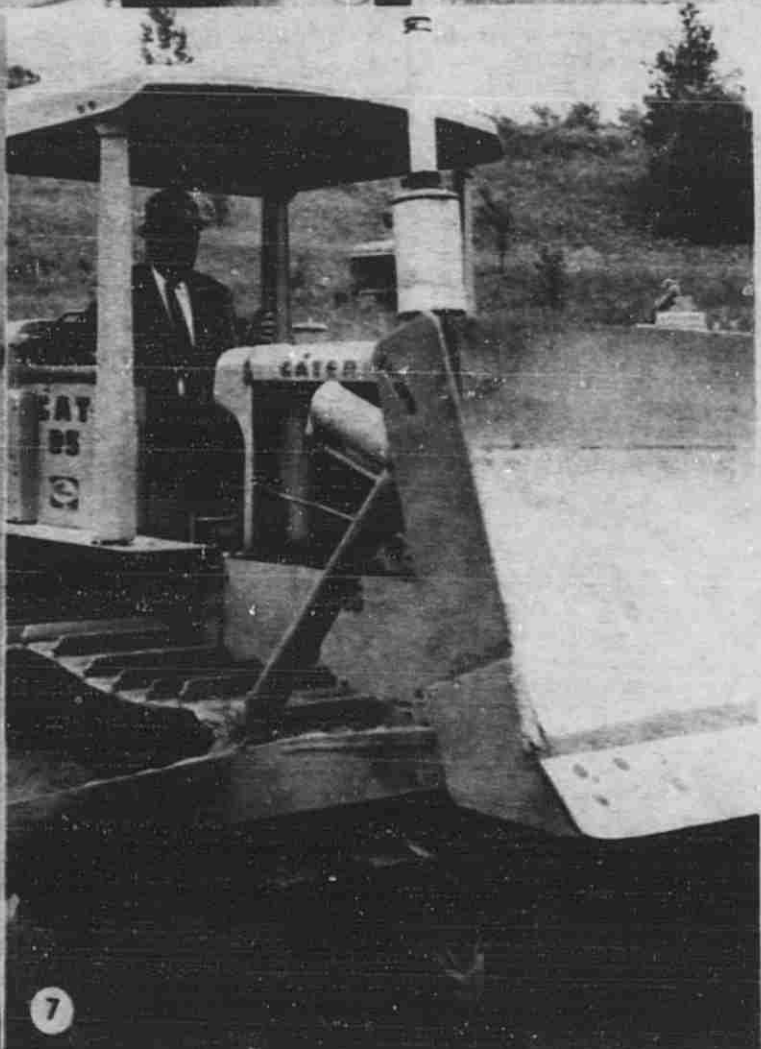
checked during negotiations to transfer ownership to property owners along the Thornapple River.

Road construction boomed in '68, including start on a new access road between Lowell and 1-96. County highway commission chairman Ed Mueller (7), shown breaking ground, was re-elected to a new term in a close vote.

Area residents followed with interest the attempt by Lyman Wenger of Ada (8) to reach the Arctic Circle with three companions, but the mission failed.

The oldest mother in the area, honored on Mother's Day, was Mrs. Jessie Salzgeber (9), who was 97 years young.

Traffic accidents again took their toll in the area with four people dying along "Accident Alley". An ambulance-auto crash on M-21 in Ada claimed one life (10 and 11) and three persons were killed in a car-train crash at the C & O crossing in Lowell (12).



### 'Accident Alley' Claims Four More Lives





# Grid Fortunes Featured Sports Year

If there was one single story that captured the attention of all area sports fans in 1968, it had to be the rise of the Detroit Tigers... and their dramatic comeback victory in the World Series against St. Louis.

Locally, however, the No. 1 story was the emergence of Forest Hills High as a football power in the Ottawa-Kent Red Division.

Failure of Lowell High to win a single game in football also was a major story through the fall months.

Both teams were playing under new coaches appointed during the year... Frank Rosengren at Forest Hills and former assistant Jerry Smith of Lowell. Rosengren had been an assistant at St. Johns before coming to this area.

The Rangers lost only one game in eight starts... that by a 14-13 count to Kentwood... and sealed the championship with a 46-16 win over Hudsonville in the season finale.

Forest Hills snapped a five-year jinx by upending Rockford in the season opener. 14-7. Rockford went on to win the remainder of its games and emerge as champion of the Tri-River Conference.

Not all the football glory went to the Ranger varsity, however. The junior varsity also had a 7-1 mark and the freshmen won six, lost one and tied one to give the school an impressive mark of 29-3-1 overall.

Lowell lost Co-Captain Cla Avery with a shoulder separation before the season started and the Arrows did not recover until the season neared its close. In the late games, Lowell developed a passing game that gave promise of better times in 1969.

Another highlight of the grid campaign was a victory by the Forest Hills Lions in the Class B championship game of the South Kent Recreational League.

In basketball, Lowell High gave evidence at year's end that it would be a solid challenger for the Tri-River championship following an 8-2 league record in 1967-78 and a



10 Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, Jan. 2, 1969

**SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS** of 1968 for area fans are best represented by Forest Hills High cheerleaders, whose team posted a 7-1 record in winning the O-K Red Division title and the pained expression on Forward Curt Fonger's face as Lowell High's basketball team con-

runner up spot behind champion Rockford.

Coach Jack Kempker, now in his sixth year, assembled a team that features more versatility than any of his previous five squads.

The Arrows quest for the T-C title last spring was stopped in a loss to the unbeaten champions from Rockford. Lowell subsequently dropped two close decisions to Forest Hills, including a 79-77 setback in the Class B district tournament.

The Rangers, coached by Dom Kemp, reached the finals of the tournament on their home floor before bowing to powerful East Christian, 92-65.

Mrs. Trude Schlernitzauer gave Lowell a state championship when she won the women's division of the Michigan State Outdoor Pistol matches held in Lowell last June.

Lowell named Don Kelly as its new athletic director. He replaced Dale Hollern, who left the system to take an assistant principalship in Dearborn.

Both Forest Hills and Lowell

continued to chase Rockford for basketball honors in the Tri-River Conference. One of the top-flight individual efforts was turned in by Trude Schlernitzauer as she won the women's division of the Michigan State Pistol matches held in Lowell.



won their share of all-conference honors.

In football, Forest Hills placed five players on conference "star" teams. Randy Simon, Dan Mosher, Scott Wingeier,

Bob Roy and Tom Teft... while Lowell's representatives on Tri-River squads included Curt Fonger, Steve Johnson, Ray Smith, Ted Hoseth and Mitch McMahon.

In basketball, Ken Tapley, Curt Fonger and Terry DeWitt of Lowell were named to positions on the Tri-River all star squad and John Sto-



vall and Steve Russ of Forest Hills were similarly honored by O-K Red Division coaches.

Forest Hills won the sportsmanship trophy for its conference for the first time in school history.

Bill Cardinel, an outstanding athlete, received the annual Blanchard Memorial Trophy at Forest Hills.

Forest Hills High's wrestling team, under the tutelage of Coach Chuck Matthews, gave the school its first O-K Conference championship of 1968 by winning the league meet.

These were but a few of the sports highlights for the year just passed. It was a year that featured thrills and chills, joy and gloom, happiness and heartbreak.

Which, in the final analysis, is what sets sports apart from the work-a-day world.

## Rangers Return to Action

Forest Hills High jumps back into the basketball wars this Friday night when it plays host to Kelloggsville in a non-league game at the Rangers' gym.

Coach Don Kemp's squad will be looking for its third victory of the season in seven starts and its first in three efforts outside the O-K Conference Red Division.

The Rangers dropped earlier non-league games to powerful Grand Rapids Union (84-60) and Rockford (63-60), both away from home.

Forest Hills is scheduled to return to O-K Red Division action against Godwin Heights on January 10, also on the home floor. Godwin is a half-game off the pace of West Ottawa in the conference, the former with a 2-0 mark and the latter with a 3-0 record.

Godwin and West Ottawa will meet next Tuesday night in a make-up of their postponed game of December 20.

Kemp hoped to install new offensive life into his charges during the Christmas holiday layoff.

The Rangers demonstrated through their first six games that their defense is more than adequate, but lack of a solid offense has been their downfall to date.

"We force the opposition into many mistakes," laments Kemp, "but we can't seem to do much once we get the ball."

Forest Hills hit a season-low for field goal accuracy against Wyoming Park, netting just 24 percent of its shots, but still managed to hang on

## Easier Slate for LHS

Lowell High School will seek its fifth win of the 1968-69 basketball season when it returns to action next Tuesday night in a home encounter against Belding.

Coach Jack Kempker's cagers are faced with a relatively-easy schedule during the month of January against teams presently occupying lower positions in the Tri-River Conference.

## Arrows Bow to Sparta in Wrestling

Lowell High's victory string in wrestling was snapped at two when the Red Arrows dropped a slender 23-19 verdict to Sparta in a Tri-River Conference match.

Curt Inman and Ernie Kennedy scored pins for the local matmen, the former in 1:34 in his 129-pound match and the latter in just 54 seconds of the 154-pound division test.

Other winners for Lowell were Steve Newell (112 lbs.), Ken Huver (127) and Steve Foss (175).

In the best match of the night, Ray Smith was an apparent winner in the 145-pound class with just 30 seconds remaining before dropping a close 6-5 decision.

for a 53-50 victory.

Forward Dave Sherwood is the team scoring leader at the one-third mark of the campaign with a 17.1 game average, followed by Center Dan Mosher at 13.9; Forward Tom Teft at 10.7 and Guard Steve Grabarek at 10.3.

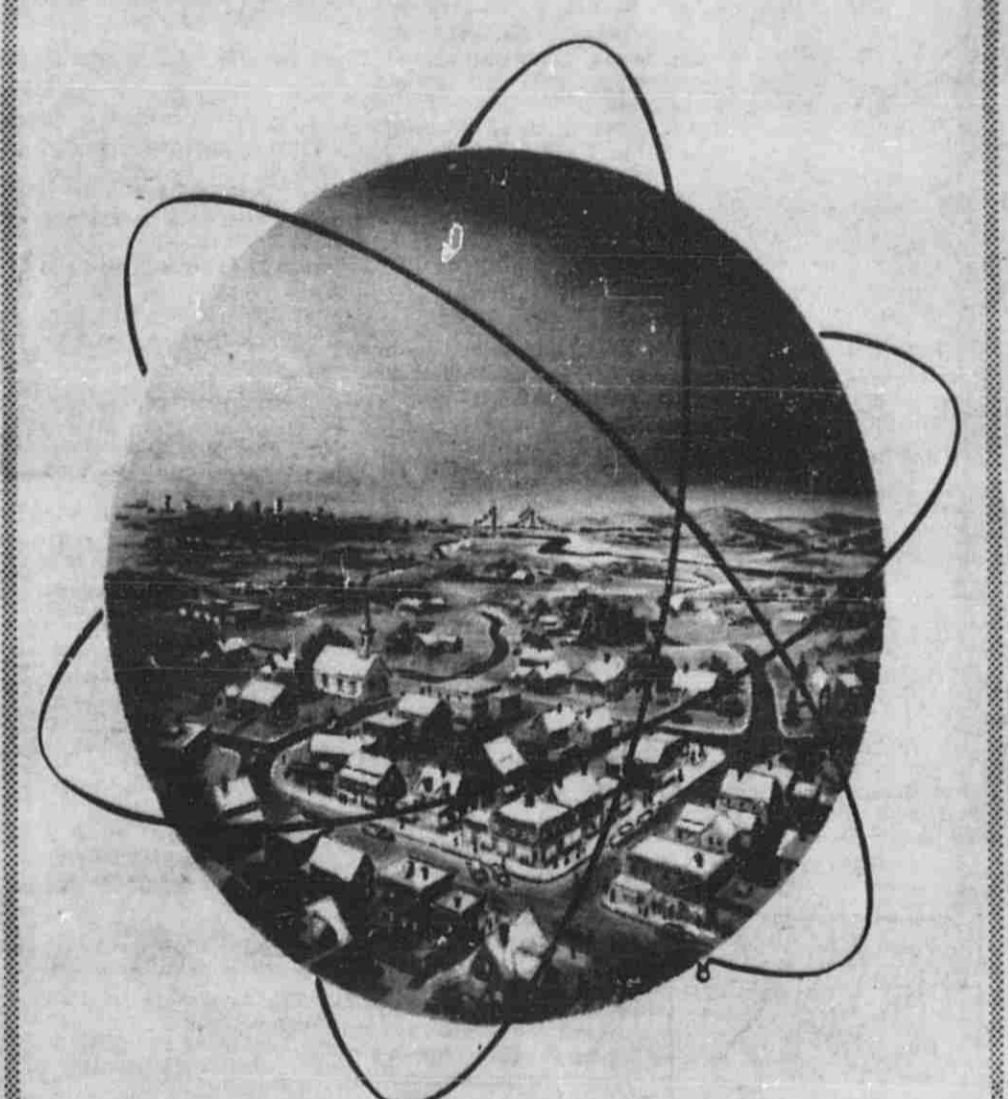
Sherwood also owns the best single-game output of the campaign with a 26-point effort against Kentwood.

## GREETINGS



It's holiday time, and we wish you many packages of happiness and good cheer.

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Mrs. Helen Koewers, Mgr.



# School Woes Dominated Area News in '68

(Continued from page 1)

rier for the Lowell Post Office, was given a \$250 award and was cited for "superior accomplishment" for the role he had played in saving the life of Don Yeiter in a farm equipment accident that severed one of Yeiter's arms on November 10, 1967.

The City of Lowell was scheduled to meet with Lowell and Vergennes township officials to discuss a plan to establish an emergency ambulance system.

"Human error" was blamed in the poisoning of approximately 4,000 fish in the Flat River by waste materials accidentally released by Attwood Corp. The company pledged to replace some 400 fish killed in the mishap.

Harold F. Jefferies, whose family had owned the Ledger since 1931 and who founded the Suburban Life in 1954, sold the two newspapers.

## FEBRUARY

"Accident Alley" claimed another victim when a 22-year-old Lowell woman, Mrs. Sylvia Akin, was killed after the car she was driving was struck by an ambulance transporting an injured man to Grand Rapids.

Lowell school officials disclosed plans to study construction of a new "middle school" for the district to house grades five through eight.

Supervisor Fred Roth was honored at a testimonial to commemorate 50 years as a government official for Vergennes Township.

Laura Coons was named valdicatorian and Jerry Thaler salutatorian for the 1968 Lowell High senior class.

Members of the Lowell Moose Lodge gathered in memory of the late Melvin J. Lewis, whose widow was awarded a Golden Bible in solemn ceremonies.

## MARCH

James Hutson was elevated to the rank of sergeant on the Lowell Police Force.

Elmer Schaefer, former member of the City Council and member of the Kent Coun-



ELMER SCHAEFER

ty Board of Supervisors, and a long-time business and civic leader, died at the age of 68.

City officials said they would seek state approval for installation of a new traffic signal on Main Street at Monroe.

Grand Rapids Township voters, by almost a 2-1 majority, gave township officials the go-ahead to sign a 30-year contract for water and sewage with the City of Grand Rapids in a special advisory election.

Kent County Sheriff Department officials said arsonists touched off a \$15,000 fire that destroyed offices of the E. L. Rice Associates firm in Cascade.

Lowell police cars were equipped with first aid equipment as a partial remedy to the ambulance crisis.

Grass fires produced a hazard throughout the area as all companies turned out for a record number of calls.

## APRIL

Incumbent Carlen Anderson and former council member Mrs. Virginia Meyers were elected to two-year terms and Harold Jefferies won a one-year term in the race for Lowell City Council seats. Arnold Wittenbach retained his post as mayor in a vote by the new council.

City Manager Bernard C. Olson noted that the assessed valuation for the City of Lowell had passed the \$9,000,000 mark.

David Coons, a member of the Lowell School board for 11 years and Fred Sytsma, who had served for eight years on the Forest Hills board, announced they would not seek re-election in June.

A bomb "hoax" halted classes at Lowell Senior High School.

Members of Den 4, Cub Scout Pack 1302 in Lowell were congratulated for their efforts to keep America beautiful in a letter from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of the president.



C. H. RUNCIMAN

Thieves broke into Ada IGA and robbed the store's safe of more than \$1,000.

Lyman Wenger of Ada returned from an expedition to the frozen reaches of Canada. He and three companions had attempted to reach the Arctic Circle on snowmobiles, but were forced back because of weather and equipment failure.

## MAY

Three Saranac residents died after the car in which they were riding collided with a train at the C & O crossing at M-21 in Lowell. Guy Wilburn was killed instantly and Joseph Reamer and Mrs. Devona Matthews died later from injuries suffered in the accident.

Kenneth Anderson was named as the new Ada Township Clerk after Mrs. Kathryn Kulpers tendered her resignation to the board.

The body of William Wierenga of Lowell, who had been missing two weeks, was recovered from the Grand River.

Orval Jessup, for 29 years a member of the Lowell school faculty, announced plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Lowell council members turned down a request by City Manager Bernard C. Olson to create a new position of treasurer; adopted a \$232,104 budget.

Homeowners on Hudson St. protested a joint city-county project designed to channel north-south traffic from Lincoln Lake Road to Hudson by constructing a new interceptor road.

Antique cars paraded through the streets of Lowell.

Royce Smith of Belleville visited Lowell and toured the area as part of the Michigan Week Mayor's Exchange program.

Highway safety engineers promised to take action after a series of accidents at Cas-

cade Road and Forest Hills caused area residents to protest about the dangerous intersection.

The first four-color reproduction in the newspaper's history was presented in the Ledger-Suburban Life in the May 30th edition.

## JUNE

A double tragedy marred the Memorial Day holiday in Cascade when Frank Atherton, 70, collapsed and died while trying to rescue a Grand Rapids youth who had drowned when his boat capsized while attempting to negotiate the flumes of the Ada Dam. Atherton was a member of the Cascade Fire Department.

An Alto man was arrested as a suspect in a \$10,000 theft in Grand Rapids.

Dr. Donald Gerard, incumbent, and Dr. R. D. Siegle were elected to the Lowell Area Board of Education. Mrs. L. William (Sally) Seidman was re-elected to the Forest Hills Board of Education along with newcomer John Wardrop.

Graduation exercises were held at Lowell High and Forest Hills High. It was the 90th commencement in Lowell.

Over protests by former council member Richard Schlerntzauer, the Lowell City Council approved by a 4-1 vote a plan to purchase 39 acres outside the city for \$21,000 for future cemetery, recreation and airport expansion use.

Residents on Lafayette St. turned out to argue against proposed changes to block the street permanently, a move that would permit installation of new seats for Lowell Showboat.

Patrolman Mike Harrington resigned from the Lowell force to take a similar position with the East Lansing Police Department.

Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals heard criticism from nearby residents who objected to an appeal for variance on property proposed by purchase by the City of Lowell for cemetery, recreation and airport expansion use. The board agreed to grant the variance, however.

Members of the Thornapple River Association heard that a contract calling for purchase of the Ada Dam from Consumers Power Company was nearing completion.

The Lowell Board of Education authorized borrowing \$100,000 to meet payroll demands and trimmed \$45,000 from a proposed budget of \$1,367,513 by eliminating several administrative positions and other non-academic personnel.

A nine-year-old area youth, Terry Williams, was killed while riding his bicycle on a highway.

Ground was broken for the new access road linking Lowell with the I-96 freeway.

Gerrit Baker was the winner in the primary run-off for Third District Supervisor on the Republican ticket and Jack E. Smith, unopposed, won the Democratic nomination. Joseph B. White and Edward Wells

were top vote-getters in the five-man race for the non-partisan District Court judgeship, to be settled in the general election.

Plans to renovate City Hall were studied by Lowell councilmen.

Winds blew down one of the screens being erected at the new Cascade Twin Drive-In Theater in Cascade.

Record crowds greeted the opening of Lowell Showboat.

A Grand Rapids man drowned while swimming in the Thornapple River near Camelback Bridge.

The Lowell District millage vote, following a recount, ended in a 457-457 tie and "no vote."

Plans to hire a new planning consultant were discussed by members of the Lowell Planning Commission.

Forest Hills signed a new master agreement with teachers calling for a 221-work day plan for faculty members interested in teaching during the summer months.

## SEPTEMBER

School enrollment reached an all-time high in Forest Hills with an eight percent increase recorded. Enrollment stood at 3,885. Work on the new Ada Elementary School was rushed to completion in time for school opening. A record \$2,144,137 budget was approved for the district.

A meeting of the Lowell School board drew 160 residents, most of them complaining about changes in bus transportation routes.

Mrs. Ella Aldrich, 97, the oldest resident in Bowne Township, passed away.

Two area youths, Robert Wittenbach and Terry Alyea, were killed in separate accidents involving horses.

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## OCTOBER

Clerks in every township and (Continued on page 14)

**Happy New Year**

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# CHURCH NEWS

## CASCADE CHRISTIAN REF. EASTMONT REFORMED

Sunday, January 5, 10 a. m. Morning worship. Installation of Elders and Deacons. 11:15 a. m. Sunday School: Catechism, grades 8 & 9. 3 p. m. Junior and Senior Choir. 7 p. m. Evening worship.

Monday, January 6, 7 p. m. Young People's Catechism, 8 p. m. Council Meeting.

Tuesday, January 7, 3:40 catechism, grades 4 & 5, 4:25 catechism, grades 6 & 7.

Wednesday, January 8, 8 p. m. Ladies Fellowship.

Thursday, January 9, 2, Choir rehearsal, Jr. choir 4, Senior Choir 7:30 p. m.

Friday, January 10, 10 a. m. Pilgrim Fellowship 4 p. m.

Saturday, December 28, Confessions 4 to 4:30 p. m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Sunday, January 5, Morning Worship, 10 a. m. Sunday School 11:20, Evening Service 5 p. m. RCYP 6:15 p. m.

Monday, January 6, RCYP will sponsor a Roller Skating party at the Lowell Rink.

Tuesday, January 7, Consistory Meeting 8 p. m. Girls League 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, January 8, Family Night, 7 p. m. Senior High Catechism, 7:30 Junior choir, Adult Bible Study and Prayer Group, 8 p. m. 3rd through 8th grade catechism.

Thursday, January 9, 9:45 a. m. Church School, 11 a. m. Morning worship, 7 p. m. Evening worship.

Friday, January 10, 10 a. m. Church School, 11 a. m. Morning worship, 7 p. m. Evening worship.

Saturday, January 11, 9:45 a. m. Church School, 11 a. m. Morning worship, 7 p. m. Evening worship.

## South Boston

Mrs. Belle Young  
The Women's Christian Union Maranatha, WCTU, met for their regular meeting December 10th in the So. Boston Church. Mrs. Carrie Kyster, president, had charge of the meeting.

Jolly Neighbors Farm Bureau group had their annual Christmas party Friday evening, December 13, at Saranac H. S. building with a pot-

luck supper and exchange of gifts. Members and their families attending numbered 40.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Roth have returned from a bus trip to Wisconsin with a group of farmers. The trip was sponsored by a silo company.

Lee Stuart, who attends MSU, is home on holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roth of Lowell spent several days recently at the Maynard Roth home.

# Come to Church

**First Baptist Church - In Alto**  
Corner 60th & Bancroft Aves.  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Worship 11 A. M. & 7:30 P. M.  
Youth Hour 6:00 P. M.  
Wednesday Prayer Fellowship 8:00 P. M.  
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Donald Sunman,  
Director of Youth and Music  
Telephone 868-3911

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Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Worship 11 A. M. & 7 P. M.  
Youth Fellowship 6:00 P. M.  
Wednesday Family Prayer Fellowship 7:00 P. M.  
For transportation or Spiritual Counsel, Call 897-7915

**First United Methodist Church**  
Main at Division  
Rev. Robert Webber, Pastor  
Sermon:  
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Services at 8:45 & 11:00 A. M.  
Church School at 9:45 A. M.  
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Pastor—Joe Everett  
Morning Worship and Junior Church 10:00 A. M.  
Nursery Provided  
Sunday School 11:15 A. M.  
Young People Meeting 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship 7:45 P. M.  
Thursday Prayer 7:30 P. M.

**Cascade Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Morning Worship 9:15 & 10:30  
Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30  
Youth Group Meetings 5:00  
Raymond Gaylard, Pastor  
Robert Caal, Asst. Pastor

**Calvary Christian Reformed Church**  
1151 West Main Street  
Services—10 A. M. & 7 P. M.  
Sunday School 11:10 A. M.  
Everyone Welcome

**West Lowell United Brethren Church**  
West Grand River Drive  
Rev. Lloyd Dawson  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30  
Come and Worship With Us

**First Congregational Church of Ada**  
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)  
Morning Worship—10:00 A. M.  
(Nursery Care Provided)  
Rev. Lee A. Dalrymple, Pastor  
Doris Cox, Minister of Music

**Cascade Christian Reformed Church**  
6631 Cascade Rd., S. E.  
Rev. John Gulchelaar  
Phone 949-6529  
Morning Worship 10:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.  
Nursery Provided—Morning Sunday School 11:15 A. M.

**First Evangelical Free Church**  
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Sunday School 11:00 A. M.  
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Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.  
Primary Church—9:45 A. M.  
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PUBLICATION ORDER  
File No. 116-969

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent

Estate of **LOTTIE STORMS**, Deceased  
IT IS ORDERED that on January 27, 1969,

at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on allowance of final account of executor and for allowance of fees.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.

Date: December 19, 1968  
**JOHN P. STEKETEE**, Judge of Probate

Gerald M. Henry, Executor of the Estate of Lottie Storms, Deceased, 400 Federal Square Bld., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502  
A true copy.  
**ROLAND R. ROBEY**, Register of Probate c38-40

**VANDER VEEN, FREIHOFER & COOK**  
950 Union Bank Bldg., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502  
PUBLICATION ORDER.  
File No. 116-031

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

Estate of **EDNA R. SPROUL**, Deceased

IT IS ORDERED that on March 4, 1969,

at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Eleanor Elizabeth Beaton or Elizabeth Thrall in care of Glen V. Borre, Attorney, at 950 Union Bank Bldg., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.

Date: December 11, 1968  
**A. DALE STOPPELS**, Judge of Probate

VanderVeen, Freihofer & Cook By: Glen V. Borre, Attorney for Fiduciaries 950 Union Bank Building Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502  
A true copy.

**ROLAND R. ROBEY**, Register of Probate c37-39

**VANDERVEEN, FREIHOFER & COOK**  
1125 W. Main Street Lowell, Michigan 49331  
PUBLICATION ORDER  
HEARING ON CLAIMS  
File No. 116-024

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

Estate of **THOMAS J. READ**, Deceased

IT IS ORDERED, that on March 5, 1969,

at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Thomas H. Read at R. R. 1,

Fwywick, Michigan 48854.  
Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.

Date: December 12, 1968  
**A. DALE STOPPELS**, Judge of Probate

VanderVeen, Freihofer & Cook By: George R. Cook, Attorney for the Estate 1125 W. Main Street Lowell, Michigan 49331  
A true copy.

**ROLAND R. ROBEY**, Register of Probate c37-39

Developer Doug Dok told the city council that it appeared plans for further development of Valley Vista would have to be temporarily shelved and the city, in turn, abandoned plans to install a new sewage lift station in the west end of Lowell.

Carlton H. Runciman, Sr., died of self-inflicted gun wounds. He was 79.

On the same day Arthur Hamlet, 68, of Pettis Road in Ada shot and wounded Glen Pettis, 77, following an apparent argument, then turned the gun on himself. Hamlet died at once and Pettis three days later.

Cascade Township residents approved sale of liquor by the glass by a vote of 1,141-912.

Lowell Area School voters turned down a proposed 7-mill operating levy for one year by a vote of 1,136-1,023 as a record turnout of 2,171 went to the polls.

Bushnell Parents Club members appealed to the city for safety regulations to help protect children attending the school.

Members of the Forest Hills Board of Education discussed new classroom needs. The board also heard that one phase of the new Kent County Vocational Training program might be built in the district.

Joseph B. White and Edward Wells, non-partisan candidates for district judge, disagreed with the county Board of Supervisors on proposed budget considerations for the new court.

The Lowell School board agreed to borrow up to \$150,000, if necessary, to head off the second payless payday of the year.

Ed Mueller of Vergennes Township retained his seat as chairman of the county road commission on the third ballot, defeating a challenge by Al Vanderlaan of Caledonia.

**NOVEMBER**  
James Haehnel, 16, a student at Forest Hills, was killed in a single-car accident near Alto. Six companions escaped with minor injuries.

Record voter turnouts were reported throughout the area for the presidential election. Richard M. Nixon polled 6,306 votes locally as he won the race while Hubert Humphrey picked up 3,853 area votes enroute to a sweep in Michigan. Despite much pre-election bal-

lyhoos, George Wallace managed only 892 votes from local supporters.

Gerrit Baker easily won from Jack E. Smith for Supervisor of the 3rd District. Joseph B. White defeated Edward Wells for the District Judge position; incumbents Stanley Powell and Martin D. Butch were returned to the state legislature and U. S. Representative Gerald Ford won as expected in his bid to repeat.

Councilmen instructed the city manager and chief of police to act quickly on requests for new safety regulations made a month earlier by the Bushnell Parents Club.

A citizens advisory committee agreed to seek 1,500 signatures on petitions after the Lowell board of education agreed it would not seek a new millage vote unless backed by at least 50 percent of the district's registered voters. The board also discussed half-day sessions and other economies for either the second semester or starting in 1969-70.

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Bishop had missed the mark by about 250 miles!

He said he would have complained to the company's secretary... except that she was Bishop's sister-in-law.

Another "loser" in 1968 was Cub Scout Pack 3269 in Grand Rapids Township. In a pre-election straw vote, the Scouts picked Hubert Humphrey to win the presidential campaign, giving the vice president seven votes to seven for Richard Nixon and one for third party candidate George Wallace.

The Lowell city council had placed before it in September a proposal to permit sale of liquor-by-the-glass. Petitions had been circulated, but not filed in accordance with regulations.

Time ran out on Mrs. Jerry Adams back in July, but Sgt. James Hulson of the Lowell Police Department and East Grand Rapids Patrolman Steve McCarthy dashed to the rescue in time to assist in delivery of Mrs. Adams' baby in a car.

A top story in February featured a large Valentine sent to Forest Hills School mechanics John Gurney and assistant Earl Hewitt, sent to them by 20 appreciative women bus drivers in the district.

Specialist-5 Arlin F. Dougherty was unable to make it home for the holidays in 1967. When he arrived in Ada back in May, the tree with all its trimmings and presents located underneath were still in place... a belated, but happy Christmas for the serviceman.

It took them several weeks of scraping and burning, but the C & O depot in Lowell finally got its first coat of paint in 20 years in September.

Also in September, the gates in Ada Dam were opened to allow inspection of the facility. This lowered the level of the backwaters and uncovered, among other "treasures" a mystery statue and an old logging wagon.

The Tigers were trailing in the World Series, but this didn't deter four area residents... Hugh Linkfield, Herb Keyser, Frank Smith and Chuck

Bartlett... from hopping in their car and driving 16 hours to reach St. Louis where they saw the American League Champs win the title.

All four put together unusual hats for the occasion and one passer-by offered to pay Bartlett \$500 for his... an offer that was rejected!

Students in the second grade at Martin School were surprised in December when their pet white rat named "Ed" gave birth to five offspring!

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