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## Lowell Superintendent Submits Resignation

Superintendent James C. Pace has submitted his resignation, effective June 30, to the Lowell Area School Board of Education.

The board is expected to accept the resignation when it meets next Monday night at 7:30 at the senior high school.

Pace announced his decision to resign following an executive session of the board last Monday night.

The move was not totally unexpected in view of the district's continuing financial difficulties following successive defeats in August and November of special operating millage votes.

In his letter to Board President Dr. Robert Reagan, Pace said:

"I herewith submit my resignation as superintendent of schools, effective June 30, 1969.

"I have enjoyed my three years in Lowell and sincerely appreciate the cooperation I have received from the board, staff members and community.

"I am using this early method of notification in order to give the board an opportunity to find a replacement prior to my leaving.

"Any assistance that I am able to give in finding a replacement will be gladly given.

"I do appreciate your support during the trying period of debt and millage defeats and wish you only the best for the future."

Pace's three-year term as top administrator of the growing system has been one of the stormiest in the school's history.

Many of the district's problems boiled to a head last June when the board announced that the system was confronted with an accrued deficit of \$114,000.

Plans were drawn up at that time to seek additional operating millage to offset the deficit. Subsequent millage elections in August and November were turned down by district voters.

Many opponents of the millage requests reportedly were openly critical of Pace's administration.

### City Council Nominating Deadline Near

The deadline for filing of nominating petitions for seats on the Lowell City Council is less than two weeks away.

Three positions will be available on the five-member council in this spring's election. Expiring are the terms of Mayor Arnold Wittenbach and Councilmen Herb Reynolds and Harold Jefferies.

Nominating petitions may be secured in the office of the City Clerk Laura Shepard at City Hall and must be filed with the clerk on or before 5 p. m. on Monday, January 20.

### Sgt. Hutson Named to Head Group

Sgt. James Hutson of the Lowell police force was recently elected president of the Kent County Division, Michigan Constables Association.

The remainder of the slate of new officers included William Luckey of Sparta, vice president; Mrs. Clare Earlywine, sr. of Walker, secretary-treasurer and Frank C. Gilmore, Ada Township constable, sergeant-at-arms.

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There are seven districts in the state seeking superintendents right now," said Pace. "I plan to check them out."

Pace is the third member of the administration to sever connections with the Lowell system in the last six months.

### New Setback

Lowell's educational program, already suffering from lack of citizen response to obvious financial needs, will absorb still another setback next Monday when the Board of Education meets to accept the resignation tendered this week by Superintendent James C. Pace.

There are many in the community who disagreed with policies established by the board during Pace's administration.

What a few appear to realize is that Pace, the board... in fact, the entire education structure of this community and many others... have been victimized by forces they are almost helpless to cope with.

Extreme taxation by Federal and state governments has depleted pocketbooks of the average taxpayer. The tendency, therefore, is to strike back against local taxation.

The one form of local taxation DIRECTLY involving the average taxpayer is that dealing with school revenues.

Governor George Romney, in his farewell address to Michigan Monday, dwelt at considerable length on school problems confronting residents of this state.

He made it abundantly clear that voters not wishing to accept the responsibility of providing adequate local funds for education must be prepared to face the consequences.

This is a message that the Lowell board sought, twice unsuccessfully in the last six months, to deliver to the voters of this community.

We do not believe that the board of education has acted wisely in all of its decisions.

We do not believe that Superintendent Pace has been correct in all of the policies of his administration.

Nor do we necessarily believe that opponents of school millage are bent on injuring the educational welfare of the community's children.

What we do believe is that a malignancy of discontent and discord has been permitted to spread much too far.

If the resignation of Superintendent Pace will serve to halt its spread, then the act of resignation, in itself, will have served the cause to which he has given unselfish devotion and dedication.

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Married and the father of five children, he served with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific for 27 months.

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## Petition Drive Lagging

A special citizens advisory committee, through chairman David R. Miller, has indicated it will request the Lowell Area School Board of Education to call for a new operating millage vote in March despite apparent failure to secure sufficient signatures in a month-long petition drive.

"Unless many people sign up in the next few days, it doesn't appear we will get the 1,500 signatures requested by the board in December," Miller declared.

"However, our committee believes, after considerably study that the only logical solution to our present problem is to request another millage vote at the earliest possible date."

The board had indicated in December, following two earlier millage election defeats, that no move would be made to seek additional operating funds unless at least 50 percent of the registered voters offered assurance of passage.

Miller said that a March vote "is almost mandatory" if the board is to establish fiscal guidelines for 1969-70.

"The need for millage will continue to exist no matter how many times it may be turned down," Miller explained. "The alternative is cheap education."

"We owe the young people of our community a good education. Refusal to pay for this education will do nothing to correct injustices of the present tax structure."

Miller said the committee, calling itself Citizens for Better Education, expects to work directly with representatives in the state legislature in an effort to bring about legislation that would overhaul the school financing structure.

"This may take a long time, however, and time is not on our side," he added.

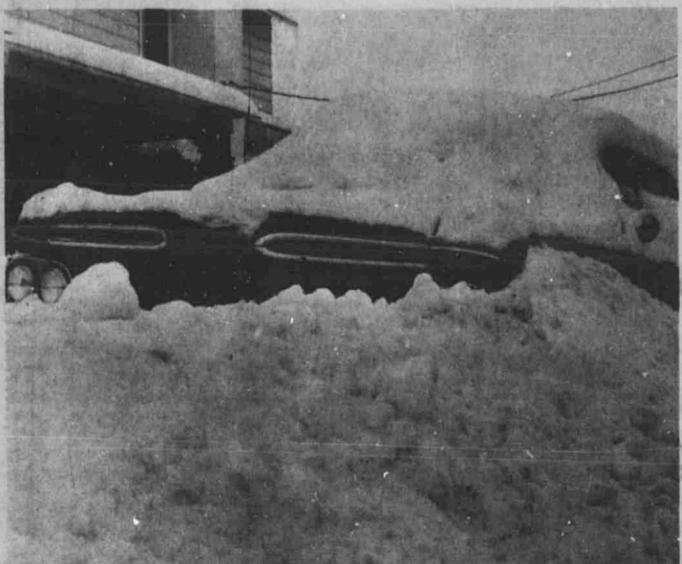
The petition drive, initiated a month ago, had secured only 800 signatures early this week.

Drive chairman Terry Bambrick said that petitions have been placed in most Lowell stores and at the YMCA office in an effort to meet the required 1,500 signatures by next Monday night's deadline.

"Whether our petition drive is successful or not," said Bambrick, "our committee hopes to keep open the lines of communication on such matters as school budget, curriculum study, future building needs and other subjects of interest to the voter."

Lack of sufficient voter interest in the millage problem may cause the board to take steps at next Monday night's meeting to establish plans for a complete austerity budget for 1969-70.

The board indicated in December that half-day sessions are a strong possibility, perhaps as early as the second semester of the present school year.



SNOW AND MORE SNOW dumped tons of the white stuff on the community this week resulting in stalled and deserted automobiles, not to mention long icicles hanging from most eaves.

## Sharp-Eyed Rookie Nabs Two Suspects

Alertness of the newest member of the Lowell police force was credited today with the arrest of two Grand Rapids men sought in connection with a brutal beating and robbery.

Donald L. Fry, 35, and John R. Martin, 39, both of Grand Rapids, demanded examination when arraigned in Grand Rapids Municipal Court on a charge of robbery unarmed.

They were charged with the beating of Ralph Dyer of Ionia and robbing him of cash and personal belongings.

Grand Rapids police broadcast a description of Dyer's car, which allegedly had been stolen by the suspects. Patrolman Al Eckman, who joined the force just a few months ago, spotted the car on M-21 in Lowell and stopped it.

Failure of the driver, Fry, to properly identify himself led to his arrest, according to the report.

Fry reportedly also was sought on a felony warrant in East Lansing and for parole violation.

Royal VanDenBroeck, 60, was arrested by Lowell police last Friday on a charge of assault and battery in response to a warrant issued by the Kent County Prosecutors' office.

## Two Die in Bowne Mishap

Two Bowne Township residents are dead following the first fatal fire in the vicinity for over 35 years.

According to Alto fire chief Harold Metternick Gilbert Porritt, aged 60, died New Year's night when he was trapped in a second-floor bedroom of a house located at 11744 84th St., SE.

Porritt's brother-in-law, Howard Heacock, aged 63, who was sleeping in a downstairs bedroom, escaped from the burning house and rolled in the snow to extinguish flames on his nightclothing.

He suffered severe burns and died the following afternoon at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The men were alone in the house at the time of the fire. Mrs. Heacock spent the evening visiting a daughter in Caledonia.

The Alto fire department, alerted by a call from a neighbor, Mrs. Ella Flynn, were joined on the scene by units from Caledonia and Cascade. Weather gave the firemen a hard time in fighting the blaze which was out of control when they arrived.

Subsequent investigation cited an overheated coal stove in the dining room as the cause of the fire. Metternick estimated that the farm house, which burned to the ground, was an \$8,000 loss.

### SIGNATURES NEEDED

The educational future of our children is too important not to have another millage vote. Signatures are needed on petitions now available in most downtown stores and at the Lowell YMCA. Sign up now!

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## Student Wins Contest

How many times have you heard the statement "You can't win the contest unless you enter!"

Young Carl Rooker, of 7647 Fase Street, Ada, knows what it is to enter... and the thrill of winning.

Monday morning, just before leaving for school, Carl heard his name revealed as the first-place winner in a snowfall contest sponsored by WOOD-TV and radio.

Appropriately, the prize for guessing the correct number of inches of snowfall this season, is a snowmobile.

Carl is an eighth grader at Forest Hills Junior High School and just the right age at 13 to appreciate the prize.

All members of the Robert Rooker family entered the contest. They waited until almost the last moment. They sat around the breakfast table one morning, made their guesses and filled out the necessary cards. The number of inches had to be decided down to the nearest tenth.

As December closed and the station announced the official measurement, all of the Rookers began to seriously wonder if Carl's card was actually one of those eligible for the drawing to break a tie. Perhaps since they had made out the card so late and the Christmas mail was so heavy this year, the card had never arrived in time to be considered!

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### Plan for Patience

Al Heemstra, newly-appointed Cascade Township supervisor, issued a strong appeal for cooperation, patience and strength Monday as he chaired the first meeting of his administration.

Addressing the board and audience, Heemstra declared: "In the close society of local government, the board must follow the laws which were created to serve the entire community."

Heemstra also introduced several innovations to the semi-weekly sessions, including a printed agenda for fellow board members and spectators and establishment of a special closing hour for the meetings.

The initial meeting of the new year also saw Bruce Chadwick sworn in as trustee to fill the unexpired term of Minor Cook. He will serve until November, 1972.

Cook recently was named to replace Heemstra as township clerk after the latter in turn was appointed to fill the position vacated by Gerri Baker following his election to the new Kent County Board of Supervisors representing the 3rd District.

Board members agreed to **Classrooms Shut Down**

Had roads forced officials to close the Lowell Area Schools Tuesday for the third time this winter.

Supr. James Pace said that after four Lowell buses slid into ditches because of icy rural roads on Monday and with the prospect of more and drifting snow Monday night, he decided to give students an always welcome day off.

State school regulations allow six days off per school year in their "Act of God" clause.

Robert Masten, superintendent of Forest Hills Schools, said that they have had to close school only once, shortly before Christmas, due to adverse weather conditions.

### Council

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tent had been primarily for future cemetery use.

Anderson, in other action, asserted that council should make known its wishes to Root-Lowell Corporation for right-of-way easements for a new industrial access road between M-21 and Foreman Rd., plan of which Root-Lowell's new plant has been constructed.

"This should be done now, before the company names a new president," said Anderson in reference to the recent resignation of Root-Lowell President Richard Brush to accept a new position.

Council favors a 66-foot right-of-way along the west side of Cherry Creek Drain.

Dr. Orval McKay appeared before council and asked that the city fathers notify an area-wide comprehensive health study group of its willingness to have this area surveyed as a possible rest home site.

Dr. McKay said his knowledge of financing for such a rest home was rather limited, but that a need does exist for such a facility in Lowell.

Council approved with amendments to include local firm limitations, a move to adopt by reference a uniform building code.

The move is necessary as a foundation for possible consideration for state and federal assistance on long-range plans for major projects in the city.

A uniform traffic code also was adopted, council agreed, when a sufficient quantity of manuals are available.

City Manager Bernard C. Olson told council he had been in contact with American Legion officials regarding the latter's offer to relinquish a one-acre interest in the structure supporting Lowell Showboat stands.

David has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas for training as a medical services specialist. He attended Grand Rapids Junior College following his graduation from Lowell High School in 1967.

Haldane H. Harvey, Jr., has been promoted to sergeant at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii where he is a supply inventory specialist. His wife, Catherine, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gilbride of Ada.

Lt. Col. John A. Bradford, son of Mrs. Nina Bradford of 2909 Bonnell Road SE has been assigned to duty at Albus Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

Bradford is a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft commander and holds a command rating. He was last stationed on Guam.

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### Civic Calendar

Monday-January 13: Cascade Township Board will meet with the Cascade Therapeutic River Association regarding the problem of the Cascade Dam. Cascade Administration Building at 8 p. m.  
Ada Township board meeting, 7:30 p. m., Township hall.  
Lowell School Board meeting, 7:30 p. m., senior high school.  
Tuesday-Jan. 4: Grattan township meeting, 8 p. m., township hall.

### Alto Party Line

Mrs. Euberta Silcox  
Phone 868-6710

ALTO COMING EVENTS  
Mrs. Ruth Ann Maternick will be hostess to the South Lowell Circle at her home on January 18th at eight o'clock. Devotions: Myrtle Klein, Program: Helen Wittenbach.

Bowne Center Young Adults will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Durkee at 8 p. m. on Saturday evening, January 18.

Other Alto News  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wingeler and family attended the funeral in Saranac Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Wingeler's sister, Mrs. Rova Hattinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hatch spent the weekend with the former's mother, Mrs. Harry Hatch, of Richmond, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Yetter and Debbie were the holiday guests of Mrs. Yetter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stout of Elliottsville, Ind. The Yeters were New Year's visitors of Mrs. Carmah's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Watson, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Fleet of Freehold were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Livingston and family of Clarksville had New Year's dinner with the Glen Lovelands.

Mrs. Bert Sinclair, Rosemarie and Lester of Marion were Saturday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fairchild.

Rev. Albert Raloff and wife of Negaunee were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Flynn. Rev. Raloff is Mrs. Flynn's brother.

Rev. and Mrs. Allan Wilhelm and family of Grand Blanc & Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fairbrother and family of Wall Lake were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gilbride of Ada.

Mrs. Freda Russell is home from Butterworth Hospital and is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Benedict and family.

Mrs. Pearl Dygert spent a few days last week with Mrs. Emma Hillon. Mr. and Mrs. Alger Dygert of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon callers of their mother, Mrs. Pearl Dygert.

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Mrs. L. F. Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard and family of Mobile spent two weeks during the holidays at the George Howard home on the Edward Kampuchutte home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson entertained their family, the Roger Pitsch and Claire Andersons to a late Christmas dinner New Year's Day as the former family were sick during Christmas week.

Our neighborhood was deeply shocked Thursday morning by the tragic deaths of New Year's night of Gilbert Porritt and his brother-in-law, Howard Heacock, in a fire which burned the latter's home. They have been residents here many years. Their families have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Richard Bowman of Martin spent a part of last week with his grandparents, the Keith Bowmans.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson called on Mrs. Flora Hooper Thursday afternoon and were Friday afternoon guests at the Rhena Dumuth home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard and family of Detroit spent over Sunday last week with his parents, the George Howards also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Howard and family of Detroit.

George and Lenore entertained their family to Christmas dinner Saturday, December 23. Twenty-two in all, including 12 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowman entertained their family to Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffin and family of Detroit spent over Sunday last week with his parents, the George Howards also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Howard and family of Detroit.

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### Elmdale

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If you are interested in becoming associated with this paper as a reporter, please call Mrs. Feuerstein at the Ledger office on Friday, or Monday.

The number to call is 897-1821.

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'MODEL STUDENTS' - Members of the junior architects class at Lowell Junior High show small models they constructed during nine-week elective course. A highlight of the course was a talk by architect Donnelly Palmer. Shown above with are instructor Mrs. Marjorie Benedict are (left to right, front) Robert Spicer, Kevin Hensch and Mark Blough; (rear) Dan Scherzaitzer, Mrs. Benedict, Kim McKay and Judy Hakala.

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### Star Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Heasley and daughter, of Grand Rapids spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs and daughters spent Christmas Eve at the Ovid Miller home at Morrison Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stahl called on Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Craig near Alto Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Zook of Clarksville were Sunday afternoon callers at the Stahl home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Win-were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kowalczyk, Mr. and Mrs. George Kowalczyk and Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuss and family of South Bowne, Ed Kowalczyk of Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Swanson and son of Kraft Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krebs of Lowell were also callers.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the Harold Seese home were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schomalmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Swartz of Marcellus, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Colvin of Hastings were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shaffer attended open house for Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Rosenberg on their 25th wedding anniversary at Alto Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Seese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fox and Lois enjoyed belated Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Meyers and baby at Freeport Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough spent Christmas Day with their son, Ivan and family, at Lowell.

Mrs. Freeman Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoffman and daughters of Westland were Christmas evening guests at the Lloyd Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanDyke of Grand Rapids were Saturday evening visitors at George Kreb's home.

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LEGAL NOTICES

GERALD M. HENRY
400 Federal Square Building
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502
PUBLICATION ORDER
File No. 118-990
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent

Home Tests Key to Rangers' Hopes

Forest Hills High has three of its five basketball games during January scheduled for the home floor... and coach Don Kemp hope that the last two are as productive as the first



After two straight road games against weaker rivals the Rangers will meet West Ottawa on the home court on January 21.

'68 Road Fatalities Set Mark

Despite a below-average death toll of 132 for December, Michigan's annual traffic count for 1968 soared to a new all-time traffic figure of 2,352, according to provisional figures of the State Police safety and traffic division.

This surpassed by 54 (or two per cent) the old record of 2,298 set in 1966. It also exceeded by 215 or 10 per cent the adjusted final loss of 2,137 charged to 1967, which had had a provisional count of 2,123.

Prep Cage Results

Lowell 85, Belding 70
F. H. St. Kelloggville 44
Hudsonville 37, Kentwood 79
West Ottawa 69, Rogers 50
Gedwin Hts. 57, Wy. Pa. 45
Portland 61, Saranac 38
Caledonia 51, Jenison 56

Waiting Period for Arrows CMU Grid Bust Set for Jan. 16

The first of these games will be held at home Tuesday night as scheduled to face lesser rivals in the Tri-River Conference in the next four contests before meeting challengers Rockford and Cedar Springs in back-to-back home games in early February.

Rangers Will Host Mat Meet

Forest Hills High will play host Saturday afternoon to three rival schools in a quadrangular wrestling meet, scheduled to start in the high school gym at 1 p. m.

Ice Rink Now Open

Ice skating is now available on the outdoor rink behind the Rangers Drive Inn in Lowell, it was announced today.

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623-9288

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Century Old Church to Get Face-lifting

Members of Lowell's First Congregational Church will meet on Thursday, January 9, to kick off a month-long fund raising drive to remodel the church and install a new organ.

Underground Coffee House to Re-open

The senior high and college age youth of the Lowell area again have a regular place to meet for conversation, recreation, and refreshments each Saturday night.

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517 East Main St.
Ph. 897-7150
Evenings and Sundays
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Obituaries

JOSEPHINE GRATZ
Mrs. Josephine Gratz, aged 65, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on December 28th at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

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CLARENCE BROCK
Clarence C. Brock, aged 61, of Cascade, passed away on December 27th at his home.

ROSE STEVENS
Miss Rose Stevens, aged 66, of 118 Vergennes Road in Ada, passed away on December 31st at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

GILBERT PORRITT
Gilbert Porritt, aged 69, of Ada, passed away on Thursday morning, January 2, 1969.

HOWARD HEACOCK
Howard L. Heacock, aged 63, of 11744 94th Street in Bowne Township, passed away Thursday evening, January 2, in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

GEORGE HENDERSON JR.
George H. Henderson, aged 28, of 2684 McIntosh NE, Grand Rapids, passed away on December 28th of accidental injuries.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2306 Wycliff Dr. S. E.
The Liturgy - 10 A. M.
Nursery and Sunday School through 12th Grade

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PHYLIS WITTENBACH
Mrs. Phyllis A. Wittenbach, of 706 Grindie Drive in Lowell, passed away on December 24 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

HARRY J. PROCTOR
Harry J. Proctor, aged 84, of 1921 Francis SE, passed away on Sunday, December 29, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids following a long illness.

JAMES BURKHOLDER
James H. Burkholder, aged 79, of Ada, passed away at his residence last weekend following a short illness.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to express my deepest appreciation to South Lowell Circle, friends and relatives for the many cards, letters and remembrances during my recent hospitalization.

WEST LOWELL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
West Grand River Drive
Rev. Earl Dawson
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 P.M.
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Corner of East Paris Road
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CHURCH NEWS

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL
Sunday, January 12th, Holy Communion at 10 a. m. following by coffee hour. Sunday School from nursery age thru 8th grade. Bishop's Committee meets 4 p. m. Adult confirmation class at church.

CASCADE CHRISTIAN REFORMED
Sunday, January 12, Morning Worship, 10 a. m. Sunday School, 11:15 a. m. Evening Service, 7 p. m.

First Baptist Church - In Alto
Corner 6th & Bancroft Ave.
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11 A. M. & 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday Family Prayer Fellowship 7:00 P. M.

Cascade Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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Hospital Notes

Richard Hansen at Osteopathic Hospital, 2595 Patterson Ave.
Mrs. Clarence Brock, 7866 Butterworth Drive, in intensive care unit at Butterworth Hospital.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: You sure have a nice way to make friends and influence people with the use of many names to describe the no votes in the recent millage election.

BLUEBIRDS

The things that are going on in our high schools and colleges nowadays makes one feel that the taxes we do pay are wasted.

You suggested in one of your editorials that we have made our bed and you wonder if we are willing to lay in it.

Henry Tichelar R. I. Lowell, Mich To the Editor:

Inasmuch as the fiscal problems in the Lowell School District occupy quite a bit of news space in the Ledger we wonder how many citizens have contacted their state representative or state senator for help.

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City of Lowell Council Proceedings

Regular meeting, Monday evening, December 14, 1968, in the council room of the city hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnold A. Wittenbach at 8:48 p. m. and the roll was called.

Present: Councilman Anderson, Jeffries, Myers, Mayor Wittenbach.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Anderson, supported by Mrs. Myers, that the minutes of the December 2, 1968 meeting be and hereby are approved as presented.

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Pleasant Valley

Mr. Bert Blank 693-3434

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The John Lott family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Carlson and family of near Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gray and boys were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Ethel Blank.

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# Social Scene

If anyone had any doubts at the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris of 7133 Rix Street in Ada, they must have disappeared long ago... for the happy couple celebrated their seventy-first wedding anniversary on December 29th.

Area residents for all their lives, the marriage has produced one daughter, Mrs. Glen Chase of Grand Rapids, two grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Flo Travis and her children spent Christmas together at her home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Phil McFellin and family of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knowles and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Travis and family of Grand Rapids, and Valerie McFellin, gentlemen friend were also there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Roth Jr. from Washington D. C. spent Christmas with the William Roth family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuyers of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sprague of Bad Axe were also Christmas day guests.

There will be open house on Sunday, January 25th, from 2 to 5 p. m. celebrating the 50th golden wedding anniversary of Loyal and Ida Aldrich at their home, 1509 Bryant Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, for friends and relatives.

Mrs. Algene Feuerstein of Parnell and Mrs. Joan Salas of Ada attended the Artex Michigan Seminar held in Saginaw on January 2, 3 and 4. Both managers for the firm, they were in charge of teaching arts and crafts to the more than 200 instructors attending the meeting.

Mrs. Sabie Baker spent Christmas with her son, Keith Baker and family of Portland. All of her children and grandchildren, twenty-four in all, being present.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Dawson of Lansing and Mrs. Joan Ripmaster were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Sabie Baker.

Saturday afternoon callers of Mrs. Sabie Baker were Richard Baker and family of Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips entertained a group at their home for a Christmas party. Present were Mr. and Mrs.

Daniel Shores and family, Mrs. Glen Vos, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peckham and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seeley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seeley and Allen, Jr., and Virginia Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran and boys were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seeley and family of Burton Street were Sunday luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips.

Enjoying the sunny climes of Florida for a few weeks are Esther and John Minges of 210 Brook Street.

## Forest Hills School News

Friday, January 10, A dance will be held immediately following the Basketball game.

Saturday, January 11, Quadrangler Wrestling, 1 p. m.

Starting Saturday, January 4, from 9 to 11:15 a. m. an intra-mural basketball program for 7th and 8th grade boys will go into operation and run for 8 weeks or more.

The program will be under the direction of 'Bunk' Van-Ark and wrestling will be handled by Paul Nordhuus, assisted by varsity wrestling coach Chuck Matthews, and members of the varsity wrestling squad will give of their time to assist the boys.

## Ada Soph Initiated

Mary C. Clark, of RR 2, Ada, has been initiated into Theta Phi Alpha sorority at Marquette University.

Theta Phi Alpha combines social, academic and spiritual interests in sorority life. The sorority actively participates in all-university events and its members participate in other student organizations and student government.

Miss Clark is a sophomore in the School of Speech.

## Betrothals Announced



CHARLENE MEYERS



MONETTE BAER

The engagement of Charlene Meyers to Terry Yelter was announced this week by her mother, Mrs. Nola Meyers of Saranac. She is also the daughter of the late Arden Meyers.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Yelter of Lowell.

A June 28th wedding is being planned following their graduation from Saranac High School earlier in the month.

Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert M. Reynolds, Sr., of 604 North Hudson in Lowell have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to Gary John Kropf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Kropf of 417 Howard Street in Lowell.

Miss Reynolds attended the Grand Rapids Junior College and is now employed at the Lowell State Savings Bank. Her fiancé is completing his senior year in the College of Engineering at the Michigan State University.

Both are 1965 graduates of Lowell High School.

A September 6th wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wolbers of Ada announced this week the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda, to Terrance W. Blaser.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Blaser of Rt. 1, Lowell.

Linda is a member of the Lowell High School class of 1969.

Terrance, who graduated from Lowell High School in 1966, is now working in Caledonia.

A late spring wedding is being planned by the young couple.

Clarissa M. Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward F. Parks of Plymouth Avenue SE, and James Barton Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hill of Ada, are planning a June wedding.

Miss Parks is presently attending Grand Rapids Junior College. Her fiancé, also a Junior College student, attended Western Michigan University.

A July wedding is being planned by Monette Baer and her fiancé, Michael L. Winfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winfield of Whiting Avenue in Wyoming.

Miss Baer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Baer of Honey Creek Avenue in Ada.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Kay Roberts and Gordon Newell was announced this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts of 5334 Conklin Street in Lowell.

The prospective bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newell of 11515 Grand River Drive SE in Lowell. The wedding will take place on February 1st.

The engagement of Robin Jean Ashenbener of Dallas, Texas and 1st Lt. James Michael Botting was announced recently by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ashenbener of Medford, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Botting of 3349 Poinsettia Avenue SE are the parents of the prospective bridegroom.

The bride-elect attended the Mary L. Hurst College for Women in Portland, Oregon.

Lt. Botting, now serving in Viet Nam, graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids and received an MS in police administration from Michigan State University.

## WMU Awards Degrees to Area Students

Four area students were among the 1,304 students presented with degrees in the commencement exercise held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in December.

Receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees in education were Terry William Dawson of 419 Elizabeth Street, Lowell and Sharon Lynn Jones of 804 Shepard Drive, Lowell.

Marlene Kay Koewers of 327 Avery Street in Lowell and Sandra Lee Wenger of 364 Grand River Drive in Ada both received Bachelor of Science degrees in education.

## Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYBERT

While snowmobiles and skis were flying and while fireplaces warmed holiday fun makers throughout the icy spell, students, relatives, and friends continued to get together in small and large gatherings.

Through an Epicurean adventure beginning with a punch and ending with mints, twenty gourmets traveled a delightful path in the home of Frank and Mary Lou Schueller. Thoroughly enjoying themselves despite the weather were Jack and Rosemary Neuberger, Jack and Pat Bauman, Chuck and Sylvia King, and John and Pat Clark.

Featured entree was Beef Wellington garnished with frosted grapes and juicy kumquats. Providing animated conversation were Jim and Betty Sullivan, Gary and Irene Raterink, Ken and Bea Kleinstra, and Ann and John Perschbacher.

June Buys and Judy Vandenberg took advantage of the holidays to make their first flight to Chicago to visit two girl friends.

Stew and Joanne Bradley held an open house and introduced her mother, Mrs. Edna Schlosser of Sherman Oaks, Calif., to their many friends.

Marshall and Jane Belding entertained a house guest, Anne Williams, of Mansfield, Ohio over the holidays and also welcomed his mother, Mrs. Lewis (Stella) Belding, as a new resident of the Cascade Village Apartments. She moved here from Great Notch, New Jersey just in time for Christmas and will stay as a permanent adjunct to the community.

Dick and Sandy Buttrick were here visiting his parents, the Harold Buttricks, but had to hurry back to Massachusetts at the end of the holidays.

Walter and Marjory Jones had already planned a traditional New Year's Eve party for old friends when they received word that their son would have an unexpected leave from Vietnam. He is here now so there was a double celebration.

Another twin salutation went on at the home of the Joe Whinery's on New Year's Eve. It was their wedding anniversary. Helping them remember the day and begin the new year as well were Marshall and Jane Belding, Jim and Barb Ford, George and Janet Whinery of Spring Lake, Dan and Betsy Tinkham, Jack and Patti McAllister, and Chuck and Dorothy Dergins.

Also enjoying the hors-d'oeuvres and cocktails were Mabel Burton and the Nell DeKoker's of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jean Warner was hostess to a block party. She welcomed everyone who lives between 52nd and 60th Avenues on Whitneyville Rd. Among those hearty souls who braved the weather were the Henry Hoffmans, the Donald Weeks, the Carl Thomassetts, the Bill Johnsons, and Betty Kline.

Each holiday season is like a lesson in multiplication brought to life for Fred and Zil Prescott, Clint and Connie Storm and Al and Millie Terrell.

These three couples, who have been getting together during the Christmas season since they were newlyweds, counted twenty-seven children & grandchildren at this year's celebration.

Have you broken your New Year's resolution yet?

Adrian's Ramona Terrace near Comstock Park was the scene of the Party Time Club's New Year's Eve party. Decorations of gold and white made the room festive as couples danced to the music of Ben Mocini and his orchestra. Preparations for the party were made by committee members Ade and Donna VanHaren, Clem and Pat Edwards, Steven and Marcia Reynolds and Babe and Donna

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Van Hattam. Attending from the Forest Hills area were: Bud and Pat Budnick, John and Shirley Wangas, Floyd and Nan DeVos, Mae and Randy Preston, Fred and Dea Vanderploeg and Dick and Carolyn Lynch.

Also seeing in the new year with their friends were Pat and Bob Troske, Bill and Dotie Blackport, Tom and Elaine Horning, Al and Delores Gustafson, Pat and Janice Barr, Curt and Eileen Amundson, Bo and Jo Burnham and Dick and Connie DeVoe.

Rounding out the list of local people attending were Louie and Jean Lamphear, Dean and Delores Loree, Steve and Louis Norman, Bernard and Helen Mohr and Howard and Nancy Vandenberg.

Dreaming of leaving the snow behind and leaving for warmer climes, advice on Hawaii can be gleaned from the Benjamin Van-T Hof's and Rick Hahn who have just returned from a three week visit there. They took a train from here to Los Angeles, then a boat to their destination, the island of Oahu, where they stayed with Dr. Chester Terpstra, pastor of Makiki Christian Church in Honolulu.

One day they flew to the Isle of Kauai, known as the garden island. Among the activities of their crowded days they went sight seeing to craters, swam in the ocean and were entertained at several dinners. They learned to eat raw fish, remove their shoes when entering a native's home and wear the local costumes. They left behind 80 degree temperatures and constant sunshine to return here Monday morning.

Cascade Christian Church Chapel in Cascade was the scene on the afternoon of December 28th of the wedding of Ial Dalstra of Alto and Rex Karcher of Lake Odessa. The nuptial ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Raymond Gaylord.

Honor attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sinclair, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, were master and mistress of ceremonies at a reception following the ceremony. Over fifty guests from Grand Rapids and vicinity attended the reception held at the Latter Day Saints Church in Alaska.

The newlyweds left on a honeymoon trip to Indiana where they visited the bride's son at Grissom Air Force Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Karcher will reside in Lake Odessa.

## Coming Events

Snow Farm Bureau will hold their January meeting on Friday, January 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Baker on 36th Street, 8 p. m.

The Annual Meeting of the Lowell Showboat Corporation will be held Tuesday, February 4, 1969, at 7 p. m. at the American Legion Building. The public is invited to attend.

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their first meeting of 1969 Monday evening, January 13th, at 8:00 p. m. in the club rooms. The topic is Legislation with the program in charge of Mrs. Lydia Johnson. Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Harriet Thurtell and Mrs. Molly Wepman. Anyone interested in this subject is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, January 9, Dessert will be served at 1 p. m.

Joseph Wilson Corps will be held on January 5th. Supper night and installation.

George Mueller of the Kent County Parks Commission will give a program on conservation Monday evening, January 13, when the Showboat Garden Club meets in the home of Mrs. S. J. Ayres at 8 p. m.

The Evening Club will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, for their Mid-winter Dinner at Jean Jackson's home, 6:30 p. m.

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, OES will hold their regular meeting on Friday, January 10 at 8 p. m.

Brrr! Summer is just around the corner! YMCA swim team parents meeting, 8 p. m., January 15th at the 'Y' Swim team practice, ordering of suits, and officiating will be discussed. Officers are already elected, so come on out.

## BIRTHS

Robert and Carol Stevens of 8743 Glen Nevis, Ada, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Timothy James, born on December 30 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Tim weighed in at seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Schalk are the proud parents of a son, Christopher, who was born at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids on December 18.

## Newlyweds Will Live in Chicago

Wedding vows were exchanged Friday evening, December 27th, between Veronica Lee Schlernitzauer and Roger A. Odell. Officiating at the candlelight ceremony held at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell was the Rev. Robert Webber.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlernitzauer of 514 North Monroe in Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Odell of Route 1, Lowell.

For her wedding the bride chose an A line silk worsted skimmer trimmed with venise lace at the scoop neckline and hemline and fashioned with elbow length sleeves. Her bouffant veil was attached to a floral and seed pearl headpiece. She carried a bridal bouquet of white gardenias and yellow mums.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Jo Ann Wingeler of Kalamazoo, as matron of honor, and Nancy Lackey of Coopersville as bridesmaid. They wore pale lemon yellow A line skimmers, with short sleeves and mandarin collars. Each carried a bouquet of yellow and orange mums.

Serving as best man was Douglas Olin of Big Rapids. Ushers were Bruce Odell, brother of the groom, and Dan Schlernitzauer, brother of the bride.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the Lowell Moose Lodge room. Guests from out of town included family and friends from Jackson, Lansing, Detroit, Toledo and Grand Rapids.

The young couple will reside in Chicago where the groom is employed by Eastern Airlines at O'Hare Field.

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