

You know, if I lived to be a million years old I doubt seriously that I would ever really understand all there is to know about the weekly newspaper business.

A week ago, there was so much news going on we hardly had room for everything in the paper. It was also a week when (or so it seemed) every advertiser from miles around wanted "in", resulting in a pretty tough time by our crew to get the family journal put together.

This week has turned out to be exactly the opposite. If there is any really big news going on, it's got to be somewhere other than in this community. And the advertisers, except for rare occasion, have apparently taken the week off!

Oh, well... win a few, lose a few. But news or no news... ads or few ads, we'll get it put together and delivered on time as we always do.

Among my plans for the past weekend was a trip to Calvin College on Saturday night to see the Pistons and New York Knickerbockers engage in a pre-season National Basketball Association game.

In a way, I'm glad things turned out that I couldn't make it.

The Pistons, just as they did so many times in my nine-year association with the club, blew a fair-sized lead and dropped a 10-pointer to the Knicks.

One reason I declined to make the trip was the fact that Dave Bing was out of the Detroit lineup for knee surgery. He's a great player, probably to only one on the club.

If the rival American Basketball Association can survive another year... which may be doubtful... Bing will be playing with Washington.

A tragic loss to Detroit. In fact, to Michigan.

As you can plainly see, the Smithy is a real sports buff... a carryover from some 25 years of sportswriting and sports publicity work.

So I offer, for what it's worth, my analysis of the Detroit Lions. Blah!

Now I only hope that Joe Schmidt and his boys prove me wrong.

Are you enjoying the Indian summer I predicted for you back in early August?

If so, don't send congratulations... send money!!!

Only kidding, of course.

City Designates New Building Inspector

Lowell City Manager Blaine Bacon announces the appointment of a building inspector for the city.

He is Charles Benjamin, 34, of 2676 Lincoln Lake Rd., Vergennes Township, where he also serves as inspector.

Benjamin learned the building trade as a boy from his father, who is a contractor in Saranac.

He is a 1953 graduate of Saranac High School, and later served for two years with the U. S. Army as an enlisted man at Ft. Riley, Kan.

Benjamin and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of three boys, Bryan, Douglas and Scott.

TRAIN FOR SALE

Train lovers will have a chance to buy the original 12-car "Denver Zephyr" when it goes on the auction block October 20.

WILL BE CLOSED FOR VACATION - October 6 to October 13. Goodens Shoe Repair.

MARK THIS DATE - Tuesday, October 7, Lions Club Trick 'N' Treat candy sale.

Area Aides Launch '69 UF Drive

The 1969 United Fund campaign was kicked-off officially at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday with the symbolic lighting of the U.F. torch by Jackie Nykamp, this year's Miss United Fund.

The ceremony, which was held in Grand Rapids, also was the signal for Eastern Kent County campaign chairman and volunteer workers to begin soliciting for funds to support the 26 United Fund agencies.

The UF campaign will continue for the next six weeks, with area chairmen reporting progress to headquarters every week. The county goal has been set at \$2,275,000.

In the Lowell area, including Vergennes and Lowell Townships, the fund-raising drive is headed by Stanley N. Gardner as general chairman.

Gardner is assisted by Mrs. Eddy Strong, who is in charge of workers who are making house calls, while Herb Reynolds and Dr. Clark Vredenburg are seeking funds from industrial and commercial establishments.

According to the 1968 report of the United Fund activities, Lowell received consideration in 1,089 cases.

Of this number—525 were benefited by the Lowell YMCA; 52 by the Girl Scouts; nine through the YWCA; 240 in the Boy Scouts; 155 in Girl Scouts; and 38 aided by the Red Cross.

A co-community chairman heads up the UF campaign in Ada and Cascade Townships. He is Mike Woudenberg and his assistant in charge of residential calls is Mrs. Matthew Soyka.

In Ada, some 535 persons benefited by the 1968 campaign, which included 149 Boy Scouts. Others were 118 Girl Scouts; 82 in the YWCA; 46 in YMCA; 51 Camp Fire Girls; and 15 were given legal aid.

Cascade Township received benefits for a total of 432 cases. Of these Cascade Boy Scouts numbering 257 were benefited; 68 Camp Fire Girls; 27 from the Red Cross; and nine from family services.

Lowell Township reported 124 cases, with 51 Boy Scouts and 37 Camp Fire Girls benefiting; and nine given legal aid.

Vergennes Township had 123 cases last year, with 54 of these going to Boy Scouts and 62 to Camp Fire Girls.

In Caledonia Township the chairman is Mrs. E. A. Schoenberg, where last year 555 Girl Scouts, and 90 YWCA.

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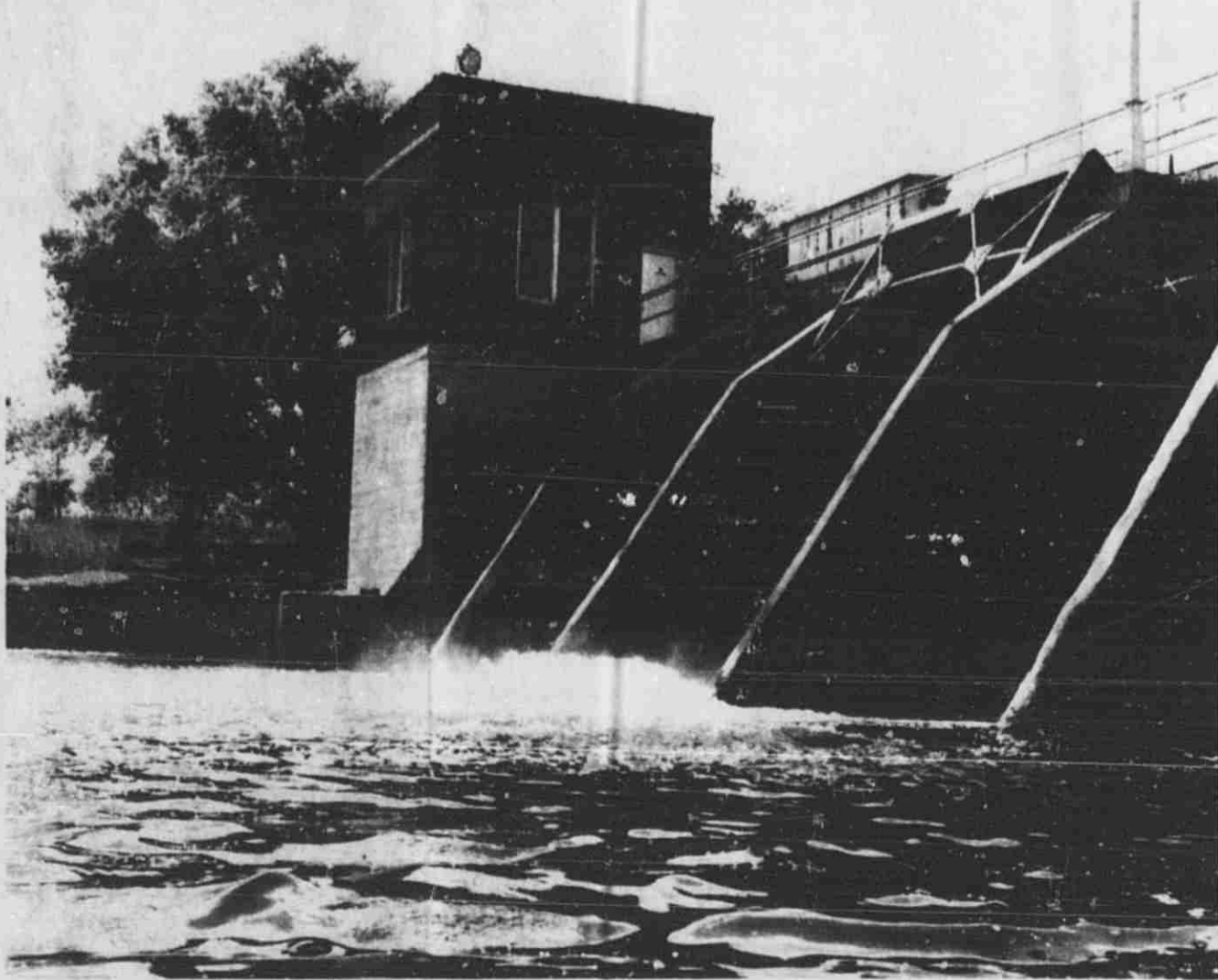
The building on 28th Street which was the first home of the Cascade D&W has been sold.

The new owner is planning to completely remodel the interior into offices for several businesses. The exterior will be modernized in anticipation of an early opening.

NO MORE CHANCES

Hurricane Camille's high waters wrought so much havoc with the electrical equipment of one oil refinery that it is going to have its five control rooms raised four feet to avoid future flooding.

ROSIE DRIVE INN - This week's special: New Yorker - 49 cents, and Jumbo Salad - 25 cents.



FUTURE WEIGHED - The hydro plant on the Flat River that for years generated power for Lowell Light and Power is being considered as a possible recreation site with emphasis on fishing. (Photo by Kevin Smith)

Abandoned Hydro Dam Seen as Possible Recreation Site

BY A. P. SMITH

Is Lowell in line for a share of funds from Michigan's new Recreation Bond program, or from the State's Land and Water Conservation funds on restoring the natural flow and beautification of Flat River?

Good question, but tough to answer! Much depends upon action taken by the Lowell Light and Power Commission on the disposition of the now-idle power plant and dam (Hydro No. 2) which is located in Ionia County, twelve miles up river from the city.

The power commission abandoned use of the facility as a power plant when the city lighting facilities were converted to diesel power a few years back.

Considerable interest has been generated in the past few weeks by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on the possibility of establishing fishery management along the river.

State Rep. Stanley M. Powell (R-Ionia) who also has evinced an interest in the Flat River improvements, has received a lengthy report from Ralph A. MacMullan, the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In his report MacMullan stated:

"I have had an investigation completed of Lowell Hydro No. 2 Dam on Flat River.

"A committee made up of representatives of several interested divisions report

appear sound, but are in need of considerable repair, estimated by engineers to cost \$30,000 to \$50,000.

"It should be noted too that if the dam remains in, the Department will expect the owner to provide fish passage facilities in the near future to accommodate the ana-

dromous fish program planned for the Grand and Flat Rivers.

"For this reason, we would urge the Lowell Light and Power Company to remove the dam from the river and restore it as a free-flowing stream.

"If representatives of local government are interested, I would be pleased to arrange for staff members to discuss the possibilities of such development along the Flat River.

"This could include information on the eligibility of such a project for financial support from Land and Water Conservation funds or from the state's new Recreation Bond program."

As Hydro No. 2 is in Ionia County, some observers are saying that Ionia authorities would investigate the possibility of acquiring the entire hydro site.

Also, the Ledger-Suburban Life has learned that individuals from out-state have shown an interest in buying the up-river Lowell properties.

Added interest in improving Flat River was shown Monday when a group of officials from Belding and Greenville, in company of several out-state experts, made an inspection trip by canoe from Greenville to Belding.

In the group were John Kennough, executive director of the Grand River Watershed Council; Chet Harvey, district engineer of the bureau of the water resources commission, and city managers from both Belding and Greenville.

New Deputy Clerk Takes Ada Post

A brief Ada Township Board meeting on September 22 was highlighted by the swearing in of Mrs. Barbara Mooney as deputy clerk.

Mrs. Mooney will serve as a secretary for the township and will be able to take voter registrations.

The Kent County Sheriff's Dept. requested use of the back area of the township dump as a practice pistol range. The board agreed to the request with the stipulation that the department be responsible for its own construction and maintenance problems.

A resolution to be sent to representatives in the U. S. Congress regarding the proposal tax Reform Act of 1969 was agreed upon.

In other action, board members discussed the position of the township regarding water registration and its costs.

Jewelry Hobbyist Would Like Moon Rocks for Collection

BY GLORIA PETTIGREW

Special to the Ledger-Suburban Life

Astronaut Neil Armstrong from a little town called Wapakoneta in Ohio was the first man to set foot on the moon... and Mrs. Betty Simons from the tiny community of Ada in Michigan would like to be the first woman to explore the earth's satellite.

You see, Mrs. Simons wants to get "some of those moon rocks."

That may seem like a strange ambition, but it isn't. For in her spare time, Betty fashions beautiful stones into distinctive jewelry such as rings, bracelets, pins, pendants, tie clasps and so forth.

Betty first started making jewelry five years ago and she now has several boxes filled with beautiful creations. She loves all pretty stones, precious and semi-precious, and has been interested in them ever since childhood.

She enjoys making and wearing rings, and estimates that she has about ninety-five rings of all kinds and shapes.

Naturally enough, her two favorite pieces of jewelry are rings. One displays a huge opal and is mounted in silver. The other, her most favorite of all is a star ruby from Ceylon mounted in an unusual setting combining oxidized and polished silver.

Since Betty works fulltime in the office at Amway Corporation, she hasn't as much time as she would like to devote to her

hobby, but she does attend a silversmithing class in Grand Rapids every Thursday night. While other women are clipping recipes from magazines, Betty is studying rock journals and books to learn as much as she can about them. She's an avid reader of the Lapidary Journal which keeps her current on the world of gems.

"It isn't an expensive hobby," Betty says, "I buy the stones in rough form and silver in sheets. A pair of pliers, a saw and a file are the only tools you need to start with. They cost about \$10. Stones cost anything from a few cents to a few dollars.

Betty, her husband Kenneth and their three children reside at 4823 East Fulton and spend much of their vacation time with their noses to the ground looking for rocks. They have brought back stones from all over this country—"sometimes our car is so full of rocks there's no room for luggage"—and the South Pacific Islands.

Friends also help out. One brought her topaz, amethyst and ruby from India.

When Betty starts working with stones, they are just as they were when picked up or mined. She makes a drawing of the piece of jewelry she is going to make, taking into account the size of the stone, then works from this design. Most of the stones have to be cut and polished before they are mounted. Betty has some equipment in her garage and she uses some of the facilities where she takes her classes. But from then on everything is done by hand.

She saws, solders and forges the silver to make the mountings for the stones... glue is an absolute "No, no." It takes Betty about six weeks to complete a piece of jewelry, but she says she can do much of the filing of the silver setting, the time-consuming part, while watching television.

Betty has a story to tell about nearly every piece of jewelry in her collection. At the present time she is setting a beautiful moonstone which came from the Ural Mountains in Russia.

A delightful legend accompanies her very attractive pendant and earring set. The stones in this set are lapis lazuli and are reputed to have been Christ's favorite stones, reminding him of the Sea of Galilee. Now always set in a religious form, these stones are a beautiful blue, full of life against a silver setting.

She is very proud of a piece of black coral. Shaped like a tiny polished tree, it came from Hawaii, the only place in the world where it is found. Divers go down 300 feet to get it.

Mrs. Simon has "cute, dangly earrings" in mind for some Fairstone rock that came from Virginia. Each pretty brown piece is the perfect shape of a cross. One piece in the collection is 80 million years old. It is amber with prehistoric seeds embedded in it.

"Some day," she says, "when I'm a little old lady I'm going to open a handmade jewelry shop and call it 'Betty's Baubles, Bangles and Beads!'"



GEM DANDIES - Mrs. Betty Simon is shown shaping a ring to add to her collection of jewelry, some of which is shown in the other pictures. Photos by Tom Condon.

Wild Chase Earns Man Court Date

A 22-year-old Grand Rapids man is awaiting an appearance in 63rd District Court following his arrest early Sunday morning after a chase that involved scores of police and rare use of a Grand Rapids tracking dog.

According to Lowell police, George Zych of 816 8th St. NW, Grand Rapids, with three companions, was observed driving in an erratic manner on Main St. at about 2 a.m.

Police waved him and his passengers over to the curb for questioning. When asked for his driver's permit, Zych ran away. A radio call for help was then broadcast.

His companions were taken to headquarters. They were: Sue Ciolk, 19, of 31 Rowland, Michael Muste, 20, of 15 Fairbanks, and Larry Gillis, 22, of 701 Fairview, all of Grand Rapids.

At this point a phone call came in reporting a car stolen from the corner of Main and N. Broadway and that the car was seen speeding west on M-21.

Kent County Sheriff's deputies, who had arrived on the scene, gave chase. Zych kept going until his car went out of control, left the road, and wound up in some brushwood near I-96. He then made a dash into the thicket.

The deputies put in a radio call to Grand Rapids Police Lt. Donald Worpel to bring out his tracking dog, Barney.

Barney found Zych unconscious in a nearby field. He was taken to Blodgett Hospital for treatment of minor injuries and then jailed.

Police said he faces charges of unlawfully driving a car away and fleeing an officer.

Taken before District Judge Joseph White, Zych demanded preliminary examination, and the opportunity to engage an attorney.

Judge White set \$1,000 bond for each offense, and on failure to furnish bond, was remanded to Kent County jail pending appearance in court at a later date.

Students Attain High Ranking in Scholastics

Letters of commendation honoring them for high performance on the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to three students at Forest Hills High School, it was announced today by Principal William H. DeJonge.

Those named are June Buttrick, Robert C. Smith and Sandra Zoodsma.

They are among 39,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper two percent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1970.

The commended students rank just below the 15,000 semi-finalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Ford to Seek Opinions from Constituents

Congressman Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.) today announced that he is mailing a questionnaire to all 141,491 residences in the Fifth Congressional District to sample the thinking of Kent and Ionia Counties on the issues of the day.

"I am sending this questionnaire," Congressman Ford said, "to get advice of the people in the district on important questions facing the Congress.

"This survey will provide me with a valuable guide in voting on legislation, it will be most helpful to me to know what my constituents think."

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Community Calendar

Monday, October 6:
Cascade Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.
Lowell Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.
City of Lowell council meeting, 8 p.m., city hall.
Vergennes Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.
Tuesday, October 7:
Grand Rapids Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.

Snow Area

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Wednesday evening, October 8, Snow W.S.C.S. will serve supper at the Snow Christian Center. Mrs. Jean Bertran and Mrs. Marie Stannard will be hostesses.

Mrs. Ella Abraham of Flint called on Mrs. Jennie Antonies Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion, while en route to Potosky to visit their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Champion, and help him in a new home building project, had the misfortune to run into a deer, smashing the front end of their car quite badly.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Bob Miller and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran attended a grocery shopper for Miss Sue Miller of Lowell.

Peter Summerer recently returned home from Viet Nam and Sunday he called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slicker of Remus, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White of Clarksville, called on Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dastra last Sunday.

Callers Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yarrington of Caledonia and Sue Miller of Lowell.

John Blanding returned home Saturday evening from a four-day business trip to Toledo, and Miss Christine Blanding returned home from her week's visit in Florida Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bessie Demmett of Cascade and Mrs. Alice Reynolds attended a convention of the Christian Churches in Ionia Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion attended a potluck dinner at the Alaska Church of Latter Day Saints.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pesoyan and their grandson, Butch Hojanaki.

Antique Show At Eastbrook

Eastbrook Mall will host to antique exhibitors from all over the Midwest and to antiques from all over the world during the Eastbrook Mall Antique Show-Sale, October 14-18.

Novice antiquers and do-it-yourself home decorators will rub elbows with antique connoisseurs as they browse among the show's many and varied exhibits.

Rare coins, commemorative medals, lamps, tools, furniture, dolls, statuary, porcelain, art glass, jewelry, china, primitives, books, and paintings comprise only a sampling of the memorabilia, collectibles and decorator accents to be found.

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Cascade 'Parade' Home Offers Unusual Features

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

One of the most sophisticated homes in this year's Parade of Homes is to be found just outside Cascade in the Maracibo Shores subdivision.

This location was chosen by builder Jerry Battjes as the most preferable for his large multi-storied idea home sponsored by the American Wood Council. It will be open for inspection starting this Friday.

The exterior is of dark wood siding with shake shingles on the roof and features several balconies and a partially enclosed patio.

Before entering the double-doored foyer, the visitor crosses a broad bridge built over a contrasting textured rock and plant-iron garden almost oriental in design. All landscaping was prepared by Thornapple nurseries.

The indoor-outdoor theme is carried to an unusual planting arrangement of rocks and greens under the stairs in the hall which is highlighted by spotlights and serves as an immediate conversation piece. A large formal living room to the left of the entrance leads to a balcony and steps into the wood covered patio.

On the right of the entrance is found a small elegant dining room whose parquet flooring is reminiscent of great days of the past. Ceiling to floor windows overlook the entrance garden.

It is in the kitchen and its adjoining dining area that one feels the southern Spanish influence. Here are wrought iron balustrades, hanging lamps, leather touches, and tiles of Moorish design. The generous cabinets were crafted of warm wood with trim and hardware for that feeling of magnificent well-being.

Appliances match the carpeting in a color scheme of avocado, orange and brown. Lighting comes softly from overhead where the ceiling is completely covered with frosted glass behind which are fluorescent lamps.

Beyond the kitchen is a laundry room and the paneled triple garage with space for automobiles and boats.

A few steps down from this level is the family or relaxing room with its "conversation pit." This is a dropped area surrounded on three sides with deep couches facing the huge stone fireplace that dominates one end of the total room. At the other end on the higher level are chairs and a round table facing the carved combination television and stereophonic pieces.

This room is completely paneled in wood. Intimate gatherings in the pit can use the music as background, or TV viewers can keep their area alive with the adventures and sports being broadcast on the upper level.

The complete house was decorated in a contemporary manner that mixes periods and styles with taste and color.

The master bedroom area has its own balcony overlooking the large lawns that lead to the wooded hillside beyond. There is a private bath with this high ceilinged room.

An unusual arrangement between the other two bedrooms leaves a wide hall which could be used as a TV viewing area, a sewing spot, a hobby center or a study. There is a large window and another balcony for summer sunning here.

Summer weather also will encourage use of the patio which is just off the family room and the living room. It is partially enclosed with open wood walls and has a gas grill in one corner.

There is yet another level below which contains a den paneled in dark oak and a large tiled recreation room for both table tennis and pool.

Housewives, take note: This house is air-conditioned and heated with a heat exchanger and has the advantage of a full central vacuum cleaner system. That way the large bag only has to be emptied once in a while. The hose is pulled out of the wall in each room rather than the machine being hoisted behind and yon.

A tour of this home as well as the others on the Parade list can be made by picking up a ticket for the "Passport to Happiness" in the center stage of the Hawaiian patio in Woodland Mall. If you have the ticket and visit every home on the parade, you will be eligible for the drawing at the end of the tour time. The winning couple will receive a seven-day, all expense trip to Hawaii.

Homes may be visited in any order from Friday, October 3 through Saturday, October 18 between the hours of 2 and 9 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDiarmid have just become parents. Their baby daughter was born at Lansing Hospital September 11th. She weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz. and is named Annie Letha. Congratulations! Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richardson are the maternal grandparents and Mrs. Roy (Joyce) Neeb is her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Roth and family were Sunday callers at the Dean Geiger home on Keim Road.

Mrs. Helan Erb of Reepert and Mrs. Bea Stahl of Clarksville assisted their mother, Mrs. Blank Monday with interior painting. Also, Mrs. Erb has been helping her several days with other work.

The W.M.A. ladies are making plans for a Fall bazaar and sale of home baked goods at Lake Odessa. Any ladies who are interested in the work of this missionary society are cordially invited to come and be a guest at any of the meetings listed each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newberry of Kalamazoo were Sunday morning callers of grandmother, Mrs. Erna Neeb.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Neeb and mother were Sunday afternoon guests of the Clayton Neebs of Portage.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller were Sunday morning callers at the Jim Briggs home at Lowell. Afternoon visitors at Millers were Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Miller and Lyle of Morrison Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Loren J. Mote and Linda of Nash Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Armita Stahl and family of Logan were Sunday dinner guests of Dean Geiger family.

Mrs. Bernice Barnum of Lake Odessa called to see Mrs. Lucille Abels and brought her a catch of fish.

Mrs. Lucille Abels called on Mrs. Gertrude Zoi at Logan Lake Wednesday night. Mrs. Zoi is preparing to move to Grand Rapids next month. We hate to lose her from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Custer of Sunfield were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Ethel Blank.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brake, Mr. and Mrs. John Dean Stadel, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Farris and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brake and daughter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray of Lake Odessa for a family get-together Sunday.

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CHARLES WESTON

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According to "Today's Health Guide," published by the American Medical Association, fish doesn't increase your brain power; beans don't "build blood" and parsnips don't "cleanse the kidneys." Sour foods can't cure diabetes, eating warm bread doesn't lead to a stroke, and ice water doesn't cause heart trouble. Despite what you may have been told, arthritis isn't helped by grape juice, honey, dried pike berries, carrot juice or tomatoes. But there is one piece of advice that still makes sense: treat your body with respect and intelligence. See your doctor regularly and follow his advice. Don't ignore the symptoms of pain or bleeding (the body's way of warning you that something's wrong) in the hope that they'll go away.

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OPEN NEW FACILITY - Darryl Robbins (right) stands ready to greet customers at the new Cascade Dry Cleaners while father Jim stands proudly behind him.

Father - Son Combination Busy

Moving into this area just three years ago from Spring Lake, the father and son combination of Jim and Darryl Robbins opened Suburban Dry Cleaners in Easton.

Now they are ready to spread their wings and will soon open Cascade Dry Cleaners on 28th Street in the village.

Darryl, a 1967 graduate of Forest Hills High School, may now have to forego his favorite sport of hunting as well as his long time hobby of building cars to take over as the new manager of the Cascade establishment.

"My son is well qualified for this position," remarked Jim Robbins, "he has been with me in the business since he was seven years old."

At that early age Darryl swept floors, carried packages and learned about paper hanger-guards. Since then, however, he

has helped in every phase of the work, including dealing with the public.

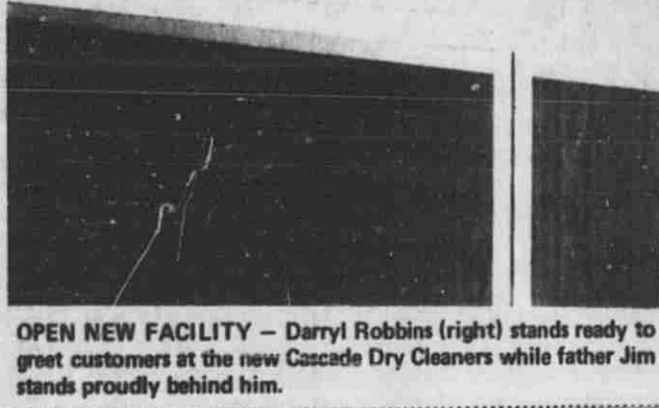
The lobby of the 30' x 60' building is paneled in natural wood to chair-rail heights with dark cork walls above. Overhead indirect lighting complements two black wooden lamp posts on each end of the service counter. William DeVries and Sons are the builders.

Both of the Robbins' dry cleaning plants are subsidiaries of Jado Corporation of which Jim is the chairman and Darryl is a vice president. Besides operating dry cleaning establishments, the corporation is involved in the sale and distribution of the trade systems and processes.

With a long list of other inventive successes, Jim finds little time for hobbies, but does enjoy photography.

Darryl Robbins, now twenty-one years old, will be the host at the grand opening of the Cascade Dry Cleaners on October 17. His proud father who coached him in the technical and practical know-how of the family business, will be watchfully in the background.

Jim Robbins is the man who invented coin-operated automatic dry cleaning units now under the Nerge name. He also invented the solvent to be used in the ma-



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TREATED TO PONY RIDES The Morse farm at 3109 Snow Ave. was the scene of bustling activity last Wednesday.

Over 50 second graders from Alto School were treated to pony and buggy rides. At least fifteen of the children had never ridden a pony before. Mr. Morse had a display of harness, bits, bridles, stirrups, spurs, saddles and carrycombs which he explained to the children. Several pens with rabbits and bunnies were an added attraction.

The children are doing a unit on horses in school. They will study the names, colors, uses, history, and care of horses. Mrs. Teering and Mrs. Smith are the teachers of these second graders.

OTHER ALTO NEWS

NOTE... Sad as it may seem to some, the social news of Alto gets less and less. There are 98 names on the calling list, and it is impossible to call everyone in one day. Out of 23 numbers dialed today, I reached six. If you have news, call on Saturday, Sunday or Monday. The items go in about 4 p.m. on Monday. If I am not home, give your items to either of the girls, or leave your name and number, and I will try to return your call.

Mrs. Louise McDiarmid and Mrs. Lucille Rittenger had lunch together on Monday.

Ray Murray and Orton and Wanda Seese had coffee with Opal and "Barney" Cudney at Kaleva on Saturday morning. The Cudneys are former area residents, who moved to Kaleva several years ago.

Miss Mable Berg, her father Alvin and brother and sister-in-law, Warren and Doris, were Sunday afternoon callers of the Luasfords in Kentwood.

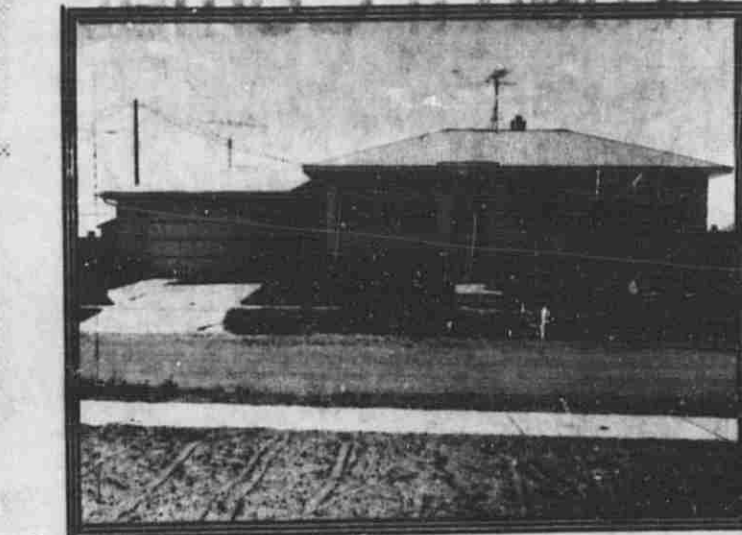
Francis Wakefield returned home from the hospital Sunday. He is doing as well as can be expected, and will be confined to home for three months. Cards and letters will be most welcome.

Myrtle Klahn was a Friday afternoon visitor of Louise McDiarmid. In the evening they had dinner out and later visited Carolyn Sterzick.

ODDS AND ENDS FOR FISHERMEN: Salmon: Reports indicate salmon fishermen are still having good luck on Lake Michigan (off Muskegon), Muskegon River and Muskegon Lake, Muskegon County. There have been reports of salmon being taken in Grand River, Ottawa County, and also of salmon porpoising in Lake Michigan off the river mouth.

Miscellaneous: There have been several nice catches of catfish (over 10 lbs.) on Grand River from Muir to Saranac, Ionia County. Fair to good catches of catfish also on Grand River, Ottawa County.

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Lowell Rally Just Misses in 27-20 Loss to Jackets

There's an excellent chance that Lowell High School's football team will get much better as the 1969 season progresses... but it may be that the Arrows jelled just 30 minutes too late to salvage a clear shot at the Tri-River Conference championship.

Coach Al Rowe's squad spotted Greenville a 21-0 halftime lead, then surged from behind in spite of a rash of penalties to close the gap to seven points in the final quarter at 21-14. But an explosive 70-yard scoring run by Yellow Jacket's junior quarterback Paul Jorgensen on the first play following Lowell's second touchdown spelled the difference in a 27-20 loss last Friday at Greenville.

The defeat left Lowell with a 1-1 conference record and a 1-2 mark overall. Greenville and Rockford share the loop lead with 2-0 records and chances are that the winner of their head-to-head meeting will emerge as champion for 1969.

First downs	14	8
By rushing	10	4
By passing	4	4
By penalty	0	0
Yards gained rushing	254	268
Yards gained passing	53	89
Passes attempted	18	10
Passes completed	7	3
Passes intercepted by	1	2
Fumbles by	1	1
Fumbles recovered by	2	0
Punts	33	4
Punting average	170	36
Yards penalized	170	56

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Jorgensen had a hand in both, engineering a 28-yard pass to End Howard Bedore following an interception of a Mitch McMahon pass by Greenville's Gary Foster at the 12-minute mark of the first quarter.

Jorgensen completed only three of 10 aerials, but connected for a second TD through the air with a 69-yard strike to Halfback Terry Faber.

What made the second touchdown more bitter for Lowell fans to swallow was a controversial penalty called by officials on the preceding play that allowed Greenville to maintain possession of the ball.

Jorgensen punted from deep in his own territory on a fourth-and-seven situation, but the officials detected rushing by eager Lowell defenders seeking to block the punt.

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payoff aerial immediately followed. When Fullback Steve Van Hoose ran for the extra points, it was a 14-0 game.

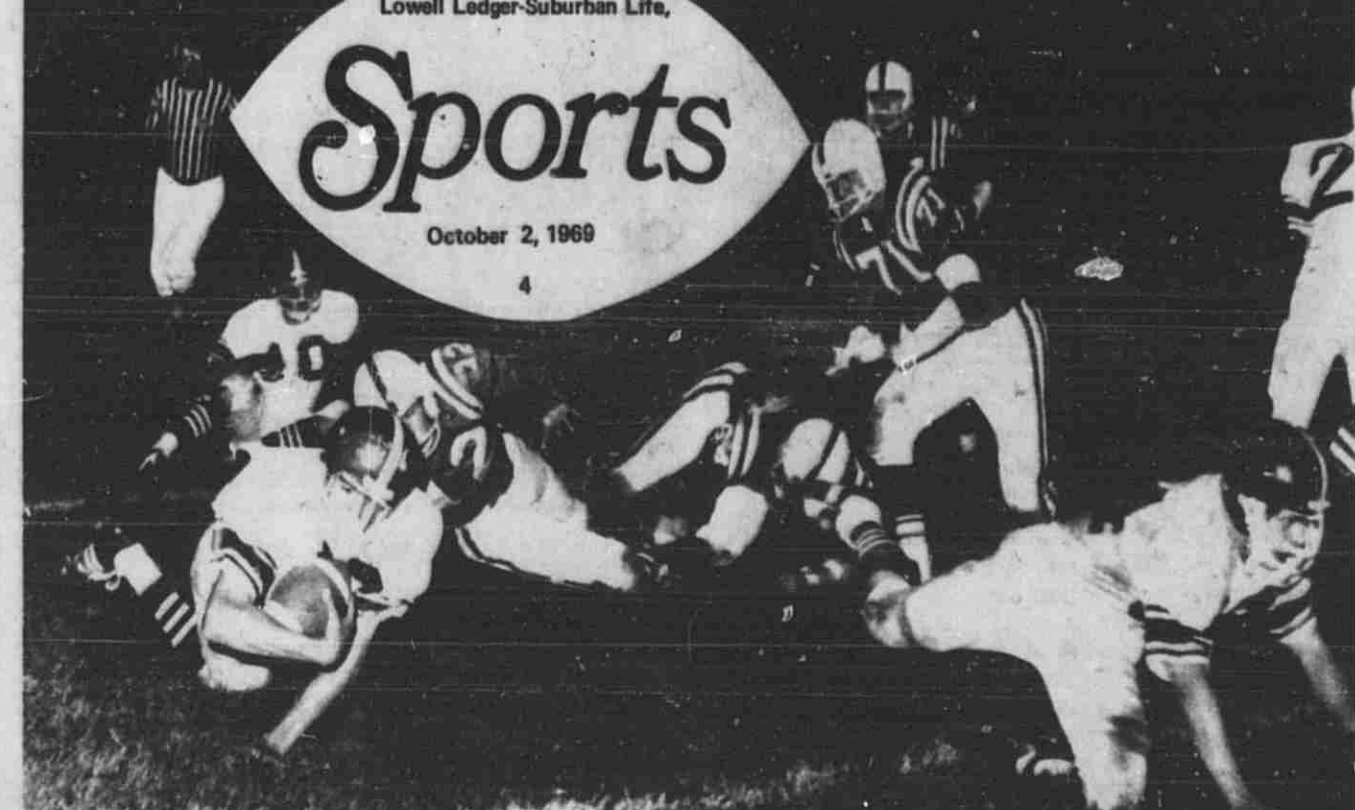
On Lowell's second series of plays after this TD thrust, McMahon raced 22 yards to the Greenville 38... but two major penalties... one against the Lowell half... moved the ball back to the Arrows' 33 and Lowell failed to endanger the goal line again in the half.

However, Greenville picked up another score before the intermission, driving 70 yards on its only sustained march of the game with Fullback Gary Baragar diving over from four yards out to cap the 10-play series. A 50-yard scamper by Faber and 20 yards in penalties against Lowell contributed to the effort.

That left Greenville in possession of a 21-0 halftime lead and set the stage for Lowell's dramatic comeback attempt.

The Arrows picked up eight quick points early in the third quarter when Guard Ray Smith recovered a Greenville fumble on the Jackets' 28-yard line. Five plays later, McMahon rolled out from his quarterback spot and swept to paydirt on a three-yard gallop. He passed to Halfback Pete Olson for two extra points and it was 21-8.

Lowell drove to the Greenville 13 on its next series, but a penalty set the ball back 15 yards and Greenville held off the threat.



TOUGH NIGHT — Fullback Doug Griffith is stopped abruptly... just as his Forest Hills High team was... by Wyoming Park defenders. The Rangers ran in an inspired Viking eleven, which posted a 48-6 triumph over the defending O-K Red Division champions. (Photo by Kevin Smith)

Rangers' Title Hopes Sag in Conference Opener Loss

Forest Hills High School's football team will attempt to put together the shattered pieces of its championship crown this Friday night when the Rangers play host to Kentwood at 7:30. While most Ranger backers agree that one game doesn't make a season, the convincing manner in which Wyoming Park High administered a 48-6 thrashing to the Green and White in the loop opener last week gives little hope to a repeat title in the Ottawa-Kent Red Division.

The Vikings were about as good in their lapidated way as Forest Hills was a year ago in downing Park by a 34-0 count en route to the league championship.

Wyoming Park's line tore gaping holes in the Forest Hills defense that allowed Halfback Doug Poskey, Fullback Pat Papa and Quarterback Jim Courter to ramble almost at will to account for one of the most top-sided defeats in Forest Hills grid history.

Poskey was especially effective on end sweeps off pitches by the sure-fingered Courter, scoring twice on this play and once more on a pass from Courter. Papa counted two six-pointers and Courter ran for still another before substitutes flooded the field in the fourth quarter.

Jim Veendall, replacing Papa at fullback, went 32 yards to the final Wyoming tally to make the score 48-0 with 3:53 remaining.

Forest Hills Coach Frank Rosenzweig also elected to give his bench some game experience and inserted fresh players at practically every position in the closing minutes.

This gave junior Fullback Craig Wynant the opportunity to carry the ball on six of seven plays required to negotiate a 59-yard scoring drive that ended with Wynant going off tackle for the 13 for the Rangers' only score with 58 seconds left.

Wynant is understudy regular Fullback Doug Griffith, who was held scoreless by the stubborn Vikings after scoring five TDs in the first two games of the season.

First downs	14	8
By rushing	10	4
By passing	4	4
By penalty	0	0
Yards gained rushing	126	351
Yards gained passing	14	4
Passes attempted	10	4
Passes completed	3	2
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles by	0	5
Fumbles recovered by	2	2
Punts	7	2
Punting average	27	48
Yards penalized	30	49

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Tame Opponents in Tight SKRA Duel

The Jackets stormed to Lowell's seven on six plays... including a 40-yard run by Jorgensen and a 21-yard sweep by Van Hoose, but the Arrows' defense rose to the task.

A 30-yard pass from McMahon to End Ted Housh sparked a 53-yard drive in eight plays with Deney DeWitt streaking 36 yards to the end zone on a reverse to close the gap to 21-14 with 9:26 left in the game.

Jorgensen then sealed Lowell's fate with his 70-yard romp.

The Arrows collected their final six points on McMahon's two-yard gallop that ended a 40-yard TD drive... that actually stretched out to 55 following a 15-yard penalty against Lowell on the first play of the series.

Lowell picked up a total of 170 yards in penalties... and only one of the walk-offs was for five yards.

The Arrows picked up 10 first downs by rushing compared to four for Greenville and held the Jackets on near-even terms in rushing yardage, 254-268.

McMahon connected on seven of 18 pass tries for 53 yards. Though neither crossed the double stripe, Fullback Ken Roth and Halfback Pete Olson turned in sparkling games for Lowell. Roth carried 24 times for 118 yards and a 4.1-yard average while Olson netted 44 yards on 11 carries.

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Will Attend Library Meeting at Kentwood

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs, Lowell branch librarian, will attend an in-service training meeting Friday at the new Kentwood branch of the Kent County Library System.

Conducting the event will be Mrs. Betty Garver, head of children's services, and her assistant, Mrs. Jo Wills. Others taking part in the program will be Miss Joyce Fleune, KCL director, and Mrs. Janet Janus, assistant director.

Monthly in-service training sessions are arranged by Mrs. Eunice Vander Veen, branch supervisor.

Reports will be given on the American Library Association annual convention in Atlantic City and a children's workshop held in Salt Lake City, which were attended by Mrs. Garver and Mrs. Wills.

A new policy being considered by the Kent system of having pockets on the outside of books for the convenience of staff and patrons will be explained.

Others attending will be branch librarians from Wyoming, Byron Center, Plainfield, Gaines, Grandville, East Grand Rapids and Rockford. Hostesses for the meeting will be Kentwood librarians Mrs. Maxine Hondema, Miss Janet Dittmar and Mrs. Vivian Mulder.

Librarians from the smaller units in the system, including Alto, Caledonia, Casnovia, Kent City, Peach Ridge, Sand Lake and Sunshine Hospital, will meet at the library headquarters Monday.

Social Scene

Mrs. Carl Parker from Louisiana visited Mrs. Ray M. Parker last week and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hooper from Denver, Colo., visited the Ray M. Parkers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Parker visited their daughter, Mrs. Charles Benedict last Sunday.

Mrs. Glen Rickert was a Tuesday afternoon caller of the Ray Parkers. Mrs. Charles Benedict was also a caller.

Mrs. George Franks and Mrs. Ray Parker were in Lowell Saturday.

Mrs. Cortland McKay of Saranac called on her cousin, Mrs. Glenn Loveland on Sunday.

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IT'S UP, UP AND OVER! — A beautiful jump by Cindy Browne and her horse "Spoiled Boy," previewing the excitement of the annual Kentree Horse Show which will take place on Sunday.

Annual Horse Show Sunday at Kentree

Plans have been completed for the Annual Kentree Horse Show, according to Peter Verplank, new manager of the stables. The all-day affair will take place on Sunday, October 5th, beginning at 9 a.m.

Participating in the show will be Cindy Browne (shown above on her horse, "Spoiled Boy"), Jean Metzger, Kim Cox, Robin Smith and Christy Gilmore. Also planning to take part in the show are Carol Wisley, Callie White, Jamie Bylting and Karen

ARETHA AND DEBBIE ARE CAT'S MEOW
Not every girl can lay claim to the title of top cat, but two local girls of exotic Persian descent have definitely made the grade.

Being a full fledged pussy-cat did help, though. Aetha, a smoke female Persian owned by Dale Gostnell of Lowell, and Debbie, a chinchilla silver female Persian owned by Marilyn Fry of Ada, in their first showing, took championships in the novice class. The cats were entered in the National Cat Federation of America show held in Dearborn recently.

CELEBRATES 97TH BIRTHDAY
A lifelong resident of the Lowell area, Mrs. Abigail Hatherly, celebrated the occasion of her 97th birthday last Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Tanner.

Born in the Grand Rapids area, Mrs. Hatherly traveled east to Lowell via horse and buggy as a young woman, and has resided here since that time.

Joining in the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Hatherly of Grand Rapids, the nonagenarian's son.

A lovely birthday cake and the opening of the many gifts received from her 10 grandchildren, several grand and great-grandchildren, were the highlights of the celebration.

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Mrs. Carl Everson arrived here from Anchorage, Alaska to spend ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson, relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Shirley Everson, visited relatives in Hastings Friday afternoon and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boersma of Wyoming were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens.

Mrs. Walter Shaffer, Mrs. Carl Everson and Mrs. Gordon Johnson spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dawson and family at Mansfield, Ohio. Enroute home, they visited Mrs. Shaffer's daughter, Donna, in Escanaba, Mich.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephens were Mr. and Mrs. Tellis Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Grandy of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes and family of Alto; James Stephens and son Donald; Tony Sherman and Joe Sparling of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Dawson of Lansing were Sunday guests of Mrs. Sabie Baker.

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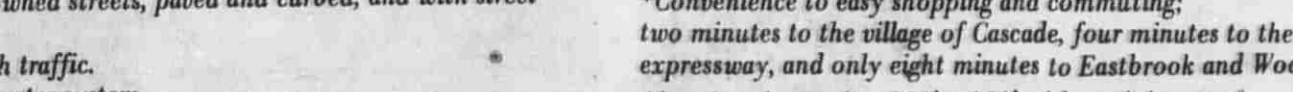
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Coming Events

The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will hold their meeting October 2 at 2 p.m. All members please attend.

The Island City Rebekah Lodge of Lowell requests that all members be present at the lodge hall on October 7. We have important business to discuss.

Pancake Smorgasbord, Caledonia Elementary Cafeteria, October 17 (Friday night of homecoming) from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring the whole family and then go on to see the homecoming game with Hamilton. Tickets are available at all the schools.

Women of Vesta Chapter of Eastern Star will hold a rummage and second best sale in conjunction with a baked goods sale at the Ada Masonic Temple on Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 a. m. until everything is sold.

The Lowell Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, October 8, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Club room. Mrs. Earl Ketcham is program chairman. The program is a film, "The River Called Grand," and each member is requested to bring a friend.

Blue Star Mothers will meet Wednesday, October 15, in the club room, 8 p.m.

The Alton Ladies Aid will meet Thursday, October 9, at the church basement.

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St. James Catholic Church, Grand Rapids, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Diane M. Galaviz and Gary L. Sherman on September 20. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Christine Gasperi, Butterworth SW and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sherman, Gulliford Drive, Lowell. The couple are residing in Grand Rapids following a honeymoon trip through the upper peninsula, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

The weatherman is beginning to catch up with the calendar and he is making the leaves turn golden and bronze with a few dashes of red just so that we'll all know it really is fall.

Football games are part of that season as thousands of Forest Hills fans know. The outpouring of help that was given in raising the grandstands was so gratifying and exciting that the committee in charge was overwhelmed.

This was part of the same enthusiasm that kept the crowd in their seats last Friday night even though the team was losing. It has been remarked by many that with this kind of spirit, Forest Hills residents are making this a solid community of interested parents, students, and friends. That way we'll always be winners.

The Francis Depews had their cousins from Minnesota as houseguests last weekend. They drove them to downtown Grand Rapids and showed off the new architecture and sculpture there. Jessie and Chris Blom of Edgerton and Marcia and Earl Blom and daughter, Debbie, of Luverne found great changes which impressed them.

They liked the new buildings, but were most delighted with the villages of Cascade and Ada. Their praise was for the neatness and charm they found there. They toured the Calvin College campus and the Kent County Airport before returning home.

The Parade of Homes begins this Friday. You will find one just outside of Cascade at 7466 Buccaneer in Maricabo Shores and another at 6216 Dumbarton in Adacraft.

We had other out-of-towners visiting last weekend. The Bill Jack Thompsons of Kansas City, Missouri dropped in on the John Paytons. Literally dropped from the skies, that is.

They flew in for a long weekend, arriving Thursday and leaving Monday morning. They were on their way to New York where they will catch up with locals Mary and Bob Kampers and Jean and Bob Levenson. They will fly the Paytons there with them and all four couples will leave for Europe together.

The relaxing part of their itinerary is that they don't have one. They expect to make Paris a headquarters for a week while they decide where to go from there.

All kinds of activities get underway as soon as September hit the calendar and here it is October already. Now is the time for all good organization members to get together. The Music Boosters will meet Monday, October 6; the Cascade Businessmen on Wednesday, October 8; the Vesta Past Matrons on Monday at the home of Mildred Harter, and the Athletic Boosters on October 7, Tuesday, in the FHHS Teachers lounge at 8:30 p.m. Every Monday night is Mens Night to view football pictures in the Home Ec. Room at FHHS.

Wed in Autumn Marriage Rites

St. Rose of Lima Church in Great Bend, Kansas, was the scene of the marriage of Kathryn Sponsel to Gary Barnette on September 13.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sponsel of Great Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miller of 406 North Monroe, Lowell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street length alencon lace dress accented by a satin empire waistband and dior bow. Her veil of silk bridal illusion was held in place by a cluster of orange leaves.

Honor attendants were Pam Copeland and Rodney Beiker. The young couple will reside in San Diego, California, where the groom is stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Wedding vows were exchanged on August 30 between Jo-Ann Elizabeth Sandretto and Thomas William Clark. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Andrew Mikelsen at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Hancock.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Sandretto of Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Clark of 3849 Three Mile Road in Grand Rapids.

The bride entered the sanctuary on the arm of her father. She was clad in a Victorian style, floor length gown featuring an empire waist with lace bodice and long puffed sleeves. The skirt was made of serrano and featured a church train.

Mrs. Patricia I. Wall attended her sister as matron of honor. For his best man, the groom chose M. Thomas Makmann. The newlyweds, both seniors at Michigan Tech, will reside at Daniell Heights, Houghton.

Marriage rites uniting Janet Ruth Murphy and Lynn Craig Baker were performed in a morning ceremony at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Dean Baily officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murphy of Lowell, and Mrs. Don Fogle of Alabama and Mr. LaVern Baker of Lowell.

The bride wore a street length dress of white antique Venetian lace and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow roses and white carnations. Her fingertip veil was also of antique Venetian lace.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy of Grand Rapids.

A wedding breakfast was held at Evergreen Acres, Lowell, immediately following the ceremony.

The couple plan to reside in Grand Rapids.

Miss Marianne DeWilde and Sgt. Jan Vandenberg exchanged wedding vows on Wednesday evening, September 24th, in the Alger Park Christian Reformed Church.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Koob DeWilde, Everglade SE and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vandenberg, Spaulding Ave.

The bride's gown was a semi-fitted silk shantung from Thailand, a gift from the groom.

Honor attendants were Mrs. Max DeBryn of Peterborough, Ontario, and Ernie Worst of Grand Rapids.

After a honeymoon in Canada, the newlyweds will make their home in West Falmouth, Mass., where the groom is stationed at Otis Air Force Base.

CALEDONIA CANDY SALE

Caledonia Junior High students will start a candy sale beginning October 17th. The proceeds of the sale will go toward purchasing cheerleader uniforms, audio-visual aids, and basketball uniforms.



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