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May 19 is Opening Game For League

The opening game of the Little League season will be held on Monday night, May 19 at 6:15 p. m. Opening ceremonies for this year's season will start at 5:30 p. m. Plans now call for us to have a master of ceremonies for the evening, and someone to make the first pitch of the season.

The master of ceremonies will present all managers of teams, all league officers, and sponsors of all the teams. It is hoped that all parents of Little Leaguers will put this date on their calendar and plan on being there. All interested persons, of course, are invited.

Club Attends Ann Arbor Convention

Sixteen members of the Latin Club of the Forest Hills School attended the Junior Classical League State Convention Saturday, April 26 at Ann Arbor.

Those attending were Carol Crum, Sharon Meinke, Sandra Purcey, Betsy Niles, Jackie Cowell, Sharon Dykema, Jerilyn Bryan, Sheryl VanStrien, Tom Patterson, Dan Cosgrove, Terry Boomers, Terry Flynn, Dennis Hussey, Dave Atkinson, and Phil Pryor.

Three members of the class were on state committees. Sheryl VanStrien, state nominating committee for officers; Tom Patterson, state planning committee for the convention; and Dennis Hussey on the constitution committee.

Over 500 students from all areas of the state attended the convention. Out of the class from Forest Hills School, Sharon Purcey was nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer. The national convention will be held this summer in Ann Arbor, and the class is working on some projects to raise money, so that some members of the class will be able to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Teltes accompanied the group to the convention. Mrs. Teltes is the sponsor of the group.

Attend Order of Arrow Conclave

The Spring Conclave of the Order of the Arrow, a National Brotherhood of Scout Honor Campers, was held at Camp Shawondossee on Friday evening and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd. Those members attending from this area were Ed Groening, Joe Mittner and Herbert Wilcox from the Martin Scout troop and Milton Heaven from the Cascade Explorer Post. Mr. Heaven was inducted into the Brotherhood membership.

Tri-Cees Elect New Officers

The Tri-Cees of the Cascade Christian Church held an election of officers at their meeting in Fellowship Hall on Friday evening, May 2nd.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll MacInness, President; Mr. and Mrs. John Hamer, Vice-President; Mr. and Mrs. George Woodall, Secretary; and Mr. and Mrs. David Schneider, Treasurer;

The pictures and talk on the Philippines, given by Miss Mary Walquist of 28th St., an International Farm Youth Exchange girl, were greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Boosters Team Defeats Faculty

The Boosters team defeated the Faculty team on May 3rd by a score of 8 to 6. There was a shortage of faculty members, so the team was filled out with ninth grade players.

On Saturday night, May 10th at 7:30 p. m. the Boosters Club softball team will again play the Faculty team. They would like to invite the families in our schools to see this evening entertainment. There is no admission charges to these games, but a hat is passed for a freewill collection.

Latin Club to Sponsor Car Wash

The Latin Club of the Forest Hills School will sponsor a Car Wash on Saturday, May 10.

If you want your car washed you can take it to the Ada Phillips 66 station on the corner of Forest Hills Rd. and Ada Drive, or to the Mobil Gas Station on the corner of US 16 and 28th Street.

The car wash will be held from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. $1 will be charged per car and $1.25 will be charged for a car with white wall tires.

So don't forget the Car Wash to be sponsored by the Latin Club to be held **this** Saturday, May 10.

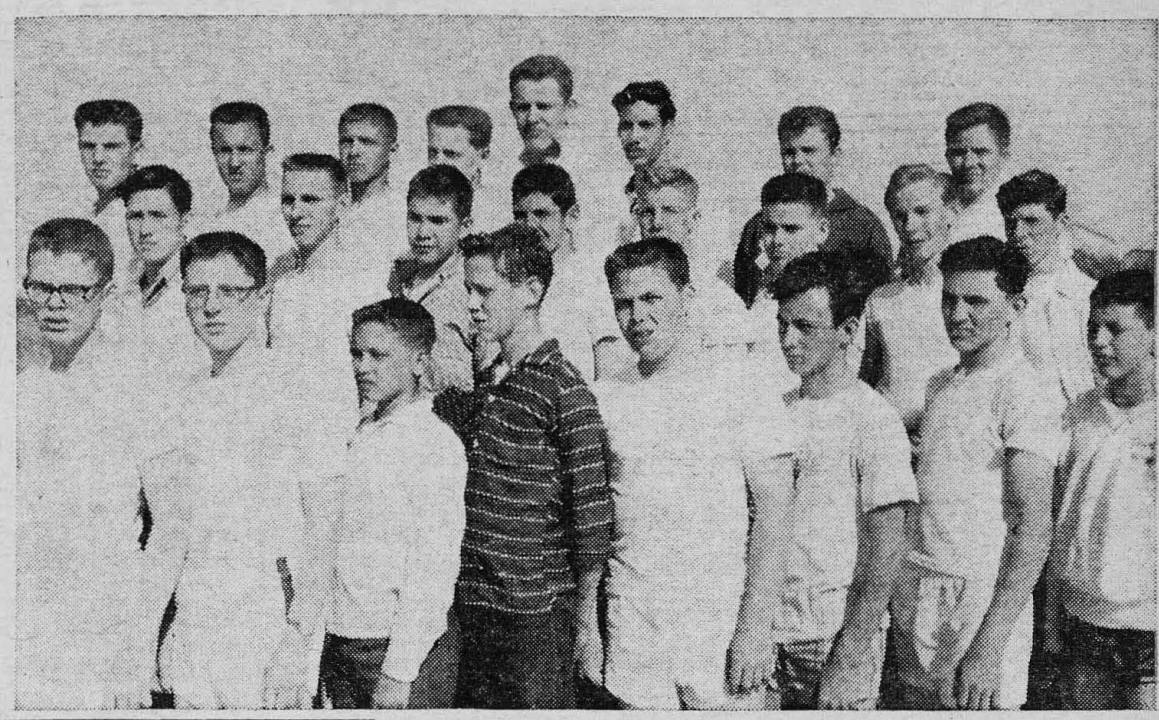
Martin PTA To Install Officers

The Martin P. T. A. will hold their meeting on Tuesday evening, May 13th at 8 p. m. at the school. This will be the installation of officers and "hand over night."

All members are urged to attend for an important business meeting.

The Executive Board will furnish the refreshments.

Forest Hills Freshmen Baseball, Track Competition Scheduled



The Forest Hills High School freshmen have a schedule of games and meets for the next few weeks, Ed. Shy and Bernard VanArk, coaches, revealed this week. The tracks team will have a meet with Ottawa Hills Jr. High, Friday, May 9 at Ottawa's field at 4 p. m. Monday, May 12 the track team will go to the Harrison Park School for a meet with that Junior High. The baseball team has games scheduled with Kelloggsville at Biglow Field, 4 p. m. on Friday, May 16 and with Oakleigh School at their field on Friday, May 23. Pictured above are the freshmen members of the baseball and track teams: Top row: Mike Ruffin, Harold Bailey, Nick Duiven, Bob Smalley, Roger Grimes, Dave Atkinson, Jerry Wesche, Glen Sanford. Middle row: John VanTassell, Gary Merchant, Dick Matzen, Dennis Husse, Jerry Boomers, Mike Reed, Jerry Flynn and Bob Coleman. At bottom are: Larry Christiansen, Hugh Wygmans, Leo Dean, Chuck Mattson, Bob Thorn, Ron Spooner, John Hill and Louis Schaub.

Don't Get Caught Wearing a Necktie At Hobo Dinner!

The men of the Eastmont Baptist Church, with their friends, are having a Hobo dinner on Friday night, May 9th at 6:30 p. m. at the Ada Town Hall, and any man wearing a necktie will be fined.

Rev. Oscar Smith will be the cook, and the deaconesses will serve the dinner.

Entertainment will be provided by Louis VanderKaa and his trumpet, a fish film will be shown, and there is to be a speaker, but that seems to be a secret.

Area Girl Scouts To Have Last Meet

The last meeting for the year for the Ada Neighborhood Girl Scout Association will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at the Fellowship Hall of the Cascade Christian Church at 10 a. m. This meeting is for the leaders and troop committees of the Martin, Ada, Cascade and surrounding area.

Will the troop leaders bring the World Friendship Funds money from their troops. Craft items will be displayed.

Delegates to Attend PTA Workshop May 8

The following women from the Ada PTA will attend a PTA workshop at Junior College on Thursday, May 8th from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.: Mrs. Robert Bushouse, Mrs. Franklin Hoover, Mrs. Harold Corneliesse, Mrs. Gerald Brian and Mrs. Clifford Hayes.

TREAT MOTHERS TO BREAKFAST MAY 11

The men of the Tri-Cees of the Cascade Christian Church will hold a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 11 at the Cascade School from 8:30 a. m. to 9:15 a. m. This breakfast is open to the congregation. James Banta is chairman, and has as his assistant Carroll MacInness. Rev. Raymond Gaylord is to be the cook.

TO HOLD MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET WEDNESDAY MAY 14

The First Congregational Church of Ada will hold a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Wednesday, May 14 in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p. m. Reservations must be in by Saturday, May 10. Call Mrs. Gerald Smith at OR 6-1117. Children through 12 years of age, 75c and adults $1.25.

Sunday School Classes Compete

On Mother's Day, May 11th, the pupils of the Eastmont Reformed Church Sunday School will be able to earn extra points in the attendance contest being sponsored by the church school. Everyone who brings his mother will receive a bonus of 5 points. If the mother is not a member of the Sunday School, the student who also brings her will get the credit for bringing a visitor.

The score boards for each of the departments have been made to look like giant thermometers, and will be used next Sunday to show where each class stands in the contest.

Plan Ascension Day Services

The annual Union Ascension Day service will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 8 p. m. in the Calvary Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Churches participating in this service are: the Eastmont, Ada, Calvary, Third and Bethany Reformed Churches.

The speaker will be Rev. Gordon VanOostenberg, pastor of the Bethany Church, whose choir, under the direction of Mr. Norman Bradley will provide special music. Rev. Collins D. Weeber of the Eastmont Reformed Church will preside at the meeting.

Everyone from the ACE area is cordially invited to share in this service.

GUEST MINISTER

The guest minister for the Cascade Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, May 11th will be Rev. Nelson Veltman of the Boston Square Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

Rev. Veltman will preach at both the morning and evening services.

Participate In Field Day Friday

Ada Christian School pupils participated in a Field Day held last Friday, beginning at 9 a. m. with devotions, and ending at 4 p. m. at the Knollcrest Farm, the Calvin College property.

There were six schools participating besides Ada. They were East Paris, Dutton, Beaver Dam, Walker and Grant.

Jim Korhorn, George Haga, Ted Roorda and Carl VanSpronson won third place in the class B relay. John E. VandenBerg tied for 2nd place in high jump, class B, and Jim VandenBerg tied for 3rd place in high jump in class A.

Nancy VanDerWerff Dies in Colorado

Nancy VanDerWerff, aged 2 yrs. 9 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert VanDerWerff, 3500 Goodwood Dr. SE, passed away Thursday morning at their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Besides her parents she is survived by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betty Washburn, her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles Washburn, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew VanDerWerff, all of Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held at Greenhoe-VanZee Funeral Home, with Rev. Fred Harris officiating. Burial was in Cascade Cemetery.

The friends and neighbors in the community wish to express their sympathy to the VanDerWerff's at this time in the loss of their child.

ADA P. T. A. MEETING

The Ada P. T. A. will hold its meeting on Tuesday evening, May 13th at the school at 8 p. m.

Harold Chambers, Superintendent of the Forest Hills Schools will talk and show slides taken in the classrooms of the district.

Observe Home Demonstration Week

Extension women from all over Kent County gathered at the Central Reformed Church on Fulton St. on Thursday, May 8th, to attend the "Around the World with Eleanor Day", in observance of Home Demonstration Week. At 11:30 there was a tour of the church, and at 12 luncheon was held. Guests were the Agricultural Committee of the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Milton Heaven sang Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" at the luncheon, accompanied by Mrs. Will George, both from the Cascade group.

The group from Wyoming Park put on a skit called "What's Cooking," and Miss Eleanor Densmore showed her pictures taken around the world. Others attending from the Cascade group were Mrs. Raymond Jarvi, Mrs. Martin Vanderveen, Mrs. James Scripps, Mrs. Lucille Pryor, and Mrs. Alfred Scott.

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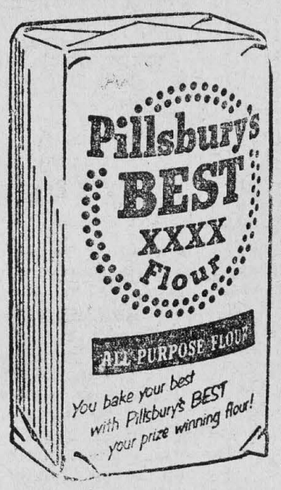

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Science Education — World Challenge

Last October when Russia launched its Sputnik I, many people thought that the end had come, that the United States had lost the science race. Since then there have been some serious evaluations made of our scientific and mathematical educational systems. It is generally agreed that steps must be taken to increase interest in science and math. But let us look at what leading citizens and organizations with "an eye on the future" have been doing in Kent County.

The school is a good place to start our evaluation. Each year in my school of Lowell High, the P. T. A. sponsors an open house. For this the science and math students are required to make a project. In the science department it is strongly emphasized that the student choose a good subject. He should make an effort to produce a worthwhile project which he will be proud to display.

The general science students are required to make two projects, one each semester. The result is that the students delve into two topics. If the student has a problem with his project, the teachers are more than glad to offer assistance. This added assistance encourages the student and as a result many fine projects are produced.

Youth Talent Exhibit

For the past several years the Grand Rapids Herald and the Grand Rapids Public Museum have sponsored the Youth Talent Exhibit. This includes topics other than science such as cooking, music, and photography. A $10 first prize as well as other ribbons are awarded in each category. There are many outstanding science projects which not only make Youth Talent a success, but stimulate scientific interest.

Science Fair

Last fall it became evident that not enough was being done to arouse interest in science. The same group who sponsored Youth Talent decided to sponsor a Science Fair. This was highly publicized in the Herald, and as a result it aroused students' interest. This was a great success. As a further inspiration two boys and two girls were chosen to go to Flint to the National Science Fair with the possibility of receiving national honors. I am sure that next year the fair will be even more successful.

Honors Institute

Another very fine and worthy project which will be undertaken, this at East Grand Rapids High School, is the Honors Institute for Young Scientists. This is a scholarship program worth about $250. It will be awarded to 70 top students in the Grand Rapids area. The Institute will consist of six weeks of concentrated study in the fields of physics, chemistry, or mathematics, depending on the student's chosen field.

At the Institute there will be many fine instructors, each well known for his ability in his respective field. Special equipment and representatives from industry will be brought in for the benefit of the students. This will provide advanced study and will allow many students to skip certain college courses, which will be a great saving to them.

These are the main things that some of Kent County's leading citizens are doing to improve science education. The combination of their hard work and the students fine response is making these projects a great success. With the work of such fine people the United States will not take a second place to Russia in the race for scientific knowledge.

Dan Himebaugh

Michigan Is Proud Of Water Resources

Michigan prides itself on being the "Water Wonderland" of the United States, and it should. Surrounded by the Great Lakes, its state forests alone contain some 3,600 miles of rivers and streams and over 1,100 lakes teaming with wildlife and opportunities for relaxation.

Some popular water attractions are the white sands of Lake Michigan's shores and the increasingly popular canoe races of which the Au Sable annual canoe race has become world known.

Also important are Michigan's water tourist attractions: beautiful lakes surrounded by elegant pines; the wonderous Tahquamenon Falls, largest in the mid-west; and the majestic Straits of Mackinac all add to Michigan's beauty.

The conservation of our water resources is dependent on everyone. The conservation department acts as administrator and regulator of waterways; all of us who use them should act as owner and protector.

The term "Litter Bug" is well known, but it shouldn't necessarily be restricted to the highways. Don't be guilty of being a "Water Litter Bug"!

Today, more than ever before, men have more leisure time and there is no greater or more popular sport than hunting and fishing or water recreation. However, if the sportsman doesn't protect his haven of clear cool water, he can lose this means of relaxation.

As an example, the brook trout is almost extinct now because industrial, urban, and agricultural development have created a new environment in which he cannot live. This shows that there is a need for more conservational development to provide sanctuary where fish can multiply.

As you can see, it is vitally important that we conserve our water resources and keep Michigan green.

Kerry Shoemaker

Lowell Schools Have Advanced For 120 Years

In the Spring of 1831 the first settler came to Lowell and by 1838 enough families had arrived to create a need for a schoolhouse, so a one-room log structure was raised on the west bank of the Flat River. The building was 18 by 26 feet and the interior was furnished with long benches made of logs. There were three windows and one narrow door and the room was heated by a large fireplace and a stove. At this time the teacher received no stated amount, but rather so much per scholar, quite a contrast to modern-day standardization.

The log school was abandoned in 1845 and one summer term was taught in a board shanty. Then for the next few years private schools were the only means of an education.

A frame schoolhouse was built in 1851 on the site of the present Methodist church. The teachers received a salary of between two and three dollars a week. Minutes from the School Board meeting at that time show that each student had to bring a cord of wood before he could enter the school. By this time the school attendance had risen from nine to forty.

When this school grew too small, another was constructed on the east bank of the Flat River. But soon again expansion was needed. A vote was taken three times before it was finally carried in January 1915. Early in 1916 the new building was opened but the old bell wasn't used for many years. Then in 1930 it was hung over our present high school building.

In 1878 the first commencement exercises were held and two students were graduated. There have been commencement exercises every year since then with the exception of 1893.

In October, 1936, the grade school building containing a gymnasium was erected by the Public Works Administration.

The whole community was shocked in 1945 when much of the high school building was burned. Since the fire made the building unusable for a long time, the high school took over the grade building. The rebuilding was started in 1948 and went on until 1949 when the new west wing was added. One after another, several other buildings were then added. First in 1952 the Home Economics house was purchased. In 1954 a building containing a shop and band room was erected and in 1955 and 1956 the Runciman Elementary Building. Unlike the voting of 1913, the need for a new elementary building was recognized by Lowell voters and the issue was passed on the first vote.

We have come a long way from the little one-room log schoolhouse of 1838. Besides the boys and girls of Lowell, we draw students from ten surrounding rural districts.

Walter Gumser has been superintendent of Lowell for thirty-two years. He along with the school board has guided the progress of the school.

Margaret Court

Beaches, Parks Beautify Area

In Michigan there is a definite opportunity for the state to build new parks around lakes in addition to the present beautiful sites.

One of the lakes that is a perfect example is Bostwick Lake. This lake has been improved a lot. The bathhouse is larger than it was and can accommodate more bathers at one time. Another improvement is the snack bar. The sandy beach attracts hundred of people daily. Parents like to know their children are safe while playing in the sand. To prevent hazardous debris, no bottles are allowed on the beach.

Although Michigan has a number of lakes surrounding parks park authorities agree that it should have many more. The state has made plans for new parks in 21 counties. Among these parks which would be most beneficial to the people of Michigan would be a park at the "thumb" in Hudson county. At the present time there are not enough facilities to accommodate all the people who go to the park they have now. Another park in this vicinity would provide bathing picnicking, camping, nature study and group camping. These different attractions would relieve some of the pressure from the parks near Detroit.

Perhaps soon there will be enough facilities to accommodate all the people in Michigan easily.

Frances Burtle

Lamprey Destructive In Michigan Waters

Since the early fifties the Great Lakes region and the state of Michigan has been set upon by a dreaded killer of fish. The name of this killer is the lamprey. But calling the lamprey a killer is like referring to Babe Ruth as just another baseball player. The word that best describes this specimen of fish is "exterminator". For this fish has literally wiped out thousands of trout and whitefish to the extent that there is only a minority of these fish left.

The life of a lamprey covers five years. The lamprey like the salmon migrates up the stream to spawn. After laying its eggs, the lamprey soon dies. The eggs of the lamprey then float downstream to the stream's mud flats. The lamprey then lives four years in a larvae like stage. In its fifth year the now fully grown lamprey begins its life of destruction.

To combat this growing, conservationists have developed two methods. The first method is wires. These metal lines which contain electricity have proven very effective. But the threat of lamprey was not entirely extinguished. So chemists at Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan, came up with a deadly poison called Dowlap 30. This poison was proven 95 per cent effective. To cite an example of its effectiveness, in one day alone it destroyed 2,600 lampreys in one spawning stream.

The killing days of the lamprey are numbered, and the conservationists in the Great Lakes region are doing everything in their power to reduce this denomination to its smallest size.

Bob Minnie

Women like to gossip because it gives them something to talk about while talking.

Showboat Attracts Thousands

An annual event sponsored by the Board of Trade and American Legion brings thousands of visitors to Lowell every summer. This is the Showboat entertainment staged on the Flat River in the last week of July.

In the early nineteen thirty's, a group of businessmen met in the back room of a drug store to talk about business—all bad. One day an idea occurred to someone to start a Showboat to help the townspeople forget their troubles. This idea was carried out and built up, until now we have one of Western Michigan's finest entertainments.

Right now plans are being considered for building a new metal showboat for future productions. A Showboat committee has ordered designs of a new boat with aluminum or steel supports to withstand rusting and the ice conditions of the river.

The Showboat will be rebuilt for this year's performance because of extensive damage caused by ice. The boat was examined by engineers who reported that the upper parts of the boat are wrecked but the framing of the underpart is sound. It is believed that redecking the boat and repairing the upper structure will make the boat last at least one more year.

Tourist Attraction

Visitors from near and far flock to Lowell to see this unusual spectacle which fascinates people of all ages. The brightly colored Showboat makes Lowell the hub of the entertainment world in Western Michigan as people flock to our town for the annual run. The picturesque Showboat is a sight never to be forgotten. All eyes are glued to this elegant structure as it pulls up to the dock. Showboat time will soon be here and the Showboat will make its annual run again, and again, and again.

In times of hardship Lowell created the Showboat. Hard times are here again with many people out of work. People's gloomy thoughts were once diverted by the Showboat. But what can we do today? Once again we must change to meet the current problems. What changes must we make? How should we make them? Let's use our imaginzation.

Ron Reynhout

Library Sees New Changes

Every person in our community is familiar with the beautiful, old building on the corner of Main and Hudson Streets. That building now houses the Lowell Public Library.

On January 22, 1957, the library became a branch of the Kent County Library. From then on, many changes have occurred.

In Lowell, prompted by this action, the Village Council organized a Library Committee. Through its efforts the library was completely remodeled in the interior. The dark areas became light and cheerful rooms. The old furniture was given a new lift by adding modern pieces. Books have been given more interesting displays. This all became possible by the consolidation.

The Kent County Library has placed many more books in our library, adding to the interest of the selections; it has also helped to increase the circulation of material.

The new librarian, Mrs. Vander-Veen, has added many things to the library. She has made the request system easier to use by making patrons aware of it, she has organized a story hour for pre-school and school-age children and has placed announcements of civic interest on the new bulletin boards.

Because of these combined efforts, the circulation of books has increased to 16,141 for all of 1957, and to 4,247 for the first three months of 1958, increasing all the time. Also, the library has finally become a part of the culture of our town, and the citizens are learning a better respect for their community because of it.

Boni Bryan

L.H.S. Students Salute Michigan Week

Introduction

Following are several articles written by the Senior English Class of Lowell High School. They all have to do with the area right around Lowell. The first article is a brief history of Lowell, which we felt was needed before we could start on the present time.

Along with this story we have included several articles on the civic, recreational, and cultural facilities and interests of Lowell. Also there is one on a local industry, chosen to represent the many industries of Lowell. The second group is on education in our own community and the surrounding area. Included also is an article on Juvenile Delinquency, which is closely connected with school and education. From education we go to the conservation of Michigan's waterways.

Some of these articles can be applied to both local and state rivers and lakes, while others pertain to Lowell alone. Our last article is very interesting and covers a large field—4-H. You will find in reading the articles that some compliment our community, some criticize, and others simply give their views on some controversial question.

Judi Ellis

Lowell Founded By Daniel Marsac

Many years before the white men set foot in the Grand River valley, three Indian tribes migrated from Canada to Michigan. Three heinous bloody battles stained the waters of the Grand River and the haughty Prairie Indians, then the inhabitants, were defeated. The three tribes disbanded and spread to different parts of the state. Hence, the Ottawas chose the Grand River valley to settle their 1,000 strong.

Under Chiefs Noonday and Cobmoosa the area where the two rivers, the Flat and the Grand, joined was picked because it was plentiful in game, water, and had fertile soil to grow food.

Then in 1761 from Eastern Michigan came the great chief Pontiac to persuade some 3,000 Indians of our area to go to Detroit and fight the British.

Lowell's First White Settler

Three quarters of a century later, Lowell's first white settler, eighteen-year-old Daniel Marsac, a Frenchman, drawn by the wilderness and its latent wonders and beauties, set up a trading post to deal with the Indians, and by taking an Indian wife, secured his position with the Indians.

More white settlers came to face the inconveniences, hardships, and privations that were so common here. Constant alertness, courage, and endurance helped these pioneers to survive against bears, wolves, rattle snakes, and the sometimes vicious Indians. Even the air had a nausmatic smell that would effect every living thing that breathed. All medical supplies had to be brought from Kalamazoo across country devoid of roads; that fact, plus the distance, made it at least a week's trip.

Large plots of land were acquired for farming by the ever increasing settlers. Soon a stage line established a route between Grand Rapids and Portland and it was necessary to build our first Tavern for "land lookers" as a place to put up for the night.

It was from this Tavern on April 3, 1848, that the first township meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the settlement of Dansville (later changed to Lowell) in honor of Daniel Marsac, its founder.

Since then Lowell as one of the oldest lumbering towns in Michigan has grown steadily in population, industry, commerce, and culture.

Jack Hartley

Class Writes Articles for Michigan Week

The senior English class, under the direction of Gladys Bergin, has compiled a series of features and editorials to be entered in the Michigan Week competition. The contest is sponsored by Michigan State University and Michigan Press Association. Top row, left to right are: Leon Wenger, John Schroder, Jack Hartley, Stan Wingeier, Bob White, Lee VanDerWarf, Tony Stormzand and Bob Minnie. Second row: Dave Hammer, Pete McPherson, Alfred Weigele, Jim White, Kerry Shoemaker, Danny Conrad, John Laux and Dan Himebaugh. Front row: Mary Alexander, Ann Marie Alexander, Frances Burtle, Sheila Olin, Judi Ellis, Frances Tilstra, Margaret Court, Sandy Bozung, Joan Bishop and Bonita Bryan. Missing from picture, Ron Reynhout.

'Make the Best Better' is 4-H Motto

4-H IN KENT COUNTY ... ...

The 4-H clubs of America form the largest rural organization in the world. The clubs have more than two million members pledged to the fourfold development of head, heart, hands, and health. The motto is "to make the best better," not only in building character and citizenship but also in raising standards of club projects throughout the country.

Kent County alone has some 2,500 4-H club members. Many of that number are enrolled in several projects. Kent County is also one of the more active counties throughout the country.

Because of the organization of 4-H in Kent County, there are several different boards and divisions which contribute to the supervision and management of our clubs. The main office, which is located in the Sunshine Hospital grounds in Grand Rapids, is the meeting place of many of these boards. The office personnel that is employed here and the club agents are the only persons who receive pay for their work in 4-H. The leaders who instruct and lead our clubs serve on these boards. Their work is completely voluntary and therefore, much credit should be given to our 4-H leaders for the excellent work they contribute to 4-H.

The Leader's Club meets once a month to instruct the leaders in their respective projects and to answer any questions or problems that they might have. There is also 4-H Service Club which meets once a month. It is composed of selective club members who have done outstanding work in 4-H and who are 15 or over. Service Club contributes many services to 4-H, among them, raising money for different purposes that will aid the club as a whole, and cleaning the lodge and cabins before Camp Vining opens for the summer. On a whole it performs any service it can to help with the various club activities.

Other organizations are the Fair Board, which organizes and directs the Lowell 4-H fair, and the Advisory Board which is composed of members of the other boards and agents from Michigan State College. They meet every three months and discuss the problems of the separate organizations of which they represent.

There are also many individuals who should be shown due respect in this article.

We wish to give tribute to some of the men who have made Lowell's biggest contribution to 4-H, the county fair, a success and an asset to the town. It would be impossible to point out all the people and groups who have helped and we hope we do not over-look anyone. It was set up under the direction of K. K. Vining as county agent. He was assisted by the Village Council with John Arehart as President and Frank J. McMahon as Municipal Superintendent. Since then village officials have helped the 4-H programs greatly. W. P. A. grants and loans from State Savings Bank, underwritten by the Rotary Club, have given the financial backing. Names like C. H. Runciman, Ernest Foreman, Wesley Roth, Everett Wittenbach, Elmer Schaefer, Lester Antonides, Lawton Cole, Tom Lyons, Ralph Kirch, Dick Machiele, Theo Bailey, Lawrence Rutherford and Percy Read will long be remembered as some of the people who gave so much in hard work and spirit.

The projects and activities in 4-H have enriched the young people's lives in every respect.

Included in the projects that are offered are farmyard animals of all types, such as chickens, pigs, horses, cattle, etc. Then there is home economies with varied topics including sewing, cooking, and other home-making projects. Other major subjects are handicraft, electrical works, photography, antimology, and crops. All of the previous subjects offer junior leadership, in which an advanced member accepts the responsibility of teaching new members through his main adult leader.

The two leading activities in this area are the Kent County Fair and Camp Vining at Bostwick Lake. The camp is supervised by one of the 4-H agents and is held during the month of July. The fair, held in the latter part of August, provides entertainment as well as an opportunity for members to show their accomplishments to the public. (And of course the projects are judged at this time.) The fair ground is operated by three main organizations as will be explained in the following paragraph.

Recently a new group of six people (Recreation Park Board) has contributed its supervision of the fair ground for the benefit of 4-H-er's in Kent County. The three organizations represented are the Lowell Village Council, the Lowell Board of Education and the County 4-H, with two representatives from each. Their main objective is to work harmoniously to provide co-operative support, mutual trust, and understanding.

4-H training is very helpful to all students entering high school because it develops individual initiative, an essential factor contributing to the growth of mental maturity.

So by this article we hope to inform more people about 4-H thus creating interest in this great organization.

Pete McPherson
Joan Bishop
Sheila Olin
John Schroder

Plight of the Flat

The Flat River is a typical example of the plight of many of the rivers of Michigan. The "Flat" strolls lazily through Ionia and Kent Counties. In the early nineteen hundreds the Flat River was one of the best bass rivers in the state of Michigan. For many years the manufacturing and farming areas along the river have contaminated its water and banks, until now hte dirty water will best grow a fine grade of carp and suckers.

At the origin of Flat River the water is as clear and pure as any of our northernmost streams. The scenery at its beginning is comparable to any wilderness trout stream. As we enter the farming areas, the crystal clear water is replaced by a muddy, murky substance from the badly conserved land around it. As we near Greenville and Belding we see the waste products from the large industrial plants being dumped or discarded on its banks. Pipes dump gallons of supposedly clean material into the river, so below these plants the water has taken on an oily film, and the bottom has become a layer of slimy mud.

Even down as far as Lowell, people continue to throw litter along the river to feed the rats and other vermin that abide there. As the Flat empties into the Grand River, just below Lowell, we see an example of an equally abused river. If this shameful waste isn't stopped soon, all the rivers of Michigan will have fallen to the Plight of the Flat.

John Laux

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Youth Organizations Help Combat Juvenile Delinquency in Michigan

Juvenile delinquency is certainly not new; whether it is greater in extent than in the past is debatable. It is believed by experts that the delinquent act is one of hating, destroying, and injuring, and is committed by those who are striking back at the community to which they feel they do not belong. It occurs mainly in the slums but not entirely. Some young people turn delinquent because they are of a minority group and are denied the opportunities they feel others possess.

Family Life Important

Family life also has much to do with delinquency; in this area mainly from neglect; neglect in provision of physical needs, clothing, shelter, and medical help as well as neglect of proper supervision, leadership, and guidance within the home. In the home the child learns how to act and react and forms his personality. The child's earliest teachers are his parents. If parents are inadequate in their responsibilities, their children will become victims of the inadequacy.

Michigan's Part in Prevention

Michigan has been fairly effective in combating juvenile delinquency. As compared to New York and some of the other more populated areas, Michigan comes out on top. This is largely due to the many organizations in the state that keep teenagers too busy having fun to rebel. Working on the theory that the teenagers don't feel that they are a part of the community, organizations have been formed such as the Youth Fellowship in churches and Summer Park Programs. Also Michiganders have supported groups such as the Y. M. C. A., the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, the Optimist Club, the Lions Club, and Rotary International. These agencies and organizations stimulate companionship in ways other than destructive gangs.

Purpose of These Groups

Youth Fellowship teaches the teenagers government through the church and arouses interests in the community. The Summer Park Programs are very valuable in that they give the teenager recreational facilities in the summer when his time isn't taken up by school. This program arouses interest in sports, and competition is set up between different parks which in turn brings out and causes much self-improvement. The Y. M. C. A. is widely known for its extensive program. It gives teenagers a place to go so they won't have to wander around the streets looking for excitement. The Optimist Club, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club also have fine programs for the teenagers' benefit. They support projects for entertainment and recreational areas and provide the excitement and fun that the teenagers require.

The institutions and reformatories are also working toward helping delinquents and not just punishing. They are set up for rehabilitation and are doing a fine job in sending many delinquents back to a rewarding life.

All this goes to show why Michigan is so strong in the battle against juvenile delinquency. Without these many agencies there is no telling what our state would be. However, these organizations cannot be effective without the support of the people; not just a few, but all of the people, for the stronger these agencies the better Michigan will become.

Dave Hammer

Milling Industry Shows Progress Here In Lowell

Since the beginning of time, man has been making flour by grinding grain into fine particles. First, man used stones to grind the grain, and then through the years he developed better ways of milling.

Lowell's King Milling Company is one of the largest and most efficient mills in Michigan. The first mills were constructed in 1847 by C. S. Hooker and was given the name of Forest Mills. These mills were used largely for grinding the wheat of local farmers, and as the years passed the water power was increased in order to improve the capacity of the mills.

The Lowell Mills on the west side of the river were purchased by Stiff & Stiff in 1881, and were operated by them for only a short time. They were purchased at a mortgage sale by the King Milling Company, a corporation which rebuilt the mills and brought them up-to-date. Then in 1896, the Wisner Brothers consolidated with the King Milling Company under the name of the "King Milling Company," and thus the Forest Mills ownership passed to the new partnership.

Today, the storage and transportation of grain have become important. While some farmers still store part of their harvest on their own farms, most of the wheat is taken by truck or rail directly to elevators for sale or storage. The King Milling elevators are huge bins, built like towers, large enough to hold 87,000 bushels of wheat.

About eighty years ago steel rollers took the place of the massive grinding stones. Other machines were also invented to improve the handling and milling of the grain. Today before wheat is milled, it is carefully cleaned and washed. As a result, today's flour is the cleanest ever made by man.

Milling is a continuous operation. Wheat flows into the milling system in a constant stream. The flour and other products come out at the end of the system in a steady line. Between the time the wheat enters the mill and the time it reaches the sack or package, it has gone through over one hundred different separations. From 100 pounds of wheat the miller produces about 72 pounds of white flour and 28 pounds of animal feeds.

Thus as a result of continued improvements, the King Milling Company has prospered until today it is one of the most modern industries to be found in Michigan. It has endeavored through the years to give the best service to the people of Lowell and the country at large, and for this reason is a credit not only to the state of Michigan, but to the entire United States.

Danny Conrad

Carp — Liked by Few Scorned by Many

In 1872, 83 choice specimens of carp were brought to this country but upon arrival only five of them were still alive. These, however, produced enough carp for the southwest. In 1877 a number of carp were brought to this country from Germany to be placed in special breeding ponds. In 1880 twenty pair of these fish were shipped to Michigan. Almost every stream and lake was planted with these fish, but because they reproduce so fast, (one female can produce three million eggs) they soon were looked upon with scorn and this made it easy to detect a muddy taste in their flesh. This ruined them for the commercial business which they were supposed to produce.

Today the commercial standing of the carp is fairly good. Of the 131 saleable fish in the United States the carp ranks eighteenth in catch and nineteenth in value. In Michigan over 2,500,000 pounds are sold annually.

Since the carp is looked upon dimly now, in the Lake St. Clair Marshes, each year they are shot by bowmen competing in the Carp Carnival. In the Kent County area the bowmen can shoot carp in the non-trout lakes and streams.

So there you have the carp—liked by a few and scorned by many others. I feel that the carp should be eliminated from our lakes and streams, thus making it easier for the more popular fish to have a chance to grow in number.

Lee VanDerWarf

Youth Recreation Facilities Being Added to Lowell

When Solomon S. Lee died, he left the Village of Lowell approximately $50,000 to be used as the Village Council thought advisable. He expressed hope that part of this money would be used for the development of the recreational facilities of Lowell. In 1947, $7,000 was spent for building tennis courts at Recreation Park. In addition each year the Lee Fund contributes $1,000 to the Public Library, $500 to the Lowell High School Band, and around $2,500 for the upkeep on Recreation Park.

Feeling that something else was needed, a few local civic leaders began a drive for a swimming pool. Now three years later construction work is ready to begin, with completion scheduled by July 4, 1958. The proposed pool will be 40 by 75 feet. It will be equipped with water filtration and a diving board. Accompanying the pool will be a 25 by 25 ft. wading pool for smaller children and a combination field and bath house, 56 by 74 feet. This building will be used by the high school during the school year for a rental fee. The cost of the project is estimated at $50,000, of which $10,000 has been raised by civic projects. It is hoped the balance of the sum will be supplied by the Lee Fund, either as a gift or as a loan.

Also located at Recreation Park is a combination baseball and softball field. This is used by the high school baseball team in the spring, and is used six nights a week during the summer. Hopes are high that a ¼ mile cinder track will be constructed around the football field for use of the high school track team.

In the last four years Lowell has come a long way in the development of recreation for the people and their children. Besides the swimming pool, an indoor skating rink has been built, a tennis tournament has been established, a little league baseball program has been brought into existence, and archery and rifle clubs have been organized. However, Lowell still doesn't have many of the recreational facilities that many neighboring villages and cities have. It will take more time and more workers to establish Lowell as a town with enough recreational attractions to occupy its children's time adequately.

Al Weigele
Bob White
Tony Stormzand

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Salute to Michigan

Legion Memorial Building To Be Future Recreation Center

One of the favorite spots for recreation in our town is the American Legion Memorial Building or, as it is better known, the bowling alley. The purpose of this building is to serve as a perpetual living memorial honoring those from our town who made the complete sacrifice in all wars.

The idea for this memorial started back in 1946 when the local Clark-Ellis Post of the American Legion wanted to erect a memorial for those who served in our wars. William Christiansen, then commander of the Legion, headed the committee for deciding what this memorial would be. Mr. Christiansen, while looking through magazines for ideas on a memorial, read that a good memorial is one that is living, active, and one that fulfills a community need. The Legion wanted its memorial to be self-supporting and to be used by both young and old. And so, after much thought on the subject, the Legion decided on a bowling alley and recreation center to satisfy these wants.

Project Started

The important part, deciding on what type of memorial, was done; but the real work lay ahead. For the building site the Legion purchased the old east ward school property on the outskirts of town. Blueprints were drawn showing the building as the Legion hoped it would one day resemble. Work was begun in 1948 and in a short time the first floor of the two-story structure was completed. For a start, eight alleys were installed and equipment was bought. By September, 1949, proceeds from bowling started coming in. These proceeds went into funds for running the alley and paying for two people to operate it. The interesting part is that this building has never cost the town any money and it has been non-profit. All the proceeds have been used in furnishing and taking care of the alley.

The legion started out with $8,000, which of course wasn't nearly enough to cover the cost of the building. Therefore, the group presented its idea to the people of the community, who responded very willingly and quickly to the idea. Many donations were made by civic-minded citizens, some of whom still support the alley with their business-sponsored bowling teams. Over eighty members loaned $100 apiece and arrangements were made at the bank to borrow money. The Legion's share of the proceeds from the Lowell Showboat, a local project, has also gone into the alley.

To Finish Recreation Center

Today our bowling alley is completely paid for and the proceeds which are coming in are going to pay for the recreation center to be located on the second floor of the memorial building. The Legion plans to have this recreation center ready by late summer or early fall to provide roller skating and an activity room for the young people of our community.

Our town is very proud of and thankful for this memorial, and we think the Legion has given us an active and living memorial indeed. I, for one, have enjoyed this building very much, even though my highest score in bowling so far is a 98!

Mary Alexander

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Evening Worship 7 p. m.
Pastor—O. M. Smith

My Neighbors

"Yes, sir, a hair cut. Any particular one you had in mind?"

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Michael, 5356 Cascade Rd., S. E., announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Ann, to A-3c Donald L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, Kalamazoo Ave.

The bridegroom-elect is stationed at Keesler Airforce Base in Mississippi.

No wedding date has been set by the couple.

SALUTE TO MICHIGAN

Lowell High Gives Honor To Top Students

For the last quarter of a century, much credit has been given to the student with exceptional athletic abilities, but little account has been paid to the student on the honor roll. At one time scholarships were more readily available for those possessing athletic abilities than those having high marks. The highly intelligent student was looked upon somewhat as an "egghead" which was then a thoroughly insulting term.

The football hero was swooned over while the intelligent student was given no attention. If a player was important to the team in order to win a big game, it was easy enough for the teacher to make him eligible whether he actually was or not. But today, a different outlook is given to this situation. Both the athletic and intelligent students receive recognition for their accomplishments. Furthermore, the athlete in order to be deserving of a scholarship must have certain scholastic qualifications.

In almost all the schools of Michigan at graduation time, there are honors given out for the students ranking high scholastically. Here at Lowell High, we choose a valedictorian and a salutatorian.

Various other honors are awarded in the Grand Valley Schools in giving the top student recognition and honor.

At East Grand Rapids there is a National Honor Society established to stimulate high scholarship, constructive leadership, purposeful service, and worthy character of the students.

At Godwin High School, those with high honors receive special diplomas at their graduation exercises designating their achievements.

At Lowell High School, we have a special honor assembly at the end of the school year at which awards are given for certain accomplishments. Many of these awards go to those with high scholastic abilities. At graduation we have honor cords and tassels which are worn by those with a "B" average or above.

This year something new was added to give the needed recognition to the top students. The Lowell Ledger has featured a series of the "Top Honor Teens" in the Lowell High senior class. This series was instigated to help promote interest in science, language, mathematics, and history.

Also at Lowell High, and it is probably done at most schools, is a posting of the honor roll every six weeks when the report cards come out. Those having a "B" average or above in the four high school grades are included on this list.

All over Michigan improvements such as these are being made to improve the scholastic rating of our schools. A great deal has been achieved by giving the student who ranks high scholastically his deserved credit. This has been proven true in Michigan by the greater number of students attending college. Soon it will be even better.

Sandy Bozung

Speaking of "better mousetraps"—there's one that electrocutes up to five mice without resetting.

Coach Edward Shy, left, explains some of the techniques of baseball to two teammates at Forest Hills School. Pictured in the center is Jerry Flynn and right, Mike Ruffin.

SALUTE TO MICHIGAN

If Lowell Had Become a City . . .

Among the topics of controversy in our town of about twenty-two hundred is what might have been the advantages if Lowell and the proposed surrounding area had become a city. Of course, there would be no noticeable change overnight but let's plan for the future. As the town's expenses grow and the population remains the same, the individual taxpayer will have to assume the increase in taxes.

If inviting conditions were set up for industries, certainly some would consider Lowell as a place to locate their factories. Workers needed for the industries would mean more taxpayers to carry the load, resulting in a smaller assessment per person.

As the individual burden is decreased, larger funds would be still raised through a larger population. The people of the city would have greater control over funds for use within the city than by the present method. Diverting the funds for use in the city would see better recreation facilities, streets and curbing, sewage systems, and services for the entire community with little or no tax increase.

The residents of the area to be annexed would have advantages as well. Among them would be more services in the future, such as better fire and police protection for those living outside Lowell Township.

The taxes would not go up for those in any part of the present or annexed area. Because the citizens of the annexed area would no longer pay township tax and they would have control over their tax money, it would be to their advantage to be annexed.

There is a need for a change in our village charter which has not been altered appreciably during the past fifty years. The fact that our population has increased only 26 per cent during that time compared to the city of Rockford's increase of 172 per cent in the same period of time, shows a need for improvement. These are only a few facts which show what might have happened had Lowell become a city.

Jim White

tv news

FOREVER SHIRLEY

Mrs. Charles Alden Black, wife of a California businessman and the mother of three children, is resigned to the fact that she will always be Shirley Temple, precocious moppet of early movie hits. Day after day, Shirley is reminded of the old days. She recalled a recent incident; "One day the postman, a darling old man about 70, said to me, 'Mrs. Black, does Shirley Temple live here?' And I said, 'Why yes, I used to be Shirley Temple.' 'Oh, my' the postman cackled, 'you used to be my favorite movie star— when I was a little boy!' "

LIBERACE, on his absence from live TV: "I am purposely staying off TV. I've been a victim of overexposure. I feel a demand for me must be recreated and to recreate it I must be missed."

DINAH SHORE, one of TV's best dressed stars, when asked about her personal wardrobe: "It's practically all sweaters and slacks. I'm working most of the time, or just being home with the children, so where do I go to wear anything else?"

PETER USTINOV, on TV: "In TV an actor is nothing but a Fuller Brush man. An actor—like the brush salesman—has to think fast. For he knows that after he gets his foot in the door the audience can either let him come into the house or reject him completely with a flip of the dial."

"When business is slow, put in a good side-line." So said the old-time Colonial printers. One Philadelphia man handled pickled sturgeon and chocolate. What he couldn't sell, he ate. Other print-shop "notions" were pins, flutes, combs, thimbles and snuff.

What's New—A bathtub tray for books, cigarettes, ash tray, mirror, plus soap, sponge and bath brush.

Thornapple Baseball League Organize At Collins, Saturday

Attention everyone! The "Ponies" are about to ride again. The Thornapple Baseball League announce that they will hold their organizing and registration meeting on Saturday, May 10, at Collins School starting at 11 a. m. This includes all interested parties. By interested parties are meant players, of course. Any boy in the Forest Hills district between the ages of 13 and 16.

The boy should be accompanied by one or both of his parents, so he may be properly registered and signed in. Also the coaches and managers should be present at this meeting to enable the committee to prepare a future schedule for the aspiring young athletes.

This year promises to be a much larger and busier year than last. Therefore, more help is needed. If you enjoy working with a swell bunch of youngsters and would like to do just a bit more for your community, come on out, because the team sure could use you.

P. S. It is a good way of getting out of the dishes, a couple nights a week, fellas. See you Saturday the 10th at 11 a. m.

Hold Hearings On US-16 Relocation In Kent

The State Highway Department held a public hearing on April 24 in the Grand Rapids City Hall on the proposed relocation of US-16 through Kent county.

The new US-16 will be part of the National Interstate and Defense Highways, and is eligible for 90/10 federal aid. US-16 will also be an expressway from Detroit to Muskegon.

The proposed route begins at the Ionia-Kent county line about ½ mile south of existing US-16, and swings west around the south side of Pratt Lake to Whitneyville road, turning northwest and crossing the Thornapple river to a junction with US-16 (28th street) between Kraft road and Patterson avenue.

From this point, the proposed route will continue in a northwesterly direction to an interchange at existing US-16 business route about one mile east of the East Belt Line, then will go northwest to a junction with US-131 and turn westerly to the village of Marne in Ottawa county to connect with the completed Marne-Coopersville section of the new expressway.

The new highway will be built to Interstate system standards on a 300-foot-wide right of way, with two 24-foot-wide concrete lanes separated by a median strip.

A service road will be constructed just north of the expressway from 8th avenue to Hayes street.

Preliminary design calls for 39 bridges and 11 interchanges along the 25-mile stretch. Bridges or grade separations will be located at the C. & O. railroad, Sequin rd, M-50 (Nash rd.), Morse Lake road, Whitneyville road, Thornapple river, Thornapple River drive, Kraft road, existing US-16 (28th street), Burton street, Forest Hill avenue, existing US-16BR (Cascade road), existing M-21 (Fulton street), Grand Trunk Western railroad, US-131, the east connection to a future city route, Leonard street, Knapp street, 3-Mile road, Dean Lake road, Plainfield avenue (US-131BR), Cheney avenue, Cort avenue, Monroe avenue, Grand river, US-131 relocation, C. & O. & Pennsylvania railroad, West River drive, west connection to a future city route, M-37 (Alpine avenue), Bristol avenue, Walker avenue, Grand Trunk Western railroad, branch of Sand Creek, Pennsylvania railroad, branch of Sand Creek, new service road connecting Hayes and Ironwood, and branch of Sand Creek.

Entrances and exits are planned at M-50 (Nash road), US-16 (28th street), US-16BR (Cascade road), existing M-21 (Fulton street), US-131 by-pass (East Belt Line), Leonard street, US-131BR (Plainfield avenue), proposed new US-131, M-37 (Alpine avenue), Fruit Ridge avenue, and a connecting road between Ironwood and Hayes street.

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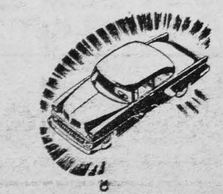

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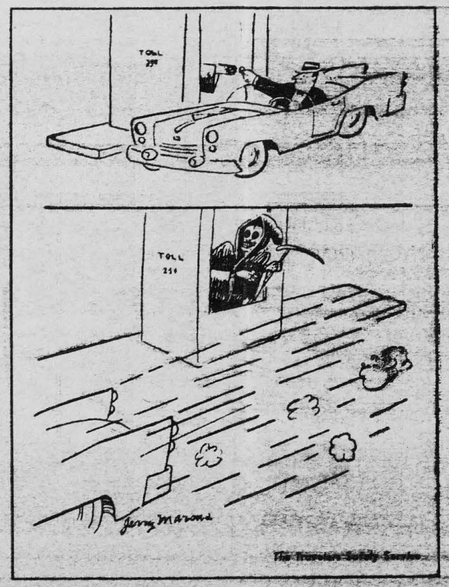

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social briefs

The Gerrit Baker's and Peter DeJager's of Cascade recently returned from an eight day Eastern trip. They visited Valley Forge, Philadelphia, the Smoky Mountains, and returned home through Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes, 1668 Buttrick, accompanied by Larry Duthler, formerly of Ada, visited Mr. Hayes' sister and brother-in-law, living north of Hesperia on Sunday.

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coming events

The Christian Men's Fellowship of the Cascade Christian Church will meet in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 14th at 8 p. m.

The Cradle Roll Guild of the Cascade Christian Church will meet on Thursday, May 15, at the home of Mrs. Guy Chandler, 6459 Wendell S. E., at 8 p. m.

The Ladies Christian Fellowship of the Cascade Christian Reformed Church will meet on Wednesday, May 14th at 8 p. m. at the church for their final meeting until next fall.

The Cascade Businessmen's Association will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at the Cascade School at 8 p. m.

The Ada Drive Coffee Group of the Martin School PTA will meet on Wednesday, May 14th at 9 a. m. at the home of Mrs. James Byerly, 5024 Ada Dr., S. E.

A Mother-Daughter Social will be held on Friday evening, May 16th at 8 p. m. at the Ada Community Reformed Church. Mrs. Neil DeYoung is General Chairman of the event.

There will be an Ascension Day Service held on Thursday evening, May 15th at 8 p. m. at the Ada Christian Reformed Church.

The Post-Hi Group of the Cascade Christian Church will meet on Thursday evening, May 8th at Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p. m. Miss Carolyn Mullens of Grand Rapids will show pictures she took on a European trip.

Hosts and hostesses for the coffee hour following the morning services at the First Congregational Church of Ada on Sunday, May 11, will be Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dey.

The board of trustees of the First Congregational Church of Ada will meet on Monday, May 12 at 7:45 p. m. at the church.

The Thornapple Thumbs of the Cascade Mothers' Club will meet on Thursday, May 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jane Cope.

The Westway group of the Cascade Mothers' Club will meet on Thursday, May 15th at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Jane Breidenfield.

The Cascade Community 4-H will have their second meeting May 13 at the Cascade Town Hall at 7:30 p. m. This will be the last time for enrolling for the summer projects. If you are unable to attend this meeting please call Mrs. Mary Z. Flynn at CH 1-7328.

The Cascade Mothers' Club, Mother-Daughter Dessert and Style Show will be held Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 p. m. in the Fellowship hall of the Cascade Christian Church.

Schedule Exhibits At G. R. Art Gallery

Three interesting exhibits have been scheduled at the Grand Rapids Art Gallery in May, according to officials there. Now through May 22, these programs will be shown:

Annual Camera Club Show—juried show of recent work by the members of the Grand Rapids Camera Club.

Eleanor Depree VanHaitsma—one man show of jewelry and paintings by the former art instructor at Hope College.

U-M extension student show—paintings, ceramics, weaving and photography.

DOERR GUILD TO HOLD LAST MEETING

The Doerr Guild of the Cascade Christian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Raymond Gaylord, 2780 Orange St., on Tuesday evening, May 13th at 8 p. m.

Election of officers will be held. This is to be the last meeting until fall.

A mistake proves somebody stopped talking long enough to do something.

Read Suburban Life Ads!

Financial Report

1957 Season
December 31, 1957

Following is the Financial report for the Thornapple Valley Little League:

Receipts

Thornapple Valley Lions Club—Sponsor	$ 600.00
Cascade Business Men's Association—Sponsor	300.00
Cascade Christian Church—Sponsor	300.00
Collection—Attendance at Park Income, Refreshment Booth	397.53
	$1,597.53

Disbursements

Little League Baseball, Inc.	
Franchise—Registrat'n Fee	$25.00
Insurance—Four teams	60.00
Supplies—Manuals and Rule Books	7.25
Michigan Hardware Co.—	
6 Baseball Bats	8.64
24 Baseballs	31.06
Jay A. Wiersma, D. O. Office call, Terry Dougherty	4.00
Edwin G. Bolter, District Sec'y, Little League Baseball	10.00
Vim Sporting Goods Co.	51.45
Goebel & Brown	1,019.29
Grand Rapids City Coach Lines, Inc., two buses, Cascade to Detroit, Little League boys—ball game, August 15, 1957	355.74
Peoples National Bank, handling charge, checking account	1.10
	$1,573.53
Balance on Hand	$ 24.00

St. Robert's Members To Work on Diocesan Development Fund

Volunteer solicitors from Catholic parishes in this area for the fourth annual Diocesan Development Fund Campaign, to be held May 18-25, will read a special message from Bishop Allen J. Babcock in a guide they will receive at their workers' meeting next week.

In his communication Bishop Babcock says: "No one is working more actively for the diocese than you. I, as your Bishop, would like to be able to call at each in the diocese to accept offerings needed for God's work in our area. I am unable to do this by myself. You make it possible for me to do so, as you are my representative. Thank you for your willingness to help.

"The success of the D. D. F. will depend on each worker making a complete coverage of his or her assignment, and by doing this without delay. Our Lord will walk with you as you make your calls for this is done to continue and expand His work in our diocese.

"May God bless you for your time and effort."

Altogether approximately 6,000 workers will be recruited in the 180 congregations which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids in 29 counties of Western Michigan.

Pastor of St. Robert's parish here is Reverend Donald Farrell. Parish general chairmen are Paul Roy and Louis Corsiglia.

DAIRY GOAT DIVISION THIS YEAR AT FAIR

For the first time this year the Kent County 4-H Club is going to have a Dairy Goat division at the Lowell Fair. This group is just starting and would like to invite any young people who are interested in Dairy Goats to participate.

Anyone interested should call George McClellan, OR 6-3878 or contact him at 8665—28th Street, S. E. Deadline for enrollment is June 1st, 1958.

For a quick frosting, lay a thin chocolate mint on each cupcake as you take it from the oven.

Since World War II business and industry have spent some $300 billion for new plants and equipment.

Cascade Board Approves New 58-Lot Plat

The Cascade Township Board at their regular meeting on Monday night approved a 58 lot plat just off Thornapple River Drive to be known as "Cascade Acres" by the Oosterink Construction Company.

This board approval is subject to the review by the township planning commission before formal acceptance is made. The board also appointed Frank Warner as Cascade Township Health Officer.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tichelaar Bennett Rd., announce the birth of a son on Sunday, May 4th at Blodgett Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carpenter, 896 Argo S. E., announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Ellen on Saturday, May 3rd at Blodgett Hospital.

CASCADE BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The following building permits were issued during the month of April in Cascade Township: to Earl Unseld, Robert Postma, Berfield W. Acker and Archie B. Maxim.

The world is not interested in the storms you encountered, but did you bring the ship in?

LIBBY'S GREEN THUMB SALE

Early Garden Peas....3 cans 49c
Fruit Cocktail .....3 for 59c
Whole Kernel or Cream Style Corn .....3 for 49c
Tropi-Cal Fruit Punch .....2—46-oz cans 59c

Hellman's Mayonnaise....pt. 29c
Musselman's Jellies ....19-oz tea tumbler 29c
White Popcorn ....2-lb. bag 25c
Mixed Nuts, salted....lg. can 89c
Hunts Catsup..14-oz. btl. 4 for 50c

Frozen Peas, Squash....pkg. 13c
Spartan Beef, Chicken, Turkey Pies .....ea. 17c
Western Strawberries .....10-oz. pkg. 5 for $1

Wheaties, Cheerios, Kix, Trix & Hi-Pro .....4 pkgs. $1
Spartan Coffee .....lb. bag 69c
Blue Rinso, Fab, Surf..lg. box 31c
Lestoil Cleaner .....pint 37c

Grade A Large White Eggs .....doz. 43c
Powdered or Br. Sugar..2 for 25c
Robin Hood Flour .....25-lb. bag $1.79

PRODUCE

California Sunkist Oranges .....lg. 113 size, doz. 59c
New Cabbage..firm heads, lb. 5c
Red Ripe Tomatoes .....4-pk. tube 29c

MEATS

Beef Chuck Roast .....lb. 59c
Home Cured Slab Bacon .....lb. 48c
Pork Loins for your home freezer, Whole or Rib Half .....lb. 45c
Center Cut Pork Chops .....lb. 69c
Country Style Spare Ribs..lb. 53c
Fresh Dressed Frying Chickens .....lb. 37c
Rauser's Ring Bologna....lb. 49c
Thomasma Budg-ettes Cold Meats .....pkg. 29c, 39c 49c
Swiss Steak .....lb. 77c
Home Made Pork Sausage .....2 lbs. 79c

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