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# Suburban LIFE

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## Water Franchise Wins

Cascade Township voters went to the polls Tuesday and approved by a vote of 473 yes to 305 no a proposal granting the Somerville Construction Co. of Ada a 30-year franchise to operate a private water system serving the area within the township boundaries.

The franchise, which will take effect in 60 days, permits the local pipeline company to construct a

### 9246 New Cars, Trucks Registered In Kent County

With the automobile industry establishing an all time high sales year, automobile dealers in many Michigan communities are finding a brisk demand for passenger cars and trucks.

This, in turn, according to Secretary of State James M. Hare, keeps his 235 branch offices throughout the State busy processing titles and levying weight taxes.

An analysis of new vehicle registrations in the first five months of 1963 shows that 8186 passenger cars and 1060 trucks were titled in Kent County.

In the period studied, 201,695 new passenger cars and 19,497 new trucks were registered in Michigan's 83 counties.

Hare cited industry figures showing that more than 5,000,000 motor vehicles have been produced in the United States since the first of the year and that more than 7,000,000 cars and trucks had been manufactured during the 1963 model year.

"National car sales have done much to improve Michigan's prosperity and morale," Hare said. "As these vehicles are sold and used, they not only bring jobs and tax dollars to our Great Lakes State but they also move tourists in and manufactured materials out of Michigan. Peak vehicle registrations are something which should please everybody: workers, manufacturers, stockholders, tax collectors, restaurant owners, motel operators, and many others. Car sales and a better way of life are synonymous, especially in Michigan."

### TB X-Ray Bus at Ada Tuesday, September 17

The Kent County Tuberculosis Society announces the location of the Christmas Seal Mobile X-ray unit on September 17, at the Ada Hardware in Ada from 12:30 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this location to have a free chest x-ray, make sure you are free from not only tuberculosis but, many other respiratory diseases. Chronic cough and shortness of breath are early but too easily overlooked danger signals of a long list of chronic respiratory diseases, including TB. If discovered early, many respiratory diseases can be treated successfully, if left untreated they may lead to disability.

### Parent, Teacher Meeting Planned

A meeting between the parents and teachers of the Junior High School (7th and 8th graders) will be held this Thursday night in the Multi-purpose building of the Forest Hills system.

The parents are to meet in the Multi-purpose building where an introduction of the junior high teachers will be made. The teachers and parents will then adjourn to the classroom of their child's teacher, for a short discussion period.

Following the discussion refreshments will be served in the Multi-purpose building.

### August Building Permits

Building permits were issued during the month of August to the following people: Peter Price, Vern Kingsland, Floyd Barnhart, C. E. Davis, George Clay, William Holloway, Richard Friedrick, Andrew VanNoord, J. Swann, and Ivan Wood.

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### Smorgasbord Dates Are Set In Ada

The 10th Annual Smorgasbord of the Ada Congregational Church will take place on Friday, September 27, and Saturday, September 28.

Serving hours are 5:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. Tickets are \$2.50 each. Friday night will be family night. Children through the age of 12 will be \$1.00 each (Friday night only).

For reservations for Friday evening, call Mrs. William Muller at 676-1638, and for Saturday evening, call Mrs. David Anible at 676-4231. More details in next week's paper.

### Evening Adult Training Classes Set At Jr. College

Grand Rapids Junior College has made announcement of its Evening Adult Trade and Industrial Training Program and its Evening High School course offerings.

Enrollment in the Trade and Industry Classes is open to anyone no longer enrolled in regular day school.

Enrollment will take place from September 9 to September 23 in the Coordinator's Office, 5th Floor, Junior College Building, weekdays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. or evenings by appointment. The course fees are \$10.00 per subject per term. Some of the courses offered this fall are:

Fundamental Shop Mathematics  
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Geometry for Tradesmen  
Trigonometry for Tradesmen  
Fundamentals of Machine Trades  
Blue Print Reading  
Advanced Blue Print Reading  
Machine Shop  
Machine Tool Set-Up and Operation

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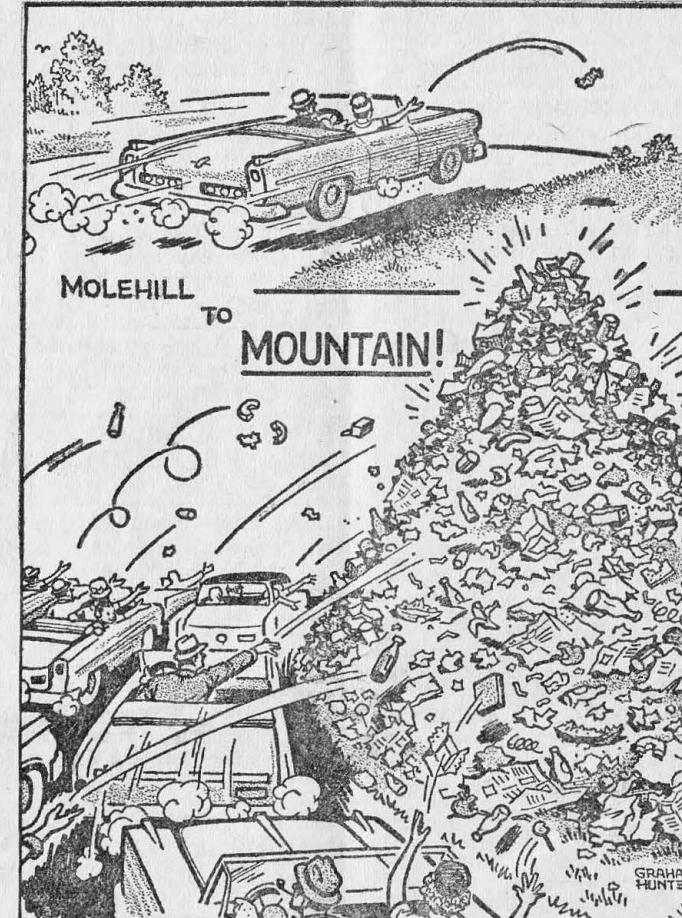
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Fundamentals of Automotive Service

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Anyone wishing more information on the above program can obtain a pamphlet with more details from Hans Andrews, Director of Guidance at the High School (897-9216) or by contacting the Coordinator's Office, Fifth Floor, Junior College Building, Phone GL 9-0201, Grand Rapids, during the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

SUBURBAN LIFE Want Ads bring results.

MORE THAN 320 Michigan farm residents lost their lives in unnecessary accidents last year, according to a Michigan State University safety engineer.



### ARE YOU A LITTERBUG?

We dislike having to bring it up but this country seems to be losing an important battle—the fight to control the litterbug.

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This one case where the molehill would actually become a mountain in short order.

We can, and should, make America a glittering nation by stopping littering.



### Florence Fidler Passes After Lingering Illness

Funeral services were held last Saturday in St. Robert's Church of Ada for Mrs. Florence Fidler, aged 65.

She was the wife of Percy Fidler of 7124 Cascade Road S. E., and passed away on Thursday evening after a lingering illness.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Ron; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph C. (Cieley) Bruner, both in California; seven grandchildren; and one brother, Fred Fidler in Chicago.

Requiem High Mass was sung Saturday morning at 10 a. m., with interment in Resurrection Cemetery.

### St. Robert's Guild Plan Fall Season

A general meeting of St. Robert's Guild was held on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Mrs. Fred Beahan, president, presided at the meeting which starts a busy fall for the women.

Mrs. George Grochowalski, who is general chairman of the fall festival, announced her committees for the ham dinner, which will be served to the public on October 13.

The proceeds of this dinner are to be used to purchase many new items for the altar. Mrs. Harold Gietzen and Mrs. Arthur Laird, co-chairmen, announced that a card party is being organized for Thursday, November 7. Everyone is invited to attend this party.

Also, many of the members will participate in managing a "Second-Best Sale" to be held on November 15. Mrs. Beahan appointed Mrs. Robert Janderioa, Mrs. Robert McCormick, Mrs. Walter Graves and Mrs. William Rice to serve as a nominating committee for the coming year. Officers were elected in December.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by St. Anne's Team of Cascade. Mrs. Ralph Schlosser, program chairman, introduced Miss Marie Beahan of Grand Rapids, who showed slides and gave a most interesting talk about her recent trip to the Holy Land and various parts of Europe, including the coronation of Pope Paul VI.

### 'Cow-lision' Halts Unlicensed Driver

George S. Converse, 15, went out for an unlicensed drive last Thursday evening, but came to an abrupt halt—and to the attention of Kent County Sheriff's Deputies—when he collided with a cow on M-91 south of Lowell.

The youth, who lives at 12917 Vergennes, Lowell, told investigating officers that he was heading north on M-91 when he was blinded by the lights of an approaching vehicle, causing him to fail to see the animal in his path.

The accident, which occurred at 10 p. m., took place 300 feet north of 36th Street.

Converse was not hurt; he was traveling alone at the time of the mishap. His automobile, though still drivable, was extensively damaged in the collision.

The cow, owned by Robert M. Barnes of Seguin Ave., was listed on the police report as "not dead at the scene."

The youth was told to appear in court to explain why he was driving without an operator's license.

### Baked Goods Sale Set For Saturday, Sept. 21

The Vesta Chapter of the Eastern Star of Ada will hold a rummage and baked goods sale on September 21 at the Masonic Hall in Ada.

If any one has any rummage that they would like to have picked up, please call 949-0256, OR 6-1120 or OR 6-4331.

## Ranger Eleven Open Season Fri.

The Forest Hills Rangers, young and inexperienced, will open the 1963 gridiron season Friday night by visiting the power-laden Rockford Rams. The Rangers have been working diligently in preparation for the first game.

Coach Shy has only 11 returning lettermen from last year's squad and only 5 of them are Seniors. This years squad will include 20 juniors and 9 sophomores on the Varsity.

The Rangers will present a very fast backfield with Gary Knapp and Wayne Blocher at the halfback posts. Bob Burkhead is expected

to provide spark in the backfield. Craig De Minck at center and Ted Ray at guard are the other two Seniors on the squad.

Juniors expected to see heavy duty include Greg Bacon, Ron Dunlap, and Dave Courtright at end; Bob Hill, Tom Barnes, and Bryan Clifford at tackle, Dennis Tanis, and Tom Nurnberger at guards, and Dennis Dryer at center. Juniors Jim Jones at quarterback, Dale Hill at halfback, and Tom Waterfield and Dick Flynn will see considerable action.

The Tri-River champion Rockford Rams lost only two boys from last year's team. Back for service are Frank Cook a power running fullback, and Harlon Filkins an all-state nominee at tackle. Veterans will man every post on the Rockford squad.

### Ada Scouts Tour Mackinaw Island

In August, Boy Scout Troop 290 of Ada enjoyed a three day camping trip to Northern Michigan. Wilderness State Park, ten miles south west of Mackinaw City served as camp headquarters.

Early Saturday morning the troop went over to Mackinaw Island by boat. Upon docking they covered the points of interest on the island by horse drawn carriages, seeing such points as Skull Cave, Fort Holmes, Arch Rock and the Fudge Shops. After the carriage trip the boys wandered through Fort Mackinaw.

Many of the boys were interested to learn that Fort Mackinaw has flown the flags of three countries—France, England and the United States. They also learned that it was a regular army outpost until about 1895. For most of the boys it was their first visit to the Island.

Upon returning to the mainland, they went through the fort on the northern most tip of the lower peninsula, Fort Michilimackinac. After breakfast and church services Sunday morning the troop left for St. Paul Marie. After seeing the points of interest at the "Soo," and watching the boats "lock" through, they started homeward, arriving home late Sunday evening.

The boys making the trip included Dan and John Olmsted, Harry Knope, Rick Wilson, Homer Spidell, Bob Steketee, Pat and Tim Hanes, Mike Black, Jim Phillip, Dave McDuffee, Dick Pullium, John Free, Bob McCormick, Tom and Fritz Dygert, Dan LaRoache, Denny Kohlback, Stan Grochowalski, John Robinson, Jerry Brian and Tim Johnson. The fathers were Fred Dygert, Oliver Robinson, Richard Pullium, Frank Steketee and Robert Hanes.

The trip was financed by funds earned by the boys of Troop 290, who annually sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner, held every November in Ada.

### Joint School Meeting Set At Egypt Valley, Honey Cr.

There will be a joint meeting of the parents of Egypt Valley and the Honey Creek Schools. It will be held on Monday evening, September 16, at 8 p. m. at the Honey Creek School.

This will be an opportunity for the parents to meet with our new school superintendent, Mr. Marston; Mr. Price, elementary principal, and our new teachers.

Now that our two schools have been combined, there will be many subjects and changes to be discussed. All parents are urged to attend.

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### Walking

Walking is a lost art today. It is no wonder, for people are too much in a hurry to walk anywhere. We complain if our children have to walk half a mile to catch a bus, and then spend \$500,000 to build a gymnasium to give them exercise. We golf for exercise and ride motor carts around the course. The next sales pitch I expect to see is a motorized chair so that we won't have to walk from the TV to the kitchen to get a snack. How much of our world we miss because we don't walk more. It is interesting how often the Bible compares the Christian life to a walk. God would have us to walk the path in which He leads. Jesus tells us He is the only way to heaven. What a joy and blessing to know Him as our Savior and to know the fellowship and peace of walking through life (and death) with Him.

PASTOR — REV. ROY BOESKOOL

## Area Church News

### Cascade Christian Ref.

Thursday, September 12, Sunday School teachers will meet at 7 p. m. in the church.

Friday, September 13, Education Society will meet at the church at 8 p. m., and plans will be discussed for the coming year and pledges received.

Tuesday, September 17, Our Senior Mr. and Mrs. will meet at 8 p. m. at the church.

Sunday, September 15, the choir will meet at 3 p. m. in the church.

### Ada Community Ref.

Friday, September 13, Mr. and Mrs. Club will have a picnic at Fallasburg Park at 7 p. m. Please bring your own table service, hot dogs, buns and drink.

Sunday, September 15, RCYF begins its fall season by meeting at the church at 8:05 p. m.

### Cascade Christian Church

Thursday, September 12, Choir rehearsal at 8 p. m. in the church.

Saturday, September 14, Church Awards Class will meet from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

Sunday, September 15, We will observe Rally Day at all of the three Sunday School Sessions (9:45 a. m.)

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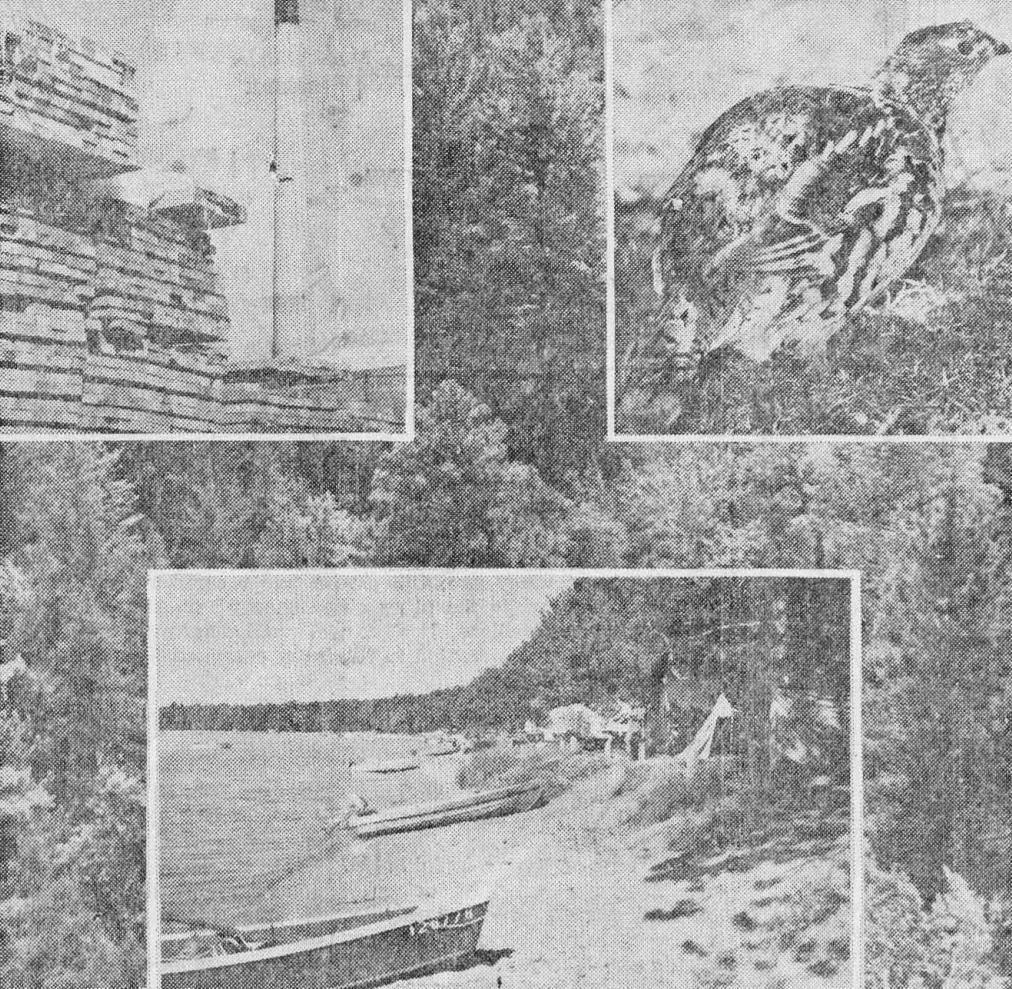
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Mich. Dept. of Conservation

a. m., 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.). At these sessions a very fine moving film entitled "Jerusalem", narrated by Billy Graham, will be shown. Because of the length of the film (65 minutes), would the children who attend the 9:45 a. m. session of Sunday School please come at 9:30 a. m.

Monday, September 16, there will be a Sunday School teachers' conference in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, September 17, the CWF will have a salad smorgasborg in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p. m. The Lydia Guild will act as hostess for this event. The program is entitled "Follow Where Thy Feet Have Trod."

Tuesday, September 17, Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, September 18, the Church Council (Functional committee chairmen, new presidents) will meet in Fellowship Hall at 8 p. m.

**Eastmont Baptist Church**

Friday, September 13, Fidelis Class will have a party at Van Raalte's Restaurant in Zeeland. Please by at the restaurant by 7 p. m. The speaker will be Fred Johnson.

It is very good to hear that Pastor Smith is feeling much better.

**E. Paris Christian Ref.**

Thursday, September 12, Calvinists Cadets will meet at 7 p. m. at the school.

Monday, September 16, there will be a consistory meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, September 17, the Men's Society will meet at 8 p. m.

**Ada Congregational**

Thursday, September 12 and 19, the Junior Choir begins their fall season on September 12 with registration and a short rehearsal at 4 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The Senior Choir will have their rehearsals at 7:30 p. m. at the church.

Friday, September 13, there will be a meeting for church school teachers at 8 p. m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 15, for all the parents who would like to have their children baptized, there will be a meeting at 3:30 p. m. at the parsonage located at 225 West Main Street.

Monday, September 16, there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8 p. m. at the church.

Tuesday, September 17, the first meeting of the newly-formed conference of the United Church of Christ will take place at the

Peoples Church in East Lansing from 1:30 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Wednesday, September 18, the September meeting of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses will be held at 8 p. m. in the church.

**Knapp St. Reformed**

Thursday, September 12, choir rehearsal at 7 p. m. at the church. There will be a Sunday School staff meeting at 8 p. m. at the church.

**Sunday** Sept. 15, William Chapman from Chicago, and the founder of the World Home Bible League, will be our guest speaker at the evening service at 7 p. m. The title of his talk is "World Challenge."

**St. Michel's Mission**

Thursday, September 12, there will be choir practice at the church at 7 p. m.

Saturday, September 14, there will be a teachers' training session at the church at 9:30 a. m. for all church school teachers. Mrs. Marion Fletcher, Director of Christian Education of Grace Church, will be present.

Saturday, September 14, there will be a work party at the church at 9 a. m. Please bring your own

tools.

Wednesday, September 18, the All Saints Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. George Herrity at 2345 Cascade Springs Drive, S. E. at 1 p. m.

**R. L. D. S. At Alaska**

Friday, September 13, the Aaronic Priesthood week-end retreat begins at Sanford.

Sunday, September 15, at 11 a. m., our pastor, Bruce Ellis, will speak on The Book of Mormon Teaches Men to Do Good. At the evening service at 7 p. m., Elder Dirk Venema will speak on The Book of Mormon, A Second Witness for Jesus Christ.

Monday, September 16, the Zioners will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Colburn on 68th Street, Alaska.

Wednesday, September 18, the theme for the evening prayer service will be I have Found Greater Liberty. The time has been changed from 8 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

SUBURBAN LIFE, SEPTEMBER 12, 1963

**WORKING WIVES** While statistics have shown a general increase in the number of women holding jobs since World War II, a study just released documents just what the value of a woman's work can be—especially if she's the wife of a husband who holds a full-time job. The study found that two-thirds of all families with a total income of over \$10,000 have more than one wage-earner, and nearly always the second earner is a working wife.

Today close to 33 per cent of all married women hold some kind of paying job the study shows, compared with 25 per cent in 1950.

Michigan farmers sold more than \$2 million worth of peat last year. Nearly 45 per cent of all peat harvested in the United States comes from the Thumb area of the state. Onions, potatoes, carrots, lettuce, beets, mint, celery, radishes, cabbage, turnips and corn are crops commonly grown on this organic soil.

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Michigan peach growers are harvesting only "half a crop." Yields will only be about 1.8 million bushels in 1963, says Michigan State University horticulturist. This compares with a state average of 3.8 million. Most of the drop blamed on winter injury combined with spring freezes.

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**Hospital Notes**

Mrs. Clark Nellist of 7619 Fase Street, Ada, underwent surgery last Saturday at Blodgett Hospital.

Danny Bruins Slot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bruins Slot of Laraway Lake Drive, S. E., has been a patient this past week at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital with a fractured wrist and several compressed fractures of the spine.

Mrs. Gerald DeRuiter of 5514 East Paris Avenue, S. E., is in traction in Blodgett Hospital.

Mrs. Floyd DeVos of 3447 Fulton E., is a surgical patient at Butterworth Hospital for observation and treatment.

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Thanks for taking time to read this. Now we would like to see you all on Saturday, September 14, at Cascade School.

## Sharon Seeley Becomes Bride Of Gary Shimmel

The Cascade Christian Church was the scene last Saturday of the wedding of Miss Sharon Seeley and Gary Shimmel. Rev. Raymond Gaylord was the officiating minister.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Seeley, 2940 Buttrick Avenue S. E., and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shimmel of Allegan.

The bride entered the sanctuary dressed in a floor-length gown of nylon organza over taffeta with a fitted basque bodice accented with a sabrina neckline and long sleeves tapered to point at the wrists.

Her elbow-length veil was held in place with a rhinestone tiara, and she carried a bouquet of white and pink carnations.

Mrs. Gerald Batchelor served as matron of honor; and the bridesmaid was Wendy Seeley, niece of the bride. Both attendants were identically dressed in floor-length aqua taffeta dresses with matching headpieces. They carried bouquets of aqua carnations accented with peacock feathers.

Best man was Earl Collier, and the ushers were Arthur Shimmel, brother of the bridegroom; Dennis Seeley, brother of the bride; and Tom Shimmel, cousin of the bridegroom.

Karen Jones accompanied Diane DeVries, cousin of the bride, as she sang "God Gave Me You" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall with Mr. and Mrs. Darold Seeley, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, acting as master and mistress of ceremonies.

After a honeymoon in northern Michigan, the bridal couple will live in Allegan, Michigan.

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## Home Economics Digest

By E. Eleanor Densmore, County Extension Agent

## coming events

The Snow Farm Bureau will hold its first meeting of the season at the WSCS Hall on 36th Street on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Al Heemstra will be the hostess for the evening.

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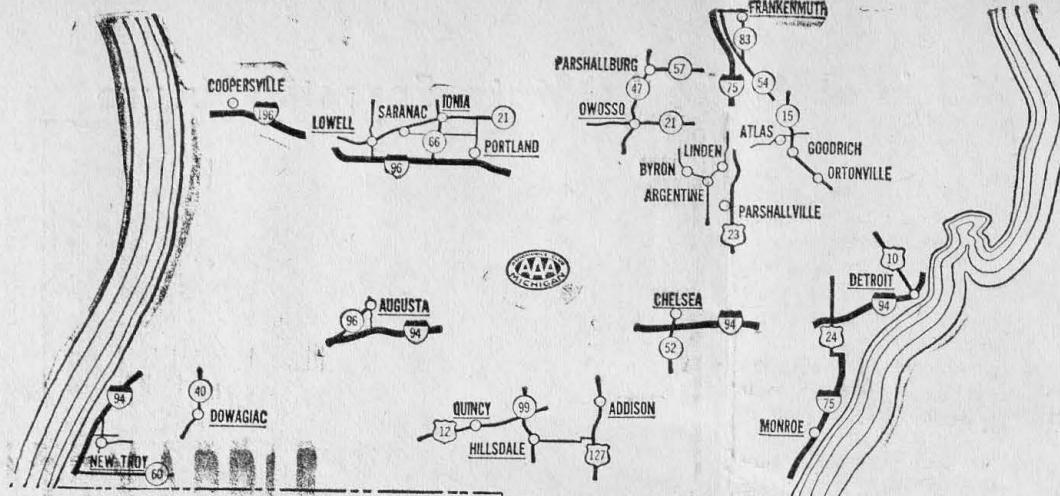
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## Lowell Grist Mill Listed By AAA

Michigan's once imposing array of grist mills has dwindled to some two dozen, spread across the southern and central portions of the state. They are almost evenly divided among the old mill stream variety and large, electrically-operated milling companies that bear only passing resemblance to their picturesque counterparts of a century ago. Cities with underscored names have modernized mills while the other cities shown have the colorful, older kind whose operations, if any, are small. Highways that will take you to them are indicated in this map compiled by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

If you want to see a bit of Americana that is vanishing, take a visit to the water-powered grist mills scattered around the Michigan countryside. They're easy to reach by car.

Not any of the colorful older structures are left. The dozen or so that remain are concentrated in the eastern portion of southern Michigan.

A vast array of mills once was a common sight along the state's waterways, according to Jerry E. Fisher, Automobile Club of Michigan touring manager. Records of the Michigan Millers' Association show that in 1887 flour and grist mills in the state numbered more than seven hundred.

Today the survivors are found within a 50-mile radius, most of them along the Shiawassee River and its branches, starting in the vicinity of Holly and ending in Chesaning. Fire destroyed the Chesaning mill a few years ago," he said.

"The first, the Parshallville mill, is located six miles south of Flint on US-23 and a mile west. The tiny hamlet resembles a New England village. The mill is on the banks of Orr Creek, a branch of the Shiawassee. The road crosses the dam and the penstock supplying water to the mill's turbine. Turning west, the road leads four miles to Linden and on to Argentine, location of the Argentine mill, Orr Creek, which furnishes water to the mill, joins the main stream at this point. The road follows the twisting course of the river to Byron, a distance of five miles. At this point the south branch of the river joins the main river. To the left of the road which crosses the river stands the Byron mill structure. The mill is no longer used for milling purposes but two separate dams and the mill sluiceways still remain. Byron traces its beginnings to 1825, and originally was the county seat, later transferred to Corunna.

"North of Owosso and Oakley, a blacktop road angles right, leading to the river and the Parshallburg mill. This mill lacks only the addition of a slowly turning water wheel to transform it into an early American mill scene so often depicted in Currier and Ives prints.

"At the tiny village of Atlas stands an aged structure on the banks of Kearsley Creek, a tributary of the Flint River. It is no longer in use. The water still rushes beneath the mill and around the idle turbine," Fisher continued.

"On M-15 at Goodrich another millsite can be found. The mill in recent years became the scene of power for a small machine shop and generator.

"At Ortonville, a few miles south on the same route, is an old mill built in 1856 and used for feed grinding until 1961. It is now used for grain storage.

"Seven miles east of Lowell on M-21 and a short distance south is the town of Saranac. Here an old mill structure still stands on what is known as Lake Creek.

"West of Grand Rapids on I-196 a mill operates at Coopersville."

The Loranger mill, built in 1832 on the banks of Stony Creek near Monroe, is now in Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The mill is operated by steam, but the old burrstone method is used to grind cornmeal, buckwheat and whole wheat flour. The products are packaged and sold to visitors.

Besides the remains of these and portions of others elsewhere, mill ponds may be found in some 27 Michigan counties. They also are the remnants of an early agricultural era. Mills were so necessary that the legislature passed an act permitting the flooding of adjacent lands without recourse to the procedure of obtaining flowage rights. Mills were needed and mill ponds had to be created as a source of water power. The inconvenience of having water backed up on adjacent lands was assumed to be more than offset by the convenience to the local community.

A survey made by C. R. Humphreys, professor of resource development at Michigan State University, shows these old mill ponds by counties, all in the lower peninsula except one:

Jackson 10; Hillsdale, nine; Washtenaw, seven; Oakland, six; Kalamazoo, four; Calhoun, Cass, Isabella and Livingston, three each; Barry, Genesee, Ionia, Lapeer, Macomb, Lenawee, St. Joseph and Branch, Clare, Dickinson, Gratiot, Ingham, Kalkaska, Kent, Keweenaw, Roscommon and Wexford, one each.

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Most of us are a bit confused by the advertising claims of flours these days.

We used to think sifting the flour when we made a cake gave us a lighter product. Researchers have exploded that theory. They say it doesn't make any difference. So, why sift? Sounds sensible, but there's a hitch.

Actually, a cup of unsifted flour contains two level tablespoons more flour than a cup of sifted.

All of our old recipes were based on sifted flour. So, if you wish to be a "non-sifter," you'll just have to remove the two level tablespoons from each cup of flour your old recipe calls for.

Newer recipes usually state "unsifted flour" if their proportions are based on it.

It's still a good idea to sift spices and cocoa right with the flour because it blends them better.

### Everybody's Canning Tomatoes

From the many calls I've been receiving, I've concluded a lot of women are still canning them the way their mothers or grandmothers did in 1890 and succeeded an earlier 1867 mill.

But while on a pleasant, afternoon drive, Fisher advises a visit to one of the old, picturesque mills.

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prefer. It seems that some years, tomatoes are more acid than other years, but there are many modern varieties low in acid every year.

Much as we like the more bland variety, they do present a canning problem. The acid in the older type tomato acted as a partial preservative and canning them was a rather safe and easy process.

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Then pack them in hot jars. Close the jars and process them for at least 15 minutes more in a BOILING WATER BATH. (You count time when the water in the bath is a full-rolling boil.) It does no harm to add a few more minutes to the processing time and it's likely to be safer.

The tomatoes are lovely this year. At our house, we eat fresh ones as long as the season lasts and all winter, the canned ones pep up our menus. They add the all-important