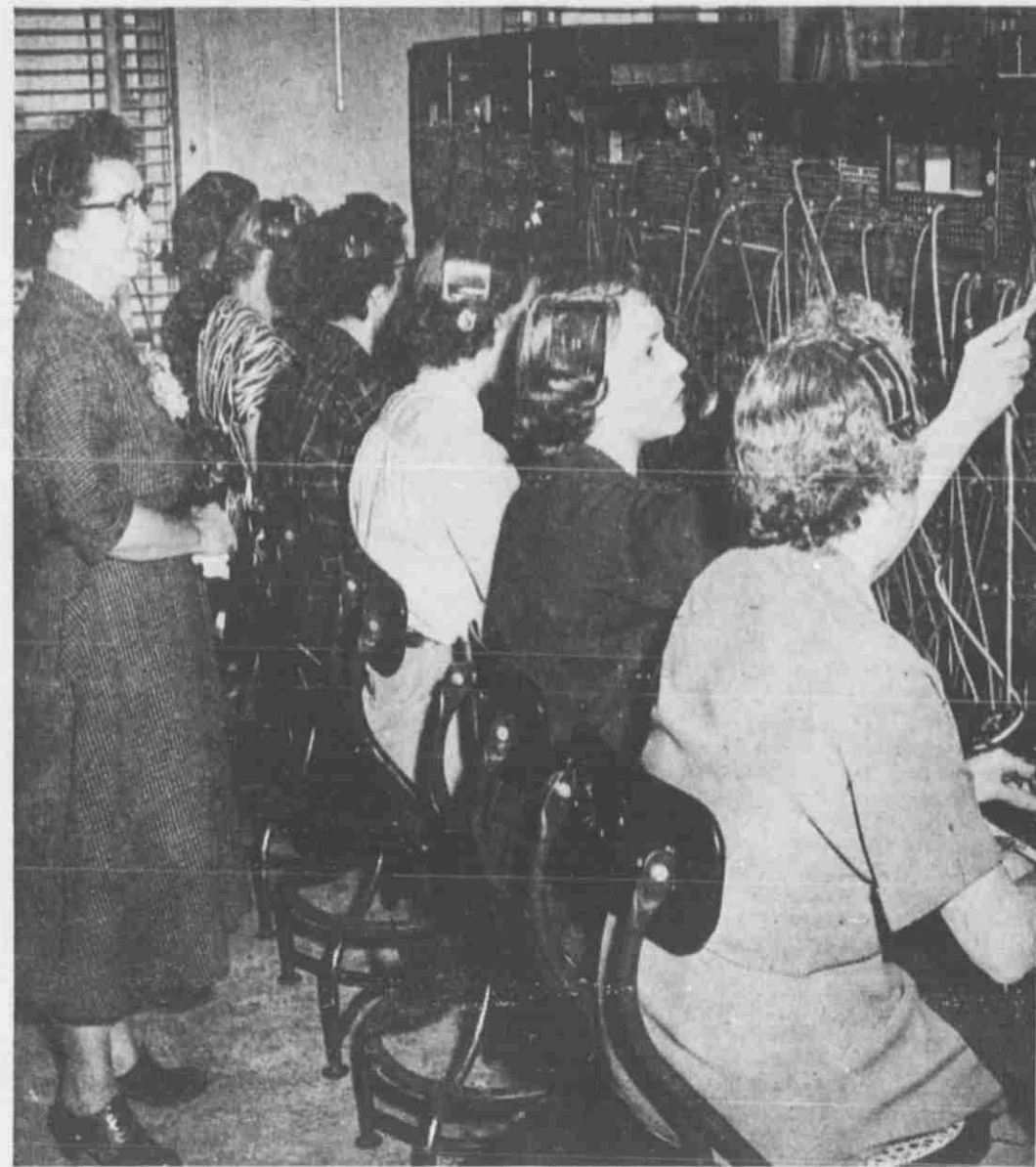


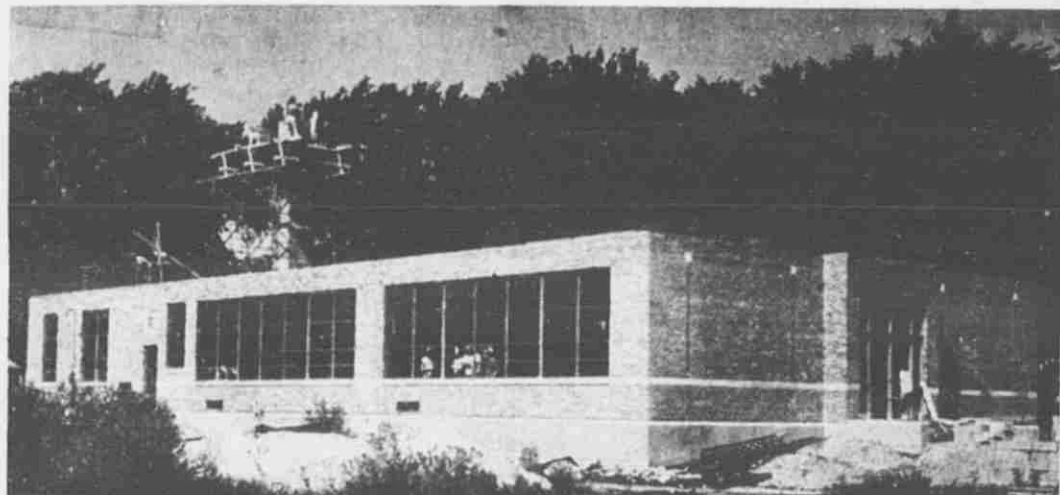


'Central' Becomes Memory as Dial System is Inaugurated



One of the big events for Lowell during the past year was the inauguration by Michigan Bell Telephone Company, of the dial system which was completed and the cut-over taking place with appropriate ceremonies on Jan. 8, 1954.

New Catholic School Completed During Summer Months



Shown in the above picture is a view looking up at the new home from the south elevation of house; red brick walls have wide beveled eaves and roof is grey asphalt shingles.



Among the building projects which will benefit many Lowell residents is the new Boy Scout cabin which has been erected and finished through volunteer labor.

Dodge - Plymouth Sales and Service Builds a New Home



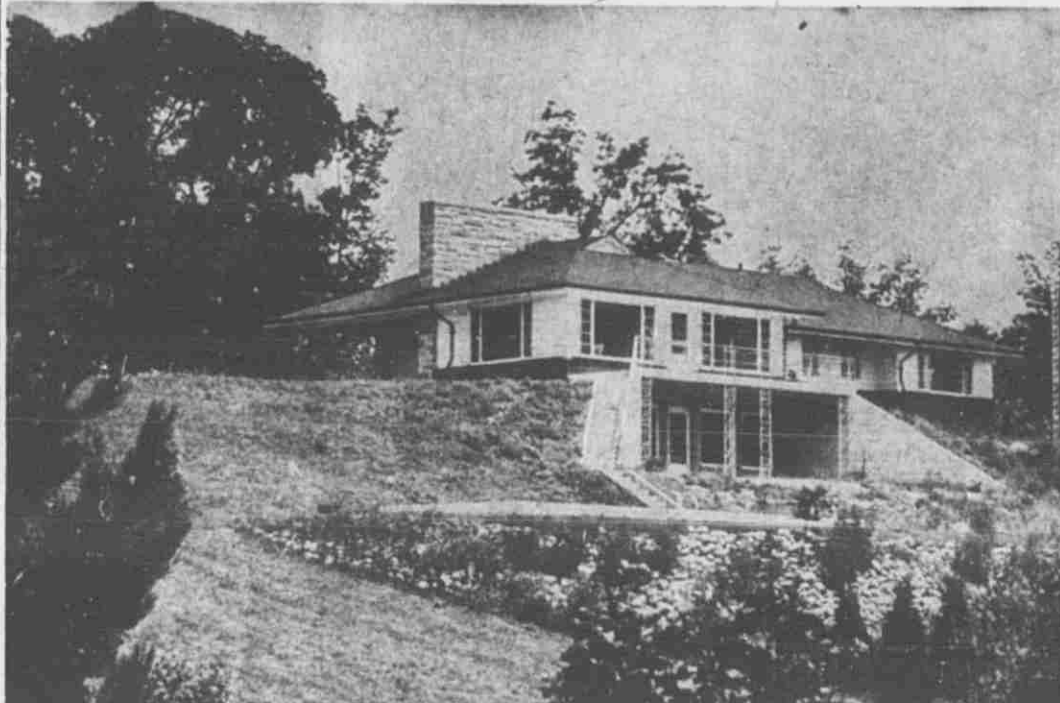
The new Dodge-Plymouth Garage building being erected for Peter Sperastra on West Main St., is 56x109 feet in size and is modern in every respect, and is nearly ready to move into.

'Gamest Crowd in the World' Stays to See 88th Showboat



Main street in Lowell on Saturday night of the Showboat was one of confusion. Above is a view of the 41 Exhibition Building packed with 2000 people and the other 1500 milling around outside at 9:30 waiting for the show to start.

Foreman Home with Broad View, Attracts Much Interest



Other building projects underway are 48x60 ft. warehouse for Lowell Lumber and Coal Company adjoining their office on South Washington St.; garage warehouse 24x30 on East Main St.

Municipal Utilities Bills Come to Customers Through Mails

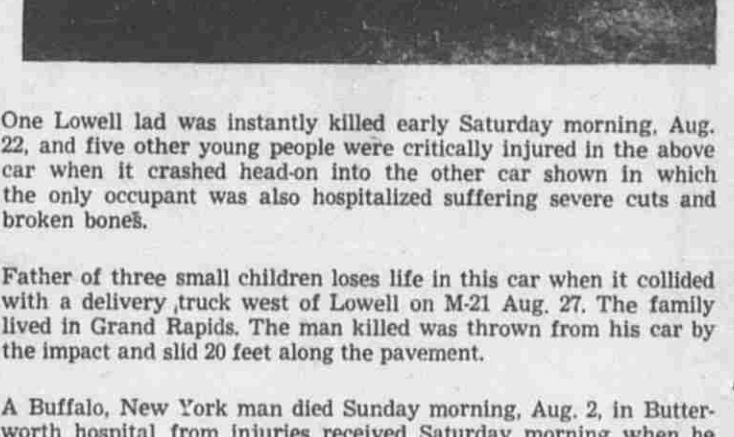


Lowell Municipal Utilities bills for electricity came by mail to customers on Monday morning, Aug. 3, for the first time in the history of the plant.

Death Strikes on Highways Near Here



One Lowell lad was instantly killed early Saturday morning, Aug. 22, and five other young people were critically injured in the above car when it crashed head-on into the other car shown in which the only occupant was also hospitalized suffering severe cuts and broken bones.



Father of three small children loses life in this car when it collided with a delivery truck west of Lowell on M-21 Aug. 27. The family lived in Grand Rapids. The man killed was thrown from his car by the impact and all 20 feet along the pavement.

Little Change in Farm Outlook For Next Year

Prices of products of the farm are to be higher in 1954, and they may be slightly lower. Prices of things the farmer has to buy will be about the same on the average—some up and some down.

There will be wheat acreage allotments and marketing quotas. For corn there will be acreage allotments only.

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Ma lived in a little cabin in the Ozarks, and was sometimes asked by passing motorists how far it was to the nearest town. She liked to reply: "Pa figgers it's about twelve miles thar and fourteen back. That's on account of 'im walkin' straighter goin' than comin'."

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Colbys Observe Fifty Golden Years

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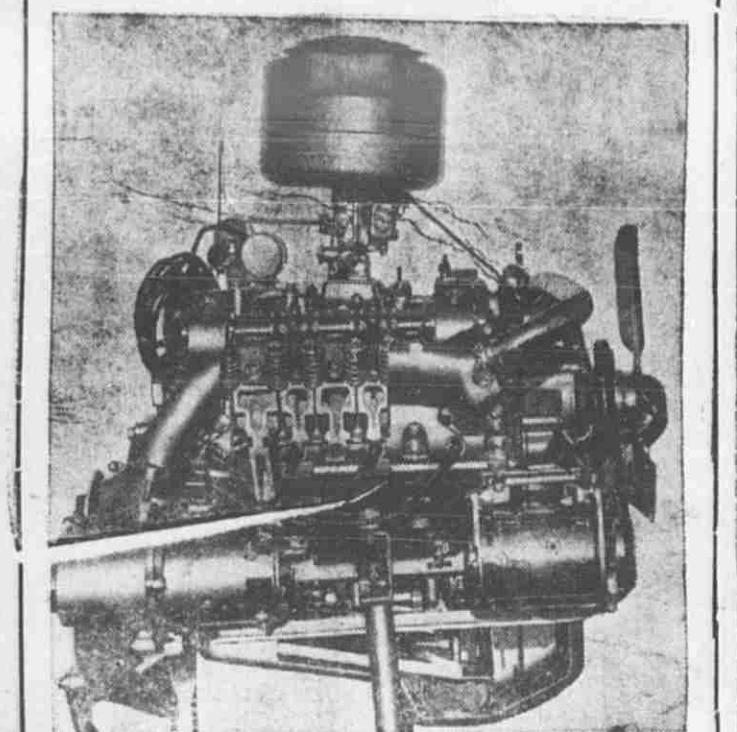
South Boston Miss Belle Young

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Condon attended a Christmas party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson Christmas Eve.

Bovee Bottle Gas Service

We add our own good wishes to the many that are exchanged at this joyous season, Happy 1954.

See The New FORD for '54



ON DISPLAY Wednesday, Jan. 6 with the completely new 130 hp. overhead valve Y-block V8 engine. PLAN NOW TO SEE THIS NEW CAR! C. H. RUNCIMAN CO. MOTOR SALES

Alto Community News

MRS. CLAUD BILCOX—PHONE ALTO 4831

Weds in Germany Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sterzik of Alto announce the marriage of their son, Wm. J. to Miss Hilda Hubner of Nuremberg, Germany.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Twenty-three members of the Bowne Extension class enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Myron Thompson at her home Monday evening, Dec. 21.

Chairman Mrs. Geo. Kowolczyk conducted a short business meeting and a collection was taken to defray expenses of the leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Henry Johnson Jr. and Mrs. Harold Vreeland have invited the class to their home for the next meeting Monday evening, Jan. 11.

Methodist Church News Sunday was Student Recognition Day in the Methodist church.

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Verlie Daniels is home and much better but still far from well. Mrs. Gerald Ashley spent from Thursday until Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Virg' Daniels.

Mrs. E.L. Timpon spent Christmas with her son John and family. Unusually merry because their son John R. was with them for the first time in 2 years.

The Henry Slators observed Christmas on Sunday with a dinner and gift exchange for their children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bruce family attended a Christmas party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Koster of Grand Rapids Saturday.

COBY AGENCY INSURANCE Earl V. Colby—Alto Office: 2421 Res: 3151 Charles L. Colby Office: 3231 Clarksville

Whites Bridge News Mrs. Nina VanDeker Mr. and Mrs. Andrew John spent Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Chittenden of Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roush of Belding and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lockwood and children were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickens.

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For Sale—General FOR SALE—2 600 x 16 Goodrich Shrivertons snow tires. Sherman Taylor, Lowell phone 9407. FOR SALE—Top coat, size 40, imported material, light weight, worn very few times. Very reasonable. May be seen at the Ledger office.

INCOME PROPERTY for sale—At 209 King St. north of school. Half is rented. Cheap for quick sale. Call Alto 2221 for appointment.

NOTICE, MRS. FARMER—The Hastings Livestock Sales Co. will hold an auction Friday, Jan. 5, 1954, New Year's Day, Hastings Livestock Sales Co.

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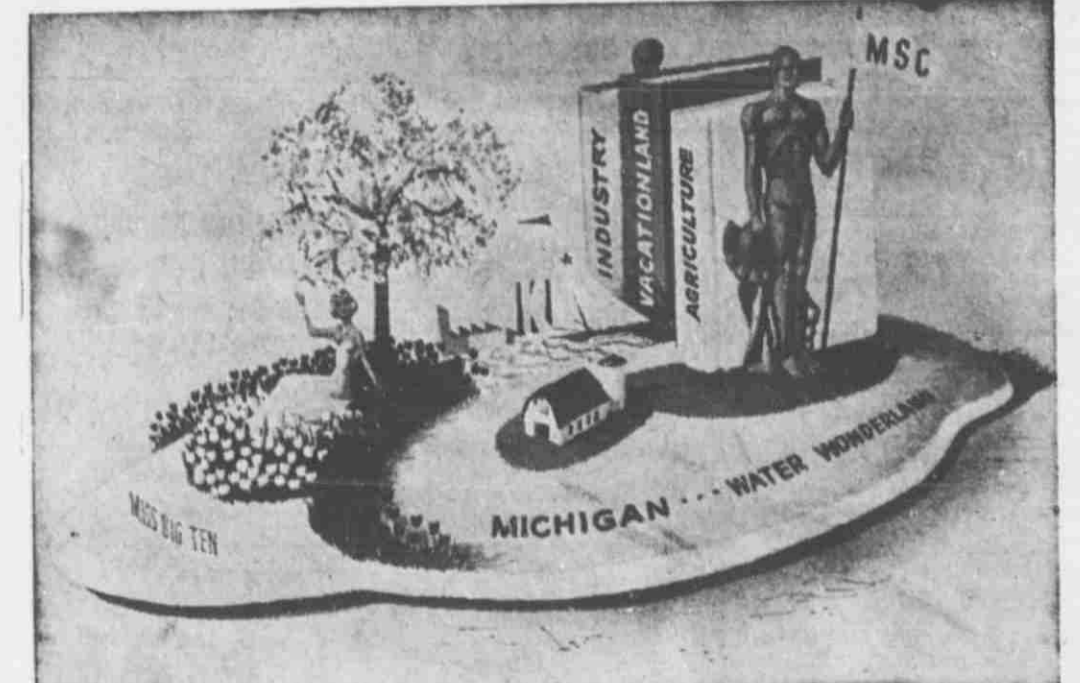
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Lowell Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Lowell was held in the Council Rooms of the City Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 7, 1953...

Atomic War Hits Wheat, Flour Bugs Agriculture researchers of Michigan State College have been working at the Ujapan Company in Kalamazoo to open up a new field of subatomic science...

Table with columns for General, Light & Power, and Water & Sewer, listing various items and their costs.

Plastics for Metals In Our Economy-Minded U.S. Economy Army Plastics are invading the Army...

Tableaux Popular Among the most popular of the Army's plastic items are cups, bowls, tumblers and glasses...

Ada Community News

WARD FAMILY HOLDS CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward held a Christmas dinner party at their home on McCabe road...

Home Heating Systems Blame For Many Fires in Winter Home heating systems are being blamed for many of the fires occurring in winter...

Ada Locals Born to Mr. and Mrs. George William Crowley (Mary Kay) Sept. 17 at 7 1/2 a.m. o.s. boy, name, George William Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pearson of Grand Rapids spent last Wednesday evening at the Tom Morris home...

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCauley announced the engagement of their daughter Sandra Jayne Green to James Rooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Rooker of Ada, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson had their family home for Christmas dinner. They were Doris and Willard Marks, Jack and Joan, Ralph and Dorothy Averett and Lynda and Dawn. Bob and Alice Morris were evening guests...

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore and daughter Marilyn Sue left early Monday morning for California where they will attend the Rose Bowl football game...

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCauley left last Sunday for Ann Arbor where they will visit his sister, Mrs. Daisy Carlisle who is in a hospital awaiting to surgery...

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cranston received a telephone call from her sister, Mrs. Ben Hill of Tampa, Fla., Christmas eve. It was a pleasure to talk with the family and to know they were all enjoying the beautiful holidays...

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry and Mrs. Joseph Kamp visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Posthumus on Sunday afternoon at their home in Ada, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Weaver, Mrs. Scott and Vorse were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Weaver at Lowell, Mich.

S. Keene-N. Boston Mary Potter

Mr. and Mrs. Hubard of Coral were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shores and family...

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Carey of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. James Baird spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thornton in Saranac.

Christmas doings in our neighborhood. The Victor Clemens family entertained the Clemens family for Christmas dinner Friday...

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loding Jr. and family of Greenville were Friday evening and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hendricks and family were Christmas guests at the Fred Nunn home and at night of the public, fatherly and impartially.

23 Killed, 50 Injured In Train Wreck 50 Years Ago Near Cascade



Fifty years ago to the day, the Lowell Ledger printed the story of a calamitous train wreck near Cascade when two fast passenger trains met head-on west of East Paris, killing 23 people and injuring 50...

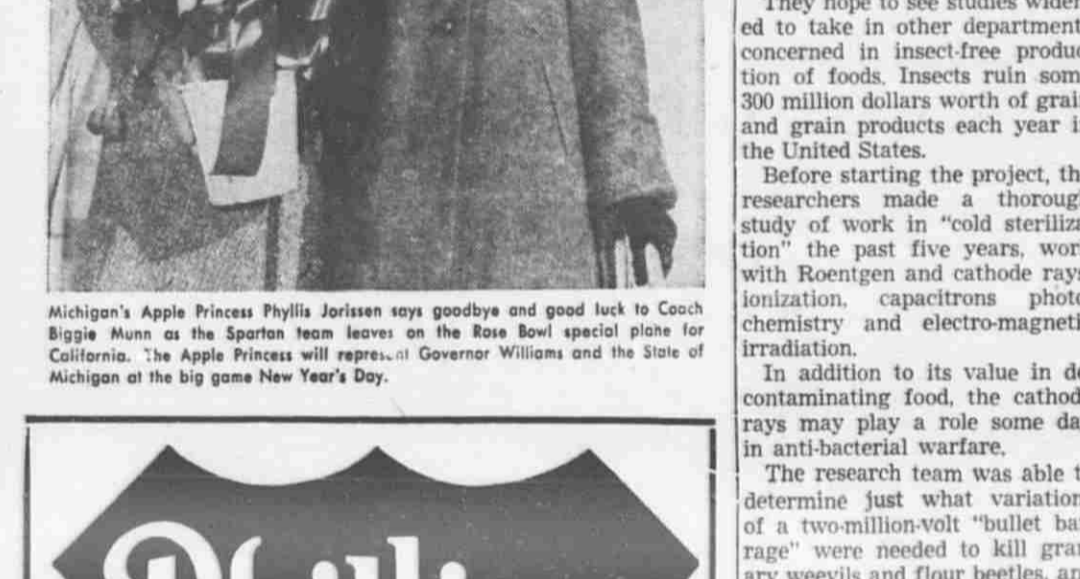
The Saginaw train stood in the sheds ready to leave but it was converted into a hospital train. Surgeons and nurses were hurried on board and by the time which the disaster reached Grand Rapids the relief train was ready to start...

The Ledger story reads: "The most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette System. Instead of being caused by man's carelessness the mistake is charged to the time which extinguished the red signal in the order board at McCor's station where the west bound train was expected to stop and receive new orders."

Mr. Thomas recalls that Mrs. Giles' husband was the owner of Lowell's leading grocery at the time of the wreck. The store was bought at a later date by Mr. Giles, who subsequently turned it into the hardware store which he still runs. A subject for possible speculation is how Mrs. Giles happened to come into Grand Rapids from Lowell, to go to Detroit.

Back at the Capitol The Ford family is back in Washington after an enjoyable but busy four months in Western Michigan. U.S. Congressman during the recess between sessions averaged better than two speeches per day, six days per week. I met with many organizations...

Foreman Road Mrs. Edna Taylor Mrs. Adelbert Odel and children were guests of Mrs. W. J. West and other relatives at Coonau, Ind. for a few days.



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