

## Expect Record Turnout at General Election Monday As Two Slates of Candidates Seek Village Office

Not since the general election in 1933 have the Village voters had an opportunity to select from two slates of candidates for their administrative officials. This Monday March 12, Dr. Orval I. McKay will seek election as village president on the Citizens ticket, opposing Peter Speerstra, the People's Party candidate.

Dr. McKay, who has just completed a two-year term as village trustee, has lived in Lowell about 6 years, having established his medical practice here immediately following his internship at Butterworth hospital. He studied at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids; University of Syracuse, New York State; and Yale Medical School. He is a native of our neighboring village, Saranac.

Mr. Speerstra will be seeking his 7th term as village president, having served in that capacity from 1946 through 1952. Prior to that he was a village trustee, first appointed by former president John Arehart to fill the vacancy caused when Charles Cook died while in office.

### Ambitious Platforms

Both parties, in their campaigning, have offered ambitious platforms, but it is clear that whatever expenditures they may be planning for the coming year will have to be financed by additional taxation or bond issues (see Village report published this week on pages 9 and 10).

### Clerk Contest

After the recent primary election a contest developed in the village clerk's position, for which incumbent Laura E. Shepard is seeking re-election. This is by far the most desirable job moneywise being offered to village office-seekers, as the present Council recently created the job of clerk as a full-time position, with a weekly salary of \$75.

Mrs. Shepard is the People's Party candidate, and up until the primary the only candidate. However, a write-in vote was registered on the Citizens ticket at the February 20 election, placing Mrs. Vada McMahon's name on the ballot.

Mrs. McMahon, a lifelong resident of the Lowell area, is the widow of former Kent County Prosecutor Roger O. McMahon. She has three children, two of whom are still in school. She has over ten years of experience in office work and bookkeeping.

The only job in which there is no contest is that of village treasurer, which incumbent Esther Fahmi is seeking. She has served the village in this capacity the past 11 years.

There are three trustee positions open at this time, each a two-



Orval McKay, M. D.



Peter Speerstra

year term. On the Citizens ticket two incumbents are seeking re-election: Lylla Johnson, first woman to be elected to council, and who has served one two-year term; and Jack Torgna, who was appointed last summer to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Dr. D. H. Outley.

The other candidate on the Citizens ticket is Harold R. Myers, D. O., a newcomer to politics in Lowell, and an osteopathic physician in Lowell the past 14 years. He serves on the executive staff of the Grand Rapids Osteopathic hospital.

Mrs. Johnson, in her two-years as a trustee, has served the finance and budget committees, and was foremost in the movement to create a full-time clerk's position. She has lived in Lowell 30 years, is the widow of L. E. Johnson, former village clerk, and has served the Township as treasurer since 1943. Mr. Torgna has served as chairman of the water and sewer committee since his appointment last summer. He is employed by the General Exchange Insurance Corp. in this area, and is a graduate of Michigan State's School of business administration and public service.

On the opposing ticket, the Peoples Party are offering Jay Boelens, a former village trustee; William M. Jones, Jr., and G. R. "Butch" Thompson.

Mr. Boelens is the manager of the C. H. Runciman Motor Sales in Lowell and is a past-president of the Lowell Board of Trade and Rotary Club.

In 1953 Mr. Boelens also served the village as chairman of an advisory committee on a sewer and water extension plan.

Mr. Jones, who has been a resident of Lowell since 1948, is employed as an accountant by the C. H. Runciman Company. He was president of the Lions Club the first year it organized in Lowell, has been a Showboat Endman for 8 years, and has had 14 years of accounting experience.

Mr. Thompson has lived in Lowell since 1941. He formerly operated a retail meat business on Main st., and at present operates a custom butcher service in Lowell.

### School Hot Lunch Menu

Here's the menu for the Hot Lunch program at the Lowell Public Schools for the week of Mar. 12, 1956.

Monday: Goulash, cheese, bread and butter, half a pear, and a cup cake.

Tuesday: Hot Pork Sandwich, Vegetables, tomato juice, and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Chop Suey with rice, bread and butter, jello and cookies.

Thursday: Chili, crackers, cherry cobbler with butter sauce.

Friday: Tuna Fish and Noodles, bread and butter, pickled beet slices, fruit, and cookies.

Milk is served with every meal.

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Preston, February 28 at Columbus, Georgia, a 7-lb., 8oz. baby girl, Marilyn Louise.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bry Condon Mar. 7, at Butterworth hospital, a baby girl.

To L. and Mrs. John W. Sweetland at the U. S. Naval hospital, Guam, Marianne Island, a 5-lb., 14-oz. son, John Warren, Feb. 3. Mrs. Sweetland was the former Barbara Root, a first grade teacher in Lowell a few years ago.

Only Three Can Win Of the six trustee candidates mentioned above, an individual voter may select only three. Contrary to the election procedure at the primary, in a general election a voter may split his ticket, and vote for any three trustees of the six listed.

### Don't Void Your Vote!

Voters are reminded that they should read the directions at the top of the ballot very carefully before selecting their candidates. In the primary over 8 per cent of the votes were invalid because of the carelessness of the voters. Don't throw away your privilege of selecting your village officials by disregarding the simple and clearly-stated instructions printed on every ballot.

In order to vote a split ticket you need only select the proper number of candidates, which, in this particular election, is one person for each office except Trustee, in which case three may be selected.

A straight ticket may be voted by simply placing an "X" in the circle above the list of candidates for either party.

### Contest for Assessor

There is also a contest for the job of assessor, which job usually is not actively sought for. The Peoples party have selected Theo Bailey as their candidate, and the Citizens have chosen Leo Sullivan.

The Assessor's job has been made more attractive by the existing council when they devised a way of combining three jobs in one, for a total salary per year of \$1,000. The jobs awaiting the man elected as assessor will also be that of health officer and building inspector.

Mr. Bailey is a former Supervisor of Vergennes township, and also served as township treasurer. He is also a former Justice of the Peace, and served on the Kent County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Sullivan is a fairly new resident in Lowell, having moved here about 6 years ago. He is 65, and has been employed by the Corduroy Rubber Co., Grand Rapids, for 18 years, from which job he expects to retire if elected to public office in the general election.

## Great Hour of Sharing To Be Observed Sunday

"One Great Hour of Sharing" will be observed next Sunday, March 11, by churches all over the country.

The campaign, which is developed through the young-people's groups and World Service committees of the church, enables churches to send more than \$20 worth of life-giving food and commodities for the actual price of distribution, estimated to be just \$1.00.

The National government donates the food, and ships it to places designated as most needy. Competent personnel—often times local church workers—and missionaries, distribute the gifts directly to the starving and sick, with no regard to religion or race. This is an undenominational project.

President Eisenhower calls the campaign "Keeping faith with the finest tradition and heritage of America."

## Name Arehart, Freeman To Board of Review

John Arehart and John Freeman were appointed to serve the Village as the Board of Review when the assessment roll is reviewed Monday, March 12.

Village President W. A. Roth appointed these men at the regular council meeting held Monday night.

The Board will meet Monday 'tom 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., in the Lowell City Hall. The township board of review will also meet with them that day. Serving the township are George Story and Seymour Hesche.

## Announce Cast, Committees for Junior Play, March 22-23

On Thursday and Friday Mar. 22-23, at 8:00 p. m., a three act comedy farce entitled "Wopder Boy" will be presented by the Lowell High School Junior Class in the school auditorium.

The play centers around Leland Kimble, a teenage boy, played by John Alderink, who through a serious misfortune is knocked unconscious for a year and wakes up with a completely different personality.

The trials and tribulations which befall this boy greatly worry his father and mother played by Frances Crane and Jack Nash. The romantic interest of the play is provided by Audrey Kimble, Leland's sister, played by Barbara Court, and a young reporter, Dana Martin, played by Bernard Collins.

Others in the cast are Sparky Williams, a newspaper photographer, played by Eugene Champion; Faye Johnson, the shapely Begonia Queen, played by Barbara Kelly; Marjorie Meddows, a pretty neighbor of the Kimbles, played by Pat Wittenbach; Miss Redding, a most patient nurse, played by Laura Smit; and Tommy, a Western Union messenger, played by Perry VanderVeem.

Others are Mr. Prucell, the Governor's secretary, played by Don Rink; and the local high school strong club consisting of Miss Armstrong, the leader, played by Nina Charters and two of the numbers, played by Judy Potter and Ruth Ann Bloomer.

## Mill Installs Fire Alarm System

A new fire alarm system has been installed by the King Milling Company in their mill on the East side of Flat River. The system now in operation sets off an alarm by sounding a siren on the outside of the building, which can be heard by all persons in the immediate vicinity.

According to King Doyle, president of the firm, a thermostat has been attached to all elevator heads and in all other parts of the building which might be subject to a fire.

When the temperature rises above a set safety level, the thermostat in that area automatically sets off the fire alarm.

Mr. Doyle told the Ledger that he hoped the Lowell residents would cooperate with them in this safety feature, and in the event they hear the siren ringing, immediately notify the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department.

## Offers \$25 Reward in Recent Honey Theft

The Precious Apiary was hit by thieves again, a couple of Sundays ago. The bee hives are located on Vergennes st. near M-91, just north of Lowell. The children of a neighbor, Sharma Wolfe, noticed the hives had been touched when they were on their way to school Monday morning, and the owner, L. W. Precious, was immediately called.

The Sheriff's department is investigating the theft of about \$35 worth of honey, but the estimated loss suffered by Mr. Precious to be \$80 because of destruction in the apiary.

Mr. Precious has offered a reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the robbers.

## AUCTION SALES

Edward Inman will sell at public auction on Saturday March 10, 1956, starting at 1:30 p. m. at his farm located at 6641 Three Mile road, N. E., a fine selection of tools and equipment, including dairy equipment; also hay and grain and miscellaneous items. Mr. Inman, who is discontinuing farming, has given the following directions to his farm: 4 miles North of Ada bridge (M-21) on Honey Creek road, to 3 Mile road, then 1 1/2 miles West; or 5 miles Northeast of East Beltline and Knapp road intersection; or 1/4 mile East of Egypt Valley ave. George VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Harry Day, Clerk; see adv. on another page of this week's Ledger.

Hesche & Wilbur On Wednesday, March 14, starting at 11:00 a. m., Hesche and Wilbur will hold a public auction at the farm located 7 miles southwest of Lowell, or 4 1/2 miles southeast of Cascade on US-16 to Snow ave., then 1 mile north, at 2476 Snow Avenue, corner of 36th st. 71 head of cattle, milking equipment, farm equipment and miscellaneous tools and equipment, a 1942 Pontiac, miscellaneous car and truck parts, hay and ensilage are listed on the bill. Also available at private sale are three farms, 140, 15 and 42 acres respectively. For information contact Seymour Hesche, Geo. VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Harry Day, Clerk. See adv. on another page of this week's Ledger.

GOOD LOOKING Smooth fitting, long wearing; Michael; Stern suits, \$80 & \$65 including tax at Coons.

## Two Cars Stolen From This Area Over Weekend

Sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning a brand new Oldsmobile 4-door sedan was stolen from the Wittenbach Sales and Service lot, West Main st. The car which had not even been serviced as yet by the Wittenbach mechanics, had no license plates and very little gas. The floor mats and hub caps were still in the trunk of the vehicle.

It is charcoal gray, with a white top. The car was parked at the rear of the Wittenbach building, and the keys were in it.

Another car, a late model Dodge owned by Edward Warner, 11,000 Cascade rd., just West on US-16 from M-91, was taken sometime Sunday night or Monday morning, authorities were advised.

## Suspect Juvenile

It is felt that this vehicle may have been taken by an escaped Muskegon juvenile, who was being transported by authorities to the Boy's Vocational School in Lansing. The boy had already escaped from his Muskegon authorities in Grand Rapids, but had been apprehended by Grand Rapids police, and was again "lost" when the party stopped for something to eat at a restaurant at the corner of US-16 and M-91.

The boy, who was convicted of stealing 9 autos in the Muskegon area, had already served a term at the Boy's Vocational School.

As of Wednesday, neither of the cars had been located.

## Ente's Flaming Building Gets Face Singed

A two-room building on the Cornell Lumber Company grounds, Bowes road, was badly gutted by fire Saturday afternoon. Glenn Ford, a sawyer at the Cornell mill, made his home in the dwelling. Everything was lost.

The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock by Otto Cornell, who is employed at the lumber company. He stated he saw smoke coming from the building, and was concerned that Mr. Ford might be inside.

He therefore went to the door, and as he opened it he stated it was just as though the fire exploded in his face, singeing his hair, and eyebrows, and burning his face.

Mr. Cornell stated he then got on his hands and knees, and crawled to Mr. Ford's bed, which he discovered empty. He then covered himself with a blanket and escaped from the flaming building. It was later learned that Mr. Ford had left the building only about 15-20 minutes earlier, and that everything had been all right at that time.

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker, whose department responded to the alarm, stated the fire apparently was started by an explosion of the oil burner used to heat the house.

The Three M's will meet Thursday evening, March 8, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup. Roll call will be answers to the question "Why Did You Choose the Methodist Church?" followed by a discussion as to what Methodists believe, led by Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thaler.

## Highest Since 1948 Warn of Flood Danger as Grand River Rises to Expected Crest of 16.5 Feet

### Lowell Choirs Win Top Ratings

Lowell High school choir won top ratings at the District 7 vocal festival of the Michigan School Vocal Association held last Thursday at Grand Rapids Junior college. Lowell High School choir and the Lowell Varsity choir took two of the five superior ratings which were awarded. Other first division ratings were won by the choirs of White Lake, Wyoming Park and the White Cloud Girls' Glee Club.

The Lowell Varsity choir sang "In These Delightful Pleasant Groves" by Purcell and "Weary My Heart with Thee Doth Plead" by di Lasso. "The Sorrows Thou Art Bearing" by Bach and "Go Not Far From Me, O God" by Zangarelli were the numbers sung by the High School choir.

Also participating was the Lowell Junior High chorus which received favorable comments from the adjudicators for its selections "It's Me, O Lord" and "Goin' to Boston."

The choirs were under the direction by John Scholten, vocal music instructor. Accompanists were Ann Marie Alexander, Sandra Bozung, and Lloyd Norwood.

### Mrs. Yeiter's Mother Dies Suddenly Friday

Mrs. Florence MacDonald, mother of Mrs. Harold Yeiter, 605 Monroe avenue, passed away Friday, March 2 at her daughter's home following a sudden illness. Mrs. MacDonald had been visiting at her daughter's home the past three months.

Funeral services were held in Orilla, Ontario, Tuesday afternoon, with interment there. Mrs. Yeiter and her brother, P. W. MacDonald, of Toronto, Ontario, accompanied the body to Orilla for the funeral services.

Besides her daughter and son, Mrs. MacDonald is survived by four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Many years ago Mrs. MacDonald and her husband operated a hotel at Iron Bridge, Ontario, near the Soo Locks, and some travelers from this area used to visit there when on northern trips.

"A smart husband hides his money in clothes that need mending."

## P. T. A. To Hear Dr. Carl Horn, Foremost Student Guidance Authority

teachers, is entitled "How to Help Students Adjust Themselves to Fit in Today's World."

The P. T. A. meeting will be at 8 o'clock in the evening in the school gymnasium. Just prior to this, at 7 o'clock, Dr. Horn will meet with the teachers of the Lowell public schools, and address them specially regarding guidance services. This will be the regular monthly teachers meeting for March.

Foremost Authority Dr. Horn is well-versed on his subject—being one of the foremost authorities in the field of guidance today. He is presently field representative at M. S. U.'s guidance department, and is the originator of the "flying classroom", which was conducted in 1954.

The "flying classroom" was a study of Army, Navy and Air Force bases, attended by 45 high school principals, teachers, and other educators. Our own Superintendent of Schools W. W. Gamsler participated in the program, designed to prepare high school youth for their military obligations and opportunities.

Norman Gotschall, director of guidance service in the Lowell Public Schools, is in charge of the P. T. A. program.

Dr. Carl Meads Horn, professor of Administrative and Educational Services at the Michigan State University, will return "home" next Monday, March 12, to address the regular March meeting of the Lowell P. T. A.

Dr. Horn, who formerly lived in Lowell, is the son of Mrs. C. H. Horn, 325 W. Main st.

His message, which will be directed to the parents as well as the

## Village Annual Report Reveals Year of Much Activity in All Departments

Village citizens are given their annual village report on pages nine and ten of the Ledger this week and careful study will show that many improvements have been made and many items of capital equipment added to the village departments. Most every division of the village has modernized its equipment and increased its ability to offer better service to its citizens.

The most striking improvement to the village is the resurfacing and widening of Main and Hudson Streets, gutters and drainage system. This Federal-State project which had an over-all cost in excess of \$200 thousand cost the village only \$34 thousand. \$22 thousand of this has been paid and there remains one payment of \$12 thousand to the State Highway Department.

While this project was going on water main crossings of the Main Street were placed and new fire hydrants were installed.

Utility Improvements Many big changes were made

at the Municipal Utility during the past year with the installation of two high speed diesel generating units that will boost the power plants electrical capacity by nearly 100% and give a safe operating margin.

These new engines, and necessary modernization and improvement of facilities have cost \$201 thousand. Improvements and much needed maintenance work at the hydro plant nine miles north of Lowell on Flat River have cost another \$6,841.08.

The Municipal Utility has shown a steady growth during the past year with an increase in revenues of \$19,396.50. The net profit of the power plant for 1955 was \$48,700.21 a satisfactory level according to the auditor.

Over \$40 thousand of these profits were put back into the utility in the form of new lines, transformers, street lights and meters and equipment. This section of the report has been greatly improved and is very easy to read and understand; citizens interested in their

utility and how it spend the monies it receives should study this part of the report.

Sanitation Department Little criticism can be made on the operation of the Sanitation department organized only this year. In 1954 the village paid a private operator \$9,205.17 to collect garbage and cans only.

In February 1955 the village took over the operation of the collection after the private operator increased his price several thousand dollars. This department was operated for only \$9,289.09 in 1955 and greatly expanded its collection, picking up everything set out to the curb in containers.

Setting up this new department cost \$7,120.27 for a truck and body, the land to bury the refuse cost another \$4,455.00. Adding the depreciation figures on this capital equipment to the operation cost still makes the operation less than private operators charged.

Funds Limit Water-Sewer Improvements The Water and Sewer Utility

made only a few improvements in 1955 because of lack of funds. Some of 1955 revenues went to pay for additions started in 1954 and finished in the winter of '55. Water and Sewer funds were also used to purchase treatment equipment after the citizens voted last spring to fluoridate Lowell water supplies. Installation of this equipment has not been completed.

Conclusions Study of the report as compared with the 1954 statement reveals that the only substantial fund now available for improvements is the Lee Fund which has value in excess of \$100 thousand. This has been earmarked for park improvements using only the annual earnings which were \$3,777.60 for 1955.

Future capital improvements must come from taxes or bond issues, there are no reserve funds left to draw on. Excess expenditures in the General Fund and the Street Fund this year were paid from monies saved in the past, when no improvement or capital expenditures were made.

## Lowell Photographer Recovering Quickly From Auto Accident

Blodgett hospital in Grand Rapids isn't exactly the nicest place to celebrate one's fortieth birthday, but Herbert B. Harris, Vergennes rd., feels he is rather fortunate to be able to enjoy this event all in one piece.

Mr. Harris, who will celebrate his birthday this Saturday, March 10, was injured in a serious automobile accident last Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock, suffering two compound fractures of his left leg, and a broken ankle bone, as well as numerous cuts and bruises.

His car, which he was driving toward Lowell on M-21, left the pavement near the Midway station just about 4 miles west of Lowell, hitting three trees, and then turning end-over-end, according to Sheriff's deputies John Wilmes.

Harris was thrown from the car when it hit the second tree, which no doubt saved him from more serious injury, as the car was completely demolished.

Mr. Harris who operates a photo studio here, was returning from Grand Rapids with supplies when the accident occurred.

The compound fracture of the femur of his left leg was repaired by surgery Saturday, and Mr. Harris submitted to additional surgery on the lower leg and ankle fractures Monday morning. Conditions now indicate a favorable condition, and Harris hopes to be up and about the hospital on cutches in ten days, not in time for his birthday, but not too long after that.

Irish Stew Supper, Monday, Mar. 12 at the Congregational church. Serving begins at 5:30 p. m. Children 65c; Adults \$1.25. p46

Open nights until midnight, Keiser's Kitchen 521 W. Main St. Lowell, Michigan.

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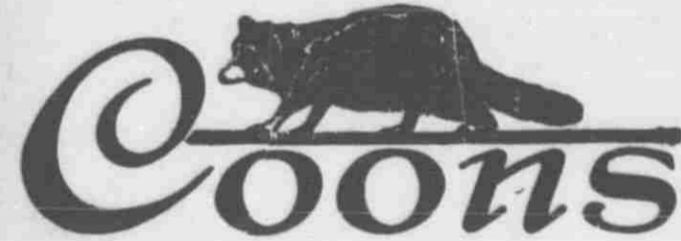
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## For A Complete Change... Vote The Straight Peoples Ticket

The Peoples Party Asks You To Vote on Monday, Mar. 12th For The Following Candidates



**Peter Speerstra**  
For Village President  
Resident of Lowell Since 1923  
Graduate Lowell High 1926  
Automobile and Insurance  
Business Since 1926  
Member Federal Rivers and  
Harbors Committee  
Village Council 1929-1932  
Village President 1946-1953  
President Building and Loan  
Civic Minded and A Big Booster  
of Lowell



**Jay G. Boelen**  
For Trustee  
Former Village Trustee  
Past Pres. Board of Trade  
Past Pres. Rotary Club  
Chairman Advisory Committee on  
Sewer and Water  
Volunteer Fireman 8 Years  
Active and Ardent Booster of  
Lowell



**William M. Jones, Jr.**  
For Trustee  
Education—Ladington High School  
and University of Michigan  
President of Lowell Since 1943  
Chairman of Lions Club  
Vice President of PTA  
Showboat End Man 8 Years  
Active Supporter of Youth  
Activities in the Village  
Charter Member Boosters Club  
14 Years Experience in Accounting



**"Butch" Thompson**  
For Trustee  
Resident Since 1941  
Former Rotarian  
Active Church Worker  
Business on Main Street  
Active Booster of Lowell  
4 Children of School Age



**Laura E. Shepard**  
For Village Clerk  
Resident for 16 Years  
Former Den Mother  
Member PTA  
Hospital Drive Worker  
Active in Church and Civic Work  
12 Years Experience in Federal  
State and Private Business  
Present Incumbent



**Theo Bailey**  
For Village Assessor  
Former Supervisor Veroneses-tp.  
Former Township Treasurer  
Member School Board (Twp.) for  
16 Years  
Former Justice of the Peace  
Former Member Kent County Bd.  
of Supervisors  
Active Lowell Booster

### The Peoples Party Proposes:

- PUBLIC MEETINGS to discuss major issues before action by the Council
- NO BONDING of the Village without a vote of the People.
- FAIR AND EQUITABLE light and water rates.
- VILLAGE SPONSORSHIP of year-around recreation program.
- ALL PRESENT HOMEOWNERS be adequately serviced by street lights, water and sewers.

- ADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION for all areas within the Village limits.
- A PLANNED PROGRAM of improving and paving existing streets within the Village limits.
- A SIMPLE AND CLEAR presentation of light and water profits or losses.

If elected, we promise to administer our offices in a sincere and businesslike manner For A Complete Change... Vote The Straight Peoples Ticket

# Ford Wins at Stock Car Racing "Olympics"

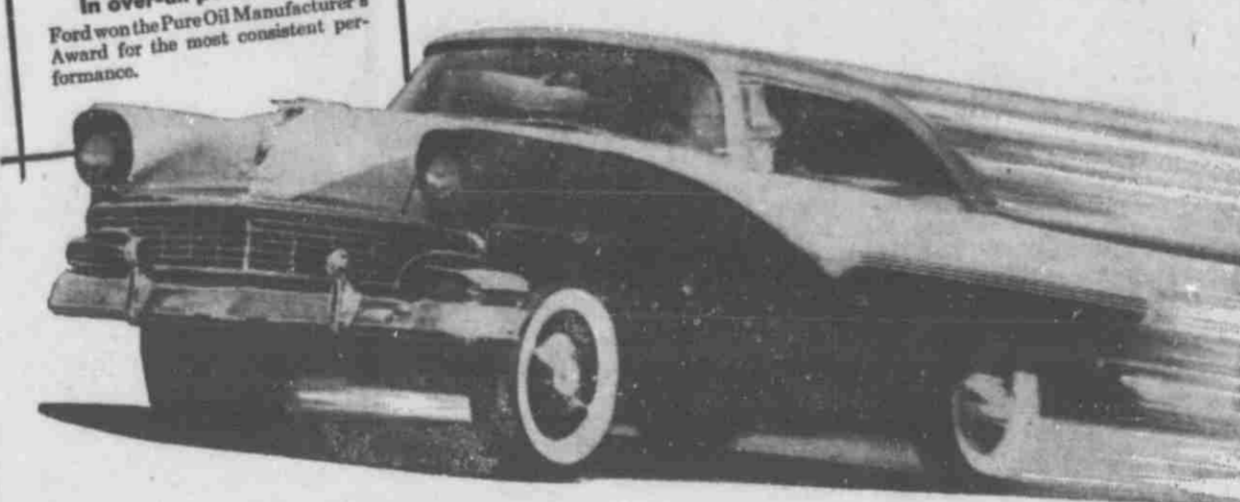
HERE'S FORD'S RECORD AT NASCAR'S DAYTONA BEACH NATIONAL SPEED WEEKS

**FIRST**  
In Sports Car Acceleration  
A Ford Thunderbird set a new record for American production sports cars.

**FIRST**  
In top speed—class 4  
A Ford "Stu" took top honors in the Flying Mile for Class 4 American production passenger cars.

**FIRST**  
In 100-mile Convertible race  
Ford V-8's took 1st and 2nd place in the National Convertible Championship Race.

**FIRST**  
In over-all performance  
Ford won the Pure Oil Manufacturer's Award for the most consistent performance.



The Ford V-8 again showed its tailgate to all competitors in the "Olympics" of stock car racing at Daytona Beach, Florida.

In blazing across the fields, line Ford demonstrated once more the sizzling performance that keeps it the largest-selling V-8 in the world. No other car in the field could match Ford for getaway "grrr" ... for straight-away acceleration ... for all-around roadability. To see exactly how the other cars trailed behind Ford, see the chart at the top of this page.

One of the secrets of Ford's performance is the tremendous torque (wheel turning power) developed by Ford engines. For example, Ford's new 225-h.p. Thunderbird engine develops more torque than any other engine in the low-price field. This means quicker response, smoother running in the kind of driving you do! Just judge Ford's accelerator and whoosh! You pass in instants when instants count!

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## Lowell Council Proceedings

Regular Session, Monday evening February 20, 1956.  
Council was called to order by Village President W. A. Roth at 8:05 p.m. Present: Battistella, Fonger, Munroe, McKay, Tonga, Johnson, Absent: None.

The minutes of the last regular session of February 6 were read and, with two minor corrections, approved.

The report of police activities for the period of February 6 to 18, inclusive was read.

Building permits issued by Mr. Thomas Moore to Mr. Ben Ayres of Grindle Drive for construction of an addition to his home, and to Mr. Melvin R. Wood of 113 N. Washington Street to move home from the Washington Street Address to a location on South Division, were made a part of the record.

Mr. Liscomb, representing the rifle group at school, asked Council for permission to use the upstairs of the Library for their practice headquarters. Tuesday evenings he considered the most probable nights for its use and Mr. Roth assured him of Council's cooperation, referring the matter to the City Hall Committee for final arrangements. (Committee: Trustees Fonger, Munroe, Tonga.)

Reverend Moore of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grand Rapids also requested use of the City Hall for a period of twelve Sunday nights, beginning March 4. Mr. Roth assured him that it would be available, excepting for possible prior engagements.

Mr. Harold Dawson of Grove St. registered a complaint against the street dept.

Mr. Charles Young again was present in the interest of exchange of deeds with the Village on land adjacent to his. Referred to Street Committee (Trustees Tonga, Johnson, Fonger) who will confer with Mr. Young and Village Attorney Shivel in an effort to bring the matter to a close.

Trustee Munroe reports that Police Chief Stephens is furthering his campaign against speed violators. He also reports that one of the 4-H buildings will be used for temporary pound until dogs are picked up by the County.

Mr. Moore advised Council that No Parking signs requested for the

and checks drawn to cover same. Yes, Tonga, McKay, Battistella, Fonger, Munroe, Johnson, 6 Nays, 0 Carried.

"Findings and recommendations" submitted by the Safety Committee of the Lowell PTA was read to Council.

On motion of Councilman Tonga, Council adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Approved date March 5, 1956. W. A. ROTH, President.

LAURA E. SHEPARD, Clerk.

Special Session, Thursday noon, February 23, 1956.  
Council was called to order by President Pro Tem Orval McKay MD at 12:15 p.m.

Roll call: Present: Johnson, Fonger, Munroe, McKay, Absent: Torng, Roth, Tonga, Battistella.

President Pro Tem McKay declared the purpose of the special session was to verify the results of the Village Primary Election held on Monday, February 20, 1956. It was moved by Trustee Johnson, supported by Trustee Munroe, board of inspectors be accepted, that the statement of votes presented to the clerk by the election

Official Election the following names:

Office	Citizens Ticket	Peoples Ticket
Village President	Orval McKay, M. D.	Peter Speerstra
Village Clerk	Vada McMahon	Laura E. Shepard
Village Treasurer	Edward M. Fahmi	
Village Assessor	Leo Sullivan	Theo E. Bailey
Trustee 2 years	Lyla Johnson	Jay Boelens
Trustee 2 years	Harold R. Myers, D.O.	Wm. M. Jones, Jr.
Trustee 2 years	Jack Tonga	G. R. Thompson "Butch"

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Yes, Fonger, Munroe, McKay, Johnson, 4.  
Nays, 0.  
On motion of Trustee Fonger, Council adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Approved date March 5, 1956. W. A. ROTH, President.

LAURA E. SHEPARD, Clerk.

Weathering, aging and corrosion from chimney smoke cut down the efficiency of your TV antenna.

For the Birds  
Since his retirement an Ohio doctor—a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland—has interested himself in a housing project—one for the birds, that is. His specialty is a new combination feeder and wren house, which can be converted from one to the other without tools. Made entirely of aluminum, it can be used both Winter and Summer. The views expressed by husbands in their homes are not necessarily those of the management.

# Shurfine YOUNG MOTHER HUBBARD SALE

Ends Saturday  
Check These Special Sale Prices

Free Fun Books for the kids with all \$5 orders

- Shurfine Grape Jelly 10 oz. 19c
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- Shurfine Corn 2 303 cans 29c
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- Shurfine Peas 2 303 cans 35c
- Shurfine Applesauce 2 303 cans 29c
- Shurfine Syrup Regular 4oz. 39c

SLICED BOLOGNA lb. pkg. 39c

Slab Bacon ANY SIZE PIECE 29c

Ground Beef 3 lbs. 87c

Spare Ribs 39c

- BANQUET POT PIES Chicken, Turkey, Beef 3 for 69c
- CHICKEN OF THE SEA TUNA PIES 2 for 55c
- MINUTE MAID ORANGE JUICE 2 for 45c
- MULLER FROZEN 8-IN. PIES Apple, Cherry, Peach 49c
- MULLER FROZEN DATE NUT BREAD 45c
- SWANSON CHICKEN THIGHS lb. 83c
- MISS WISCONSIN MILD CHEDDAR CHEESE lb. 59c
- BLUE BONNET MARGARINE 2 lbs. 57c
- KRAFT'S PARKAY MARGARINE New Wrap 2 lbs. 57c
- KRAFT'S VEEVETA 2 lb. loaf 89c

# Shurfresh Margarine 6 lbs. \$1.00

- Shurfine Grapefruit Sections 2 303 cans 29c
- Shurfresh Cheese Spread 2 lb. loaf 59c
- Shurfine Cut Green Beans 2 303 cans 35c
- Shurfine Orange Juice 48-oz. can 29c

# Shurfine Coffee lb. 79c

- PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER 12 ozs. 43c
- MARIO STUFFED OLIVES 2 2-oz. bths. 29c
- BOSCO MILK AMPLIFIER 8 ounces 21c
- KRAFT MALTED MILK lb. jar 45c
- KRAFT'S CHEESE WHIZ 8 ounces 29c
- CRACKER JACK 6 packages 29c
- FLEECY WHITE BLEACH 3 cans \$1.00
- ARMOUR CORNED BEEF HASH 16-oz. can 31c
- KRAFT COOKING OIL Pr. 35c
- BREAST OF CHICKEN TUNA can 35c
- BOSCO MILK AMPLIFIER 12 ounces 39c
- KRAFT'S CHEESE WHIZ lb. jar 45c
- CRACKER JACK 8 ounces 29c
- FLEECY WHITE BLEACH 6 packages 29c
- COMPLETE LINE OF EASTER CANDIES Pr. 16c

# Robinhood Flour 25-lb. bag \$1.98

- CASHMERE DOUQUET SOAP 2c Off Deal 2 bars 23c
- PALMOLIVE TOILET SOAP 3 bars 28c
- VEL BEAUTY BAR each 25c
- ALL For Automatics 10-lb. box \$2.49
- DIAL Bath Size 2 bars 37c
- BORAX 20 Mule Team 2 lb. pkg. 37c
- KOTEX LINCX BLEACH Pkg. of 12 37c
- BABO CLEANSER 1/2-gal. 31c
- OLD DUTCH CLEANSER 2 cans 25c
- KITCHEN KLEANSER 2 cans 19c
- MODESS 2 cans 25c
- Pkg. of 12 37c

# Duncan Hines Brownie Mix Blonde or Fudge 3 pkgs. \$1.00

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All Merchandise Must Be Sold

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NEED EXTRA CASH? Harvest your own crop of results by using an inexpensive Want Ad to sell those "don't want" items...

Thing - Trenching Farm Drain FREE ESTIMATES HARRY DE MULL 1 Mile West of Lowell on M-21

Kent 4H Clubs Are Celebrating National Week

Kent County 4-H members, 1800 strong, are this week celebrating National 4-H Week...

Read The Ledger Want Advs.

USED REFRIGERATORS - A complete list of used refrigerators for sale at very low prices...

CLARK Plumbing and Heating

Plumbing and Heating SHEET METAL WORK T-7534 309 East Main St.

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ALFALFA HAY for sale, first and second cuts... Real Estate for Sale

Real Estate for Sale

40 ACRES of good clay loam with 3-room house... 4-BEDROOM HOME in village of Alto

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GOOD THINGS TO EAT - Home-made Do-Nuts at Ketter's Kitchen... WANTED - Antiques

Ready to Trade?

Tractors Trucks - Cars TV's - Washing Machines What Have You? WITTENBACH SALES & SERVICE

WANTED

WANTED - Antiques - Old lamps, or parts, old dolls, old hats... WANTED - Board and room

ARRIVING THIS WEEK AT

Lowell GEE'S TW 7-9219 Brush Cleaner Flood Lamps Wood Workers Vise

WE REMOVE

Dead or Disabled Horses and Cattle And Other Farm Animals VALLEY CHEMICAL COMPANY

VIC'S SQUARED DEAL USED CARS

1954 Ford V8 Ranch Wagon, sharp 1953 Mercury Custom 2-Door

It's 66 for '56!



Get Performance that's years ahead with Flite-Fuel ADVANCED HIGH OCTANE for smoothness and long mileage...



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FRI., MARCH 9, 1956 Place located 1 1/2 miles North of Knapp Road, at 3841 Pettis Ave.

Used Refrigerators Many Good Ones To Choose From \$39.50 to \$100.00 WITTENBACH SALES & SERVICE

March 14 Set For 4H Contest Of Music-Drama Share-the-Pun contest, a 4H Club musical competition in Kent county...

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Now IS THE TIME... to get an outstanding automobile at Speerstra's.

This Week's Special! 1950 Dodge Wagoner 2-Door: Radio, fluid drive, fresh air heater, undercoat, good tires and finish.

DODGES 54 Coronet V8 4-Door: 2 Tone, powerflite, radio, heater, signal lights and a one owner.

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FORDS 53 Crestline 4-Door: Radio, heater, directional lights, whitewall tires and windshield washer.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE JUICES DURKEE'S OLEOMARGARINE 2 lbs. 49c

Quaker Green Whole Beans Reg. 29c 303 can Quaker Peaches Reg. 29c 303 can



**Elmdale**  
Mrs. Victor Clater was a late Friday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant.

Road conditions seem to go from one extreme to another, first drifts, then ice and snow, then water, which has covered the roads in many, many places, and many people are fearful that as the deep freezing of the ground abates at the warmer weather approaches, the roadbeds will become very muddy and sluggish.

The Penny Supper at the Lake School Friday night was quite well attended. Fifteen dollars was realized from the supper, which will be used toward the purchase of curtains for the school house windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson and son, Roger, spent Saturday evening as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth. They gave the Roth name of the fruit which they brought back with them from Florida.

Spring must be just around the corner as the maple syrup season is now here. Orvie Stahl had all the trees on the George Metternich farm all tapped Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stahl accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wolford to White Cloud, Saturday, where they attended the funeral services of their aged uncle Charles Runnels.

Carl Roth and Mrs. Sargeant and their wives attended the supper and social time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fahri Friday evening.

Mrs. Norman King was a Thursday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson of South Lowell. Correction—The phone number of Minnie and Bernice Deardoff is UN8-2922. The UN8-3298 is Kenneth Stahl's number.

**Foreman Road**  
Mrs. Edna Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Myckoviak were in Sparta Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Larry Groendyke to help Mrs. Groendyke celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Christensen and family of Rockford spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Daerman Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Heilman visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heilman near Ionia.

The Co-operative club met at the home of Mrs. Eva Wilcox Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grace Krum, Mrs. Norman Walker and Mrs. Florence Bailey were Wednesday lunch guests of Mrs. Nellie McPherson.

Miss Alice Peterson of Palo was a lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ryder and Rowland on Sunday evening.

Miss Jennet McPherson of M.S. U., East Lansing, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Don McPherson and family.

Miss Freda Bailey of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. Florence Bailey and Lester Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Ryder of Lowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryder Sunday.

John Schreur and family of Zeeland called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Schreur Sunday.

The W.C.S.C. will meet with Mrs. Eva Wilcox next Thursday afternoon, March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Myckoviak spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Arkema in Grand Rapids.

The Co-op and Extension Clubs met at the Vergennes Hall Tuesday afternoon to help make Cancer drawings.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Taylor visited her brother and family at Bath Sunday evening.

A Ledger went out gets rid of those "don't wants".

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth visited their daughter in Benton Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Edwards and family Sunday and Monday.

Miss Freda Bailey is taking in Florida Wednesday, to visit with her brother for a short time.

A Ledger went out gets rid of those "don't wants".

# AUCTION!

Having decided to discontinue farming, I will sell at Public Auction the following on the farm located 4 miles North of Ada Bridge (M21) on Honey Creek Rd. to 3-Mile Rd. then 1 1/2 miles West, or 5 miles Northeast of East Beltline and Knapp Rd. intersection, 1/2 mile East of Egypt Valley Ave, at 6641 3-Mile Rd., N. E., on

**Sat., Mar. 10, '56**  
COMMENCING AT 1:30 P. M. — Please be on time, not many small articles

## TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- 1955 Ford Major General Purpose Diesel Tractor on 12 in. rubber, completely equipped
  - John Deere 3-14 in. Tractor Plow on rubber
  - International 2-14 in. Tractor Plow and 4-sec. Drag
  - John Deere 6-Disc Tiller (like new)
  - 1955 Ford 10-ft. Single Lift Disc (3-point hitch)
  - Ford Lift Field Cultivator, can be used as row crop cultivator (3-pt. hitch)
  - 1951 Oliver Tractor Manure Spreader on rubber
  - PTO Evenflow Mounted Broadcaster (for grain or fertilizer)
  - 1951 John Deere Ferr.-Corn Planter (3-pt. hitch)
  - International 7-ft. PTO Mower
  - International Side Delivery Rake
  - 2 International Rubber-tired Wagons and Racks
  - 2 Tractor Trailers, 1 with tip-up rack
  - 1953 Massey-Harris Field Chopper, with green hay cutting head and corn head
- New Holland Blower (no pipe)
  - 1952 International 62 Combine with motor, bin and new pickup attach.
  - Int. 2-row Trailer Corn Picker
  - 200 gal. Meyers PTO Orchard Sprayer on rubber tired 2-wheel trailer
  - John Deere No. 8 Hammermill and Bagger

### DAIRY EQUIPMENT

- 2 Single-unit Farm Master Milkers, complete with motor and pump
- 3 Single-unit Hinman Milk Pails
- Surge 20-gal. Water Heater
- Set of Dehorers

### HAY, GRAIN, ETC.

- Approx. 300 bales First Cutting Alfalfa Hay
- Approx. 400 bu. Clinton Oats (1 yr. from certified)
- 1,000 Hardwood 4x4's, 6 to 10 feet
- 300-amp. Electric Welder Generator with cable, etc.

TERMS: Cash, unless other arrangements are made with your local bank or clerk before day of sale. Settlement day of sale. Not responsible for accidents

**Edward Inman, Prop.**  
GEO. VANDER MEULEN, Auctioneer  
Harry Day, Clerk  
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Touch the throttle—take off! You're in command of an Oldsmobile—you're giving orders to the greatest Rocket Engine of them all—alive with 240 flashing horsepower, 9.25-to-1 compression and a brawny 350 lb.-ft. of torque! And the going's smoother than ever with revolutionary new Jetaway Hydra-Matic Drive!... even steadier with Oldsmobile's new Safety-Ride Chassis!

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## VOTE CITIZENS PARTY



Dr. Orval I. McKay, M.D. Candidate for Village President  
Mrs. Lylia Johnson Trustee  
Dr. Harold R. Myers, D.O. Candidate for Trustee  
Jack Tomga Candidate for Trustee  
Mrs. Vada McMahon Candidate for Village Clerk  
Mrs. Esther M. Fahri Candidate for Village Treasurer

# VOTE CITIZENS PARTY - For A Better Tomorrow

# Annual Financial Statement of the Village of Lowell, Michigan

Year Ended December 31, 1955  
The Annual Statement of the Village of Lowell, Michigan, as submitted by the Clerk at the close of business December 31, 1955.  
Approved and ordered published at the regular meeting of Village Council held Monday, March 5, 1956.

Approved by the Finance Committee:  
Mrs. Lylia Johnson,  
Frank Battistella,  
Jack Tomga

W. A. ROTH,  
Village President  
LAURA E. SHEPARD  
Village Clerk

### BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS	
CURRENT:	
Cash:	
General fund	\$ 3,841.20
Street fund	2,990.04
Lee fund	5,389.85
Sinking fund	2,310.00
Motor vehicle highway fund	1,520.36
Tax account	10,096.79
	\$32,084.24
Accounts receivable—water and sewer utility	\$ 168.89
Prepaid insurance	1,154.37
U. S. Government bonds—street fund	2,500.00
	\$ 35,907.50
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 35,907.50
CAPITAL ASSETS:	
Village general	\$ 96,853.96
Street department	87,474.53
	\$184,328.49
Less allowances for depreciation	85,100.62
	\$99,227.87
OTHER:	
Investment in electric utility	\$487,227.04
Investment in water and sewer utility	226,379.74
Lee fund investments	96,274.00
Taxes receivable	325.13
FICA deposit with the State	448.34
	811,354.25
TOTAL:	\$991,503.42

### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT:	
Employees' income tax withheld	\$ 376.30
Old age insurance tax	444.66
Hospital insurance	36.85
Due electric utility	2,546.98
	\$ 3,404.79
RESERVES:	
Lee fund improvements	\$100,373.49
Taxes receivable	325.13
1955 tax revenue reserved for 1956	17,029.50
	117,727.52
EQUITY—representing book value of Village property, less liabilities and reserves	830,371.11
TOTAL:	\$991,503.42

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year Ended December 31, 1955	
Balance, January 1, 1955	\$795,103.51
Added:	
Expended for capital assets—Village general	13,900.99
Expended for capital assets—street department	34,996.77
	\$48,897.76
Deduct:	
Excess of disbursements over receipts: Village—other than streets	\$ 12,624.56
Street department	41,965.07
	\$ 54,589.63
Allowances for depreciation:	
Village	3,662.95
Street department	4,541.88
	\$ 8,204.83
Net increase in net book value of Village owned utilities:	
Electric utility	\$ 39,753.27
Water and sewer utility	9,111.01
	\$ 48,864.28
Balance, December 31, 1955	\$991,503.42

NOTE: The increase in net book value of Village-owned utilities is the result of the net income of these utilities reduced by no-charge services rendered by the utilities for the Village as shown below:

Net income of electric utility	\$ 48,707.21
Net income of water and sewer utility	10,611.61
Combined net income of utilities	\$ 59,318.82
Less value of services contributed to the Village:	
Electric current for street and other lights	\$ 6,152.31
Maintenance of street lights	1,229.64
Showboat	773.26
Christmas lights on main street	476.14
Electrical maintenance at 4H grounds	263.59
Electrical maintenance at football field	51.88
Moving hydrants in street widening project	1,500.00
	10,446.54
Net income retained—this increased the value of the investment in Village-owned utilities	\$ 48,864.28

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1955

Revenue from property taxes.

One half of the 1955 property tax levy was set aside by the Village Council to pay for 1956 expenditures up to the time 1956 taxes will be collected. For 1954, the entire tax levy was treated as revenue for that year. Accordingly, the current year's revenues reflect property taxes for only a half year, and as a result excess of disbursements over revenues for the general fund and street fund is increased by approximately \$17,000.

Utility improvements.

Improvements made during the year in Village owned utilities included among others, two additional diesel generating units, which have increased capacity so that the plant can supply the maximum demand while the largest unit is down for repairs. A summary of capital asset accounts follows:

Net book value, January 1, 1955	\$462,175.54
Additions to diesel generating plant	\$201,620.50
Rebuilding power plant	6,841.08
Rebuilding lines and services	33,123.42
Additional meters	2,302.34
Street lighting equipment	1,192.00
Office, work and transportation equipment	4,885.55
	\$469,965.30
Deduct allowances for depreciation for 1955	\$712,140.84
	\$28,247.94
Net book value, December 31, 1955	\$683,002.50

Water and sewer utility:

Net book value, January 1, 1955	\$254,627.06
Additions to water mains	4,962.19
Surveys and plans	1,342.71
New meters	1,187.88
Water treatment equipment	3,276.00
Additions to sewers	8,387.84
Other	327.75
	\$271,737.83
Total additions	\$19,464.37
	\$274,001.43
Deduct allowances for depreciation for 1955	6,352.26
	\$267,649.17
Net book value, December 31, 1955	\$267,649.17

### FUND ACCOUNTS AND TAXES RECEIVABLE

Year Ended December 31, 1955

LEE FUND	
Balance in bank, January 1, 1955	\$ 3,332.25
RECEIPTS:	
From dividends on investments	3,777.80
	\$ 7,110.05
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Transferred to general fund for purchase of library	\$ 1,500.00
Contribution to Campfire Girls	120.00
	\$ 1,620.00
Balance in bank, December 31, 1955	\$ 5,389.85
SINKING FUND	
Balance in bank, January 1, 1955	\$ 2,625.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To general fund for interest on water works bonds	315.00
	\$ 2,310.00
Balance in bank, December 31, 1955	\$ 2,310.00
ROAD FUND	
Balance in bank, January 1, 1955	\$ 7,994.38
RECEIPTS:	
U. S. Government bonds matured	\$ 48,679.20
	\$ 56,673.58
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To general street fund	\$ 12,550.63
To Village general fund	4,133.75
	\$ 16,684.38
Balance in bank, December 31, 1955	\$ 948.75
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	
Balance in bank, January 1, 1955	\$ 5,237.93
RECEIPTS:	
From State of Michigan for major streets	\$ 10,373.78
From State of Michigan for local streets	6,484.49
From State of Michigan for street construction	486.28
	\$ 17,344.55
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To street bank account	18,052.10
	\$ 18,052.10
Balance in bank, December 31, 1955	\$ 4,530.26

### TAXES RECEIVABLE

Delinquent taxes for 1951	\$ 15.00
Delinquent taxes for 1952	18.00
Delinquent taxes for 1954	95.61
Delinquent taxes for 1955	128.80
Special assessments for 1951 improvements	68.25
	\$325.13

### LEE FUND SECURITIES

December 31, 1955	
No. of shares	Market value
Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, New York	\$65,950
New York Trust Co., New York	14,100
Bankers Trust Co., New York	11,610
United States Trust Co., New York	5
Manufacturers Trust Co., New York	10
American Home Assurance Company	747
Electric Sorting Machine Co.	18
Golden Cycle Corp. (of Colorado Springs)	18
Tonopah Mining Co., Nevada	131
United Park City Mines	27
United Gold Mines	67
Dr. Jackport Mining Co.	2
	\$96,274

### GENERAL FUND

Revenues and Disbursements  
Year Ended December 31, 1955

REVENUES:	
Property taxes	\$ 17,007.89
Delinquent taxes collected	130.56
Sales tax	16,739.24
Intangible tax	3,264.59
Liquor tax	1,055.70
Licenses	883.85
Transfers from Lee Fund	1,820.00
City hall rent	25.00
Gasoline tax refunds	372.22
Building permits	162.50
Library building rents	505.00
Interest on U. S. bonds	187.50
Rent from 4-H buildings	1,345.00
From township for fire protection	500.00
Sale of Land	2,000.00
Gateway insurance recovery	366.00
Miscellaneous	536.08
	\$ 48,335.63
DISBURSEMENTS:	
General officers:	
Assessor	\$ 300.00
Clerk	2,245.00
Treasurer	277.04
Board of Trustee fees	420.00
Board of Review	30.00
Health officers	300.00
	\$ 3,667.04
Police:	
Police Chief	\$ 3,596.00
Regular police	3,252.50
Night watchman	3,434.35
Uniforms	198.80
Car expense	1,799.27
Supplies	73.88
Telephone	256.63
Miscellaneous	274.81
Fire department:	
Fire chief	\$ 255.00
Firemen	2,568.00
Equipment expense	109.25
Fire truck expense	147.45
Telephone	245.68
Hydrant rental	2,000.00
Lights	7.25
Miscellaneous	1.70
	\$ 5,334.33
Total revenues	\$ 48,335.63
Total disbursements	\$ 26,607.18
Excess disbursements over revenues	\$ 21,728.45

Sanitation department:

Janitor	\$ 6,863.58
Fuel	972.74
Gasoline and oil	547.52
Truck maintenance	159.32
Land maintenance	378.03
Miscellaneous	328.70
	\$ 9,280.89

City Hall:

Janitor	\$ 828.76
Fuel	1,041.69
Insurance	79.85
Lights	597.90
Repairs	320.66
Supplies	85.26
Telephone	78.23
Miscellaneous	2.25
	\$ 2,984.70

High School band:

	\$ 1,000.00
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Other:

Election expense	\$ 218.72
Library	636.87
4-H buildings	1,761.94
Football field	89.40
Recreation park	816.79
Richards park	170.73
Showboat	109.27
Other special events	94.76
Street light maintenance equipment	65.49
Gateway lights	109.51
Municipal garage fuel	224.61
Municipal garage lights	35.59
Municipal garage maintenance	166.10
Bank charges	21.10
Insurance	1,986.43
Civil defense	112.41
Michigan Municipal League	135.00
Office expense	203.90
Printing	1,811.94
Professional fees	467.54
Surety bonds	168.75
Employees' welfare	200.50
Employee's welfare	226.50
Employee's FICA	467.54
Unclassified	726.20
Principal and interest on Water Works bonds	2,750.00
	\$ 13,523.90

Less expense allocation to street fund

Total general fund operating disbursements	\$ 47,599.20
Capital disbursements:	
Fire department	\$ 324.72
Park land	501.00
Sanitation department equipment	7,130.27
Sanitation department land	4,455.00
Library	1,500.00
	\$ 13,909.99
Total disbursements over revenues	\$ 61,100.13
Excess disbursements over revenues	\$ 12,624.56



Financial Report Continued

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Administrative and General, Operating Expenses, Depreciation, and Assets.

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Assets, Liabilities, and CURRENT LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Water sales to customers, Income, and Operating Expenses.

STATEMENT OF NET EQUITY

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Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds of Snow District were callers of James Green home one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Green of Ann Arbor came Sunday to have dinner with Jim and family...

Parents Club Mar. 13 The Parents Club will hold a meeting at the Alto School next Monday night, March 12, at eight o'clock...

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Nancy Mol of Clarksville was a Friday night and Saturday guest of Barbara Krebs.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stahl of Zion Hill were Wednesday evening guests at Francis Seese home.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs entertained the Star Farm Bureau at the home Tuesday evening.  
Mrs. Alex Wingeier and Mrs. Ray Seese have been ill with the flu the past week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blackford

and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon and lunch guests at the Ivan K. Blough home.

### Snow Community

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds  
Merrill Champion was in Detroit Thursday, Friday and Saturday to attend a convention of the World's Book Encyclopedia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wesbrook of Fenwick spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole, Phyllis and Bonnie Cole accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfaller of Lowell to Kalamazoo Sunday where they were dinner guests of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ingersoll.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding and

children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boynton of Sparta.

Mrs. Lawton Cole attended a 4-H leaders meeting held at Bostwick Lake Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snyder and sons of Kalamazoo called on her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds Sunday afternoon and all were supper guests in the evening of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson of Cascade.

Quarterly Conference of Snow Church will be held Friday evening March 9th at the W. S. C. S. Hall. All members are invited.  
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hesche and Bruce spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hesche of Fenwick.

## Grand Rapids Marksman Will Lead Classes for Lowell Rifle Club

The Lowell Junior Rifle Club, composed of twenty young high school students, have obtained a very excellent instructor for their weekly meetings to be held each Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the second floor of the City Hall.  
Richard E. Linscott of Grand Rapids a member of the Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol Club, has been a rifle enthusiast for many years, and is highly qualified to instruct the youngsters.  
The local club welcomes new members, who must be teen ages; they do not have to be students of Lowell High School. Ed Linscott of Ada—whose daughter Jean, age 17, is one of the top sharpshooters of the group—has been the organizer of the group, with the able assistance of Lowell teachers Norman Gotschall and Carl Hagen, and also Lewis Phillips and Earl Evans, also of Lowell. These men form the sponsoring committee for the club.

Member of N. R. A.  
The group has been recognized as an official member of the National Rifle Association, and expect to receive their charter within the next two weeks. At that time the official classes will start under Mr. Linscott. So, if you are a teenager, and interested in this type of group, be sure to attend one of the weekly Thursday night meetings soon, so you can enter the first official class.

The first class, Mr. Linscott states, which will last six weeks, will instruct the youths the nomenclature of the rifle, safety in handling, proper handling, sighting exercises, four positions of firing, etc. Also, according to Mr. Linscott, much must be "unlearned" in order to properly instruct the future hunters and sharpshooters.

Early next fall, before the hunting season opens, a "Hunter Safety Course" will be offered. The Grand Rapids instructor explained that graduation from this course is, in many states, a necessary requirement before a person may obtain their first hunting license or be permitted to carry a gun. Mr. Linscott looks forward to the day when this will also be a law in Michigan, where so much good hunting is enjoyed every year.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our relatives, neighbors and friends for their many kind deeds and expressions of sympathy extended at the time of our bereavement, the loss of our dear Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother, Elise Wittenbach. We especially wish to thank Rev. Zull for his comforting words.  
The Family  
"The silver lining is easy to find in someone else's cloud."

### COMING EVENTS

Blue Star Mothers regular meeting will be March 14, at City Hall, Eight o'clock p. m.

The Logan Lake Farm Bureau will hold its regular meeting Mar. 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauffman.

The monthly meeting of the Perry group of the Congregational Women's Fellowship will meet in the home of Mrs. L. E. DeVries Friday afternoon March 9, at two o'clock.

Regular meeting Lowell Lodge No. 90 F&AM, Tuesday, Mar. 13. Regular meeting at 7:30 p. m. Social meeting at 8:30. C. H. Runciman will talk on his recent trip to England. Refreshments will be served.

Members of Lowell Woman's Club are anticipating an enjoyable time on Wednesday, Mar. 14, when they will have their annual luncheon at the high school Home Economics practice house and later visit the Newell Manufacturing Co. Mrs. Nevin and her students will serve the luncheon at 12:30 p. m. and reservations must be in by noon on Friday the 10th.

Morse Lake-McCords Farm Bureau will meet at Morse Lake school, Friday evening March 3, at 8:00 p. m. Hostesses Mrs. John Postma and Mrs. Robert Clark.

Women of the Moose—Don't forget the meeting at the Grand Rapids Moose, Mar. 11, at 2:00 p. m. The Lowell chapter is to have the opening party of the meeting. All officers and escorts are expected to participate at this time. All members are urged to attend. There will be a dinner following the meeting. Husbands are invited. Don't forget the election at the regular meeting, Wednesday, Mar. 7.

Evening Club will meet with Ann Roth, as hostess, on March 13 at 8:00 o'clock.

Snow WSCS will hold their next supper meeting on Wednesday evening, March 14, at the hall with Mrs. Edith Brown as hostess. Serving will begin at six o'clock.

Euchre party at the IOOF Hall Thursday evening, March 8, 8:00 o'clock.

Ada PTA will hear Dr. Garret Heys, Warden of Ionia Reformatory, at regular meeting Tuesday, March 13. Address promptly at 8:00 business meeting follows.

Regular meeting of Cyclamen chapter 94 O. E. S. Friday Mar. 9th.

Alton Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. John Gauw Thursday afternoon March 8.

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Sixth Grade: Wendell Christoff, John Claus, Allen Frederick, Dennis Hawk, Thomas Kehoe, Steve Kelley, John Kropf, Donald Marshall, Larry Miller, Ruth Moore, Rose Quillan, Maryann Staal, and Jean Withereil.

### OTTO M. KELLOGG IS HONORED ON 75TH BIRTHDAY

Otto M. Kellogg was happily surprised Monday night when guests from Lowell, Ionia, Ada and Grand Rapids arrived to help celebrate his 75th birthday.

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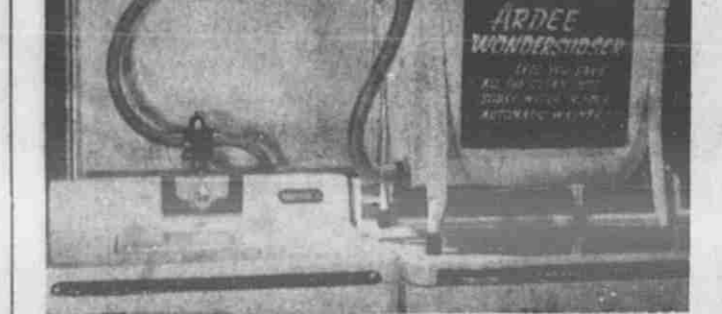


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