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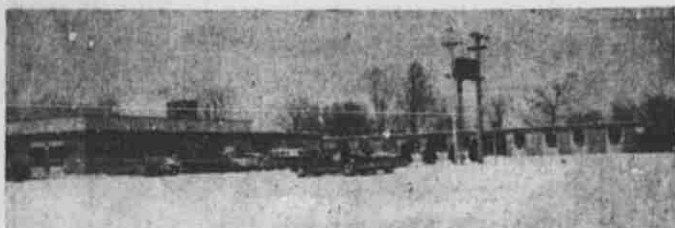
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1968

School open house Sunday

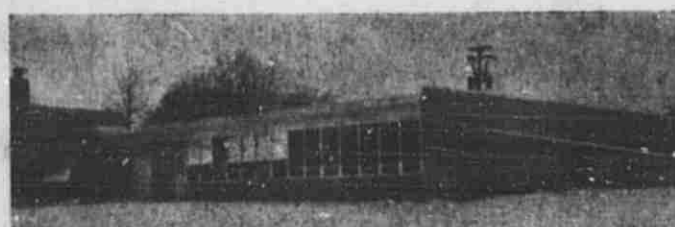
visitors welcome from 2 to 5 p. m.



Bushnell school . . .



Senior high school . . .



Alto school . . .

The Lowell Area Schools will hold open house for visitors to see the new Bushnell Elementary School, the additions to the Lowell Senior High School and the addition to the Alto Area Elementary School on Sunday, January 7, 1968, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Bushnell Elementary School is located at 700 Elizabeth St., in Lowell. It has ten classrooms, all-purpose room, library and offices. The most unique feature of the school is the arrangement of classrooms in clusters of three with movable partitions between them which allows for large group instruction and team teaching.

The Senior High School is located at 750 Foreman Road in Lowell. Two additions were made to the building; one a classroom addition of 4 rooms and the other in the industrial

arts area. The classroom addition has three general classrooms and a general science room. The industrial arts addition of a machine shop area and a mechanical drawing classroom. The changes also included a change into the lobby of the gymnasium.

The Alto Area Elementary School is located at 6150 Bancroft Avenue, SE, in Alto. Four classrooms were added plus a library and storage room. The health department regulations also required the installation of a sewage lagoon to handle the sewage problem of the school.

There is no formal program planned and people are encouraged to visit all three buildings and see the use of their schools. Guides will be available at each building and tours conducted of the new rooms.

Francis LaMonica to visit Sweden this summer

Francis A. LaMonica of 8 North Pleasant Street in Lowell will be visiting and living in Sweden this summer under the auspices of The Experiment in International Living.

This worldwide organization, originated in 1932, annually conducts the exchange of more than 5,000 young men and women between the ages of 16 to 30. These young people live for one month in the home of their host family and then spend a second month traveling through their "adopted" country.

This firsthand opportunity to develop friendships, to learn the customs and traditions of another country and to participate in the daily life of an "adopted" family is the heart of the Experiment program.

Woman's Club to hear Miss Frances Graff

An interesting speaker has been secured for the January 10 meeting of the Lowell Woman's Club to be held in their club rooms starting at 1:30.

Speaking before the group will be Miss Frances Graff of the Community Health Service in Grand Rapids.

All members of the club are urged to be in attendance and hear Miss Graff speak on a topic of general interest to all.

Accident injuries take Francis Bowler

Francis E. Bowler, aged 65 of Route 1, Belding, died Saturday evening at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred on Friday night in front of his home. As Mr. Bowler prepared to leave the car in which he was riding it was struck from behind by another vehicle.

He is survived by 3 brothers, Leo of Grand Rapids, Lewis of Grattan Township and Father Richard Bowler of Chicago; four sisters, Mrs. Nellie Andre, Mrs. Marie Byrne, Mrs. Alice Norton and Miss Marjorie Bowler, all of Grand Rapids, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Parnell, where Mr. Bowler was a life-long member, on Wednesday morning.

Interment followed in Saint Patrick's Cemetery.

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Adult education classes to start on January 8

A meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, at 7 p. m. in the Lowell Sr. High School Library for all persons interested in taking the following subjects: Wood Shop, instructor—Gary Rivers; Metal Shop including Welding, instructor—Gary Gilbert; Electronics, instructor—Robert Chrouch; General and Advanced Typing, instructor—Gerald Smith; Business Machines, instructor—Brenda Huver; Comparative Religions, instructor to be announced; Cake Decorating, instructor to be announced; Helping Parents Understand Teenage Problems, instructors Scott Reburn and Alice Wessell.

The cost for each subject is \$8 and should be paid at the time enrollment is completed. A class enrollment of fifteen people is required in order that the subject may be taught. Certain classes will have additional costs for materials or workbooks and persons enrolling in those subjects will be informed of these costs.

Most subjects will be taught one night a week for two hours and the classes will last for ten weeks except cake decorating which will last six weeks and electronics which will last for twelve weeks. At registration time on Monday the day and hours of each class will be established. High school students may enroll in some of these classes and those having questions concerning ability to enroll should contact Mr. Dale Hollern at the high school.

The Wood and Metal Shop classes will be conducted on an individual basis where each person enrolled may work on projects and machines that are of interest to them. The electronic class will use textbooks and experiments to learn the basic facts of radio, television and computers. The typing class is for beginners; a refresher course and a course for individuals that wish to obtain more speed and efficiency in their typing. The Business Machines course will be an introduction to the use and application of the many machines in use in offices today. Comparative religions will be a discussion of all the religions in the world today. In the Cake Decorating Class, the individual will learn how to prepare and fashion different forms of decorating baked goods.

Many parents are confused & upset today by the action of teenage youth and constantly state that they don't understand the teenager. The major purpose of the Helping Parents Understand Teenage Problems course is to help parents communicate with teenagers and to help parents guide and assist in teenage problems. The class will be a wide-open discussion of teenage problems and how parents can live through them.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on Monday, January 8, and desire to enroll in one or more of these courses, please call Mr. Dale Hollern at Lowell Senior High School, 897-9261.

Nursery school will reopen

Terry Bambrick, "Y" Director, announced today that the winter term of the YMCA's Nursery School will begin on Tuesday, January 9, at 9:30. The school which is held at the Methodist Church Home runs three days per week, Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30. The school is open to boys and girls of preschool age (4 & 5 year olds). Games, art crafts, and simple skills help to prepare these youngsters for the school experience which often is very close, milk and cookies are served about 10.

Cost for the school is \$3 per week for members, \$4 for non-members. For further information and registration please call the "Y" office at 897-7375 or 897-7115.

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Alfred D. Greiner, 36, of Middleville, an employee of Attwood Corporation, fell into an electroplating tank Wednesday morning and suffered electrical shock and third degree burns.

Lowell police rushed a resuscitator to the scene and gave first aid, until a local physician arrived.

He was rushed to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, in an ambulance called out of Ionia.

New Year's Eve a parked car belonging to Byron Shook parked at 11384 Grand River Drive rolled onto the highway and was hit by Darrel Kellogg, 18, of 2817 Kissing Rock Rd. No injuries; Shook told the County Sheriff's Deputies his emergency must have let go.

On Saturday, December 30, Harold Heinline, 23, of Peck Lake Road, pulled onto West Main Street and hit a car driven by Winnifred Fry, 40, of Lowell.

Police issued a summons for failure to yield the right-of-way to Heinline.

The meeting along Main St. last Wednesday at Cherry Creek by interested parties petitioning for a county drain special assessment district, was adjourned until January 18th. The hearing will be held on that date to determine whether the special drainage district should be extended north of Foreman Street.

The drain was requested by Root-Lowell Corp. who are planning to build a new factory on Foreman Street.

We hear that Lowell will soon have its 5th Antique shop when Pat and Neil Boersma open in the building formerly used by Al Hermans for the Gamble Store.

The couple now operate an antique and clock repair shop at 715 Wealthy St., in Grand Rapids.

First accident of the new year was recorded by the police on Tuesday morning when Daryl Shortz of Grand Rapids lost control of his car and ran into a tree at the intersection of North Washington and Fremont Streets.

Shortz was on his way to work. No one was injured in the accident.

Lowell firemen had the first call of 1968 at 1:40 a. m. on Tuesday morning.

An oil burner overheated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kline at 2408 Segwun Avenue.

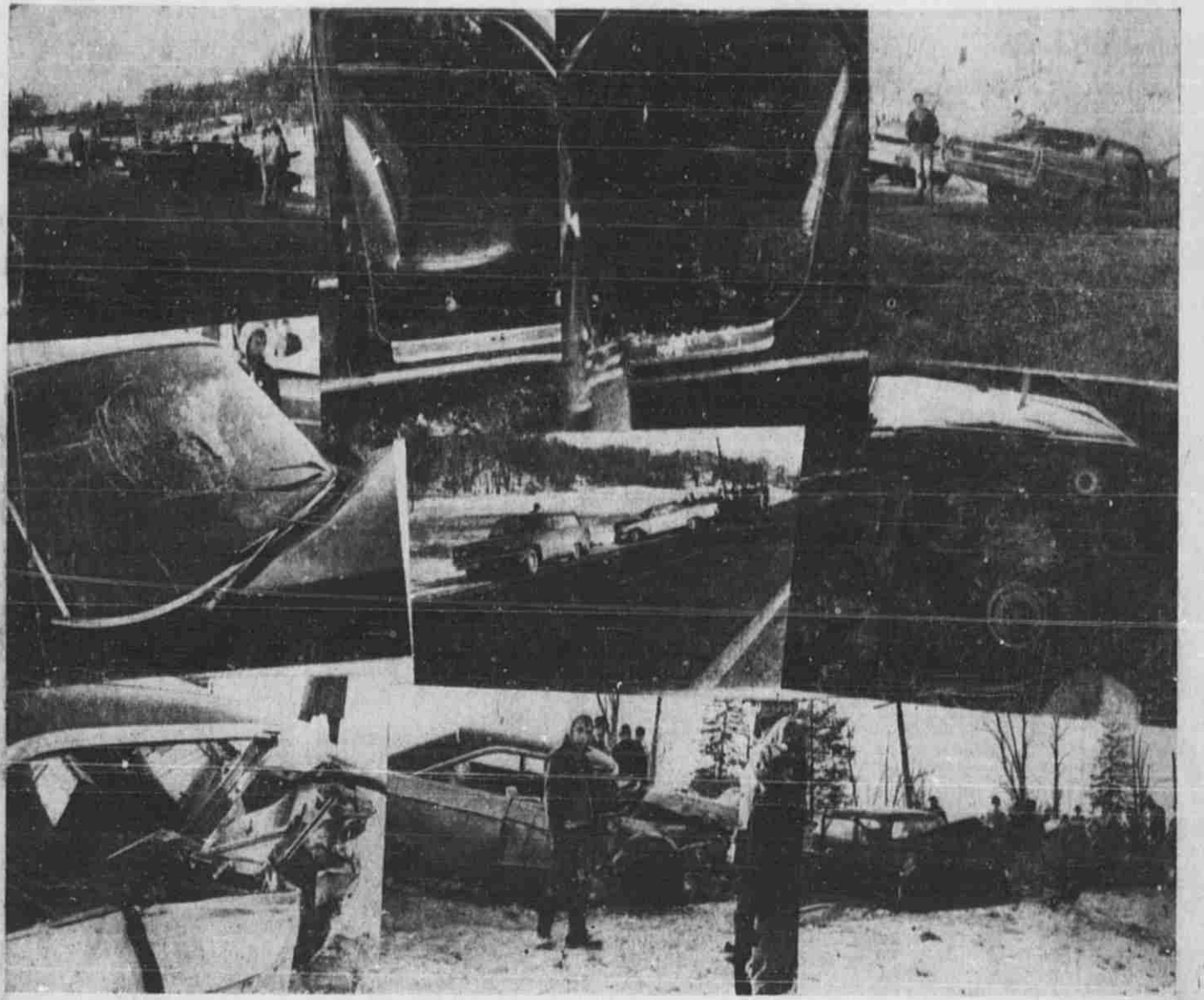
YMCA opens skating area

The Ice Skating season for the Lowell area officially begins Thursday, January 4th. This year, in cooperation with the Lions Club and Rosie Drive Inn, the YMCA will offer ice skating in the parking lot behind Rosie Drive Inn; Main and Pleasant. The rink will be open all day and will close at 10 p. m. sharp. Supervision will be provided by the Lions Club and the YMCA. Skaters and their families are advised that everyone skates at their own risk and neither the YMCA, the Lions Club, or Rosie's Drive Inn will assume any responsibility for accidents in connection with the ice skating rink.

Special mention must be made regarding the tremendous co-operation provided by Rosie's Drive Inn which has offered the use of the parking lot and George Dev of the Lions Club and several others that helped to form the base and bank of the rink during the past cold evenings. Thanks also to Larry Wittenbach who provided snow removal in the parking lot to get the project started.

For information regarding the free skating, call the Y office at 897-7375 or Rosie's Drive Inn at 897-9669.

Death strikes again on "accident alley" . . .



Man killed in 3-car melee Friday

The latest victim of "accident alley," (M-21), the West Michigan highway with the highest accident rate per thousand traffic count, came on Friday afternoon, Dec. 30. Killed was John S. Potts, 43, of East Grand Rapids, and five others were seriously injured. Two Lowell girls were among the injured. Pictured here are scenes at the accident: upper row, left to right, shows

the general highway view looking west; the interior back and front of the death car; the death car in the ditch. Second row of pictures: windshield of the Potts car where a passenger's head broke the glass; highway scene looking east; front of the Potts' car. Bottom row: the McMahon car in two views and the last picture that of the front of the death car.

A spectacular crash Friday afternoon on treacherous M-21 three miles east of Lowell, claimed the life of an East Grand Rapids businessman and hospitalized five other persons.

John S. Potts, 43, of 2451 Maplewood Drive, SE, with his wife, Florence, 43, son, John, 15, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Huberine Johnson, 63, as passengers, were enroute home from Ionia where they attended a funeral, when the tragedy occurred.

Sheriff's Deputy George Seadorf said Miss Susan McMahon, 18, of Lowell, was headed west on M-21 when her car apparently hit the shoulder of the road, went out of control, crossed the center line and struck the fender of another vehicle before plowing head-on into the Pott's auto.

A Kent County coroner listed Potts' cause of death as multiple fractures, lacerations and internal injuries.

All passengers in the Potts' car were hospitalized. His wife, Florence, taken to Blodgett Hospital, is still listed in serious condition with multiple lacerations and internal injuries, his

mother-in-law, Mrs. Johnson had lacerations and a possible fracture; and his son, John, who was inflicted with lacerations remains in good condition.

Miss McMahon and her passenger, Noreen Baker, 16, of Lowell, were taken to Blodgett. Miss Baker suffered a broken leg, wrist fracture, and multiple bruises. In the head-on collision, Miss McMahon sustained multiple injuries that included a broken back and pelvis. She is still listed in critical condition.

The third car involved in the crash, on this hazardous straight stretch of highway was driven by Mrs. Ruth Gauthier, 38, who was on her way home to Muskegon, accompanied by her five daughters, ages 5 and 12.

The Gauthier car was hit a glancing blow, and no one in the vehicle was injured. They were able to continue their journey.

This fatality brought Kent County's traffic toll to 87 in 1967, which includes many recorded deaths on this specific stretch of highway, "Accident Alley."

Lowell matmen win tourney by one point

Eight schools competed in the Lowell Lions Club Invitational Wrestling Tournament held here last Friday and Lowell walked off with the trophy by the narrow margin, one point. Those who witnessed the matches that day were treated to some very fine wrestling.

Final tabulation gave Lowell 71 points and first place. Union placed second with 70 points followed by Greenville with 59, Lakewood 52, Forest Hills 41, Godwin 38, Ionia 34, and Wyoming Park with 30.

Receiving first place for Lowell were: Kurt Inman, Ray Smith, and Steve Foss.

The following are the weight divisions and how each of the Lowell wrestlers fared.

95, Carl Rasch, 2nd place, won two decisions, lost decision in finals, 4-3.

103, Steve Newell, 3rd place, won one decision and two pins, lost on a pin.

112, Kurt Inman, 1st place, won 3 decisions.

120, Bob Graham, 3rd place, won 2 decisions, lost one decision.

127, Bob VanDyke, Lost in battle for 4th place, won on pin and decision, lost two decisions.

133, Tom Rasch, lost decision in first round.

138, Ray Smith, 1st place, won two decisions and one pin.

145, Ernie Kennedy, Lost decision in first round.

154, Fob Rottler, lost on pin, first round.

165, No one entered.

180, Ron Olson, 3rd place, won one pin and decision, lost on decision.

H.W.T., Steve Foss 1st place, won on pin and two decisions. Lowell gets back into league competition this Wednesday, January 3rd, when they meet the Spartans of Sparta. There, This Saturday, the Arrows are host to Wyoming Park, Lakewood, and Spring Lake in a Quadrangular Wrestling Meet. The meet will begin about 2 p. m. Consolations and finals are scheduled for 7 p. m.

Next Wednesday, Lowell entertains the Redskins of Belding.

Arrows look good; lose

Despite the fact that Lowell's basketball team hit a good 42 percent from the field and a very good 77 percent from the free throw line, they dropped their second game in the Wyoming Park Holiday tournament to Calvin Christian by a score of 80 to 77.

This loss eliminated the Arrows from further competition in the double elimination tournament won by the Rockford Rams.

Lowell led at the end of the first half 37 to 30, but then ran into trouble in the second half when substitute Bill Kuiper of Calvin poured in 17 points to lead his team to victory over the Arrows.

Final computation showed Lowell making 28 field goals in 67 attempts, and hitting 21 free throws in 27 tosses.

Curt Fonger had the game high—34 points on thirteen field goals and 8 freethrows. Denny Dewitt popped in 13 points, all in the first quarter.

summary

	fg	ft	pts.
K. Tapley	2	4	8
C. Fonger	13	8	34
T. Dewitt	1	0	2
K. Roth	1	0	2
J. Thaler	0	2	2
D. Dewitt	6	1	13
S. Lessens	4	2	10
S. Johnson	0	2	10
S. Johnson	0	4	4
J. Elzinga	1	0	2

The Arrows resume conference competition when they travel to Sparta this Friday. Lowell takes an unblemished 2-0 conference record into this contest.

The Freshmen & Junior Varsity play before this game at 4:15 and 6:30 p. m., respectively.

schedule

Lowell 74	Lowell 66
Lowell 75	Middleville 39
Lowell 91	Comstock 74
Lowell 85	Cedar 68
1-5 Sparta	There
1-10 Belding	There
1-13 Tourn. of Champs, South	There
1-19 Rockford	Here
1-26 Comstock Park	Here

schedule

1-12 Belding	There
1-17 Rockford	Here

Ambulance service waits pending county and township commitment

The City Council at their meeting on Tuesday night held up any action on setting up ambulance service until they receive commitments from Kent County and Lowell and Vergennes Townships on participation in financing the service.

In a report to the council City Manager Bernard Olson reported, only half the accident and ambulance calls are in the city. He revealed that of 201 calls last year, 100 were from the city and only 9 were of an emergency nature; there were 60 calls in Vergennes Township and 41 in Lowell and Bowne Townships.

Until a local ambulance service is practical, the city police will be equipped with emergency first aid supplies including oxygen and a resuscitator. Doctors agree that most important in an emergency is immediate trained first aid attention.

Presently Action Ambulance of Grand Rapids and Ambulance Service of Ionia are reaching the scene in Lowell in about 20 to 30 minutes.

extend sewer

The council authorized the city manager to send out a questionnaire to property owners on West Main Street near the city limits to get their feelings on the need for extension of sewer service to the area. To serve the area a lift station would be needed and a force main into the present sewer system.

Cost of the project is estimated by engineers at some \$80,000; if the project is under-

taken now Lowell Development Company would assume some \$20,000 of the cost.

In order to service the real estate development company must build a lift station. They have offered to pay as their share of a larger lift station and extended sewer system the amount they would have to spend just to service their own property.

The council members feel that with the present growth in the area now is a good time to extend the sewer system into the West border of the city. If the project is undertaken now the property owners and the city would only have to finance about one fourth of the cost of the entire project. At a later date the entire cost would have to come from the property owners beyond the Lowell Development area.

ice rink

Tree trimming on city streets will be extended to the east side of the city with an agreement between the City & Light and Power Company to share the costs. Trimming on the west side of the city is nearly complete and by splitting the cost the entire city can be completed in one year instead of two as planned.

The YMCA and the Lions Club have opened an ice skating rink on West Main Street and Pleasant Street on private property. Bernard Olson told the council. His recommendation to the city was that the city should not participate with labor on private property.

Former Lowell man hurt in truck-cow crash

A former Lowell man was injured last Thursday night when his pickup truck hit a cow and rolled over.

Keith H. Tapley, 45, Route 1, Orleans, was taken to the Ionia County Memorial Hospital for treatment of back, leg and head injuries and a cut on his left eyelid. He was released following treatment.

Tapley told state police he was southbound on Johnson Rd., at 6 p. m., when the cow ambled across the roadway in his

path. Owner of the cow, which died in the collision, was Lloyd Stauffer of Route 2, Belding.

Troopers reported the Tapley vehicle veered to the right after striking the animal, went off the road and rolled over. The truck was described as a total loss by investigating officers.

NOTICE

The American Legion Field Officer, Harold Willard, will be at the Lowell Legion Hall on Thursday, January 4, to assist any veterans or their families with any problems related to their pensions.

Smoking is risk to life

"Resolved, that I will not start smoking cigarettes."

This is the New Year's resolution offered by the youth of Michigan by Dr. Carl B. Beeman, Grand Rapids internist and president of the Michigan Heart Association.

"We all know how hard it is to quit, even though we know the habit is a danger to health and a risk to life itself," he said.

"The best way to handle smoking is never to start. This saves a struggle at a later time when one—with the wisdom of age—decides to quit smoking."

"Damage to the heart and lungs begins early among cigarette smokers," he added.

"A number of illnesses, some very serious, among them heart attack, stroke, lung cancer, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis are triggered or aggravated by cigarettes."

An optimist is a person who can see the bright side of any calamity as long as it didn't happen to him.

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Calvary Christian Church
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Services—10:00 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.
Sunday School—11:10 A. M.
Henry Baikema, Pastor—Phone TW 7-7165
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Corner 6th and Bancroft Ave.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Youth Hour 6:00 p. m.
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B&PW to hear guest speaker

"The Future of Atomic Power as it will affect our lives is the topic to be discussed by an official from the Gas Company of Grand Rapids before the Lowell Business and Professional Woman's Club next Monday night, January 8, in the club rooms."

The meeting, at 8 o'clock will be in charge of Mrs. Harriette Thurlert, acting chairman of the Public Relations committee.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to be guests of the Club at this meeting and hear an authoritative discourse on this vitally interesting subject.

All members are urged to be present as a good attendance is desired. Hostesses will be Mrs. Clarice Boerna and Mrs. Doris Boyd.

January scouting events to be held in Lowell

Two important scouting events involving troops from the Ionia District will be held in Lowell during the month of January. On January 12 the Lowell Invitational Polar Bear Camp-out is scheduled, with all district units and boys being invited to participate.

The second event on January 15 will be the District's Klondike derby at the Boy Scout cabin. Registration of the participants will be from 12 noon until 1 p. m. before the afternoon's activities take place.

Plans for the big race on the 18th are being made. Teams from the district will be on hand to compete in the most rugged sled race, and the testing of endurance.

Big business in Lowell...

The most well-known thing about the American all across the world is our big business. We are a nation known for its large capitalistic enterprises.

Don't you sometimes wish that you had gotten in with one of these like General Motors for instance, or United Steel? Well, the funny thing is that you are in a bigger one, and some of you may not even know it. You are a shareholder in the biggest business in our country, Education—and schools.

They are worth more in dollars and cents than any other business in America. Their budget is bigger and there is more invested in them.

You think the automobile industry provides a lot of jobs, that the economy is hurt if something happens to that industry? It can't hold a candle to your industry. Your industry provides more jobs than any other, many times over.

Take your industry out of the economy and you will really see what a calamity looks like. More jobs and a bigger part of the economy are linked to your education business than to any of the others—by far.

This industry is yours, because you pay for it and you provide the people to see that it is run properly. You have to because you want them doing the best job possible for the thing that presses the most to you—your children.

You can be proud, Mr. Citizen, because you own an operation which is far bigger than any other corporation in the world.

It is big, and it is the best in the world, but its only as good as you make it. You, as a stockholder, need to keep your finger on it to see that it operates properly. Don't just send your kids in and forget it. Go yourself and let them know the things you think are wrong. Even more important, go and enjoy the thrill of seeing the things that are right. Enjoy them because they are yours and they are what you made them.

Enjoy and make use of your position, Mr. Stockholder, in America's largest enterprise.

A NEW SOURCE OF OIL

The day when oil will be extracted from shale rock seems to be drawing closer. One firm, the Oil Shale Corporation, recently announced a program that may mean large-scale commercial production of oil from shale by the year 1970. It would use shale from lands held by private industry.

coming events

The Snow Community Farm Bureau will meet Friday evening, January 12th, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Baker.

The Vergennes Co-operative Club will meet on Thursday, January 4, at the home of Mary Yates. Co-hostess will be Edith Roth. Sue Hosenman, Program Chairman.

Moody evening, January 8, the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 will meet in their club rooms on East Main Street. All members are urged to be in attendance.

The Cheerful Doers will meet Monday evening, January 8, at 7:30. Bonnie Crouch, chairman.

The Blue Star Mothers will have a meeting at 8 p. m., January 10.

St. Mary's Altar Society will meet at St. Mary's School Monday, January 8, at 8 p. m.

The Woman's Club will meet January 10, at 1:30 in their club rooms to hear Miss Frances Graff of the Community Health Service in Grand Rapids.



Sheila M. Craig speaks vows to Gary R. Gilbert

Before an altar decorated with candles, white chrysanthemums and carnations, Miss Sheila M. Craig and Gary R. Gilbert were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, December 23.

The three o'clock double-ring ceremony was performed in the Bowne Center Methodist Church, Alto, by the Rev. Beulah Poe.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Craig of Clarksville and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Gilbert of Gaines, Michigan.

Entering the sanctuary at the arm of her father, the bride wore a full-length princess style gown of white velvet, with maribou feathers at the hemline and wrists. Her veil was a lace-trimmed mantilla, and she carried a single red rose.

The maid of honor, Miss Bonnie K. Craig and bridesmaids, Miss Wendy J. Craig and Miss Sharon M. Gilbert, wore long princess style red velvet dresses, and chose white maribou feather circlets for their headpieces. They carried white maribou feather muffs.

The best man was Patrick M. Shannon. Ushers and groomsmen were Kenneth Schultz and Edward Sacrodanski.

Following the reception in the WSCS Hall, the newlyweds left on their honeymoon to Phoenix, Arizona.

Farmers are reminded of Federal deadline

The Internal Revenue Service reminds farmers that their declaration of estimated Federal income tax for 1967 should be filed on or before Monday, January 15, 1968. Farmers who filed the estimate need not file their income tax return until April 15, 1968.

If an estimate is not filed on or before January 15 farmers must file their Federal income tax return, Form 1040, and pay any tax due by Thursday, February 15, 1968, to avoid a possible penalty for under payment of estimated tax.

An individual is considered a farmer for tax purposes if at least two-thirds of his gross income is from farming.

The "Farmer's Tax Guide," (Publication No. 225), which furnishes information on this subject may be obtained from the local Internal Revenue Service Office, or from the county agricultural agent.

If you give your name, sex, and the place and exact time of your birth, a computer firm in New York says its machine will provide a 10,000-word astrological character analysis & forecast of your future.

Ledger Want Ads bring results.



Briggs-Laux engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lyle Laux of Route 1, Lowell, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol May, to Richard Lee Briggs.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Briggs of 307 North Jefferson Street, Lowell.

The engaged couple are both 1967 graduates of Lowell high school. Miss Laux and her fiancé have made no definite wedding plans.

More controversy on water level for Thornapple

Plenty of discussion but not many solutions were the results of a recent steady meeting as two groups of river front property owners discussed the question of who is to pick up the tab for the maintenance of the water level of the Thornapple River back of the Ada and Cascade dams.

Leaders of the Cascade-Thornapple Association and the Thornapple Association, Inc., did agree to appoint three delegates each to a joint meeting with the township boards in an effort to arrive at some conclusion.

The latest meeting was called by the Cascade-Thornapple Association to present their latest proposal—that the township boards petition the State Water Resources Commission, to establish a river management district, taking in as much the river basin as is deemed necessary.

It is their theory that such a district would provide a large tax base for financing operation of the dams. The boards would contribute to the project from their general funds, raising money through bond issues, general taxes or special assessments.

Previously the Thornapple Association, Inc., had petitioned Kent County Drain Commissioner Frank Bouma for a special assessment district to finance maintenance of the water level under the Inland Lake Level Act. Benefiting property owners on the river back of the Ada dam would be assessed 30 to 40 cents per front foot, it is thought.

According to Bouma, Circuit Judge Roman J. Snow will review the matter of establishing the normal level of the Ada impoundment at 11 a. m. January 5. Judge Snow will then set the date for a public hearing on the subject.

The subject of the water level of the river behind the Ada and Cascade dams has been a heady one since Consumers' Power Company indicated some time ago they would discontinue the use of these small dams. It is realized that there are many good arguments in favor of both sides.

Kent County Drain Commissioner Frank Bouma indicated that no matter which way the matter is settled, the over-all cost of operating the dams will be about the same.

STRAND THEATRE

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JAN. 4, 5, 6, 7

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SURPRISE NIGHT
All Seats 5c
One Show at 7:00 p. m.
One Performance
Thursday through Sunday
at 7:45 p. m.

State considers purchase of Smyrna dam

The Fish Division of the Michigan Department of Conservation is presently considering the purchase of the abandoned 3-gate Smyrna Dam in Otisco Township.

Ken Christensen, state habitat development specialist, reports that Otisco Township which holds title to the property just north of Ingal's Road on the Flat River, has offered the dam to the conservation department. He said the purchase is now under consideration.

Acquisition of the dam and property would be only one small step in the department's long term program to build up big game fishing on the major rivers of central Michigan, according to Christensen.

The project includes planting of migratory fish like salmon and steelhead in the Grand River and its tributaries.

The Flat River, said Christensen, is a valuable Grand River tributary, but at present there are six dams on the stream, one of which still produces electricity. Each of these dams would present a serious obstacle to any migratory needs of new game fish.

The Smyrna Dam, abandoned many years was once used to produce hydro-electric power, but its future will be determined by a decision from the department which may come in only a few weeks.

Reason behind the purchase, said Christensen, would be only to remove it. He said the fish division had recommended the Smyrna Dam be removed, and the department was presently looking into the cost of removal.

Smyrna Dam with a ten foot head, is a steel and concrete structure. The Flat River, on which it sits, has promising qualities as a stream for small mouth bass, salmon and steelhead, Christensen said.

Christensen reported the department, in working toward completion of the long range project in Grand River Valley would also be dealing with each of the five other dams on Flat River.

Dams in Ionia County include Richardson Dam in Belding, with a height of twelve feet and White's Bridge Dam, which produces electricity for the City of Lowell just below Smyrna Dam, with a head of 18 feet.

Christensen said it is the purpose of the department to purchase and remove each of these dams, or to install a fish ladder. He said no timetable had been worked out yet for the Grand River project.

16,000 active boy members in scouting

The Grand Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, has reached a new high in its active boy membership, according to Spencer Cornell of Belding, Council membership chairman.

16,000 boys are now active members in Scouting as of December 23. This is a new record for Scouting in the seven-county area of the Council. This, along with a little over 5,000 adult members, gives the Boy Scouts a total membership of over 21,000. This includes Cub Scouts, age 8 through 10; Boy Scouts, age 11 through 18; and Explorers, age 15 to 18.

David K. Luncke, 4166 Bell, NE, Grand Rapids, became the 16,000 active member when he joined Aldersgate Methodist Church, troop 406, in December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Luncke. David is a member of a Scouting family in that his father had been a Scout, and his mother's father had been a Scout in troop 215 of Trinity Methodist Church, which is celebrating its fiftieth year of operation.



Just arrived

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tompkins (nee Denelle Manigold) announce the arrival of a son, Adam Robert, on December 15, at High Wycombe, England. Adam weighed six pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Head of Cedar Springs are the proud parents of a second daughter, Lisa Lucan, born on Monday, December 11. Lisa weighed 5 pounds 5 ounces.

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A damp cloth or washing with soap and water is all that is needed to clean table tops. Don't use scouring powder that may scratch the surface. An occasional polishing with a good auto wax is helpful.

CARD OF THANKS

We give our many thanks to our friends, relatives & neighbors for the lovely flowers and other deeds of kindness as we sorrowed in the loss of our beloved husband & father, James E. Collins.

Also we express our gratitude to Dr. McKay for his kindness and care, to Rev. Charles Davis for his comforting words and presence, to the pallbearers and to Both Funeral Home for their services.

Mrs. James E. Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest N. Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Collins
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YOUNG PEOPLE AND JUNIORS 6:45 P. M.
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