

AREA ROUNDUP: Vote Due In News Strike

STRIKING Teamsters will vote this week on a new offer from the Detroit Newspaper Publishers Association. Meanwhile, the News and Free Press remained closed down by the strike. Of 14 unions that deal with the metropolitan daily, only the Teamsters are on strike.

GRECIAN GARDENS, the Detroit Greektown restaurant owned by convicted police briber Cosias (Gus) Colacastides,

has had its liquor license revoked by the state Liquor Control Commission. Colacastides has 60 days to transfer the license.

PONTIAC residents will vote, probably the first week of February, on a referendum that would strike down a proposed city income tax ordinance. City Manager Joseph Warren says the referendum will mean an almost immediate cut in city services to the tune of \$542,000.

Residents opposing the income tax filed some 1,900 petition signatures asking for the referendum—some 700 more than required.

JOHN MERLO, convicted of murder by an Oakland Circuit Court jury of gunning down his estranged wife, Sharon, in a Farmington Township beauty salon, will receive a mandatory life sentence.

AMERICAN MOTORS Chair-

man Roy Chapin Jr. predicted AMC could sell 300,000 cars in 1968 if it maintains the share of the market it has achieved since introducing its 1968 models. This is 25 per cent more than the 1967 model showing.

A **FINANCIAL** study prepared for the State Board of Education shows that some school districts in Michigan are spending three times as much as others, on a per-pupil basis. One recommendation: "The

most effective means to equalize educational opportunity in Michigan would be through transferring the responsibility for collecting the 'allocated millage' portion of the property tax for education from localities to state government."

A second alternative: To transfer the property tax on industry from local to state responsibility.

The study was prepared by a University of Chicago team.

CONGRESS has adjourned for the year. The consensus of major political writers is that the 1967 session (1) continued to provide support for existing Great Society programs but didn't launch any new ones and (2) tried, in line with Republican thinking, to give the states greater roles in administering programs. Congress voted \$157.1 billion in appropriations, topping by \$10 billion the 1942 war year record.

MRS. STEPHEN RICHARD LEA
(Susan Jane Steudel)

Lea-Steudel Vows Taken In Birmingham

Stephen Richard Lea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lea of Plymouth, claimed Susan Jane Steudel as his bride in a double-ring candlelight ceremony Saturday, Dec. 16, in the First Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas heard the couple's vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Steudel, of Gary, Ind.

GIVEN IN marriage by her father, she wore a floor-length gown of white French Peau de sole, accented by re-embroidered alencon lace and pearls and featuring long sleeves, sabrina neckline and train.

A matching petal headpiece held her three-tier illusion veil.

Lucille Steudel, of Gary, was her sister's maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Dale Kostere and Jane Filch, of Troy, and Janice Posey, of St. Clair Shores.

THE BRIDEGROOM masked his brother, David Lea, of Elgin, Ill., to be best man. The guests were seated by Roger Lamphere, of Belvidere, Ill., Thomas Keeler, of Detroit, and Clement Hermann, of Royal Oak.

A reception in the Pagoda, in Clawson, followed the ceremony.

The couple went to Miami for a two-week honeymoon and will live in Oak Park after returning.

The new Mrs. Lea is a graduate of Hilldale College, where she was affiliated with Pi Beta Phi sorority and teaches in the Farmington school system. Her husband, currently attending Wayne State Uni-

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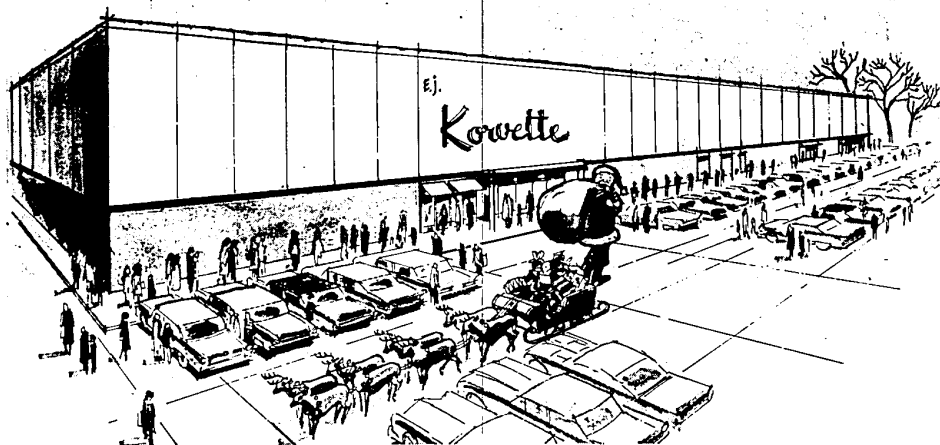
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