

Snow is not only the harbinger of another season but of a subtle change in our minds.

Some of us hum Jingle Bells, others surreptitiously reach down fashion a snowball, and test the old eye by tossing it at a tree or a pole.

Snow brings with it many things, but almost universal is the lifting of our heart.

DESIRE TO OWN A HOME

A great number of people are reported to desire to build or buy a home.

The people who own their own homes get a special enjoyment from the development of their property.

A BETTER NEW YEAR

It is possible for man to continue as a race only as long as he faces home in the future.

The idea of a New Year is heartening when viewed from the angle of a recent grim, tough year of sacrifice and sorrow.

Over there, victors are attempting to harness disaster to a normal rig and at home we fight to keep down inflation and iron out strikes in labor.

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Kent's Ag. Agent Wins High Honor

Keats Vining Chosen by National Association

Michigan's two latest additions to the national agricultural extension service's "hall of fame" are veteran county farm agents with more than a quarter of a century of distinguished service to farmers to their credit.



K. K. VINING, Kent county farm agent

They are: Keats K. Vining, Kent county agricultural agent, and William E. McCarthy, Bay County farm agent.

While each agent has many agricultural achievements to his credit, the National County Agricultural Agents' association has mentioned only one of the most outstanding in making the citations admitting the candidates to the extension service's hall of fame.

Vining was cited for his leadership in establishing one of the nation's finest 4-H club camps at Bostwick lake, near Rockford. It has been named Camp Vining in his honor.

The camp has a dozen log cabins built out of old power poles donated by the Consumers Power Co. Friends of the 4-H club movement assisted parents of farm boys and girls in hewing and sawing the poles, and in building the cabins on concrete foundations.

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Christmas Before Days of Printing

Lowell Women's Club met in the Masonic Temple for dessert at one o'clock on Dec. 19. Following business, the speaker for the day, Mrs. Walter Ebers of Sparta, was introduced by the program chairman, Mrs. R. G. Jefferies.

Before the art of printing was invented the great masters told the story of religious history in marvelous paintings which still remain in the great Cathedrals in Europe.

A generous purse was presented to Mrs. Ebers for use in St. John's Orphanage. Her talk was followed by "Ave Maria" by F. Schubert, sung by Mrs. Thurtell who played her own accompaniment.

Foreman Leghorns Break All Records

A new world's egg production record has been set by five high contest pens of White Leghorn hens owned by the Foreman Poultry farm of Lowell, according to a report received here from the American Poultry Journal.

The hens were entered in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Florida official egg laying contests. Their aggregate production was 18,288 eggs—337 eggs more than the previous record set in 1941 and the highest total recorded since the contests were first started 34 years ago.

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A bountiful dinner was served by a committee from Danby Grange, after which a lengthy discussion was held on the Ionia Health Unit. The motion was put to a vote and was approved 100 per cent.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM.

S/Sgt. Donald Hemingsen is home from South Carolina to spend the holidays.

Cpl. Jack Thorne is home from the Smokey Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kan., for a holiday furlough.

Lt. Carroll Kyser arrived home from overseas Monday in time to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Pvt. Ernest Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Collins is stationed at Camp Russell B. Huckstep, just outside of Cairo, Egypt. His wife, Vivian, resides in Battle Creek.

Ensign James Stephens came Sunday night from Camp Endicott, R. I. to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephens and family. He is to report Jan. 4 to the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, N. J.

Lt. J. A. MacDonell was home overnight Monday, leaving in the afternoon with his wife and daughter for Mt. Pleasant, where they will spend Christmas with their parents. Dr. MacDonell will return to Great Lakes right after the holiday.

Richard N. White, R. M. 2/c, has been discharged from the Navy, after serving as radio operator in five major battles in the Pacific. He was in Tokyo Bay at time of Japan's surrender. Richard and his wife are residing in the east apartment at the farm home of Glen Parsons in South Boston.

MM 1/c David R. Condon, son of Mrs. Jennie Condon arrived home Monday from Seattle, Wash., after having been in the service for the past six years. David has not been home for 30 months. He is on a 30 day leave and will report Jan. 25, at Great Lakes, where he will receive his discharge.

T/Sgt. Robert Yeiter arrived Sunday afternoon from the Separation Center at Ft. Dix, N. J., where he received his discharge after 32 months of service, 23 of which were spent overseas. Bob wears the Presidential citation, also the Belgium and Holland decorations, this being the first time Holland has decorated any unit other than its own army since 1870. He also wears the Purple Heart in addition to other ribbons.

T/Sgt. Frederick Hooley was home on a brief furlough the fore part of the week, returning to Camp Grant, Wednesday.

Edward Thompson F 1/c, arrived home Friday from the Pacific coast for a 10-day leave with his mother, brothers and sisters. Edward has been in the navy 2 years and wears six battle stars.

Capt. and Mrs. Sam Yeiter of Ft. Knox, Ky., arrived Saturday morning to spend a week's leave with their parents, Mrs. Rosella Yeiter and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Speerstra.

Harold Dollaway, SF 2/c, son of Mrs. Merritt Miller, received his discharge from the Navy, Dec. 19, after 2 years and 6 months in the service, 21 months in the south Pacific. Harold and his wife are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green, in Muskegon.

Russell L. Faulkner, son of Alfred Faulkner, Ada, Mich., stationed with the Army Air Forces in the Mariana Islands and overseas since June 15, 1945, has been promoted to the grade rank of Sergeant. His wife, the former Janet Fletcher, resides at 413 Riverside Dr., Lowell.

Mrs. George Linton, R. 1, Ada, was happily surprised Saturday evening when she received a phone call from her son, Sgt. Richard Doezema, U. S. M. C. at Camp Pendleton, California, saying that his ship had just arrived from Japan and is waiting for his discharge and will be home in a couple of weeks. Sgt. Doezema has been in service 2 1/2 years, 2 of which were spent overseas. He was a member of the 2nd Division and was later transferred to the 5th Division.

Dr. D. H. Oatley, who has been serving as a Lieutenant in the navy for nearly two years, arrived home from the west coast Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20. Mrs. Oatley and their two children, Frank and Nancy Alice, who had been on the west coast for the past month, returned home with him. Dr. Oatley's official discharge from service becomes effective late in January. In the meantime the doctor is getting his dental office in shape for the resumption of practice in the near future.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Another annual report is finished, the 33rd for Agricultural Extension Service in Kent County. When the job is done and you have a little time for reflection on your work, of which there isn't too much, you wonder just how much was accomplished and what prospects are for the year ahead.

Early in the year just passing found the extension worker head over heels in war work. Selective service, gas rationing, farm releases, farm labor. In fact, I think last January and February were the most jittery we had from a selective service standpoint. Pressure was hard on farm registrants and in view of subsequent events wish that some of those over 26 years old, of whom we worried about, had gone into the army, for as soon as the war ended any number jumped their farm jobs.

The cessation of hostilities ended selective service work, gas rationing and farm releases. Farm labor problems were still with us. Kent's general farm situation doesn't require the seasonal type of labor, except in fruit picking time, that some counties had. Spring weather conditions change our labor picture. Sometimes we wonder what would have happened had there been normal fruit crops. It was hard enough to get labor to pick what fruit there was. Extension service will have the farm labor program in its lap for 1946. Sometimes we worry a bit about labor for next year should industry ever get over striking and get into a real production program.

Farm lands in this county have contributed generously to the war effort by meeting all requests for food production and generally going over the top. Kent soil was an exception. Producing food for dairy cows, potatoes, beans, vegetables and fruit, local farmers certainly did their part.

Now is the time to take a look at the situation and stock of the

future. Kent soils, like most of Michigan farms, have erosion problems which with severe war time cropping programs have without question depleted soil reserves of food and seriously impaired some. An answer to this situation might be the Soil Conservation District. In a next few weeks farmers in a number of Kent County townships are going to have a chance to know more about this work and some will have a chance to say whether or not they want such an organization.

Our farmers get the greatest part of their revenue from milking cows. How many are milked each day we don't know, but probably more than in prewar days. Two diseases are causing a heavy loss—namely, Bangs disease and Mastitis. Recently legislation requiring the listing of all cows before sale is going to put a crimp in the dissemination of this disease but more work must be done. During the next three months Kent County farmers will have a chance to discuss a proposed plan for further control of this disease, one that may take some legislation and that will have a "must" in it. When this meeting is held in your neighborhood plan to attend and take part in the discussion.

Over in the fruit section the growers are keenly alert to the possibilities in the use of the new insecticide "DDT" in the control of codlin moth. This pest had the apple grower about crazy over its control. If the new insecticide is half as good as predicted it will lessen a lot of spray worries. This county agent can't help but feel that new markets and new outlets must be looked for to take care of the growing apple orchards. Kent County has plenty of young trees.

Once in a while we shock folks by asking that if all the sandy soils in this county were in one solid block it would cover six townships.

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Bad Weather Hard On Pets and Livestock

Kent County Humane society is receiving complaints daily that pets and livestock are being neglected now that real winter is here.

Williams urged that livestock be given proper housing and adequate feed and that the owners of dogs refrain from tying them up without shelter.

"Loss of livestock due to carelessness is inexcusable and punishable by law," Williams said. "Thousands of dollars worth of valuable property can be saved annually if proper interest is shown in the community."

FORMER LOWELL RESIDENT LAID TO REST IN SARANAC

William E. Delk, aged 66, a former Lowell resident, passed away Sunday at Sunshine sanatorium, Grand Rapids. He is survived by his widow, Amanda; two daughters, Mrs. Hester Garbrecht and Mrs. Doris Kootz, both of Grand Rapids; his father, John Henry Delk, also of Grand Rapids; two brothers and two sisters, Harley Delk of Grand Rapids, Harry Delk, Mrs. Clayton Beach and Mrs. Nora Stegeman, all of California. Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids Wednesday afternoon with interment in Saranac cemetery.

Suggestions For Home Butchering

Farm families interested in cutting the cost of living by preparing a home meat supply from animals produced on the farm will find these suggestions helpful, believes G. A. Brown, head of the animal husbandry department at Michigan State college.

1. Select comparatively young, healthy, and well finished animals.

2. Prepare the meat under sanitary conditions. After dressing be careful to cool the meat long enough to eliminate animal heat before processing.

3. Process hogs within three days after dressing, lambs within one week, and beef within ten days. During the time between dressing and processing, the carcasses should be stored at a temperature slightly above freezing.

Allowing the meat to freeze will injure the quality. If the meat is stored at too high a temperature for longer periods of time than those mentioned it is likely to become rancid and may not keep satisfactorily.

If facilities are not available on the farm for proper dressing storage, the animal may be taken to a local slaughtering plant and the carcasses stored under refrigeration until such time as they can be prepared for curing, canning or freezing.

Pork lends itself best to curing although some persons will prefer to process beef. Detailed directions on farm butchering, including curing recipes, are contained in a Michigan State college extension bulletin E-151, "The Home Meat Supply." A copy may be obtained free from your county extension office or by sending a request to the Department of Publications, Bulletin Office, Michigan State college, East Lansing.

Stands By Ledger For Another Year

The holiday season would not be complete by the Ledger staff without the annual letter from Bill Kerekes renewing his subscription for another year. Because of his fluent use of English we know that many Ledger readers also enjoy Bill's annual epistles. This year's effort reads as follows:

Lowell, Dec. 21, 1945. Publisher Lowell Ledger, My Dear Jeff:

As my organized creditors are picketing my purse you can readily understand the gargantuan effort employed by myself to avert an impending crisis in the matter of the expiration of my subscription. By the use of the authority vested in me by the head of the house I have managed to float our sinking funds to a point whereby I can make full payment as your pink slip informed me would be imperative at this time. Pleading that you accept the two enclosed vivid silver certificates as evidence of an overwhelming desire to continue the Ledger for another year I ease off by praying that the atomic energy of the ever generous Chris Kringie will not have been spent 'ere he reaches your domicile.

Very sincerely yours, Bill Kerekes.

We all seem to think any neglect is made right by saying we intended to call, or write, or phone, but just didn't get around to it.

Ledger Reporter Makes His Rounds Among The Japs

Talks With Ambassador From Germany; Odd Lot on U.S. Ship

Harold Jefferies, formerly of the Ledger staff, now serving with the U. S. Army in Japan sends another interesting letter to Ledger readers, which reads as follows:

Yokohama, Dec. 6, 1945. Had an interesting trip today. Went to Uraga, down the coast from Yokohama about 35 miles, a small port but a fairly good one. We went down with Pathe newsreel men to get a story on the arrival of the Japanese repatriates who were brought from relocation centers in the States. These Japs, some 1500 of them, lived in our country before Dec. 7, 1941, and were held in relocation centers throughout the war. There were 75 diplomats and newspaper men from Germany.

We went down from Yokohama in two jeeps, loaded with camera equipment and photographers, directors, interpreters and men from our office. It is about an hour's drive over the worst kind of rough roads. We arrived at the port too late for the morning picket boat so had to wait until after lunch (C rations from the can) to go out. The ship that brought the Japs home was the U. S. S. Gen. Randall, the same ship which brought me to Japan last month. We went out to the Randall in a small steam launch that was used by the Japs during the war as a sub-chaser.

They brought us alongside two barges tied to the side of the ship and we had to jump from launch to barge to barge to the Jacob's ladder that hung down from the deck of the Randall.

We See Jap Repatriates

Arriving safely aboard we went to see the second class passengers. They were in the holds used for the troops. The greater part of them were old men who claimed they were coming back to Japan to die; there were a few young men who were born in the United States. One with whom we talked had finished 3 years of college when the wars started and he was sent to the relocation center. He claimed he renounced his American citizenship because of the racial discrimination. We noted he did his renouncing early in the war when it appeared that Japan was going to win.

The trip coming over was a peaceful one, the guards who came with the Japs reported. There was one casualty when one of the repatriates refused to participate in a boat drill and in persuading him he was severely injured. One of the passengers died of a heart attack on the trip but this was balanced by the birth of a boy to one of the German wives of a newspaper man aboard.

We Interview Ambassador

In the officers' quarters forward we interviewed Lt. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, former ambassador to Germany from Japan. He was a typical Japanese diplomat, carefully dressed in a business suit and smiling at our questions, which he answered through an interpreter. He said he expected to find Japan damaged but not like Germany. He told us he had been out of touch with Tokyo since early in April. There were many children and nice looking women in the ship's lounge, wives and offspring of diplomats and newspapermen. Many of the Japanese had married German women and were bringing their wives and children from one wrecked country to another.

Returning to the shore we went in close to an American Liberty ship bringing Jap prisoners of war from the islands. They were lined up along the rail and from a little distance looked much like our own troops. They were dressed in GI fatigue clothes, shoes and jackets. I am sure when they get ashore both the POW's and the repatriates will find they were better off under American care. At least they had three meals a day and a warm place to sleep. Life in Japan is one of looking for food and fuel. There is also the problem of finding a place to live. Great masses of homes in the Yokohama and Tokyo districts that I have seen are nothing but wreckage, which is true of all the major cities of Japan.

Radishes 12-inches Long

Food is rationed to about 3 table-spoons of rice per person a day, which with a large type of radish seem to be their main food. This radish is a foot long and six inches in diameter. There are some fish and tangerines for sale in the market.

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Be sure to feed the birds.

'Twas the day before Christmas and nary a pound of butter on Main-st. Ditto the day after Christmas.

The Ledger hopes you had a grand Christmas and that the New Year will bring you happiness and prosperity.

Village employees were out with a power tractor Monday morning breaking up the packed snow from along Main St. curbs and carting it away by truck. Everyone is hoping that the good work will continue.

After the war-time shortage bubble gum is back on the market again. Kids are glad and teachers are mad. Myron Henry says the kids seem to be able to smell the stuff as soon as a fresh supply comes in.

Lowell's Community Christmas, which this year featured the Nativity Scene each night at 8 o'clock from December 18 through Christmas Eve, drew many spectators to the scene and to listen to the program of speaking, vocal and instrumental music.

Board of Trade prizes for best Christmas displays were awarded as follows: Stores, first to Price Rite Hardware, second to Christiansen Drug Store, third to Byrne McMahon. Homes: first to Bruce Walter, second to Milton S. Knes, third to H. J. Englehardt.

Thermometers around these parts last Saturday night and Sunday morning ranged all the way from 5 to 15 degrees below zero, depending on location. Monday the temperature rose to about 24 above zero, accompanied by sleet, snow and piercing winds, which continued throughout Monday night and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. English of Camas, Wash., in a letter renewing their subscription to the Ledger for another year, extend the season's greetings to all their Lowell friends. Mr. English will be remembered as a builder of Lowell's first horseless carriage. It was a two-cylinder air-cooled affair and made its appearance on Main St. just 45 years ago.

H. Harry Christensen, who has been with the Office of Collector of Internal Revenue at Grand Rapids for ten years, has opened his own tax office at 307 Murray Bldg., Grand Rapids, as tax consultant on all Federal taxes and tax returns. Mr. Christensen is well known to Lowell businessmen. For a number of years he covered Ionia and Montcalm counties and other parts of the state as representative for the Collector's office and is recognized as a capable tax consultant.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: A Lowell man says love at first sight is possible when you don't wipe the steam from your glasses. We just got used to feeding the furnace when stylists start amazing us with ladies' spring millinery. When you are riding high don't forget that the sculptor who designed the buffa's nickel didn't have five cents in his name at one time. Weather experts say that over a period of time weather averages up, but some of us don't live long enough to see the average.

Marching Through Georgia

A local man who used to drive down to Florida each winter in pre-war days, plans to go down again this year if he can get away, was reminiscing last week about an experience he had with a Georgia farmer on one of his trips.

Driving on an unpaved Georgia detour, miles from any sizable town, he ran into a stretch of the muddy road he'd ever tried to get through. His car bogged down in the sticky clay and he had to pay \$5 to be pulled out by a Georgia cracker with a team of mules.

"I should think," said the local man, just about to get into his car to continue, "that you would be pulling people out of this stuff day and night."

"Nope," drawled the mule driver, "at night's when we tote the water for the road."

Tax Notices

Verzennes Township

The undersigned will be at the Lowell Bank on Saturdays: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Jan. 5 to receive and receipt for taxes now due.—Mrs. Fred Franks, treasurer Verzennes township.

REVENUE DEPUTY COMING TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS

A Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Post Office, Lowell, Mich., on January 2 and 3, 1946, to assist taxpayers in the preparation of income and estimated returns.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL THOUGHTS
Pope Pius XII said recently he believes it is unfair to condemn the entire German nation for what he terms the guilt of a few.

A New York clergyman said this week that parents are as badly in need of guidance today as children and youth.

Juvenile delinquency is again a major issue in the country and has led U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark to take steps to form a national conference working towards correction.

A dispatch from England recently said that a new one-wheeled jet-propelled "river" is being perfected which will travel 500 miles an hour.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS
Advertising not merely sells goods mentioned in the ads, but it draws people to a store and they are attracted to buy good not featured in the ads.

We Wish All Our Friends and Customers A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Ruby and Ed. Hayes
We Have A Complete Line of Meats and Groceries

Moseley Corners Store

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Henry's Drug Store



The Green Bug Strikes
By WILLIAM J. MURDOCH
Helicopter commuting had gone beyond the "dream" stage this week and was being pushed on a basis which linked metropolitan areas with outlying suburban districts.

AN INSPIRATION
The historical Hall of Fame of our country is at New York University, where bronze figures are placed in honor and glory.

The Monkey's Viewpoint
We did not write the lines below and we do not know who the author is, but we have read so much on the theory that man descended from the monkey that we felt it is only fair to present the monkey's side of the question.

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MICHIGAN AND THE OLD NORTHWEST
Detroit and "Soe"
By Lulu Scherer
Edited by Miss M. Quate

SO. KEENE - NO. BOSTON
Happy New Year to the Editor and readers.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson had a checkered dinner, Christmas tree and exchange of gifts for over 40 guests.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
C. E. Finkbeiner, Minister
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
Public Worship at 11 o'clock.

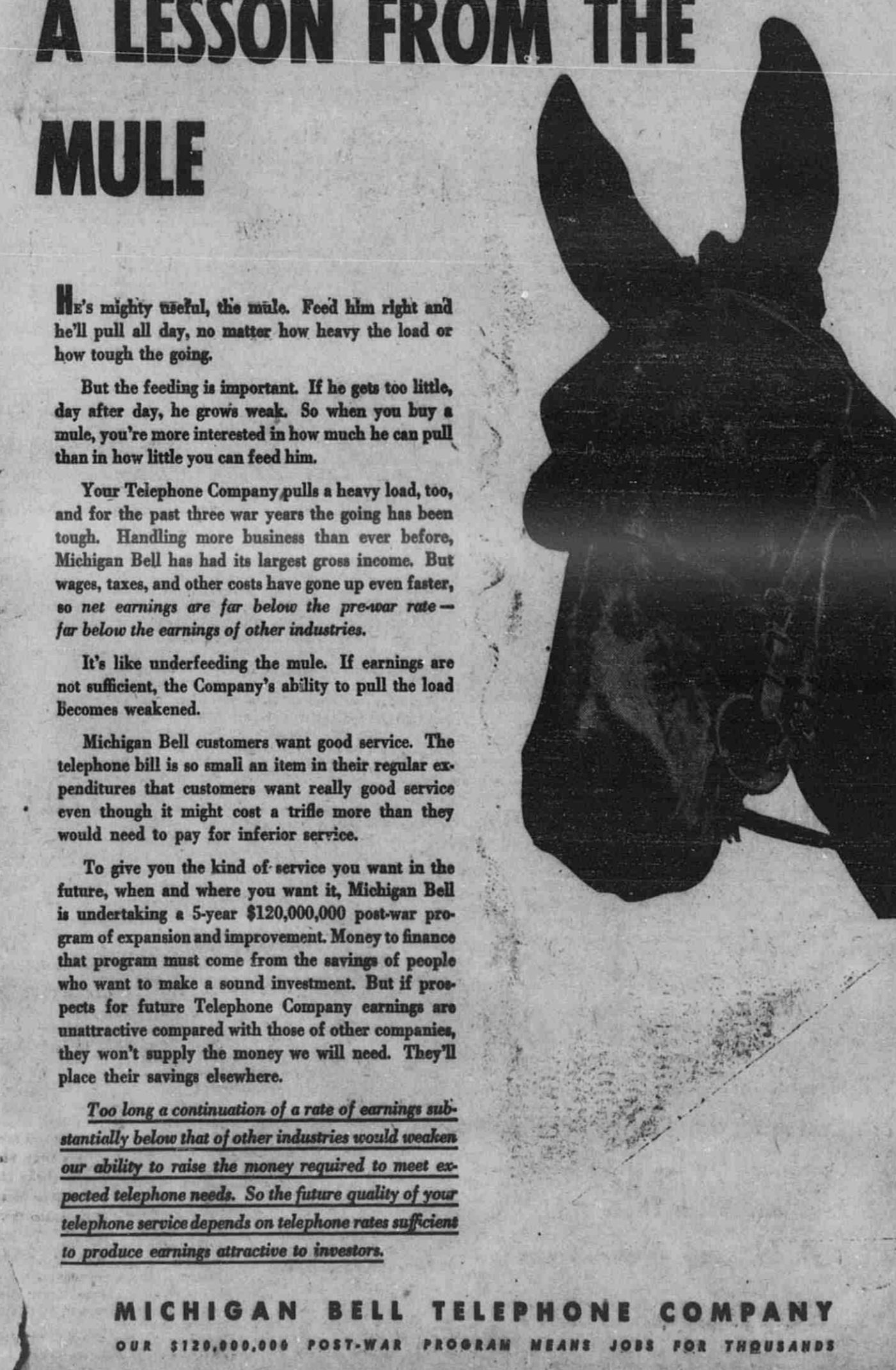
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Every Washington and Kent
Morning services at 11 o'clock every Sunday.
"Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, Dec. 30.

ALTO METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Wm. E. Thomas, Minister
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.

CATHOLIC PARISHES
St. Mary's - Lowell
Rev. Fr. John F. Grogan, Pastor
Mass every Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 a. m.

ALTON CHURCH
(Udenominational)
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Young People's Meeting at 7:30 p. m.

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Happy New Year
We certainly hope that your outlook is always bright, and that day and night good fortune will follow you.

Happy New Year
The sands of time run endlessly and the grain has now sifted through which marks the going of 1946—the coming of 1947!

Happy New Year
This Time To Thank All Our Customers and Friends for their Patronage During the Past Year and Wish Them All A Happy New Year

BOYD'S GROCERY
Lowell 2. 5 Phone 309

Local News
Alfred Hemington is home from Chicago to spend the holidays.
Mrs. H. P. Goffredson of East Lansing is spending the holiday at her home here.

Local News
Mrs. Pearl Johnson of Charlotte spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Scott.
Miss Neil Pullen of Grand Rapids was a weekend-end Christmas guest at the Jack Wiggins home.

Local News
Christmas guests at the Vern Armstrong home were Mr. and Mrs. Flora Heaven and son, Wm. from Clarksville.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost left Wednesday for New Port Richey, where they will spend the next three months.

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Helmer and family from Grand Rapids spent Sunday with their sisters, Miss Goldie Collins and Mrs. Floyd Boyce.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pletcher and son, Galen, were Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Pletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson of Grand Rapids.

Local News
Sunday callers on Mr. and Mrs. The Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bush and son, Buddy, of Elmhurst, Ind. and Mrs. Wood's niece, Barbara and Grace Bush of Grand Rapids.
Mrs. Jack Fong of Adrian, Mrs. Elma Bush of Rockford, and Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps and daughters were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fonger and family.

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rust and son, Harold, Mrs. O. C. Miller of Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Marty of Flint were Monday and Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ruciman.
Miss Barbara Thorne, from Michigan State, and Miss Janet Thorne from Mt. Pleasant Teachers college spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne.

PLUMBING & HEATING
Sheet Metal Work
Ray Cover
THE PLUMBER
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Brudis in Tonia.

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Havens, Mrs. Lucille Byrne and Mrs. Agnes Stevens were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Byrne in Detroit.
Mrs. John Layley entertained with a family Christmas dinner for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Layley and baby, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Delahanty, Miss Kathlyn and Anna Layley and Loyd Layley from Grand Rapids, L. and Mrs. John Layley and son from Chicago, James McMahon and Bill Layley.

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gates of Detroit have been spending the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers.
Holiday guests at the P. H. Davenport home were Mrs. Fred Davenport and son, Alvin, and Henry Davenport from the U. of M.

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. George Whitford of Muskegon were Christmas guests of Mrs. Florence Whitfield and the Harlow Young family.
Raymond Cham of Traverse City spent Sunday at the W. A. Roth home; his son, Bill, returned home with him to spend the holidays.

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brodina and son, Harold, and Mrs. Betty and Peggy Brodina, from Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roth and family.
Sunday callers on Mr. and Mrs. The Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bush and son, Buddy, of Elmhurst, Ind. and Mrs. Wood's niece, Barbara and Grace Bush of Grand Rapids.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Warren K. Lusk of Lansing were Saturday evening dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. Rosella Yelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilsted and son of Greenville spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood.

Jack Hartley of Detroit spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hartley and with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kinyon.

Russell Smith of Grand Haven and Mr. and Mrs. Jules Erlar of Grand Rapids were Christmas guests at the J. E. Bannan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lawyer and daughter, Dorothy, of Cascade, were Sunday callers on Mrs. Margaret Dennis and Mrs. Kittle Charles.

Guests Sunday of Mrs. Lillian Martindale were her daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Laits of Shelby, Delle and sister Sally, Mrs. Cecil Seely, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilcox and family of Grand Rapids.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kyser were Lt. Carroll Kyser, who arrived from overseas Monday, Russell Kyser, from Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and son, and Miss Marilyn Kyser from Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Murphy of Fort Wayne, Ind., called on their mother, Mrs. Florence Parrish at Mrs. E. L. Kinyon's Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Parrish again on Christmas.

Mrs. W. C. Doyle was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, last week Wednesday for observation and treatment. Mrs. Doyle is reported as resting comfortably although she may not be able to return home for a few days longer. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Recent callers at the Wm. Cosgroff home were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham, Mrs. Homer Deffenbaker and daughter, Helen, of 3 and Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Orve Kellogg of Ada, Mrs. Albert Blaser of Lincoln Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson and son, Junior, Mrs. Alden Porritt and mother, Mrs. Lydia Porritt from Bowne.

WEDDINGS

Guld-Wright

Raymond L. Guld and Miss Lorraine M. Wright, both of Grand Rapids, were united in marriage at 7:30 Saturday evening at the First Methodist parsonage by the Rev. C. E. Pollock. They were attended by Helen Bailey and Robert Badley, both of Grand Rapids. Members of their immediate families were guests of the occasion.

D'Archangel-Bieri

At a lovely church wedding at the Lowell Methodist church Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22, at four o'clock, Peter D'Archangel of Grand Rapids and Miss Esther Bieri of Lowell, were united in marriage by the Rev. C. E. Pollock. The wedding prelude and the wedding march were played on the pipe organ by Mr. Sennema, pipe organist of the First Methodist church, Grand Rapids. The wedding couple were attended by Mrs. John Thorne of Lowell, sister of the bride and Sanford E. Carlson of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. D'Archangel will make their home in Grand Rapids. Only their immediate families were guests at the wedding. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the home of Cpl. and Mrs. John Thorne.

Merwin-Brown

Miss Madeline J. Brown, of Bath, Maine, became the bride of Morris M. Merwin of Lowell, at 3 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the parsonage of the Beacon Street Methodist church, the Rev. C. L. Kinney performing the double ring ceremony. The couple was attended by Mrs. Phyllis Alexander and John Holridge of Bath. The bride wore a street-length dress of pink with black accessories and carried a white bouquet with streamer ribbons. Her matron of honor wore gray with black accessories and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

Mrs. Merwin is the daughter of Mrs. Almira Jones of Bath. She graduated from Morse High School in Bath in 1940, and from Nason College, Class of 1942. She is employed at the office of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding U. S. Navy, at Bath.

Mr. Merwin is the son of Mrs. Catherine Merwin of Grand Rapids and the late Albert M. Merwin, of Lowell. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1938, and was recently discharged from the Navy, after serving for more than six years.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside in Flint, Mich., where Mr. Merwin plans to start a business of his own.

My honor is my life; both grow in one; take honor from me and my life is done.—Shakespeare.

Howard L. Dennis Marries in South

The marriage of Miss Pearl Goodyear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Goodyear, of Montgomery, Ala., to Howard L. Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dennis, of Lowell took place at an evening ceremony on Dec. 1, at Dexter Avenue Methodist church in Montgomery, with the Rev. F. J. Jones associate pastor, officiating. The decorations were confined to the chancel and were of white chrysanthemums, burning waxen tapers in wide spreading candelabra placed against a background of palms, ferns and other greenery. Proceeding the ceremony a program of nuptial music was rendered by Mrs. U. L. Heustess, organist and Miss Elizabeth Wright, vocalist. The traditional wedding march was played and Miss Wright sang the hymn, "A Perfect Love"

Ushers and groomsmen were Sgt. Bruce Garner, Sgt. Charles Summers, Cadet Wesley Young and Joseph Goodyear. Bridesmaids were Miss Francis Snider, Miss Alice Lorraine Collins and Mrs. Charles Summers. Their dresses were designed with fitted basque, bracelet length sleeves and full skirt, each wore a matching hat, trimmed with flowers and worn with shoulder length veils. They carried mixed autumn flowers. Mrs. Kasper Anderson was matron of honor and wore a pale blue gown, her flowers were tallman roses in arm cluster. Miss Earline Bryant was maid of honor, Fred Tidwell was the groom's best man. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown with a fitted bodice of bridal satin, which had a shallow yoke of mousseline de soie outlined with chantilly lace. The long tight sleeves ended in points at the wrist and the bouffant skirt extended into a train. The finger-ring veil of bridal tulle was attached to a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and carnations.

Following a brief wedding trip the couple will reside in Lowell, until March, when they go to Houghton, Mich., where the groom will attend college.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

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Do you doubt it? Well come to the office and let us show you a soils map and some figures. Fortunately this land is pretty well scattered but there are some large spots and in these areas there are developing some bad sand blows, some that today are headed for young deserts. They can be controlled. John B. Martin, in Ada township, has the finest demonstration of this work. Soil Conservation Service districts would be a partial help to this sand area.

These sand areas fit well into the school forest program. Six high schools have started future forests that are coming along very well. Caledonia, Ada, Sand Lake and Byron Center are schools that should have a planting program. All these schools have land in their area that could well be planted. Anyone having a '40' or '80' they don't want to pay taxes on? If so, let me know.

4-H Club work has been a large factor in the Extension program. From 1400 to 1500 different youngsters have carried projects in the county but this number don't begin to top the possibilities. There are some townships that are almost blank as far as this work is concerned and there are possibilities there in. Leadership is the problem these busy days. There are a number of good clubs that won't function this winter for want of leaders. Dick Machiele and Eleanor Denmore have done all in their power to get leaders. Perhaps the community type of club is the answer. Efforts are being made to set up this kind of a club.

My space is more than gone and some editor may have this in the waste basket, but a closing word. Extension Service is grateful to all folks who have volunteered some service the past year to help put a program across, local leaders in 4-H Club and adult work, public official business, both private and cooperative, school administrators and teachers and a host of others, we thank you and trust you had a Merry Christmas and wish you the best for the New Year.

State Political Pot Simmering

Mayor Edward Jeffries of Detroit aspires to succeed Harry F. Kelly as governor of Michigan.

Victor over a CIO-endorsed ticket at two successive mayoralty elections in the Motor City, Jeffries is confident that he possesses ballot strength among voters of Detroit which would contribute materially to his state-wide political chances in 1946. The CIO has been in the Democratic camp for several years, dating back to the era of Murray D. VanWagoner at Lansing. Jeffries received support from the American Federation of Labor, thus splitting the labor ranks.

If Jeffries heeds the pleas of his friends and tosses the proverbial chapeau into the G. O. P. ring, as now appears to be imminent, the entry would introduce a number of interesting new factors into the state political picture.

In the first place, he would oppose Lieut. Governor Vernon J. Brown for the Republican nomination. Brown has the solid support of the Kelly administration, and his candidacy for lieutenant governor in opposition to Dr. Eugene B. Keyes of Dearborn is regarded by many observers as having been contingent upon an open understanding that he would be a candidate for governor in 1946.

Kelly announced last July that he would not aspire to succeed himself. The decision followed the governors' conference at Mackinac Island, attended by many Republican leaders.

Kelly and Jeffries clashed last week at Lansing over the thorny issue of state aid to distressed municipalities. While Jeffries insisted that the cities be given financial relief through a cut of the state surplus, Kelly maintained that the state's need should be given priority for state funds and that the city needs were being provided for under the legislature's compromise enactment of higher liquor taxes.

Kelly has relied upon the Republican votes in upstate counties, rather than any plurality possible in Detroit and Wayne county, as a practical formula necessary to achieve victory at the ballot box. Jeffries would count on Detroit votes, such as those which he garnered repeatedly in the city mayoralty races, in addition to the expectancy of getting the normal G. O. P. strength in the upstate territory. Thus he expects to reduce the normal Democratic majority in Wayne county and to achieve this by his program of additional state aid for Detroit and Wayne county, plus the public's reaction to CIO tie-up of Michigan automobile plants.

He also counts on a continuation of the American Federation of Labor endorsement which has leaned a long way toward Republican tickets in recent campaigns. In fact, some of labor's recent legislative gains at Lansing—such as liberalization of state unemployment benefits and modernization of the workmen's compensation act—were made possible by the AF of L contribution to the Republican ticket.

That 1946 may bring political unrest in Michigan, as an accompaniment to economic unrest caused by unemployment and labor strikes, has been discussed for some time at Lansing.

In fact, the Democrats probably would welcome an opportunity in such a situation to make a political appeal to the masses with a repetition of the President Truman strategy at Washington. This assumes that the political swing in 1946, due to unemployed veterans and other factors, will be toward the left or radicalism as compared with the right or conservatism.

Such was the case in England where "Tory Churchill went down to defeat to the surprise of most Americans. In France the swing to the left has put communists in most posts of economic importance.

Politicians have an eye on economic conditions of 1946. They will be a factor in the November outcome of the congressional and state contests.

Based upon an estimate made by Auditor General John D. Morrison, Governor Kelly forecasts that Michigan will have a treasury surplus of \$27,500,000 by July, 1946.

Present building needs of the state's educational institutions and hospitals far exceed this sum. With the needs of Wayne University, the Boys' Industrial school and a new supreme court building, the total will easily approach \$45,000,000.

To Jeffries' plea for more state aid to Detroit, Governor Kelly retorted:

"Well, you were re-elected by the people of Detroit to take care of their problems, and I was elected by the people of Michigan."

Apparently, the next move is up to Jeffries. Kelly's answer is clear.

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Obituary

Frank A. Phillips
 Frank A. Phillips, aged 79, passed away in Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, Sunday, Dec. 23. He is survived by his widow, Iva, two sons, Raymond and Robert, one daughter, Alice Mae; all at home; two brothers, Don Phillips of Lowell and Bert Phillips of Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Roth Chapel, Lester C. Doerr officiating. Interment in Cascade cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement. We wish to also thank those who acted as pallbearers. We wish especially to thank Lester C. Doerr, who officiated at the services.

Ivan Phillips and family.
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SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Brevities

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 17, the Monday Book Club were entertained in the home of Mrs. F. E. White. "The Egg and I" by Betty MacDonald, was reviewed by Mrs. Frank Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newell entertained with a Christmas Eve dinner in honor of Mrs. Jerry Walker of New York City, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Altenburger.

A family dinner honoring the return of Capt. Sam and T/Sgt. Robert Yelter was given Christmas night at the home of their mother, Mrs. Rosella Yelter. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lusk and Mrs. James Phillipson of Lansing, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Ludwig and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Wendell Vivian and son Billie of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yelter and Colleen and R. E. Springett.

The Newell Manufacturing Company gave a party for their employees Monday, Dec. 24. Dinner was served at noon on the second floor which was decorated in Christmas colors. Music was furnished through the courtesy of Mr. Buck and Christmas carols were played and sung. Each employee received a fancy box of California fruit and nut assortment as well as a gift of money in appreciation of their loyalty to the firm.

In a traditional setting of Christmas greens and candles, the Monday Book Club members and their husbands were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weekes Sunday evening. Following the custom of previous years, the guests completed the dinner by singing "Auld Lang Syne" around the blazing plum pudding, after which Harold Englehardt, impersonating Santa Claus, distributed the gifts and the evening was completed by group singing of carols.

Mrs. Jennie Condon gave a family Christmas dinner which was an unusually happy event as her two sons, Bry, Jr., and David R., were home after having spent many years in the service. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Newman and Mr. Newman's father, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mackey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berger of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Davidson and son of Alma, Mrs. Olga Mer and two boys and Marcel Mische of North Keene and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nead and family.

Glen Parsons, of South Boston, was pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, when friends called to celebrate his birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Linzey Leozney, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rittenger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wittenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Richard White and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seese. Ten games of Euchre were played, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb receiving high honors. Everyone had a pleasant evening and after refreshments were served, left, wishing Glen many more happy birthdays.

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COMING EVENTS

The South Lowell Extension Group members and their families will have a New Years Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Shade.

The MacIntyre P. T. A. will be held the 2nd Friday in January. Potluck supper at 8:30. Mrs. Clyde Newell will have charge of the entertainment.

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will hold its annual party at the Grange hall on January 3. Potluck supper will be served at 7 o'clock. Bring own service.—Blanche Himebaugh, Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

I sincerely thank the children and teacher, Mrs. Norton Avery, of Snow school for the lovely box of fruit they sent me for Christmas.

Mrs. Emogene Sargent.
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CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank Mrs. N. L. Avery and her pupils of Snow school for the lovely basket of fruit they gave me for Christmas.

William Hesche.
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I wish to thank my many friends for the lovely cards, flowers, fruit and food given me during my recent illness. It was very much appreciated.

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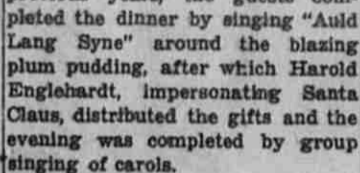
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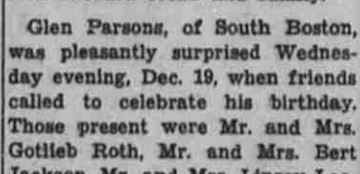
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"Ring out the old, ring in the new." Where have you heard those words before? They may be old fashioned, but they're tried and true, and all we can add to convey our greetings of the season, is to sing out "Happy New Year to you." We might express our wishes more fancifully, but not more sincerely.



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MRS. J. P. NEEDHAM

A fine Christmas program was enjoyed at the McBride school on Friday evening.

Mrs. C. J. Place attended the funeral of her brother, Mr. Carpenter, during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Duncan and family spent Christmas with her brother, Howard Kropf, near Moseley.

Mrs. Evalyn Briggs, teacher at McBride school, has resigned.

C. J. Place had the misfortune to slip and fall, injuring his hand quite badly.

Private: Who introduced you to your wife?
 Sergeant: We just met. I don't blame anybody.

ADDED COMPENSATION GIVEN A & P EMPLOYEES

Additional compensation totaling approximately \$1,500,000 has been distributed to employees of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company before Christmas, according to John A. Hartford, president.

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