

ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

TEACHING PATRIOTISM

IN THESE DAYS of discussion about teachers' oaths and allegiance pledges Michigan has been singularly fortunate in not having the problem to deal with. None of the episodes of the eastern states have been duplicated here. Once in a while, however, the question of dealing with recalcitrant youngsters has become acute. Eugene B. Elliott, Superintendent of Public Instruction, believes that the whole problem is a matter of good teaching. The wise instructor can obviate all difficulty by using the content of the curriculum to instill in the adolescent child a genuine feeling of love for the country in which he is living and the flag which is its visual representation. There should never be any problem according to Doctor Elliott, because ordinary courses of study furnish ample material by means of which the child may be thoroughly Americanized if proper methods are used in presenting matters pertaining to patriotism. In discussing the matter, Doctor Elliott said, "The adequate use of the source material available to every teacher will make of every child in our public schools a loyal American citizen."

AIDS SCHOOLS

WHEN Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald announced that there would be no special session to consider further postponement of tax payments, he did a great deal to aid the schools of Michigan. Outside the cities the schools are suffering from a shortage of almost \$5,000,000 in taxes already paid in and over \$12,000,000 because of properties restored to good standing on the tax rolls. Further postponement of tax sales would mean that much of this money would be made of no value, because if the legislature should do away with the May tax sales, everyone would immediately feel that there was no value in continuing to pay even by installments.

ACT OF GOD?

THE FAMOUS Lushaw-Frey act of God legislation session, barring prisoners of prison labor from the open market is making plenty of trouble for a number of statesmen in Michigan. This act was passed at the request of organized labor which claimed that it was unfair to have the products of prison labor competing with those of free labor.

DREAMS COME TRUE

OPTIMISTIC dreams over a long period of years by harassed taxpayers of the day when State expenditures would be kept within State revenues seems to have at last been realized. The report of Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald covering the first twelve months of his administration confirms that statement. A deficit of \$6,692,304 at the end of the calendar year, 1934, has been changed to a general fund balance on December 31, 1935, of \$5,887,707.

B. & L. STATEMENT

The semi-annual statement of the Lowell Building & Loan Association appears in this issue and will be found on page six. The statement shows the association to be in a sound financial position; in fact, this association ranks among the soundest in the state.

SLIGHT DECLINE SHOWN

Receipts of the Lowell postoffice declined \$106.83 in 1935 from the preceding year, according to a report issued by Postmaster Norman E. Borgerson. The totals are: 1934, \$12,238.08; 1935, \$12,131.25. The volume of Christmas business, however, was the largest in the history of the local postoffice.

THE LOWELL LEDGER

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PETITIONS ASK SUBMISSION OF CHARTER ISSUE

Some Favor Change to Fifth Class City

Since petitions have been circulated to incorporate Lowell village as a fifth class city, many citizens are asking: What are the advantages, if any, of the proposed change? The question, dictated by public interest, is a proper one. With the hope of procuring thorough and impartial examination of the measure, and remembering it is the inalienable right of every American to vote as he pleases, The Ledger presents herewith several of the leading arguments for reincorporation. The Ledger columns are open equally to those who oppose the city plan.

Present Set-up

The most important factor involved is the separation of the municipality from Lowell township. The village is now part of the township so far as government is concerned. All taxes but village taxes are paid to the township treasurer. All elections but village elections are held by township officials and registration for these elections is a township function. Lowell village is not directly represented on the Kent County Board of Supervisors; its representation is through the township supervisor. Local justice is not meted out by a village official but rather by the four justices of the peace elected by, and from, the township at large. Welfare problems are handled by township rather than village officials.

Tax Levels Lowered

As a city, however, Lowell would be on the same plane in governmental functioning with the township and four other cities in Kent County. It is claimed that separating the village from the township would avoid unnecessary duplication of effort carried on at extra cost to the taxpayers of the village as well as the township. Authorities on civic government declare that, where villages have incorporated as a city, it has been usual for the tax rate to be reduced in the township and the city rate to be less than that of the former village and township. However, the Ledger is of the opinion that this declaration is open to debate.

Fewer Elections

As a city, the duties of the village would be increased to some extent, but their cost would be reduced. The overhead is already being maintained, proponents of the plan contend (This condition, however, does not take into consideration, apparently, the cost of a city manager's salary). The village clerk would register all voters for all elections and the number of elections would be reduced. Village officials are now required by state law to be elected in March of each year.

Additional Savings Claimed

Other possibilities for municipal economies are suggested. The city assessor would assess the property for taxation as did the village assessor, but the county and school taxes would be spread on this assessment roll rather than having the supervisor come in and duplicate the village assessor's work. The city treasurer would collect city and school taxes, the slight added work being more than compensated for by the fees which would accrue to him because of this work.

City Benefits, Briefed

City charters usually provide that the mayor or city attorney serve on the board, and the selection of a man thoroughly familiar with the city's needs is thus provided. Briefly summarized, then, the claimed advantages of city incorporation are: (1) That it eliminates township taxes or duplications in local government, (2) Provides a modern, improved type of municipal government, (3) Saves citizens the trouble of dealing with two or more local governments, (4) Secures direct representation on the county board.

Strikes & Spares

If the village council votes to submit the proposition to the people, question of city incorporation will be placed to a vote; if the ballot is favorable, a second election will submit a charter before the people for approval or rejection. The Ledger believes that this matter of reincorporation should be given thoughtful study and to that end, as stated at the opening of this article, these columns are open for discussion of the subject. Do not hesitate to express your views either for or against the issue.

Standings of the Lowell Bowling Tournament on Jan. 11, 1936

W. L. Pel.	9	3	750
Palace Cleaners	8	4	666
Pete's Place	8	4	666
Lowell Ledgers	7	5	583
McPherson Farms	4	5	553
Richmond Tav'n	6	6	500
Central Garage	3	3	500
Foreman Checks	4	5	444
Lowell C. & P.	5	7	416
Taxco Station	4	8	333
State Bank	2	10	166

The most eagerly pit in the United States is in Maine. Job printing—Ledger office.

CROSS SECTION INTERVIEWS ON TRIPLE A ACT

1 - Minute Interviews With Farmers

The long-awaited decision of the supreme court of the United States on the constitutionality of the AAA, by which processing of hogs is treated as a sale of basic commodities, was handed down by the court Monday, Jan. 6, the judges decreeing 6 to 3 that the AAA was unconstitutional.

New Serial Story Starts Next Week

Within the past few weeks the Ledger has received many inquiries as to when our next feature serial story is to begin. This newspaper has been negotiating to obtain the serial rights on a Harold Titus story, "Flame in the Forest," which has been called this virile writer's best work. It is the dramatic tale of a lad of the woods who was wronged in his early boyhood and who made it his mission in life to comb the entire country until he tracked down his man and made him pay. The story has everything—fight, action, drama, suspense, thrills, surprises and a great romance.

Long Illness Fatal To Mrs. Fred Kilgus

Mrs. Fred Kilgus passed away at her home on North Hudson-st. Monday at the age of 66 years. Although she had been in poor health for quite some time, Mrs. Kilgus was seriously ill for only a month.

Prevention Clinics For Whooping Cough

The first of a series of four clinics for the preventive treatment of whooping cough will be held at Lowell on Friday, Jan. 17, at 9 o'clock in the morning. This treatment is available for all children from eight months up to five years of age who have not had whooping cough.

Last Call to Enroll For Adult Education

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, at 7:30, a final effort will be made to organize classes in adult education and recreation. It is expected that some of the teachers who hope to conduct classes in Lowell will be present to explain the program in detail. The meeting will be held at the high school building.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE THOUGHT MURDER VICTIM

Mrs. Evelyn Bouck, 51 of 458 Lyon St., N.E., Grand Rapids, slain last Saturday night, resided in Lowell during the year 1915. Her husband, George, since deceased, was a barber employed at the Haysmer Shop, Ward Harris, 51, of 144 Bostwick Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids, is charged with the murder of Mrs. Bouck by slaying.

NEW 4-H LEADER MEETS WITH SEWING GIRLS

Miss Streeter, the new Home Demonstration agent, met with the Busy Eight 4-H Sewing Club Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1936, at 10:00 a. m., for the purpose of electing two directors for a term of three years and one director, to fill vacancy, for a term of one year; also for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

NOTICE TO POLICY HOLDERS

The annual meeting of the Woodland Mutual Fire Insurance Company, operating in Barry, Ionia, Kent and Eaton counties, will be held at Woodland on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1936, at 10:00 a. m., for the purpose of electing two directors for a term of three years and one director, to fill vacancy, for a term of one year; also for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS GIVE WORK AT IONIA

Hooker Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., helped the Ionia Masonic Chapter to celebrate the 80th anniversary of its founding last Friday night. About 40 members of the fraternity locally and their wives were present. After a dinner featured by a huge birthday cake, the Lowell Chapter conferred the 4th degree on candidates, while the Ionia ladies entertained the Lowell ladies at a theatre party.

Bids Accepted For Addition to School

Approval of PWA Will Make New \$70,000 Unit Certain

That construction of the new PWA Lowell school unit will begin in a few days was virtually assured Wednesday morning when the Board of Lowell District No. 1 approved contractor bids for the project, subject to ratification by the Detroit PWA offices.

Foreman Hens Lead Country

Lowell-bred Foreman leghorns are leading in the egg laying contests of Michigan and Oklahoma, taking second place in New York, third in Florida, fifth in Texas, and stand an excellent chance of winning first national honors, President E. C. Foreman informed Lowell Rotary at its noon luncheon Wednesday.

Don't Believe It

The "hens that crow," pictured by Ripley in "Believe It Or Not," do not represent a true alteration of sex, but only a change in secondary characteristics occasioned by organic deterioration, Mr. Foreman stated. High-producing hens possess a keenness and alertness which may be likened to a machine.

Slippery Highways Call for Caution

Warning to take extra-added precautions in automobile driving because of the unprecedented hazards occasioned by ice, has been issued by Village Marshal Fred Gramer. He points to several minor collisions locally over the week-end as indicating the dangerous road conditions.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 16, "Case of the Lucky Legs," with Warren Williams, Patricia Ellis and Allen Jenkins. Bank Night \$25.00. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17, 18, Double Feature program. No. 1 "Thunder Mountain" with Geo. O'Brien. No. 2 "Campy Ricks Returns" with Robert McWade and Florine McKinney. Chapter No. 2, "Adventures of Frank Merriwell," Matinee Saturday at 2:30.

KROGER'S BIG INCREASE

Sales of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company increased to \$6,563,733 during 1935 over 1934, according to preliminary figures released at the general offices of the company in Cincinnati.

DIES IN OWOSSO

Funeral services are being held this Thursday afternoon at Owosso for Mrs. William Parker, 21, of Owosso, who passed away the fore part of the week. Mr. Parker is a grandson of Mrs. Geo. Parker and a nephew of Mrs. Arthur Schneider and Oswald and Lawrence Bieri of Lowell.

Notice, Taxpayers

Taxes for Lowell township are payable at the City State Bank Bldg. until 3:30 p. m. daily except Sunday. 4% collection charge after January 9. Last date for payment of taxes is March 2. Dog taxes are also due and payable.

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Ledger Entries

THE LEAP YEAR PRIVILEGE

IS THERE anything in the ancient idea, that the girls during Leap year are entitled to, and that they use the privilege of asking the men to marry them?

One ancient tradition, which was wholly imaginary, was that the custom dates back to the days of Saint Patrick in Ireland. That noble saint is said to have granted the ladies the privilege of asking the fateful question one year out of each four. It is added that he gave them the longest of Leap years for good measure. An old Scotch law, said to have passed in 1288, allowed a man to ask a woman to marry him, and he could be fined some sum not over one pound if she refused to give him the answer.

The modern girl who does not directly ask a man to marry her, but who is very likely to ask him what he means by his attention to her, and drive him into such a corner that he has to ask her, or else to resign the delights of her society.

The old belief held that the women should be subject to the inferior to the men. Hence an offering of marriage was a kind of condescending favor, to come from the superior party. That idea has wholly vanished, and many young women seem to feel that they make themselves more alluring by an attitude of slight aloofness. They dislike to appear to be pursuing the man. The charmers thus make themselves very tantalizing, as they invite the man to come on by their bewitching smiles, yet keep him at some distance when he approaches. If they overdo this aloofness, however, the men often become weary of the chase.

There is no reason in law or propriety why women should not ask the men to marry them. It is to girls, if you see a man you want and think you can get him that way.

MARRIAGE AND BUILDING

THE HOME LOAN bank board at Washington believes that the sharp drop in marriage during the worst of the depression had a marked influence in restricting the building of homes. If the carpenter and the plumber are idle, they can lay part of the blame to the limited supply of capital. When the birds do not build, there aren't so many home nests built.

A depression does not stop marriages. It merely restricts them. A good many of them, a multitude of young folks and some older ones, are contemplating marriage, and desire homes. That basic desire of human nature is not stopped by any financial conditions. Just as soon as these folks can see a regular way to get their home nests going to be called for. As the old saying is, "The bird will fill the nest, and the saw will be heard in the land before long and more so during the coming season than for a number of years.

The young people have a desire for modern homes. They will then take an old home and have been fitted up with modern ideas, but the type of house without modern improvements and built back with new produced materials looks unattractive to the prospective bride. She longs for a comfortable and shiny new kitchen, and the refined living room of the new houses show.

Many recently married people have been living with the older folks to save money. It is not an ideal plan. The two generations don't seem to mix in the quarters. They love each other, but their ideas are different. The young people need their own life at home, where they can be kind and generous without having to be kind and generous to the old traditions. One of these days we are going to see the greatest home building rush this country ever knew.

FLAME IN THE FOREST

Deer with stomachs full of food have been known to starve to death in Michigan. This is not a new thing. It is a fact which will eat other browse, such as hickory and jackpine, which may be so low in nutriment as to result in malnutrition and even death.

Adventure, suspense, thrills, love and romance are features of the serial story. "Flame in the Forest," by Harold Titus, begins in the next issue of The Ledger. You will enjoy every minute of this absorbing story. Start reading it next week.

SHOP AND HOME

They've filled his place in the factory. Where he worked from day to day, they'll find him in the line with them. Where he stood to draw his pay, they'll scarcely notice that he is gone.

As the days go fleeting by, for the work of the shop will still go on. No matter who leaves to die. The books won't show that he isn't there.

For a number is all he wore; And the figures they keep with their hands, they'll show you. Will read as if he did before. For the lather will turn and the hammers ring.

And never the noise is stifled. Since death is scarcely a noticed thing. When the dead man's place is filled. But we still look at his table-plate. And know why he isn't there.

When the smile on his gentle face. And his coat tossed over a chair. And we miss his gladness about at the door.

Each night when he homeward came. And we know why he comes no more. And our lives just go on the same. As if a member who lost her only boy.

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Lowell Items of 25, 30 and 35 Years Ago

January 19, 1911—35 Years Ago
Henry Lampan, of Civil War veteran and well-known resident of Lowell and vicinity, passed away at his home here.

William Peck of Hastings, contractor and lumber dealer, and John Carson, resident manager, bought the interests of C. S. Travis in the Lowell Lumber Company, stock and real estate.

Harvey J. Coons suffered a broken leg when he slipped on the ice in his back yard.

Stephen Hart returned home from Seattle, Wash., where he had been in the hospital since an accident on the railroad in the summer, resulting in the loss of part of each foot.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Penn Yan, N. Y., former president of the Lowell Lumber Company, and Mrs. J. W. T. Penn Yan, N. Y., former president of the Lowell Lumber Company.

Freud Stama sold his fine, big span of horses for \$300 to Mr. H. W. T. Penn Yan, N. Y., former president of the Lowell Lumber Company.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graham of South Haven, Mich., on Jan. 15.

Born in Evanston, Ill., to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Penn Yan, N. Y., former president of the Lowell Lumber Company.

Miss Anna Aubert's of Hersey was united in marriage at her sister's home here after an illness of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denny of Britton, S. D., former Lowell residents, visited old friends here after an absence of 29 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Miles were in the city here after an illness of several months.

George W. House sold his machine shop to S. Earl Simmons and Walter J. Dillenbeck of Greenville.

January 18, 1906—30 Years Ago
Ruben Quirk, 72 years old, Lowell's oldest and best resident, passed away after an illness of eight weeks.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Merton Orlop at Cadillac. John Andrews bought Matt Connelly's restaurant business.

Mr. Elias D. Parker passed away at his home after a week's illness.

H. S. Schreiner and family moved to their new home at Hart.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Morse.

John Johnson left for Lacombe, Can., to visit friends and relatives of his mother's home.

Mrs. Lura Vining returned from a year's residence in Beulah, Wyo., but this venture in farming was a failure.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jackson of Plainville, was sold to F. E. Rhodes, who combined their business with his own.

He did, and within a few years the steel beams on the new main street bridge.

Miss Esther MacIver resigned her position at M. Ruben's store on account of ill health.

R. L. Brayton and family left for Benton Harbor where he had been transferred by the Pere Marquette Company. Ray Beebe succeeded him as agent here.

Thirty-nine states of the Union, including Michigan, forbid the sale of black silk any time, regardless of where the bass are taken.

January 17, 1901—35 Years Ago
Mrs. Simon Pettit, 70, of South

Little Epilog on Living

By MARIA LEONARD
Dress of Women, University of Illinois
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WITHOUT WAX
WE WERE talking of satines when the Florentine gentleman of high birth said: "Come, let me show you my garden. It is a 'little epilog' on living."

I followed him through the dark hall, stone paved, out into a beautiful small walled garden with great great garden beds.

There were the flowers of the season, and the flowers of the year, and the flowers of the month, and the flowers of the day.

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Sell With Confidence and Satisfaction to the LOWELL CREAMERY

Help us meet our demands for 1936
We Pay Highest Market Price for Cream

So. Lowell Busy Corners

By Mrs. Howard Bartlett
The South Lowell Neighborhood Club will meet at the G. G. Wieland home on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

There will be special meetings each evening at the U. B. Church in Lowell.

We are sorry to learn of the death of our beloved old neighbor, Mrs. Minnie Kilgus.

There is only one species of true rabbit in Michigan, the cottontail. The snowshoe "rabbit" or varying hare is not a true rabbit.

Adventure, suspense, thrills, love and romance are features of the serial story.

LET YOUR POKETBOOK TAKE ITS PICK!

Worsted, Twists, Sport Models. Single and double breasted. Conservative models. Regulars, longs, shorts, stouts and semi-stouts. Broken lines from the season's selling.

Former Prices up to \$20
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Big Savings in Our Annual Clearance

of SUITS and OVERCOATS

MICHAELS-STEIN & CO. CURLEE - HYDE PARK

Wholesale prices on clothes for next season are some higher—Suits are going to cost a little more—it will pay you to buy now.

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This and That From Around the Old Town

Mrs. and Mrs. Don Adams of Lansing visited Mrs. Kat Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Byrnie McMahon spent Sunday in Mt. Pleasant with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Denton of Belding called on Miss Della and Hattie Hatch Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Gould visited at the C. J. Cooper home in Sebawa Sunday.

Mrs. Donald Kohl of Battle Creek is visiting this week at the Koth-Bushnell home.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Fenning of Lansing spent Sunday here with Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Fenning.

Mrs. and Mrs. Nelson Meenes of Flint called on Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Gould Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Kysler is confined to her home by illness. Her friends wish her a rapid recovery.

Deputy Warden and Mrs. E. A. Houghtaling called on Mrs. and Mrs. Pat Beahan and family Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Chapman and family of Cadillac called on Mrs. and Mrs. F. P. MacFarlane Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Luz returned home Friday after a two weeks' visit inonia at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. J. Lewis.

Philip Schneider of South Lowell called on Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Gould Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wilbur Pennek of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. and Mrs. George Story Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. L. Williamson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels at a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ware Story and daughter of South Boston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Story Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. T. Lanting and family of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. and Mrs. George Story Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. B. J. Smith, of Grand Rapids, called on Mrs. and Mrs. George Story Sunday.

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No. McCords-East Cascade

By Mrs. Edie Cox
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JANUARY Economy SALE

Prices reduced in

better FOODS for less

10 bars Big Chief Laundry Soap, 14 oz. - 47c
and One can Mohawk Cleanser Free

- Red & White Soap Flakes, 1ge box, 2 for 37c
- Red & White Corn Flakes, large box 10c
- Red & White Wheat Cereal, 28 oz. pkg. 17c
- Red & White Mince Meat, 9 oz., 2 pkgs. 19c
- 5 cans Mohawk Cleanser - 23c
- Red & White or Premier Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can 2 for 29c
- Queen Brand Catsup, 10 oz. bottle 10c 14 oz. bottle, 2 for 25c
- Premier Melba Peaches, sliced or halves No. 2 1/2 can 21c
- Muller's Bread, 1 1/2 lb. loaf - 10c
- Muller's Friedcakes, plain or sugared - doz. 15c
- Red & White Whole Kernel Corn, No. 2 can 2 for 29c
- King's Pancake Flour - 5 lb. sack 23c

- Round or Sirloin Steak - lb. 23c
- Beef Pot Roast lb. 15c Beef Ribs - lb. 12 1/2c
- Veal Stew - lb. 15c Veal Roast - lb. 22c
- Pork Roast, Shoulder Round Bone lb. 20c
- Pork Chops, c'ter cuts lb. 27c Pork Steak, lean lb. 23c
- Pork Sausage lb. 20c Mutton Stew - lb. 9c
- Mutton Shoulder lb. 14c Leg of Mutton lb. 15c

WEAVER'S

Your RED & WHITE Food Store

Phone 156

We Deliver

More Local News

Save money at Weekes!
Mr. and Mrs. Dell Condon spent part of last week with their son and family in Vergennes.

Leo Wittenbach and John Engeman of Belding left Wednesday for a four weeks' motor trip to Florida and other southern states.

A food sale, sponsored by the Cheerful Doers of the Congregational church, will be held at Houseman's market on Saturday, Jan. 18.

John Claus, Jr., has gone to Detroit where he hopes to secure employment. Mrs. Claus is staying with her parents in Ionia for the present.

Corinne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Callier, reentered school Monday morning after an absence of nearly four months caused by injuries received when she and her parents were involved in an automobile accident.

Weekes' Clearance Sale starts Saturday.

Mrs. M. B. McPherson was in Grand Rapids Wednesday to attend the luncheon of the Grand Rapids Ladies Literary Club held at the city club.

William Joseph, who lives south of Lowell, is spending the remainder of the winter in Grand Rapids with his daughter, Mrs. William Spencer.

Clifford Evans of South Lowell is taking care of the farm work for Ira Wesbrook of Seelye Corners who is serving on jury for the Circuit Court in Grand Rapids.

Manager Nevins of the C. Thomas Store and his assistant, Clark Morse, were in Grand Rapids Monday evening where they attended a meeting of C. Thomas store employees, held in Sunshine hall.

Mrs. Ray Dolan, Mrs. Essie Howard, Mrs. Ada Norwood and Mrs. Harry N. Briggs attended a meeting of the Roosevelt Club in Grand Rapids Tuesday evening. Mrs. James McDonald of Ypsilanti was the principal speaker.

"Flame in the Forest," by Harold Titus, a serial story filled with romance, adventure and thrills, begins in the next issue of The Ledger. Each chapter of this absorbing story will hold you spell-bound. Start reading it next week.

Wm. Wachterhauser, who underwent an operation at Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, the latter part of December, is reported to be getting along very nicely. He was able to sit up for about 15 minutes on Tuesday and is expected home within a week's time.

Word received from Mrs. Agnes S. Richardson of Ellensburg, Wash., states she is nearly recovered from her attack of infantile paralysis. They have adopted a baby boy who was one year old January 1. Mrs. Richardson will be remembered as Miss Sorenson, who was Kent County Home Demonstration agent and girls' 4-H Club leader for a number of years.

Woman's Club

The Lowell Woman's Club met on January 8 at the home of Mrs. C. O. Lawrence, with the president, Mrs. John Taylor, presiding. During the business session two letters were read. The first, a "Contact" letter from the president of the State Federation, read by Mrs. C. H. Horn; the second, greetings from Mrs. Roberta Lawson, National president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, read by Mrs. Duell. Mrs. Duell also read greetings from several other National officers.

The subject for the day was "Michigan," with Mrs. M. B. McPherson in charge. After singing of "Michigan, My Michigan" by the club, Mrs. McPherson introduced Attorney R. M. Shivel as the guest speaker.

After a very fitting introductory speech, Mr. Shivel gave an interesting, inspiring and enlightening address on Michigan.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Jan. 22 at the home of Mrs. Allen Bennett, the subject to be "Youth."

—Mrs. M. Houseman.

HIS ONLY FEAR

"Daddy," said little Jean, "when you see a cow aren't you afraid?"

"Of course not, Jean," replied father.

"When you see a great big worm, aren't you afraid?" pursued the child.

"No," replied her father.

"When you see a horrible monstrous bumble-bee, aren't you afraid?" Jean continued.

He shook his head.

"But aren't you afraid when it thunders and lightnings?" persisted the child.

"No, no, you silly child," smiled father.

"Daddy," said the girl at last, "aren't you afraid of nothing in this world except mummy?"—Stray Stories.

ALL OVER

In everyone's life there's more prose than poetry.

Michigan has a total shoreline of 3,121 miles, of which 879 miles are along the islands.

Miss Rich—I hope you won't take it seriously to heart, but our engagement is broken.

Mr. Goldigger—I won't grieve for myself. But my heart bleeds for my creditors.

Good Insurance Risk
The manager of the big insurance company stormed into the big office and banged his hand down heavily on a junior clerk's desk.

"Wh-wh-what's this you're doing?" he raved. "Why in the world did you write out a policy on a man of ninety-eight years of age?"

"Well, sir," he replied. "I looked in the census report and found there were only a few people of that age who died each year."

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MAPES IS FOR SOUND PLAN OF HELP FOR AGED

Townsend Plan Offers Only False Hope

There has been some agitation in congressional circles concerning the proposed Townsend Old Age Pension movement, but indications are that there will be no action taken on it at this session of congress nor at any congress in the future. However, it seems there is a trend toward better old-age security, and the agitation by the Townsendites may lead to the action to a quicker fruition.

This is evident from a poll made of congressmen and senators recently by a Detroit newspaper, and of course we are primarily interested to know where our senator and congressman stand on this point. We have the response of both Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg and of Congressman Carl E. Mapes in our files. Herewith we are publishing Mr. Mapes' view of the matter:

"I believe in the old age pension for those along in years and without adequate resources of their own, one which will enable them to live comfortably and well.

"I do not believe that the government could finance a plan—where our senator and congressman would raise the money—to pay everyone over sixty \$200 per month as advocated by Dr. Townsend. To enact such a plan into law would be an idle gesture. It would fall of its own weight. The amount proposed to be paid is not necessary or unnecessary. Society, or the Government, owes no obligation to care for those abundantly able to care for themselves and it is not necessary to give anyone \$200 per month—\$400 per couple—to enable him to live in absolute comfort. He can usually manage something real. The much income in the most productive years of their lives?"

"I am not impressed with the argument that the adoption of the plan would be a cure-all for the depression. It would be more likely to plunge the country into chaos.

"It is far from being perfect as yet, but it seems to me that the system of Federal contribution to the states as provided for in the Social Security Act passed during the last session of Congress is a step in the right direction toward the solution of the problem of taking care of the aged.

"Our state law should be liberalized and perfected and the federal contribution perhaps increased, but the plan is practicable and gives promise of accomplishing something real. The friends of old age pensions might better direct their attention toward perfecting that legislation than to chase off after a will-o'-the-wisp which will inevitably prove to be a delusion and a snare.

"To enact into law the plan now advocated by Dr. Townsend would be a mockery, a pretense only. It would be holding out a false hope to those in distress who need, and ought to be provided with, relief. I do not want to be a party to any such procedure, and I am satisfied that those who are will bring upon themselves eventually the bitter condemnation of those whom they have misled.

"In view of the foregoing I take it that it is not necessary for me to add, in answer to your last question, that I have no thought of leaving the Republican Party to join the Townsend Old Age Pension Party should one be organized."

Senator Vandenberg

We print herewith the opening paragraph of Senator Vandenberg's statement:

"I believe in adequate old age pensions and have long labored in this direction. I do not believe the old age pension provision in the Social Security Act is adequate; and I expect to join in making it more adequate at the first moment when the public treasury is again solvent. It is my opinion that the 'Townsend Plan' would not be a step forward in this cause. On the contrary, I believe it would precipitate disaster not only for its intended beneficiaries, but also for the entire country."

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bibber, on Sunday, a 9 1/4 lb. daughter, Betty Jean.

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Social Events

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Carl Freyermuth.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wingeier entertained Tuesday evening with a dinner at the Morton hotel in Grand Rapids, followed by the theatre, in honor of Mrs. Fred Swarthout's birthday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Englehardt.

The Coffee Club members held their annual dinner last Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. H. P. Goffredsen. Those present included the host and Dr. J. H. Stryker, N. E. Borgerson, Wm. Christiansen, Chas. Cook, Bruce McQueen, E. C. Foreman, M. B. McPherson, Fr. McNeil, W. V. Burras, Wesley Roth and R. E. Springett. Following the potluck dinner, cards were played.

Ellura Frost and Donald McPherson Wedded Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Frost of Moseley announce the marriage of their daughter, Ellura, to Donald Alexander McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville B. McPherson of Vergennes, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12, at three o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage in Wayland by the Rev. H. H. Harris, former Lowell pastor. The attendants were Izzetta Frost, sister of the bride, and Burton Neimeier of Caledonia, former classmate of the groom. The bride wore a traveling suit of green, trimmed with beaver, and brown accessories and wore a corsage of gardenias. The bridesmaid's flowers were Joanna Hill roses and she wore brown.

The guests from here to attend the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Frost and Mr. and Mrs. McPherson.

After the ceremony, the couple left for a wedding trip to New Orleans and other points in the south.

The bride and groom were graduated from the Lowell high school and Michigan State College. Mr. McPherson of the class of '29; Mrs. McPherson, class of '23. His fraternity was Phi Kappa Tau. She was a member of Epsilon Alpin sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson will be at home to their friends after February 1 at their home at the late Peter W. McPherson homestead. In addition to operating this farm, Mr. McPherson operates the farm of his father, M. B. McPherson, chairman of the State Tax Commission.

The bride and groom are held in high esteem by the people of this community and their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

Coming Events

The annual Auction Sale at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening, Jan. 21. Potluck supper at seven o'clock, auction sale following. Make a contribution for the sale. c34-35

The Cheerful Doers of the Congregational church will hold a food sale at Houseman's market on Saturday, Jan. 18. c35

The Lowell Extension Class of the Michigan State College in Home Management will meet with Mrs. Arthur Armstrong Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Come! You'll have a good time. Everyone welcome. To the box social to be held at the Sweet school Jan. 24. Charles Rittenger, Auctioneer. Program in charge of Mrs. Emerson Wieland. All ladies bring a box.

Potluck supper at Rebekah hall Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30. p35

January Clearance Sale of Dry Goods

Saturday, Jan. 18th to Saturday, Jan. 25th

For seven days we offer merchandise listed below at sharp reductions for quick clearance. Take advantage of these values at a big saving.

LADIES' WINTER COATS

A few choice Fur trimmed \$16.75 Dress Coats, black and brown.
Sizes 18 to 46.
Sale Price..... **\$10.75**

WOOL SKIRTS

Sizes 26 to 32 waist. One lot Plaid and Plain Colored Wool Skirts
Sale Price..... **\$1.39**

WINTER DRESSES

45 Dresses, sizes 14 to 44, regular \$1.95 values
Sale Price..... **\$1.19**

WOOL DRESSES

Regular \$2.95 one- and two-piece Dresses
Sale Price..... **\$1.95**

SILK DRESSES

\$4.75 Silk Dresses, 14 to 46.
Sale Price..... **\$2.95**

SWEATERS

One Lot Boys', Misses' and Ladies' Sweaters, assorted styles and sizes, \$1.00 to \$2.00 values.
Sale Price..... **79c**

COTTONS

12c Bleached Cotton Sale Price..... **9c**
18c Hope Bleached Cotton Sale Price..... **13c**
17c Unbleached Black Rock Sale Price..... **13c**
19c Cloth of Gold, Bleached Cambric Sale Price..... **15c**

SHEETS

81x90 Bleached Sheets Sale Price..... **69c**
81x99 Bleached Sheets Sale Price..... **98c**

TOWELING

Bleached or Brown, half-linen Crash Sale Price..... **9c**
16-in. Stevens Crash, all linen, bleached and unbleached Sale Price..... **15c**
18-in. Stevens Bleached and Unbleached Crash, per yd. Sale Price..... **18c**

OUTING FLANNELS

27-in. White, special Sale Price..... **10c**
36-in. 18c Light and Dark Outing Sale Price..... **13c**
36-in. Figure and Striped 25c Outing Sale Price..... **19c**

LADIES' FELT HATS

One Lot \$2.95, \$1.89, \$1.39 Felt Hats
Sale Price..... **79c**

WOOL DRESS GOODS

75c to \$1.00 Wool Dress Goods, checks, plaids and stripes, per yd.
Sale Price..... **49c**

SILKS

One Lot Fancy and Plain \$1 Silks, Choice
Sale Price..... **69c**

BEST PRINTS

One Lot 80 Square Percales, 23c quality, About 40 patterns to select from, light and dark figures, stripes, plaids
Sale Price..... **19c**

BLANKETS

70x80 Single, Plaid Sale Price..... **59c**
One Lot 70x80 Double, Plaid Fleece Blankets Sale Price..... **\$1.19**
One Lot 70x80 Plaid Fleece Sale Price..... **\$1.49**
66x88 All Wool Single, Plain Colors Special Sale Price..... **\$2.95**

CRETONNES

One Lot 25c and 28c Cretonnes, assorted colors and figures
Sale Price..... **15c**

TOWELS

One Lot assorted 25c Turkish Towels and All Linen Fine Crash Towels
Sale Price..... **19c**

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29c Plain and Fancy 46-in.
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One Lot White Crocheted and White Crinkle Bed Spreads, \$2.00 values
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54x54, Special at..... **49c**
36x36, Special at..... **25c**

TABLE DAMASK

One Lot 50c Cotton Damask with colored borders
Special Sale Price..... **35c**

RAG RUGS

24x18, Special Sale Price..... **29c**

KID GLOVES

One Lot Light Colors, choice
Sale Price..... **\$1.00**

HOSIERY

Ladies' Hosiery, 29c Rayon, Wool and Cotton mixed
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Meaning of Word "Caucus"

The word caucus originated in Boston as the name of a political club early in the Eighteenth century. Since Indian names were favorites for clubs, the word is believed to have been inspired by the Algonquian Indian word "caw-caw, was-woh" meaning "one who advances, urges, pushes on." It is now used in most English speaking countries but the American meaning is generally defined as a meeting of leaders of a party or a group to decide on policies, nominations, etc. for the party or group.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Microbes

Microbes undoubtedly present the greatest extremes in nature. They vary greatly in size, some being 5,000 times larger than others. They live in a temperature range of 779 degrees, some being able to live at 459 degrees F. below zero while others thrive at 720 degrees F. above it. And some apparently are deathless, as they have been found in a revivable condition in coal deposits one hundred million years old.—Collier's Weekly.

Village in a Crater

One of the queerest of all islands is the tiny island of Saba in the Dutch West Indies, the remains of an old volcano. The cliffs rise sheer to 800 feet, ascended by a staircase cut in the rocks. At the top one looks down into the crater of the old volcano, and in the crater, a tiny Dutch town where they build boats although there isn't a tree on the island.

Lonely St. Helena

St. Helena, one of the loneliest places in the world, is 1,000 miles west of Africa. It is but 47 miles square and has a population under 4,000. Ships call but once a month. Its chief claim to fame is that it was the scene of the exile and death of Napoleon Bonaparte. General Cronje, Boer war leader, was interned here with 6,000 prisoners.

The Sidesaddle Fashion

The sidesaddle for women riders, now considered old-fashioned, was a sensation when it was introduced in England several centuries ago by Anne of Bohemia, Richard II's queen. The queen, who went a good way toward curbing the wild impetuosity of her husband, brought the sidesaddle with her from her native country.

Accidents happen—the minute after I place my wager.

Vergennes Grange

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Grange will be held Friday evening, Jan. 17. The lecturer is planning a very interesting program to be followed by potluck lunch. Let's have a one hundred per cent attendance.

The first war vessel of the British navy was the "Great Harry," a three-masted vessel built in 1500 at a cost of \$72,414.

Successful man is one who has tried, not cried; who has worked, not dodged; who has shouldered responsibility, not evaded it; who has gotten under the burden, not merely stood off, looking on giving advice and philosophizing on the situation. The result of success. To go down with the ship in storm and tempest is better than to paddle away to Paradise in an Orthodox canoe. To have worked is to have succeeded—we leave the results to time. Life is too short to gather the harvest—we can only sow.—Elbert Hubbard.

The three most destructive species of hawks in Michigan are the Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk and Goshawk. These are commonly called blue-birders, because of the gray-blue color of the adult hawks.

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Hair Oil, 5c oz.
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