

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

THE PASSAGE OF TIME

THE LATTER DAYS of an old year and the first of the new, make one think of the passage of time. Write old Isaac Watts:

"Time, like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away. They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day."

It is not exactly a comforting reflection, to think that we too shall be like a dream at no very distant day. Yet when people have lived good and helpful lives, that dream, if dream it be, lasts a very long time in the memory of those benefited by these uplifting personalities.

The boys and girls say time doesn't fly fast enough. They look forward with longing to the day when they shall be earning their own living, dependent on nobody, and not forced to consult anybody as to the things they can do. When they get older, and particularly if they get married, they find it still difficult to realize that hoped for independence.

As people become still older, they remember the old Latin proverb "Tempus fugit", meaning time flies, and they feel it really does fly, and does not simply move. Yet these same people have frequent periods when life seems dull and they would like to see the days pass faster. In winter they long for summer to come, and when it comes, they long for the hot and sweltering days to be gone.

Some people lament very sadly over the flight of time, and it tinges their lives with a constant melancholy. It is better to fill the days with full of activity, that we do not have time to spend on such morbid regrets.

Human life is on the march. It was not meant to stand still. We do not know the destination at which it is aimed, but we have faith that the power that made this marvellous world is able to make the destination one of joy and accomplishment.

WHAT IS REAL SUCCESS?

DR. ALBERT EINSTEIN, famous scientist and philosopher, has a paper in the Christian Register, in which he indicates that people have a wrong idea as to what constitutes "success" in life. He thinks the most important aim is to find joy and happiness in the work one does.

Most people consider that the successful person is the one who makes a heap of money. But many people who have made a heap of money are very unhappy. If such success does not bring happiness, what does it amount to?

The average person simply looks at his pay. He will let his interest in the things that pay can buy. If he can do some job of work better than anyone else, he feels a sense of triumph that brings happiness. We all need money to meet the high costs of living, but many a young fellow getting his first promotion as the result of good work is happier to get the money he will be when he becomes a leading citizen, with a lock box full of stocks and bonds.

THE NEWSPAPER PEOPLE'S LAUGHTER

THE GRIDIRON CLUB of Washington has just had one of its annual outbursts, at which this famous organization of newspaper people gently pokes fun at the mightiest personalities of the land, without regard to party affiliation.

The newspaper worker has his own political views, but he is a keen enough observer so he can see all the mistakes made in the political game.

The statesmen should never take themselves too seriously. They are all human, with plenty of ability to make errors, and when the newspaper people laugh at their grand words, they should not go up in the air with indignation. Rather they should ask themselves whether their plans are not more or less dreamy, and whether they have not got stuck in some deep rut that keeps them from getting any farther.

So when the Gridirons jollied President Roosevelt, representing him as serving his ninth term, and still hoping confidently to balance the budget, he no doubt laughed with good humor, and still will reflect that the people expect the government to stop spending more than it earns in the near future.

And similarly when these clubmen laughed at the G. O. P. as having died from premature senility, the statesmen of that party should ask themselves whether there is not truth behind that jest, and whether they should not rebuild their party on a 1940 model before entering another presidential race.

In some countries political opponents shoot each other up. In this country they frequently get together and laugh at each other. Laughter reveals truths previously hidden. The newspaper people, in pointing out the occasions for laughter, keep many evils of government from growing worse.

CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT

THE U. S. SENATE, at its session soon to open, will be asked to investigate the causes of unemployment. While many congressional investigations of past years have not seemed to accomplish much, yet here is a situation that urgently calls for study and action.

Work is perhaps the most vital necessity of life. If a civilization can not find work for practically all its people, it is a very faulty civilization. In the earlier history of the country, no such difficulty was experienced.

That was largely because anybody out of work could take up government land for little or nothing, and raise and sell food. The situation is more complex to-day, with about all the good land taken up. To provide work for everybody, everybody must be willing to work. There is no room for the lazy. All these questions should be pondered deeply by every statesman in Congress.

NOTICE

Dr. Gertrude Tredebeck, chiropractor, has a branch office at Lowell in the King block Wednesday and Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1936

NO. 33

Brief Paragraphs, News and Information on a Variety of Topics

Home and Farm Electricity Is To Be Demonstrated School At Alto Next Monday, Tuesday

Kent County farmers who are users of electricity or who anticipate the same in the future will have an opportunity to attend two schools the first week of the New Year devoted to this subject.

The first of the two meetings will be held in the Alto Grange hall at Alto Monday afternoon and evening, Jan. 4, and all day Tuesday, Jan. 5. The second meeting will start on Thursday morning, Jan. 7, at the Rockford high school and will close Friday noon, the 8th.

The following program will be presented starting Monday afternoon: "Demonstration of Small Household Appliances," Miss Margaret Hartnecke, Consumer Power Company;

"Power Equipment for the Farm," D. B. Ebinger, Michigan State College.

At the evening meeting a demonstration of home lighting will be given by Miss Hartnecke and a new sound picture, "Forward to the Farm" will be shown.

Tuesday morning's program will be a discussion and demonstration on the use of electric motors for farms by H. J. Gallagher of Consumers Power Company and a discussion by Miss Hartnecke on "Using Electricity Safely in the Home."

Tuesday's afternoon program will consist of a cooking demonstration by the ladies and a discussion of wiring, motor and other electrical problems led by Mr. Ebinger and Mr. Gallagher.

The Rockford program will be the same as at Alto excepting it will start Thursday morning and close Friday noon. The morning meeting will start at 10:00 and afternoon at 1:30.

The Agricultural Engineering Department at Michigan State College is bringing an exhibit of feed grinding equipment showing different types of mills, poultry house lighting equipment, water heating devices, motor elevator, numerous motors to show types of electric fence exhibit and wiring panels.

Local merchants are making displays of home and farm equipment. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ella J. Barnes, 82, Laid to Rest Here

Ella J. Barnes, 82, a resident of Lowell for 32 years, passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 1936, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Stone. Mrs. Barnes was born at Stone Village, N. Y., on Jan. 23, 1854.

In 1873 she was united in marriage to Henry W. Webb at Bethel, Branch County, Mich., and one daughter, Jennie, was born to them. Mr. Webb passed away in 1884. In 1904 she moved to Lowell where she was united in marriage to Fred L. Barnes, and spent the remainder of her life here. Although Mrs. Barnes had been confined to her home for many years, due to illness and lack of sight, she will be long remembered but greatly missed by her relatives and many friends.

Surviving besides the daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone, are two sisters, Mrs. Marian Graves of Batavia, Mich., and Mrs. Truman Carr of Coldwater.

Funeral services were held from the Stone residence Saturday at 1:30, Rv. R. S. Miller officiating. Burial was at Oakwood cemetery.

Music, Wit, Humor In Comic Operetta

Sometime during the month of January, the teachers of Lowell high school will present a comic operetta in two acts, the exact date will be announced later. The name of this great production is "The Yokohama Maid."

The operetta contains wit, drama and music and brings out the fine talents of the teachers. Some of the members of the faculty appearing are: W. W. Gunnar, Wendell Emery, Arlo Van Pourssem and Hannah Reynolds, along with many others. Rehearsals have already started and are coming along nicely. Don't fail to be present when this musical extravaganza is staged in the new school building.

Tax Collection Notice

THE LOWELL AMERICAN LEGION Auxiliary Unit 152 has given the high school band money for the purchase of a new instrument. As only the unusual instruments are school owned, Mr. Walter decided a flute was most needed. The School Board gave a small portion towards the purchase. After careful selection a new Gretsch flute was purchased from Royden Warner. This instrument has been designated as a gift from the Legion Auxiliary. The School Board also bought a used cello.

TWO CARLOADS OF VERMONT GRANITE ARRIVE

The Lowell Granite Company is unloading two cars of granite shipped from Barre, Vt. The company now has the largest display of monuments and markers in western Michigan.

Try a Want Ad in the Ledger.

Foreman Leghorn Is Among Top-notchers

Ernest C. Foreman, proprietor of the Foreman Poultry farm here, has been advised that his White Leghorn hen, No. 13, was adjudged the third best hen in the United States in the recent New York poultry industries exposition.

Foreman entered the Leghorn in the "hen of the year contest" for she finished the central New York egg laying contest with a production of 309 eggs in 51 weeks. Her output scored 330.5 points. She weighed 6.2 pounds.

While his bird did not win first honors, Foreman was happy to have her place third among 250,000 hens in the United States.

The contest was sponsored by the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council, which has announced that "A rooster of the year" contest, as well as another hen of the year competition, will be staged at the 1937 exposition.

The 1936 hen-of-the-year was picked on the basis of her charm, beauty, egg production and the size of her eggs. To be eligible to compete, a hen had to lay at least 300 eggs scoring 300 points in an official egg-laying contest. Judging was on the basis of the following score card: Egg size and production, 50 points; standard of perfection, 20 points; pedigree, 20 points; and body weight 10 points.

One hundred dollars in cash and a gold medal was awarded to the No. 1 bird or "hen of the year." The No. 2 hen received a silver medal while Foreman's No. 3 hen was awarded a bronze medal.

The State Mutual Makes Fine Show

Every member of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan should be pleased to learn that his company received a very distinct honor at the national convention of mutual insurance companies held at Philadelphia Oct. 12 to 15.

The hundreds of farm mutual fire insurance companies of the United States made exhibits of their advertising literature, publications on fire prevention and educational matter about their respective companies. Upon these exhibits fifteen awards were given by the convention. It is a real compliment to the management of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan that of the 15 awards 7 were given to this successful and progressive institution.

The year 1936 has been one of the most successful years in the history of this big company. Over a million dollars in new business has been placed on its records each month since April. While the fire losses of the company have been greater than in 1935, owing to its expanded financial position it has not been necessary to increase the assessment rate.

Through the able management of Wilbur V. Burras, president, and H. K. Fisk, secretary, this company has acquired a financial distinction of being the largest farm mutual fire insurance company in the state.

Two features in particular in the management of this company should commend it to every farm property owner. First, careful selection of risks by its agents, and second, a thorough inspection of every piece of property insured. This keeps the losses down to the minimum and enables the company to maintain a low assessment rate.

Frances Dickerson Passes at Age of 77

Mrs. Frances A. Dickerson, 77, resident of Lowell for more than a quarter century, passed away Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Dickerson was born in Kansas Nov. 4, 1859. She was the widow of Alvah A. Dickerson, a lumberman of Thompson, Mich.

Mrs. Dickerson was a member of the Lowell lodge and of the Greene Circle of the Lowell M. E. Church.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a niece, Mrs. Ruth Oberlin of Belding and two nephews, James Johnson of Hot Springs, N. Mex., and Roy Johnson of Lowell, besides many friends here.

Funeral services were held at the Flaner Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. R. S. Miller officiating. Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Paul Thomas, 92, Missing From Home

The assistance of local officers was enlisted Monday by relatives of Paul Thomas, 92-year-old Vergennes-tp. farmer of whom nothing has been heard since he disappeared from his home Dec. 18. The family expected that he would return within a day or two after his departure, but he has not been heard from since.

But now anxiety is felt as to his safety. Mr. Thomas, who is 5 1/2 feet tall and weighs 160 lbs., wore a black overcoat and gray cap when he was last seen.

Deputies Stephens and Stormanz and Marshal Gramer have spent considerable time searching for the missing man in woods and along the rivers and streams in this section.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Mrs. Allen Bennett and Dan A. Wingeier, judges in the contest for the most attractively Christmas-decorated residences, were faced with a difficult task last week Wednesday when they set out to determine the winners of the prizes offered by the Board of Trade. Nearly every house in the village was adorned with brightly-colored lights on trees and wreaths and many unusual and beautiful effects were secured. Prizes of \$5.00 each were awarded Mrs. Katy Blaser and William Murphy. Paul Kellogg and Vern Ashley received prizes of \$2.50 each.

Trains have the right-of-way and it is the duty of motorists to watch for their approach.

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New Year's Resolution

HERE'S a New Year's resolution Any one can make and keep: I will try to keep my resolution. And enable one to sleep.

"I will try to keep from fretting When I cannot see the sun; I will try to keep from getting Into quarrels I may shun."

"I will try to keep from grieving Over troubles that are past; I will try to keep believing Things will all come right at last."

"I will try to keep from sighing When I ought to smile, instead; I will try to keep on trying To deserve to get ahead."

Head-on Collision At US-16 Viaduct

The U. S. 16 viaduct in Lowell township was the scene of an other automobile accident last Wednesday evening at 10:30, when a small westbound sedan in which Jay Ferguson, 60 Portsmouth Terrace, Grand Rapids, collided with a Central Garage truck, driven by Charles Whalen, Detroit. The sedan was demolished, and the truck and trailer plunged down the approach to the viaduct.

Ferguson, suffering severe head and arm cuts and bruises, was taken in the Haner ambulance to the office of a local physician, Detroit. The sedan was demolished, and the truck and trailer plunged down the approach to the viaduct.

'Scandals' Coming to Gd. Rapids Jan. 8, 9

The twelfth edition of George White's stage "Scandals" will come to B. F. Keith's, Grand Rapids, on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8 and 9.

Not since he startled Broadway into a burst of feverish enthusiasm over the initial "Scandals," has George White assembled a cast and production so worthy of his managerial reputation as in his forthcoming extravaganza.

The price scale for the night performance will range from \$1.10 to \$2.75; matinee, \$1.10 to \$2.25. Playgoers are urged to buy their seats well in advance to get choice locations. Checks or money orders should be sent to the order of B. F. Keith's, Grand Rapids, stating number of seats and locations wanted, and these will be filled in order of receipt.

Legion Plays Santa To 126 Children

The local American Legion Post made this Christmas a real joy for about 44 families, including 126 children, when they delivered clothing, toys and baskets of candy, nuts and oranges to needy people of Lowell and surrounding communities, the afternoon preceding Christmas.

The Legion takes this opportunity to express their appreciation to the following who helped make the affair a success. The donations were: Mrs. M. P. Schneider, \$10.00; M. B. McPherson, \$20.00; American Legion Auxiliary, \$20.00; Mrs. Howard Lile, 2 dresses; King Milling Co., flour; Kroger Grocery Store, paper sacks; Weckes Store, clothing; Coons Clothing Store, clothing; Fortnightly Club, dolls and toys and the high school children also added their bit to the lot by repairing toys and giving them.

Auction Sales

Anderson, Jan. 9

A public auction sale will be held at the home of Wm. J. and Helen Anderson in Alto on Saturday, Jan. 9, commencing at 1 p. m. A complete list will be published in next week's issue of The Ledger.

For 1937, read the best of first fiction by the world's leading authors. You'll find it in THIS WEEK, the color magazine with the Sunday Detroit News. On sale at Christensen's or phone for delivery.

Along Main St.

Walter Nelson and John Allen, both of New Kensington, Penn., who tried to work the "short change" racket on local merchants last week, and were apprehended by Deputy A. H. Stormanz, were sentenced to from one to five years' imprisonment in Kent County Circuit Court Thursday, Dec. 24.

The reactions of eight Kent County youths on their first trip to Chicago, during the recent fat stock show, a journey that included the world-famous Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and Adler Planetarium, were interestingly narrated by Kent County Agent Keats K. Vining to the Lowell Rotary Club on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Most local business houses report biggest holiday trade since 1929. Trading began earlier than usual and continued up until late Christmas eve, shoppers coming daily from many miles distant. The local post-office reports the Christmas business this year fully a third greater than one year ago. City and rural carriers were obliged to use assistants for several days preceding Christmas.

Don't burn a Christmas tree. This suggestion comes from conservation authorities who say that every Christmas tree is a potential feeding station for game and song birds. By placing the tree in the yard, the butt stuck in snow or in the ground, sportsmen may use it as a place to hang out or food scraps from the house for game and songbirds. Christmas trees used in that way may help many birds through the winter months.

On his return to Ann Arbor Sunday, Howard Peckham left for Providence, R. I., where he attended an organization meeting of the new Society of American Archivists in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Mr. Peckham is a member of the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. An article of his on Michigan and the transcontinental railroad project of a hundred years ago is appearing in the current issue of Michigan History Magazine.

The Morlok quadruplets of Lansing, popular with 1936 Showboat visitors, found visible proof that Santa Claus meant what he said when he visited them at their home Thursday. They exclaimed happily over the dolls they found beneath their Christmas tree, and the toy irons and ironing boards they had long desired. There were other gifts, of course, but these were foremost. Death cast its shadow on the Morlok household, but the quadruplets were not aware of it. Their grandmother, Mrs. Marie Katherine Morlok, died last week. She always had attended their Christmas dinners, but the children merely were told that "Grandma won't be here for Christmas," and they accepted the announcement without further question.

State's Auto Toll Shows No Big Jump

Increase of Michigan's traffic death rate in 1936 over that of 1935 is only 3 percent, rather than the 9.2 percent increase indicated by failure to consider vital factors involved, Orville E. Atwood, Chairman of the Michigan State Safety Council points out.

Traffic deaths jumped 109 for the first 10 months of 1936 as compared with the corresponding period of 1935, for an increase of 9.2 percent, but in increases of both motor vehicles and of the state's gasoline consumption change the picture.

There were 135,172 more motor vehicles registered with the Secretary of State during the first 10 months of 1936 than during the corresponding period in 1935, and total gasoline consumption rose 8.3 percent.

Calculations of the resultant death rate increase were submitted to Atwood by Trooper Cornelius F. VanBlankenstein of the Michigan State Police, Secretary of the Council.

Thirty-one States have adopted new design for 1937 motor licenses, including orange-and-black, which for several years has been the most popular combination, has lost favor with the license plat, designers and will be used by only two States. Black-and-white, white with various shades of green and white with various shades of blue are the most popular combinations.

Car Owners Must Guard Against Carbon Monoxide

Most safety practices which drivers follow to avoid accidents concern the way they handle their cars in traffic, but another type of care is important during the winter months. Precautions must be taken that contain exhaust fumes which contain deadly carbon monoxide gas do not contaminate the air within one's car.

Fresh Circulating Air Necessary

When car windows and ventilators are closed and heaters are in use, the driver should be alert to detect in himself or his passengers signs of drowsiness or headache. These are symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. If they are noted, the car should be stopped and everyone should breathe deeply of fresh outside air. Travel should not be resumed until windows or ventilators are opened enough to create a good circulation of fresh air to carry away the poison gas.

Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless. We cannot detect it by our senses other than by discovering its effects. Victims of carbon monoxide poisoning become gradually less able to drive safely because the ability to give attention, think, and act, is reduced. Preventing exposure to the poison by appropriate measures will assure safety for the driver and his passengers.

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(Above matter prepared by C. F. VanBlankenstein, Michigan Safety Council.)

Kent Newspaper

Printed in 1837 Comes to Light

Grand Rapids Boasted 1200 Population

N. H. Furney offers for sale property in the village of Vergennes at the mouth of Flat River . . . so reads an advertisement in the "Grand Rapids Times," a copy of which is in the possession of Miss Dorothy Hardy. The publication date, April 18, 1837. The four-page weekly newspaper has been handed down in Miss Hardy's family for four generations.

The paper is Smith's state-of-preservation than publications of twenty years ago. News print in those days was composed largely of rag content and not wood pulp and sulphur.

Another intriguing advertisement says for sale, at a bargain, one-third of the flourishing village of Arthursburg, situated at the mouth of Maple River, in the county of Ionia, and at the head of navigation on Grand River. For terms inquire at the store, A. H. Smith, better known from the present name of the community, this advertisement must have been answered by an individual named Muir.

Dr. Douglas Houghton, the eminent scientist, had just been appointed to make a geological survey of the state, one of several outstanding services which were to enshrine his name forever in the annals of the infant Michigan he loved.

Subscribers of the "Times" were eagerly following the serial story, "The Grand Rapids Incident," written with the wealth of description popular in those days, and showing the stylistic influence of James Fenimore Cooper, reigning literary light.

In the inaugural address of President Martin VanBuren, reprinted in full, the first executive assured Grand River valley that the constitution was safe against onslaughts of Andrew Jackson's Kitchen Cabinet men, or other brain trusters of the time. Said the president:

"I desire to declare that the principle that will govern me in the high duty to which my country calls me is a strict adherence to the letter and spirit of the constitution, as it is framed by the people, and as it is framed by me, remembering that it was through a work of concession and compromise; viewing it as limited to national objects; regarding it as leaving to the people and the states all power not explicitly parted with (this was all the south wanted to know); I shall endeavor to preserve, protect and defend it by anxiously referring to its provisions for direction in every action."

The "Times" editor grew ecstatic when he contemplated the growth of Grand Rapids: "Who would have believed," he inquires, "to have visited this place two years since, when it was only inhabited by a few families, most of whom were of French origin, a people so noted for exploring the wilds and wandering rivers, that this place would now contain twelve hundred inhabitants!"

Soon afterward Grand Rapids grew larger than the Village of Vergennes at the mouth of Flat River . . . and the latter community never quite caught up, in number at least. But for that matter neither did "Grande Ville," which in 1837 boasted the National Hotel, a hostelry which, if there is any truth in advertising, made the Ritz Carlton look like the Kent County Transient Shelter.

This interesting old newspaper may be examined at the George Herald Bakery, where Miss Hardy is employed.

NOTICE

The annual meetings of the City State Depositors Corporation and the Lowell State Depositors Corporation will be held on Monday, Jan. 4, 1937, at 9:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m. respectively. Such meetings will be held at the office of said corporations in the former City State Bank building, Lowell, Mich. Any and all Certificate of Indebtedness holders are cordially invited to attend and listen to the annual reports.

F. H. Swarthout, Liquidator.

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During the 72-hour period beginning with Christmas eve, a total of 26 persons were killed in automobile accidents upon the streets of Detroit and scores of others injured. Nearly all of the accidents were due to drivers more or less under the influence of intoxicants. This is indeed a sad commentary upon our civilization. The time is at hand when driving licenses should be revoked in all cases of those who persist in driving while under the influence of liquor. During the same period of time mentioned above, upwards of 700 persons were killed on highways and streets of the country.

An oil well "explosion" of a type unprecedented in Michigan occurred at the Gulf Refining Co. well in the Clayton pool of Aroon county. Between 700 and 800 feet of 10-inch steel casing was blown out of the ground and to a height of 200 feet by terrific natural gas pressure in the ground. The derrick of the well was demolished but none of the well workers were hurt. Operators were attempting with mud to "seal off" the porous rock stratum from which the gas was coming when the accident occurred. The pressure of the natural gas together with the pressure caused by pumping the mud into the casing combined to cause the "explosion."

Sales of Christmas trees amount to approximately \$1,000,000 each year, according to an estimate of the Forest Products Division of the Department of Commerce.

Automobiles killed 200 or more persons on Michigan's highways during the Christmas season. Months to set the highest traffic toll ever recorded over any similar period.

It is claimed in Washington that confidential word has gone out to talk down the idea of any White House move aimed at curbing the power of the Supreme Court or of changing the Constitution.

In October, for the second successive month, mortgage foreclosure sales in the State of Michigan declined in number, bringing the foreclosure rate to the lowest point since last May.

High Administration officials, including the President, are concerned about the approaching situation in Congress where there will be scarcely enough Republicans to fill in committee assignments, leaving little ground for intelligent debate of complicated issues.

More persons spent their vacations in the national parks during the summer of 1936 than ever before. There were 6,082,081 visitors, a huge increase as compared with the previous record total of 4,284,611 in 1935. In the early part of the 20's only a million or so visited the parks each year.

The geological survey division of the department of conservation will start its geological survey of its organization during 1937. The geological survey was established by Act 20 of the first state legislature of the State of Michigan in 1837. The act was signed Feb. 23 and went into effect March 25 of that year.

Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes has renewed his recommendation that the Interior Department should be renamed the "Department of Conservation," contending in his annual report that the name would be "more expressive of its fundamental purpose and nature."

It is just beginning to be known that one of the major factors leading to Dr. Tugwell's resignation was his annual report that the Resettlement Administration in the Department of Agriculture which would have given him the status of a minor bureau official and shorn the RA of most of its broad powers.

The increase in savings in banks in the east central group of states including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri amounted to \$362,378,000 in the year ended June 30, 1936. The greatest percentage gain was in the decrease of savings in Michigan, amounting to 17.3 per cent.

Definite word is being passed in high Administration circles that Frances Perkins, now Secretary of Labor, will lead a new department, "Public Welfare." Such a development would mean that Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator, and members of the Social Security Board would work under her jurisdiction—The United States News.

Side-swaying of two heavily-loaded trailers drawn by a large truck caused the entire outfit to turn over Tuesday afternoon on US-16 about midway between M-66 and M-50, and traffic was held up for upwards of a mile until the highway could be cleared. Many truck drivers cut up in their seats for much-needed sleep while awaiting the clearing away of the obstruction.

Increasing pressure behind the scenes is being exerted against the proposed power pool for coordinating TVA and private sources of electricity. The recently obtained jurisdiction against TVA expansion is consolidating resistance within the Administration and among certain groups in Congress against compromise with private utilities in the TVA territory.—The United States News.

A growing percentage of new homes in this country are being financed under the insured mortgage system of the FHA. From June through October the value of new home mortgages accepted for insurance by the FHA averaged 41.44 per cent of the total value of one and two family dwelling building permits issued in cities of 10,

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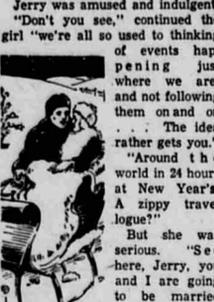
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Travelogue For Life

By MARTIN B. THOMAS

"I've just had a thought," said Marcia, "and it's a grand one."
They were tucked cozily beneath a bear rug in an old-fashioned sleigh, gliding along under the stars to the silvery jangle of bells. "Tell me at once," commanded Jerry, "I collect grand thoughts as a hobby."
Marcia laughed. "Tonight is New Year's eve, and if," she sat up straighter in her eagerness, "the sun were shining, and we were going with it, just as fast, I mean—we could yell down Happy New Year to the whole world as we rolled along!"
Jerry was amused and indulgent. "Don't you see," continued the girl "we're all so used to thinking of events happening just where we are, and not following them on and on. The idea rather gets you."
"Around the world in 24 hours at New Year's. A zippy travelogue?"
But she was serious. "See here, Jerry, you and I are going to be married soon, and I sort of hope we can, well, keep our thoughts up and off the ground."
"What an odd idea. Usually coming brides are chattering of linen and silver."
She pressed her hand on his arm. "Stop the horse a minute, please. Look—let's both lean back and look up at the sky, and fill our eyes with stars, and space . . . and time-going-on. Maybe, if we drink deep enough," her voice was husky with feeling, "we won't get all tangled up with trifles. I'm a little afraid sometimes, of our days ahead, Jerry."
"Afraid?" The man's voice sounded hurt.
"Only that I'll get a habit of low-visibility."
"You mean," Jerry leaned over to take her hands "you want always to remember that new happiness, new ways of thought, and New Year's, so ringing around the world with the sun; that time does not circle around one small set of people or circumstances?"
"Yes, yes, Jerry! Let's make a pact together, now. Not to think little thoughts about little events that happen to our little selves."
"Fine. I'm with you!"
"And to remind each other now and then, to stop, and get the true sense of time and space and world-bigness going on and on."
"Done, darling! New Year's resolution for a happy life: KEEP THE SUN, MOON AND STARS IN YOUR THOUGHTS. . . and you'll never be narrow-minded!"
Jerry kissed her.
"Hear the bells ringing in town? Aren't they far and sweet?" whispered Marcia. "Midnight circling the world. New Year's in a minute!"
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Good Program For Kent PTA Council

Kent County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will meet Tuesday, Jan. 5, in Fairview school at 10:30. The Home Division of the Grand Rapids Safety Council will be guests. Under the direction of Mrs. B. T. Hachmuth prizes will be awarded for the House of Hazards contest being conducted in the county school. The houses will be placed on exhibition and judged.

At eleven o'clock conferences will be conducted as follows: Rural one and two room school, by Mrs. Lynn Wilder; Human Education, Mrs. Henry Penning; Historians, Mrs. Frederick Wise; Adult Education, Mrs. Fred Miller.

Following luncheon Edmund K. Thorne, Superintendent of Rockford school, will speak on "What can the school demand of the parent?"

The speaker of the day will be Mrs. Z. B. Storer, PTA State Safety Chairman of Flint, Mich. Safety chairman of local units are requested to bring houses entered in contest early that they may be arranged for exhibition.

Coming Events

Snow L. A. S. is sponsoring a pancake supper at the Community hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 9.

The Vergennes Euchre club will meet Friday, Jan. 1, at the home of Carl Roth, Sr., instead of Dec. 31.

The general Methodist Ladies Aid meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p. m., instead of Friday, Jan. 1.

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NOTICE
I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone but myself.
Dexter S. Sargent.

It requires at least a year to train carrier pigeons for the work of dispatching news photographs for the daily journals in Tokyo.

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HOW

MANY WAYS ARE SUGGESTED FOR PROTECTION OF WOOD.—There is a variety of methods for the preservation of wood which is subjected to abnormal conditions and, in some localities, attacks by insects, states a writer in the Detroit Free Press.

The effectiveness of any good wood preservative is measured largely by the depth to which the preservative penetrates. There are various ways of applying preservatives, but the most satisfactory means is by impregnation under pressure and by the use of pressure the penetration is subject to control. The amount of preservative may be varied to suit the different requirements. This results in an economical use of the preservative material.

Preservatively treated wood may be tested for penetration. Creosote oil is indicated by a dark discoloration and can be determined by taking a sample at a point free from imperfections. Zinc chloride and other colorless preservatives can be tested with chemicals.

Preservatives will not make weak timbers strong nor restore strength to timber which has been partially destroyed by decay. It should be applied to sound wood after it is cut and framed, in order that all exposed parts may be treated. If some cutting after treatment is unavoidable, hot creosote oil may be applied to the exposed surfaces.

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How Letter "V" Is Used

The use of V for U in inscriptions is a survival of a custom which began when V and U were merely different forms of the same letter. The earlier form was V. In time U became differentiated from V and acquired a distinct sound of its own. English dictionaries did not give V and U separate alphabetical positions until about 1800.

According to the United States commission of fine arts, V is regarded as more artistic than U and lends itself more readily to the reason of the sculptor, and for that reason it is still widely used in inscriptions on monuments and buildings as well as on coins. It is not, however, used where the U sound predominates. For instance, it would be regarded as bad taste to use the V in United States, while it is frequently used in PVBLC LIBRARY and IN GOD WE TRUST. When V is used for U it is technically known as the canscript U.—Indianapolis News.

How to Clean Auto Reflectors

Use a very soft cloth, or powdered dry rouge and a chamol skin, without pressure, and rub with a circular motion. Never rub a reflector with a cloth which has any dust or grit on it, as that will scratch the reflector and ruin it for service. If the reflector is tarnished or scratched take it to a silver plater and have it buffed; it cannot be properly improved in any other way. Some improvement can be made, however, by moistening the rouge with alcohol and applying with a soft chamol. Putz pomade applied with a very soft clean chamol may also be used.

How Far We Can See

How far we can see depends, of course, on the geographical lie of the land, the atmosphere, and many other things. But, theoretically, it depends on how high we are standing above sea-level. If we know this we can take the square root of one and a half times this height in feet, and the result will give us the distance of the visible horizon in miles. Thus, if we are ten feet above sea-level, the horizon is 3.87 miles away.—Pearson's Weekly.

How to Clean Oily Belting

After long use, leather belts become "slicks" with accumulated oil and grease. A simple operation cleans them. The belt is removed and laid flat on the floor. Pine saw dust is then scrubbed over the surface with a stiff bristle brush, which is followed by scraping with a dulled scraper. Oil in the leather pores is then removed by coating the belt with fuller's earth and leaving in a warm place to dry.

How to Clean Hairbrush

Put a dash of household ammonia in warm water and dip the brush in it several times, with the back up. Do not rinse. This stiffens the bristles. Wipe the back with a soft cloth and lay the brush on its back to dry.

How Meteor Crater Was Formed

Meteor crater was formed about 50,000 years ago when an unusually large meteor blazed its way to earth dislodging about 300,000,000 tons of the earth's surface. The crater is about 600 feet deep and nearly a mile in diameter.

How Rice Is Polished

The polishing of rice occurs while it is being hulled, milled between stones and screened. The flourlike material rubbed from the surface of the grains is called polish or rice polish. It is a valuable cattle food.

Local Sports

BASKETBALL
Richmond's Cafe independent basketball team defeated the E. W. Bliss Co. team of Hastings last Monday, 36-14. The Bliss second team defeated the Cafe seconds, 28-24. Richmond Cafes will play the strong Lorenzo Bros. team of Lansing next Monday at the High school gym.

Lowell high school basketball team plays at Rockford Jan. 5 and East Grand Rapids here on Jan. 8.

Logan

Clara Vandewerker

Ray Seelye and wife spent Christmas with Mrs. Seelye's sister, Mrs. Clarence Myster and family of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Seelye remained for a visit with her relatives. Sunday Ray and wife went to Constantine to spend the day with his father and sister. Clara Snyder looked after the service station during their absence.

Wava Deardorf of Clarksville is the guest of her grandparents, S. S. Weaver and wife, this week. Charles Wieland helped his uncle, Wm. Kuffman of Bowne Center with the latter's butchering last Tuesday.

Wilbur Tyler, wife and Delton ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Tyler's brother, Cecil Taylor and wife of Saranac.

Mrs. Warren Roush of Hastings spent the week-end here, helping to care for her mother, Mrs. Lena Mishler.

Vernon King of near Belding visited his uncle, James Shaffer and family Monday evening.

John Stahl and wife entertained the former's brothers with their families at dinner Saturday in honor of the Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyd and Melvin Starbuck of Detroit came Friday morning to spend Christmas with her parents, Earl Starbuck and wife. They returned to Detroit Saturday. Miss Melinda Starbuck accompanied them to visit for a few days before returning to her home in Laurel, Mont., where she is one of the teachers in the Laurel schools.

Emanuel Stahl and wife entertained all of their children with their families to a Christmas dinner Sunday.

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Earl Starbuck and wife entertained to dinner Christmas, Miss Melinda Starbuck of Laurel, Mont., Joe Boyd and wife, Melvin Starbuck of Detroit, Harvey Blough and wife and Leo Starbuck of near Hastings, George Cheetham of Lowell, Maxine Miller. This was the first time for many years that the Starbuck children had all been at home together at Christmas.

Miss Melinda Starbuck of Montana came last Monday to visit her father, Earl Starbuck and wife and other relatives during the Christmas week.

Jesse Blough and family of Hastings visited the former's parents, Jerry Blough and wife, Sunday. Jerry and wife have been ill with hard colds for several days.

Noah Thomas and wife of Clarksville and Mrs. Bessie Catti of Lake Odessa were Christmas guests of Samuel Cannavan and wife.

John Stahl and family attended the Hefflebower Christmas reunion held at the home of Samuel Hefflebower near Mulliken Dec. 25.

Harold Merrill's father from Hopkins and his brother from Hastings were guests of Harold at the O. Austin home Sunday.

Mrs. Alma Mishler and daughter and her mother, Mrs. Louise Mishler, visited Mrs. Lena Mishler and Mrs. Lydia Karcher Monday. Callers at the home of Mrs. Lena Mishler during the week were her grandchildren, Mrs. Anna Wolcott of Charlotte, Mrs. Lena Shultz of Grand Rapids, Helen Burkley of South Bowne, Otto Eash and daughter of California and A. T. Eash, Mrs. A. Eash cared for her mother last Thursday night.

Dorothy Blough of Freeport is spending the Christmas vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Jerry Blough.

S. S. Weaver, wife and Wava Deardorf called on Leo McCall of West Campbell Monday evening. John Mishler and wife and Mrs. Corrine Martin and daughter of Grand Rapids, John Overholt and wife and Mrs. Lita of Zion Hill were Sunday guests of Mrs. Lena Mishler and Mrs. Lydia Karcher.

George Leese and wife spent Christmas with Francis Smith and family of South Lowell.

Ray Seese and family entertained members of Mrs. Seese's family to a Christmas supper and a tree loading with gifts, Mrs. Wednesday evening. Those present were Mrs. Rose Bryant and daughter Leona, Leo Bryant and family of Alto, John Krebs and family and Mrs. Ira Blough and son of North Bowne and Vada Seese of Lowell.

Lloyd Zerbe and wife entertained to dinner Christmas, his mother, Mrs. A. Zerbe, and his brother, Clara and family of near Middleville and Daniel Layer and wife.

Miss Zona Smelker and her pupils gave a fine Christmas program at the school house Christmas eve and the school house was well filled with friends and patrons. The children all did their parts very good and their teacher merits much praise for her efficient training of her pupils. A beautiful tree with colored lights was one of the chief attractions. Miss Smelker received several nice gifts from her pupils and each pupil received two gifts or more. Kenneth Smelker pleased the audience with a well rendered solo during the program. Santa came to help give out the presents.

Irwin Mishler, wife and two children of St. Johns and Will Mishler, wife and daughter of South Bowne visited Mrs. Lena Mishler Christmas afternoon.

We wish the editor of Ledger and family and all the correspondents a very Happy New Year.

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Mrs. Clyde Condon

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Condon and children spent Christmas with the family at the Delbert House at Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Condon and Fred Riekner had family dinner at the Mrs. Libbie Carr home Friday. Other guests were Condon and Mrs. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sayles of Grand Rapids, Miss Cora Hubbl of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ari Condon of Conklin, George Roasch Keene, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter.

Mrs. Vern Leach, who was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids last week, is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Condon spent Christmas day at the Dick Baird Clyde Condon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Condon called on Mrs. Claude Condon Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sayles, Miss Thelma Hutson of Chicago visited their mother, Mrs. Susan Sayles, Thursday.

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Michigan has its great big bell because two nurserymen were curious about some things which came to them from New York in the '50s. Their experimental planting to see if the plants might be proved to be the start of a huge project was spread through portions of Buren and Berrien counties, now 66,000 tons of grapes produced yearly by 2,500 growers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the relatives and many friends, also the S. Day School of the U. B. Church and the Cheerful Doers of Congregational Church for many remembrances sent to us at this Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Co.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our care thanks to our relatives and neighbors for sympathy shown us at the loss of our mother. We also wish to thank Rev. R. S. Miller for message of comfort, and to who served with their cars.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. S.

In Memoriam

In memory of our dear daughter and sister, Joyce Frost, passed away two years ago, 31, 1934.

Two years have gone in silver. Since you passed away; And as the time goes rolling I We miss you every day. Some may think we have forgotten.

When at times they see me smile; Little they know the silent ache; Our smiles hide all the sorrowing Daddy, M. Sister and Brother.

Life-saving surf-boats on the coast are being tested by the Coast Guard in the Far West.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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More Local News

Hattie Hatch is quite ill at her home on Hudson-st.

Start the New Year right by taking piano lessons of Charlotte K White. Phone 186.

Mrs. Fred Malcolm an daughter Abby spent Christmas with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Archibald of Ada were her daughters, Mrs. Crooks and Mrs. King and children of Lowell.

Richard and Donald MacNaughton spent Sunday with their aunt and cousins, Mrs. A. J. Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Nash, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone gave a dinner Christmas eve for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller and family and Mrs. Katherine Stone of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hatch are boasting the acceptance of cards from 11 different states at Christmas time. Some record, we say who has one better?

Mr. and Mrs. Roger McMahon, Miss Cassie June Lee and Bruce McMahon attended the dance at the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Christmas night.

Mrs. Harry N. Briggs, Mrs. Jennie Damoth and Mrs. Theresa Howard attended the annual birthday luncheon honoring ex-President Woodrow Wilson at the Rowe Hotel, Grand Rapids, Monday noon.

Mrs. Sylvia Nelson and Mrs. Henrietta Good called at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, Tuesday afternoon to see Miss Eveline Miller, who was operated on for appendicitis Christmas night. She is getting along fine.

Christmas day guests of Mrs. C. O. Lawrence and Mrs. Clara McCarty were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sisson and Mrs. Geo. Sisson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller, Charles and Helen and Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and Deane of Grand Rapids and Miss Frances McCarty of Lansing.

San Francisco has the only consolidated city-county government in California.

Reports compiled by conservation authorities show that 559 arrests were made during the past month and that nearly 20 percent of them were for possession of a loaded gun in an automobile.

Social Events

Mrs. Anna Stinchcomb entertained her grandchildren from Ionia for the Christmas holiday.

Chicago Wingeier is leaving for Grand Rapids Friday where he will study embalming for the next six months.

Albert Burri is in Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, where he is undergoing treatment for cement poison.

Frank Schwacha and son Bobbie of Flint and Morse of Grand Rapids were home for Christmas and the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartley received a basket of fruit from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. West at Kalamazoo, Fla., recently.

Miss Dorothy Donahue and William Lobes of Mt. Pleasant spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Byrne McMahon.

David Strzick is convalescing from an operation performed at the Veterans' hospital in Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

The Sterzick families had their Christmas dinner at the Silver Barn on Christmas day with fifty in attendance. Program and gifts followed, everyone having a fine time.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartley Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Perry and son and their father, Jacobson of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hartley of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carr and Mrs. Verto Paddock of Coldwater spent the week-end with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone, called here by the death of Mrs. Ella Barnes.

Callers during the past week at the Ernest Aldrich home were Mr. and Mrs. Basil Green of Lansing, Dr. and Mrs. Moll of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carey and family of Middleville and Seymour Heschke.

Carolyn Cabon and Goldie Dukes spent Christmas day with their parents, afterward going to Lansing where they will spend the vacation week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Adelbert Richmond.

Congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy wedded life are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gooding by their many friends and relatives.

There are five types of phosphorus in the nerves of a lobster's claw.

Social Events

Mrs. R. D. Hahn entertained with a luncheon this week Wednesday.

Employees of the Runciman bean elevator enjoyed jolly potluck Christmas dinner and trees in the bean rooms last Wednesday and Thursday noons.

The Book Forum Club met on Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Avery with a buffet supper. The husbands were the guests of the evening. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Roger McMahon Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Mrs. Jennie Townsend, local news editor, entertained the Lowell newshoys with a dinner, Christmas tree and gifts Tuesday, Dec. 22, at her home. The fourteen guests were Clifford Hoolsma, Gordon Hill, Dick Harter, Glenn Rogers, Hugh Young, Charles Barber, Robert Cahoon, Eugene Niles, Rodney and Walter Kropf, Mac and Richard Fonger, Charles and Harold Hill.

Beatham—Gooding
Miss Jeanne Beatham, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klahn of Alto, and Mr. Herbert F. Gooding of Alexandria, Ind., were married Christmas eve in a simple ceremony performed at the Congregational parsonage here by Rev. S. B. Wenger. They were attended by Miss Garabede Hooper of Alto and Albert Miller of Holland.

The bride, a popular Alto girl, is a graduate of Lowell high school, class of 1932 and also of Barry County Normal at Hastings in her second year at the Sweet school in South Lowell. Mr. Gooding holds a position with the public school system of Alexandria, being principal of Central Grades school.

The happy young couple plan to spend a short honeymoon on a motor trip through southern Michigan and Indiana, after which Mrs. Gooding will return to Alto to finish out her school year before joining her husband in Alexandria.

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STRAND LOWELL

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JAN. 1-2
"Come Closer Folks"
James Dunn - Marian Marsh - Wynne Gibson

SUNDAY-MONDAY, JAN. 3-4

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THE PASSAGE OF TIME

THE LATTER DAYS of an old year and the first of the new, make one think of the passage of time.

It is not exactly a comforting reflection, to think that we too shall be like a dream at no very distant day.

As people become still older, they remember the old Latin proverb "Tempus fugit," meaning time flies, and they feel really happy.

Human life is on the march. It is not meant to stand still. We do not know the destination at which it is aimed.

What is REAL SUCCESS? PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN, famous scientist and philosopher, has a paper in the Christian Register.

Most people consider that the successful person is the one who makes a heap of money.

Local merchants are making displays of home and farm equipment. The public is cordially invited to attend.

THE NEWSPAPER PEOPLE'S LAUGHTER THE GRIDIRON CLUB of Washington has just had one of its annual outbursts.

So when the Gridirons jollied President Roosevelt, representing him as serving his ninth term, all hoping confidently to balance the budget.

And similarly when these club members laughed at the G. O. P. as being "dead from premature senility."

CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT THE U. S. SENATE, at its session soon to open, will be asked to investigate causes of unemployment.

Work is perhaps the most vital necessity of life. If a civilization can't find work for practically all its people, it is a very faulty civilization.

THE LOWELL LEDGER, at its session soon to open, will be asked to investigate causes of unemployment.

NOTICE Gertrude Trudell, clerk, has a branch office at the King Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Home and Farm Electricity Is To Be Demonstrated

School At Alto Next Monday, Tuesday

Kent County farmers who are users of electricity or who anticipate the same in the future will have an opportunity to attend two schools the first week of the New Year devoted to this subject.

The first of the two meetings will be held in the Alto Grange hall at Alto Monday afternoon and evening, Jan. 4, and all day Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The following program will be presented starting Monday afternoon: "Demonstration of Small Household Appliances," Miss Margaret Hartnecke, Consumer Power Company.

"Power Equipment for the Farm," D. B. Ebinger, Michigan State College.

At the evening meeting a demonstration of home lighting will be given by Miss Hartnecke. A new sound picture, "Forward to the Farm" will be shown.

Today morning's program will be a discussion and demonstration on the use of electric motors for farms by H. J. Gallagher and a discussion by Miss Hartnecke on "Using Electricity Safely in the Home."

The Agricultural Engineering Department at Michigan State College is bringing an exhibit of feed and farm machinery.

Ella J. Barnes, 82, Laid to Rest Here

Ella J. Barnes, 82, a resident of Lowell for 32 years, passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 1936, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Stone.

In 1873 she was united in marriage to Henry W. Webb at Belbeh, Branch County, Mich.

Surviving besides the daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone are two sisters, Mrs. Marian Graves of Batavia, Mich., and Mrs. Truman Carr of Coldwater.

Funeral services were held from the Stone residence Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at Oakwood cemetery. Burial was at Oakwood cemetery.

Music, Wit, Humor In Comic Operetta

Sometime during the month of January, the teachers of Lowell high school will present a comic operetta in two acts, the exact date to be announced later.

The operetta contains wit, drama and music and brings out the fine talents of the teachers. Some of the members of the faculty appearing are W. W. Gummer, Wendell Emery, Arion Vanstraten and Hannah Reynolds.

Tax Collection Notice

I will be at the Alto Bank every Saturday until Jan. 9 to collect taxes except Jan. 2, when I will be at Freepost.

Foreman Leghorn Is Among Top-notchers

Ernest C. Foreman, proprietor of the Foreman Poultry farm here, has been advised that his White Leghorn hen No. 13-6 was adjudged the third best hen in the United States in the recent New York poultry industries exposition.

Foreman entered the Leghorn in the "hen of the year contest" after she finished the central New York egg laying contest with a production of 309 eggs in 51 weeks. Her output scored 330.5 points. She weighed 6.2 pounds.

While his bird did not win first honors, Foreman was happy to have her place third among 250,000,000 hens in the United States.

The contest was sponsored by the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council, which has announced that "A roster of the year" contest, as well as another hen of the year competition, will be staged at the 1937 exposition.

The 1936 hen-of-the-year was picked on the basis of her charm, beauty, egg production and the size of her eggs. To be eligible to compete, a hen had to lay at least 300 eggs scoring 300 points in an official egg-laying contest. Judging was on the basis of the following score card: Egg size and production, 50 points; standard of perfection, 20 points; pedigree, 20 points; and body weight 10 points.

One hundred dollars in cash and a gold medal was awarded to the No. 1 bird or "hen of the year." The No. 2 hen received a silver medal while Foreman's No. 3 hen was awarded a bronze medal.

The State Mutual Makes Fine Show

Every member of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan should be pleased to learn that his company received a very distinct honor at the national convention of mutual insurance companies held at Philadelphia Oct. 12 to 15.

The hundreds of farm mutual fire insurance companies of the United States made exhibits of their advertising literature, publications on fire prevention and educational material for their respective companies.

The year 1936 has been one of the most successful years in the history of this big company. Over a million dollars in new business has been placed on its record each month since April.

Through the able management of Wilbur V. Burras, president, and H. K. Fisk, secretary, this company has acquired the distinction of being the largest farm mutual fire insurance company in the state.

Two features in particular in the management of this company should commend it to every farm property owner. First, careful selection of risks by its agents, and second, a thorough inspection of every piece of property insured.

Frances Dickerson Passes at Age of 77

Mrs. Frances A. Dickerson, 77, a resident of Lowell for more than a quarter century, passed away Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Dickerson was born in Kansas Nov. 4, 1859. She was the widow of Alvah A. Dickerson, a lumberman of Thompson, Mich.

Funeral services were held at the Haner Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. R. S. Miller officiating. Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Paul Thomas, 92, Missing From Home

The assistance of local officers was enlisted last Monday by relatives of Paul Thomas, 92-year-old Vergennes-tp. farmer.

A Fresh Start



New Year's Resolution

HERE'S a New Year's resolution that you can make and keep: It will help your constitution. And enable one to sleep.

"I will try to keep from fretting when I cannot see the thing I will try to keep from getting into quarrels I may shun.

"I will try to keep from grieving over troubles that are past; I will try to keep believing; Things will all come right at last.

"I will try to keep from insisting when I ought to smile, instead; I will try to keep on trying; To deserve to get ahead."

Head-on Collision At US-16 Viaduct

The U. S. 16 viaduct in Lowell township was the scene of another automobile accident last Wednesday evening at 10:30, when a small westbound sedan in which Jay Ferguson, 60 Portsmouth Terrace, Grand Rapids, collided with a Central Garage truck, driven by Charles Whalen, Detroit.

The sedan was demolished, and the truck and trailer plunged down the approach to the viaduct.

'Scandals' Coming to Gd. Rapids Jan. 8, 9

The twelfth edition of George White's stage "Scandals" will come to B. F. Keith's Grand Rapids, on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8 and 9.

Not since he startled Broadway into a burst of feverish enthusiasm over the initial "Scandals," has George White assembled a cast of such stars as well in his managerial reputation as in his forthcoming extravaganza.

Legion Plays Santa To 126 Children

The local American Legion Post made this Christmas a real joy for about 44 families, including 126 children, when they delivered clothing, toys and baskets of candy.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Along Main St. Kent Newspaper Printed in 1837 Comes to Light

Walter Nelson and John Allen, both of New Kensington, Pa., who tried to work the "short change" racket on local merchants last week, and were apprehended by Deputy A. H. Stormand, were sentenced to from one to five years' imprisonment in Kent County Circuit Court Thursday, Dec. 24.

The reactions of eight Kent County youths on their first trip to Chicago, during the recent fall stock show, a journey that included the wonders of the Rosenwald Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and Adler Planetarium, were interestingly narrated by Kent County Agent Keats K. Vining to the Lowell Rotary Club on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Most local business houses report biggest holiday trade since 1929. Trading began earlier than usual and continued up until late Christmas eve, shoppers coming mainly from many miles distant.

Don't burn a Christmas tree. This suggestion comes from conservation authorities who say that every Christmas tree is a potential feeding station for game and song birds.

On his return to Ann Arbor Sunday, Howard Peckham left for Providence, R. I., where he attended an organization meeting of the new Society of American Archivists in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

The so-called land grants have been misunderstood for two generations," says the Almanac, in the most concise article ever written on the subject.

The Morlok quadruplets of Lansing, popular with 1936 Show visitors, found visible proof that Santa Claus meant what he said when he visited them at their home Thursday. They exclaimed happily at flaxen-haired dolls they found beneath their Christmas tree, and the toy iron and ironing boards they had long desired.

State's Auto Toll Shows No Big Jump

Increase of Michigan's traffic death rate in 1936 over that of 1935 is only 3 percent, rather than the 15.72 more motor vehicles registered with the most popular combination, Secretary of State during the first 10 months of 1936 than during the corresponding period in 1935, and total gasoline consumption rose 8.9 percent.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 31, "Murder With Pictures" and pictures don't lie. Forty witnesses saw a man killed, but it took a newspaper man and his camera to solve the mystery.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1-2, A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All Our Patrons, will start the year out by seeing James Dunn, Marian Marsh and Wynne Gibson in "Come Closer Folks," a story of a super salesman who could sell Eskimos electric fans.

Thirty-one States have adopted new color designs for 1937 motor license plates. Orange-and-black, which for several years has been the most popular combination, has lost favor with the license plate designers and will be used by only two States.

Car Owners Must Guard Against Carbon Monoxide

Most safety practices which drivers follow to avoid accidents concern the way they handle their cars in traffic, but another type of care is important during the winter months.

Free, Circulating Air Necessary

When car windows and ventilators are closed and heaters are in use, the driver should be alert to detect in himself or his passengers signs of drowsiness or headache.

Auction Sales

Grand Rapids Boasted 1200 Population

N. H. Furney offers for sale property in the village of Vergennes at the mouth of Flat River. . . so reads an advertisement in the "Grand Rapids Times," a copy of which is in the possession of Miss Dorothy Hardy.

The paper is in a better state of preservation than publications of twenty years ago. News print in those days was composed largely of rag content and not wood pulp as is the case today.

High Administration officials, including the President, are concerned about the approaching situation in Congress where there will be scarcely enough Republicans to fill in committee assignments, leaving little ground for intelligent debate of complicated issues.

More persons spent their vacations in the national parks during the summer of 1936 than ever before. There were 6,082,081 visitors, a 10 percent increase as compared with the previous record total of 4,284,615 in 1935.

The geological survey division of the department of conservation will attain the 100th year of its organization during 1937. The geological survey was established by Act 20 of the first state legislature of the State of Michigan in 1837.

Secretary of Interior Harold I. Ickes has renewed his recommendation that the Interior Department should be retained the "Department of Conservation," contending in his annual report that the new name would be "more expressive of its fundamental purpose and nature."

It is just beginning to be known that one of the major factors leading to Dr. Tugwell's resignation was the proposed set-up for the Resettlement Administration in the Department of Agriculture which would have given him the status of a minor bureau official and a sharp cut in salary.

Definite word is being passed in the Administration circles that Frances Perkins, now Secretary of Labor, will head a new Department of Public Welfare. Such a development would mean that Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator, and members of the Social Security Board would work under her jurisdiction.—The United States News.

Side-swaying of two heavily-loaded trailers drawn by a large truck caused the entire outfit to turn over Tuesday afternoon on US-16 to midway between M-66 and M-50, and it was held up for upwards of a mile until the highway could be cleared. Many truck drivers curled up in their seats for much-needed sleep while awaiting the clearing away of the obstruction.

Increasing pressure behind the scenes is being exerted against the proposed power pool for coordinating TVA and private sources of electricity. The recently obtained injunction against TVA expansion is consolidating resistance within the Administration and among certain groups in Congress against compromise with private utilities in the TVA territory.—The United States News.

A growing percentage of new homes in this country are being financed under the insured mortgage system of the FHA. From June through October the value of new home mortgages accepted for insurance by the FHA averaged from 41 to 44 percent of the total value of one and two family dwellings built in 1936. During the same period last year the average was 28 percent.

During the 72-hour period beginning with Christmas eve, a total of 26 persons were killed in automobile accidents upon the streets of Detroit and scores of others injured. Nearly all of the accidents were due to drivers more or less under the influence of intoxicants. This is indeed a sad commentary upon our civilization. The time is at hand when the streets of Detroit and scores of others injured. Nearly all of the accidents were due to drivers more or less under the influence of intoxicants. This is indeed a sad commentary upon our civilization.

An oil well "explosion" of a type unprecedented in Michigan occurred at the Gulf Refining Co. well in the Clayton pool of Arenac county. Between 700 and 800 feet of 16-inch steel casing was blowing out of the ground and to a height of 300 feet by terrific natural gas pressure in the ground. The derrick of the well was demolished but none of the well workers were hurt. Operations were attempting with mud to "kill off" the porous rock by dwelling building permits issued in cities of 10,000 and more.

Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless. We cannot detect it by our senses other than by discovering its effects. Victims of carbon monoxide poisoning become gradually less able to drive safely because the ability to give attention, think, and act, is reduced. Preventing exposure to the poison by appropriate measures will assure safety for the driver and his passengers.

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Car Inspection is Safeguard

It is wise to have one's car carefully inspected to be sure exhaust gaskets and pipes, pistons, heating units, and so on, are in good condition and will not permit gases to escape. Opening between the engine and passenger spaces should be closed tightly, and broken floors repaired. This will help prevent the gases from spreading through the passenger space.

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MARCH DOBNOTICES JOHN H. O'BRIEN. The day that is at hand with its promise of a new year, is a day that is full of hope and joy. It is a day that is full of promise and hope. It is a day that is full of promise and hope.

New Year Cavalier. By Helen Crawford. The New Year Cavalier is a poem that is full of hope and joy. It is a poem that is full of promise and hope. It is a poem that is full of promise and hope.

Deflated Values. By E. H. Boutwell. The values of the New Year are deflated. The values of the New Year are deflated. The values of the New Year are deflated.

Council Proceedings. The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Lowell was held on Wednesday, December 16, 1936.

Elmdale. Mrs. I. A. Sargent. Mrs. I. A. Sargent is the wife of Mr. I. A. Sargent. She is a native of Lowell, Michigan.

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Ledger Entries. A collection of news items and local reports from the Lowell community.

Sayings by Other Editors. A collection of witty sayings and observations from other local newspapers.

Water Works. The Lowell Water Works is a public utility that provides water to the residents of Lowell.

City Hall. The Lowell City Hall is the seat of local government and is located in the center of the town.

General. A collection of news items and local reports from the Lowell community.

Parade Has No Watchers. A parade was held in Lowell, Michigan, but no one was watching.

A very Good Reason. A reason for something that is very good.

Slightly Misunderstood. A slightly misunderstood situation.

Just Like a Maid. A situation that is just like a maid.

Best wishes for 1937. A collection of New Year wishes for 1937.

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Travelogue For Life
By **MARTIN S. THOMAS**

"I've just had a thought," said Marcia, "and it's a grand one."

They were tucked cozily beneath a bear rug in an old-fashioned sleigh, gliding along under the stars to the silvery jangle of bells. "Tell me at once," commanded Jerry, "I collect grand thoughts as a hobby."

"Harcia laughed. "Tonight is New Year's eve, and it," she sat up straighter in her eagerness, "the sun were shining, and we were going with it, just as fast, I mean—we could yell down Happy New Year to the whole world as we rolled along!"

Jerry was amused and indulgent. "Don't you see," continued the girl "we're all so used to thinking of events happening just where we are, and not following them on and on. The idea rather gets you."

"Around the world in 24 hours at New Year's. A zippy travelogue?"

But she was serious. "See here, Jerry, you and I are going to be married soon, and I sort of hope we can, well, keep our thoughts up and off the ground."

"What an odd idea. Usually coming brides are chattering of linen and silver."

She pressed her hand on his arm. "Stop the horse a minute, please. There—let's both lean back and look up at the sky, and fill our eyes with stars, and space and time-going-on. Maybe, if we drink deep enough," her voice was husky with feeling, "we won't get all tangled up with trifles. I'm a little afraid sometimes, of our days ahead, Jerry."

"Aid?"

"Only that I'll get a habit of low-visibility."

"You mean," Jerry leaned over to take her hands "you want always to remember that new happiness, new ways of thought, and New Years, go ringing around the world with the sun; that time does not circle around one small set of people or circumstances?"

"Yes, yes, Jerry! Let's make a pact together, now. Not to think little thoughts about little events that happen to our little selves."

"Fine. I'm with you!"

"And to remind each other now and then, to stop, and get the true sense of time and space and world-bigness going on and on."

"Done, darling! New Year's: KEEP THE SUN, MOON AND STARS IN YOUR THOUGHTS . . . and you'll never be narrow-minded!"

Jerry kissed her.

"Hear the bells ringing in town? Aren't they far and sweet?" whispered Marcia. "Midnight circling the world. New Year's in a minute!"

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Good Program For Kent PTA Council

Kent County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will meet Tuesday, Jan. 5, in Fairview school at 10:30. The Home Division of the Grand Rapids Safety Council will be guests. Under the direction of Mrs. B.T. Hachmuth prizes will be awarded for the House of Hazards contest being conducted in the county school. The houses will be placed on exhibition and judged.

At eleven o'clock conferences will be conducted as follows: Rural one and two room school, by Mrs. Lynn Wilder; Humane Education, Mrs. Henry Penning; Historians, Mrs. Frederick Wise; Adult Education, Mrs. Fred Miller.

Following luncheon Edmund K. Thorne, Superintendent of Rockford school, will speak on "What can the school demand of the parent?"

The speaker of the day will be Mrs. Z. B. Storer, PTA State Safety Chairman of Flint, Mich.

Safety chairmen of local units are requested to bring houses entered in contest early that they may be arranged for exhibition.

Coming Events

Snow L. A. S. is sponsoring a pancake supper at the Community hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 9.

The Vergennes Euchre club will meet Friday, Jan. 1, at the home of Carl Roth, Sr., instead of on Dec. 31.

The general Methodist Ladies Aid meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p. m., instead of Friday, Jan. 1.

Start the New Year right by having a good time at the Community dance at the South Boston Grange hall this Saturday evening.

The Good Will Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowen of White's Bridge for an all-day meeting, potluck dinner and election of officers on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Everyone welcome.—Mrs. Miller, Secy.

The Lowell Woman's Club will meet with Miss Audie Post, 414 Vergennes rd., on Jan. 6. Norton L. Avery of Lansing, son of Mrs. S. B. Avery and home-town boy, will give a talk on Art, that being the subject of the day. Each member is requested to bring a guest.

It took the sensitive fingers of Frank W. Severne, sightless editor of the Watkins Express, Watkins Glen, N. Y., to find a diamond missing from the engagement ring worn by his wife for 45 years. Lost from his setting, search for the gem continued for several days until Severne, who has been blind for 64 years, explored the interior of his office safe after others had searched it. His fingers located the diamond partly wedged in a crack.

Remnants of heathen snake worship is found in Sweden, where many still believe the killing of a snake brings bad luck.

HOW

MANY WAYS ARE SUGGESTED FOR PROTECTION OF WOOD.

—There is a variety of methods for the preservation of wood which is subjected to abnormal conditions and, in some localities, attacks by insects, states a writer in the Detroit Free Press.

The effectiveness of any good wood preservative is measured largely by the depth to which the preservative penetrates. There are various ways of applying preservatives, but the most satisfactory means is by impregnation under pressure and by the use of pressure the penetration is subject to control. The amount of preservative may be varied to suit the different requirements. This results in an economical use of the preservative material.

Preservatively treated wood may be tested for penetration. Creosote oil is indicated by a dark discoloration and can be determined by taking a sample at a point free from imperfections. Zinc chloride and other colorless preservatives can be tested with chemicals.

Preservatives will not make weak timbers strong nor restore strength to timber which has been partially destroyed by decay. It should be applied to sound wood after it is cut and framed, in order that all exposed parts may be treated. If some cutting after treatment is unavoidable, hot creosote oil may be applied to the exposed surfaces.

How Letter "V" Is Used for "U" in Inscriptions

The use of V for U in inscriptions is a survival of a custom which began when V and U were merely different forms of the same letter. The earlier form was V. In time U became differentiated from V and acquired a distinct sound of its own. English dictionaries did not give V and U separate alphabetical positions until about 1800. According to the United States commission of fine arts, V is regarded as more artistic than U and lends itself more readily to the chisel of the sculptor, and for that reason it is still widely used in inscriptions on monuments and buildings as well as on coins. It is not, however, used where the U sound predominates. For instance, it would be regarded as bad taste to use the V in United States, while it is frequently used in PUBLIC LIBRARY and IN GOD WE TRUST. When V is used for U it is technically known as the cursive U.—Indianapolis News.

How to Clean Auto Reflectors

Use a very soft cloth, or powdered dry rouge and a chamol skin, without pressure, and rub with a circular motion. Never rub a reflector with a cloth which has any dust or grit on it, as that will scratch the reflector and ruin it for service. If the reflector is tarnished or scratched take it to a silver plater and have it buffed; it cannot be properly polished in any other way. Some improvement can be made, however, where a reflector is tarnished by moistening the rouge with alcohol and applying with a soft chamol. Puts pomade applied with a very soft clean chamol may also be used.

How Far We Can See

How far we can see depends, of course, on the geographical lie of the land, the atmosphere, and many other things. But, theoretically, it depends on how high we are standing above sea-level. If we know this we can take the square root of one and a half times this height in feet, and the result will give us the distance of the visible horizon in miles. Thus, if we are ten feet above sea-level, the horizon is 3.87 miles away.—Pearson's Weekly.

How to Clean Oily Belting

After long use, leather belts become "slicks" with accumulated oil and grease. A simple operation cleans them. The belt is removed and laid flat on the floor. Fine saw dust is then scrubbed over the surface with a stiff bristle brush, which is followed by scraping with a dull scraper. Oil in the leather pores is then removed by coating the belt with fuller's earth and leaving in a warm place to dry.

How to Clean Hairbrush

Put a dash of household ammonia in warm water and dip the brush in it several times, with the back up. Do not rinse. This stiffens the bristles. Wipe the back with a soft cloth and lay the brush on its side to dry.

How Meteor Crater Was Formed

Meteor crater was formed about 50,000 years ago when an unusually large meteor blazed its way to earth dislodging about 200,000,000 tons of the earth's surface. The crater is about 600 feet deep and nearly a mile in diameter.

How Rice Is Polished

The polishing of rice occurs while it is being hulled, milled between stones and screened. The fourth material rubbed from the surface of the grains is called polish or rice polish. It is a valuable cattle feed.

Logan
Clara Vandewerker

Ray Seelye and wife spent Christmas with Mrs. Seelye's sister, Mrs. Clarence Musser and family of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Seelye remained for a visit with her relatives. Sunday Ray and wife went to Constantine to spend the day with his father and sister. Clara Snyder looked after the service station during their absence.

Wava Deardorf of Clarksville is the guest of her grandparents, S. S. Weaver and wife, this week. Charles Wieland helped his uncle, Wm. Kaufman of Bowne Center with the latter's butchering last Tuesday.

Wilbur Tyler, wife and Delton ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Tyler's brother, Cecil Taylor and wife of Saranac.

Mrs. Warren Roush of Hastings spent the week-end here, helping to care for her mother, Mrs. Lena Mable.

Vernon King of near Belding visited his uncle, James Shaffer and family Monday evening.

John Stahl and wife entertained the former's brothers with their families and his sister, Mrs. Ora Miller and family for dinner Saturday in honor of the Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyd and Melvin Starbard of Detroit came Friday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Boyd's parents, Earl Starbard and wife. They returned to Detroit Saturday. Miss Melinda Starbard accompanied them to visit for a few days before returning to her home in Laurel, Mont., where she is one of the teachers in the Laurel schools.

Emanuel Stahl and wife entertained all of their children with their families to a Christmas dinner Sunday.

Charles Wieland, wife and William at their Christmas dinner with her parents, Elmer Winer and wife of South Campbell.

Emanuel Stahl and wife ate their Christmas dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Ira Erb and family of near Lake Odessa.

Orville Austin and Harold Merrill were in Flint Tuesday and Wednesday. James Shaffer looked after the chores at the Austin home during their absence.

Earl Starbard and wife entertained to dinner Christmas, Miss Melinda Starbard of Laurel, Mont., Joe Boyd and wife, Melvin Starbard of Detroit, Harvey Blough and wife and Leila Starbard of near Hastings, George Cheetham of Lowell, Maxine Miller. This was the first time for many years that the Starbard children had all been at home together at Christmas.

Miss Melinda Starbard of Montana came last Monday to visit her father, Earl Starbard and wife and other relatives during the Christmas week.

Jesse Blough and family of Hastings visited the former's parents, Jerry Blough and wife, Sunday. Jerry and wife have both been ill with hard colds for several days.

Noah Thomas and wife of Clarksville and Mrs. Beattie Call of Lake Odessa were Christmas guests of Samuel Cannavan and wife.

John Stahl and family attended the Heffebower Christmas reunion held at the home of Samuel Heffebower near Mulliken Dec. 25.

Harold Merrill's father from Hopkins and his brother from Hastings were guests of Harold at the O. Austin home Sunday.

Mrs. Alma Misher and daughter and her mother, Mrs. Louise Misher of near Bowne Center, called to see Mrs. Monday.

Callers at the home of Mrs. Lena Misher during the week were her grandchildren, Mrs. Anna Wolcott of Charlotte, Mrs. Lena Schultz of Grand Rapids, Helen Burke of South Bowne, Otto East and daughter of California and A. T. East, Mrs. A. T. East cared for her mother last Thursday night.

Dorothy Blough of Freeport is spending the Christmas vacation helping her grandmother, Mrs. Jerry Blough.

S. S. Weaver, wife and Wava Deardorf called on Leo McColl of West Campbell Monday evening.

John Misher and wife and Mrs. Corrine Martin and daughter of Grand Rapids, John Overholt and wife and Mrs. Lita of Zion Hill were Sunday guests of Mrs. Lena Misher and family Monday.

George Leeco and wife spent Christmas with Francis Smith and family of South Lowell.

Ray Seese and family entertained members of Mrs. Seese's family to a Christmas supper and a tree lighting with gifts, last Wednesday evening. The present were Mrs. Rose Bryant and daughter Leona, Leo Bryant and family and Mrs. Ira Blough and son of North Bowne and Vada Seese of Lowell.

Lloyd Zerbe and wife entertained to dinner Christmas, his mother, Mrs. A. Zerbe, and his brother Clara and family of near Middleville and Daniel Layer and wife.

Ms. Zona Smelker and her pupils gave a fine Christmas program at the school house Christmas eve and the school house was well filled with friends and patrons. The children all did their parts very good and their teacher merits much praise for her efficient training of her pupils. A beautiful tree with colored lights was one of the chief attractions. Miss Smelker received several nice gifts from her pupils and each pupil received two gifts or more. Kenneth Smelker pleased the audience with a well rendered solo during the program. Santa came to help give out the presents.

Irwin Misher, wife and two children of St. Johns and Will Misher, wife and daughter of South Bowne visited Mrs. Lena Misher Christmas afternoon.

We wish the editor of Ledger and family and all the correspondents a very Happy New Year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Condon and children spent Christmas with the family at the Delbert House home at Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Condon and Fred Ricker had family dinner at the home of Mrs. C. O. Condon on Friday. Other guests were Ola Condon and Mrs. Reynolds of Grand Rapids, Miss Cora Hubbel of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Art Condon of Conkling, George Roach of Keene, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter.

Mrs. Vern Leach, who was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids last week, is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Condon spent Christmas day at the Dick Baird-Clyde Condon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Condon called on Mrs. Claude Condon Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sayles and Miss Thelma Hutson of Chicago visited their mother, Mrs. Susie Sayles, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sayles, Miss Thelma Hutson and Mrs. Susie Sayles had Christmas dinner at the Gordon Frost home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bentham of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Susie Sayles Thursday evening.

Michigan has its great grape belt because two nurserymen were curious about some cuttings which came to them from New York in the '30s. Their experimental planting to see what the plants might be proved to be the start of a huge project which spread through portions of Van Buren and Berrien counties, until now 65,000 tons of grapes are produced yearly by 2,500 growers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the relatives and many friends, also the Sunday School of the U. B. Church and the cheerful Doers of the Congregational Church for the many remembrances sent to us this Christmas time.

p33 Mr. and Mrs. John Court.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for the sympathy shown us at the loss of our dear mother. We also wish to thank Rev. R. S. Miller for his message of comfort, and those who served with their cars.

p33 Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone.

In Memoriam

In memory of our dear daughter and sister, Joyce Frost, who passed away two years ago, Dec. 31, 1934.

Two years have gone in silence, Since you passed away; And as the time goes rolling by We miss you every day. Some may think we have forgotten, When at times they see us smile; Little they know the silent heart-ache, Our smiles hide all the while. Her sorrowing Daddy, Mother, Sister and Brother.

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Life-saving surf-boats on trailers are being tested by the U. S. Coast Guard in the Far West.

More Local News

Hattie Hatch is quite ill at her home on Hudson-st.

Start the New Year right by taking piano lessons of Charlotte K White. Phone 186.

Mrs. Fred Malcolm an daughter Abby spent Christmas with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Archibald of Ada were her daughters, Mrs. Crooks and Mrs. King and children of Lowell.

Richard and Donald MacNaughton spent Sunday with their aunt and cousins, Mrs. A. J. Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Nash, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone gave a dinner Christmas eve for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller and family and Mrs. Katherine Stone of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hatch are boasting the acceptance of cards from 11 different states at Christmas time. Some record, we say, who has one better?

Mr. and Mrs. Roger McMahon, Miss Cassie June Lee and Bruce McMahon attended the dance at the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Christmas night.

Mrs. Harry N. Briggs, Mrs. Jennie Damoth and Mrs. Theresa Howard attended the annual birthday luncheon honoring ex-President Woodrow Wilson at the Howe Hotel, Grand Rapids, Monday noon.

Mrs. Sylvia Nelson and Mrs. Henrietta Good called at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, Tuesday afternoon to see Miss Eveline Miller, who was operated on for appendicitis Christmas night. She is getting along fine.

Christmas day guests of Mrs. C. O. Lawrence and Mrs. Clara McCarty were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sisson and Mrs. Geo. Sisson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and Deane of Grand Rapids and Miss Frances McCarty of Lansing, Mrs. C. O. Lawrence and Mrs. Clara McCarty were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller and family of Grand Rapids.

Social Events

Mrs. Anna Stinchcomb entertained her grandchildren from Ionia for the Christmas holiday.

Gus Wingeier is leaving for Chicago Friday where he will study embalming for the next six months.

Albert Burri is in Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, where he is undergoing treatment for cement poisoning.

Frank Schwacha and son Bobbie of Flint and Morse of Grand Rapids were home for Christmas and the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartley received a basket of fruit from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. West at Kissimmee, Fla., recently.

Miss Dorothy Donahue and William Lobos of Mt. Pleasant spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Byrne McMahon.

David Strizek is convalescing from an operation performed at the Veterans' hospital in Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

The Sterzik families had their Christmas dinner at the Silver Barn on Christmas day with fifty in attendance. Program and gifts followed, everyone having a fine time.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartley Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Perry and son and their father, L. Jacobson of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hartley of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carr and Mrs. Verto Paddock of Coldwater spent the week-end with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone, called here by the death of Mrs. Ella Barnes.

Callers during the past week at the Ernest Aldrich home were Mr. and Mrs. Basil Green of Lansing, Dr. and Mrs. Moll of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carey and family of Middleville and Seymour Heseche.

Carolyn Cahoon and Goldie Dukes spent Christmas day with their parents, afterward going to Lansing where they will spend the vacation week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Adelbert Richmond.

San Francisco has the only consolidated city-county government in California.

Reports compiled by conservation authorities show that 559 arrests were made during the past month and that nearly 20 percent of them were for possession of a loaded gun in an automobile.

Vergennes Grange

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Grange will be Tuesday evening, Jan. 5. Start the New Year right by attending the first meeting of the year. Grange will be followed by a card party and a lunch. Bring table service.

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone but myself.

Dexter S. Sargent.

It requires at least a year to train carrier pigeons for the work of dispatching news photographs for the daily journals in Tokyo.

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Local Sports

BASKETBALL

Richmond's Cafe independent basketball team defeated the E. W. Bliss Co. team of Hastings last Monday, 34-14. The Bliss second team defeated the Cafe seconds, 25-24. Richmond Cafes 25-24. Richmond Cafes will play the strong Lorenzo Bros. team of Lansing next Monday at the High school gym.

Lowell high school basketball team plays at Rockford Jan. 5 and East Grand Rapids here on Jan. 6.

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