

The country's Indian population is now 334,300. Births exceed deaths by 3,500 a year. Oklahoma has the largest number, which is about 100,000.

Works Progress Administration officials claim privately their count of the unemployed will be more accurate than the mail registration recently conducted.

The first thing an American village buys, as soon as his income has risen above necessities, is an automobile, a recent survey in Michigan and five other states reveals.

The state highway department this week completed a lay-off of 535 men brought about by reduced maintenance and construction activity together with curtailed funds.

Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of the General Motors Corporation, has given securities valued at approximately \$10,000,000 to the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which will be used to give all a better understanding of economic problems.

Farm Security Administration land buying is being concentrated in Great Plains drought areas. Land program planners, while discouraged over the fate of Resettlement Administration ideas, still have hopes for remaking economy of sections subject to drought.

Henry A. Wallace and his aides are dismayed by the farm bills in Congress, which they disown. The AAA deliberately stood aside during the drafting of the bills. Officials who would administer the projected law contend the present proposals are unworkable.

The state's general fund has been increased by \$19,238 during the first ten months this year from royalties paid on sand and gravel pumped from the bottoms of the Great Lakes and connecting waters inside the state's boundaries and on similar material taken from inland pits on state-owned lands.

Catch of fish in Michigan waters—the Great Lakes and Saginaw bay—by 1934 licensed commercial fishermen during the first six months of 1937 totaled nearly 300,000 pounds more than were taken during the same period last year. Value of all fish taken from the same waters in 1936 was \$2,468,000.

The Department of Commerce has reported a substantial increase in the United States trade with South America during the first five months of 1937. Exports for this period totaled \$113,392,000, compared with \$79,031,000 for the same period in 1936. Imports for the same period totaled \$108,500,000, against \$123,008,000 in 1936.

Four sound films of Michigan wildlife are now available for loan by the education division of the Michigan Department of Conservation. The subjects presented are "Michigan Mammals," "Beaver," "Moose," and "Whitetails." The first sound film prepared under the direction of the division, in 1936, was the widely shown picture, "Nature's Gangers."

Michigan Federation of Women's clubs representatives have designated a 1,000 acre tract near Higgins lake as an organization forestry project. The Federation which links several hundred women's clubs already in existence, appropriated funds to finance tree plantings on 40 acres of the tract and plans to complete its collection of funds for the purpose by March 1, 1938.

Congress is not expected to disturb Michigan's Federal Aid highway program for next year. This is the word brought back from Washington this week by Murray D. VanWagoner, state highway commissioner, who was in the nation's capital in opposition to curtailment of the program. The commissioner expressed the opinion that no highway legislation will be enacted at the present special session of Congress.

The index of Michigan farm prices from mid-October to mid-November continued its downward trend. Particularly significant is the sharp decline in prices received for livestock. Cash crops were considerably lower than a month ago and there was some decrease in the price of crops, especially for corn. Poultry and products were seasonally higher than during October, and also higher than on November 15, 1936.

At the intersection of M-78 and Abbott Road, near East Lansing, where Wm. M. Smith, former chairman of the state utilities commission, was recently killed, State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner has caused to be installed the first of a new series of stop signs at dangerous trucking corners. The new sign will be twice as large as those in present use, and will be reflectorized. Five hundred feet ahead of the big sign, which can be read twice as far as the present one, will be another reflectorized warning sign, smaller in size. Other smaller signs were thrown away also to be tried out, in an attempt to promote greater safety at congested intersections.

PARNELL RESIDENT PASSES Mrs. Esther Byrne of Parnell passed away Friday in a Grand Rapids hospital. She is survived by her husband, Leo Byrne; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. McCarthy; three brothers and three sisters, all of O'Neil, Neb. Funeral services were held at nine o'clock Monday morning at St. Patrick's church, Parnell.

WHAT DID THE SAVIOUR LOOK LIKE? An article in The American Weekly, with the December 19 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, will point out that an exhibition of 1,000 paintings by artists of many nations shows a wide difference in their ideals, but evidence has been found that a real likeness of the Divine features based on a sketch by St. Peter in the Catacombs has inspired the Christ portraits of all ages.

Governor Uses Velvet Hammer On Lowell Man

Dismissed From Salaryless Post

Governor Frank Murphy brought another Lowell citizen into the state's limelight last Saturday when he announced the dismissal of C. H. Runciman from membership on the Emergency Relief Commission. The other Lowell citizen upon whom the limelight had frequently been focused is M. B. McPherson, whom the governor would deprive of his position as chairman of the State Tax Commission.

Governor Murphy employed the velvet hammer in dismissing Mr. Runciman, paying the Lowell man well deserved praise for the manner in which he had performed his duties as a member of the relief commission. George H. Boyd of Saginaw, another member of the relief commission, received notice of his dismissal at the same time as Mr. Runciman. Both received their appointments from Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald.

Almost A Thankless Job In commenting upon the matter to a Ledger representative, Mr. Runciman said: "I have been glad to do the work which has been assigned me, but I am also glad to be freed from the same, as it took a lot of time. Both Mr. Boyd and myself tendered our resignations to Gov. Murphy soon after his inauguration last January, but the governor urged us to continue as members. We offered our resignations four other times—in April, June, August and October—but each time, the governor declined to accept."

Those serving on the Emergency Relief Commission do so without salary. A great deal of time is necessary for the work, not only in attendance upon meetings of the commission but also the daily contacts with those seeking emergency relief. The commission is one of the organizations scheduled to be merged into the new State Welfare Department under the reorganization laws passed by the 1937 legislature.

The laws were scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, which would have made the organization of the commission unnecessary. Filing of referendum petitions, however, has given the governing body of the commission a new lease on life, running at least until next November.

Governor Expresses Thanks Below is a copy of the letter which the governor addressed to Runciman and Boyd: "For various reasons I feel impelled to make changes in the administration of the state emergency welfare relief commission. I am unwilling to have you terminate your membership on this important body without first thanking you for your generosity in giving to the people of this state so much of your time in their service. You are entitled to the thanks and gratitude of all our citizens for your work in their behalf. You have demonstrated your deep sense of civic responsibility. "You have done a very difficult work in an extremely trying period and I thank you for it."

Governor Names CIO Leader Astonishment was created throughout the state on Tuesday when word came from Lansing that Governor Murphy had named Richard T. Frankenstein of Detroit and William A. Neithercut of Flint as successors to Runciman and Boyd, Frankenstein, assistant president of the United Automobile Workers of America, is in charge of the drive to unionize the Ford Motor Co. It is reported that many Democrats are indignant over the appointment of a CIO leader to the welfare post.

Mrs. George Raimier Laid to Rest Tuesday

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Roth Chapel for Mrs. George Raimier, 59, who passed away Sunday at her home here.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Gary of Lowell; six sisters, Mrs. George Veerba, Mrs. Clara A. Linds, Mrs. Neal Klussen and Mrs. Nicholas Scripsma of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Milton Wilcox, Mrs. George Denton and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Lowell; three brothers, Claude and Jake Staal of Lowell and Hiram Staal of Grand Rapids.

Rev. R. S. Miller officiated at the services and burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Raimier had lived in Lowell about 42 years and was a well known and respected member of the community.

Stores Open Evenings For Christmas Shoppers

Lowell Stores will remain open next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for the accommodation of holiday shoppers. It is also announced that stores will not be closed next week Thursday afternoon but will be kept open to accommodate the public.

Lowell Board of Trade N. E. Borgerson, Pres.

IS AWARDED CONSENT JUDGMENT

Peter Petersen, as guardian of a daughter, Joy M. Petersen, has been awarded a consent judgment of \$500 in his circuit court suit against Fred West for injuries suffered by the girl in an automobile accident near Foxes Corners a year ago.

Along Main St.

Let each and all of us do our best toward keeping sidewalks free from mud and ice. That's a mighty good way to spread the milk of human kindness. A little coarse salt on glary ice may prevent a broken leg or hip for someone.

Away off in the fertile wheat-fields of North Dakota, fifty miles from the Canadian border, and half a mile from the village of Rugby, is a monument of boulders, with the inscription, "Geographical Center of North America." Anyone in Lowell can see it for himself by driving out there.

The first zero weather of the winter hit this vicinity late Sunday night, marking a drop of some twenty degrees within a few hours. Early Monday morning, readings as low as six below were reported, but by 10:00 a. m. the weather had moderated to twelve above. Monday night the mercury again dropped to zero which has since been followed by a mixture of snow, rain and sleet.

They all say it—Ledger classified ads get results! Mrs. W. J. Traynick, who inserted a "for sale" ad in last week's issue, reports that her table was sold immediately. Carl James has an ad in this week's issue and the one his wife ran last week "got such good results," and Robert Wingeler reports that he already has sold seven of the ten Holstein cows which he advertised last week.

The Morlok quadruplets of Lansing, prime favorites with patrons of the Lowell Showboat, have written their annual letters to Santa Claus, after spending more than a week compiling their lists. The 7-year-old girls—Edna A. Wilk, B. Sarah C. and Helen D.—asked for the same things. They all want dolls, picture books and house sets, although Edna A. surprised her parents by asking Santa for a set to construct mechanical gadgets.

\$6,000 State Aid To Lowell Schools

Lowell School District No. 1 will receive approximately \$6,000 out of the \$7,886,575.54 in state aid funds being distributed to local school districts, according to announcement made this week by the state superintendent of public instruction. The payment is one-third of the state appropriation for aid to districts, the second payment due to come in February and the third in April. Of the amount now being received, Kent county receives \$348,945.74.

The state legislature appropriated \$25,200,000 this year for school aid purposes. This does not include the primary school fund of more than 15 million dollars. Districts have already been awarded \$3,000,000 of the appropriation for tuition purposes.

Lodge Elections

The local Masonic orders have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M. W. M. D. A. Wingeler; S. W. W. A. Roth; J. W. A. F. Zwemer; Treas. W. C. Hartman; Secy. E. S. White; S. D. George Story; J. D. E. H. Roth; Tyler, Galt Bangs; Stewards, O. J. Breazina and L. E. Johnson.

Hooker Chapter No. 73, R. A. M. H. P. Carl Freyermuth; K. Roy A. Richardson; S. John Lott; C. H. W. S. Murphy; P. S. Ray Lenhart; R. A. C. Royden Warner; M. of F. V. Ernest Pickney; M. of S. V. Harley Maynard; M. of T. V. D. F. E. White; S. Galt Bangs.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, there will be a Christmas tree and program at the I. O. O. F. hall. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families are invited. Each and every one bring a 10c gift for exchange so no one will be forgotten. There will be popcorn, candy and peanuts. Come all, let's have a good time.—Committee.

The Women's Democrat Club will hold their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the home of Mrs. Adah Norwood. Potluck supper will be served at 7:30. There will be a Christmas tree and program. All members are requested to be present.

The South Lowell Neighborhood Club will be held at Vern Klahn's this week Friday night. Bring own service and 10c gift for the tree.

Vergennes Grange will meet on Friday evening, Dec. 17, for a business meeting and euchre party.

Strand Calendar

Friday, Saturday, Dec. 17-18—Double feature. Tex Ritter in "Tex RIDES With the Boy Scouts." Also, John Wayne in "Idol of the Crowds."

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 20, 21—High up in the mountains, with Heidi and all the folk who laughed, lived and loved in the never to be forgotten story that has enthralled millions the world over. Shirley Temple in "Heidi" with Jean Hersholt, Arthur Treacher and Helen Westley. Also Walt Disney's "Academy Award Revue", 40 minutes of color cartoons.

Wednesday, Dec. 22—"Midnight Court" with Ann Dvorak and John Lital. Also "Lancer Spy" with Delores DellRio, George Sanders and Peter Lorre.

Thursday, Dec. 23—"When They Meet Their" with Douglas Fairbanks, Valerie Hobson and Alan Hale.

Lowell Man Involved In Political Tempest

McPherson Gets Injunction In Tax Commission Fight

The tempest in the political teapot of state politics continues to seethe this week around the head of Melville B. McPherson of Lowell, chairman of the state tax commission, who last week took issue with Governor Murphy, who had announced the appointment of John N. Fegan, a former probate judge from Sault Ste. Marie, as chairman in place of McPherson.

Upon receiving his appointment from the governor, Mr. Fegan attempted to take charge of the commission and one of his first acts was to order the dismissal of the staff of twenty-two field workers of the tax commission, including the ouster of McPherson. McPherson opposed Fegan's action, contending that he (McPherson) was the legal chairman of the commission, having received such appointment from Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald for the term expiring in 1941.

Chairman McPherson also contends that Chairman Fegan has no right to hire and fire the commission's field workers and contends that the hiring and firing is the function of the commission as a body and that a chairman has no right to presume to act for the commission as a whole. On Wednesday Chairman (F) Fegan backed down in his attempt to dismiss the twenty-two field workers and announced their reinstatement.

The situation thus brought about—a commission with two heads—reminds us of a story found in ancient Greek mythology of the god Hercules, who in one corner "while in this corner" is M. B. McPherson, a possible candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Am. Legion Post To Play Santa Claus

For several years past, the Lowell post of the American Legion has made it the practice of seeing that children of this community who might otherwise be overlooked, are made certain of receiving Christmas gifts. It's a big job involving a large amount of work and effort upon the part of the Legion members, but a Christmas party for adults will be held by the Legion at the Lowell City hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, and turkeys, chickens, groceries and merchandise will be offered. Five and ten cent cards will be sold, although most of the cards will be for five cents and it is hoped that everyone will turn out and patronize this worthy cause. A Christmas present for every child is the aim of the Legionaires.

Correspondents, Notice

On account of the Christmas holiday next week Saturday the Ledger will be published on Wednesday instead of Thursday, as usual, therefore all advertisers and correspondents are kindly requested to see that all matters for publication reach the Ledger office a day earlier than usual. Thank you for your compliance. The Publisher

159 different Christmas cards to select from, priced at 1c to 15c each. Leonard Studios, Lowell, Michigan. Phone 184. c31-32

Christmas Shopping Now in High Gear Here

Christmas shopping is in high gear at Lowell this week. Despite the stormy weather the last three days of last week, customers have been coming from far and near to pack the town and keep merchants and their clerks busy. It appears that the whole community has suddenly caught the Christmas buying spirit and realizes that time is getting short.

Lowell Stores and Shops Full of Fine Stocks

For two weeks, buying has continued steadily. Lowell merchants report a fine trade. "It's better than last year," says a local merchant. "Already we have sold many more gifts than we had up to this time a year ago, and prospects for the final week look good."

Never have stocks of Christmas merchandise been larger nor more attractive. Gifts of very description for every member of the family are available here. Merchants have planned well in anticipation of the community's needs and there is no necessity to go elsewhere for Christmas shopping. Fine values are offered at prices lower than can be found in city stores. Gift buyers will be wise to do their shopping in Lowell.

This week's issue of the Ledger is filled with advertising announcements of Christmas merchandise. Readers are urged to compare prices and values with those advertised in other towns. Lowell, always a fine trading center, is well prepared to meet the needs of every Christmas buyer. But remember, Christmas will soon arrive. Only 7 shopping days remain. Buy now to take advantage of the large stocks.

New Highway Map Shows Winter Scenes

The winter edition of the official Michigan Highway Map is off the press ready for free distribution to motorists.

Winter scenes in Michigan, including those depicting snow and ice sports, dominate the reverse side of the map. Nine warning signs commonly seen on Michigan roads are also shown and explained.

The map side contains the latest corrections relating to trunkline highways brought about by new construction.

Copies of the map may be obtained without cost by writing to State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner, Lansing, Mich., or they may be obtained from the Ledger office as long as the limited supply lasts.

Audience of 400 Enjoys Concert

On Tuesday night over 400 adults and children listened with much surprise and satisfaction to the first annual fall concert put on by the high school band and orchestra under the direction of Bruce Walter. A new feature of the program was the appearance of the high school trio, a group which delighted the large audience. Those in attendance were unanimous in their praises for the improvement of the music over former years.

There was a certain smoothness and finesse which can only be obtained after years of practice. Mr. Walter is to be given a great deal of credit for the rapid development of the musical organizations under his guidance. Undoubtedly the high light in the program was the instrumental "Yankee Rhythm," played by the band. This number was a medley of familiar tunes which was played with a great deal of gusto. Another feature of the program was the demonstration of the instruction which belongs to the string quartet. Those present now know the difference between a violin, viola, cello and bass. Other groups in the department of music will undoubtedly put on another program before the close of the school year.

Burial Rites Here For Murdered Man

Burial services were held on Monday at 11:30 at St. Mary's cemetery for John Miller, 31, of Allegan. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Father Jewell.

Mr. Miller lived here during his early manhood, his father being a Pere Marquette telegraph operator at this point and the family lived in a house that stood on the present site of the Strand Theatre. According to meager information received here, Mr. Miller was murdered and then slain by thugs, the murder taking place in Texas about two weeks ago. It is reported that the body was thrown into a stream following the murder and a ransom demanded. It is said that the victim had several hundred dollars on his person at the time of the slaying.

A sister, Mrs. Scheil, was here from Allegan to attend the funeral rites.

Greenville Five Here Friday Night

Greenville High School's first and second basketball teams invade the local high school's court Friday night in contests which are sure to be thrilling. The locals will be out to revenge a 28 to 20 defeat handed them last year at Greenville.

The two games that Greenville has had thus far this season have shown that they have a first class defensive team and are not so far behind on their scoring ability. Capacity crowd is expected and the better seats will be taken long before the second team game is through. The games start at 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock.

Basketball

Richmond's Win From Ionia In a game at the armory last Friday the Cafes defeated Co. H in a rough game 37-36. The locals were behind 3 points with but one minute remaining when Ellis flipped in a couple of long ones to put the Cafes out in front. The second outfit were also on the long end of a 43-38 score.

The Maitley Markets fell before the Richmond team at the high school gymnasium Tuesday night, 50-37. The first game was between the Cafes second team and the State Hospital affiliates, the latter winning by a 37-20 margin.

Thursday the team goes to Caledonia to take on the strong Caledonia Merchants. There will be no more games at the local gym for the Cafes team until after the first of the year.

Carole Lombard's Career Traced by Photographs! The picture-story of the early days and career in the film world is unfolded by a rare group of exclusive photographs occupying two full pages in the 32-page Pictorial Rotogravure Magazine. Get your copy of this fascinating magazine with next Sunday's Detroit News. On sale at Christensen's or phone for delivery. adv

Rites Today For Willard S. Winegar Beloved Citizen

Spent His Entire Lifetime Here

Willard S. Winegar, pioneer druggist and beloved and esteemed resident of this community for his entire lifetime of 81 years, passed away at his home here at a late hour Monday night. Mr. Winegar had been in failing health for the past year, although he had been able to make almost daily calls among his Main-st. friends until within the past few months, when infirmities prevented. Mr. Winegar sank into a coma Saturday night, from which he never rallied.



WILLARD S. WINEGAR

Mr. Winegar was a loved and honored citizen throughout his entire span of life. He was ever thoughtful and considerate of others and gave many years of unstinted public service for the benefit of his community. He was a man of unquestioned integrity and of the highest moral character and his passing is deeply mourned by an unusually wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Biographical Sketch

Willard S. Winegar was born on a farm just outside the village of Lowell December 28, 1856, son of Ellen Slight and Asabel Winegar, pioneer settlers of Lowell. He finished the public schools before the first graduation class. He was married to Dora Eldredh Sept. 24, 1879, with whom he lived until her death, July 5, 1936.

Mr. Winegar started in the drug business with E. J. & H. Store in the early seventies as a school boy, working mornings and evenings. He continued this for several years, and finally entered the employ of John Quincy Look as drug clerk, succeeding Mr. Look in 1888. He continued in the same store until 1891 at which time he held the business at W. C. Hartman.

Mr. Winegar gave many years of his life to public service. He served over thirty years on the school board, much of that time as director. He was a member of the Common Council for eighteen years as member of the Light and Power committee, acting as chairman several terms. He was president of the village for several years and was a past president of the Lowell Board of Trade. He was an active member of the Blue Lodge, Past High Priest of the Chapter, Knights Templar, member of the Shrine and of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Methodist Church to which he was most devoted.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Earl A. Thomas, two granddaughters, Dora Jane and Ethel Anne Thomas of Lowell; a sister, Mrs. L. H. Cheeseman of Detroit; three brothers, Charles of Detroit, Henry of Birmingham and Edward of Eagle.

Funeral services occur this (Thursday) afternoon 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, the rites being under auspices of Lowell Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., with the Rev. A. T. Carland of Climax, a former pastor of Lowell M. E. church, officiating. Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

All business places were closed from two to three o'clock out of respect to Mr. Winegar's memory.

Well Known Nurse Passes at Age 57

Miss Adeline M. Barton, sister of Leonard Barton of Lowell, passed away December 2 in Washington, D. C., the Health Home, of which institution she had been co-proprietor since 1926. Miss Barton, who was 57 years old, had lived in this vicinity until about 15 years ago. She was a registered nurse and had served overseas with the American Red Cross, also assisting in the Red Cross in flood relief.

Surviving besides the brother Leonard, are a sister, Mrs. Lewis S. Vandewalker of Lakeland, Fla., and three other brothers, Marvin of Oregon, Orin of Lansing and Harold of Birmingham, Mich. Miss Barton had many friends in Lowell and vicinity who sincerely regret her passing.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

Funeral services will be held in Grand Rapids Friday at 2 p. m. for Alfred Archibald, 75, a former resident of Lowell, who passed away Wednesday. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery here. Read the Ledger want ads.

NEED FOR CONFIDENCE

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, suggested measures be taken to relieve some of the burdens placed on business by various New Deal acts during the past few years. Since then, however, he has done practically nothing to give support to his suggestions. On the contrary he seems to have forgotten he made them.

It is a known fact that business is in a slump. What it needs now is relief from the unfair burdens it has been made to bear so it can work itself out of its difficulties. Men with capital to invest must be shown they can expect an equitable return on their money before they will be willing to put their money in enterprises of any nature. President Roosevelt could have aided considerably in injecting confidence into business had he chosen different guests to accompany him on his recent fishing trip. As it was the chaps who played important parts in sponsoring that legislation which has hung like a stone around the neck of business until it broke down under the added weight. Also the apparent indifference on his part gives rise to the question asked many times before. Does he believe business can be hamstrung as it has been during the last few years, and then when it is no longer able to carry the load, can he think he can take it over much in the same manner as it has been done in Italy and Germany? Such a thing was inferred in an address given in Detroit, December 6, by Burton K. Wheeler, United States Senator, from Montana, when he said "it could happen here." Therefore, it is up to us all, including labor groups, to see that it DOES NOT HAPPEN HERE.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A FAMOUS POEM by Henry Longfellow tells how centuries ago, a Norman baron lay dying on Christmas eve in the hall of his castle, the serfs and vassals of his dominion were singing Christmas carols. The cheerful sound rose to his sick chamber, and filled the dying man with regret. He saw with clearer vision that he had done wrong to the poor creatures who had toiled for him without reward. In his penitence, he signed a paper that gave all these oppressed people their freedom. His generous act has echoed down the ages as an expression of the Christmas spirit.

As the Christmas carols sound in our ears, may many persons regret the wrongs they have committed, and resolve to set them right.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Please make an effort to send in your letters earlier in the week, as we are particularly busy at this time of the year and it makes our work much harder when copy comes in late. If each one will help in this way it will make things easier for us. Trusting that all will respond willingly.

Yours sincerely, The Ledger.

RADIO LOUNGE SUITS

A pajama suit of plain or printed broadcloth with longer coat, suitable for lounge wear. Something new. Ultra smart. \$2.75. Coons.

Everybody Buys and uses Christmas Seals



MORE WEEK TO SHOP

ALTO DEPARTMENT

(Mrs. Fred Pattison)

Christmas Program

The Baptist Bible school will have a Christmas program and tree Friday evening, Dec. 24. We invite you to come. All children will be remembered.

Sunday School Class Party

Miss Dorothy and Master Robert Clark entertained the members of their Sunday School class at their home Saturday evening. A delicious dinner was served. The table was decorated with twelve guests. A surprise feature of the dinner was the serving of a huge birthday cake honoring the birthdays of Marie Wilson, Dorothy Clark and Jack Curtis. The business meeting was followed by a most enjoyable evening of singing.

Also garden club meets

Mrs. Harold Nye was hostess to the Alto Garden Club Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14. After the usual business meeting, Mrs. Ed. Timpon read a very interesting article on feeding birds. Mrs. J. K. Kinney read a paper on the winter readings of a very entertaining manner. Dainty refreshments were served by the committee and the table decorations were in keeping with the winter theme.

7th Annual Christmas Party for the Children

at
Rosenberg's Store

2:30 p. m.
SATURDAY, DEC. 18

Santa Claus will be there with something for each of the children

Also M. E. Church Notes

Over twenty members of the Goodwillship Class enjoyed a social evening in the coffee room on last Friday evening. After an excellent potluck dinner the members were pleasantly surprised by a visit of Santa Claus and his wife who arrived with jingling red bells, white whiskers and stigmata and carrying a load of gaily colored holiday beautiful Christmas tree decorated and lighted had gifts for everyone and his good will was distributed to the assembled company. The gifts ranged from grand pianos to dancing hula-hula girls. After this program was enjoyed, everyone taking part with recitations, songs, dialogues and finally a song by the Alto fine old Christmas songs. Mrs. J. K. Kinney presided at a late hour Christmas program. Mrs. J. K. Kinney presided at a late hour Christmas program. Mrs. J. K. Kinney presided at a late hour Christmas program.

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GIVE AN Ingersoll

There's an Ingersoll for every member of the family. The watches for pocket, wrist or handbag at prices from \$12.50.

You can buy them in stores right here in town.

300 Year Treasury

The "treasure" paradise in Austria is the village of Weyer. It is where every thing over 300 years old is called "antique all."

Prophesied: "Jan one day will be cut out."

RIS-ARCH—\$3.95

YANKEE—\$1.50

Good Short Story

Elaine Becomes Heroic

By KARL GRAYSON

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ELAINE knew that something was wrong for it was the first time she could remember her ever having waked suddenly in the middle of the night. Without moving she scanned as much of the room as she could see above the top of her pillow. Presently the half-open window near the foot of her bed came into view, and her heart gave a great thud.

The outline of a man's head and shoulders was silhouetted against the starlit sky beyond. He seemed to have assumed an attitude of listening, as if frozen into immobility by some slight, unexpected sound.

Her first impulse was to leap up, screaming, a desire which she suppressed at once upon discovering that the intruder was inside her room instead of outside as she had at first suspected.

Regretfully she thought of John, her husband. That morning John had left for Montreal on a three days' business trip. He had been reluctant to go, had, in fact, consented only because of Elaine's insistence.

"I'll not feel easy in my mind," he told her ruefully on parting. "A husband shouldn't go and leave his wife alone in a house that, because of its costly appointments, is a constant temptation to burglars."

"Silly boy," Elaine scoffed. "I'll not feel easy in my mind," he told her ruefully on parting. "A husband shouldn't go and leave his wife alone in a house that, because of its costly appointments, is a constant temptation to burglars."

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BUTTER STRICTLY FRESH MICHIGAN MAID 2 lb. 77c

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FELS NAPHA SOAP 6 box 25c

NORTHERN TISSUE 6 roll 25c

COUNTRY CLUB COFFEE VACUUM PACKED - Drip or Regular Grind 2 can 25c

Crisis At No. 10

Confronted by a series of grave accidents in Europe and the death of his father, the young man, who had been a member of the Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's staff, was engaged in a struggle to prevent a revolution in Spain. He was a member of the staff of the British ambassador in Madrid, and he was engaged in a struggle to prevent a revolution in Spain.

THREE SENSATIONAL MEAT VALUES

ARMOUR'S STAR HAMS 19 1/2c

STRING CHOICE 19 1/2c

PORK LOIN ROAST 19c

BROADCAST Sausage 15c

Harris Creek

Mrs. Basil R. Vreeland

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gehl and daughter Ruth spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Simon and Mrs. William Barnes. Mrs. Gehl was accompanied by her daughter Ruth and her son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Simon and Mrs. William Barnes.

Sound Engineers Produce Wild Bird Song Records

People who feel like being sung to sleep by nightingales or wakened by skylarks now can indulge in such pleasures without leaving their bedrooms, thanks to a book of bird songs newly published in London.

December Afternoon

by A. B. CHAPIN

The December afternoon is a time of quiet reflection and peace. The sun is low in the sky, and the air is crisp and clear. The birds are silent, and the world seems to be at rest.

Electrical Gifts

Are Useful As Well As Ornamental

Gay wrappings and tinsel help to decorate a package... but will your gift be remembered when spring rolls 'round? It will—if it's electrical! For usefulness, few things can match the ELECTRICAL Christmas gift! Day after day, year after year, it is a constant reminder of the thoughtfulness of the giver. Let the suggestions below be your shopping guide.

Electric Toasters

The electric toaster has become an indispensable part of breakfast-getting for years. But there are probably several persons on your Christmas list who need a new one! This year's latest improvements make toasting easier and quicker.

Electric Clocks

GLASS COFFEE MAKERS

ELECTRIC MIXERS

ELECTRIC PADS

FLOOR LAMPS

ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS

RADIOS

RANGES

ELECTRIC RAZORS

Automatic Irons

The new electric irons have many desirable features, among them exact heat control for every type of fabric. The iron doesn't overheat or cool off.

Electrical accessories are the ideal Christmas Gift. See them at your local hardware or electrical dealers.

LOWELL MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER PLANT

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LOWELL CREAMERY

You owe it to your children and to yourself to drink only

Pure Pasteurized Milk

We have taken every precaution to assure you of good health.

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If your home happens to be in another city—then plan now to rely on SHORT-WAY BUSES to get you there. Swift—Safe—Sure transportation—lowest cost per mile.

Tickets and information at Bus Depot

HENRY'S DRUG STORE Phone 30

Bring Your FURS

We Pay Highest Prices

Ben Wepman

Lowell, Michigan

Keene Breezes Mrs. A. Leo

A Christmas program and tree for the Grangers will be held at Keene Grange hall Friday evening, Dec. 17. Each member bringing a ten cent gift to exchange. The Grange will serve an oyster supper.

War District

K. M. S.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Filkins, who have been ill the past two weeks, are now recovering. Mr. Filkins is moving on the May Gilbert farm, Mrs. Filkins is at home.

Wanted, For Sale, Lost and Found

FOR SALE—New model Chevrolet car, 1937, 4 door, 6 cylinder, 1200 cc. engine, 1200 cc. engine, 1200 cc. engine. Price \$1,200.00. Call 1234.

FOR SALE—Breakfast table, 4 x 30, and two benches, \$15 each. Call 1234.

FOR SALE—60 and seven pigs: Light Red Beans, 60 lbs. each; Dark Red Beans, 70 lbs. each; Corn Meal, 60 lbs. each. Call 1234.

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Every Hunter Must File Report

Deer hunters who have not yet reported on their hunt for the season just closed are reminded that they are required to file their reports by the 15th of the next legislature.

Clammers Negligent In Filing Reports

Clamming in Michigan streams is a profitable business. However, clammers are negligent in filing their reports. This is a violation of the law.

Drivers Recognize New Plate Deadline

Motorists of the state are preparing to take advantage of the new motor vehicle plates which are expected to be issued in January. The deadline for filing reports is the 15th of the next legislature.

Best Yet Hard Kansas Wheat

THOMAS SPECIAL MISSION INN

Finest Blend of Choice Coffee

Cutting Up Corn Cuts Down the Borer

Favorable weather will see Michigan corn growers cutting feed corn in 1938 by the corn borer, which has figured heavily in the loss of plant food absorbed by the corn stalk fibers when added to bedding.

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Diamond No. 1. Finest New Crop. Large soft shell.

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OVEN-FRESH-TASTY Dutch Spicy Cookies

Special Low Price 2 lbs. 19c

RAISINS

Fancy Bulk Seedless 3 lbs. 22c

Seedless 4 lb. 33c

SEEDED RAISINS 10c per pkg.

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Spices

Pumpkin Pie Spice 10c per bottle

Sage Leaf or Rubbed 1 lb. 15c

10c size 7c

Fresh New Hard Mixed Christmas Candy

1 lb. 10c

Lux Soap

In Deluxe Christmas pkg. 4 cakes 25c

21 Beautiful Xmas Cards 25c

Fancy Candles, Seals, Tags, Wrappings and Tree Decorations

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Legal Notice of Farmers State Bank, Alto, Mich.
Sec. 59. Liability of shareholders. The shareholders of every bank shall be individually liable...

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Duell of Alto visited at the Clark-Williams home...

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THERE are those to whom Christmas dinner would not be Christmas dinner without end...

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Merry Christmas
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Put Your Name on This Tag
Give yourself a present of a good Used Car. Can you think of a better gift, one that you'll appreciate more or one that will give you more fun? The answer is NO!

HERE'S VALUE!
1934 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan-Finish and tires in good condition. This car is reconditioned and a bargain for somebody. Equipped with radio...\$244

1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan-Radio and heater. This car has had exceptional care and will give years of service. Finish and tires like new...\$333

STAR CORNERS
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Church News

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EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Hostly Edg.
Services will continue at the Hostly building on W. Main-st. Revival meetings every night except Monday...

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. M. Miller, Pastor
Sunday School at ten o'clock. Bible Study at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Wade, who was announced by error for two weeks ago, will be the preacher next Sunday...

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CH.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—Church service. 7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic service.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Morning service every Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Evening service every Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

CASCADE CHURCH OF CHRIST
D. C. Dorst, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m. Church Service—11:30 a. m.

ALTO and BOWNE CENTER
OF WEST LOWELL
Worship Service—11:15 a. m. Sunday School—11:30 a. m.

ADA CONGREGATIONAL CH.
Rev. E. M. Armstrong, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Church service at 11:30 a. m.

ALASKA BAPTIST CHURCH
A. Cederlund, Minister
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Classes for all.

WHITNEYVILLE and SNOW
M. E. CHURCHES
Edward A. Armstrong, Pastor
Public Worship service each Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

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 - Mutton Stew lb. - - - 10c
 - Spare Ribs lb. - - - 20c
 - Pork Sausage lb. - - - 18c
 - Beef Ribs lb. - - - 14c
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 - Mutton Shoulder lb. - - - 15c

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 - Chocolate Drops lb. 10c
 - NUTS**
 - Jumbo Peanuts 2 lbs. - - 25c
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- CAMPBELL'S Tomato Soup** 2 cans 13c

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Social Events

Greene Circle Christmas Party
About fifty members and friends of the Greene Circle met at the Methodist Church house Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party. A lovely Christmas tree and exchange of gifts were enjoyed, after which the group sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Lynn Fletcher at the piano. Rev. Miller conducted devotional, telling a beautiful Christmas story. The program consisted of reminiscences concerning the early recollections of Christmas, some dating back about 60 years. Lunch was served and all departed wishing each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Michigan Bakeries Entertain
Michigan Bakeries, Inc., of Grand Rapids entertained with a dinner party at the Masonic Temple in Ionia Tuesday evening, a large group of grocers, their families and guests, about 150 in all. Among those from Lowell to enjoy the evening were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Weaver, Orison, Henry and Mary, Richard MacNaughton, Junior Ayres, Henry Koewers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. George Pappin, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Charles, Carl Munroe, Lawrence Maxson and David Condon.

Honored on Birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff entertained Sunday with a dinner in honor of the birthday of their niece, Mrs. John Watts of Bowne. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Watts, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson, son Morris of Bowne, Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Bryant and son Dean Arnold of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Padee, Mrs. Jennie Pardee and Mrs. Lydia Forritt of South Bowne. Many tokens were left for Mrs. Watts in remembrance of the anniversary.

Mrs. Hawk Honored
Mrs. Will Buck entertained last week Wednesday evening at her home with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. J. B. Hawk. About fifteen guests were present, playing games being the diversion of the evening. Mrs. Hawk received many lovely gifts and best wishes for future happiness.

Goofus Club Meets
Mrs. Mert Sinclair entertained the Goofus Club at her home last Tuesday afternoon. Honors were won by Mrs. Lew Wingler, Mrs. Vern Ashley, Mrs. D. H. Oatley. Guest gifts were presented to Mrs. Lila Johnson and Mrs. John Roth.

Entertains for Mother
Mrs. Lucille Byrne entertained at her home Friday evening with a seven o'clock dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Stevens' 74th birthday. Guests were Mrs. Howard Burt, Miss Hazel Hoag and Glenn Barnes.

Social Briefs
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roth are entertaining the P. & P. bridge club at their Christmas party tonight (Thursday) at their home.
The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. David Cox, Mrs. Wm. VanVorst serving as assistant hostess.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Simmons of Detroit, a 7 1/2 lb. girl, Constance Dawn, on Dec. 14, at Lux Maternity hospital.

150 different Christmas cards to select from, priced at 1c to 15c each. Leonard Studios, Lowell, Michigan. Phone 184. c31-32

The religious inspector was visiting the school and put this question to a class of little girls: "If all the good people were white and all the bad people were black what color would you be?" Some of the little girls answered "White" and others answered "Black" but little Margie stood silent and in deep thought. Finally she answered: "Oh, I guess I'd be kind of streaky."

Trying to get along on past records furnishes poor living. This is a world of progress, demanding continuing and improved performance. A man doesn't last long on what he does. He's got to keep on delivering as he goes along.
Congress in 1938 should stop buying foreign silver at fantastic prices.

Get Your Security Account Number At Once

Workers of Michigan:
If you expect to be eligible for Unemployment Compensation benefits you MUST get your Social Security Account Number and you MUST file it with your employer.

Employers of Michigan:
If the worker fails to get the number the Unemployment Compensation Act places on employers of eight or more, subject to the act, responsibility for getting the Social Security Account Number for each worker.

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Apply at the post office for a blank, that when filled out, mailed to Room 205, Federal Building, Detroit, will bring your number to you.

Who Receives a Number?
Every worker, regardless of age, MUST have his Social Security Account Number on file with his employer before he can qualify for job benefits. Do not confuse Old Age Pension and Unemployment Compensation laws. Workers over 70 may be eligible for benefits if they successfully qualify otherwise.

Remember
Get your Social Security Account Number today if you haven't done so.

Morrissey Firm Holds Open House

The Morrissey Farm & Orchard Supply at Comstock Park are having their "Opening Celebration" on Monday, Dec. 20, with free movies and demonstration all day. They have just moved into their new large headquarters at Comstock Park, where they have 18,000 square feet of floor space, instead of the 2,000 square feet at their former location.

All kinds and sizes of tractors, sprayers and farm implements are on display, where farmers can see and inspect new farm equipment before they buy.
Their new large repair shop is fitted with all modern equipment, such as electric and acetylene welding units, spray painting outfit, drill press, refacing and grinding equipment, etc.

The Morrissey Farm & Orchard Supply sell John Deere tractors and implements, Bean Company fruit sprayers and Caterpillar track-type tractors.
In their new large parts department, a complete stock of repairs are maintained for all equipment they sell.
They have just completed their fourth year in business at Comstock Park, and have shown a steady and rapid growth each year.

Their motto seems to be "Good Service Brings Sales."
It seems as though Mr. Roosevelt brought us out of a Depression in 1935 and hurled us into what he calls a Recession in 1937. We wonder if his New Deal Press Agents will be able to think up another name for it in 1940.

The outer court of a feudal mansion was known as the base court.

Moon Madness

By PERNA KRICK
McClure Newspaper syndicate.
WNU Service.

ONLY one jump from the sublime to the ridiculous—Madia Thorne sat on the cement edge of the lily pool and trailed her fingers disconsolately in the water. Madia was forty, her plump curves proclaimed it, her fallen arches attested the fact vociferously.
But the soft dusky shadows were kind. An inquisitive goldfish swam near investigating the ripples her fingers made, but Madia didn't notice. Her eyes were glued to the lighted windows of the mansion through the trees. A masquerade dance was in full swing. The music wailed a low sweet cadence—a whispering sadness—there had been a time when Madia was young, but nine children and Jim Thorne—romance had all but perished in Madia's heart.

Madia and her husband, Jim Thorne, were caretakers at Embury Lodge and tonight youth and beauty would hold high carnival; behind the silken masks chivalry would bloom again and gay knights would woo their ladies fair—and tomorrow Madia would gather the dance programs so full—return a stray compact or two when she did the cleaning.
The low wail of a plaintive violin, the throbbing, poignant notes of a cello brought an ache, a trembling urge to be one of the gay throng: just for one mad night to dance in silver slippers and cobwebby hose and listen again to thrilling passionate words of love.

With a sigh of patient resignation she started to rise. Duty called. Perhaps she had lingered too long now. They would be needing her to serve the refreshments. But wait! One of the guests was approaching. A tall man in the guise of a laborer or tramp, if you please. A picturesque vagabond in worn trousers and flapping shirt sleeves, swinging jauntily along the gravelled walk. He wore no mask, had perhaps put it aside for this moment of expected privacy, alone by the lily pool.

Madia moved as if to leave, but the stranger spoke: "Don't go! Stay and talk to me. I'm so lonely and this night wasn't made for loneliness." Then in a voice as subtly bewitching as the mellow strains, "It was made for love and loving."

With a courtly gesture, "Oh, fair lady, are you moon nymph or creature of my own imagination?" Without more ado he flung himself on the grass at Madia's feet, almost touching the hem of her voluminous skirts. His hair, whether real or artificial, was a mass of matted dark curls. Madia could have put out her hand and touched their fascinating tangle. Propped on an elbow, he nonchalantly lighted a cigarette and by its feeble glow Madia could have sworn the stubble on his cleft chin was real.

A tramp personified. Would that she were so artistically impersonated! A moon nymph! Creature of glamour and mystic moonbeams, slim as a fairy lance. Madia moved a trifle more in the shadow. Why shatter the illusion? Madia tipped the scales at two hundred and twenty-five.

But the stranger waited not for her answer; he continued more to himself than to her. At first he humbly begged the privilege of kissing the hem of her frilly apron, then growing bolder he covered her hands with the fiery fanned kisses of a man half-starved for love. On bended knees he struck the attitude of a knightly Romeo—he was court jester—he was king. He was a man begging for understanding—for love.

And Madia, bewitched by his audacity, met the questing daring with thrills akin. She was maiden slim and coy—she was strenuous—she was woman pouring out her heart for romance.

When he took her in his arms she yielded and the scratch of his bearded lips sent shivers along her spine. Yet shame and humiliation overcame her. What had she done? Jim and the children! She tore herself from his arms and hurried away. Yet the stolen moment had been so sweet just for that mad thrill—to have some one understand, to know all the poignant longing of a woman's heart.

"Ah, but you will come again every night here by the fountain when the crescent moon rides high and the shadows lie heavy and deep. Say you will, my sweet," he pleaded. And Madia knew that she would.

Back in her little kitchen Madia had the fantastic sensation of a lovely dream, but her bright eyes and burning cheeks were only too real. Romance was not dead! Once again she had a lover, an adorable prince who loved her. Madia busied herself 'til her husband came in.
"Well, how goes the party?" she asked casually.
"Oh, all right, I guess," lighting his pipe with weary indifference. "But one of the guests gave us the very dickens of a time. He was dressed like a tramp and we couldn't understand the ruction until the authorities showed up. They were hunting an escaped lunatic from the asylum. Funny fellow! He kept insisting that he had been making love to a moon nymph down by the lily pool!"

Alaska Atoms

WANTED—A correspondent for The Ledger at Alaska to take the place of Mrs. Harold Colvin who has moved away. The editor would like to have someone who would be interested in writing the important news of Alaska community. If interested, please write or call at the Ledger office.

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More Local News

Wm. C. Doyle is on a ten day business trip in the South.
Will Stout of Cedar Springs is visiting his sister, Mrs. Tim Conant, this week.
Shirley Lee spent the week-end in Grand Rapids with her sisters.
Mrs. Fred Malcolm spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids with Mrs. G. A. Plumb. c31

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arthur of Ionia visited their mother, Mrs. A. M. Andrews Monday.
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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wisner accompanied by Renis Doyle visited Minnie Meek at the home of her mother in Sparta Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wells E. Brown, daughter Barbara, and grandson, John of Grand Rapids were Monday evening guests of Mrs. Fred Malcolm and Abby.
Charles Rogers entered Butterworth hospital Wednesday for an operation. Mr. Rogers is caretaker at Fallsburg Park during the summer months.
Sunday callers at the Ernest Aldrich home were Mrs. Albert Barrell, sister and daughter and friend of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carey and daughters of Moline and the Howard Aldrich of Flint.
Miss Helen Hill joined her uncle, Dr. J. H. Bergin and family in Detroit Monday. They left for Sarasota, Fla., Tuesday where they will spend the winter. Dr. Bergin and family recently visited his father, Christopher Bergin, and sister, Mrs. Art Hill and family.
Mrs. E. F. Doyle of Detroit sends a brief letter to the Ledger and encloses therein a picture clipped from a Detroit newspaper showing a portion of the flock of ducks at feeding time near the King Mill on Flat river. Mrs. Doyle says: "Lowell ducks, like the Showboat, are receiving publicity in Michigan's largest newspaper."

While returning from Lowell to her home in Ionia last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Retha Imus, wife of Dr. H. L. Imus, had a narrow escape from serious injury when her car skidded on a section of icy pavement near the Bertha Brock Park. Her car collided with another and was badly wrecked. Mrs. Imus was fortunate to escape with minor bruises.
Lucy Paulinkas, House President, was in charge of the annual Christmas House Party at the Skinner's home in Kalamazoo on Tuesday evening. She was assisted by Winnie Gardner and Katy Hoover who were on the refreshment committee, and by Dottie Hietzer and Macey Alden who were on the program committee. The girls had a nice time playing games, exchanging Christmas gifts and singing Christmas carols. All the girls are Western State students.
The Reign of Tears was applied to the part of the French Revolution in 1871.

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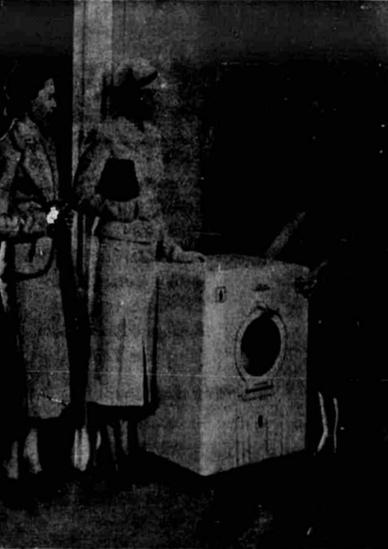


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The New Deal means well, and its processes are illegal and its methods border on insanity, we must accept, so they tell us, the resulting bedlam in the nation as part of the 1936 "mandate." Can anyone be surprised that industry in every field is languishing, that the spirit of enterprise quails before a government apparently bent on oppression? The President would be a wiser man and a greater president if he would soft-pedal his so-called "objectives" and throw his influence into the mutual cooperation of the great nations which looks to him for tolerance and breadth and constructive leadership.—Bainbridge Colby, former Democratic Secretary of State.
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New Home Laundry To Be Seen Here



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This automatic machine will soak, wash, rinse and damp-dry clothes ready for the line merely by setting two electric dials and adding soap. The clothes are handled only twice, once when placed in the machine and again when they are removed for placing on the line. The operator sets the time required for washing and after the clothes are thoroughly soaked, gently agitated and rinsed, then spun line dry and fluffed, the Laundry automatically stops without further attention.

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