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Drastic Changes Made In Motor Vehicle Laws

Explained in Address Here By Hon. Leon D. Case

The Lowell Rotary Club had the honor of entertaining Michigan's Secretary of State, Hon. Leon D. Case, at its regular noon luncheon meeting on Wednesday of this week. In his address Mr. Case spoke of the rather simple duties devolving upon the secretary of state when Michigan entered upon its career of statehood one hundred years ago and then he mentioned in some detail the multitudinous duties which the head of the Department of State is called upon to perform in this present-day, viz: serving upon numerous boards and responsibility in connection with the collection of millions of dollars from gasoline and weight taxes, license plates, corporation fees, etc.



Leon D. Case

Secretary Case mentioned in considerable detail the numerous changes made in the motor vehicle laws by the last legislature, most of the provisions of which became operative in the new year, 1938. Because of the great importance of the provisions of the new laws which will affect every motorist, Mr. Case's address is given in full below.

The Secretary's Address If half the things said about me by toastmasters were true, the office of Secretary of State wouldn't be big enough for me!

TIME TO WAKE UP MERLE THORPE, editor of "The Nation's Business," in addresses in Michigan and in other states has been bringing out pertinent facts which should challenge thoughtful consideration on the part of every citizen.

Secretary's Duties in 1837 When Michigan was admitted to the Union as a state, in 1837, the primary—in fact I might say, sole—duty of the Secretary of State was to maintain custody of the official seal of the state, and all documents and records turned over to him.

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FINCH CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MICH. BAKERY EMPLOYEES Every employe of Michigan Bakeries, Inc., received a special Christmas gift and cash bonus this year. The total employment roll is in excess of 400, including workers at the company's central office in Grand Rapids and its plants located in Jackson, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Traverse City.

According to Percy Owen, president and general manager of Michigan Bakeries, Inc., the company has, during 1937, enjoyed its peak year of business.

Along Main St.

The Lowell Board of Trade could make this resolution for the New Year: Resolved that we will work out a plan that will bring about the construction of several moderately-priced modern homes in Lowell.

Ralph Sherwood, who was taken to Biodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, last week Tuesday evening with a badly broken leg and other bruises sustained in an automobile accident, is reported as doing as well as could be expected considering the severity of his injuries.

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Emil Hein, who in a mood of temporary despondency attempted to take his own life at the early hour last Wednesday morning after locking himself in the room of a local cafe and who was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, is reported on the road to recovery.

Here's a timely suggestion for those of our citizens who happen to be more or less destitute of hirsute growth: If one slips into a room that is made cold by the entrance of plenty of fresh air and the heater is turned off, the pillow slip is made of cotton flannel—the usual plain cotton flannel. This will keep the face warm as well as the head.

Dr. J. R. Stryker and Byrne McMahon are still chuckling over a case of mistaken identity which very nearly resulted in an appeal to the state police to find the "stolen" car.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's church Monday morning at nine o'clock for Louis F. Denny, 77, who passed away December 23 at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids.

Former Teacher Here Dies in Denver

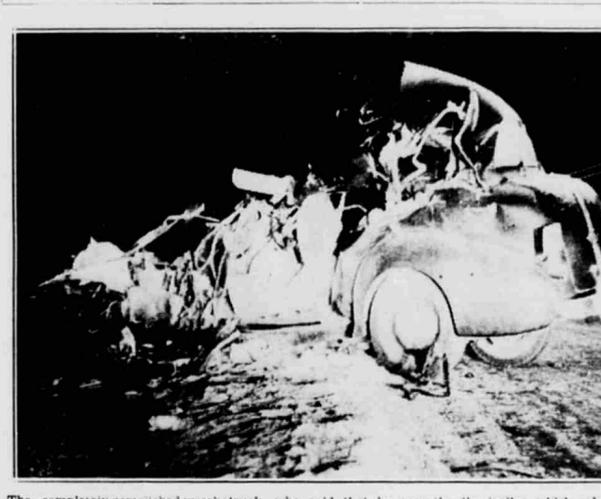
News of the death of Stella Ranney Fielding at Denver, Colo., was received by her sister, Mrs. Bert E. Quick, on Sunday, Dec. 26th. Stella Ranney was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 30, 1875, daughter of Daniel B. and Jane Ranney.

DEATH OF FAIRY MOUNT IS MOURNED HERE

Word has been received by friends in Lowell of the passing this month of Miss Fairy Mount at Albion. Miss Mount was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mount who moved from Lowell to Albion in 1882.

Be sure to read "The Five Musketeers," the first in a series of complete, breathtaking stories by SAX ROHMER, starting next Sunday in "This Week" Magazine.

Scene of Another Fatality on US-16



The completely demolished wreck of an automobile tells the story of Kent County's 69th traffic fatality and the sixth traffic death in a ten-mile stretch on US-16 since last April. Otto C. Eisner, Jr., 22, of Poygan Lake, Wis., was killed outright when the car which he was driving ran into the side of a tractor-trailer unit near the Pratt Lake viaduct at about three o'clock on Monday morning.

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Children Made Happy At Christmas Time

All Lowell churches and several other local organizations made every effort this year to see that there were no children forgotten at Christmas time in the village and community.

Stores Open Thursday Afternoon

At an impromptu meeting of the Board of Trade held Monday night, it was decided that Lowell stores will not be closed this week on Friday evening.

Minnie Dingler, 71 Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Minnie Dingler, 71, resident of Lowell for 17 years, passed away early Monday morning. It is thought that death was due to a heart attack. Miss Dingler, at the time of her death, had been employed as housekeeper for Charles Foreman, residing over Hartman's drug store on Main-st.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

The mid-winter musicale-tea of the Lowell Woman's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. H. L. Weekes on Wednesday, Jan. 5. The program will consist of a review of "The Bohemian Girl" by local talent.

Ready for the NEW YEAR

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent.

Story a Secret For 19 Years

Capt. Leland S. MacPhail, wartime officer of the 114th Field Artillery, who was a speaker recently in Lowell, played an important part in one of the most interesting stories to come out of the World War—a story that was kept a deep secret for 19 years and which was not made public until after a lapse of 19 years.

The story of that modern knight errantry that was to have culminated with the delivery, bodily, of the German war lord into the hands of President Wilson at the peace conference in Paris was told, for the first time, when members of the party several weeks ago revealed their part in it to a newspaper man whose son needed an operation and who sold the article to the Saturday Evening Post for the necessary \$1,500.

Capt. MacPhail is vice president of the MacPhail Investment Company of Grand Rapids and former manager of the Cincinnati Reds and at the time of this story, was a member of that reckless, daring, venturesome band that between Dec. 31, 1918, and Jan. 6, 1919 tried to make good the allied war cry of "Get the Kaiser".

It is an ash tray that was the subject of an official "missing" bulletin issued from Amerongen Castle where Capt. MacPhail, with Col. Luke Lea, publisher, former United States senator and commander of the 114th, and Capt. Thomas P. Henderson of Franklin, Tenn., had tried unsuccessfully to interview the exiled emperor and had abandoned, at the awesome sight of 200 well-armed guards, their wild plan to kidnap the kaiser.

Mr. Pickard operated a dray line here for a number of years and later was employed for a considerable time at the King Milling Company.

Case Warns Against Currency in Mails

Motorists who send currency through the mails to the Department of State, do so at their own risk, Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, has cautioned.

SEVERAL CHANGES MADE IN DOG TAX LAW

There has been a change in the dog tax law to the effect that hereafter DOG OWNERS MUST PAY THE LICENSE FEES ON THEIR DOGS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1. THEREAFTER THE LICENSE FEE FOR BOTH MALE and FEMALE DOGS WILL BE DOUBLED.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 30—"Behind The Mike" with William Gargan and Judith Barrett. Also "Many Happy Returns," "Servant of the People," "I Wanna Be A Sailor" and Fox News.

\$1,200 EVERY YEAR FOR LIFE

A great new contest offering you a BIG income as long as you live! No riddles to do! No puzzles to solve! Be sure to get the January 2 Detroit Sunday Times and enter his contest. It's easy... it's practical. As well as the \$1,200-A-Year income, there is a \$600-A-Year or life annuity also to be won, plus 98 additional cash prizes.

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A SOUND DOCTRINE
Every governmental official or board that handles public money should publish at regular intervals an accounting of it, showing where and how each dollar is spent. We hold this to be a fundamental principle of domestic government.

FOR BETTER HEALTH BY DR. J. ROSSLYN EARP

ESSENTIALS OF HEALTH
A writer in the London Times states that it is generally agreed nowadays that bodily health depends on two essential elements—nutrition and exercise. This important opinion is described as a "principle" and says that it was early recognized by the British Broadcasting Corporation. So much the worse for the British radio public.
A sufficient dose of tubercle bacilli will result in tuberculosis however well nourished you may be. Vigorous exercise over-fatigue are powerful allies of the disease. Neither nutrition nor exercise can save us from syphilis or cancer or even a cold in the head. Neither careful formulas nor much kicking of his legs will keep your baby from getting dysentery, although the dysentery will certainly play havoc with his nutrition.
What, then, are the essentials of good health? First I should put good breeding. No nation that neglects the problems of inheritance will ever attain physical or intellectual perfection. Secondly I should place control of our environment and this means proper disposal of sewage, protection of water supplies, pasteurization of milk, adequate housing, elimination of disease carried in the air, and the use of insecticides and mosquito nets. All of these are the work of government and for this reason it is dangerous to mislead a democracy into believing it can achieve health by physical jerks and the drinking of milk. We shall admit, of course, that good food and recreation have their place. And so also have fresh air and sleep and equanimity.

Children In Court

By Judge Malcolm Hatfield
Those interested in preventing juvenile crime are alarmed to note that during the past four years our churches have declined 30 per cent, while the sale of whisky has increased 200 per cent.
During the same period general benevolence declined 29 per cent, while the sale of beer increased 317 per cent. The Community Chest offer. Technical changes have been recommended in the Social Security Act to enable "merit rating" to be put into effect. This means that employers who have a record of continuous operation of their plants and few layoffs offer pay unemployment compensation for employees in weekly or monthly installments, to buyers of cars, the annual output of motor cars would undoubtedly be greatly curtailed.
The United States Department of Justice has expressed the opinion that the rates charged by lenders for such installment purchases are too high, and that the automobile manufacturers should not, themselves, practice installment sales through ownership or control of such installment institutions. As a result of the Attorney-General's inquiry, the three largest motor car manufacturers, General Motors and Chrysler, have agreed to relinquish their interests in lending companies.
That does not mean that it will be longer before the General Motors and Chrysler will be able to pay for them out of income. It means that any profit from such transactions will not go to the makers of the cars. As a matter of fact, the company making and lending money to car buyers seldom do business with the manufacturer, but with the retail dealer, who advances the full price of the car to the dealer, he is enabled to pay cash to the manufacturer, and he is held responsible for the failure of any installment borrower to keep up his payments.
Whether the lending company's charges are oppressively high is something the Attorney-General is looking into. With the motor manufacturers no longer the principal lending companies, the way is cleared for local banks to enter this safe and profitable field of finance by lending money to local people to buy cars from local dealers.

FARMING IT . . . BY WILLARD BOLTE

COOLING MOths
THERMOMETER
ELECTRIC HEAT FOR WINTER PIGS
GIVE YOUR PIGS A LIVING START
To make a cooling moth "thermometer" fill a mason jar half full of a fermented mixture of 1 part molasses to 15 parts water. Hang a number of these jars on pulleys through your apple orchard—when the blossoms have about finished falling—inspect them at regular intervals for drowned cooling moths—and you will be able to tell just the right time to spray.
Upper right illustration shows interior view of an A-shaped farrowing house in which this Indiana breeder has suspended an electric heater. This heater, after the creek's departure, painted his picture, turned it over to police. They caught their man on the strength of the lanterns in 1928, married Lucy Hercher. His wife died in 1930, and he married, in turn, five of her sisters. Two of them died, and two obtained divorces. He is married today to the sixth sister, Nancy.

But It's True!

When a hold-up victim painted a picture of the robber, the robber was arrested. When a hold-up victim painted a picture of the robber, the robber was arrested. When a hold-up victim painted a picture of the robber, the robber was arrested.

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Progress begins with getting a clearer view of the obstacles.
Hungry persons drive fast and dangerously, says a doctor. Also those who are no longer thirty.

HEARD AND GOOD BY

JUST PLAIN IDIOTS?
An Associated Press news dispatch from Lansing a few days ago declared that 700,854 bushels of the best grade of potatoes raised in Michigan during the past summer will be graded or fed to livestock. This, it is reported, is in keeping with the "government crop control" program. State Agriculture Commissioner John E. Strange said his department had requested federal assistance, and that the government will pay to potato growers \$107,000 and take away from hungry men, women and children of Michigan nearly three fourths million bushels of potatoes. This price is about 17 cents per bushel, not seed and planting.
Wouldn't it be a million times better if they remitted about 700,000 of these public officials paid the growers somewhere near the prevailing market price for their crops and then turned the potatoes over to the professional social welfare workers to deliver to those in distress, begging for food, while food is actually hungry just does not seem to be common sense. If there was any one except just the much the worse for the British radio public.
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Reviewing 1937

By A. B. CHAPIN
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Spring Hill-East Ada
Mrs. Earl Vossburg
Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Morley and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vossburg.
The Strong school held their Christmas program and tree Tuesday evening.
Arthur Burton is having a large basement dug out under the home on his farm and will install a furnace.
Mary Ann Hayes and Renie Fairchild helped Grace Vossburg celebrate her 67th birthday recently.
W. V. Burras of Sibley Corner, Leo Richmond of Kent City, Mrs. Eva Kropp and Dorothy of Mosley, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Morley, Lester Antonides and John Timpson of Alto were recent visitors at the Earl Vossburg home.
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This and That From Around the Old Town

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The Strong school held their Christmas program and tree Tuesday evening.
Arthur Burton is having a large basement dug out under the home on his farm and will install a furnace.
Mary Ann Hayes and Renie Fairchild helped Grace Vossburg celebrate her 67th birthday recently.
W. V. Burras of Sibley Corner, Leo Richmond of Kent City, Mrs. Eva Kropp and Dorothy of Mosley, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Morley, Lester Antonides and John Timpson of Alto were recent visitors at the Earl Vossburg home.
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Start the New Year Right

with MacFarlane's Dependable Goal
F. P. MacFarlane S. D. Wiegler
with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Anderson, of Alto and Mrs. D. McPherson and Janet Christmas supper, Barbara and Margaret are spending this week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris at Grand Rapids.

Vergennes Center

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diefenbach of Alaska, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green of Grand Rapids and Mrs. J. Freeman of Grand Rapids were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman.

We Hope That No Farmer

Will ever have the misfortune to lose his property by fire, but if such a misfortune should come we hope that the owner is insured in a safe and reliable company. And this suggests the thought: May we ask that you investigate the matter of carrying your farm fire insurance with the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan. It is safe, sound and economical.



Pork Roast Center cut of shoulder lb. 15c
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Social Events

To Observe Golden Wedding
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood of Lansing will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary at the Lowell City Hall on Sunday, Jan. 2, with dinner for relatives. They will welcome their friends at the hall from three to four o'clock.
 Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood resided in Lowell before their marriage. Mrs. Wood is the former Ida Thibos. After their marriage in Lowell on January 2, 1888, they resided here for 20 years, then moving to Lansing, their present home. They have one son, Vern, and four grandchildren, all of Lansing.
 Mrs. Wood has four sisters, Mrs. E. L. Kinyon and Mrs. Libbie Reynolds of Lowell, Mrs. Nancy Leese of Clarksville, and Mrs. J. O. Goodsell of Saginaw; and one brother, Charles Thibos of Grand Rapids. Relatives are expected for the celebration from Detroit, Lake City, Cadillac, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Clarksville, Lowell and vicinity.

Entertains With Scavenger Hunt
 Mable Osborne entertained at the N. E. Borgerson home Saturday evening, Dec. 18, with a Christmas party in the form of a scavenger hunt. Little Norman Borgerson favored the guests with two Christmas poems. Light refreshments were served after which gifts were exchanged. An enjoyable time was had by all.
 Guests included the Misses Pearl Parsons, Florence Dowling, Marguerite Watters, Doris Stormand, Phyllis Yelter, Theta Ann Clark, Barbara Jean Cahoon, Pauline Kyster, Eileen Goul, Joan Ellis and Virginia Hosley, all of Lowell; and Floyd Brand, Bert Richardson, William Barrow, Robert Smith and Douglas LaDue of Ionia; George Emlander, Lowell; Simon Boomers and Charles Washburn, Ada; Sid Woodstru, Jerome Weaver and Donald Vorenkamp, Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McCaul Married 50 Years

It was 50 years ago on Dec. 28, 1887, that Miss Frances Gardiner became the bride of Mr. A. L. McCaul in a quiet wedding at the home of the bride's parents at Ada. Her father was a blacksmith, with his shop just north of the Ada bridge, where an oil station now stands.

The young couple had always lived in Ada and vicinity and spent the first 14 years of their married life there, then they came to their present home near Clarksville. They have four sons and three daughters who live near them with the exception of one daughter who lives in New Mexico. There are also 15 grandchildren.

Williamson-Parker
 Harriet B. Parker and C. L. F. Williamson of Lowell were married at LaGrange, Ind., on Dec. 20 by Rev. Trudsdale, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. They were attended by Mr. Williamson's grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Williamson of Bronson, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, who are at home at 216 Riverside-dr., Lowell, announce that the latch string hangs on the outside of the door. They have been residents of this community for many years and have a host of friends who unite in extending them their best wishes.

Social Brevities
 The theatre party for seventy boys and girls from St. Mary's church last week was given jointly by Mrs. R. M. Shivel and Frank J. McMahon.

The members of the Book Review Club entertained their husbands at a Christmas party last week Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wingeier.

New Mooney Plea



The battle for freedom for Tom Mooney goes on to Washington. Above, Frank P. Walsh, attorney for Mooney, appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee asking that Mooney be summoned in person to attend Senate hearings which may result in a resolution urging his freedom.

Evangelist Coming



Rev. E. R. Ferguson of Port Huron, a converted barber, will conduct gospel services at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, beginning Monday evening, Jan. 3, and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 9. The services begin at 7:30 each evening.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Please make an effort to send 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,
 Howard Rittenger



Howard Rittenger
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 Phone 357 Lowell, Mich.

Changes Made in Motor Vehicle Laws

(Continued from First Page)

Pioneering for Highway Safety

The machinery for this vast comprehensive work of pioneering—and Michigan is the first state in the nation to attack this problem in a realistic way—was set up by cooperation of the Department of State and the Michigan State Police. The law specifically divides authority for various phases of this licensing program between these two branches of state government.

If rigid examinations of drivers is shown to be one of the keys to this whole horrible problem of death and destruction on the highways—then Michigan's answer, and that of the nation too, will be clear.

The answer will be to make driving a definite and valued privilege, and not that most people think it is now—the inherent right of anyone who can gain possession of a ton and a half of mobile battering ram.

The answer will also, by the way, be a road patrol which will make reckless and careless driving a definite, never-failing means of getting arrested. The state, after all, recognizes that some drivers who could pass any reasonable examination you'd set before them, would also drive like maniacs the minute they were out of the sight of an officer.

I won't even try to sketch the provisions of the new law for that would take the rest of the afternoon, but I do wish to point out that the 1937 legislature provided \$200,000 a year for the establishment of an adequate road patrol of Michigan State troopers. They are making possible the addition of slightly more than 100 uniformed men, fully equipped. Any sum necessary to make roads safe, is worth it, to every person in this state.

The operation of the new law can't be judged fairly in a year. We'll have to wait until all licenses now in existence, and so that everyone on the road will have been examined. Personally, I'm convinced that the human element has been at the base of the trouble all along. You can blame accidents on road conditions all you want, but Michigan's roads are named throughout the nation.

You can blame it on heavy traffic, but we have no monopoly on that. Most experts in analyzing accident reports agree that only one accident in 20 can be traced to faulty equipment, so you can't blame it on the cars. In fact, in the one instance where it is, the driver was so alert enough to have his car checked over periodically most of the instances of mechanical failure could be eliminated. The answer, as I see it is the driver himself.

Most Accidents Preventable

Now I want to make one additional point in this discussion of the safety efforts being made by state and local officials: we are all prone to rely on any set of figures laid out before us. Year by year, we have discovered, to our horror, that the number of deaths and accidents on our streets and highways has increased over the record for the year before. I don't say that every death or injury isn't a blot on our intelligence, for I do think most accidents are preventable. But I do say that we haven't been getting enough statistics on which to base an estimate of our progress in this problem.

I said you will recall that the 1937 gas tax collection was the greatest in Michigan's history. What does that mean? It means more car-miles traveled. Our registration has jumped, too. This year we have more than 1,600,000 motor vehicles on the highways—a gain over previous years. This makes my point clear: you can't compare the accident toll of one year with another unless you compare them on the basis of gasoline consumption and the number of cars involved.

These figures aren't available in Michigan today. I don't say we should spend any money trying to get them, for we don't need—after all—to be told our progress hasn't been swift. But the main thought I want to leave with you in this matter is that we have no right to be discouraged in this, or any year, because the number of accidents may show a continued increase. Accidents might show an increase in face of actual progress in safety efforts, provided gas tax and registration figures continue to climb.

Now of course, I'm going to assume—and I hope I can—that everyone here can hurdle his driving examinations without much difficulty. Seriously, however, a lot of people now driving are going to have to get off the roads before they've gone much farther. Others are going to have their troubles with our enlarged highway patrol.

March First the Deadline

But I'm going to tip you off to some other changes in the motor vehicle laws which everyone should know about. To begin with, don't do what many thousands of people have already done—apply for a new driver's license before the first of the year, so as to avoid the examinations for three more years. You'll never get your license if you present one has more than six months to run. It's true the state can't inquire into a man's motives when he applies for a new driver's license, but state law—and this isn't new, but you're just hearing about it these days—prohibits me from issuing a new license if your present one doesn't expire for more than six months from the time you apply.

The 1937 legislature fixed March 1 each year as the deadline for purchasing license plates—either for the full year or for half year. In the early part of this year, there were three extensions of time: two for 30 days each on January first and February first, and another, by legislative resolution on March 1, which deferred the final deadline until March 15. I can say without any reservation that you must purchase your 1938 license plates by March first, unless the legislature—if in session—takes action in the meantime. I will have no authority to extend the deadline, and even the Governor could do it. Thousands of people won't believe this, but you can mark it down on your desk calendar for just what I've told you: March first is the deadline.

Notice I didn't mention "stickers." They pass out of existence

New Year's Greetings

As we are nearing the close of 1937 we desire to pause and extend to our patrons and friends in this and nearby communities our many thanks for the generous patronage that we have received during the past year and to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

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in 1938. Cars for which half-year permits are bought will be equipped with metal plates, the same size as full year plates, but with a distinctive color scheme.

The legislature gave the Secretary of State authority to decide the form of the half-year permit. I designated metal plates for several reasons, among them being that Michigan steel is used in making them, and it makes much needed work at the state prison at Jackson. The other reason was that cars are more readily identified with metal plates front and rear than with windshield stickers. Oscar G. Olander, Commissioner of the Michigan State Police, was one of the responsible police officials to tell me he favored this change.

Speaking of "change"—don't be like the man who bought a railroad ticket from New York City to Kansas City—when you come into a branch office to buy your half-year permit. First I'll tell you about the man who bought the ticket. He told the ticket agent he wanted to arrive without change, and he was told he would. After he'd paid for the ticket he said he knew he'd arrive without any change whatever!

Now of course this was some time before rail rates dropped, so maybe it isn't fair to tell that one. But anyway—don't apply for half-year permits without change, because the legislature directed the Secretary of State to collect a 25 cent additional fee for the issuance of these permits, to cover bookkeeping costs. After all, the state trusts you for half a year, for half the cost of your plate. We have to pay for credit everywhere else. The system costs money, and as every dime you spend for operation has to be replaced somewhere, the thought was that this charge should be borne by those who enjoy the accommodation.

The year 1937 witnessed many vital changes in the state's motor vehicle laws. The year 1938 will witness operation of most of them for the first time. No law can stand without public approval.

In behalf of every state and local official concerned with operation of these laws, I respectfully bespeak your cooperation and backing. Without it nothing is possible. With it, nearly anything is.

I want to thank you again, Mr. Chairman, for the privilege of coming to Lowell to talk about the work of the Department of State today.

More Local News

Mrs. Aggie Sullivan was a Christmas dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Condon of Alton.

H. J. Conklin left Tuesday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will spend the winter months.

Truman Pratt and sister, Mrs. Mae Curtis of Saranac were the Christmas day callers at the Will Devering home.

Miss Irene Hartman of White Plains, N. Y., who is visiting in Grand Rapids, called on friends here Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Howk and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Condon were Monday evening callers of Mrs. Katie Blaser of Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gardner and Hugh Gardner of Bloomfield Hills were the Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Bailey of Vergennes entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and family with a Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh of Evanston, Ill., spent their Christmas vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee in South Boston.

Mrs. Thomas Malone and Mrs. Charles Collar of Vergennes visited friends and relatives at Marywood Academy and in Grand Rapids on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collar of Vergennes had for their guests on Christmas day, Frank Bowler and family, Eustace Bowler and family and William Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Condon had Agnes Condon, Tom Condon, Marie Wilson, Colet Condon, Mildred Herp and Coleta Herp as guests on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Grand Rapids, Mr. Sranz of Detroit, John Lippenrotte of Sunfield recently visited their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner.

Edward Jones, who is working in Flint, was in town Tuesday calling on old friends.

Miss Evelyn Yelter of Lansing is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Rosetta Yelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Horn and children of Dowagiac visited relatives in Lowell on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Ernestine Althaus spent several days of her vacation in Kalamazoo at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry.

Marjory Simpson of Grand Rapids spent the first of the week here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

Friends of Philo Murray, formerly of Lowell, regret to learn of his serious illness in a hospital in Toledo, Ohio, his present home. His mother, Mrs. George Murray, is at his home in Toledo.

Miss Ann Althaus of Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo, spent Monday and Tuesday here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Althaus, before leaving for Ann Arbor where she will spend a three months' period of affiliation at the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Miller and son Harold and Mrs. Wm. Delaney and children, Rose Mary and Merwin, attended pre-Christmas program at Michigan Reformatory, Ionia, last Thursday evening. They attended as guests of Mr. Delaney, who is employed as a guard at that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Althaus entertained the following guests for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Welch of Dayton, O., Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry and daughter and Miss Ann Althaus of Kalamazoo, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Althaus of Grand Rapids. John Burgess of Battle Creek was a week-end guest.

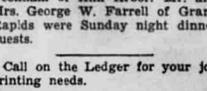
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arthur of Ionia and Mrs. Marion MacRae of Los Angeles, Calif., were Christmas guests of their mother and grand-mother, Mrs. A. M. Andrews. Mrs. MacRae will spend several weeks in Michigan visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur in Ionia and her grandmother, Mrs. Andrews in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goff and daughter Marilyn of Lansing spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Buck, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Goff and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Buck and son Howard were Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nielsen and family in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buck and daughter Leona called at the Nielsen home on Christmas afternoon.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hoyt were Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Hoyt and daughter Marjorie of Okemos and Fred K. Hoyt of Pittsburgh. Fred returned to Pittsburgh Monday night. Sunday afternoon callers at the Hoyt home were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Head of Ionia, Lester Ross and Gordon Ross and family of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peckham of Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Farrell of Grand Rapids were Sunday night dinner guests.

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Woman's Club

The postponed meeting of the Lowell Woman's Club was held on Dec. 20th at the home of the chairman of the day, Mrs. H. J. Coons. The usual business followed the singing of the club song and rendition of the Collect. Two new members were admitted—Mrs. L. A. Weaver and Mrs. Glen Webster. Mrs. Coons then presented her nephew, Dr. B. E. Quick of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., already known to the club through previous presentation of Porto Rican and other views with interesting comment, and warmly welcomed back.

Dr. Quick showed moving pictures of many phases of plant and animal life of Porto Rico's semi-tropical climate, describing peculiar characteristics due to variations in that climate. Also the many types of inhabitants, ranging from negro to white, the latter being of Spanish descent. The strange mixture of blood of negro, white and even Chinese leads to great variation in disposition as well as physical make-up and these in turn affect very definitely the political trends of the country, keeping politics astir with various moods and tenes. There has been considerable increase in popula-

Pertinent Paragraphs

In a recent report on American conditions, written by W. B. Burton Baldry, British economist who has been studying conditions in the United States, there were some pertinent paragraphs, well seasoned with humor. Worth repeating, we reprint some of them below:

"There is a wide diversion between Washington and Wall Street. Wall Street is still speculating with its own money."

"We found that the WPA had engaged out-of-work artists to paint murals in the postoffices; we saw the murals and discovered why the artists were out of work."

"All governments ought to remember that, though business may go where it is wanted, it only stays where it is well treated."

"Booms turn into boomerangs." "Yearnings are outstripping earnings."

"Bureaucracy is not business; it is the use of other people's money." "Never mind little deficit, don't you cry; You will be a crisis, bye and bye." And the economist quotes a New York banker as saying that "Great Britain has recovered 80 per cent of her prosperity—and some of ours as well."

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hitchcock, Dec. 25th, a daughter, Mary Ella, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowen of Whites Bridge.

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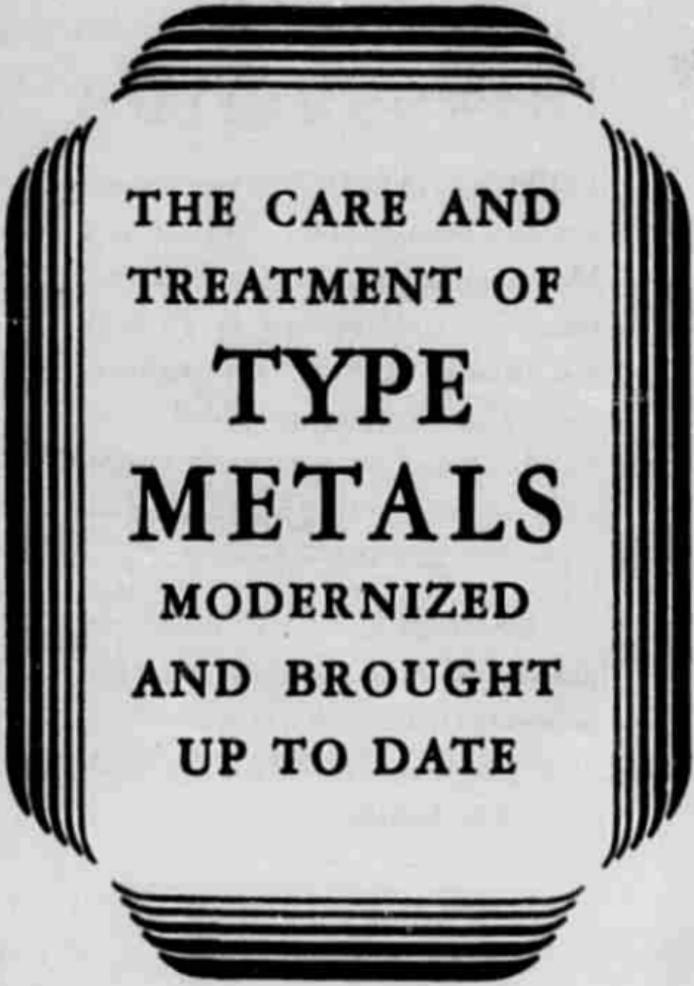
That ducky feeling that makes married men wish they were single... and single men wish they were married!



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preciation” so that they will not find their way into your melting pot. These contaminating inclusions will be absorbed to a greater or less extent by the molten type metal, and that means plenty of annoyances—possibly serious trouble—not only in casting operations but also in defective type reaching the Pressroom!

REMOVING DROSS

BEFORE removing any dross from a pot of type metal it is important to bring the temperature of the molten metal for all processing and cleaning-up operations in the melting pot, to between 590° to 625° F. for Linotype, and Intertype; 650° to 700° F. for Stereotype and 725° to 775° F. for Monotype. (These are not casting temperatures.)

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