

# LEDGER ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

## THE GOOD OLD HOME TOWN

IF THERE IS a better town to live in than Lowell some of us have never heard of. We have all the advantages that the big city offers. We have beautiful parks, electric light and power, water system, sewer system, fire protection, good schools and churches, paved streets and numerous other assets not forgetting the best advantage of all, consisting of a good neighborhood of friends and neighbors who are ready to help in cases of need and distress, who are full of good thoughts about life and work, and who have an intelligent idea of what is going on in the world.

## THE JEFFERSON NICKEL

ELEVEN million new five cent pieces have been coined, and in a few years will become a familiar coin in the hands of the people. They commemorate Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence.

## THE MEAT EATERS

MEAT PRODUCERS report that during the first eight months of 1938 the American people ate 125,000,000 more pounds of meat than they did in the same period of 1937.

## AMERICA'S COMMON FRONT

THERE IS TO BE a great meeting at Lima, Peru, December 9, consisting of a conference of all American republics. President Roosevelt has just named a delegation to attend that meeting, with Secretary of State Hull and Alfred M. Landon as leading delegates.

## THE TREND TO THE CITY

FOR YEARS, socially-minded people have been denouncing the trend of the human race toward the big cities and away from the country and the small towns. Now, however, Government statisticians have figured that there is a decided movement of population away from the cities and back to the country.

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FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

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**Odds and Ends**  
Here and There  
Brief Paragraphs of News and Information on a Variety of Topics

## Should the State Fix the Retail Price of Milk

### To Come Before Next Legislature

The following article, prepared by the Michigan Press Association, will be read with interest by Ledger readers as it concerns dairymen and the consuming public:

Should the state government fix the retail price of milk? Here is a question that will be before the Michigan legislature in 1939. Let's consider the varying viewpoints, most of which are in direct conflict with each other, and rather inevitably so.

### Labor Wants More

So far you have the producer and the distributor both wanting more money.

### Consumer's Interest

And then there is the consumer viewpoint.

### Milk Monopoly

At the same time that the Michigan commission was getting testimony on milk price-fixing, a federal grand jury in Chicago brought indictments against 27 persons and organizations on charges of anti-trust law violations.

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## Along Main St.

M. N. Henry says that he often notices that the people who have money to burn, never burn it!

Male residents impatient with static still figure that sometimes the only thing you can get on the radio is dust.

"Lay something by for a rainy day," advises Garfield Ford, "and you will always be pretty sure of fair weather."

The craze for "reducing" among women seems to be slowing down a bit. The spirit may be willing but the flesh is weak.

"My idea of a true friend," declares Guy Shaw, "is the fellow who never insists on telling you all his family troubles."

"It takes a man with six figures to get his picture in the city papers," says Doc Stryker, "but a girl with one figure can break in any time she sends in a picture."

William Christiansen returned yesterday from the north woods, bringing back about six tons of spruce and balsam for use in decorating Main-st. for the holiday season. A new decorating plan this year promises to surpass all previous efforts.

Theron Richmond, chairman of the B. of T. window decorating for Christmas, announces that the display will take place Friday evening, Dec. 9. Announcement is made so that merchants will have ample time to prepare for the event.

Climate note for our California friends: Mrs. M. M. Simpson gathered asters and delphiniums from her flower garden on Riverside-dr. this week Tuesday. (We must add however, that on Wednesday morning the mercury had dropped to 22.)

Doc Outley says that his offer to swap five to one, five deer hunters for one good carpenter, brought many applications. However, the Outleys won't be in their new home for Thanksgiving dinner, but then there are other Thanksgiving days coming.

## Foreman Leghorns Tops In Contest

First month of the 17th annual egg laying contest at Michigan State College recorded 897 hens in 89 pens laying 12,470 eggs for a laying percentage of 44.8.

Five birds died, reports C. G. Card, poultry department head and superintendent of the contest.

Throughout the 51 weeks of the contest the mortality probably will be one of the deciding factors of the competition. The records for each pen are to be based on the entire original entry of 15 hens to each pen.

Pens varied widely in their first 31 days of laying. At the top are the hens of the Foreman Poultry Farm, Lowell, Mich. The White Leghorns entered by Foreman are credited with 331 eggs for the month. Close behind is the pen entry of the Dryden Poultry farm, Modesto, Calif., with 320 eggs, and the Rochelle, Ill., hatchery with 318 eggs.

Some of the less fortunate entries, birds not as mature, turned in pen records as low as 13, 15 and 26 eggs for their 31 pens in October.

Feed consumption indicated the birds consumed 7.98 pounds of feed for each hen. In terms of a standard size flock of 100 hens this is equal to 25.7 pounds of feed daily, far more than the average flock operator is able to obtain in fall. It is important, Card maintains, that this heavy feed consumption is obtained, because profitable eggs are those laid in the last three months of the year before the average flocks begin heavy laying.

Body weight, he points out, must be kept up to insure continued laying after the pullets once begin.

## Bucks Bagged By Lowell Deer Hunters

The local army of deer hunters have begun their trek back home. At this writing we have learned of the following who have met with success in the north woods out of 150-odd licenses issued here: W. V. Burras, 12-point buck; Sylvester Bibber, 12-point buck, weight 150 lbs.; William Haysner, 12-point buck, weight 205 lbs.

Other successful hunters include Bob Ellis, Paul Kellogg, Lyle Covert, Lyle Webster, Dr. Shepard, Glen Weber, Bob Starkey, Bill Wicks and Dan Wingard of Alto.

Myron Kyser of South Boston bagged a 13-point buck weighing 225 lbs. Gerald Kyser and Roy Kyser of the same party also downed bucks.

Although perhaps not large enough to support the giant of the 'fry tale, the banstack grown on the T. J. Heron farm near Cass City and displayed recently was 17 feet and eight inches in length, and carried 202 pods, most of them well filled.

## Andy Stewart Was West's Youngest Stage Driver

### LaBarge Man Starts at 15

The West's youngest stage driver in 1863 is Western Michigan's last remaining member of the craft.

He is Leander J. (Andy) Stewart, around 90 years old now, but only 15 when he carried the mail between Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. Andy Stewart spends active days with his daughter at LaBarge Dam, three miles northeast of Caledonia, where he was discovered recently by a WPA Writers' Project research worker.

Only 10 years ago, it was Andy Stewart's boast that he could pitch more than many of his youthful neighbors. He is convinced that the old days were better.

"A man could always get something to do," Andy maintains. "And food! No fancy stuff, of course, but there was plenty of pork and beans and corn bread. No one had to go hungry." His start as a stage-driver was accidental, the veteran explained.

"One day I was riding the box with Edward Campau, who had an interest in the route but sometimes had to drive. We passed the change stables at Cascade when Mr. Campau handed me the lines and told me to drive. From then on I was a regular driver, although no one under 21 was supposed to drive the mail."

"I drove from Grand Rapids to Battle Creek one day and the next day returned to Grand Rapids, most of the time with four horses. The roads were heavy sand, more than a foot deep in summer and a lot of gummy clay besides. There were a lot of land-lookers traveling, for all the land was the same price—10 shillings an acre. These men all had good times and drank a lot at the change station bars along the way, but they rarely got drunk or troublesome."

"The only trouble I had during the year and a half I drove stage was with a Frenchman who got pretty noisy. He got so bad I told him to be quiet or I would horse-whip him. 'Don't small kid to horse-whip me,' he said, but I told him 'I can do it' and he shut up."

The young driver never was held up by road agents, he said, nor were any other drivers on his line that he ever heard of. Indians caused no trouble, he said. "If an Indian was ever ugly, he was made good by a white. The Indian was a real friend."

Three famous taverns were regular stops on Andy Stewart's stage route—Yankee Bill Lewis' mansion house at Yankee Springs; McNaughton's hotel, known also as Oak Grove House, and the Whitteville tavern.

The veteran remembers keenly the turkey shoots at McNaughton's. The night before always was a busy session at the bar, the cards and the dice. The host itself had for target a turkey caged in a metal-shielded box, only the head protruding. He remembers also when Michigan settlers could kill deer from their own doorstep, and when venison hams were sold by Indians at 25 cents each. He speaks feelingly of the wood-chopping bees, sewing bees, and picnics that made life gay and friendly back in the sixties.

"They were better times than now," he insists.

## LOWELL CONTRIBUTES \$181.06 TO RED CROSS

The local Red Cross drive for memberships was completed early this week with a total of \$181.06 collected since Armistice Day. The local committee was headed by Mrs. Chas. Doyle, who was assisted by Mrs. R. B. Avery, Mrs. E. C. Foreman, Mrs. Theron Richmond, Mrs. P. C. Beckham and Mrs. H. J. Engstrand.

The total amount donated this year in this community to the worthy Red Cross organization was a few dollars more than last year and the committee feels its efforts have been rewarded.

## REYNOLDS' STORE MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Reynolds' Men's Wear store has this week moved from the London block on West Main-st. to 209 East Main-st., two doors east of the Price-Rite hardware.

## AMERICAN LEGION FEATHER PARTY NOV. 23

Charles W. Clark Post, American Legion, are sponsoring a feather party Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, at their club rooms on Lafayette-st. Turkeys, chickens, hams. The public is invited. adv

## NOTICE TO LOWELL MUNICIPAL PLANT PATRONS

In order to fill all empty lamp sockets on our lines the Municipal Plant will sell all lamps from 25 watt to 100 watts for 5c. Ten lamps will be the limit to any one customer. This offer will end Dec. 10. Anyone already purchased the new etched lamps will be rebated.

## ROSELLA YEITER, Township Treasurer

Typing paper, 100 sheets, letter-head size, good sublet bond, 30c.—Ledger office. tf

## B. of T. to Hold Big Dinner Meeting

Lowell Board of Trade members with their wives will hold the next dinner meeting in the form of a Thanksgiving dinner at the So. Boston Grange hall on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30 at 7:00 o'clock. The program committee is making arrangements for a good speaker.

Following the dinner program, a dancing party will be provided for B. of T. members and their families together with members of the South Boston Grange and their families. Music will be furnished by the Royden Warner orchestra.

The program committee requests that tickets be secured as early as possible from H. L. Weekes or F. F. Coons. This will be the last dinner meeting before the annual meeting and President D. A. Winger hopes that a goodly number will turn out.

## Vaccination Urged To Prevent Smallpox

Reports received from various sources indicate that in some sections of the state as far east as Lansing smallpox is prevalent. While there is no cause for alarm there is no protection today in the fact that smallpox exists 50 or 100 miles away. The automobile has changed all that. Lowell township has recently had one case contracted in a neighboring county and it would not be at all strange if more cases did not occur.

It is safer to be vaccinated before exposure than after and therefore we are urging all who have not been vaccinated within five years to see their family doctor at once. Lowell physicians have been supplied with fresh vaccine and are therefore able to give prompt service.

Besides giving the protection against smallpox a good recent vaccination scar insures freedom from quarantine after exposure. Play safe, be wise and be vaccinated now!

J. D. BROOK, M. D. Kent County Health Officer.

## Basketball Starts Here Tuesday

Lowell High School opens their 1938-39 basketball season next Tuesday night, November 29th, at seven o'clock with Saranac on the local floor.

Last year Saranac went into the state regional basketball tournament finals in Class D so the locals are not considering this game as a practice game but rather as a game in which they will have to play ball to come out on top in the final scoring. They will be but one game away from the playoffs.

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About this time Panama fever became quite prevalent and on March 13 the first death occurred, being James White, a cousin of our Mr. Allen. The English burial service was read by the captain and the body was wrapped up in a blanket with a sack of coal at the foot and he was dropped overboard into his watery grave. The sickness increased and scarcely a day passed that there was not one or sometimes two and three passengers thrown overboard. After the loss of provisions and water we were put upon rations. At first a pound of provisions and three pints of water were allowed each man per day but this allowance was frequently lessened until our ration amounted to only four ounces of provisions and a half pint of water per day.

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## Strand Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 24—George O'Brien in "Border G-Man" and Kay feature, "My Bill" with Kay Francis, Bonita Granville, Anita Louise and Bobby Jordan. Also cartoon, "The Queen's Hit."

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26, "Frankenstein" and "Dracula" both in new show, the two most brilliant curdling shows ever made; also "Wild Bill Hickok" and Latest Fox News.

Sunday and Monday, Nov. 27-28, Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney in the heart warming story, "Boys' Town"; also comedy, Musical and News.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, "Highway Patrol" and the Jones Family in "Safety in Numbers."

Wednesday, Nov. 30, "Fast Company" with Melvyn Douglas and Florence Rice; also Preston Foster and Whitney Bourne in "Double Danger."

Thursday, Dec. 1, Rudy Vallee in "Gold Diggers in Paris" with others in the cast including Rosemary Lane and Hugh Herbert; also Barton MacLane and Glenda Farrell in "Prison Break."

Friday, Dec. 2, "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes; also "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes.

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Monday, Dec. 5, "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes; also "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes; also "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes; also "The Sign of the Cross" with George Brent and Helen Hayes.

## Rare Story of Adventure By Sea

### As Narrated by the Late Martin N. Hine, Lowell Pioneer

Below is an account of a rare and unusual adventure which happened to a former well-known pioneer, the late Martin N. Hine of Lowell. It is a true story of adventure by sea, the like of which few men live to tell—the story of an ocean voyage to San Francisco in 1852 and which required over nine months' time, awful suffering and hundreds of deaths. Compare that with the present day when we travel from Lowell to California by automobile in three or four days or fly across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific between sunrise and sunset.

The story, as told by Mr. Hine, was first printed in the Lowell Ledger November 22, 1900, and we reprint the same herewith because we feel that it will be of unusual interest to present-day readers.

Editor's Note:—Bert E. Quick is authority for the following information: Martin N. Hine was connected with a western lumber firm of Hine, Wooding & Stone in his earlier years and later was vice president of Lowell National Bank. He built and owned the house and property that is now occupied by W. W. Gummer and family on Riverside-dr.

The story of adventure is recalled by the fact that not long ago descendants of Mr. Hine's were visitors in Lowell. The party included Mrs. George Hine of New York City, a daughter-in-law of Martin Hine, and her daughter, Mrs. Martina Hine-Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Thompson's son Maxwell, his wife and three children. The party were first made acquainted at the home of Editor and Mrs. R. G. Jeffries, the invited local guests being Mrs. Bert E. Quick and Mrs. Art Hill, both childhood chums of Mrs. Martina Thompson. Those from away also visited Mrs. Earl Thomas who was also a girlhood chum of the ladies just mentioned.

## Privations, Sickness and Death Marked Nine Months' Ocean Voyage To California Gold Fields 86 Years Ago

(Reprinted from Lowell Ledger of November 22, 1900)

Editor Lowell Ledger: Enjoyable times sometimes come to us unexpectedly and one of those enjoyable events happened at my home on Friday last. Eliza Warner and wife and J. W. Allen and wife, the former from Lawton and the latter from Grand Rapids came in on the morning train and spent the day with us. There is nothing very unusual in having a visit out of town and the noticeable part of the visit was that Mr. Warner and Mr. Allen and myself were shipmates for some time upon the Pacific coast on Feb. 7, 1852.

Our voyage together was a very unusual one and I will refresh my memory of it by reference to diary kept during my journey. Mr. Allen and myself took passage on the Atlantic steamer Ohio at New York on Feb. 7, 1852.

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to its western watery bed without a cloud to shield us from its burning rays. The mercury indicated 120 and 125 degrees and the deck was so hot at mid day that no one could walk upon it with bare feet. The reckoning showed us to be 30 degrees north of the equator and at a longitude 96 degrees west and 650 miles from the nearest land.

The first few days after leaving Panama we saw several ships in the distance and since that time we are evidently out of the track line of all ocean craft and have adequate to describe the misery and horror upon our ship during that long continued calm. Men were dying by the score for want of water and no water was to be had to supply their want. Men with burning fever, their tongues swollen and protruding from their mouths, cracked open and bleeding would mumble, "For God's sake give me a little water," but the life of every man depended upon his little ration and a \$20 gold piece would not buy a swallow of water. My diary here reads: "Silence and gloom has settled like a pall over the ship and the silence is only broken by the cries of the sick and the groans of the dying."

Arrive in Mexico

May 15 we got a good breeze and changed our course towards the Mexican coast. From that time we had alternate breezes and calms until the 28th when we struck the coast of Mexico near the small port of Manzanillo. For two days before reaching there we had not a mouthful of provisions (except rice which we could not use without water) or a drop of water upon the vessel. Manzanillo had only six or eight Mexican luts and in less than two hours we had eaten up everything eatable in the place but were as plentiful as we got in a supply and bore northward towards San Blas. Mr. Allen and a few others chartered a small schooner for Megatlan where they took passage on a coaster for San Blas but encountered adverse winds they soon ran out of provisions and falling to the water with a whale-ship short-hand, they engaged as sailors and remained on board until November when they landed at Honolulu and got passage to San Francisco reaching there some time in December.

Captain Deserts Ship

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Finally Arrive on Coast

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THE WORLD'S WORST PRISON

Illes du Salut—Isles of Salvation—Create Living Death That Terrifies Hardest Criminals; Horrors of Bear Pits, Quillotine and Disease Are Unbelievable



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to get along. But in the blockhouses 20 cages are arranged in two parallel lines. These cages are really manacles in an iron bar. They are allowed to exercise, no tobacco and no release from the room. One common bull-pen, except to empty, once a day, their wooden toilet buckets. The heat and the stench are almost overpowering. When their trousers are changed, they are allowed to wash their faces. They are obliged to the authorities by dying.

And then, as if the blockhouses were not pain enough, the tribunal sentences the offender for a first offense to 30 days in the "bear pits" on the St. Joseph. If it's a second offense, the prisoner gets six months. For a third offense he will get a year.

The Unforgivable Crime. It takes just one failure to teach the newcomer that evasion is in one of the unforfeitable crimes. There is a murder week; there are tablings and robberies and violence of a hundred kinds. But these offenses get small attention from the judges. A murdered murderer is a good addition. But evasion? This guarantees for the manufacturer rigorous punishment. And when one remembers that 10,000 evasions are "beat" ten years, only one 200 have succeeded, one can realize how the most despised class of all criminals, the St. Joseph have inflicted.

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to get along. But in the blockhouses 20 cages are arranged in two parallel lines. These cages are really manacles in an iron bar. They are allowed to exercise, no tobacco and no release from the room. One common bull-pen, except to empty, once a day, their wooden toilet buckets. The heat and the stench are almost overpowering. When their trousers are changed, they are allowed to wash their faces. They are obliged to the authorities by dying.

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More Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner called at the Leo Buttrick home in Grand Rapids Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Gramer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peterson in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Edward Guilbault of Detroit is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Edward Maloney. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Conant and daughter Dolores of Rockford spent Sunday at the Tim Conant home. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morse and daughter Sally of Carson City were Sunday visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lowry of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lohnes of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rollins. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washburn spent Sunday in Grand Rapids celebrating the eightieth birthday of Mrs. O. T. Hogan at the home of D. O. Hogan. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hooley will prepare Thanksgiving dinner for Mr. and Mrs. B. G. White of Lansing, Lucille Hooley and Leonard Coates of Grand Rapids, Virginia Hooley of Mt. Pleasant and Dr. S. Lee.

Dr. S. S. Lee and Postmaster and Mrs. F. J. Hooley enjoyed dinner and a show in Grand Rapids Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morse are spending Thanksgiving and the week-end in Flint with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Meangs. F. P. MacFarlane spent last week and visiting his children in Detroit. He will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with F. C. MacFarlane and family in Detroit. The Frank MacTavish family and Mr. and Mrs. A. Velzey will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl French in Grand Rapids. Sunday visitors at the W. E. Spencer home were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spencer of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wales of Ulica and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Spencer of Belding. Mrs. C. H. Kronenburger and Octave Gardner of Ann Arbor spent Thursday and Friday visiting Dr. S. S. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hooley at the home of the latter. Sunday dinner guests at the W. R. Andrews home were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Andrews of St. Joseph. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Benedict who spent the day at the Allan Godfrey home. While here the Andrews' called on relatives and friends in Lowell and Altou.

Mesdames Rudolph and Gerritt VerPlanck of Edmore called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snay Monday. Mrs. Ruth Helm and daughters spent last week with her cousins in DeWitt while Bill was North deer hunting. Miss Hazel Hoag entertained for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. F. Williamson, Mrs. Lucile Byrne and son Austin, Mrs. Agnes Stevens and Glenn Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Munroe and the Misses Janet and Annie May Ricker spent Sunday at the Ralph Rull home at Bailey. Miss Pauline Rull accompanied them home to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Munroe. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Courter of South Boston were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch. Recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aldrich were Mrs. Ed. Carney and son of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court of River-nd, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hesse and children of Seeley Corners and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Aldrich. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Conolly (nee Ethel Graham), 19 Enwood-st., Battle Creek, entertained twelve at a Thanksgiving dinner Sunday with turkey and fixings: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Conolly, Hartford, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Conolly, Paw Paw; Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Conolly and daughter, Miss Frances, East Lansing; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Conolly and son George Michael, Battle Creek. There were four generations present, William Conolly of Hartford, who is 82; George W. Eugene R. and George Michael, ten weeks old. The afternoon was spent visiting and taking pictures. R. A. Conolly is State Poultry Inspector for Michigan State College.

**Social Events**  
**Kenyon-Fletcher**  
Miss Barbara Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn L. Fletcher, was united in marriage with Mr. Burke F. Kenyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kenyon of Grand Rapids, at the Burton Street Baptist parsonage, Grand Rapids, by the Rev. E. J. Branch at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. Miss Dorothy Fletcher, sister of the bride, and Buri Kenyon, brother of the groom, were the attendants. Mrs. Kenyon was a graduate of Lowell high school in the class of 1936. Mr. Kenyon graduated in 1938 from Lee high school in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon are at home to their friends on East Main-st.  
**Hartley-Wheaton**  
Miss Helen Margaret Wheaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor B. Wheaton of Ionia, and Donald Hartley, son of Mrs. Gladys Hartley of Lowell, were married Thursday evening, Nov. 10, in Jackson, by the Rev. S. B. Wenger. Both are employed at the Ionia State hospital. They will reside at 351 Lafayette St., Ionia.  
**Goofus Club**  
Mrs. Eugene Carr entertained the Goofus Club at her home last week Wednesday afternoon. Peas went to Mrs. J. W. Trumble, Mrs. D. H. Oatley, Mrs. Ed. DeVries and Mrs. Merritt Miller. Refreshments were served by the hostess.  
**Marriage Licenses**  
C. Edward Kiel, 30, Lowell; Adeline M. Hunt, 24, Grand Rapids.  
**Social Brevities**  
The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Dan Wingside with Mrs. Don McPherson and Mrs. Bud Moore giving the reviews.  
**Coffee a Most Flexible Bean Used in Many Ways**  
The world does move, as proved by the historical fact that once it was necessary to "boottle" coffee, notably in Mohammedan countries, because it was classified as an intoxicant and banned by religious regulation. The advent of the "coffee house," or "cafe," centers of political, artistic, and social life in many a country of the western world, marked the triumph of science because it had been discovered that coffee was only a mild stimulant, and there is a world of difference between a stimulant and an intoxicant, observes Jessie Marie DeBoth in the Boston Globe. Coffee was not even known to be edible or potable before the Ninth century of the Christian era, and it was not until the middle of the Sixteenth century that the ban against it was permanently removed everywhere in the world. Originally called "cawwah," in its Oriental spelling, coffee came by way of Europe into the Baltic sea area, thence into Holland and England, and thence to North America. The western world dominates the coffee trade and ranks high in coffee use. When we step in to buy our favorite blend, ground to suit our own method of brewing, for just a few cents a pound, it seems hard to realize that when the coffee houses in England first had it coffee cost \$30 a pound. Naturally, it was not then a household beverage, and many are the stories written around the meetings of the big-wigs, intelligentsia and better finance leaders of the day, who gathered in the public coffee houses to discuss the problems of the moment. Most coffee is blended from a number of different kinds of beans, each with a character of its own. What you like depends upon your personal preference for certain of these characteristics, and there is everything available from the light, mild blend to the heavy, mouth-filling flavor that seems to fill the house with its tantalizing odor.

**CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS**  
Ionia County PTA will hold a meeting at South Boston Grange hall Saturday, Dec. 3. There will be a business session at 10 o'clock with potluck lunch following. In the afternoon a speaker from the University of Michigan will be heard and numbers will be put on by each PTA in Boston township. Everyone welcome. 27-28  
The first meeting of the Vergennes Extension Class will be held at the home of Mrs. Theo Bailey Tuesday, Nov. 29. This session will be on "Choosing Decorative Accessories." All those interested in this work are cordially invited.  
The Good Will Club will hold their Christmas meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Hellman Thursday, Dec. 1. All members come and bring your husbands as there will be a nice Christmas dinner. Don't forget to bring your gift for the exchange, also you must have your quilt block ready. -Sarah Miller, Secy.  
The Ladies Democrat Club will meet with Mrs. Nettie Holmes on Lafayette-st, Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 8 o'clock. -Lucille Byrne, Secy.  
**Woman's Club**  
The Lowell Woman's Club met on Nov. 18th at the home of Mrs. N. E. Borgerson, the President. Mrs. W. W. Gummer in the chair. After the reading of the collect and usual business of the club, the name of Mrs. Lee Lampkin was presented and voted on and she was unanimously elected to membership. Before turning the meeting over to Mrs. R. D. Hahn, Program Chairman, and Mrs. Howard Bartlett, Ass't. Chairman, there was general discussion of matters of interest suggested by the presence at the previous meeting of a genuine Oriental. Many enlightening comments concerning customs and attitudes of the Japanese were forthcoming and added zest to the afternoon's very worthwhile program. Mrs. Hahn discussed the topic of the day, "Handicraft", from the historical viewpoint as well as the artistic - suggesting origins and reasons for survival in spite of the encroachments of the machine age. Many beautiful examples of colonial, Indian and other designs in quilts and rugs brought by members served to illustrate Mrs. Hahn's remarks. Instances, too, were given of wonderful old pieces of artistic handicraft rescued from oblivion at the hands of those ignorant of their value. Some beautiful Paisley shawls were on exhibit and their history discussed. Their origin was in Persia but later they were made in Paisley, Scotland. Among the many pieces of embroidery, knitting, crocheting and applique as well as hooked rugs, quilts exhibited by members, Mrs. Bartlett called attention to an extensive and very fine collection from the South Lowell Woman's Club. With two interesting readings by Mrs. A. R. Smith, the club adjourned. The next meeting of the Lowell Woman's Club will occur at the home of Mrs. Wm. Wachterhauser on Nov. 30th. Good printing-Ledger office t

**WHY Athletes Hold Breath When in Short-Distance Run.**  
It sounds absurd to tell an athlete to dash off a hundred yards without breathing, but it's possible. The sprinters themselves may not have realized it, but that's the way most of them run the dash, according to Dr. Ansel Keys, head of the University of Minnesota study of effect of athletics on the human body. "Just do it—that's the way," Dr. Keys said. It can be explained better by the man who is performing experiments on such things. "The muscles and organs of the human body need oxygen to do their tasks. Blood carries oxygen to the muscles and organs. But ordinarily one minute is required for the blood to make a circuit of the body. During intense muscular exertion the blood will hurry around the circuit in 15 seconds. Any good sprinter can do a 100-yard dash in much less time than that. And so the body uses the oxygen it already has stored." Why not a mile without breathing? An athlete, Dr. Keys explained, can't hold his breath for that long, and besides the body hasn't stored up enough oxygen to permit operation of the organs for that long a period. "In the early part of a longer run," he explained, "a boy uses up what energy is stored and an oxygen 'debt' is created, and this debt must be paid. The heart and lungs work overtime to carry blood and oxygen through the body to help."

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**4-H CLUB NEWS**  
Nimble Fingers Club  
The Nimble Fingers Club members met at the home of the leader Mrs. Orin Graham for two meetings on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, November 12. At the first of these two meetings the time was devoted to sewing and Mrs. Graham had charge of the second meeting and told about the leaders' meeting she and the assistant leader, Ruth Lyons attended. At the leaders' meeting they were shown samples of material for clothing and given many hints on making bed spreads and other articles for the Girl's Room Project. -Reporter, Dorothy Wingeler  
**OLD ALBION—EVER YOUNG IN SPIRIT**  
The city of Albion, home of Albion College, founded in 1836, has long been a center of culture, education and industry. Two full pages of photographs, together with a thumbnail history of Albion's progress by Ray S. Ayer appear in the Fictional Rotogravure Section of Sunday's Detroit News. Be sure to see these pages. On sale at Christiansen's or phone for delivery. adv  
**What Shall I Write?**  
Here are some suggestions for our correspondents regarding things to write about:  
Items that show progress.  
Anything strange or unusual.  
Social gatherings, meetings.  
Fires, accidents, crimes.  
Births, deaths, marriages.  
Ball games, contests, meets.  
Severe storms.  
Unusual school or church happenings.  
Visits to or from a distance.  
Crop conditions.  
Large produce or livestock sales.  
**Thanksgiving Dinners**  
ALT LAKE CITY, Utah... It's sound-up time on the turkey ranges and pretty farmerettes herd their flocks toward America's Thanksgiving dinner tables. Photo shows: Miss Helen Toronto, with some of the prime turkeys snapped on a ranch at Provo, Utah. A dog's barking was a fateful occurrence for James Haslick, 55, of North Branch. When the barking dog rushed at him, Haslick jumped aside. He was walking in the road at the time, and as he jumped, he was struck by a car and fatally injured.

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**Coeds Put Score On Up Hairdress**  
Whether to put the hair up and be dignified or to let it down and be yourself is the most discussed and the most written about question of today's women. So Winifred Washburn, instructor in textiles and clothing, asked a number of Michigan State coeds what stand they would take on the subject. The upward sweeping hairline was definitely swept out of the classroom by the great majority of home economic students. Why? Because the high coiffure demands more care and attention than the busy college woman who is rushing from class to sports to teas has time to give it. Therefore it is abandoned for the more easily combed, natural hairdress. One of the best arguments against the sculptured hairline on campus is that the piled up curls are out of place with the general classroom ensemble which consists mainly of sweaters, skirts, flat-heeled shoes, and ankle socks. This very modern costume so expressive of the American girl's independence and a coiffure reminiscent of a period when women lacked their present freedom do not mix. But when evening comes, then the college girl round about faces. When the smart young lady has a date she aims to look very feminine and appealingly dependent. She gives the Edwardian hairdress a place in the modern set-up after all, but with reservations. Only girls with oval or heart-shaped faces and girls with delicate features should wear it, for hair pulled up away from the face emphasizes the line of the jaw and sharp or coarse features. The dress and accessories must be in keeping with this hairdress or the effect is grotesque rather than charming.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our neighbors for their help, and lovely flowers, also to the South Lowell Aid for furnishing the dinner, in our time of sorrow.  
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**A NOVEL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
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**Who Hasn't?**  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I had a good boy and he came and in school my name is Herman.  
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**Railway Station Carols Make Travelers Relax**  
In metropolitan railroad stations throughout the country this Holiday season, hurried travelers will halt to the strains of Christmas carols echoing from lofty ceilings and long corridors. Originally adopted several years ago in New York, the idea has spread each December to more cities until railroad station music has become a tradition. The concerts were started because railroad officials decided "everyone was in too much of a hurry" around Christmas time, and that if people could relax before starting their homeward journey they would have a better time.

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**Why Word "Controller" is Used "Comptroller"**  
The spelling "comptroller" was introduced about 1500 and arose from a mistake derivation of the word from "compt," an obsolete form of "count," suggested by the French "compte," states a writer in the Indianapolis News. Since a controller's business was to examine and verify accounts it was supposed that the word should be spelled "comptroller." The erroneous form now survives only in certain official usage; as, comptroller-general of the United States, comptroller of the currency, and comptroller of the Post Office department. "Controller" is the correct spelling for ordinary purposes. In both cases the word is pronounced the same—"kon-trol-er," accent on the second syllable.  
**Why Stars Twinkle**  
The twinkling of the stars is a rapid shaking or vibration of their light, caused mainly by the state of atmosphere, though partly as a result of the color of their intrinsic light. Ordinarily the bright planets are not seen to twinkle, because of their large apparent disks, made up of a multitude of points, which, therefore, maintain a general average of brightness. A star's light seems to come from a mere point so that only its rays are scattered by irregular refraction, at one instant very few rays reach the eye and at another many.  
**Why Ohio is "Buckeye State"**  
One version of how Ohio got the nickname of the Buckeye state is that it came from the Indians' nickname of a big man. Redskins as well as whites were assembled for the festivities of the opening of the first court in Marietta in 1788. Among the big wigs was a Colonel Sproat, who was six-feet four inches tall. The Indians called him He-tuck, or Big Buckeye; hence, the nickname for the state, according to the version.  
**Why Metal is Colder Than Wood**  
On a cold day a piece of metal feels much colder to the hand than a piece of wood, notwithstanding the fact that both must have the same temperature. The explanation is that metal, being a much better conductor of heat than wood removes heat from the hand more rapidly, giving the impression that it is colder. In general, the better a conductor the colder it will feel to a hand hotter than itself.  
**Why It is 4-3-2 Fertilizer**  
The term 4-3-2 fertilizer means the percentage content of nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash in the order named. A ton of 4-3-2 fertilizer thus contains 80 pounds of nitrogen, 180 pounds of phosphoric acid and 40 pounds of potash, combined with mineral and organic substances such as lime, oxygen, carbon and sulphates, which make up the bulk of the material.  
**Why It is "Arctic" Ocean**  
The word "Arctic" is from the Greek "arctos," a bear, and refers to the northern constellation of the Great Bear. Antarctic means "opposed to Arctic."  
**Why Magicians Use Rabbits**  
The reason why magicians pull rabbits out of a hat instead of cats, puppy dogs or opossums, is because rabbits are the only animals that will behave.  
**Why Nero Committed Suicide**  
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