

# LEDGER ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

## READING THE ADVERTISING

THE PEOPLE who fail to read the advertising miss one of the most important features that the newspaper offers them. Here is the means by which people can reduce the cost of living, supply their needs at the smallest possible expense, and find out what kinds of things are being offered, and what styles and fashions are the most popular.

They learn the progress of modern improvements, they find out what other people are doing to make work easier, and life more comfortable and pleasant. The information obtained from newspaper advertising alone is worth many times more than the subscription price.

## WE FELT something of a thrill

last week when we read that the three million pupils in the Catholic schools of America were to be trained for enlightenment of American citizenship, to be given an understanding and a respect for our democratic form of government. We have hoped that definite steps might be taken in all schools toward establishing a workable program of training for good citizenship. We remember that it was the Catholic Church which inaugurated the move to clean up picture shows, in which they were joined by the Protestant Churches, and we hope all Protestants will join with them in this latest movement. The schools can be made to do much more than they have done toward building youth into good citizens. We realize, however, that some of the Protestant clergy have had leanings toward a changed form of government, and we may have to reform some of them.—Cassopolis Vigilant.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

THE church choirs draw from the great library of music the sweet and haunting carols that have been the pride and possession of the ages. These Christmas phrases of song and melody have echoed through the homes and churches of Europe for centuries, telling of a better world, and bringing the message of good will.

## THE HOLIDAY VACATIONS

THE Christmas vacation is a kind of grand climax of the year for childhood and youth. The youngsters have done good solid work since they started their fall term. Modern children are more ambitious than those of a former generation, they all want to succeed, and most of them have been shown that their chances in the world are better if they have done well in school.

The teachers may say some nice and earnest things. But the number of them is not probably as great as it used to be.

All young people who have made a real effort this fall for progress in the world of knowledge are entitled to a very nice time at the Christmas holidays. Those who have been studying in colleges and various institutions away from home are welcomed back with enthusiasm. The folks are glad to see how they have grown in mental stature.

Youngsters let loose from their tasks feel like kicking up their heels. The world is glad to see them do so, provided their outbursts of happiness don't lead to any explosion.

## PAY AS YOU GO

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has indicated that he wants to see the bill of the American people for national defense placed on a "pay as you go" basis, though he may not ask to have the payment made the same year the expense was incurred. This seems the right idea. It does seem as if these costs should be paid as we go along.

The United States can't keep borrowing for its various purposes and expect to remain indefinitely popular among the lenders of money. The man who is always borrowing from people dodging around the corner when they meet him. It may turn out the same when governments do so.

## 15,000,000 JOBS

THE Scientific American states that 15 of the major industries of the country have been developed in the 60 years since 1870, and it is estimated they have provided directly and indirectly 15,000,000 jobs. The people who think that machinery causes unemployment might study these figures. Probably if any of these industries could come anywhere near attaining their present status, if machinery had not been developed so that production costs could be greatly reduced and these inventions placed within the people's reach.

How far have these new industries and jobs been created through inventions and discoveries by Americans? Our guess would be that the majority of them are due to the resourcefulness of our own folks. Our ingenious people have a great power in their hands, which should give them an almost unlimited chance for progress.

## HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

People who spend their money away from home are a good deal like some farmer who carelessly sows good seed in other people's fields.

Towns do not grow by themselves, without anyone pushing them, any more than an automobile will move unless someone puts fuel into its tank.

The people who maintain nice looking homes help tell the world that Lowell is a community of progressive people.

# THE LOWELL LEDGER

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## Odds and Ends

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

## Large Crowd Enjoys Annual Window Night

### Decorator Praises Main-st

Lowell's street and window Christmas decorations have received the praise and admiration of tourists and home folk alike. It is no wonder, for the Main-st, a beautiful picture dressed in its garlands of Christmas greens and bright colored lights.

A good crowd was in town Friday evening for annual Window Night. The windows were judged by H. L. VanValkenburgh, head of the decorating department in one of Grand Rapids' leading stores. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Merchandise Group—Gee Hardware, 1st prize; Christensen's Drug Store, 2nd prize; Charles Daunders, Shoe Repair Shop, honorable mention.

Spirit of Christmas Group—R. D. Hahn Grocery, 1st prize; Chas. W. Cook, 2nd prize; Mable Scott Beauty Parlor, honorable mention.

### Liked Decorative Scheme

The efforts of local business men, the Board of Trade and city officials in making Lowell one of the best decorated towns in western Michigan for the Christmas season were highly praised by Mr. VanValkenburgh. He stated that the arches over Main-st, which give the impression of a ceiling of colored lights over the business district, was one of the finest decorative schemes he had ever witnessed and was a splendid example of what can be accomplished in a community of wide awake citizens working together.

Mr. VanValkenburgh in judging the windows first made a tour of Main-st, alone and a second time with the local committee. He pointed out to the committee that in judging the decorative windows there were three things to be looked for. First, the window must show a definite idea; second, it must show thought and careful planning; and third, there must be skill and ingenuity in using the materials at hand to make an attractive selling window. He pointed out that a good window must stop the person passing the store, that each article displayed should set out by itself and that in his opinion merchandise except in the luxury class, should have price tags.

### Hard Time Deciding Winners

Mr. VanValkenburgh informed the committee that in the judging he took into consideration the size of the store, the kind of merchandise that was being sold, and the presentation of the window. He pointed out that the task of awarding the prizes was not an easy one as it was necessary to make his final selections from a list of twelve stores, each of which could have easily been called a prize winner.

Mr. VanValkenburgh, although unacquainted with the business men is no stranger to Lowell as he is an annual visitor to the Showboat and has cooperated with the Showboat committee on several occasions.

## Site of Kent's First School to Be Commemorated

A log cabin more than 100 years old, furnished with appropriate antiquities, will mark the site where Kent county's first school stood more than a century ago. Now known as McArthur park, the site is in East Grand Rapids, southeast of that community's municipal building near Reads lake.

Built at Lowell in 1835, the cabin was purchased about three years ago by the city of East Grand Rapids, school centennial observance and since has occupied a location west of the high school building. It will be moved intact to the park site as soon as there is sufficient snow to permit the use of a skid.

Last summer a woman who was born in the cabin 101 years ago visited it at the school grounds and pointed out to school officials the location of various articles with which it was furnished in pioneer days. The ancient structure will be restored as a sort of commemorative museum and new furniture purchased by the city of East Grand Rapids.

## Member When

When, at this season, you used to count the days until Christmas and had fond hopes that Santa would not miss you on Christmas eve rounds?

When schoolboys could get a job any night after school at this time of year, carrying wood upstairs for second-floor tenants along Main street?

When hard coal burners were in general use in this vicinity and there was always a scarcity of good used stoves of that type at this season of the year?

## Lifelong Resident Passes at 72

Abbie Mary Layer, daughter of the late Silas and Mary Braisted was born in Lowell township, Feb. 2, 1866 and passed away Dec. 12, 1938.

She attended the school in the country near her home and later the Lowell public schools. At the age of 18 she taught in the Star School in Bowne township. While there she met David F. Layer and they were married on Nov. 27, 1884. They moved to their farm in South Lowell and lived there until 1924 when Mr. Layer's health failed and they moved to Lowell. Mr. Layer passed away Jan. 26, 1928 and since that time Mrs. Layer has divided her time between her home in Lowell and her three daughters, Mrs. Bessie Whitmyer of Perry, Mich., Mrs. Mabel Tower and Mrs. Ruth Doyle of Detroit.

Mrs. Layer was a charter member of the South Lowell M. E. church, was a member of the So. Lowell Ladies Aid and of the Greene Circle of the Lowell Methodist church.

Besides her three daughters, she leaves a sister, Mrs. George Wilson of Grand Rapids, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends who will miss her. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon in the First M. E. church with burial in Oakwood cemetery.

## Lowell Five Wins Hard-Fought Game

Lowell High School basketball team won their third straight victory of the 1938-39 season last Friday night when they defeated Grandville five by the close score of 24-22.

Ragged passing and poorer defensive work than was shown against Ionia a week ago nearly cost the locals their first conference game.

Grandville took an early lead by sinking two field goals before Lowell scored. After the locals forged ahead to have a 11 to 5 advantage at the end of the first period. In the second stanza Grandville held the Lowellists scoreless and managed to tie the score at eleven all when the half ended.

The second half was fast and furious and at no time was Lowell behind or tied after a basket by Kyser was made at the beginning of the second half. Grandville kept within a four point margin throughout the last half.

The canny eye of Timmer from Grandville was too much for the Lowell defense and he accounted for 13 of his team's 22 points.

Summary  
Lowell 24 PG FT P  
Kyser ..... 5 0 1  
Lalley ..... 0 0 0  
Phelps ..... 2 1 2  
Mason ..... 2 1 2  
Allen ..... 2 1 2  
Stauffer ..... 2 1 0  
Grandville 22 PG FT P  
Austin ..... 2 0 0  
Timmer ..... 6 1 3  
Thompson ..... 0 0 0  
Warner ..... 1 0 1  
Dok ..... 0 0 0  
Zendervord ..... 0 0 0  
Cross ..... 0 0 0

The second team game was a tie with a score of 12 all. The locals were unable to find the basket and were fortunate to tie the scrappy Grandville seconds.

Friday night the locals travel to Greenville and next Tuesday they will play at Rockford.

## Lodge Elections

### Hooker Chapter, B. A. M.

Hooker Chapter, No. 73, Royal Arch Masons of Lowell, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: High Priest, Dr. Richardson; Adm. King; John Lott, Elmdale; Scribe, Ray Lenhard; Clerk, Arthur W. Freymuth; Secretary, Carl E. Armstrong; Captain of Host, W. F. Murphy; Principal Sovereign, Elmer S. White; Royal Arch Captain, Royden Warner; 1st Vigilant, Ernest Pinckney; 2nd Vigilant, Harley Maynard; 3rd Vigilant, Dr. F. E. White; Sentinel, Gain Banga.

Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M.  
Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M. on Tuesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, W. A. Roth; Senior Warden, G. C. Kent; Junior Warden, George Story; Secretary, E. S. White; Treasurer, W. C. Hartman; Senior Deacon, Edward Bennett; Junior Deacon, Arnold Wittenbach; Tyler, W. F. Murphy; Senior Steward, D. A. Wingier; Junior Steward, Victor Tidd.

## Auction Sales

Mrs. Henry Yoder Est., Dec. 20  
Mrs. Henry Klahn, special administrative, will sell at public auction at the farm of the late Mrs. Milton Yoder, located one mile west and 1/4 mile south of Elm Lake, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, a good list of cattle, pigs, implements and tools, etc. A. W. Hilzey, auctioneer and Dan A. Wingier, clerk. See complete advertisement on another page of this issue.

Chair S. Hess, December 22  
A public auction sale will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22, Chair S. Hess, proprietor, at his farm known as the Fred Grote farm located 2 1/2 miles west of Alto. A good list of horses, cattle, implements, dairy supplies, etc., will be up for sale. N. C. Thomas is the auctioneer and Earl V. Colby, clerk. See complete advertisement on the inside pages of this issue of the Ledger.

Try a tank full of the new Stano-line gasoline. 7 gals. for only 96c. Mac's Service Station. p31

## Historic Bridge To Be Preserved



White's bridge, only covered bridge in Ionia county, is an historic landmark in Keene township. It was constructed in 1867 of hand-hewn timber. At present it is condemned for vehicles weighing more than two tons. Note the striking reflection of the structure in the waters of the Flat river.

## Covered Bridge In Keene-tp. Has Historic Background

Present Roadway Is Former Indian Trail; Was Constructed By Pioneers

By Nellie Adams  
Reprinted from Ionia County News

White's bridge, only covered bridge in Ionia county, and a widely known landmark, will probably be preserved, not only because of its historic value, but also because its usefulness can be extended for years to come.

Recently condemned because it is unsafe for heavy motor vehicles the historic span over the Flat river has a background rich in colorful memories. County road commission officials, who have charge of the bridge's maintenance, have been engaged in reinforcing the wooden structure, which spans the Cob-hoosh-sha-river (Indian name for the Flat river) in Section 7 of Keene township.

With a length of 117 feet, and 14 feet wide, the bridge's truss members and all dimension timbers are hand-hewn, and held together by hardwood pins. The siding and roof boards are fastened by hand-cut square nails. A buttment is constructed of stone from the locality.

Built in 1867 at a cost of \$2,000, the bridge today is in remarkably good condition, considering the number of years it has served the community.

Was Indian Trail  
White's covered bridge crosses the river on the former State road which followed the old Indian trail from the locality which is now Greenville to Jean de Marec's and Rix Robinson's fur trading post, at what is now Lowell.

It derived its name from Levi T. White, a carpenter, who with his wife and children, and his sons, George, John, Sarah and Elmina, emigrated from Canada in 1845. One of the daughters, the youngest, Mrs. Rebecca (White) Wiggins, who was born in Keene township in 1848, recently celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary on Oct. 21, at Eureka, Kans., where she now resides.

Levi T. White, who lived near the bridge's site, constructed the first bridge across the Flat River in 1846. It was a log structure, with logs fastened together in cordway fashion and suspended across the river by log chais.

Built Second Bridge  
This structure proved to be unsatisfactory, and Mr. White, with the aid of neighbors, had the second bridge, which was of pile bent type with about 12 bents in the river. It, however, was damaged every spring when the ice went out, and required a great outlay to keep it in repair.

In 1866, it was condemned and replaced by the present bridge, the only one of crossing the river was by boat. Meanwhile, the present bridge was completed in 1867.

According to legend, tribes of Indians under Chief Wabasha while on their way across from the trading post at the junction of the Flat river, and the O-wash-tow-ung (Grand), held many pow-wows near a giant oak tree which was located near the bridge.

Sheltered Tribe  
The spread of the branches was enough, it is said, to shelter the entire tribe. These gatherings presented a weird spectacle to the wayfarer who travelled that way after nightfall. Campfires burning, the dancing Indians were often attracted by copious draughts of the white man's liquor. The huge tree has since fallen before the woman's axe.

Later, fun-loving youngsters were fond of perching in the roof supports of White's bridge, supplied with a pail of water. The contents of their pail invariably found its way into the heads of young couples who had stopped on the bridge, to rest on the bridge, and indulge in the nineteenth century version of "parking."

The scenic beauty of wooded bluffs which rise abruptly on the south side of the river, the ravine which the road follows, and other features of this area, give it a picturesque touch found in few other spots in Ionia county.

Has Duplicates  
White's bridge is the only covered bridge in Ionia county. Two duplicates of it may be found in Kent county, at Fallsbury park, near Lowell, and one near Ada.

## Along Main St.

Nelson Stormzand, mechanic at Central Garage has again resumed his duties after studying at a car-buretor school at St. Louis, Mo. for three weeks.

Proceeds of the American Legion party to be given at the City Hall next Tuesday evening will be used to provide toys for children and baskets for deserving families in the surrounding community.

Warner Roth of the local post office force, who is a patient at the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, will be greeted this week with a shower of "Get Well" and Christmas cards from his many friends here.

The Ionia County News says that William Smith of Lowell, Smith-Hughes instructor in the Lowell high school for 12 years, last week replaced Stanley Woods, agricultural instructor at the Ionia high school, who is absent because of illness.

Charles Koeh of Vergennes lost a pocketbook containing about \$22 and advertised his hard luck in local papers. Mrs. Sarah Purdy, also of Vergennes, read the advertisement and promptly returned the purse and its contents to the owner. Mr. Koeh is now a booster for Ledger ads.

The C. R. Chappeler Construction company, Sylvania, O., submitted to the treasury department, Washington, D. C. Friday a \$47,131 bid for a new post office building in Lowell. Other close bids were for \$47,867 and \$48,200. A postal inspector here recently stated that his opinion that construction work would begin soon after the letting of the contract.

Ben East, well-known editor on wild life, who gave a very interesting illustrated lecture here about year ago on his experiences in the Georgian Bay country has adopted a unique title for his new picture, "The Michigan Nobody Knows." We hope that Mr. East can be prevailed upon to bring his picture to Lowell, as it will be a two hours of anybody's time well spent.

Submarines will be named for fish, mine-sweepers for birds, repair ships for mythological characters, cargo ships for stars, etc., in accordance with the Navy Department's new baptismal plans. And if automotive manufacturers get a similar christening itch, you need not be surprised to see a tractor named Butch, a family car called Noah's Ark or a ten-ton truck called Brundhild. But what else could a Jolly be called?

Six Lowell high school football stars were placed on the first and second honor elevens for the Grand Valley Conference at the winter meeting of the coaches held in Grand Rapids on Monday. They were: First team, Hoyt Phelps, Edwyn Young and Lloyd Stauffer; second team, Charles Dawson, John Hughes and Carroll Kyser. Phelps and Stauffer also received additional honors by being given honorable mention on Dick Remington's all-star team.

"I always read the advertisements in the Ledger and find them the most valuable part of the paper," said Clair S. Hess, who was here Monday afternoon for an auction sale to be held at his farm on the town line road, 2 1/2 miles west of Alto, next week; Thursday. "The Ledger keeps our family posted on the store news, auction sales, and the offerings in the want column," declared our visitor. Mr. Hess has been in poor health for several months and has found it necessary to give up farming for a time.

The Latvian envoy has put the bee on our State Department for a 52-cent rebate on gasoline taxes he paid in Mississippi, \$194 in Georgia, and varying amounts of a small nature in seven other states. He contends that under a reciprocity agreement American diplomats should have no such tax in his country. So if you personally wince under the appalling yoke of our gasoline tax, it's up to you to become a naturalized Latvian, pull strings to secure a foreign minister's portfolio to the United States, and then return here to tell the boys.... valls!

Three Grand Rapids young men this week confessed to more than 30 burglaries in Grand Rapids and surrounding towns. Included were the Strand Theatre in Lowell a few months ago where it is reported they obtained about \$75; the local Gamble Store was entered but they were frightened away by the nightwatchman without obtaining anything; and a gas station and restaurant on M-21 near Ada. Charges will be preferred after further investigation and the young men will no doubt have a long time in which to reflect upon the truth of the saying that "Crime Does Not Pay."

## GRADE PUPILS SOLD 6800 CHRISTMAS SEALS

Lowell high school is very proud of its grade pupils for their good showing in the sale of Christmas Seals for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society which ended last Friday. The total amount taken in by the students was \$82. Jackie Callier sold the largest number of stamps totalling 417. Close runner-up was Rodney Kropp who sold 415 stamps. Jackie received the \$100 prize which was to be awarded to the student selling the most stamps and he graciously offered to divide it with Rodney.

## Overcoats for Christmas Giving

Special low prices due to a "Close-out" purchase makes Christmas giving easy in our Overcoat Department. Nothing could please him more. —Coons

## NOTICE

After this date, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone other than myself or my wife. Will Buck. p31-32

One more or less indignant reader writes us to say that, in a really fine sense of fitness, the present government practice should be called "slump-priming."

## Tax Collection Notice

Vergennes Township  
The undersigned will be at the State Savings Bank, Lowell, on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1938, to Jan. 7, 1939 to receive 1938 taxes. EDWIN MUELLER, Township Treasurer. p30, 31

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## Great Response to F. F. A. Parasite Control Campaign

### Treatment Asked For 115 Horses

The Horse Parasite Control Campaign being conducted by the F. F. A. students and their instructor, John Kleinbeckel, and a local veterinarian has been very successful to date. One hundred and fifteen horses have been listed for treatment with one more week to go before treating begins.

The question of the advisability of treatment at this early date has been raised. It is a known fact that 30 days after the first killing frost the Bot fly eggs have been all hatched and at this time of the year the Bots are very small and are easily destroyed.

Due to the large number of horses that have been listed for treatment, two treating days will have to be scheduled. The first day will be December 24 and the second day will either come on Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week. Cards will be sent to all cooperators as to the time of treatment.

The large number of horses listed indicates that a large percentage of farmers are interested in better farming practices and it is hoped that this practice will become one which will be used on all farms in the future.

## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

Remember Dec. 7 is date for the Christmas meeting of Jolly Community Club at Hazel Baird's for supper, and program and treat, each attending please bring a life gift for you and all your family that attends if you receive one.

Free concert by High School Band and Orchestra, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The Bennett school will sponsor an all-around moving picture entitled "All in a Day's Work" and story of electric service, at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

Friday, Dec. 16, Apron sale and Christmas Tea, at the Frank E. White home, two to five, sponsored by the Peckham Group, Congregational church. Pause in your Christmas rushing for a chat with friends and a refreshing cup of tea.

The Ladies Democrat Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Adah Peterson, Dec. 21, Christmas Tea and pot luck supper.

Richmond's Cafe has another fast basketball team in the field this year with the following players: R. Maloney, B. Clark, B. Sayles, J. Jones, J. Hawk, B. Gaunt, B. Dawson, L. Potter and J. Ellis. A schedule of good fast teams is being arranged for two games each week, with the home game on Tuesday evenings, and your attendance will be appreciated.

## Strand Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 15, "Painted Desert" with George O'Brien and Lorraine Johnson; also "The 13th Man" with Weldon Heyburn and Inez Courtney.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, "Blockheads" with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy; added feature, "White Banners" with Claude Rains, Fay Bainter, Jackie Cooper and Bonita Granville; also "Wild Bill Hickok" and Fox News.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 18-19, "Valley of the Giants," all in technical, with Wynne Morris, Claire Trevor, Allan Hale, Chas. Bickford and Frank McHugh. Added attractions, very latest Paramount News, Charlie Chase in "Many Snappy Situations" "Poppye in 'Motiny' and a Travelogue.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 20-21, "Sing You Sinners," with Bing Crosby and Fred McMurrary; added feature, "Touchdown Army," with John Howard, Mary Carlisle, Robert Cummings and Benny Baker; also a "Stranger Than Fiction."

Thursday, Dec. 22, "Men Are Such Pools," with Wayne Morris, Priscilla Lane, Humphrey Bogart and Hugh Herbert; added feature, "Sons of the Legion," with Lynne Overman and Evelyn Keyes.

This must be good country for potato growing, for Ewart farmers specialize in quantity. Walter Drake reported a yield of 374 bushels from one acre this year, and 833 bushels from a three-acre field.

The strongest sort of advice is going to the White House to the effect that a change in relief and tariff policies will be needed to regain political support for the New Deal in the farming regions of the Middle West.

The Administration naval program probably will skirt around the question of a "two-ocean Navy." If demands for such a Navy arise in Congress, however, the authorities will let events take their course.

Michigan's potato crop, second largest in the nation in 1938, will deliver nearly three-fourths of a million bushels to a specialized food industry, that of making potato chips, it is estimated by Michigan State College.

The family of Mrs. D. J. Hayes of Dearborn had a little more than its share of misfortune recently. Fire did considerable damage to the home in the morning, and Mrs. Hayes' 12-year-old son was seriously injured in an auto accident late the same afternoon.

The President has experts working afoot on study of the Swedish budgeting system, under which Government expenditures rise sharply in times of depression and drop sharply when business is good. Adoption of some such automatic budget plan may be recommended to Congress.

Joe Smith of Lansing will probably stay away from Portland from now on. About three months ago he purchased a \$1,500 automobile. Parking it there shortly after he bought it, a fender was crashed when another car bumped it. Recently his car was jammed on the streets of Portland for the third time in three months.

Some officials outside the Department of State are chaffing at the reciprocal trade agreements policy, despite the fanfare that attended the signing of pacts with Great Britain and Canada. These officials contend the United States should fight the trade drives of dictator nations in South America with the same sales methods.

Conferees are contemplated between the President's Committee on Government Reorganization and members of the Congressional committee responsible for that legislation. If no agreement on a single bill can be reached, the intention is to try to obtain enactment of separate bills dealing with major phases of the problem.

Anyone who is planning to avoid the expense of buying a Christmas tree this year by going out in the woods and cutting down an evergreen should be interested in one tip on Michigan's statute books. This law says it is illegal to cut evergreens or other trees or shrubs for "decorative purposes" or sale, without the written consent of the owner of the land on which the tree is growing.

Here's the story of another gentleman who "did not choose to run." When Clyde V. Showalter of Blanchard received a proof ballot for the November election, he found his name as a candidate for auditor general on the Square Deal ticket. As he was a candidate for registrar of deeds for Isabella county, it cost him a telegram to county clerk in Michigan to correct his name on the ballot.

Readers of the Osceola County Herald found a unique news story in their paper recently. At the top of a front page column, in large type, were the words, "This Space Reserved." Below was one sentence: "This space reserved for a detailed account of the Reed City Rod & Gun club activities to the present time in 1938." Below that were 3 1/2 inches of blank white space.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner has embarked on a nation-wide drive against the diversion of motorists' taxes in his capacity as president of the American Road Builders' Association. During the week the commissioner made speeches in 48-state front for constitutional amendments guaranteeing the use of highway money for highway purposes.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon in Hastings for Edward A. Parker, 60, president of the Michigan Mutual Windstorm Insurance company, who died unexpectedly on December 7 in a Kalamazoo hospital where he had gone for an operation. Mr. Parker was a lifelong resident of Barry county. For 14 years he was secretary and treasurer of the company and became president last May when Lewis W. Sunday died.

Lawfully parked at the curb, a vehicle was smashed by a commercial truck in Irvington, N. J., and a law-suit threatened for \$5,98 plus \$44.02 punitive damages. The wrecked conveyance was described as a "vehicle commonly known as a small boy's express wagon, purchased Christmas Day, 1936, according to the best of the plaintiff's knowledge, recollection and belief, by one Santa Claus." The boy got a brand new wagon.

## INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Lowell



ALTO DEPARTMENT (Mrs. Fred Pattison)
Townsend Club Meeting
The Alto school children will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Blakely on Friday evening, Dec. 15, at 7 o'clock.

ADA DEPARTMENT (Mrs. Hattie R. Fitch)
Lodge Holds Annual Meeting
The annual meeting of the Alto Adamic Lodge No. 280, F. & A. M., was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, at the home of Mrs. Hattie R. Fitch.

ALTO LOCALS
The Christmas Tree in pagant and song, will be presented at the M. E. church Christmas eve.

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WORTH 10¢ ANGEL FOOD CAKE WITH COUPON 29¢

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Special Stationery 48 ENVELOPES - 24 LETTER WRITING SHEETS

BROADCAST PURE PORK SAUSAGE 4 POUND LIMIT (Regularly 23¢ Lb.)

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PEACHES Country Club Fancy Sun-Rip 15¢

COOKIES FIC BARS or GINGER SNAPS 3 lbs. 25¢

COUNTRY CLUB - HICKORY SMOKED HAMS 21¢

FRESH LOAN PORK CHOPS 19¢

TANGERINES 10¢

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WANT ADS
WANT ADY. \$100. FOR 25 WORDS OR LESS, IF OVER 25 WORDS ADD 1¢ PER WORD.

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WANTED - A housekeeping position for elderly man or lady.

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Church News
ZION M. E. CHURCH
German preaching Sunday at 10 o'clock.

CANDIES
Tons of Fresh New Candies and Large Complete Selections of Finest Holiday Foods.

HAPPY MIX PEANUT BUTTER FANCY FILLED French Creams

Chocolate Drops Marshmallows Farmington Milk Chocolate

Chocolate Covered CHERRIES

HOLIDAY SPECIAL SWEET CALIFORNIA NAVEL

SPICES Sage Cinnamon

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LOWELL MASS STORES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

WHAT DO MORE STARS DO FOR THEIR TEETH?



# PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

We have fine and festive foods for the holidays. The prices will bring savings that mean presents for others.



**FRUIT BASKETS**  
made-to-order

Packed to your order with all sorts of candies, fruits, fresh fruits and all the other goodies the recipient will want to find. The baskets are in several sizes.

PRICED FROM  
65c to \$2.65

PEAWAUKEE LAKE

**PEAS** Specially priced  
no. 2 can 9c

RED & WHITE

**FR. COCKTAIL** 2 no. 1 tall cans 27c

Red & White Tomato Juice 2 tall cans 17c

Red & White Apricots no. 2 can 17c

Red & White Seedless Raisins 15-oz. box 10c

Red & White Seeded Raisins 15-oz. box 10c

Red & White Macaroni 2 8-oz. boxes 15c

Red & White Spaghetti 2 8-oz. boxes 15c

Blue & White Cut Gr. Beans 2 no. 2 cans 21c

Blue & White Cut Wax Beans 2 no. 2 cans 21c

Blue & White Tomatoes 2 no. 2 1/2 cans 25c

White or Yellow  
**POPCORN**  
In Bulk

3 lbs. 25c

**Special Sale**  
Three 10c  
Progress  
Products  
3 for 25c

**Target Flour** Michigan milled 24 1/2-lb. sack 49c

**King's Pure Gold** 24 1/2-lb. sack 59c

**Red & White Coffee** No better Coffee at any price lb. 27c

**Spry** In the big 3 lb. economy can 3 lbs. 50c

## FRESH NUTS

- Soft Shell Pecans - lb. 22c
- Large Washed Brazils - lb. 18c
- Mixed Nuts - lb. 21c
- Diamond Walnuts lb. 23c

Fresh PEANUTS 2 lbs. 25c

## CANDIES

- Filled Candy lb. 15c
- Peanut Brittle lb. 12 1/2c
- Rock Candy lb. 10c
- Mixed Candy lb. 10c
- Chocolate Drops lb. 10c

## FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

IDAHO POTATOES  
10 lb. bag 29c

MICHIGAN ONIONS  
10 lb. bag 15c

FIRM, YELLOW BANANAS  
4 lbs. 25c

WAGNER APPLES  
8 lbs. 25c

## SPECIAL SALE, NEW CROP

### NAVEL ORANGES

252 size Dozen	19c	200 size Dozen	25c
150 size Dozen	39c	160 size Dozen	55c

Florida Oranges 6 lbs. 23c  
FULL OF JUICE



Pork is much lower. This week buy pork.

**PORK STEAK** Lean shldr. cuts lb. 19c

### PORK LOIN ROASTS

10-12 lb. ave. Whole lb. 13c  
Rib End lb. 17c Ham End lb. 18c

**PURE LARD** Home rendered style 2 lbs. 19c

Fat Back Pork lb. 10c Bacon Squares lb. 14c  
Pork Sausage lb. 15c Pork Chops lb. 23c

**FR. PORK ROAST** Picnic style lb. 14c

**WEAVER'S FOOD MARKET**

Phone 156 - Better Things to Eat - We Deliver

## Keene Breezes

Mr. and Mrs. Veri Weeks and daughter Emma Della, were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Lee. The Keene Sunshine Club will meet with Esther Sparks Wednesday Dec. 21, for a Christmas dinner followed by a Christmas tree and program. Members exchanging gifts. A chicken dinner will be served and the husbands are invited. Annual election of officers. Mr. and Mrs. Don Pierce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen of Belding. Clyde Stevens of Newaygo was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stevens. Other callers

were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook, Ray Lee and Margaret Helmer of Ionia and Evelyn Cahoon.

Mrs. Maude Lemon and sister-in-law of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wortman and Mildred Carr of Lansing were Sunday guests at the Burr Carr home. Hugh Carr is visiting a few days in Grand Rapids. The Keene Grange will have a Christmas tree exchange of gifts and program with a potluck supper at the Keene Grange hall on Friday evening, Dec. 16. Mrs. Mary Larsen was taken to Lansing Saturday by her daughter Bernice Herron. Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Lee and Mrs. H. N. Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Orlov Weeks, Mildred

Converse, Herbert Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Breathly and Mary Meyers.

**REAL DANGER OF CONQUERORS FROM OTHER WORLDS**  
But the threat is not from monsters from Mars, but from tiny invisible spores, able to float through space and to live for years at absolute zero, points cut. Dr. E. E. Free, eminent scientist, in an article in The American Weekly, the great weekly magazine, with the December 18 issue of The Detroit Times. Phone Earl Cole's news stand for delivery. adv  
A good judge of values knows how useful the want ad page is.

## More Local News

Herbert Elzinga spent Sunday in Lansing with his brother.

Mrs. Mary King is spending the winter in Grand Rapids with her niece and family.

Miss Elizabeth Porritt of Bowne spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Coe-griff.

Mrs. A. W. Ehrlich of Owosso visited one day last week with Mrs. Charles Williamson.

Mrs. Mary Wingeler attended a funeral of Mrs. Freiedinger on Tuesday at Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wessinger of Ann Arbor spent the week-end with her father, F. P. MacFarlane.

Mrs. Glenna Burke of St. Johns spent last Thursday and Friday with her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Coe-griff.

Smith Kyser of Ionia was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kyser. He also called at the Myron Kyser home.

Mrs. Colet Condon and daughter, Mildred Herp Converse of Grand Rapids were visitors Friday at the Dell Condon home.

Mrs. Ola Condon accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter to Conklin Saturday evening to call on Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stockhill and baby.

Mrs. Bessie Medendorf, daughter of Doris and Mrs. Helen Bennett of Grand Rapids visited Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Wm. Coe-griff.

Mrs. Archie Condon spent Saturday at the Wm. Huffman home at Potter's Corners with the youngsters. The Huffman family spent the day in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Karel and children and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nagel, all of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pattison.

For Christmas—What nice gift could you make than a year's subscription to the Lowell Ledger? A thoughtful reminder every week during 1939. Read our special offer which will be found on another page in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Holliday and son Denny, Russell Schrier and friend, Mr. Backus of Lansing and Mrs. Mae Schrier were Saturday afternoon callers at the Myron Kyser and Kenyon Vickery homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Kyser and daughter Pauline, Douglas LaDue of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cahoon and son Robert spent Sunday afternoon in Battle Creek with Barbara Jean Cahoon at the Arthur Parker home.

Mrs. Reka Koewers and son Henry of Lowell, Mrs. Herman Kline and daughter Phyllis and Mrs. John Koewers of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kyser and Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Vickery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. George Fonger and son Jack attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Bradford in Sand Lake on Tuesday. Mrs. Bradford was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. R. J. Johnston returned to Quelpi, Ont., Monday after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McCaw of Ionia, and her brother, Hugh Tate of Saranac. This was her first visit to Michigan in 27 years. Mr. Tate is employed at the Lowell Chevrolet garage.

Miss Marion Bushnell, grade teacher in the Lowell public schools, graduated from Central State Teachers College with a Bachelor of Science degree on Wednesday of this week. Miss Katherine Perry, Mrs. A. H. Storm-zand and Mrs. Henderson-Hall of Clarksville accompanied her and all were entertained for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Finch after the exercises. Miss Bushnell's many Lowell friends are happy to hear of her good fortune of which she is so deserving.

## Social Events

Miss White Presents Pupils

Miss Charlotte K. White presented the following pupils in a piano recital Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Berger School of Music Studio, 512 Gilbert Edg., Grand Rapids: Ramsey Dolan, Janice Pady, Donald McCobb, Margaret Phelps, Mary Rittenger, Eloise Batts, James McCobb, Bernard Gaskin, Marjorie McQueen, Rose Fae, Jack Batts, Margaret Eddy, (a four-year-old pupil); Jer-alaine Smith, Jane Rittenger, Thomas Hall, Jacqueline Smith, Fay Cox, Ralph Palmer, Elizabeth Iden and Gloria Doyle.

## Swarthout Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Swarthout entertained at a dinner-bridge last week Wednesday evening. Guests were Atty. and Mrs. R. M. Shivel, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Gottfredsen, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kellgus, Mr. and Mrs. John Roth, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Borgerson. Honors at bridge went to Mrs. Borgerson, Mr. Foreman and Mr. Roth.

## Social Brevities

Mrs. H. P. Gottfredsen and Mrs. F. H. Swarthout entertained at a bridge luncheon at the home of Mrs. Gottfredsen on Tuesday.

The Book Review Club met last week Tuesday evening with Miss Eleanor Jewell, Mrs. R. D. Hahn, gave a review of "The Horse and Buggy Doctor" by Arthur Hertzler.

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. George Arehart, Mrs. D. H. Oalley and Mrs. R. D. Hahn were in charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collar entertained the P. & P. Bridge Club last week Thursday evening. Honors went to Bert Quick and Mrs. U. H. Roth.

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Are the Highest  
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LOWELL  
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DEC. 16 - 17



**WHITE BANNERS**  
Warner Bros.—First National Picture with  
Claude RAINS Fay Bainter  
Jackie Cooper Bonita Granville  
Wild Bill Hickok — Latest Fox News

SUNDAY-MONDAY, DEC. 18 - 19

... ONCE IN A NATION'S LIFE-TIME... A RACE OF GIANTS IS BORN!  
TECHNICOLOR

**VALLEY OF THE GIANTS**  
WAYNE MORRIS · CLAIRE FREVOR  
MOTION PICTURES ARE YOUR BEST

Chas. Chase Comedy — Popeye — News

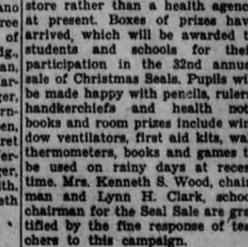
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20-21

**CROSBY & MURRAY**  
Sing You Sinners  
Also "TOUCHDOWN ARMY"

## School Children Win Many Prizes Selling Seals

The office of the Anti-tuberculosis Society, 301 Association of Commerce building looks like a variety store rather than a health agency at present. Boxes of prizes have arrived, which will be awarded to students and schools for their participation in the 32nd annual sale of Christmas Seals. Pupils will be made happy with pencils, rulers, handkerchiefs and health note books and room prizes include window ventilators, first aid kits, wall thermometers, books and games to be used on rainy days at certain times. Mrs. Kenneth S. Wood, chairman and Lynn E. Clark, school chairman for the Seal Sale are gratified by the fine response of teachers to this campaign.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS



## Help to Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis

During November the tuberculosis society conducted three free chest clinics in Kent County outside of Grand Rapids, and 65 people attended them. Clinics are scheduled between now and March 30 for Sand Lake, Sparta, Fairview and Galewood. They are supported by the sale of Christmas Seals. Educational services during November include Princess Watansa, a Chippewa Indian girl who trained as a nurse and teaches health through Indian legends. Because of her limited time in Kent County and her splendid reception an effort is being made by the tuberculosis society to have her return about January 16 for a two week engagement.

## STANDARD OIL INTRODUCES NEW 1939 STANOLIND

Standard Oil Company has introduced to the motorist public of the Middle West, a new Economy Gasoline to be known as "1939 New Stanolind Gasoline," which according to their engineers establishes a new high in the so-called third-grade or economy gasolines. This New Gasoline will be light green in color and treated with tetra-ethyl lead resulting in a substantially increased octane or anti-knock rating. In addition to its higher anti-knock rating it has been seasonally adjusted to provide the motorist with instant starting, rapid warm-up, smooth acceleration and maximum power and mileage. The 1939 Stanolind Gasoline will be carefully refined to assure motorists of a gasoline from which harmful sulphur compounds and corrosive materials, which contribute to faulty engine operation and the formation of harmful gum have been removed. Motorists will be able to conveniently purchase this New Economy Gasoline from Standard Dealers who are located in practically every community in the Middle West.

## IONIA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

The December meeting of the Ionia Pomona Grange will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, with Lakeside Grange with dinner at noon. Rev. Humphrey of Lake Odessa will be guest speaker. A one act play will be given by members of Ronald Grange. Musical numbers and surprise feature by Lakeside Grange and an accordion solo by Joyce Nelson. Members from visiting Granges please bring pies or salads and own service. Owing to the County road, No. 578, being under construction, those from northern part of county take M-14 for six miles south of US-16 then west to Grange hall.

## AMAZED SANTA CLAUS FINDS 33 STOCKINGS IN MARYLAND HOME!

LEONARDTOWN, MD.—No less than 33 stockings are hung by the chimney with care each Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sterling here. The couple has 17 children, who with the grandchildren and in-laws add up to the grand total of 33. Santa Claus can hardly see the fireplace for the stockings when he slides down the chimney. But he never fails to fill them all. In the years since he started visiting the Sterling home, Santa has found that another called, the stock, also has the Sterling address in his book. Each year there has been a "new addition" to the Sterling household, or in the homes of their children. As Santa's burden has become greater he has cheerfully risen to the needs and found plenty of toys and other "goodies" to go around. But he has to replenish his supply after each visit to the Sterling home.

# TOYLAND

Tricycles \$3 and \$6.25  
Tot Bikes \$1.42  
Drinks-N-Wets \$1  
Doll \$1

Wagons 35c to \$5.63  
Skates \$3.29  
Sleds \$1 up

Shop and Save at  
**Price-Rite Hardware**

## For a Man's Christmas

Shirts \$1.29 to \$2.50  
A fine selection of fine shirts, including patterns of whites, in all sleeve lengths.

Pajamas \$1.59 and up  
Everything in pajamas that a man would care for.

Robes \$2.50 to \$7.50  
Paisleys, Brocades, Or all wool robes in newest colors and patterns.

Ties 55c, 75c, \$1  
Hose 25c, 35c, 50c  
Scarfs 69c to \$2.50  
Handkerchiefs 3 for 50c; 75c, \$1  
Swank Jewelry 50c and \$1  
Gloves \$1.25 to \$2.95  
Sweaters \$1.95 to \$5

**FOR BOYS**

Blue Melton Jackets \$2.95  
Two-tone Suede Cloth Jackets \$3.39  
Corduroy Bush Coats \$5.25  
Corduroy Overalls \$1.49  
Ear Muffs .50c  
Suede Mittens .39c  
Pajamas \$1

**REYNOLDS' MEN'S WEAR**  
209 East Main We Give Gold Stamps

**BIRTHS**  
To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schrenk of Chicago, Ill., a son, Richard Dale, Dec. 7. Mrs. Schrenk was formerly Dehila Wingeler. p81

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I wish to express my thanks to my friends and neighbors for the flowers and dainties sent me during my illness. Mrs. C. A. Stone p81

**Xmas Candy**  
Be sure to order the right kind of Christmas candy at the right place, the home of Nina Wright 394 Monroe Ave., Lowell. p81

## No Christmas Buying Is done in our COAL YARD as a Usual Thing

**BECAUSE**  
You can't put coal under a Christmas tree and no one wants a cord of wood or a ton of coke stuffed into their stocking.

**BUT**  
Pardon us for stating that it might be reasonable to suggest that a well-filled bin of our good coal would add a lot of comfort and good warm feeling to your holiday season.

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## BOTH SIDES OF THE LABOR CONTROVERSY

Does the Wagner Act need revision? Will the next Congress repeal the act? Is it unfair to employers? If you want a comprehensive analysis of both sides of the labor problem, read the series of articles by Blair Moody. They are now appearing exclusively in Michigan in The Detroit News. On sale at Christiansen's or phone for delivery. adv

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