

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

THE EDUCATED FARMER

MANY years ago in Michigan it was not thought that farmers needed education. They were supposed to learn from their fathers and neighbors how to farm.

GOING WITHOUT

WHAT WILL the American people say, if next year or the year after they can't buy their usual things? They are warned that metals are scarce, and many things may not be obtainable.

UNITED ANTI-AXIS NATIONS

PROBABLY steps will be taken soon to unify the military action of the nations that are making war against the mighty power of the Axis.

SUPPLYING OUR ENEMIES

TEN YEARS the United States has been "between the devil and the deep sea" in dealing with Japan.

RESPONSE OF HANHOOD

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When a man has been given some stinging blow in the eye, and is threatened with far more severe punishment and the loss of the things he holds most dear, he does not have to ask anybody what he is fighting about.

Brave Gerald Ellis Gives His Life For His Country

Entire Community, Including Former Schoolmates, Pay Tribute to the Memory of An Outstanding Young Man Who Never Failed To Do His Duty

Gerald J. Ellis, one of Lowell's finest young men, has given his life in defense of American freedom and the entire community shares in the grief that has come to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Ellis, the brother Robert, the sister, Joanna and other members of the family.

Great as is the grief that is shared by all, there is compensation in the thought that "Joe," as he was familiarly called by family and friends, will always be remembered as one of our country's heroes.

News of Joe's death reached his parents by telegram from the Navy department to the effect that he lost his life in the line of duty in the Far Eastern campaign. When last heard from in October, he was serving with the Asiatic fleet, from the Manila base.

Appropriate memorial services were held in the high school assembly room on Monday morning in honor of this fine, outstanding young man.

High School Holds Memorial

Lt. Gerald Teiter, home on leave from Fort Knox, Ky., eulogized Joe's life and said that his death was a sacrifice for all of us. Lieutenant Teiter said there are two fronts—the battle line and the home front. The chief task of high school pupils, he said, is to look after the morale and spirit at home.

Superintendent Gummer then made the following memorial remarks: "We have assembled here this morning to commemorate and pay tribute to the life and death of one of our graduates. We remember him well for he graduated only a trifling more than three years ago. He was an outstanding member of the class of 1938 and he completed his course in a very creditable manner. We recall very vividly that he was one of our best athletes. He was always ready and anxious to do his part and was ready for any assignment."

"Last week, when the telegram came telling us that Gerald Ellis had died in action in the service of his country this entire community was shocked and there was an unlimited outpouring of sympathy for the family. That Gerald had finished his course was a stark realization that we were at war, a war not of our own making but a war thrust upon us in a moment of treachery. War means sacrifice; War means death. But war also means, in this case, a preservation of ideals; it means life itself for all of us. And so we will always remember Gerald with reverence. He lived as a first citizen; he died in the Service of his country. His country, his flag is Our Country, Our Flag. And we are the Country; We are the Flag. It is very clear then that Gerald died for all of us."

"It is hoped that because of his life and death we will be better citizens. Ours must be a task of unselfish, patriotic service to our country. Ours must be a complete devotion to democratic ideals. Ours must be a willingness to protect those ideals with life itself. No foreign tyrant; no treacherous opponent should be permitted to sink his head in American soil. No philosophy of government which is contrary to the beliefs of our forefathers should be permitted to gain a foothold in our thinking."

"And so we commemorate and reverse the memory of one who to us is Lowell's first citizen. Let us not forget him in the tomorrow which lies ahead. Let us salute him as a hero who died for all of us; let us pledge to him our unswerving devotion to everything American. Let us prove that his life was not sacrificed in vain."

The Superintendent's talk was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Editor's Note:—Obituary sketch of Gerald Ellis will be found on page six.

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The high school orchestra, under the direction of Orval Jessep, furnished delightful music during the luncheon hour. Theron Richmond served a fine meal to which all did ample justice.

President Burras has every reason to be proud of his fine company which has come to be known as one of the outstanding Mutuals of the country.

He Died For Us

GERALD J. ELLIS Gummer's Mate, Third Class



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News of Our Boys With the U.S. Flag

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Vickery and Principal Lee R. Miller received Christmas greeting cards last week from Frank Monkowski, L. H. S. graduate, who is stationed with the U. S. Navy in the Hawaiian Islands. The cards were written Dec. 10 and mailed Dec. 13 so it is probable that Frank has escaped injury in the Japanese raids on the Pacific Islands. He sent Christmas greetings to former classmates who were glad to hear of his safety.

C. L. F. Williamson has received word from his grandson, William Williamson, who saw the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor December 7. Mr. Williamson is a political science teacher in the University of Hawaii and his letter which was written on December 8 says in part: "At 9:55 a. m. yesterday, otherwise a very beautiful Sunday morning, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and did rather a good job of it. Everything is confusion at the present time, although it will gradually become normal in a few days. All the schools have been closed temporarily. People have been evacuated from the fort districts and at the present time are being housed in schools and other places. Marge and I feel quite safe where we are, since we are located far up Manoa Valley, away from all military objectives. Pearl Harbor is about fifteen miles away, and several mountain ranges separate us from the Pearl Harbor district. Please don't worry about us. Remember that you are doing the very thing the enemy wants you to do if you get apprehensive. I'll write as soon as I have more information."

Mr. and Mrs. Nick VanBelkum of Kent City received word last Tuesday that their son, Leslie James, 26, had been "lost in action in the service of his country." Leslie was a first-class seaman and had been on active duty in the Pacific during the last year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller of Lansing received a letter on Monday from their son Hugh, who is stationed with the U. S. Army at Schofield Barracks on Oahu Island in Hawaii, stating that he was safe. Hugh was also glad to report that he and his gun crew had brought down one Japanese plane. Hugh is a brother of Prin. Lee R. Miller and graduated from Lowell high school in 1929.

Willard Wilson of Ada expects to leave January 5 for Parris Island, S. C. to join the Marine Corps. Willard is the third member of his family to enlist in the last three months. Leslie Wilson enlisted in the Navy and Vernon (Jesse) Wilson enlisted in the Marines.

Lt. Owen Frost of Camp Livingston, La., who has been confined for the past few months in LeGrand, La., north of New Orleans, is recovering from injuries which he suffered in an accident at Camp Livingston, is enjoying a fourteen-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost. He will return to duty on January 1st.

Legion Sponsoring Red Cross Benefit

At the regular meeting of the Charles W. Clark Post, American Legion, on Monday evening, it was voted to hold benefit supper party at the City Hall next Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, all proceeds to go to the American Red Cross. No set admission will be charged, all funds collected to be by donation.

Thirty members were present at the lively Christmas party given by the American Red Cross at the high school gym. Plans were also started for the home defense program.

WELCOME TO NEW YEAR AT THE ALTON CHURCH

Alton Church will welcome in the New Year with a week of inspiring services, beginning December 29 and closing January 2.

The Rev. R. M. Abbott of Grand Rapids will be the speaker. An interesting program of music is being arranged with Miss Norma Brunel of Grand Rapids as vocal soloist for Monday evening. Many will recall having met Miss Brunel during the Summer Bible School. Mr. Gall Hammacher will be present Tuesday evening and additional numbers will follow as the week progresses. It was voted to have a New Year's party. The public is cordially invited to attend.

To Our Friends

A typical rural American community like ours, that immortal Christmas message—"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men"—finds its truest meaning and its sincerest application.

OR it is here that the individual really counts. Nowhere else are people so willing to lead a helping hand to a fellow man. No cry of distress remains unanswered, no plea for help ignored. Not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year, every day activities of our friends and neighbors are guided by a sense of brotherly love.

VEN our friends and relatives of the large cities realize and admit that Christmas "back home" is the finest Christmas of all. And "back home" they'll come, every year, every one of them, if they can.

N ordinary times these facts might be considered unimportant. But in a stricken world that must come to adopt as its cardinal objective that same message of Christmas—"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men"—the significance of the part we must play in shaping the future of mankind stands out in sharp relief. In so much of the world the individual counts for little. In communities such as ours in America every human being retains the rights and freedom of the individual.

F we epitomize the true Christmas spirit, we represent the trust of democratic ideals. And thus each of us has a sacred, yet simple, duty to perform. We must reaffirm our will to continue being a peaceful neighbor and a faithful friend. If we do this and do it in the divine spirit of Christmas, the world can continue to look to us as the bulwark of high ideals.

His newspaper realizes that as a member of this community we have our obligations to fulfill. We have tried to be a "good neighbor and true friend" to all of you. We will continue to be. And we know that in turn you have same feeling toward us.

ITH this faith uppermost in our hearts we wish for you an abundance of all the blessings that will bring you—A Merry Christmas.



Christmas Cud Good 365 Days

Feed the cows extra special Christmas, but keep it up for the 365 days that follow. That is the advice of A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State College. He backs up his suggestion with two reasons, one for patriotism and one for economics.

From the records of 10 dairy herd improvement associations, better known as cow testing associations, the figures of the 50 high herds and the 50 low herds offer proof of the wisdom of plentiful rations.

In the high herds the average cow received feed worth \$76 in a year, produced 410 pounds of butterfat and repaid her owner at the rate of \$132 in income over feed cost.

In the 50 low herds the average cow received \$39 worth of feed in a year, produced 296 pounds of butterfat worth only \$73 over the cost of the feed. Dairy farmers in many counties in the state are to receive this information in greater detail in January during a series of meetings scheduled by the dairy extension service at the college.

Rations need not be fancy, observes Baltzer. The best start in building a ration is to begin with the available roughage on the farm. On an extended season, an extra half ton of hay and 500 pounds more corn and barley over the customary feeding will repay the cost of the extra feed several times over.

Cow population in the state approaches the million mark. Herds are now in winter quarters, says Baltzer, which means the animals should have an ample water supply, sufficient bedding and the recommended extra feed. The latter can be supplied as well to yearling stock to make good growth for production later.

Strand Calendar

With much of the world closed to ordinary souls, only the silver screen can take you to far off places to see today's news events, strange sights, curious and interesting people. Not so far away from you is such a place that brings you the news of today and spirits you away for a few delightful hours, away from all that makes you tired and worried. You may count the cost of movies in pennies, yet you and your family will leave here feeling like a million. Plan to get off to romantic and remote places often, escorted by your favorite stars and newsworthy camera men. You will always find a convenient list of our offerings in this paper each week. Just remember, in no way can you get so close to life, for so little. Wishing all of our patrons a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Yours for entertainment, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Callister.

Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas—"Thanks a Million" with William Tracy and James Gleason. Added, "Scattergood Meets Broadway" with Guy Kibbee and Emma Dunn, also Novelty.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-27—America's No. 1 cowboy, Gene Autry in "Sunset in Wyoming" with Smiley Burnett and Marie Wilson. Added feature, "Down in San Diego" with Bonita Granville and Dan Dailey, Jr., plus latest News Events.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 28-29—Cary Grant in "The Sign of the Cross" with Sir Cedric Hardwicke; also Kitchie Quix, March of Time, Donald Duck and latest News. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 30-31—"Law of the Tropics" with Constance Bennett and Jeffrey Lynn. Added feature, "Regular Fellow" with Billy Lee and Alphaia Switzer.

Thursday, Jan. 1—"Moonlight in Hawaii" with Jane Frazee and Johnny Downs. Added feature, "Married Bachelor" with Robert Young and Ruth Hussey.

BENEFIT FOOD SALE

The Junior American Citizens' Club of the 7th grade will sponsor a food sale at the L. E. Johnson salarooms, starting at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, Dec. 27. All proceeds will be contributed to the Red Cross. Do your part!

A LETTER TO. LOWELL

From Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout

Written for readers of The Lowell Ledger

Ledger Columnists Send Christmas Greetings From Trinidad, 3,000 Miles Away

(Written in a deck chair aboard the S. S. Cottica, enroute from Curacao to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.)

Now that we are safely away from Curacao, and lying in a neutral port, I shall be able to write without the limitations of censorship.

You see, I almost got into trouble in Curacao. I hope you will recall that last week's column was at least descriptive, if not informative, of the intense military activity on an island at war. At that time I was unaware that all mail to and from Curacao is censored. And only on the way to the post office with me was I so informed. Five minutes later and Kate and I would have been summarily ejected from Curacao or shot at sunrise or something equally gruesome.

I certainly had no intention of writing anything strictly censorable—I only wished to describe the intensity with which the courageous Dutch are still fighting the war. Luckily, we were able to mail the column from LaGuaira, in Venezuela.

At that, I was forced to go to the Military Commandant to retrieve two photographs I had taken in San Juan, one of a destroyer and one of a troop transport. The Dutch did not know they were American—and they also censor all films before they are returned from the developer.

Incidentally, Dan Wingeler might be interested in the following: The Dutch have hit upon a rather disagreeable method of financing the war. It is most effective, though certainly not encouraging to tourists.

They have devalued all foreign money, including American. The dollar, before the war, was worth 250 Dutch cents, but now the banks and exchange offices allow only 185.5 cents. And the stores and shops allow even less. It is expensive even to carry American money around in Curacao!

For example, two Coca-Colas sell almost anywhere for ten cents. In Curacao, two Coca-Colas cost thirty Dutch cents, the equivalent of ten American cents. However, if payment is made in American silver, the shopkeeper will unfailingly demand twenty cents. Ingenious, isn't it?

Nevertheless, we went them one better. In the back room of a store on ———— St. we sold our American dollars for 210 Dutch cents each.

We are now aboard the S. S. Cottica of the Royal Netherlands Line. She is a grand ship, clean as her whistle from bow to stern. After the S. S. Cuba she is a welcome relief. The cuisine is excellent, the crew courteous and helpful, tea is served each afternoon, and we are entertained by a string trio after dinner.

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UP and DOWN

War and Commonplace Things

War has brought home to a lot of folks, farmers included, that common day articles and supplies that they have taken as a matter of course in their daily routine and life are going to assume some more importance.

In an article coming to our desk the other day, we were surprised ourselves at some of these things. Take for instance rope, an article around the farm that is an important piece of equipment. Did you ever know that it comes from a plant called Abaca that grows in the Philippines which means a long haul for bulky product and where every slip possible is going to haul rubber, tin and tungsten. Added to that with an expanding navy and merchant marine that the latter are going to have first lien on all and any rope. If you have a good hay rope better take care of it. If you are going to need one the coming season, better look into those needs right away. Along the same line the better quality binder twine contains a Java sisal and it is a long haul from that place.

Gunny sacks are kicked around a lot of times and if you are given them but if this war continues for any length of time, as it might, the lovely gunny sack will become more important. These sacks are made from jute which grows only in India. It takes 20 boat loads of 6,000 tons each to supply the needs here. Those 20 boats are going to be used for other purposes.

If you have any old paint brushes, better clean them up and take care of them. Brushes for brushes come way back of beyond in China and are transported by truck down the famous Burma Road. Five million pounds a year are needed, but the Chinese need war supplies worse than we need paint brush materials. However, a substitute material in this country looks promising.

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ALTO DEPARTMENT

Mr. Fred Patterson

ALTO HARDWARE STORE BURGLARIZED MONDAY NIGHT

The hardware store of Dittus and Son of Alto was burglarized sometime Monday night and merchandise that may possibly reach a value of as much as \$1,000 was stolen.

Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hayward and Miss Cecile Hayward entertained at a family dinner and Christmas tree in the Methodist Church dining room on Sunday.

These present were: Mrs. George O. Kalkman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Hayward, Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Johnson and sons, Norman, Keith and Glenn.

Methodist Church Notes

Rev. F. E. Chamberlain will speak at the carpenter's banquet Monday evening at 7:30.

Will Aid in the Fight

Door County, Wisconsin, that strip of land that separates Lake Michigan from Green Bay and of which the town of Surpurg Bay is the county seat, was settled originally by Scandinavian and Dutch farmers.

10th Wedding Anniversary

On Thursday, Jan. 12, 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bigler will have a dinner for their family, followed by a reception at the home of their many friends.

Garden Club Christmas Party

Mrs. Herbert Cronin, of the Garden Club entertained the Alto Garden Club Thursday night in her home at 214 East Main Street.

Christmas Party at Alto School

The Mothers' Club and the teacher, Mrs. Beatrice Krum sponsored a Christmas party at the Alto school on Wednesday evening.

Home of Real Culture

THE GREAT CHINA MONOPOLY ON CULTURE. It is not a product of the night club, the cocktail lounge or the office theater.

NATIONAL INCOME

THE department of commerce tells us the national income in 1932 amounted to \$12,200,000,000 and in 1940 it was \$73,000,000,000.

MORE THAN JAP CAN CREEP

WITH HIS BIG FEET, the little brown man of the Pacific will find he has bitten off more than he can chew.

Patricia Hesche and Her Prize 4-H Club Steer

So. American Letter

The officers aboard the Collins are a selected group of men. Almost all of them have families.

Introducing Our Speaker

Rev. R. M. Abbot Of Grand Rapids for Alton Evangelistic Services

DEC. 29 - JAN. 2

MUSIC Monday Evening... Miss Norma Brummel, Vocal Soloist

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ALTO LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. William Golderman named their baby daughter, Louise Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid MacNaughton were weekend guests of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Northrup in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Eldridge and family, Mrs. Baker of LaBarge, Pvt. Russell Schantz of Camp Grant, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bergy at the home of Mrs. Edna Bergy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dintman, Mr. and Mrs. John Young and son Arnold.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS From Lowell's Business Firms and Institutions

CHRISTMAS Joyful Yuletide

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Now... when echoes of the angel choir are heard throughout the land, it is time to pause and count our blessings.

And the employees and members of this concern are grateful to you for the happy relationship of the season.

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Lowell Items of 25, 30 and 35 Years Ago

December 23, 1918-25 Years Ago Mrs. and Mrs. Merritt Sayles celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here.

December 23, 1911-30 Years Ago Morris Johnson, aged 70 years, Civil War veteran, died at his home here.

December 27, 1906-35 Years Ago Joseph Lewis of Lowell and Mrs. Maryon A. Woods of Clarksville were married in Grand Rapids.

Social Events

Klerk-Althaus Mrs. Ann Althaus of Kalamazoo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Althaus of Lowell, became the bride of Dr. William J. Klerk, son of Rev. and Mrs. Abraham Klerk of Kalamazoo, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, at the First Methodist Church, Kalamazoo.

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This and That From Around the Old Town

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Forward of Grand Rapids were Tuesday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swarthout are spending Christmas with relatives in Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gould were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Moyer at Charlotette.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Forward of Wayland were Sunday dinner guests at the R. L. Forward home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Decker at Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Plumb of Grand Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Malcolm and Abby.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mangle of Harbor Springs is spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coons.

Miss Mary Horn of Grand Rapids is spending two weeks holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snay of Walled Lake called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch Sunday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. White and Charlotte spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald White and sons.

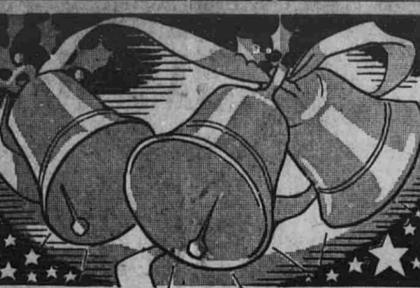
Jack Cook of Grand Rapids is spending his Christmas vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee.

Mrs. Fred Davenport of Alpine is spending over Christmas with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davenport.

Mrs. Carl Cordtz and two children of Grand Rapids spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowen.

Miss Beatrice Schneider spent over the week-end in Grand Rapids with her aunt, Mrs. Marion Schneider and family.

Donald Merrill of Mt. Pleasant and Miss Ardis Schneider of Grand Rapids spent the week-end in this vicinity with her aunt, Mrs. Marion Schneider and family.



Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

—H. W. Longfellow

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff were in Hastings Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Curtis spent Thursday and Friday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert M. Purchase and son are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hubbard in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Lloyd Goff and daughter Helen of Lansing are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wingeler and son and William Ross will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neuman in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spencer are spending Christmas with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Spencer, in Belding.

Saturday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller were Gladys Miller and Stella Ritzema of West Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nead and family spent over the week-end in Holland with Mr. Nead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Nead.

Miss Elizabeth Marshall, who attends Moody Bible institute at Chicago, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snay of Walled Lake and Mr. and Mrs. James Snell and son of Greenville spent over the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snell.

Mrs. Charles Hagle of Leslie visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Olive Butler, on Tuesday, Mrs. Butler and son Everett of Union City will spend Christmas with Supt. Amos Butler and family at Marlon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Wm. E. Dee (nee Grace Muir) of Chicago were Thursday guests of Mrs. James Muir, George Bowen of Grand Lodge was a Sunday guest.

S. G. Fryover returned Monday afternoon from Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, where he has been the past few days for observation.

Employers Facing Possible Penalties

Almost 30,000 Michigan employers face possible penalties and financial loss because of failure to return liability forms to the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Wendell Lund, Director of the Commission, revealed that only 35,000 of the reports to determine liability of employers under the Unemployment Compensation Act have been returned out of the 82,000 made more than a month ago.

"In spite of the war and all of our efforts to concentrate on a successful prosecution of the war," Lund declared, "business must still go on and as it goes on must continue its responsibility to government."

Many of the 35,000 reports returned according to Lund, were not completely filled out.

"The Unemployment Compensation Act," he explained, "requires the filing of such a report by every unit employing one or more persons. Failure to receive or to file the report does not relieve an otherwise liable employer."

"The Act further provides that only those concerns which employ eight or more persons in each of 20 different weeks are liable for payment of unemployment compensation contributions."

Lund pointed out that the question contains only 14 responses, but all of them must be answered.

"Frequently we find some employer who, because of incomplete knowledge of the Act, decides he's not liable and accordingly fails to file a report," Lund said.

"One or two later, one of our auditors, in checking the books of the employer, might discover that the employer was liable during a previous year. The employer then would be assessed not only his normal contribution, but possibly also penalties provided in the Act."

Employers who failed to receive a report form should write to the Commission at 14320 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park. A copy will be sent on request.

ALTON-VERGENNES Mrs. CLIVE CONDON Marvin Leach is spending his Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stark at Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Lila O'Brien and Mrs. Claud Condon were in Grand Rapids Sunday calling on relatives.

John and Frank Ruegeger entertained cousins from West Branch, Mich., at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wittenbach will entertain on Christmas Day for the Blasers and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klinkhammer and baby were week-end guests of the parents here.

Alton Church and Alton school programs were well attended. Many families from Keene were at the church program Sunday evening.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS Christmas 1941 A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All

We will endeavor in every way during 1942 to render the same efficient Druggist's Service as we have the past 30 years. And our large stock bought in advance of rising prices will save you money.

Your Reliable Druggist M. N. Henry

FALLSBURG & VICINITY Mrs. Wesley Miller Merry Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and all of the Ledger staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garfield expect to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petersen and family at Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dennis were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stauffer were callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dickie and Jack Remington of Detroit spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Miller spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Boynton were Saturday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dennis spent last week Wednesday with relatives at Croton.

Our school program was well attended and enjoyed by all. Miss Frazee borrowed a moving picture projector and with the help of Mr. Gilmore put through three reels of movies which along with the recitations and dialogues made a very interesting program.

The Misses Marie Rowland and Betty and Peggy Breaux of Lowell presented an interesting dialogue and Santa was right on time to have a visit with the little children and hand out the gifts. Thanks, Santa and all the rest who assisted with the program.

Surviving are his parents, a brother, Robert and a sister, Joann; his grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Flynn of Bowne Center and many other relatives and friends.

Card of Thanks We wish to thank our relatives and sympathy shown us in this dark hour of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Elliot, Robert and Joann. CARD OF THANKS I wish to thank my friends, the Alton Ladies Aid, the Vergennes Co-Operative Club and all others who so generously remembered me with cards, letters and other remembrances during my recent illness.

Lt. Oren Frost CAMPAU LAKE Mrs. E. K. Hurd About 70 members and friends gathered at the Whitteville Grange Hall Friday evening for a Xmas party. The Hall was lovely in its Christmas dress of red and green. A program of Xmas carols was enjoyed by all. Gifts were exchanged after which all gathered in the dining room where a potluck supper was served.

We are glad to report little Dorothy Clark as improving fast after her recent operation at Butterworth Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis of Alto spent Thursday evening at the Reed Cooper home.

Fifteen members of the Campau Lake Extension Club gathered at the home of Mrs. Frank Warner Tuesday for their annual Xmas party. After a potluck dinner all gathered in the beautifully decorated living room where those feeling able joined in singing Xmas carols. Gifts were given to the 1941 mystery pals and new names drawn for 1942.

Mrs. D. C. Ferrell of Stanton accompanied by her son, Clayton, who is home on a furlough, spent Thursday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Marion Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croninger entertained the Alton Garden Club Xmas party Thursday evening.

Reed Cooper, who has been a sufferer from sciatic rheumatism the past couple months, does not improve as fast as friends wish.

Miss Ruth Cooper is spending two or three weeks at home before going to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seeley and girls of Cascade were Sunday night lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurd.

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Season's Greetings Our sincerest greetings for a gay holiday and Yule Joy. We hope it will bring you good health, good cheer, good things and lasting happiness.

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NEWS SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 28-29

NEWS - CARTOON - MARCH OF TIME

Lowell Church of the Nazarene Miss Elizabeth Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marshall of 414 Jefferson St., Lowell, who is home from the Moody Bible School for the holidays, will, with the assistance of the Juniors of the church present a program entitled "BIBLE TOWN" during the N. Y. P. S. hour Sunday evening 6:45 to 7:45. WHAT IS "BIBLE TOWN"? Come and Find Out REV. R. WARLAND, Minister.