



Good Morning!  
Happy New Year!  
School resumes next Wednesday.  
Ten below zero here Saturday night, down to zero Christmas night.  
Monday will be the first day of the New Year. Remember to write it 1945.  
The bank, the postoffice, and practically all Lowell business places will be closed on New Year's Day.

"Polish Borders" will be discussed at the Rotary luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3, by Attorney Sigmund S. Zamierowski of Grand Rapids. Mr. Zamierowski has devoted a great deal of study to this topic which is one of the main issues growing out of this war.

Howard Peckham, formerly of Lowell, is to be congratulated upon his new appointment as director of the Indiana historical bureau at Indianapolis, effective on February 1. Mr. Peckham has been curator of manuscripts of the William L. Clements library at the University of Michigan for the past nine years.

Thirty-four large packages, each made up of several individual Christmas gifts, were sent to Percy Jones hospital by the Charles W. Clark American Legion post and Auxiliary. Also, sixty-two similar packages were mailed to the Infantry Armory in Chicago. State Headquarters directed where the packages were to be sent.

Yes, we had a "White Christmas" here at home, but the joy that usually accompanies the holiday season has been tempered with thoughts of the brave men who are fighting and dying for us in the far-flung places of the earth, that we may continue to live as free people. Our hopes and prayers are that these men who are offering their all, may be with us ere another Christmas time.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff. Just because a man makes his living by the pen doesn't mean he is a writer. He might raise hogs. We have listened to radio programs where the interviewed guest was so overcome he had to stop and grope for his own name. . . . Many a chap who never has counted anything, now never drives out of the garage without figuring out whether he has all four tires. . . . Many a post-war planner is already crossing his bridge before he builds it. . . . A sure way to get a car is to advertise with a \$25 reward for the information leading to one, dead or alive!

## Michigan State Radio Highlights

Station WKAR-570 KC

The experiences of Bill Burgess, Farm Service Adviser, as related in the program, "Currents at Work for You," will be heard over WKAR, the Michigan State college radio station, at a new hour beginning January 2, 1:20 p. m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This series explains the latest developments in the use of electricity on the farm and tells of the ways in which electricity can be utilized as a means of saving time and effort. The program is written and directed by J. Kenneth Richards of the WKAR staff.

Special farm programs to be heard during the week are:  
December 29 (12:30 p. m.) Current Poultry Problems, F. N. Barrett, of the department of poultry husbandry.  
December 30 (1 p. m.) 4-H club program—club staff.  
January 3 (12:40 p. m.) Keeping Up-To-Date in the Fruit Growing Business, V. R. Gardner, director agricultural experiment station.

## Fishermen's Shanties

Must Be Identified

Ice fishermen who are reading shelters to be placed on lakes, ponds, or streams whenever the weatherman gives them a break are reminded by the conservation department of some changes in regulations.

Most important, perhaps, is one that requires that all structures and shelters placed on the ice shall be identified with the name and address of the owner, placed on the outside in letters not less than two inches high.

Structures must be removed also before ice conditions become unsafe.

Failure to identify, or to identify incorrectly ownership of such structures, or to remove them as required, are violations and sufficient cause for prosecution.

Making It Easy—Friend—"So the army paid no attention to your poor eyesight?"  
Returned Hero—"Oh, yes—they sent me right out in all the advanced patrols so I could see everything at short range."

## Census of Farms Starts in January

Facts About Acreage, Farm Crops, Livestock and Labor Included

The agricultural resources and production of the United States at war will be measured with the taking of the coming census of agriculture, scheduled to begin the first week in January, 1945. Basic information on agriculture, including statistics on farm acreage, crops, livestock, farm labor, and other items related to farm operations will be obtained.

Officials of the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce; the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture; the War Food Administration, representatives of farm associations, and agricultural economists and statisticians worked jointly toward developing a simple, yet comprehensive farm and ranch schedule for the census. Months of preparation preceded the completion of the schedules and the final selection of the questions to be asked.

Entries for each farm, during the 1945 census, will be listed in book or ledger form rather than on individual schedules as in former years. This change in practice will simplify the review and the transcription of final information by the Census Bureau as well as the handling of the schedule in the field.

Market and truck gardens, combined victory-garden projects, nurseries, greenhouses, fruit orchards, poultry lots, hatcheries, apiaries, and feed lots in cities, towns and villages will be considered as farms for census purposes if the unit meets census qualifications, i. e., being 3 or more acres in extent, or if less than 3 acres, producing agricultural products worth \$250 or more in 1944.

All information asked on census schedules is confidential. It cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation, or investigation. The information is transferred to punch cards at the Census Bureau, after review of the completed schedules and the cards are thereafter identified only by number. Most tabulations of census data are made from the punch cards, and through various sorting and compilation methods specific data can be grouped together for the nation as a whole, for states, counties and for any minor civil division within the county of any state.

## Holiday Greetings From a WAC in France To Folks Back Home

Merry Christmas and best of cheer to everyone back home, to my family, to all my friends, the folks who live next door, the mail man who brings you my letters, the grocer in our neighborhood store, the gang in the drugstore where I buy my cokes, the bus driver on our run, all the people who would greet me with a warm "Merry Christmas" if I were there. Over here, we'll be saying "Joyeux Noel" but the meaning is the same in any language—Peace on earth, Good will toward men.

On Christmas Eve we will attend services in famous European cathedrals, but we'll be remembering the familiar services in our church; back home. We'll be remembering the sound of children's voices carolling "Away in a Manger," a "white" Christmas with holly wreaths and tinsel everywhere, and Christmas tree lights shining out into the night.

All day Christmas we'll be remembering how it is at home. We'll visit soldiers in field hospitals and talk with combat men on rest-leaves, sharing our tree and turkey dinner, and the packages you sent us back in October. But most of all we will enjoy telling each other about the little things that make our Christmas Day at home different from anything else in the whole world.

We hope it is just as we remember it and maybe next year we'll be there too. For now we can only write you and wish you "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Cpl. Elaine E. Miller, P3, Lowell, Mich.  
Lowell Creamery pasteurized milk best for every purpose. c24

## Fighting in Italy Mighty Tough Going

Captain Sam Yeiter Writes of Mountains So Steep and High That Even Goats Think Twice Before Crossing

Mrs. Rosella Yeiter has received a letter from her son, Sam, who was among the first American troops to see action in the Mediterranean area, where the fighting has been tough and hard. Sam says that the plight of the Italian people is hard to realize. Extracts from Sam's letter follow:



CAPT. SAM YEITER

"If I just start writing without rhyme or reason it will probably be best. We're resting at present, first since July. 108 days straight. Has not been easy going—mountains that goats think about twice before crossing; wet, cold wintry weather; the Gothic line to crack, and, of course, a few enemy to fight. We all were a little tired, but are back in shape by now.

I had another four days in Rome. Just got back. Had a fine time with Cpl. Marg. Niles. First night we went singing and cavorting through the streets of the city like Saturday night back home. Met the Stars and Stripes staff with whom she works, during a couple lunch dates (incidentally, she's doing right fine). Then we spent an afternoon looking over the old Anzio beachhead, over which will always linger the unspoken tales of horror, tragedy and glory. Quite an amusing thing happened when we packed under the place of our former underground existence in the center of the beachhead. The one solitary piece of identifiable evidence to the fact that we were there once was my old "Capt. Yeiter" sign, which had marked my quarters in Africa and Italy, laying conspicuously amongst the rubble near my old dugout. That made her believe some of the stuff I spoke about.

"So Bob is an old-timer, now. Twice wounded is share enough for any man. I gather the last one wasn't good, but don't think too serious. I feel better that he's had his baptism, but still wish he had his degree instead. However, either way he's proven himself and I'm mighty proud of him.

Day's Work Never Done  
"My work is the same: Assistant operation's officer of the Command. It's not knocking the enemy straight like Tunisia, but neither is it a feathered nest. Eighteen to twenty hours a day still leaves work undone. As long as there's one man in the line, the day's work never ends.

"There's not too many of us old-plugs left over here now, but I'm not quite ready to check out yet. I'm proud of this division. It's respected by fighting men. I'm proud to be a good Captain; after 2 and one-third years I know I have earned this position. I'm afraid I've seen too much to make a go of it at home until we've finished what we set out to do here in Europe. The Pacific is another war to us. If it's necessary we'll fight it too, but not to our liking 'til this one is out of our systems. I shall say this, however, that there is one factor which may change my present outlook, and that is: if I feel I am losing my grip on the principles and ideals that I cherish; if those things I have learned to love, respect and acquire tend to fade much more into more or less of a beautiful dream; if I come to realize that I cannot continue putting everything I have into whatever job I'm given to do, and underneath all, if Sam Yeiter can't continue to be

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## NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE

The New Year is yours to make what you will of it. It opens up to you new responsibilities, new opportunities, and perhaps new sorrows.

To him who possesses vision, 1945 comes on the highest, the mightiest tide that has ever come flowing into our port of hope. There are those who will look mournfully into the face of the New Year. There are those who will say that the world is still in the midst of a terrifying dream. But they are the unfortunates without vision.

In our own hearts, each of us knows that the world could and should be a better place in which to live. We know that war has no place in a good world. But we know, too, that tyranny, injustice and hatred always lead to war. It is part of our job to see that these forces of evil are forever stamped out.

America is a mighty nation, and America is no more than a multiplication of our own community. Each of us must have the vision to live understandingly with our neighbors. We must not only be neighbors, we must be good neighbors. Then the insidious forces which lead to violence have no soil in which to grow. They are as seed cast upon the rock.

Our own community is proud of its past achievements. The past three years have taught us that we can do what we will in our own minds. The job we have done in the past gives us the courage and fortitude to face the future unafraid. We know that no problem is without a solution.

So it is with a spirit of genuine hope, a feeling of humility and a prayer of thanks that this newspaper wishes each of you

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Have Tax Figures Ready for Experts

Farmers will find it a good use of time and funds to fill out their own income tax estimates or return themselves before seeking counsel of a professional tax expert, suggests E. B. Hill, head of the department of farm management of Michigan State college.

Many items are often overlooked when the farm operator goes directly to the tax specialist for the complete task of making the report, Mr. Hill points out. By filling out the report "in rough," the farmer has a better opportunity to think things over, for he can spend a day or several days, on the task, while the tax specialist has limited time available.

The "Declaration of Estimated Income Tax" is due on or before January 15, and the final return on or before March 15. But most farm operators will find it more convenient to make the final return before January 15, thereby eliminating the estimate.

Income tax payers this year have the option of using either the short or long form, and on farm reports livestock sold for breeding, dairy, or draft purposes can be handled as long-term capital with 50 per cent of the gain taxable. This will result in a considerable saving. In other respects the essential features of the income tax reports remain the same as last year.

For further suggestions for making out the income tax report, or the estimate, obtain extension bulletin, "Farmers and the Income Tax," from your county agricultural agent.

## Feeding Stations Attract the Birds

Now is the time to invite the birds on winter guests. The conservation department points out that the birds which remain in Michigan during winter months do not, as a rule, need the help of humans. They can fend for themselves except when sleet storms seal off their food supplies.

Feeding stations do attract birds, however, and chickadees, nuthatches, downy and hairy woodpeckers, tufted titmice, cardinals, and juncos, in turn, entertain their hosts.

## Killed in Action In Germany, Oct. 14



Pfc. Phil R. Covert was killed in action in Germany October 14, according to a War Department telegram received last Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Covert. The first message received November 1 had said that he was missing in action. Phil entered the service August 4, 1943, received his training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and was sent overseas in March of last year.

The above picture was taken at the time of his graduation from Lowell high school in 1941.

## STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 28—The musical love story of the girl who inspired America's Scags. "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" with Monty Woolley, Dick Haymes and June Haver.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30—"Man From Frisco" with Michael O'Shea, Anne Shirley, Gene Lockhart, Ray Walker; also Selected Short Subjects and News.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1—"Sensations of 1945," starring Eleanor Powell with Dennis O'Keefe, W. C. Fields, C. Aubrey Smith, Woody Herman and band, also Cab Calloway and band. Selected Short Subjects and Latest News.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 2-4—Spencer Tracy in "Seventh Cross" with Signe Hasso, Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy and Agnes Moorehead.

## A. S. C. SHORT COURSES

Agricultural short courses at Michigan State college will open for two months' sessions on January 2. Subjects will be offered in general agriculture, agricultural engineering, commercial fruit production, dairy manufacturing, dairy production, forestry and wildlife conservation, home economics, poultry, and practical floriculture, according to Ralph W. Tenny, short course director.

## Make Good Use of Old Tooth Brushes

The Junior Red Cross has received a very urgent appeal for old tooth brushes to be used in the Industrial Therapy department at Fort Custer. The carving out of costume jewelry and other articles, from the handles, assists the convalescent soldiers in regaining the use of the muscles of their hands and fingers.

This is a most worthy cause in which many of us should be able to assist. Brushes may be sent to any of the public school teachers.

## Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Probably one of the toughest assignments Extension Service has ever had has been its part in the Selective Service program as a member of the Kent County U. S. D. A. War Board.

As the war progressed from Pearl Harbor there were more government regulations. Such regulations as affected agriculture came down to the county were assigned to various county agricultural organizations. Extension got some and A. A. A. had some. Finally about two years ago a County U. S. D. A. War Board was organized for existing state or federal agricultural organizations in the county.

In Kent county the War Board was made up of John McCabe, from A. A. A., who is chairman; Jay Hansen, who represents Farm Security; Gerald Cargill, Farm Credit and K. K. Vining, Agricultural Extension Service. The latter is secretary of the board.

This group divided the work to be done among its regular members.

A year ago Washington came along and divided the jobs up between A. A. A. and Extension Service. One of the jobs the latter drew was "collecting the factual information on farm registrants as to their essentiality to agriculture."

After Extension Service collected the information it was to be passed on to the County War Board for their consideration and decision as to whether or not the registrant was essential to agriculture.

Folks who are registrants know how the information about the farm situation is obtained. It would be fitted on his farm and the information obtained there, but with 1,300 to 1,400 registrants in Kent County that is impossible.

These agricultural questionnaires are turned over to the County War Board and no cases are ever discussed unless three members of the board are present and for the most part a full board is in attendance. Every questionnaire is thoroughly discussed by the board. There are definitely no individual deci-

## Paper Troopers Will Take Over Collections To Start During Christmas Vacation by School Pupils

A county-wide paper drive will get under way with the New Year. The eight lower grades of the Lowell schools will begin their drive during the Christmas vacation. The local F. A. Chapter will operate a depot for paper collections made by the local school, as well as that collected by the rural schools. Plans are being completed to cover the entire county.

Paper troopers will receive awards for their collections. Each boy or girl who collects 50 lbs. of paper will be given a shoulder patch to show that they are paper troopers. When the 150 lb. mark is reached, the trooper becomes a Pvt. 1st Class, and entitled to wear 1 chevron. To become a Corporal, and wear two chevrons, the trooper must collect 300 lbs. of paper. A Sergeant chevrons will be given to the 600 lbs. and over, collectors, and also a Certificate of Merit signed by Donald Nelson.

The money received from the paper sale will be used by the grades to buy something for their room, or any other use they see fit to make of it.

Salvage Needs to Continue  
Demand for waste paper will remain high until Japan is defeated, while salvage of tin cans may have to be continued for a time after the declaration of peace, according to word received by the Michigan Office of Civilian Defense from the Office of War Information. Salvage drives for used fats, iron and steel are also "far from finished," the OWI said, while one other program, the collection of old rags, continues, but without special emphasis. Four additional programs—the collection of scrap rubber, aluminum, discarded silk and nylon hosiery and old clothing—have been discontinued, as pressing need no longer exists.

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Assertions have been made by some folks that Vining or McCabe declared their boy non-essential. Vining and McCabe have nothing to do with any individual case. That is the job of the County War Board. If the board feels that the questionnaire doesn't give full information the registrant is called in for further discussion.

A representative of the board is sent to the farm to investigate. The Selective Service Boards also ask us for reviews of cases and for farm investigations. These are made.

There is another angle to this story. None of the agencies on the County War Board asked for this job. Orders came from Washington to Lansing to Kent County to do the job. There is a lot of other work that this county agent would be a help rather than do than the Selective Service assignment and I know that goes for the other members of the War Board. But there is a war and the job has to be done.

You might be interested to know that in 1944, Extension Service took information on over 2,200 2-C and 3-C classifications. Of course there were many duplications but the requests for these investigations came from some of the eight Selective Service Boards in the county.

And one other thing in closing, the County U. S. D. A. War Board has nothing to say about induction into the army. That's the job of the Selective Service Board.

Nearly 50 Chinese Elm trees were planted on the 4-H Fair grounds early this month. Ever since the fair started we have wanted to see trees planted and each year there seems to be something else to do. John Kleinheksel, Smith-Hughes teacher, and his F. F. A. boys offered to dig the holes and plant the trees.

F. O. Kenneth J. Wingeier has been transferred from Lincoln, Nebr., for further training at Dyersburg, Tenn.

Mrs. Wm. McCarty has received word that her husband Pfc. Wm. C. McCarty has arrived somewhere overseas in the Pacific area.

Gould Rivette's name appeared among the list of 15 Michigan officers who have been given promotions. Gould is now a 1st lieutenant.

Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald E. Rollins of Fort Benning, Ga., have been spending part of a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rollins, in South Lowell.

A letter received by Mrs. Evalyn Briggs from her husband, Sgt. John Briggs, from somewhere in the Pacific, states that he has recently met his brother, Matthew.

Orrin Smith, who is taking his boot training at Great Lakes, writes home that it must be they intend to make an Admiral out of him, judging from the stiff examination.

Pvt. John Lint, inducted December 3 in the U. S. Army, is now in training with the Infantry at Camp Sannin, Tex. He writes that everything is fine and he wishes that all his friends in Lowell would write.

Cpl. Wilbur Johnson left Lowell Tuesday morning following a Christmas furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Johnson of Lowell, and sisters of Detroit. He will report back at Fort Lewis, Wash., December 31.

Clifford Draper, S K V I C, who has been in the south Pacific for the past 18 months, came home last week Wednesday for a 30-day leave with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Draper. He will then report for duty at the aviation air base at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mrs. Orrin W. Sterkin, Jr., received word last week that Lieut. Sterken has been transferred from the Submarine tender, U. S. S. Euryale to the staff of the Admiral commanding submarines Seventh Fleet, in the Southwest Pacific. The lieutenant has been gone 13 months.

Dave Clark, S I/C, will report on the west coast for further sea duty, on January 9, after spending a 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Clark, Sr. Dave rates seven major campaign stars, his ship having taken part in the invasions of the Bonin Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Palau and Guam, and a major sea battle.

Robert H. MacFarlane, son of Lt. Com. and Mrs. F. C. MacFarlane of Detroit, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. P. MacFarlane of Lowell, was killed December 12 on a routine training flight near Titusville, Fla. He was attached to a bomber school at Banana River, Fla. Services were held in Detroit on Tuesday, Dec. 19, and burial was in Oakview cemetery, Royal Oak.

Quite a number of servicemen were seen around during the holidays, among them being Bruce McMahon, Jack Simon, Horace Summers, Roy M. . . , Roger Krum, Maurice Court, Richard Court, Russell Kyser, Bill Christiansen, Dave Clark, Jack Hoover, Roland Troyer, Morris Blazo, Joe Hill, Bob Bishop, Gordon Murray, Lester Fenning, Jim Stephens, and King Doyle, whose story of Pacific battles appeared in the December 14th issue of the Ledger.

Capt. John J. Baleski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Baleski of Ada, received the distinguished flying cross last week in a ceremony in the office of Col. William L. Boyd, commanding officer of Camp Springs Field, D. C., for his service during bombing and strafing missions in Warhawk fighter planes over China, where he was stationed (continued on back page)



The above picture is of Sgt. Dennis Bowler, who will report on January 1 at Miami, Fla., after a three weeks' furlough spent in Lowell with his mother, Mrs. Mary Bowler. Donny served for 23 months in the Southwest Pacific before his visit home.

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BEHIND THE ROAR AND CLAMOR OF THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION IS THE AGE-OLD HUNGER FOR "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

SOME FIND HAPPINESS IN ONE WAY; SOME IN ANOTHER.

WHATEVER YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS MAY BE, OUR HOPE FOR YOU IS THAT DURING THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1945, YOU WILL COME CLOSER TO ITS REALIZATION THAN EVER BEFORE.

Price-Rite Hardware and Supply



**Hope for Tomorrow**  
Whatever the past year may have brought, we all look forward hopefully to 1945 as a harbinger of better days to come.  
It is our hope, too, that in the New Year we will be more than neighbors... that we will become better neighbors.  
Season's greetings to one and all.

Wepman Bros. CLOTHING



**1945 GREETINGS**  
JANUARY is the open gate of the year. All around the landscape is dreary and the winds whistle bleakly.  
But there's plenty of cheer indoors. A jolly young quest is due to arrive on New Year's Eve, and we're going to give him a royal welcome.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY!**  
And here's a good luck to you in 1945.

Van's Super Market

McQueen Motor Sales CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH SALES



**1945 HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**THANK YOU**  
Welcome to the year of grace, 1945, and may it bring you much more in the way of health and happiness than your most hopeful expectations.  
Thank you a thousand times for past favors. We promise to do everything in our power to merit your continued friendship.

Cook's Plumbing DAVE CLARK, MANAGER



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**  
Whereas our friends remained steadfast and true to us in 1944, and whereas we have a deep feeling of appreciation for this expression of loyalty, therefore be it proclaimed throughout this country that we have ordered the New Year, 1945, to be an especially happy and prosperous one for all.

Gee's Hardware



**NEW YEAR BEST WISHES**  
**ALL** aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!  
We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!

Harold L. Weekes



We can hardly wish you 365 SUNNY days during 1945, but we can and do wish you 365 HAPPY days. We hope that the coming year brings you more true happiness, true friendships, and more opportunities than any year that has gone before.

Pete's Place



The success we enjoyed in 1944 is not merely the result of chance. It is the accumulating reward of long years of effort on our part to give the most in quality and service for your money. That policy holds good in 1945, a year, which we hope, will shower many blessings upon you.

Blue Mill Service Sta. PETER MULDER, PROP.



Progress is the keynote of the future. And on one point at least we are firmly resolved. We are going to serve our customers still better in 1945. Our earnest wish is that the coming year may have many unexpected blessings in store for you and yours.

Bickford Shoe Repair



For many years in succession we have been wishing our friends and customers a Happy New Year. It is with the greatest of pleasure that we now renew this custom. Many thanks, and every good wish for you.

Vern Good FEEDS AND FEED GRINDING



**Charles Lamb said:**  
"Of all sounds, of all bells, most solemn and touching is the peal that rings out the old year..."  
Had Charles Lamb lived in the year of grace, 1944, he might hear only joyousness in these pealing bells that ring in a New Year filled with hope and promise of better things to come—for surely they are on the way!  
Happy New Year to all—and 365 days of good luck!

Christiansen Drug Co. W.M. CHRISTIANSEN



**WELCOME 1945!** We greet 1945 with fervor. For a new year, like a new day, unfolds infinite possibilities.  
May your New Year bring the realization of all your aspirations and hopes, and your holiday be a day of



Munroe's Food Market CARL MUNROE



★ Freedom of Opportunity is an American heritage. It was this, more than all else, that made America great.  
We hope that 1945 will offer each of you more abundant means of turning "the American way" to better account—that each day will bring you more and richer blessings.

Howard White JEWELER



★  
New Year's is at hand. Take over, Spirit of Youth! All aboard for the better days to come.  
May a ray of sunshine fall upon that new page to which we now turn. This is our wish for you.

Leonard Studios CHRIS LEONARD



Wishing you a Happy New Year  
In so many joyful ways,  
One that fills your heart with gladness  
Through a year of happy days.

Heim Texaco Station BILL HEIM, PROP.



IT'S an old, old custom, this ringing of bells and dancing out the Old Year, but the spirit that rides in at the stroke of 12 is as new as tomorrow.  
With so many old friends and so many new friends, this New Year of 1945 means more to us than ever before... and we hope it means more to you.

Wm. C. Hartman DRUGGIST



An Enduring Peace,  
A Happy New Year  
And the Speedy Return  
Of Our Brave Men and  
Women to Their  
Families Is Our  
Wish for the  
New Year

Staal's Lunch Claude Staal



**THE CHINESE** pay off all debts on their New Year's Day, even though the where-withal must be borrowed at ruinous interest rates.  
We owe a debt of gratitude to the people of this town—a debt that we can only pay off by giving the finest values and service it is possible to give. This we pledge to do in 1945. And for the immediate present—a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.

Coons' Clothing Store



Being above the din and clamor of the New Year's celebration is this thoughtful fact:  
**IT'S THE TRADITIONAL MICHIGAN WAY OF LIFE**  
Within the memory of the oldest inhabitant that's the way we've always celebrated New Year's, and that's the way, please God, we always will celebrate it.

Lowell Granite Co. H. J. ENGLEHARDT



The hope shall brighten the days to come  
And sunny glad the year!  
Free men can hope and plan and achieve—and we Americans are free!  
As the old year wanes, hope springs up afresh, and the determination to do better in 1945 than ever before rises buoyantly. That your fondest hopes may be fulfilled during the coming year is the earnest wish of

Central Garage A. H. STORZENAND



**Blow, Whistles, Blow! Ring, Bells, Ring!**

Full steam ahead! The past is behind us—opportunity lies ahead. Let's go, America!



In the midst of the gay clamor we pause to consider your part in the success we have enjoyed during 1944. Your support has meant everything to us.  
In this spirit of appreciation it is a genuine joy for us to wish for you a very

Happy New Year

**Happy New Year**  
We are going to have with us soon a very promising young man who comes from the Land of Northern, but who is going to take you somewhere. Yes, this young fellow is GOING PLACES with you, in 1945.  
At any rate, that is our wish for you, good friends, to whom we owe so much, and to whom we now pledge a continuation of the best possible service we know how to give.

C. H. Runciman Company ELEVATOR AND GENERAL FARM SUPPLIES



**SHIP AHOY!**  
Here comes our shipload of good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year for every man, woman and child in this community.

M. N. Henry YOUR REMEDIAL DRUGGIST



**We All Send New Year Greetings**  
All of our best wishes and all of our best efforts will be with you in the New Year as they were in the old. You can count upon us to do our utmost to deserve your continued confidence during 1945.

Murray's Cafe



**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**  
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At any rate, that is our wish for you, good friends, to whom we owe so much, and to whom we now pledge a continuation of the best possible service we know how to give.

John Fahrni Ocean Station & Equipment



THERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.  
This is the sincere New Year wish of

Weaver's Food Market



Another year, another page... time to renew old friendships and that personal resolution which we make each year—to serve our customers still better than the year before.

G. C. Kent JEWELER



Just a line to extend to you our sincere thanks for your patronage in 1944, and to wish you and yours a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. Remember, we are always at your service.

Howard Rittenger INSURANCE SERVICE



Above the clangor of the midnight bells one might hear the ringing of another Bell, whose chiming mean "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."  
In your pursuit of happiness during 1945 wish for you the fullest measure of attainment.

Kiel's Greenhouses and Gift Shop CLAUDE STAAL



**NEW YEARS GREETINGS**

The Ledger Staff



**Happy New Year**  
We are naturally proud of our standing in this community, and can only thank the people of the community for the prestige we enjoy.  
We wish you not only a Happy New Year but a full measure of happiness the whole year through.

Lowell Creamery E. A. COMPAGNER



**AT THIS TIME** of resolution-making it might be apropos to recall the words of a wise old philosopher of a long forgotten era. He said:  
"Every first of January that we arrive at is an imaginary mile-stone on the track of human life; at once a resting place for thought and meditation and a starting point for fresh exertion in the performance of our journey. The man who does not propose to himself to be better this year than he was last must be either very good or very bad indeed."  
**We wish you a very Happy New Year**

**Lowell Municipal Light & Power Plant**  
FRANK J. McMAHON, SUPERINTENDENT  
Committee—Dr. E. H. Shepard, L.W. Rutherford, W. A. Roth.



**ANOTHER YEAR IS IN THE MAKING**  
EXIT 1944  
As the Now merges into Tomorrow the bells begin to ring, whistles blow, and there is general rejoicing. Reason enough, for we all look hopefully to the future.  
Our hope and wish for you is that 1945 will be a year of unsurpassed accomplishment, and that Good Health will attend you each day of the year.

Percy J. Read & Sons



Like a worn out old boot we discard the old year, and we voice the hope that 1945 will see many more unpleasant things thrown into the eternal discard. And now, we join our friends in the general rejoicing, and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

Thorne's Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor CLAUDE THORNE



The first Union Flag of 13 stripes was unfurled by George Washington on New Year's Day, 1776. This is another good reason for rejoicing at this time, for Old Glory is a symbol of freedom wherever it waves. So, Happiest New Year to you, and God bless you, one and all.

Kelley's Service Sta. HAROLD KELLEY, PROP.



The year 1944 will soon be history. We are happy to say that we formed many new friendships during this eventful year, and strengthened many old ones.  
To all of our friends, both new and old, we extend most cordial New Year wishes.

McFall Chevrolet I. W. McFALL



A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1945 TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Fairchild's Gas & Oil ARNOLD FAIRCHILD



An old adage assures us that "silence is golden," but, on the Eve of New Year's, we can hardly agree. We believe this is the time to speak up and tell you how much we have appreciated your patronage during the past year, and to wish you good luck in 1945.

Reynolds' Men's Wear ED REYNOLDS



It wouldn't be New Years eve for . . . HER Without A Corsage

Order Now From Kiel's Greenhouses AND GIFT SHOP

Up and Down Kent County Roads

(Continued from first page) Would like to see American elm and sycamore planted as permanent trees.

Here another year has rolled around and this county agent starts another year's work. This job in Kent County has been a most interesting one.

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.—Victor Hugo.



Bus Schedules SLOW TIME

Table with bus routes: To Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo; To Gr. Rapids; To FLINT.

—LOWELL STATION AT— HENRY'S Drug Store Buy Tickets Before Boarding Bus

STRAND THEATER

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30 Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

FOR LOVE . . . and COUNTRY But Not For Self!



Darlingly REAL . . . Startlingly FRANK! The revealing novel of a hunted man's search for love!



MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen spent Christmas in Grand Rapids with her mother, Mrs. Mary Matulaitis. Miss Marie Matsumoto of Grand Rapids was a guest at the Claude Thorne home Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Sterken were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Briggs in Segwun. Mr. and Mrs. Neville Davern of Pawama spent Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Elise Kropf.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fife entertained Mrs. Fife's sister, Mrs. Frank Tabor and family of Carson City, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Kingdom gave a family dinner Christmas for Mrs. Emma Abel, Mrs. Ida Kingdom, Carl Abel and family and Gus Abel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Keith and family in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Peacock and baby of St. Louis came last Thursday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitfield of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cowles and family of Belding were Christmas guests of their mother, Mrs. Florence Whitfield and sister, Mrs. Harold Boring and family.

Christmas eve guests at the home of Mrs. E. G. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Evelyn Briggs were Mrs. Everett Hotchkiss of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Mullen and Mrs. Jessie Briggs, Jean and Iris of Lowell.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Overholt of Birmingham and H. H. Dawson were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baker and family of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Overholt of Dutton and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overholt of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Loveland of Alto called on Mrs. Lloyd Shultz Tuesday. Joseph Snell spent Sunday and Christmas with his son, James Snell in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Andrews were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall and son. Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Williams and nephew of East Lansing called at the J. C. Hatch home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Plumb of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mrs. Lettie Malcolm and Abby. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Friedl and Eileen were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kilgus in South Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loyer were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dintaman in Alto Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wingeier and family of Palo spent Christmas with Mrs. Wingeier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vely.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kunkle were Christmas guests of their niece, Mrs. Raymond Fenstermacher and husband in Greenville. Miss Maryann Ashley and friend, Miss Betty Preston of Wyandotte have been spending a few days at the Vern Ashley home.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Decker of Clarksville, Mrs. Della Hatch and Geo. Hatch. Mrs. Dora Fletcher entertained all of her children and grandchildren at her home on Christmas. Miss Lizzie Roth was a guest also.

Mrs. John Allen of Lansing was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Anna Acheson and brother, Arthur and family from Tuesday to Friday of last week. Hadley Schaefer arrived home on Christmas Day from his school in Maryland, to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schaefer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson, who have been ill for several weeks past, were able to ride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rogers to spend Christmas with them. Christmas dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Norman Woon at the Congregational parsonage were Mrs. C. H. Horn, Miss Mary Horn, Mrs. Anna Acheson and Miss Audie Post.

Austin Byrne of Willow Run, Mrs. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Havens and Miss Hazel Hoag were dinner guests Christmas of Mrs. Lucille Byrne and mother, Mrs. Agnes Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Condon and daughter, Merleen of Flint, Mrs. Carrie Condon and Mrs. Maude Seger enjoyed Christmas dinner, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Condon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Henry and Alice Henry and Gerry Mielwitz of Grand Rapids were guests at a Christmas dinner last Sunday of Arch Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Henry at McCords. Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Myers were, Mrs. Doris Myers and Frankie of Lake Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gilbert of Grand Rapids, Mrs. M. McAndrews and Jim Delaney of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Krueger and family of Wolf Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Bernarck Draper of Muskegon, Mrs. Rex Draper and Miss Arlie Draper of Alto were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Draper. Mrs. Clara McCarty spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, Sandra and Deane, in Grand Rapids, and all were entertained with a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller.

Mrs. Mary Wingeier entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ming of Detroit from Saturday until Monday. Callers on Christmas eve were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Harper and family of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wingeier and family of Palo. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dennis entertained Christmas eve for Mr. and Mrs. John Fahrl and Jacqueline, Mrs. Arthur Norton, Miss Merry Swan, Robert Jackson, Miss Cleone Collins of Lowell, and Richard Dixon of Belding.

Mrs. Ed Walker and Mr. and Mrs. James Topp were guests at a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. Topp's brother, Charles, in Saranac, Sunday. Christmas they were guests of Mrs. Bill Brooks in Saranac. Sgt. Keith Kinyon of Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartley of Detroit were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kinyon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitby and Clarence were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Sinclair left Sunday morning for Flint to spend Christmas with their son, Dan and family. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mary Charles who will visit her daughter, Mrs. Peter Vos. Mrs. James Elzinga and Miss Maxine Elzinga of Ellsworth came Thursday to visit their son and brother, Herbert and Mrs. Elzinga. They all were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rayer in Belding.

Henry Parker and Glen Carey and his sister, Mrs. Leonard Barton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson. The Andersons' daughter, Mrs. James LeDuc of Orosco spent last Friday with them. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith were Christmas guests of their sister, Mrs. Edward Boomgard in Grand Haven. Mrs. Dean Whitney, a sister from Mio, Mich., also two brothers and their wives enjoyed the family reunion.

Miss Marion Bushnell entertained with a family Christmas dinner for her father, Edson Bushnell, Miss Loretta Bushnell and Fred Halsworth of Clarksville and two aunts, Mrs. Amy Johnson and Mrs. Mary Alden of Lake Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haysmer entertained for the holidays, Mrs. Haysmer's sister, Mrs. Chas. Whorley and husband of Byron Center and their daughter, Mrs. Gene Christensen, husband and daughter, Janette of Ferndale. Mrs. Philip Schneider and sons were Christmas dinner guests.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Runciman were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Achard and daughters, Mary and Betty Jo, Mrs. Donald Wallace, Don Jr. and Edna of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rust and son, Harold and Mrs. O. C. Miller of Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Marty of Flint. Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Pattison and family were, Pfc. and Mrs. Don Corey of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. James Pastoor, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dennis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Karel of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Adella Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Besteman of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, son Jimmy, and Miss Margaret Pant were Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Kathleen Hall and Mrs. Emma Plummer in Grand Rapids. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Judson Walter and children of Saranac and Mr. and Mrs. James Eavey and son of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacTavish and daughter spent Christmas with Mrs. MacTavish's sister, Mrs. C. M. French and family in Holland. They also helped celebrate her birthday which is December 25. Dorothy French, a niece of Mrs. MacTavish, returned with them to spend her week of vacation in Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rollins were their children, Capt. and Mrs. M. J. Court and daughters of Athens, Ohio, Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald E. Rollins of Ft. Benning, Ga., Mrs. Charles Posthumus, Jr., and daughter of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Riffenberg of Niles, Mrs. Marion V. Hardy of Jones, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Page and family of Saranac. Mrs. Chas. McIntyre accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre of Detroit Sunday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller in Grand Rapids, where they spent Sunday and Christmas. Other Christmas guests were Eldon McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mullen of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wertz of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Briggs and family of Grand Rapids.

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Fighting in Italy Mighty Tough Going

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The Sam Yeter we know—then, my contribution to this war will have reached the point of diminishing returns, and to save myself and my pride in and respect for the Service I will accept the privilege of returning home to rehabilitate before it's too late. I've got a lot of good I want to give this world, and I'm becoming more and more convinced it is and will be in sore need of something like that.

Glad We're Americans "I would really like to tell you about Italy sometime, but conditions are so different and there's so much to cover that I always hesitate to begin. We have many problems at home today, and they will continue to grow; but, be glad we are Americans. You can't possibly realize just what these people are up against over here.

"I am sure I have spoken of receiving those packages you sent last summer, but, apparently no. The sun-glasses, chicken, candy, cigarettes, etc. did arrive in good shape and on time and have been put to very good use. It's still too early for your Christmas packages but, even though I don't deserve anything, my mouth is watering.

"Don't be concerned any more about cigars, cigarettes, gum, toilet articles and canned stuff to eat. Actually, I believe we are now getting far more of all that than you are at home. It's the special things that we can't get and do want—such as I've spoken of from time to time before. Never think for a moment, however, that somebody sometimes some place here won't be able to utilize fully all contained in any one package from home, including the wrappings and packings.

"I've only scraped the surface of a few things, as the main intent of this letter is to let you know that everything's going well. From here I can and will fill in with V-mails until a crystallization of my deeper thoughts occurs.

—Sam

News of Our Boys

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from May 10 to Aug. 20, 1944. Capt. Baleski had previously served in the Mediterranean theater and had won the air medal with a silver oak leaf cluster. Now serving as a flight leader in the combat training crew program at Camp Springs Field. S/Sgt. Darl M. O'Harrow, 20, of Carleton, Mich., has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "Meritorious achievement" while taking part in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital German industrial targets and on Nazi military strong points, in support of advances by Allied ground forces. He is a member of the Third Bombardment Division which was cited by the President for its historic England-to-Africa shuttle bombing of German aircraft factories. Sgt. O'Harrow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles O'Harrow of Carleton, formerly of Lowell, and is a cousin of Mrs. Ernest Roth and Mrs. Howard Krum.

Sgt. Fred W. Roth, Lowell, R. 2, Surgical Technician, is a member of the 350th Infantry Regiment, which recently took Mt. Battaglia in northern Italy and held it for seven days of almost continuous German counterattack and close-quarter fighting. The 350th, a unit of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division of Lieut. General Mark W. Clark's Fifth army, was ordered to occupy the mountain and reached its objective only a short time before German infantrymen apparently acted on similar orders. The 350th got there first and greeted the Germans with intense fire. It was the start of the week-long ferocious battle. Attacking two or three times daily, the Germans were supported by intense, accurate concentrations of artillery fire. In three morning and one evening attacks they used flamethrowers. One counterattack temporarily denied the crest to the 350th, but the doughboys regained the dominant ground and continued to hold it. Brigadier General Paul W. Kendall of Palo Alto, Calif., commanding general of the 88th Division, described the stand of the 350th as "magnificent" and paid high tribute to the "courage and aggressiveness displayed by every man in the regiment."

COMING EVENTS

The Odd Fellows will hold election of officers on Monday night, Jan. 8. Lodge calls at 8 o'clock. Refreshments.—Clare Phillips, Vice Grand. The Rebekahs will hold a euchre party Friday evening, Dec. 29, at the I. O. O. F. hall. Everyone invited. Playing starts at 8 o'clock.

The South Lowell Extension class members and their families will have a New Year's night party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wells. Approximately 200,000 parking meters are now operating in 449 cities in the United States, according to the National Safety Council.

Happy New Year



This charming young daughter of a marine corporal is all set to welcome the advent of 1945. Judging from her attentive look, she is waiting only for the 12 o'clock whistles heralding the arrival of the new year.

New Year's Day Antedates the Birth of Christ by 452 Years

The celebration of New Years on January 1 began in 452 B. C., and therefore, contrary to logical reasoning, had nothing whatsoever to do with the birth of Christ.

The ancient Roman calendar began in, and with, the month of March: there were ten months, the last six of which were named Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December—or, the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth months respectively. Numa added two months, January and February, placing the former at the beginning of the year and February at the end. In 452 B. C., February was placed between January and March: thus establishing the order of months as of today. The ancient calendar year did not correspond to the solar year and by the time the days of Julius Caesar rolled around the actual and calendar equinoxes were months apart: a situation which Caesar set out to remedy. Caesar's astronomers and calendar experts fixed the calendar year at 365 days—and because they estimated the solar year as 365 1/4 days—an extra day was to be added every fourth year. This Julian calendar was effective, by decree of Caesar, on January 1, 46 B. C.

Actually, the earth goes around the sun in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds; and by 1582 A. D., the Julian calendar was 10 days behind the sun. Pope Gregory XIII remedied the situation by ordering that the calendar play leap frog and the intervening days between October 5 and October 15, 1582, were lost forever. In order to prevent repetitions of the sun running away from the calendar and vice versa, Pope Gregory decided that a leap year should be omitted now and then: hence only those years divisible by four—exclusive of years numbering the centuries—should have 366 days, and the century-marking years shall be leap years only if divisible by four after the ciphers have been omitted. The Gregorian calendar has been officially adopted in most countries of the civilized world; however, many creeds and peoples still celebrate their religious and traditional festivals in accordance with ancient calendars.

Pre-Christian Roman inaugurated the new year by offering sacrifices to the gods, exchanging greetings, and bestowing gifts. During the early Christian centuries, New Year's festivities persisted and became so boisterous that the faithful were forbidden to participate therein. After December 25 had been established as the day of nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival honoring the circumcision of Jesus: the day being thus observed in the Roman church since 487, and in the Anglican church since 1549.

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Bowl Game Feature of New Year's Since 1916

Since 1916 the Rose Bowl football game has been played annually on New Year's day as a cofeature of Pasadena's Tournament of Roses. The championship team of the Pacific Coast conference invites an Eastern contender selected from among the teams which have made the best records during the autumn playing, thus making the game one of America's outstanding intercollegiate sporting events.

A Good Resolution One of the New Year resolutions that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference. How arguing over trifles mars the home harmony. An erroneous opinion may need correction, but what possible difference does it make whether Aunt Jane came to dinner Tuesday or Wednesday, or whether it rained Friday or Saturday. Everybody Signs Why not have somebody delegated to draw up a set of good resolutions for us all and just have us sign them?

New Year With Hindus Among the Hindus the first day of the year is celebrated with sacrifice to the god of wisdom.

Toss a lettuce leaf into a pot of soup—it will absorb the greens and may be removed as soon as it has done its job.

Beatrice E. Schneider Weds John A. Williams

Candlelight and evergreens formed the setting for the wedding ceremony of Miss Beatrice E. Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider of Lowell, to F. C. 2/c John A. Williams, son of Mr. John Williams of Grand Rapids, on Friday, December 22 at 8:00 p. m., in the Lowell Methodist church. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Cecil E. Pollock.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown fashioned with a taffeta bouffant skirt and charmingly lace bodice. Her tulle veil was crowned with a tiara of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and white pom-poms. Miss Bertha Jean Schneider, sister of the bride, and maid of honor, was attired in yellow taffeta and carried an arm bouquet of yellow snapdragons. A cousin of the bride, Miss Merle Bieri, attended as bridesmaid in blue taffeta, carrying pink snapdragons. Acting as ring bearer was Miss Judith Schneider, wearing pink taffeta in the same style as the other attendants and carrying a nosegay of pink roses and white pom-poms.

Attending the groom were Robert Downing of Grand Rapids as best man and Ralph Roth and Lawrence Schneider as ushers. Mrs. Jean Wagoner played a prelude of organ music before the ceremony, and also the traditional wedding marches. Those assisting at the reception in the church parlors were Miss Pat Zoet of Clarksville and the Misses Yvonne and Vivian Bieri. Out of town guests were present from Grand Rapids, Mt. Pleasant, Ionia, Portland, St. Louis, and Clarksville.

The couple will spend the remainder of F. C. Williams leave with relatives and friends, and on January 20 he will return to Bremen, Wash., for reassignment.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the kindness of our friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our father, Orlando F. Kellogg.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us in so many ways during our recent illness.

CARD OF THANKS I wish to thank all my relatives, neighbors and friends and the Alton Ladies' Aid for the beautiful cut flowers, plants and fruit, for the cards and personal visits, also the many other gifts I have received during my illness the past year. All this thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated and I take this opportunity of extending my sincere thanks to each and every one.

BIRTHS To Mr. and Mrs. Morse Johnson (Frances McCarty), Sunday, Dec. 24, in Jackson hospital, an 8 lb. 2 oz. daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Ford of Grand Rapids, at Butterworth hospital, Thursday, Dec. 21, a 7 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Bonita Jean.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Arehart, Sunday, Dec. 24, at Biodgett hospital, a son, weight 7 1/2 lbs.

TYPHOID DEATHS DECREASE

For the tenth year in Michigan there has been no case of typhoid fever traceable to a public water supply, according to Dr. William DeKleins, state commissioner of health. He reports that 1944 also marked an alltime low for the number of typhoid cases and deaths reported. Through December 8 there had been 72 cases of typhoid in Michigan and three deaths.

IN BELDING STOP AT Ford's Tavern OPEN SUNDAYS

New Years Greetings

May the New Year Bring Victory And Peace LOWELL LUMBER & SUPPLY CO. Clara, Dell, Bruce, Raymond and Mac Farlane Co. Fred, George, Clyde

Do You Value Your Right To Drive

8,784 drivers have filed under the new law. 1,312 drivers were uninsured.

RITTENGER Insurance Service

Phone 144 Lowell SOCIAL EVENTS

Marriage Announced

Mrs. R. Koewers announces the marriage of her daughter, Bertha Marie, to Cpl. Bert Hanson of Clarksville, at Dubuque, Iowa, on Christmas eve.

Enjoyable School Parties

Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the high school enjoyed a Christmas party Friday afternoon in the gym, with four decorated trees and gifts for all. Mr. Gummer and Miss Brooks sang a duet, and a musical program was furnished by the boys' glee club, the high school band and high school swing orchestra, with Ray Houghton doing a fine job as soloist with the glee club and orchestra. A memorial service for the boys who have died in service was also part of the program.

Past Noble Grands

The Past Noble Grands held their annual Christmas dinner last week Thursday night at the Lowell Cafe, seventeen being present to enjoy the occasion. After the dinner all assembled at the home of Mrs. Lee Walker and Miss Goldie Collins where gifts were exchanged and secret sisters for the year were revealed.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Robert Hahn entertained twelve of her daughter, Roberta's former high school friends at an informal tea Sunday afternoon. Calling cards, tied together with Christmas ribbons, and bearing the names of Roberta Hahn and Richard H. Jones, heralded their engagement news.

Miss Hahn is a sophomore at Michigan State College and Mr. Jones is a graduate chemical engineer doing research work in the Cleveland, Ohio, laboratory of the Standard Oil Co. Plans are being made for an early fall wedding.

Lowell Extension Group

The Lowell Extension group met at the home of Mrs. George Hale, December 14, with 17 members and one visitor present. The lesson was on making lamp shades, or recovering old frames, also to consider the art of cleaning them.

The next lesson will be January 11 at the home of Mrs. H. J. Englehardt. A Mexican luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock.

—Katie Carr, Sec'y.