

LET'S STAY HOME

Just because the war is over many folks feel that now is the time to do some visiting, without imposing a hardship on our transportation system.

WINTER'S FLU

Coming in the wake of winter is that bugaboo we call influenza. Six states already have reported a large number of cases and influenza throughout the nation is higher than the average of the past five years.

HEED THE ADMONITION

Since the days of primitive man, the individual has wanted to get from where he is to where he wants to go, sitting down and in a hurry.

Michigan, the birth state of the automobile, like the rest of the country, has been on an orgy of speeding since gasoline was made measurable in unlimited quantities and speed restrictions were lifted following V-J Day.

The result has been hundreds killed, thousands injured and sorrow an' suffering brought to many homes.

We now are approaching the Yuletide, a time when hearts should be light and everyone joyful. But past Yuletides have been marred by tragedies—many of them caused by drivers speeding, perhaps to a holiday family reunion.

Truly Speed is "The Killer." The Automobile Insurers Safety Association, working in conjunction with the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Safety Council and the Michigan State Highway Department, is conducting an educational campaign to help cut down the accident toll.

Income Tax Filing Same as Last Year

Many enquires as to the deadline for filing either the estimate or final return for the federal income tax are being received by the farm management department at Michigan State college.

Arthur H. Haist, tax specialist in the department, points out that regulations are the same this year as last. Either an estimate or the final return must be made by January 15, 1946.

However, the farmer who has been using a 12-month period other than the calendar year as the basis for paying his income tax may file his estimate 15 days after the close of his accounting year.

The full amount of the tax must always accompany the final return.

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 20, 1945

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Did you know that one-fourth of the village taxes go to the garbage collector? Perhaps our low tax rate has something to do with that high fraction.

This week Wednesday, Dec. 21, was the shortest day of the year. The sun is turning northward again and from now until next June 21 will continue to warm the earth.

You might prefer a painting by Carot or Rembrandt, but there isn't anything wrong with the art on a Victory bond. Remember, too, that all bonds taken during Dec. apply on the Victory Loan.

Grass on the other side of the fence wasn't so green after all, a lot of men tell us, who have been working in city factories. Wages were high, sure enough, but the transportation problem, Union dues and now the strikes are adding up to leave them without any more money at the end of the year than if they'd taken a job at home.

Did you know that Emil Pfeiffer, who sings bass in the choir at St. Mary's church, used to play a cornet in a band in his native Bohemia before coming to this country some 40-odd years ago? Mr. Pfeiffer also plays the flute and is skilled as a violinist. In addition to his musical accomplishments Mr. Pfeiffer is a courteous gentleman.

Did you ever stop to think that some of us should take out membership in the O. C. P.? It will be remembered that O. C. P. stands for the Order of the Clean Plate—which means not to take more than one can eat. Even in this prosperous community there are some people, even children, who should have the food that is being wasted.

It would seem that the Common Council should be able to find a way to keep the snow removed from both sides of Main St. Snow plows throw the snow against the curb lines, which, if allowed to remain wastes parking space, thereby creating a real hazard, to say nothing of the inconvenience to those who are obliged to wallow through deep snow in order to reach their cars.

Since Friday of last week Old Man Winter has held the country in an icy grip from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic coast and south to the gulf of Mexico. Below zero readings are reported from many states of the mid-west. Some sections of Michigan have hovered around the zero mark with a snowfall of about eight inches. Trains, buses and mail service have been behind schedule.

Charles Green and Verner Miller, both of Saranac, who were hurtled through the air a distance of 90-ft. some three weeks ago, when a cable tore itself loose from the top rung of a ladder on which they were standing while working on the new building at the C. H. Runciman Co. bean elevator, were in town Tuesday. Mr. Green appears to be as good as ever but Mr. Miller will have a stiff arm as it was necessary to remove the elbow.

The big Christmas tree on top of the King Milling Company wheat storage tanks has aroused much interest and comment. The tree and lights can be seen for many miles. Due to the height of the tanks, nearly 100 feet, it was necessary to get a 30-foot tree, and even then from the street level it appears to be about the size of the usual home Christmas tree. With the flag floating over it by day and the big neon sign lit by night, it is a symbol of the joyousness of the Christmas season, unmarred by the worries and restrictions of war.

Jokes, jests, jabs and fibes just by Jeff: We work in lead ways to kill off man, says a Lowell friend, but aren't doing much about mice and rats—and that's no joke.... The paper shortage is off, according to a Lowell woman when boys start ringing doorbells to sell magazine subscriptions to pay their way through college.... We now return to that life where piners means dealing with teeth and eyebrows rather than military strategy.... We aren't too far off the usual path when local children start polishing up their manners in preparation for Christmas.... Too often the fellow who carries the rabbit's foot doesn't do anything to deserve such good luck.

Winter is here at hand with its particular fire hazards. Gone is the old kerosene lantern with the advent of electricity. But the tank heater is still in the barn yard and while many are not a fire hazard it isn't at all uncommon to see one that is.

Cold spells often mean frozen pipes with the problem of thawing them out. If it's a blow torch you are using, use it with care.

Electric lights are used longer. Have you gone over your shades, bulbs, etc., to remove dust and debris that a hot bulb might ignite? A fire is bad any time and a winter fire always seemed to me to be worse than any other time of the year.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP The undersigned will be at the Lowell Bank on Saturdays: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Jan. 5 to receive and receipt for taxes now due.—Mrs. Fred Franks, treasurer Vergennes township.

Nativity Scenes Impress Hundreds On Opening Night

Program to Be Repeated Evenings Through Christmas Eve

The Nativity scene in Richards Park was duly dedicated on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, with appropriate ceremonies.

The new public address system, purchased by the children of the school mainly through the sale of magazines, functioned perfectly under the capable handling of Mr. Ray Avery. The figures of the creche were purchased through the sponsorship of the Garden Lane club, Mrs. Lee Lampkin, president and tireless promoter.

Trees for the background were made available through the thinking of doubles in the school forest. The lights were installed by Supt. Frank McMahon and his crew, and were turned on at 8 p.m. sharp by Lt. Earl G. Anderson.

W. W. Gumsier, Supt. of Schools, and program chairman, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. C. E. Polluck, Pastor of the Methodist church gave the invocation, and later in the program the Rev. Paul Hoornstra, pastor of the Nazarene church, gave a very interesting five-minute talk on the meaning of Christmas. Mrs. Lee Lampkin thanked all for their generous aid in securing the creche and setting it up.

Mr. Henry Weaver spoke for the Board of Trade; Mr. Bruce McMahon replied on behalf of the returning veterans; Mr. C. H. Runciman spoke for Mr. Theron Richmond, president of the village, who was absent through illness.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Mrs. Harry Stauffer at the church organ, and a quartette from the school consisting of Mrs. Ardis Merrill, Miss Vivian Brooks, Mr. Orville Jessup and Mr. Gumsier. In spite of extremely cold weather the dedication ceremonies attracted a large number of people to Richards Park for this interesting event. The display will be repeated each night at 8 o'clock through Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and will be supplemented by programs.

The outstanding features Wednesday night were the organ playing of Mrs. H. Thurtell, the music by the school sextette, consisting of Robert Kyser, Ralph Warner, Dorothy Vandenhout, Helen Stormand, Ronald Jessup and Humphrey Johnson, and some selections by the faculty quartette.

Best of Programs The features of each night are as follows: Thursday, Organ music by Mrs. Stauffer, Christmas music by the school band, trumpet solo by Mr. O. Jessup, a vocal solo by Dolores Kuteba, the girls choir of the Congregational church and recorded music.

Friday, Organ music by Mrs. H. Thurtell, girls' quartette of the Nazarene church, composed of Mary Newell, Darlene Weeks, Irene Weeks, and Gladys Stevens; music by third and fourth grades led by Miss Betty Roth; and recorded music.

Saturday, organ music by Mrs. H. Thurtell, duet by Walter Gumsier and son, Walter, recorded music.

Sunday, Organ music by Mrs. Stauffer, duet by Mr. Gumsier and son, program by Congregational Sunday school.

Monday, Organ music by Mrs. Stauffer, vocal solo by Mrs. Thurtell, solo by Dolores Kuteba, the reading of the Christmas story by Humphrey Johnson.

Too much credit cannot be given the Rev. N. G. Woon for his untiring efforts in behalf of the enterprise.

VERGENNES FARM BUREAU An interesting meeting was held Dec. 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Condon. Charles Montgomery was guest speaker and told of his experience in helping organize the Kent City Farm Bureau.

Our group is interested in having a feed grinding and egg grading station in Lowell. Discussion followed.

Next meeting will be the third Friday night in January at Vergennes hall.—Mrs. Floyd Clark, reporter.

BULL CHANGES OWNERSHIP Fred Fuss, a Brown Swiss breeder on Foreman's Dr., Lowell, has recently sold the bull No. 72533, Susie's Harry, to Joseph Brinks, Grandville Mich., according to a report from Fred S. Idise, Secretary of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, Beloit, Wis.

Idella Erb, One of Long-Lived Family

Idella Evangeline Barber was born Dec. 14, 1863, on a farm overlooking Pratt Lake on the north. She was one of ten children of Alfred Barber; of these, six lived to be over 75. Her father died at 91, one sister was over 93, one brother was over 92, one sister was 88, one brother 83, and she died just four days before her 82nd birthday, on Dec. 10, 1945.

At 16 years of age she married Moses Erb, living first in Grand Rapids, then in Huron County, then in Saginaw. They came to Lowell in their later years and lived here until Mr. Erb's death in 1928. Since then she has lived in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Two sons were born to them, Bert Alfred and Claude DeVerre; the latter survives, as does his son, DeVerre, 15 nephews and nieces, a large number of two later generations, and many friends join in mourning the loss of "Aunt Dell." She was an active member of the Methodist church, until falling eight during the past five years, and a broken hip two years ago prevented outside activities.

Following the funeral service in Salt Lake City she was brought to Lowell by her son, Claude, and was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery beside her husband at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17; Rev. C. E. Polluck officiated in the service at the grave.

Lowell Oil Company Makes Announcement

George Story and Claude Thorne Form Partnership to Handle Mid-West Petroleum Products

Announcement has just been made that George Story and Claude Thorne, both well known businessmen of Lowell, have formed a partnership to market and distribute Gasoline, Motor Oils, Fuel Oil and Lubricating products.

The new company, to be known as the Lowell Oil Co., will sell Mid-West petroleum products. To facilitate efficient storage and handling, a modern bulk storage plant has just been erected at the North village limits.

It was announced that the new company has set up modern equipment and service facilities for handling home-owners' and farmers' needs for gasoline, motor oils, fuel oils and lubricants. A feature of this service will be prompt and efficient delivery service by metered tank trucks, for guaranteed accuracy in gallonage. It was also announced that customers would be given the benefits of experienced engineering counsel, especially in fuel oil and farm lubricants and the choice of the right product for the heating or lubrication problem at hand.

The new firm states: "The public wants the best. People have been looking forward to the post-war period with confidence that they would enter into an era of better living, with better products, in every line of goods. Gasoline and motor oils and fuel oils will certainly play an active part in these hopes. And in making our decision in choosing a line of petroleum products, we put our emphasis on highest quality—knowing that our success in this new business venture would rest wholly on one factor—quality."

Mr. Story also states the policy of the Lowell Oil Co. would be dedicated to maintain this high quality consistently, in their dealings with their customers and dealers. The new organization, The Lowell Oil Co., will maintain its office at 223 N. Hudson St.

A formal announcement appears in this edition of the Ledger on another page.

CUB BOY SCOUTS A Christmas party will be given for all Cub Scouts parents and friends Friday night, Dec. 21, at the City Hall, at 8 o'clock. Each scout is to bring a 25c gift. All parents are urged to attend.

NOTICE Due to Christmas week the Caledonia live stock auction will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27.

HOLIDAY MAIL SERVICE The Lowell postoffice will make complete delivery of mail service Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22. Post-office hours each week day, including Saturday, are 7:00 to 8:00. Mabel H. Bibbler, Acting P. M.

Riverview Inn, New Year's Eve Make your reservations early for New Year's eve, at Riverview Inn. No admittance without reservations.

Now serving hamburgs and chili.

Curly Howard.

Advertisement for a Christmas list cut down, featuring a cartoon character holding a sign that says 'HOLIDAY AUTO ACCIDENTS LAST DECEMBER IN MICHIGAN 84 DEATHS, 2,418 INJURIES, CAUSED BY FAST DRIVING, WINTERY STREETS, JUVENILE DRIVERS. DRIVE CAREFULLY'.

News Paragraphs From Yokohama

Ledger's Pencil Pusher Writes Observations

Below are some of the observations picked up by Ede. Harold Jeffries while covering assignments for the U. S. Army in Japan. He says:

While in Tokyo the other day I had time to visit a number of shops, also a big department store which had a large open space in the center, three stories high, in which was placed a large Christmas tree nicely decorated for the boys—very nice of the Japs to try and keep us happy.

The Tokyo stores and shops seem to have more goods on sale than I saw on previous visits. The Ginzas is lined with people along the curb selling stuff such as shoes, shoe laces, pots and pans, hardware of all kinds, pictures, tangerines and just about everything you can imagine.

Everything you are interested to know that I visited a couple of camera shops in Tokyo and saw some Leica cameras for sale for 2,000 Yen (\$133.32 in American money). The Leica I bought sometime before the War and which was later stolen from my car, cost me nearly 500 bucks.

Speaking of fancy work, the ladies will be interested in the ceremonial robes I saw in a department store. They were embroidered in gold and were very colorful, but the price was quite high, over 2,000 Yen or about \$132. Am looking for a fancy kimono to bring home which I hope to find when I have a chance to get out into the smaller towns where some things sell for less money.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was exceptionally good. We had turkey, mash potatoes, squash, ice cream, fresh fruit cake and nuts. Work here goes on as usual. I visit the Provost Marshall's office every day, also the jail in order to report on conditions there. A few Japs have been caught with guns and hand grenades but no Americans have been killed by them as yet, so far as I know.

The Japs who work around mail and supplies steal stuff all the time, when caught they are turned over to the Jap authorities but the next day they are back at work again. Something will be done about this matter.

Haven't drunk a glass of water in over a month as it is chlorinated and tastes peculiar. I drink coffee or fruit juices that can be bought at the PX.

The Japs are putting up buildings of wood in both Tokyo and Yokohama, fitting their houses together like cradfather did a-gather Brighton, without using many nails. Quite good craftsmen.

The ride to Tokyo and back, standing up, is terrible. I can see why some don't make the trip. Pictures of the N. Y. subway have nothing on this. You should see them pack the people on and most of them have big packs or bundles. They really jam them in. The door was closing on one Jap but he kept pushing, jamming to get in. Finally an outsider standing on the platform helped push from behind and he finally got on. Going up this morning wasn't bad but coming back was terrible. I rode in the little compartment with the conductor on the rear of the train with some



News of Our Boys

Russell Faulkner, who is stationed on Guam, has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant.

Cpl. Dick Young has received his discharge from the army and has arrived home from Fort Ord, Calif.

Robert E. Lee returned home Saturday from California, having received his discharge from the construction engineering corps.

Robert E. Ellis arrived home Saturday, having received his discharge, after 3 years in the Army Air Force. Mrs. Ellis is the former Doris Stormand.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collins have received word from their son, Pvt. Ernest Collins, that he arrived at Camp Hudekstep, Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 1, the trip taking only two weeks.

Lloyd George Powell S 2/c, arrived home Sunday afternoon from Philadelphia, Pa. for a 12-day leave with his mother, sisters and brothers. Lloyd has been in the service a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller of Lowell R 3 received word this week that their son, Ward D. Miller F 2/2, had left for the Pacific area on the heavy cruiser, U. S. S. Caloussa.

Horace M. Summers M. M. 2/c is home on a 30-day leave. Horace's ship was lost at sea on their last trip. He will report to the Naval hospital at Dearborn for treatment and reassignment to duty Jan. 6.

John M. Phelps has received his discharge from the Army Air Force at Lowry Field, Colo., after three years in the service. He and his wife are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwad Devener in Edgley, N. D., until after the holidays.

Skipper Bruce Walter arrived home Friday from Great Lakes, Ill., having been granted a 30-day sick leave, at the conclusion of which he will return to the Naval hospital at Great Lakes. Bruce contracted a painful skin infection while serving in the So. Pacific.

T/Sgt. Bob Yelter arrived at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Monday. From there he telephoned his mother, Mrs. Rosella Yelter that after going to Fort Dix to receive his discharge, he would start for home, expecting to be here by Christmas. He was two weeks coming from Berlin, Germany, to the states.

Legion Benefit Dance Lowell Post of the American Legion is sponsoring a dance to be held at the City Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 28, starting at 9 o'clock. Proceeds for Lowell Legion building fund. Tickets on sale at Christiansen's drug store, or from any Legion member. Adults \$1.00, high school students, 50c.

other G I's and sailors. Best regards to all. Harold

December 3, 1945.

American Legion Aids Housing For Veterans

The local American Legion post is confronted with the problem of housing the veterans' and their families.

It is requested of the people of the community to help co-ordinate the housing problem. Any family anticipating a vacancy of a home, an apartment or a room; furnished or unfurnished please contact Wm. Christiansen, chairman of the housing committee, to see if there isn't a veteran needing that location—now.

CHIMES PLAY CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS DAILY

Music of familiar Christmas carols is ringing out from above Christiansen's drug store and will continue to do so throughout the holiday season. The carols are played at 12 noon, and at 4, 6 and again at 8 p. m. Adeste Fedele, Silent Night and other carols and hymns loved by all are being played with the effect of chimes. The music is audible for some distance.

NEW MARKETING SPECIALIST

Dr. Arthur Mauch, formerly with the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has joined the extension staff of Michigan State College. As a specialist in the marketing of fruits, vegetables and poultry, Dr. Mauch will work extensively with various groups throughout the state.



REVENUE DEPUTY COMING TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS A Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Post Office, Lowell, Mich., on January 2 and 3, 1946, to assist taxpayers in the preparation of income and estimated returns.

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Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

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From the college nursery to farmer were sold 125,881 seedlings. From the State Department of Conservation to farmers 58,960 trees. Into school forests from the State Department of Conservation 89,500. This makes a total of 274,341 trees. It is a sizeable amount and when you figure that about 1000 trees per acre were planted it means about 275 acres. Yet the county could plant more.

Bull advises us that the college stock of trees is very low, in fact their supplies will be gone before spring. The State Department of Conservation has a fair supply.

This Rural Program Caravan that we wrote about last week which is scheduled to be in Kent county February 7, promises to be a real affair. Not only will there be plenty of pictures, charts and models of labor saving devices but there will be quite a number of them that will work. All advance information is good, so good that every farmer in Kent county should plan to see the show. Place is not set for sure but the date is. Have you put the circle around February 7? Better do it now.

One of the banes of the commercial fruit grower are the large number of old and some younger neglected orchards. In a county as old as Kent and where fruit growing has always had a prominent place in its agriculture, it is only natural these orchards would be prevalent. A couple years ago an effort was made to get rid of these orchards and many were cut down. The last legislature enacted a law with teeth in it, so much so that the state can move in and cut or push over these trees. It is being done right now in this county on a rather extensive scale.

Instead of cutting the trees the state is using a bull dozer and it certainly does knock an orchard down in a hurry.

Loan Programs to Homemaker Units

Topics Deal in Subjects Of Wide Interest

A new loan program service for home extension groups and other organizations in the state is now being offered by the home economics extension department at Michigan State college.

The loan program topics deal with information in home economics or related fields. The material is in addition to that presented by specialists at training schools held in the counties four times yearly, explains Miss Rachel Markwell, state home demonstration leader. Loan programs may be presented in talks by a leader or member of the club, or by panel or club discussion. Instruction sheets for the program leader are included.

The program may be secured by writing to the Home Extension Office, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. First and second choices should be given as well as name or organization number of members, date of meeting, and name of person to whom the material should be sent. Requests should be made a month before the meeting date to allow time for preparation.

Topics available are: Using less sugar in cooking, moral in the home, family relations—the foundation of human relations, your rural community, youth looks to your community, economic adjustments of the rural family, house plants—use and culture, indications of illness, preparation of equipment for the sick-room, democracy at work, democracy as a way of life, the citizen in a democracy.

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### Editorial

#### EDITORIAL THOUGHT-STARTERS

The atomic bomb was back in the headlines this week and with it scientific assurance that annihilation with \$500,000,000 to spend is capable of producing this knock-out weapon.

#### GOVERNMENT SHOULD STAY OUT

"There is no more reason why the government should be in the fertilizer business on a vast scale than there would be for it to take over all the farming business of a state, like Iowa, say, and run it for the benefit of consumers. Yet that is what is proposed in bills before Congress to establish government owned and operated fertilizer factories."

#### AMERICANS

Americans were pictured recently as the most restless people in the world. But tolerance, world history is replete with instances of the failure of substitutes. Unless something happens to bring people back to their senses we appear to be on the way to trying what has failed elsewhere.

#### COMMUNITY LIFE

Community life is said to be the foundation of a nation. What will be the effect of future large-scale mass transportation methods on community trends? Will it mean a greater trek to the larger cities or a new commuter mode?

#### ALONG THIS SAME LINE

Along this same line, the atomic bomb has been viewed as a threat to modern cities and some planners and architects have gone so far as to propose decentralization. What will be the effect of this?

#### BOYD'S GROCERY

At Grand Trunk Depot Lowell Phone 300

#### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Brightly burned the star of Bethlehem—so brightly burns the torch of Victory this Christmas lighting the way to happiness in a world of Peace.

#### HENRY'S DRUG STORE

Lowell, Mich.

### Mule Track Money

By ELSIE WILLIAMS McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WNY Feature.

"ME? FARM! You're crazier than you look, Hamp!" Banty McCann spat contemptuously and blinched up his overalls pants.

"He glared up at Hamp Anderson. 'I ain't no farmer. Who wants to mess with a truck crop when the mule is as good as it is this year?'

"Hamp Anderson placed a foot carefully on the porch step, cut a chew of tobacco just as carefully and tucked it into a corner of his mouth before he spoke. 'No patriotism, I see,' he said quietly. 'Here the Gov'mint is hollerin' for vegetables and you want to jump the woods. Look: Them hog'll fatten themselves. While they're doin' that you can raise a sack of cukes.'"

A stout, round-faced woman came out and eased her bulk into a specially reinforced rocker. Hamp Anderson raised a hand to his forehead and blinked. 'Howdy, Aunt Mat. How are you?'

"'Folks in the middle!' I reckon, Hamp. You'll talkin' cukes? Tom always did like to raise 'em, but he never could eat 'em.' Tender-hearted Aunt Mat raised a corner of her checked apron to her eyes when she mentioned her late husband.

Hamp cocked an eye up and peered judiciously at the sky. 'Likely to be a dry fall... how about it, Banty? You want to raise a little money?'

"Sure wish you would, son," said Aunt Mat. 'Ain't had a crop since...

#### VERGENNES CENTER

Mrs. Jessie Krum returned to Stanton Saturday after visiting Lons Pine Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Odell and children were dinner guests Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Austin Munson in Grand Rapids.

#### CHARLES COLLAR

Charles Collar was a Thursday caller on John Carey in Casco. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kerr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maloney and Miss Sue Kerr were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Rosa Kerr.

#### DUANE KRAUS

Duane Kraus is again working for his old employer, John Timpon. Duane was recently discharged from service.

#### RECEIVED

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mykowiak and Michael, Jr. were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arkes in Grand Rapids.

#### TRAVEL

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newell attended the Burton K. Holmes Travel and Adventure program at Fountain Street Baptist church, Thursday evening.

#### ROSELLA YETTER

Mrs. Rosella Yetter returned last Wednesday from Grand Rapids where she had been staying with her niece, Carolyn and Dorothy Lustig, while their parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Lustig were in Chicago on business.

#### MERTON ALDERINK

Mrs. Merton Alderink and young son from Grand Rapids spent from Friday to Sunday night with Mrs. Alderink's mother, Mrs. Oma Shear, who is ill at the home of Mrs. Anna Yardley. Another daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Shear, of Belding is caring for Mrs. Shear this week.

#### ERNEST ERNST

Ernest Ernst, a sailor home on leave, were returning from town and blinded by the snow failed to see the train at the crossing. Both were rushed to a hospital, where Mr. Davidson passed away Sunday morning. Ernest received several cuts and bruises but was able to leave the hospital after receiving treatment, Saturday night.

#### MR. AND MRS. JULES ERIER

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Erier of Grand Rapids were weekend guests at the J. E. Bannan home.

#### DEAN COLLIS

Dean Collis of Battle Creek spent Sunday with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins.

#### MRS. F. A. GOULD

Mrs. F. A. Gould, Mrs. Fred Gramer, Mrs. John Roth and Mrs. W. A. Roth were in Hastings Thursday.

#### MRS. RALPH MULLEN

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### Michigan and the Old Northwest

By Lynn Scherer Edited by Milo M. Qualls

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To escape hostile Sioux, the Huron and Marquette moved in 1671 to Mackinac.

1669: Louis Joliet, guided by a captive Inroquois, finds Detroit Strait.

Shortenings or fats to be creamed for baking cakes or cookies may be removed from the refrigerator and let stand at room temperature for awhile before needed.

#### AMUSING

Smith—I find my wife's cooking amusing. Jones—Mine's amusing! She cooks the food and I try to guess what it is!

#### CONCERN

"Is Tom concerned?" "Concerned? Say, he joined the Navy to let the world see him!"

#### LETTER LONG

Letter Long, who was born and raised in the community passed away at the Veteran's hospital Sunday at the home of Mrs. Susan Baker in Lowell.

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Mrs. Elma Dale

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A Christmas program will be presented at the Church of the Brethren, on Sunday evening, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stahl spent the weekend with friends in Detroit. The latter mother, Mrs. Stahl, visited Wednesday with their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deyvo of near Rockford.

#### VERGENNES CENTER

Mrs. Jessie Krum returned to Stanton Saturday after visiting Lons Pine Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Odell and children were dinner guests Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Austin Munson in Grand Rapids.

#### CHARLES COLLAR

Charles Collar was a Thursday caller on John Carey in Casco.

#### DUANE KRAUS

Duane Kraus is again working for his old employer, John Timpon.

#### RECEIVED

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Number herds tested 24, total cows 63; asst average per cow, milk 617, fat 28.0, total 50 lb. cows 53; grade ratios balanced 24; ration changed 4; number feeding alfalfa 5; alfalfa grown 8; fresh heifers entered 15; cows bought 4; calves born; bulls 22; heifers 21; total cows removed 17.

**TWO HIGHEST COWS IN EACH CLASS—R. F. BASIS**

High cow under three years:	Breed	Milk	Fat	
1st, J. Bush and L. Scheraga	R. G.	1,140	4.6	52.4
2nd, A. P. Edson	R. J.	876	5.7	50.0

High cow under four years:

1st, Paul Ruhs	R. G.	1,206	5.0	63.3
2nd, Lyle Hunsberger	R. G.	1,337	4.2	64.7

High cow under five years:

1st, Lyle Hunsberger	R. G.	1,500	4.8	72.0
2nd, E. W. Ruhs	R. G.	1,251	4.2	63.2
1st, Allen Ross	G. H.	1,839	4.8	84.5
2nd, E. W. Ruhs	R. G.	1,674	4.8	80.5

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Medium herd, 9 to 16:	No.	Breed	Milk	Fat
1st, Otto Fischer	15	R. G. & J.	579	36.1
2nd, Paul Ruhs	13	R. G.	638	35.0

Large herd, 17 and over:

1st, Godfrey Waldich	21	R. G.	777	36.0
2nd, Nick Scripps	18	R. H.	960	34.5

—James Simmons, Supervisor.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS**

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

In a matter of the Estate of **Richard D. Bergin, deceased.**

It is ordered, That all claims against the estate of the above named decedent be presented to the Probate Court for the County of Kent, at the office of the Probate Court, in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 27th day of December, 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and that all claims against said estate be presented to the Probate Court for the County of Kent, at the office of the Probate Court, in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 27th day of December, 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and that all claims against said estate be presented to the Probate Court for the County of Kent, at the office of the Probate Court, in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 27th day of December, 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court at Grand Rapids, Michigan, this 23rd day of December, 1945.

**FRANK WINGELER, Judge of Probate.**

### ANXIOUS TO PLEASE

A famous evangelist of fifty years ago was a gentleman farmer in his own right. He was a man of many talents as a revivalist, he engaged a week or two on his farm at Brightfield, Mass., housing the hired help and discussing crops with the neighboring farmers, who were always trying to unload their depreciable stock at fancy prices.

On one occasion he spent a whole afternoon bargaining for a cow. The farmer was so vague about the animal's antecedents and characteristics that the evangelist finally got impatient.

"Come now," he roared, striking the side of the barn a mighty blow with his fist, "how much milk does she give?"

His New England neighbor was not daunted by oratory. After a long pause, he said, reflectively: "Well, I don't know as I can answer that question precisely. I ain't never measured what Deborah gives, but she's a milk cow, and she'll give all she can."

He smiled, "because, dear Mama, I went out three days ago and kicked the trap to pieces!"

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### Prevent TB

1945

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### HELPING A LITTLE

William Ewart Gladstone used to tell friends about a neighbor's little girl who really believed in prayer. Her brother had made a trap that caught little sparrows and she prayed that it might fail. Suddenly she saw and placed her hands together in prayer for three days her face was radiant and she prayed and her aboriginal faith in the fullness of the trap so noticeable that her mother asked, "Julia, how can you be so positive?" She smiled, "because, dear Mama, I went out three days ago and kicked the trap to pieces!"

### TRIPPED UP

The preacher had just finished a chicken dinner. As he looked up out of the window, a rooster strutted by. "Brudada," said the preacher, "I bet sure an mighty proud looking rooster you 're got dere."

"Yassuh," replied his host. "One his sons done jus' enter de ministry."

### DRINK DEEP

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**MORE LOCAL NEWS**

**Claude Erb, who had brought the body of his mother, Mrs. Idella Erb, to Lowell for burial, received a telegram Wednesday morning stating that his wife had suddenly passed away at their home in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

**Mrs. Ken Merriman, who has been ill and confined to her home for some time, had the misfortune to fall recently, seriously injuring her hip. Mrs. Merriman will enter a Grand Rapids hospital for treatment.**



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**Olympia Stands in Midst Of Nature's Wonders**

Olympia, Wash., occupies what has been pronounced one of America's finest examples of natural landscape gardening, in a setting of snow-capped ranges, vast forests, wild rhododendrons, and mountain streams. Mount Ranier rises to the east; visible to the north are the lofty Olympics, whence the city takes its name.

The governor's mansion is in a park setting near the new state capitol, on a rising knoll. The capitol dome is modeled along lines of that in Washington, D. C. The new governor's mansion is of Georgian style, red brick with marble trimmings.

The city developed at the head of navigation on the Sound, end of the Oregon trail, at a time when waterways were the natural highways, preferred to overland routes. While the capital is dominated by government, excellent rail and highways have developed the port. Olympia grew on land belonging to Edmund Sylvester, a Gloucester fisherman who held the property under the Oregon Provisional government, the original dating from 1848. It was thus one of the early north-west settlements.

**Precautions Help to Preserve Dinnerware**

Many of the precautions usually reserved for fine china are in order for everyday dinnerware. Here are a few suggestions that will help in giving dinnerware good care:

Scrape dishes with a rubber scraper or paper instead of a metal instrument that may mar their surfaces. Stack them in neat piles according to size—many crashes result from haphazard or top-heavy stacks.

Wash just a few dishes at a time and have a folded dish towel in the bottom of the dishpan or grain pan and on the enamel, hardwood or metal drainboard. This will help reduce breakage and is especially needed for fragile china.

Avoid harsh scouring powders, steel wool or metal cleaners which may scratch dishes; dampened whitening on a cloth will remove stubborn stains. Remember too that strong soaps, ammonia or washing soda is hard on gold and silver trims.

**Soak Dishes**

Many dishes and pans used in getting meals will wash more quickly and easily if they are filled with water immediately after using and allowed to soak until washed. A cold-water soak is recommended for loosening starchy foods, like dough or cereal, and also for eggs and milk. A hot-water soak is best for utensils which have held sugary foods like syrup or icing because sugar dissolves faster in hot than in cold water. Greasy utensils should have all possible grease removed — as for cooking use later or salvage — and then should be wiped out with paper and allowed to soak in hot water containing a little baking soda. A time-saving way to keep silverware bright is to have a little aluminum pan filled with hot soda water near the dishpan and put into it any silver, tarnished with egg or other food.

**U. S. Eats Well**

U. S. citizens have had 10 per cent more food per capita during this war than in 1917-18—with 10 per cent fewer on farms and a one-third increase in the total national population, and twice as much food has gone each year to the armed services and for overseas shipments as during the last war. Production figures during the two wars show: Wheat production in 1944 was 1,079 million bushels, compared with 904 million bushels in 1918; corn, 3,228 million bushels compared with 2,441 million; beef and veal, 10,732 million pounds, compared with 8,486 million; pork, 12,893 million pounds, compared with 8,349 million; chickens, 3,460 million pounds, compared with 1,896 million; milk, 119 billion pounds, compared with 73 billion pounds; total fats and oils, 7,787 million pounds, compared with 4,866 million.

**Opened Mesabi**

It was in 1892 that Henry W. Oliver, a Pennsylvania delegate to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis, heard of a new iron range at Mesabi, Minn. He hurried to Duluth, spent his first night sleeping on a billiard table because the town was filled with prospectors and every hotel room was occupied. Oliver bought a horse next morning and set out through the wilderness to Merritt's camp. Impressed by the possibility of feeding the then-infant steel mills of Pittsburgh from this vast new source of ore, he leased a mine and returned to the East. That move "rubbed the lamp of Aladdin." It brought together the expanding needs of the blast furnaces with mountains of newly developed ore.

**Sugar Savers**

As sugar savers, use dried fruits, rich in natural sugar, to add sweetness to desserts. Fill layer cake with chopped dried fruit, mixed with nuts, and moistened with honey or corn syrup. Make steamed dried fruit into fruit whips, or fillings for pies, turnovers and tarts. Instead of sugar in the center of baked apples or pears, fill with raisins and corn syrup or honey, or with mince-meat.

Good habitat for cottontails is a place where there are plenty of brush piles, bramble patches or other hiding places.

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**GOVE LAKE**

MRS. H. L. COOPER

Walter Quiggle had the misfortune to fall on the cement floor of his garage, breaking his ribs. He is improving.

Mrs. Alex Knapp, of Big Rapids, Mrs. Effie Cardinal and her daughter, Mrs. Merle Knuppenburg of Kent City and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Robinson, of Big Rapids were Tuesday guests of their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slatar, having sold their farm here, have bought a place and moved to Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Douglass is planning a Christmas program for this Friday evening, Dec. 21, at the school house at 8 o'clock.

Frank Phillips is seriously ill in a hospital in Grand Rapids.

A Christmas program will be held at the Honey Creek school Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock. Then there will be no school until Jan. 7. B. Cogger, teacher.

Mrs. Effie Gregory has returned from a two week stay with her granddaughter, Mrs. Della Harker and daughter at Muskegon.

Mrs. Margie Brown of Nunee was a Friday visitor of her grandmother, Mrs. Effie Gregory.

**Snake-Bite Serums**

The lives of thousands of tropical workers in essential war needs are being safeguarded by snake-bite serums and other vaccines produced on Brazil's famous "Snake Farm"—the Butantan Institute, near the city of Sao Paulo.

Poisonous snakes, toads, spiders, centipedes and other insects are among the many hazards faced by rubber gatherers in the forests of the Amazon, by farmers, and by workers in newly developed industrial areas.

The serums are widely distributed throughout the nation in sections where they are most needed, and as a result, the mortality resulting from treated cases of snake bite has been reduced from 20 to 22 per cent to from 2 to 5 per cent.

**Milk Supplies Riboflavin**

Riboflavin, essential for growth and general good health and for preserving youth and vigor, probably has its most important source in milk, since milk is reported to furnish almost half the supply of this vitamin in the national diet. Milk is not the most concentrated source, however, according to nutritionists, since liver, kidney cheese, eggs and some greens like kale are richer. Meats, fish, poultry, dry beans, dry peas and peanuts are also good sources. All flour labelled enriched and all commercially made white bread are required to contain specified amounts of riboflavin.

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**Alaskan Rails**

Postwar tourists to Alaska will disembark at a port which is so new that it doesn't appear on most maps and ride into the interior behind modern Diesel locomotives over a railroad that has been built since Pearl Harbor. This is the peacetime promise of a wartime development in transportation which has helped make Alaska secure against future invasion; and, which promises to aid the postwar economic development of the territory by the reduction of freight rates from tide-water to Anchorage by 30 per cent and to Fairbanks by 7.8 per cent. Today the Diesels are hauling vital supplies to U. S. army bases along the strategic Alaska railroad, sole rail link between coastal points and the interior.

Nitrogen applied to peach trees in California resulted in increased yields, but applied to prunes gave no results over a five-year period.

**Sedan, Old French War Ground, Set Auto Style**

The panzer breakthrough that flanked the little Maginot line in 1940 occurred at Sedan. Once before France's armies suffered decisive defeat at Sedan by aggressor Germany. On September 1, 1918, during the Franco-Prussian war, a French army of 81,000 found itself completely surrounded and was systematically cut to pieces in a bloody two-day battle. The invaders quickly pushed on to Paris.

In 1914 France drew the enemy allowing Sedan and other frontier forts to fall. The decisive, victorious battle was fought on the Marne and Paris was saved. Four years later, the American 1st and 42nd divisions were on the point of taking Sedan when the Armistice was signed. The Yanks had reached the suburbs across the Meuse river only one kilometer from Sedan on November 11, 1918.

During peace intervals Sedan developed a textile industry. Its 17,000 inhabitants were mill-workers, weavers, and shopkeepers serving the large garrison. The town has been credited with giving its name to the sedan-chair and to the sedan-type automobile body. Covered and sometimes enclosed, man-carried sedan-chairs provided the fashionable means of city transport in the 16-18th centuries.

**Hocus-Focus—This Outfit Detects Counterfeits**

How an electric spark may quickly detect counterfeit coins is revealed in a patent granted to Hjalmar L. Peterson of Stockholm, Sweden, (Pat. No. 2,100,977). The invention not only detects counterfeits, but automatically separates them from the genuine coins.

As the coin drops down a chute it is momentarily held and an electric spark is caused to jump between the coin and an electrode. Light from the spark passes into a spectroscopic device which breaks the light up into a spectrum.

The spectrum of light is then focused on a slit. If the coin is genuine, the focused beam of light will pass through the slit and strike a photoelectric cell. The cell converts the light into electric energy, which operates a relay. In turn, the relay swings a hopper over the genuine coin receiving box, into which the coin falls.

On the other hand, if the coin is a counterfeit, the electric spark gives a spectrum which, when focused, will not wholly enter the slit, but hits a blocking screen. In this case the relay is actuated to swing the hopper over the box which receives the counterfeit coins.

**Young Investors**

Speaking of young inventors, Sir William Perkin invented aniline dyes at 18. Then comes William Siemens at 20 with the steam engine governor, Bessemer at 21 with electro-plating, Marconi at 21 with his first patent on radio, Edison at 24 patented the stock ticker, Howe at 28 the sewing machine, Whitney at 27 the cotton gin, Watt at 29 the steam engine, Bell at 30 the telephone, Mergenthaler at 30 the first linotype, Nobel at 34 dynamite, Eastman at 34 the kodak camera, the Wrights the airplane at 34 and 38, Fulton at 38 the submarine, Good-year at 39 patented vulcanization of rubber.

Fulton at 42 patented his steamboat, Siemens at 44 the dynamo and open hearth process, Stephenson at 45 the first successful locomotive, Morse at 48 brought out the telegraph, Roentgen made his X-ray machine at 30, Daimler patented his gasoline vehicle at 32, and Harvey patented Harveyized steel at 67, the end of the list.

**Flying Bazookas**

The barrels of flying bazookas, which the army air forces have installed on the Thunderbolt and other types of fighter planes, are made from a special paper plastic. Plastic was used because it is lighter than other types of material and better adapted for this job. What resins were used was not revealed other than that it is fire-resistant to withstand the fiery blast of the rocket missile when launched. Army officials have referred to fighter planes carrying flying bazookas as "flying artillery." In France these planes were credited with contributing to the destruction of the German Seventh army in its retreat from the Falaise pocket. Firing of the flying bazookas is controlled by the pilot in the same manner as he fires his .50-caliber wing machine guns, by pressing a trigger set in the stick.

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Social Brevities**

Miss Mary Kent was hostess to the John and Priscilla club on Saturday evening. A potluck supper was served after which games were played and gifts exchanged.

Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach was hostess to the Gooftus club last Wednesday afternoon when a Christmas luncheon, exchange of gifts and euchre furnished the afternoon's entertainment.

Mrs. Richard Lamplin entertained the members of the Ex Libris club Tuesday night for their Christmas party. Light refreshments were served after the group sang Christmas carols and exchanged gifts.

The Bell Telephone operators enjoyed their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Olive Wood. The Himebaugh turkey farm presented them with a turkey for the occasion; this was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the girls, who are working extra hard during the holidays.

The P. N. G. held their annual Christmas party Monday evening in the Rotary room of the Lowell Cafe with a Christmas tree, gifts for all and a nicely served delicious dinner. This organization has a unique practice of each member having a "secret sister," who remembers them on all anniversaries during the year closing with Christmas when their identity is revealed.

**Junior Farm Bureau**

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 27. All members are to bring a small gift and also their ice skates.

**Card of Thanks**

I wish to thank neighbors and friends for the cards and greetings sent me during my recent illness.

George Chaffee

**Card of Thanks**

We are sincerely grateful to friends and neighbors for their many acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Elliott and family

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**COMING EVENTS**

The Community Farm Bureau groups of Lowell township, including Mapes, Merriman, Morse Lake and Snow, will hold a joint meeting at Snow Community Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 27. There will be a pot luck lunch following the program. Snow group will furnish coffee. Please bring your own table service. Alice Reynolds, Snow reporter.

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational church school will be held Sunday evening, Dec. 28, from six to seven o'clock. All parents of the children and members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend.

**N. McCORDS—E. CASCADE**

MRS. EFFIE COX

Sgt. Fred Cox has received his discharge after 4 1/2 years of service in the army, some time overseas, and arrived home Friday.

Little Phillip Wilson spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Quiggle while his mother was in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Prevost were Sunday evening guests at the John Cox home.

Fred Wisner was a visitor of his grandson, Dale Wisner, in Grand Rapids the past week.

Mrs. Eva Kaufman spent the week-end with the home folks in Grand Rapids.

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Blue Star mothers Christmas meeting was held Dec. 12 with a good attendance of husbands and friends as guests. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. A Christmas program with songs and readings was enjoyed, after which Mr. Runciman auctioned off Christmas and birthday gifts. The committee served coffee, sandwiches and cake. Next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 8 o'clock.

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