

People sometimes ask what is the secret of success in one's occupation. One answer was given by the philosopher, who said that if someone makes a better mousetrap, the world will be a path to his door, even if it is located in the woods. There is a great amount of truth in that idea.

People who take a keen interest in their occupation are likely to often consider whether their service or the thing they are doing or making can be improved. They watch carefully to see what the public wants, and if it is possible to make any improvement in their work or service, and to do something a little better than someone else is doing it, they take advantage of that chance. Such efforts can be expected to bring success.

### ART OF COOKING

A long time ago, when the first families lived in a crude world, much of the food consumed, was uncooked. That art was developed and has led to the present day menu of practically all cooked meats and vegetables. In fact, there was a step in our history, when forebears thought unless food was cooked it shouldn't be eaten. We do stress the salad bowl today, use many vegetables raw and are aware that the old way of cooking certain vegetables for hours, is entirely wrong. More people are inclined to meat in a juicy red state. "Make mine rare," is drawing more advocates to the raw state.

Cooking has become an art along with music, painting, the stage. A Lowell woman hardly considers cooking as an art, but her family will testify as to her artistic ability with a pot holder and a mixing bowl, a range, a sauce pan and a bag of herbs. Though she still has the same efficient tools in the kitchen, the raw materials with which this artist works, cost far more. The cook must be especially clever, ingenious, thrifty. When her work of art graces the family board, she well deserves applause from her audience. Her skill at her work bench merits the appreciation at the dining table.

### SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

A supper will be served at 7:30 on Saturday night, Dec. 20, honoring all those whose birthdays are in October, November and December. This will be followed by the Christmas program and exchange of gifts. Each family is asked to bring a \$50 gift for each adult and a \$25 gift for each child. Rev. Edmond Lux of Alto will be our speaker.

### INTERESTED IN BOXING?

Lowell boys interested in boxing and Golden Gloves competition contact Les Kline at Gable Store or Lester Stauffer. Still room for several members on the team.

### BAKE GOODS SALE

There will be a bake goods sale Saturday, Dec. 20, starting at 11 o'clock, at Thompson's Sanitary Market, sponsored by the Odako Camp Group. c53

### KINDERGARTEN THANK YOU

We want to thank Mr. Johnson and the parents who helped build our Christmas float, and Mr. Helm for the trees, Mr. McFall for his car in the parade, the stockeepers and Mr. Schafer for the boxes, the 7th and 8th grade boys who gathered the boxes, Mr. Tanner and all others who helped us. c33

### Soo Wool Clothing for Christmas

Ideal for ice fishing, sportswear and general service, new stock just received—coats, breeches, caps. Coons.

## Council Enacts Emergency Rates

### Increases in Cost of Fuel And Labor Forces Rate Revision

The village council voted Monday night to put an emergency increase in light rates of the Lowell Municipal plant in effect immediately to help take care of greatly increased costs of both labor and fuel.

This is the first change in light rates since 1940 when they were reduced. The new rates will take effect on December 15, collected starting January 1. On residential users the increase will amount to an average of 49 cents per month, based on consumption of electricity. The increase on commercial and power consumers will be considerably higher than for residential patrons.

Lowell Municipal plant is operating on costs averaging 300% higher for fuel and 50 per cent higher for labor than existed in 1940 when the present rates were set. In view of this fact the council has investigated municipal and privately owned public utilities and found that Lowell was generally lower than any other place.

The increase is expected to raise about \$12,000 more a year which will partly take care of fuel costs which at present amounts to an increase of \$18,000 a year. When costs drop back to those prevailing in the past the present emergency increase will be removed, council members promised at Monday night's meeting.

"It is far better," Peter Spearstray, village president, revealed "to make a slight increase now than to wake up next fall ten to fifteen thousand dollars in the red."

Copy of the new rates will be available to all patrons at the Light Plant office on January 1, when they pay their December bills.

### Mrs. Harvey Roberts Passes at Age 50

Mrs. Harvey Roberts, 50, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday night at Osteopathic hospital, Grand Rapids, after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, three children, Mrs. Grace Vaughan, George and Betty, and one grandson, Mrs. Kate Hovinga of Lowell; two brothers, Henry VanTimmeren of Rockford and C. VanTimmeren of Flint.

### ORDEE SEEDS NOW. FARMERS ADVISED

With uneven supplies of grain and grass seeds in Michigan, farmers are advised to determine their needs and place their orders as soon as possible.

Supplies of Michigan-grown alfalfa and sweet clover seed are about normal, but due to spotty production, local shortages may develop.

Michigan State college specialists point out that red clover seed production in Michigan in 1947 was only half as large as in 1946 and down about 30 percent over the entire nation.

Phone your news to the Ledger. This Line Fills This Column.

### Will Observe Golden Wedding Next Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Seelye, of Snow Ave., Route 2, Lowell, will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sunday, Dec. 21, with open house from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening. No invitations have been issued. Their exact anniversary occurs December 22. The couple have lived all their married life near Lowell. Mr. Seelye was for many years a stock buyer and string butcher. Mr. and Mrs. Seelye have four sons, Vernor, Howard, Leon and Cecil, all living in the vicinity, and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Lowell League at Lake Odessa, Tuesday Night

	P	W	L
Hotspots	36	25	17
King Milling	30	22	20
Lowell Moose	29	23	16
Lowell Sprayers	25	20	22
Lowell Bears	23	18	21
Keiser's Kitchen	21	15	27

Keiser's Kitchen took two out of three games from the Sprayers. The Hotspots took two out of three games from the Bears. King Milling drubbed the Moose three straight games and took over second place.

High games for the night: P. Davenport (the mail must go through) 219, Grimwood 206, J. Abraham 158, F. Boyce 187, T. Ford 184, F. Baker 185-181, C. Boyce 180.

### Lowell "Jacks" Bowling League, Belding, Friday Night

	W	L	P
Lowell Electricians	27	12	36
Krogers	21	18	29
Lowell Dusters	21	18	28
Lowell Bears	17	22	23
Superior Furniture	15	24	21
Lowell Moose	16	23	19

Lowell Moose rolled their postponed matches this past week-end, and after dropping three games and 4 points to the Lowell Dusters, rallied to clip the league leading Electricians for two games and 3 pts. Last week's competition was keen, as two matches ended in stalemate, and the third match a 3 to 1 split of points as the Moose fell short of wood after a great rally. Krogers and Bears split, Superior Furniture and Dusters split, Electricians 3 points and Moose 1 point. Noteworthy scores, Dick Kinyon 207, John Topp 200, Jim Topp 210, Foguth 204, Ted King 214 and three game totals of 556 by Foguth, 547 by Abraham.

### CORRECTION

Radio Service Company handle Columbia, M. G. M., Tempo and Majestic records, not Temple, as advertised in last week's Ledger. p38

### SHOPPING WEEK LEFT

Place the Christmas tree so that it will not fall and so that it is far from the fireplace or candles. Do not leave stockings hanging by a lighted fireplace nor candles burning near curtains. Check your tree lighting circuit for shorts and be sure that tinsel or metal icicles do not touch it. Put discarded wrapping paper into metal containers and dispose of it at once. It is highly inflammable. Put lights and breakables decorations out of reach of the tiny child.

Shop Until Tired

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## Schools to Close For the Holidays

Lowell schools will close at dismissal this week Friday night for a two weeks' recess, reopening on Monday morning, Jan. 5. This is the longest holiday vacation period that has ever been enjoyed by the pupils and teachers.

Several teachers live long distances from Lowell, and they will appreciate the full two weeks at home. None are contemplating long trips, but all plan to take a rest. Except for basketball practice, there will be no activities in the school during this period.

## Hunters Advised to Get Storage Permit

Hunters planning to save duck, pheasant or venison for some special occasion more than 60 days past the end of the hunting season are advised by the conservation department to get a storage permit when they pack the meat away. Then they need not worry about overlooking the 60-day deadline.

In the 60-day post-season period no permit is needed, but within 5 days after this period expires, owners and operators of storage places must notify the conservation department of game in their possession for which no permit has been secured.

The permits cost nothing. They may be obtained from the conservation officer of the county in which the game is to be stored, upon show of proof of lawful possession. Permits are needed for both imported game and game taken in Michigan.

Permits for keeping waterfowl are limited by federal regulations to an additional 30 days, but permits for storing other game are good indefinitely. The total amount of game stored, however, may never exceed the possession limit, and no permits for storage are issued unless the place of storage is open to inspection at any time by a conservation officer of the state police.

Perhaps because of high meat prices, considerable game has gone into cold storage this season. In Ionia county, for instance, an estimated three tons of venison is now in frozen food locker plants.

### Carl Albert Carlson Passes Unexpectedly

Carl Albert Carlson, aged 50, passed away in Lowell unexpectedly on Friday, Dec. 12. Mr. Carlson came to Lowell about four and one-half years ago and has worked on the farm in Vergennes township for Mrs. C. O. Condon.

He is survived by two sons, Hal Carlson of Long Beach, Calif., Clyde Carlson of Powell, Butte, Oregon; two daughters, Mrs. Annabelle Powelson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Elsie Fox of Peshawin, Wash.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 15, from the Roth Chapel, the Rev. Norman E. Woon officiating. Burial was in Afton cemetery.

### Health Department Gives Good Advice For the Holidays

Use a little care to keep your Christmas cheery. Don't let sickness, accident or death take your holiday, the Michigan Department of Health counseled today and issued a reminder on some pre-holiday and holiday hazards.

More than one-tenth of Michigan's 1946 accidents deaths occurred during December. Accidents in the home took the lives of 129 persons, 78, from falls (almost all of these were in the mature parent or grandparents age bracket) and 26, from fires, burns and explosions.

You fall when you are climbing, when you tumble down stairs, when you stumble over something, or when you slip on something left in your path. Use a sturdy step ladder when you are decorating your Christmas tree. Move it around the tree. Don't carry huge armfuls of bundles down the stairs. Move those skating rugs from above and below the staircase, preferably forever, but at least for the holiday season. Don't leave toys or packages on the stairs. You can break your neck on a piece of wrapping paper or tinsel, and small toys like marbles can cause big falls. Remind all members of the family of furniture moves made to accommodate the Christmas tree and holiday guests. Be sure that outdoor steps are sanded.

### Don't Leave Tree Lights On

Guard against overheated furnaces and stoves and put out all other fires, candles and lights, including Christmas tree lights, when leaving your house, even for a few minutes, or when going to bed. Remember, Santa can find his way to a totally dark house, but he might miss a charred one.

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JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

## The Yuletide Time

By Neva L. M. Hobbs

We stand on an equal plane today, the one brief span of the year. When the world forgets all caste and class; for the Yuletide time is here.

The season of equality, when lowly are high with the great. And the proud bend low o'er the manger, forsaking their high estate. For this is the Christmas season, and Christmas belongs to the child. Who knows no standards raised falsely, and whose soul is so sweet and mild. We are standing more nearly together at this most holy time Than we've stood since last the carols rang and the holy wreaths were twined.

"Except ye become as a little child," is a crux of all the plan. And only once in all the year do we seemingly understand—Divine the thought of the Master mind when He set for us the goal, That child-like universal is the sweetest language of the soul.

O childhood sweet, untutored, at this season take our garbled hand; Bend low our pride and sophistry, and lead us back into the land Of thine own babe-innocence, which knows no lines, no strife, no fear; Erase forever all caste and class, for the Yuletide time is here.

## Recruiting Officer Opens Office Here

A recruiting office for the U. S. Army was opened this week in the lobby of Lowell city hall with Sgt. Glenn Cathey in charge for Lowell and neighboring townships.

Sgt. Cathey is a veteran of the European war theatre. He is a native of Oakfield township and is a member of Courland Grange, and extends a cordial invitation to all to call and get acquainted.

### COMING EVENTS

The annual Masonic and O. E. S. family Christmas dinner will be held at Lowell Masonic Temple on Friday evening, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock sharp. Members please bring dessert, vegetables or salad. 32-33

The members of the Merriman Farm Bureau will hold a Christmas party Monday, Dec. 22, at the Marion Shade home. Exchange of inexpensive gifts.

The Vergennes Center Farm Bureau will meet Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Odell at 8 o'clock. There will be a Christmas party. Each man is to bring a gift for a man and each lady a gift for a lady.

The Legion Auxiliary will have a Christmas party next Monday evening at Mrs. Anna Ellis' home. Potluck supper at 7. Please bring own service. There will be an exchange of gifts, not to exceed 50 c. All members invited.

The Child Study Club will hold a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. James Gee, Thursday evening, Dec. 18. Gift exchange. Mrs. Howard Rittenger has charge of entertainment.

### BLUEGILL FISHERMEN ARE GIVEN A BREAK

After December 31, bluegill fishermen will no longer need to keep an eye on the clock, as the ban on fishing for bluegills or possessing them on the ice after 6 p. m. expires with the old year.

Allowing evening and night fishing for bluegills probably will affect more anglers than any other change in the regulations for ice fishing, the conservation department reports.

### CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO ORDERS LOCOMOTIVES

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has placed orders with the Lima Hamilton Corporation for 15 heavy duty type 2-6-6-2 Mallet locomotives to cost \$5,800,000. Delivery of the engines, to be built at Lima, Ohio, is scheduled for next July. This makes a total of 55 coal-burning locomotives ordered by the Chesapeake and Ohio in 1947.

Advertise in the Ledger and get results.

### FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

## Christmas Parade Draws Big Crowd

### School Pupils Deserve Much Credit For Building Many Fine Floats

One almost mistook the crowd in town Saturday for Showboat week. Instead, it was for the big Christmas parade. It was good, too, and right on time (seldom heard of), led by our high school band dressed in their flaming red uniforms and dashing white satin clad majorities playing appropriate selections.

The Christmas parade, sponsored by Lowell Board of Trade, made up almost exclusively of school children and their floats, proved to be a success from every angle. However, the spirit of the season has never been more manifest throughout the school and the training in cooperative endeavor was well worth the effort and time put in by the children.

Virtually all of the children from the kindergarten through the twelfth grade took part in one capacity or another. The kindergarten presented a beautiful float wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, spelled out in block form. The children not riding on the float rode in cars. The first, second and third grades marched with placards made by the children. The fourth graders imitated reindeer in a very novel manner.

The fifth grade made a float depicting Christmas dolls about the Christmas tree. The sixth and seventh grades offered two floats representing Christmas in other lands. The eighth grade mounted a beauty on a cart and extolled the virtues of winter sports. The children also represented carolers, heralds and angels, and Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit.

The ninth grade displayed a float depicting a happy family about the fireplace with carolers outside of the window. The tenth grade also represented the American and European Christmas in their two very fine floats. The eleventh grade placed Santa and a cutter on a trailer. The twelfth grade put in a great deal of time in building a house on a truck with Santa coming down the chimney. The F. F. A. boys presented the manager scene with a live donkey and live sheep.

The procession moved down High street, up Jefferson to Richards Park, where carols were sung and candy was distributed by Santa. Remarks were made by E. G. Schaefer, Cary Shiff, Dan Treven, Mrs. Elvina Finels and Mrs. Lee Lampkin.

Norton L. Avery, chairman of the judges, announced that the Board of Trade prizes of \$12.00, \$8.00 and \$5.00 were awarded to the F. F. A., Kindergarten and tenth grade in the order named. Honorable mention went to the seniors, fifth grade and sixth and seventh grades.

The children appreciate the help that the parents and townspersons so graciously gave them. Business men and parents loaned trucks, helped make the floats and in many other ways assisted them. The parade was largely the creations of the children themselves.

The citizens of Lowell and vicinity, as well as the business places on the main street, were well pleased with the results and feel great credit should be extended to the school children, which made up the most part of the parade, and to the chairman who devoted so much of their time: E. G. Schaefer, Board of Trade president; Daniel H. Treven, general chairman; Mrs. Lee Lampkin, co-general chairman; Frank McMahon, lighting committee; Jay Boelens, Christmas tree trimmings; Cary Shiff, parade; Wm. Christiansen, Christmas candy and presents; to the judges, to the Garden Lore Club and chairman for their fitting finale at the park.

### Public Invited to Candle Ceremonial Tonight at Eight

A Nativity scene will be the center of interest at the Christmas candlelight ceremonial to be given by the Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds this Thursday night, Dec. 18. The public is invited to attend the program which will be held in the high school gym at 8:00 o'clock.

The roles of Mary and Joseph will be portrayed by Ellen Jepson and Winona Shiff. The candles symbolizing the Camp Fire theme of Work, Health, and Love, will be lighted by Phyllis Cole, Nola Bedell and Judy Schneider. Candles representing the eight points of the Camp Fire Law will be lighted, and appropriate verses will be given by Marcia Althaus, Karin Johnson, Lois White, Connie Place, Donna McGarvey Juanita Alfien, Katherine Hovinga and Maureen Rankin. Two Blue Birds, Sondra Fonger and Lee Walters, will present Christmas poems. The traditional carols will be sung, and the Christmas story from St. Luke will be read.

Leaders of the Blue Bird group this year are Mrs. Ray Borgerson, Mrs. Donald Yetter, Mrs. Douglas Outley and Mrs. Edward Rankin. Camp Fire leaders are Mrs. Robert Jepson, Mrs. Frederick Althaus, Mrs. Robert Starkey, Mrs. Arnold Falreich, Mrs. David Miller and Mrs. David Coont.

### Notice, Everybody

Correspondents and All Advertisers

During both Christmas week and New Year's week, the Ledger will be published a day earlier than usual, therefore correspondents, advertisers and others are kindly requested to mail or bring to this office all matter for publication on Monday of each of the above mentioned weeks. Thank you.

May the holiday season bring every happiness is the wish of

The Lowell Ledger.

Read the Ledger; want ads.



The old-time Christmas party given by Lowell Board of Trade at the South Boston Grange hall last Thursday night was enjoyed by upwards of 200 people. The ladies of the Grange served a fine chicken supper which was followed by a short program, concluding with dancing. The old timers showed that they were still able to shake a wicked foot, witness Frank McMahon, Norton Henry, et al., not forgetting the lady school teacher who danced in her stocking feet.

— The Riato —

Mrs. John Hoover of Keene township had the misfortune to suffer a hip fracture when she slipped and fell on Main-st. while watching the parade last Saturday afternoon. She was taken to Blodgett hospital in the Roth ambulance.

— The Riato —

Henry Johnson of the Kent County Road Commission told West Roth the other day that it takes approximately 5,000 gallons of gasoline a day to clear the roads of the county following snow storms. Quite a pretty penny for gasoline at present prices.

— The Riato —

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: We have never gained so much confidence in the weather man that we would permit him to pick a race horse or a baseball team for us. . . . It used to be when they said "chicken" they meant a cute chick, but today when we say "chickens" we MEAN poultry! . . . A Lowell reader says we wanted to possess to have a shortage of corn, but that he notices they are able to dish out a surplus supply of it in politics, as usual. . . . It certainly takes a lot of patience for children to put up with their parents. . . . Some of us worry more about what a voter will fall for, than what a candidate will stand for.

## Seek 10 Million Military Training Petition Signers

American Legionnaires are buttonholing the fellow citizens in every corner of Michigan seeking signatures on petitions calling for compulsory military training. Addressed to U. S. Senators and Congressmen the petitions read as follows:

"Peace is worth striving for. Therefore, we, citizens of the United States and voters, urge you, our representatives in the 89th Congress, to support and vote for legislation establishing a system of Universal Military Training for American young men, as recommended by the President's advisory committee on universal training."

Nation-wide in scope, the petition, campaign has a goal of 10 million signers. After fighting for military training since first being organized in 1919, the Legion now senses probable victory in 1948 and plans to furnish Congress overwhelming proof that the great majority of Americans want a training law enacted NOW.

In addition to circulating petitions the Michigan Legionnaires have inaugurated a letter-writing project designed to acquaint Congressmen with the desire of their constituents even more emphatically. All of the 550 Legion posts in the state are forming 10-man teams with each team member pledged to make sure that 10 or more of his friends and neighbors write their representatives in Washington in favor of military training.

In July a training bill entitled H. R. 4278, was reported out favorably by committee and will be on the House calendar when Congress convenes in regular session in January. Anticipating early consideration of the measure, Legionnaires are hastening to alert the lawmakers to the widespread demand for prompt and favorable action.

No entertainment is so cheap as reading nor any pleasure so lasting—Lady M. W. Montague.

### Golden Wedding Day, Dec. 28

By Mrs. Harry Fitch, Ada Correspondent.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris of Bronson St., Ada, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 28, from two until five o'clock in the afternoon and from seven until nine in the evening. Open house will be held for relatives, neighbors and friends, and no invitations will be sent.

Mr. Morris was born in Ewona in 1877 and has lived this vicinity all his life. Mrs. Morris was born in Holt, Ingham County in 1876 and came to Ada with her parents when she was 13 years of

age. Mr. and Mrs. Morris were married in Ada, December 29, 1897. In 1900 the couple moved to Snyrna, where Mr. Morris was employed at the Lowell Municipal Light and Power Company for 20 years. In 1920 they moved to Ada, where he was employed by Consumers Power Company until the retirement in April, 1946.

They have two children, Homer Morris of Ada and Mrs. Winnie Chaffee of Grand Rapids, and two grandchildren, Eugene and Joanne Morris.



GIATS
Merry Christmas to Editor and staff and all readers.

Gift Handkerchiefs
Wk. embroidered lawns, white, plain and embroidered linens, attractive prints.

Ladies' Head Squares and Scarfs. \$1.00 up
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs

White lawn, hand embroidered initial, rolled hems. 75c

Children's Handkerchiefs - Attractive Designs 25c each

For Christmas ... give BLANKETS

100% Wool CANNON-LEAKSVILLE BLANKET 72 x 90 \$12.95

Genuine HUDSON BAY BLANKET \$26.50

PLASTIC TABLE CLOTHS 54 x 54 \$1.00 54 x 72 \$1.50

Exquisite FIELDCREST LACE TABLE CLOTHS 72 x 90 \$10.98

WEEKS 219 W. Main St. Phone 77

NO. KEENE - NO. BOSTON
Merry Christmas to Editor and staff and all readers.

Our community was greatly shocked at the news of the accident to Lizzie Hoover, who fell on sidewalk in Lowell Saturday afternoon.

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Cherry Tree Careful
The old Cherry Tree care, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of planting a branch of cherry tree in water to bid for Christmas.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pick some cherries for her.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the household of the man who had planted it would be prosperous during the New Year.

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candles by electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and second, freproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

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FALLSBURG & VICINITY
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SOUTH LOWELL BUSY CORNERS
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Christmas tree and program at lowest school on Friday evening, Dec. 18.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunn of Grand Lodge were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Rose Kiel.

The Fred Reusser family of Belding were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Crook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Connor of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Coe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elliott and Patty Joe of Ionia were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. F. A. Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood, Jr. of Grand Rapids were Sunday evening visitors at the Ralph Sherwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Grand Rapids were week-end visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fahnestock.

George Hatch returned Saturday from Hagedorn hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for a fractured ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner and two children of Grand Rapids were week-end visitors at the Roper Warner home.

Mrs. Jennie Engle has been removed from Hagedorn hospital to a convalescent home at Hill Crest Manor, Grand Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bannan and Mrs. Julia E. Bannan were in Ionia Saturday to see Mr. Bannan's mother, Mrs. Ellen Bannan, who is in failing health.

Miss Shirley Richmond of Grand Rapids will visit Mrs. John W. Richmond from M. S. C. spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thero Richmond.

The Nazarene Young People's choir, soloists, quartets, trios, duets and instrumentalists have arranged a very full week of activities for the Christmas season this year.

Miss Bertha Jean Schneider spent Thursday night and Friday with her mother, Mrs. John W. Richmond from M. S. C. spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thero Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shear of Battle Creek with Mr. and Mrs. Will Booth and Claude Booth of Lowell attended the funeral of John Boussing at Ervatt Monday, Mr. Boussing is a brother of Mrs. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kloosterman went to Grand Rapids Sunday to attend the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nielsen (nee Glennis Buck). Miss Lorraine Nielsen, their daughter, who works from California for two weeks, will be married December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ridgway of Muskegon Heights, Mrs. Hattie Hayes and son Carl of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Edna A. Alderick and Mrs. A. J. LaBrecque of Grand Rapids attended the military funeral of Mrs. Lawrence O. Ridgway Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Godfrey, 50, wife of the Coffee Cup Cafe operator on US-16, suffered a fractured pelvis last week Wednesday when she fell from the highway near the viaduct on US-16 and hit a tree. Mrs. Godfrey was cut about the face.

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**IONIA POMONA GRANGE**  
Officers Center Grange was hostesses to the Pomona Grange on Saturday evening, Dec. 13, about eighty enjoying the supper which was served at 7:30. Following the business meeting, the program was presented by the lecturer, Mrs. Mildred Wittbach. The speaker of the evening, Rev. Ellis of Belding, gave a very interesting talk on present musical numbers and a reading were given by members of both the juvenile and Suburban members of the Ionia Grange. Waiver paper for time and place of the January meeting.

**ELMDALE**  
Mrs. Iva Sargent  
Friends and neighbors of Charles Trewhigg are sorry to hear of his illness, and are earnestly praying that he may soon be making his home at Elmdale.

Carl Bengert of Grand Rapids presented a program at the Church of the Brethren last Sunday evening. His subject was "The Power of the Holy Spirit." The program was held at the home of Mrs. Iva Sargent.

**Good Times Are Due to Continue**  
**Rural Communities Should Prosper**  
**Predict Buying Power to Continue**  
By Gene Ahlman, Staff-Manager  
"Good times are due to continue in 1948. A 5 to 8 per cent increase in retail sales is forecast. Rural communities should prosper. Farm prices are likely to stay high, and farmers' buying power will remain strong. Such is the consensus of government economists and private experts who make a practice of looking into the crystal ball."

**MOSELEY—MURRAY LAKE**  
Mrs. and Mr. Ed Hayes of Charlotte were Moseley victors Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost left Saturday for New Fort Richey, Fla., to spend the remainder of the winter.

**Grand Rapids, Mich.**  
The Ladies Aid will meet Jan. 15 on the 3rd Thursday in January with Mrs. Jeanie Kroff.

**KINSHIP** is the power of lineage that binds generations together. It endures through time and space, and is the foundation of a family. It is the bond that binds a family together, and is the foundation of a nation.

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The Christmas season this year may be an appropriate occasion for you to make the selection of a family monument. If so, we think we can be helpful.

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**Another West Michigan Fair**  
The first of the farm and home planning meetings in Kent County seemed good to see a lot of folks who have been exhibitors at this show for some 10 or 15 years and then there were a lot of new faces. One of the things that attracted the number of 4-H club members had more entries in their and hog classes than in the open class. We have always hoped that some day this show would be a 4-H club event. The daily press has carried complete details of the show, the winners, prize received, etc. The auction was a spirited event particularly the sale of the champions. Some of our 4-H club folks are already hunting for steers and hogs to show at the next show. It is a good introduction into the kind of a show. They handled the judge and sale ring in good shape.

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End Tables Lamp Tables Radio Tables  
Coffee Tables Dining Tables  
\$3.95 up  
finer lamps  
Bridge ..... \$11.70 up  
Table ..... \$ 7.25 up  
Vanity ..... \$ 2.25 up  
Pin Up ..... \$ 2.25 up  
Desk ..... \$10.50 up

Knee Hole Desks ..... \$54.95 up  
Smokers ..... \$ 4.95 up  
Framed Pictures ..... \$ 1.65 up  
Magazine Racks ..... \$ 4.15 up  
Trunk Rugs ..... \$ 2.25 up  
Sessions Electric Clocks ..... \$ 9.50 up  
Hampers ..... \$ 5.29 up  
Bissell Sweepers ..... \$ 6.95 up  
Hassocks ..... \$ 5.95 up  
Electric Toasters ..... \$ 2.75 up

Frigidaire Electric Ranges and Water Heaters  
For Immediate Delivery  
Nesco Electric Roasters ..... \$36.95  
Steak Broiler ..... \$16.95  
G. E. Electric Blankets  
Whiting Home Freezers, 4 cu. ft. \$224.50 12 cu. ft. \$404.50

**for the children:**  
Desk with Chair ..... \$19.75  
Fold-Away Desks ..... \$13.25  
Table and Chair Sets ..... \$10.25  
Rocking Chairs ..... \$7.54  
Highchairs ..... \$7.50  
Doll Beds ..... \$2.80  
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**Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care**  
To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:  
-Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.  
-Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.  
-Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.  
-Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.  
-Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.  
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**Church News**  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CH.  
Norman G. Woon, Minister  
Church School—10:00 a. m. Mrs. J. J. Hahn, Sup.  
Worship Services—11:00 a. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
C. E. Pollock, Minister  
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.  
The Golden Milestones of Christmas sermon for the morning worship at 11 o'clock. Christmas music, both vocal and instrumental at 11:15.

VERGENNES METHODIST CH.  
The Christmas sermon and the Christmas tree exercises will be at the church at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, Dec. 21.

UNIONIST SCIENCE SOCIETY  
Corner Washington and Kent  
Morning Services at 11 o'clock every Sunday.  
"Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" will be the subject of the World's Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, Dec. 21.  
The Golden Text, Psalms 33:4-9.

LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
(Washington at Avery)  
The Church for the Whole Family  
Paul Z. Hoover, M. A. Minister  
10:00 a. m. Sunday Bible School  
Gerald E. Rollins, superintendent  
11:00 a. m. The Hour of Worship  
Sermon by the Pastor  
7:00 p. m. Young People's Service  
Alva Fletcher, president  
7:45 p. m. Service of Evangelism with a Gospel message by the pastor  
Thursday, 8:00 p. m. The Mid-Week hour of songs, prayer and testimonies.  
The Church Board will meet the second Monday of each month at 8 o'clock.

**SEELEY CORNERS**  
Mrs. A. P. BERNHARD  
Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of William Little who passed away Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's hospital after a long and painful illness.  
Mrs. Claudia Fuller and son Roy of Hastings spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole.  
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra are wearing happy smiles these days because of their new grandson who was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin of Lowell. Congratulations.  
Mrs. Harry Brown entered Buttrick hospital Monday afternoon for observation and operation. Plans are being made for the annual community Christmas program to be held at Snow church Tuesday evening of next week. The turkey dinner will be given for the Children's Home at Farmington.  
Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Seeley who will celebrate their Golden Wedding next Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Aldrich and children of LeRoy are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds are attending a family holiday dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Galt in Grand Rapids.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Partridge of Alto spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lavonia Cole.  
Lester Antonides is serving on Grand Traverse jury.  
Reginald Smith was the winner of the Grand Champion prize for wrens at the Pet Stock Show at Grand Rapids. Douglas Antonides also won prizes for swine and Duroc Hogs with prizes for cattle. Congratulations boys.

**WEST LOWELL, MICH. MEXICO COURTS**  
Last week callers of Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lawton and baby of Iron, Mrs. Ida Sinclair, Mrs. Elsie Kellogg of Lowell, Arthur Green and Mrs. and Mrs. Mason.  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stinton of this district were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald and Mrs. Myrtle Stinton.  
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and children spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Billings.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nesbitt of Grand Rapids were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright in Vergennes.  
The U. B. Sunday School will have their Christmas program and tree Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30.

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According to information from the Federal Department of Agriculture, the total production of grain in this country based on the 1945 price...

ATTENTION Businessmen, Civic Leaders, Clubs, Teachers: If you know of any boys or girls who may not be provided with the usual Christmas privileges...

A Christmas party is being given by the Lowell Nazarene Sunday School on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, in the City Hall, in the evening.

The only request is that their names be submitted well in advance so that they may be given personal invitations, and so proper arrangements can be made to assure them of a grand time at the party.

Please address all communications to one of the following: Gerald E. Rollins, Supt. Dave Clark, Sr., Emerson Stevens, Committee Members

"One name submitted Is O. K., (admitted) BUT Two names or more Bring honors galore!"



Christmas is rush time for Long Distance too

Every year on Christmas Day, Long Distance lines are like crowded highways. And Long Distance calls, like cars, are "bumper to bumper."

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees were made in Japan...

DDT Exterminators By spraying or painting the wires of a bird cage with a saturated solution of DDT crystals in methanol...

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.

Stockings This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings. When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them...

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles Drooping needles or leaves of Christmas trees which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y.

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Use our "Gift Certificate" for any gift or amount you wish to give—He'll like the idea.

McMahon and Reynolds 200 Main St. Lowell, Mich.

Bowme Center W. S. C. S. The annual Christmas meeting was held Wednesday, Dec. 3, with a dinner of winners and awards served at noon.

Christmas tree, candle lights and bouquets of evergreen and Christmas holly. Mrs. Joe Dyke was in charge of the program.

Whether you are at the beach or the old swimmer's hole, before you dive into the water the National Safety Council suggests you ask yourself three questions: Do you know that the water is deep enough and free of obstructions?

ROOFING and insulation—210 lb. strips shingles or lock, Baldwin Hill blow-in insulation, Brook and asbestos siding, Industrial roofing...

ORDER NOW—Mistletoe, holly, door badges and wreaths, pine roping, mantle arrangements and Christmas candles of all kinds.

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At the meeting the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Harry Pritch; S. W., Edward Cramton; J. W., H. H. Parker; Secretary, Don McPherson; R. D., Albert Hartwell; and Neill Vanderspeiser; Tyler, Charles Parsons.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 20, the installation of officers will be held in the lodge room for members and their families and invited guests. Mrs. Cramton will be installing officer.

**Southwest Bowne**

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flynn and Perry were Sunday afternoon callers at the Wm. Flynn and Louis Kautz home in Cascade.

Miss Betty Lou Patterson attended the Young People's party at the Ota Fountain home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graham attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Gerald Staal, at Lowell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zest were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dittman in Grand Rapids and called on their son, Don, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader of Campau Lake called on their nephews, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dittman, and family, last Wednesday evening.

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## Obituary

**Neva Lulham Staal**

Neva Loree, daughter of John and Mary Lulham, was born at Carson City, December 28, 1914, where she resided until her marriage to Gerald E. Staal of Lowell, on August 11, 1933. She passed away December 10, 1947 at Osteopathic hospital in Grand Rapids, at the age of 32 years, 11 months and 11 days. She had been in delicate health for the past four years, but was only confined to her bed

for a few days in her last illness. Mrs. Staal was a loving wife and mother and always patient and cheerful through her long illness.

She is survived by her husband; son Jack, 13; daughter Norma, 9; her mother, Mrs. Mary Lulham; a brother, Alvin Lulham, both of Carson City; and a sister, Mrs. Frank Ruesegger, of Lowell; and many more distant relatives and friends, who mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock at the Roth Chapel on Saturday with the Rev. Paul Z. Hoornstra officiating. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Wife: Don't you think my new hat is a perfect fit?  
 Husband: Fit? It's a convulsion!

**Card of Thanks**  
 Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.  
 Gerald E. Staal and Family.

**CARD OF APPRECIATION**  
 Thanks a million to each kind friend for their thoughtfulness in sending me the lovely cards, letters, gifts and flowers while in the hospital and since returning home. I especially thank the O. E. S., Past Matrons' Club and the Euchre Club for their beautiful flowers.  
 Rosella Yeiter.

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### SOCIAL EVENTS

**Former Lowell Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
 A former Lowell couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Andrews, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with a gathering of friends and relatives at their home in St. Joseph, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were married in Lowell on December 14, 1897, and for a number of years Mr. Andrews owned and operated a coffee ranch on the spot now occupied by Fairchild's oil station. In 1912 the Andrews moved to Benton Harbor where they operated a similar business.

After three years spent in Effingham, Ill., they moved to St. Joseph, where Mr. Andrews again operated a grocery store. At the present time he is employed by the city of St. Joseph in the water works department.

Mrs. Andrews was, before her marriage, Grace Gibson, and is a sister of Walter Gibson of Lowell. Friends and relatives of Lowell extend their best wishes.

**Monday Book Club Holds Delightful Christmas Party**  
 The Monday Book Clubbers gathered Sunday evening for their annual Christmas dinner, with husbands, Santa and all the trimmings. Mrs. Jean Wachterhauser opened her home for the occasion.

The dining table and the rooms were appropriately decorated. Dinner was served buffet style at six o'clock, after which a program of group singing, games, spelling and geography tests were given. Santa appeared in full regalia and distributed the gifts.

A grand scramble took place when the door prize was announced. For a time it was a close race between Mrs. Ray Bergin and Mrs. N. E. Borgerson, but finally proved Mrs. Borgerson the winner. Carols were sung and all departed for their homes extending to one and all a Merry Christmas.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kaufman To Hold Open House**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kaufman will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary by holding open house at the home of Daniel Kaufman, corner of Pratt Lake Ave. and 84th Street, on Saturday, Dec. 27, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Everyone welcome.

### Health Department Gives Good Advice

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public places and at least 40 pedestrians were killed by automobiles last December. Don't load yourself to the eyebrows with Christmas parcels and dodge through automobile traffic, walk down store steps, or walk on icy streets. Don't chase a holiday bargain across the middle of a block. Cross only at intersections and then with the light. It is best to plan a special brief shopping expedition with the children. Quit shopping when you are tired or irritated. It is the weary, preoccupied person or the one who had two cocktails to freshen up to whom an accident occurs.

**Give Up Your Right of Way**  
 More than 160 persons died as the result of automobile traffic accidents last December. When you are driving in shopping or holiday traffic, let your Christmas spirit be big enough to give the other fellow (pedestrian or driver) your right of way. Be sure your car is in good condition with brakes equalized and all light working. Drive slowly and allow plenty of room to stop on slippery pavements. Slow down well in advance of curves and intersections. Be especially careful in the evening. The biggest handicaps to winter driving are poor traction and poor visibility. Be prepared for adequate defrosting of your windows and windshield. Use chains on snow and ice. Do not drive when you have been drinking and do not ride with a driver who has been drinking.

**Best Way to Catch Cold**  
 Probably the best known way to catch a cold is to rush in and out of overheated crowded stores and sash through cold, wet streets. Do not over-do, keep your patience in check and don't get over-excited. Your feet will probably never literally kill you, but you can get much more shopping done more quickly if you wear sensible shoes and boots. From your health's standpoint it is better to make several small shopping trips rather than to try to buy every present from grandmother's to small nephew's the same day.

And then the toys. Don't buy babies toys they can swallow either wholly or in parts. Be sure the toy's paint is non-poisonous. Don't buy toys which use flames or sparks. Buy a toy chest to go with the toys. Teach your child how to use his new gun, sword, bow and arrows, electric train, tricycle, wagon, bicycle, skis and skates, and teach him the dangers

as well as the pleasures of each. Just a little more caution can leave a lot more happiness in your holiday, the Department of Health advised.

Send your news to the Ledger.

### WEDDINGS

**Fry-Snyder**  
 Miss Winifred L. Snyder of Grand Rapids, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Snyder of Lowell, was united in marriage to Karl Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fry of Grand Rapids, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Ellis in Belding, with Rev. Ellis officiating at the double ring service.

The bride wore a pink two-piece wool suit and her corsage was of white carnations. The young couple was attended by Miss Dorothy Norikus and Raymond Thorne, both of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry will make their home at 646 1/2 Bridge St., N. W., Grand Rapids.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 We wish to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the relatives, friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown us during the illness and at the death of our mother and sister.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wingeler.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Wingeler.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roth.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Miller.

### Christmas Carols

Once a year there are heard in the churches the charming melodies known as Christmas carols. A good part of them are very old, and have come down through the centuries. In a considerable number of cases the author of these melodies may not be known.

The old carols have lived because people loved them, and kept singing them. Now old and new carols form a very important and charming feature of the Christmas music, which includes such a magnificent wealth of beautiful anthems, oratorios, cantatas, and solo and instrumental compositions.

The carol almost always have a bright and charming melody, and one that is easily learned. They carry the thought of happiness, and of the blessing that came to the world when Jesus was born. In recent years it has been a popular custom for parties of carol singers to go about the streets of towns and cities on Christmas morning, singing these famous carols. It is a pretty custom, and an appropriate opening of this wonderful holiday.

**CARD OF APPRECIATION**  
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