

New Year Brings Lots of Politics

Inflation Will Provide Key To Actions of March Special Session

As viewed at the state capital, the 1948 Michigan parade of events and personalities should be especially interesting.

Here are some highlights in impressions and observations, as we see them:

The new year will bring a campaign year. That means politics. And politics plus more inflation may prove to be an explosive and confusing combination.

Gov. Kim Sigler, despite his blithe remark about the "crummiest job in the country," is expected to toss his hat, cowboy-style, into the political ring for re-nomination and re-election. And so will Senator Homer Ferguson. Republican leaders are a bit cocky. The community property tax law, benefiting big taxpayers, should help to sweeten the kitty for party contributions.

Democrats profess to be broke and are feuding and fussing. Leadership has waned considerably since Murray D. "Pat" VanWagoner left the highway department. It has never been quite the same!

The state legislature will meet in special session next March. State budgets are on an annual basis now. Budget Director John Perkins is influencing many decisions of Governor Sigler with respect to proposed reforms.

Inflation again will provide the key to much of the legislature's actions. State Treasurer D. Hale Brake still persists that new taxes are inevitable if Michigan is to set its house to order under the crippling sales tax diversion amendment. As 1948 brings the biennial election of state senators and state representatives, new taxes have less than an even chance of being enacted. The administration strategy may be to concentrate upon a constitutional convention as the quickest method of eliminating the bothersome sales tax amendment.

January will bring the much awaited report of Michigan highway inventory. A similar study in California led to a whopping big bond issue. Road builders warn of impending collapse of the state's road system "unless" inflation has boosted road building costs. More money is needed, it is said.

Sportsmen are still wondering what Governor Sigler had in mind when he referred to the conservation department as a kingdom unto itself, beyond control of the governor's office, and hence an illustration of why the governor is a mere "glorified clerk." Fears that the governor might attempt to appoint the department's director, whom he does not like, prompted a statement that the governor did not have this department in mind; he merely used it as an example.

Reorganization of the department's administrative set-up, however, may take some of the pressure off P. J. Hoffmaster, top man.

Issues of the November election are likely to include these: Shall Michigan get an entirely new constitution through a state convention? Shall Michigan repeal the controversial sales tax amendment? As we see it, opposition to a constitutional convention will be formidable. Reasons: People who do not want a state income tax; teachers who favor the sales tax diversion amendment; road builders and oil companies who joined hands to put over the amendment barring diversion of highway-user taxes.

Peach Seeds Need Special Care For Good Germination

Every peach pit planted does not make a tree, says E. P. Carlson of the department of horticulture at Michigan State college. The time required to bring the seed out of dormancy, or the resting stage, varies with the variety of peach. Some will not germinate at all. The seedlings produced from seed are used by nurserymen as rootstocks upon which to propagate the varieties desired by orchardists and peach tree planters.

The research work points out that the standard variety, Lovell, commonly used as a rootstock, requires at least twelve weeks to come out of the rest period. Champion needs only six weeks and Muir requires up to sixteen weeks for best results.

Temperature and moisture are important during the breaking of dormancy. A cool temperature, about 35 to 40 degrees, is most suitable.

(The pits are usually packed in peat moss or moist sand indoors and should not become dry. Out of doors they may be packed in the ground. If the seeds germinate early in the spring before the soil is ready, the pits should be stored at about 32 degrees to hold them back until planting time.)

Germination tests which require only a few days by a new method should be made before planting, the horticulturist advises. Depending on whether the tests reveal low or high germination, the pits can be planted thick or thin to assure a uniform stand in the nursery row.

COMING EVENTS

The Girls Group of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Anna Yurdley on Friday evening, Jan. 2, at 7:30.

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will hold their annual party for the husbands at the Vergennes Grange hall on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 8:00 p. m. Potluck lunch. Bring card table.

The members of the Lovell Women's Club are invited to hear Mrs. E. Buck, General Federation president, January 8, 1948, at 2:00 p. m. at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids. This invitation is extended through the courtesy of Mrs. John Ppcock, president of the Grand Rapids Federation.

The regular meeting of Island City Rebekah Lodge will be held Tuesday, Jan. 6, beginning with a 6:30 potluck supper. The regular meeting of the Lovell I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 115, will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 5, at 8:30.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the Rebekah Lodge and all friends who sent me cards and flowers, also blood donors, during my stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Clara Phillips.

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Hon. D. Hale Brake Speaks at Rotary on Our Tax Muddle

Hon. D. Hale Brake, state treasurer of Lansing, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting on December 24. The speaker was introduced by Harry Day, program chairman.

Treasurer Brake, before becoming elected state treasurer, had been a state senator for many years. He took a very active part in taxation measures and is, without doubt, one of the best qualified to speak on the subject of taxation.

He is not at all optimistic regarding the tax situation in Michigan and pointed out, through the use of a chart, where our tax muddle is going to lead us within the next few years.

When the time comes, said Mr. Brake, and it may not be very far off, for the sales tax collections to take a drop, then new ways must be found to raise tax money with which to pay schools and other governmental units, according to laws so recently put on the statute books.

One point in Mr. Brake's talk about our tax situation, and that was the remark that of all pressure groups appearing before the legislators, none ever suggested lowering taxes, but took the position, "Give us all you can for our group or community."

We should have in Lansing, more men of the caliber of State Treasurer Brake, who so fully understands the tax situation as it exists today.

Dr. Keats Vining, Jr. Joins Dr. B. H. Shepard

Dr. Keats Vining, Jr., will arrive in Lowell New Year's eve to begin the practice of medicine with Dr. B. H. Shepard. He is the son of County Agent K. K. Vining and Mrs. Vining.

Dr. Vining is a graduate of the U. of M. medical school and during the late war was engaged in army medicine, doing research work at Northwestern University. Dr. Vining will devote all of his time to the practice of internal medicine.

Dr. Fielding, who is also a graduate at U. of M. medical school, will also join Dr. Shepard about February first as a general practitioner.

Mrs. Mabelle Harker Dies at Age of 69

Mrs. Mabelle Harker, aged 69, passed away at her home in Lowell Sunday, Dec. 28. She was the widow of Fredrick Harker. She is survived by an aunt, Lilla Watson of Grandville; seven cousins, Ralph E. Watson, Mrs. Hiram Andrew and Mrs. Fanny Japings, all of Jenison; Mrs. Frances Snyder and Arthur Watson, both of Grandville; Delmer Comstock of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Millie Stinson of California; a brother-in-law, Horace Harker of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held at the Roth Chapel on Wednesday at two o'clock, the Rev. Norman G. Woon officiating. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Farmers Urged to Destroy All Rats

Nearly all farms harbor some rats. Last year rats destroyed or damaged 200 million bushels of grain. The Michigan State college extension service urges farmers to start rat control programs and follow them the whole year through.

A hungry rat is easily poisoned or trapped. Make food difficult for rats to find; store food and feeds properly, and keep scraps and garbage in ratproof containers. Eliminate hiding places for rats. Piles of rubbish, stacks of lumber or other material are favorite hiding places. Elimination of these hiding places will help to keep your farm from becoming a "rat hotel."

Local Ford Dealers Sponsor Fred Allen in New Radio Show

Our local Ford dealer, C. H. Runciman Co. Motor Sales, and Jay Boelens, general manager, have joined with other Ford dealers in this area in bringing to radio listeners the Fred Allen Show, every Sunday evening at 8:30 (EST) over NBC network.

Program regulars include Kenny Delmar, Minerva Pious, Parker Fennelly, Peter Donald, the Five Dollars Sisters and Al Robinson and his orchestra.

Mr. Allen, who is celebrating his fiftieth anniversary on the air with the largest weekly audience he has ever had, comes into the nation's homes through some 2,000,000 radio sets.

AUCTION SALES

Sam Detmers, Tuesday, Jan. 6

Having decided to discontinue dairy farming, Sam Detmers will sell his Holstein herd of cattle, TE and Bangs tested, also dairy equipment and some implements, etc., at public auction, at his farm, 6 miles northeast of Lowell on M-61, on Tuesday, Jan. 6. Allen Blakitt, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. See complete list on another page of this issue.

CUSTOM TAILORING DISPLAY AND SALE

Mr. Henry Livingston, representing the Kabin Tailoring Co., will be in our store all day Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1948, taking orders for tailored-to-your-measure suits and topcoats. He will have on display an outstanding array of men's and women's fine suitings and you are cordially invited to see them.

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Read the Ledger want ads and profit thereby.

Advertise in the Ledger and get results.

Dr. J. A. MacDonell To Take Post Grad. Work at Dearborn

Dr. and Mrs. James A. MacDonell and two children, Mary Ann, 5 and Beth, 11 months, left Monday for Dearborn, Mich., where they expect to reside for a year or more during which time the Doctor will take a post graduate course in orthopedic surgery at the Veterans' hospital at Dearborn.

Dr. MacDonell came to Lowell 10 years ago and joined Dr. B. H. Shepard in the practice of medicine. He served in the U. S. Navy upwards of two years in World War II, 18 months of which were spent in the Aleutian Islands, retiring with the rank of lieutenant.

In April, 1947, Dr. MacDonell was elected president of Lowell Rotary Club, which position he filled with credit to both himself and the club until Wednesday of last week when he tendered his resignation.

The entire community joins in extending the best of good wishes to Dr. and Mrs. MacDonell and their family and express the hope that they will be returning to Lowell in the not too far distant future.

Fishermen to Pay Higher Fees After First of New Year

The closing date of trout season in 1948 will be about a week later than usual, September 12, and the season will be the longest in years since it starts April 24. Snag hooks are banned from all trout streams, not just certain designated ones, from Labor Day to June 1. Two more trout ponds with the two-day-a-day limit will be available at Sunnerville and Bald Mountain, and three ponds, Manistee, Provenance and Solon will have the five-day limit. The Soo rapids will be open to rainbow fishing from June 1 to November 30, and lists of trout lakes and waters open to fall rainbow fishing have both been revised.

Glass minnow traps for laking bait will be permitted in trout streams next season for the first time, but only in certain specified sections of trout streams in the lower peninsula, and only in the period when bait supplies are critically short, June 15 to September 5.

The ban on evening and night ice fishing for bluegills (after 6 p. m.) New conservation laws that become effective January 1 affect sport fishing only, and many of the changes will not concern anglers until trout season arrives, the conservation department reports.

Beginning with the first day of the new year, fishermen will be has been lifted, and on inland waters having sturgeon, these giant fish may be speared through the ice in January and February. Northern pike is back on the commercial list, and there is a new 60-day limit on storage of game fish after the close of the season in which they were taken.

Records Broken by Lowell Postoffice

Lowell postoffice clerks worked overtime to handle heavy pre-Christmas volume which reached a record peak during the past week. Cancelled letters for the week preceding Christmas totaled 7,977. Better than 50,000 one and one-half cent stamps were sold for this period which was well ahead of last year's total.

Clerks and carriers worked ten and twelve hours daily to keep the mails moving.

BIRTHS

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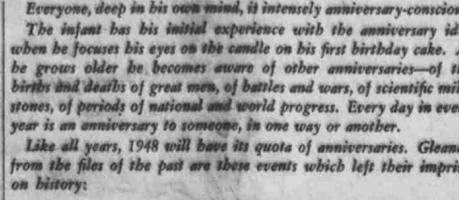
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1948 anniversary year

Do ANNIVERSARIES make history or does history make anniversaries? That question could be debated at length without arriving at any conclusion except this:

Everyone, deep in his own mind, is intensely anniversary-conscious. The infant has his initial experience with the anniversary idea when he focuses his eyes on the candle on his first birthday cake. As he grows older he becomes aware of other anniversaries—the births and deaths of great men, of battles and wars, of scientific milestones, of periods of national and world progress. Every day in every year is an anniversary to someone, in one way or another.

Like all years, 1948 will have its quota of anniversaries. Gleaned from the files of the past are these events which left their imprint on history:



The mines of Ohio produce large quantities and varieties of minerals including oil, coal, natural gas, salt, potash and pyrite.

For a yard light, electrification specialists advise a 100-watt to 200-watt bulb in a shallow, weather-proof reflector.

Euphonious Letter From Bill Kerekes

One of the joys of the holiday season for the Ledger office is the pleasing letter which never fails to come from Bill Kerekes. Bill's letter arrived Monday and reads as follows:

"The ruthless, relentless and remorseless Father Time has caught another twelve month period off first base and on December 31st will retire the side. The year 1947 will record on the cuff of history evidence to show it was the most spending year since the passing of copper-trod boots or the exit of home-made bologna. Still life goes on. But how?

"The unendurable, irresistible, and unconquerable impulse to be abreast of current events is a major seizure the only known cure of which is a paid-up subscription to the Lowell Ledger. The knowledge that vitamin C (cash) will restore to its youth the life of my subscription that is tottering in its dotage was gleaned from the laborious efforts of financial wizards.

"Permit me, my dear sir, to unleash two dollars that is pining for sanctuary in your cash register.

"It is not a mere formality that prompts me to wish you a very happy New Year, but an earnest desire that it will be so."

—Bill.

Guard Now Against Rabbits And Mice Specialist Warns

Rabbit and mice are after their tonic of tannin and bitters, and that means danger to valuable fruit and ornamental trees, warns H. A. Cardinal of the department of horticulture at Michigan State college. The specialist advises taking steps now to combat this menace.

The greatest protection to tree trunks is wire cloth. In case of rabbits, tall fences of one-quarter inch mesh may be used to surround hedges and group plantings. Since this is not always possible, Cardinal recommends application to trunks of trees of a formula developed at Michigan State college after more than 250 different materials were tested. It consists of seven pounds of powdered wood rosin in a gallon of commercial ethyl alcohol. It may be used as either a paint or spray.

No good repellent for mice is known, but in major fruit growing areas of the country poison bait may be secured under government supervision. The grower should examine locations close to the plants that are to be protected. Poison bait should then be placed in each runway that can be found under the grass or snow.

Harvey Callier Opens New Theatre in Belding

After a two year struggle with material, labor shortages, Harvey Callier has completed a new theatre in Belding seating nearly 700 persons and costing \$100,000. The theatre will be known as the "Callier" and is as modern as new materials and equipment can make it.

This is Mr. Callier's second theatre built from the ground up, having constructed the Strand here in Lowell in 1927. Construction was managed by Kenneth Lybolt of Lowell.

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Ziegler Starts Safety Campaign Blames Careless, Drunken Driving As Cause of High Death Rate

Citing police accident reports which show Michigan's death and injury toll in highway accidents was greater during World War II than the number of men from this state killed and wounded in the nation's armed forces during the same period, Highway Commissioner Charles Ziegler has recommended a rigid campaign of safety education and traffic law enforcement in an effort to reduce the growing death, injury and property damage toll on Michigan roads and streets.

Speaking in Grand Rapids recently before the annual meeting of the Southern Michigan Road Commissioners' association, Commissioner Ziegler said the State Highway Department is doing and will continue to do everything possible through new construction and maintenance improvements to make state highways safer, but he warned this will be to no avail unless something is done to reduce careless and drunken driving.

He revealed Michigan had 945,000 motor vehicles accidents in the 10-year period, 1937-46, with 15,000 killed and 294,000 injured, a greater number than the combined populations of Lansing, Grand Rapids and Pontiac, adding that during the war, despite greatly reduced travel due to gasoline rationing, Michigan had more deaths and injuries on its highways than it did among its armed forces on the widespread battle fronts of the world.

The year 1941 was the record period in the state with 183,000 accidents. Last year the total was 111,000 and they cost 1,484 deaths and 34,749 injury cases. So far this year, the accident total is 26 per cent above last year so we may be heading for a new record, Commissioner Ziegler warned.

The Careless Driver

He put his finger on the careless driver by declaring seven out of 10 drivers involved in fatal accidents were breaking a traffic law at the time of the accident—one in 20 had been drinking and one in 20 was drunk.

And not only is the cost in human life and injury high, but the toll of property damage involved in these accidents is staggering, the Commissioner said. Traffic accidents in Michigan last year are estimated to have cost \$28,000,000, with the cost for the last 10 years estimated at \$760,000,000.

"It's not bad curves, slippery pavements, narrow roads and bridges and old cars that are doing this, but 'bad driver,'" the Commissioner declared.

"The only way to cut down the highway accident toll is more strict enforcement of traffic regulations and a widespread and concentrated campaign of education on better driving habits for youths and adults as well," he said. He commended driver schools, particularly those in scholastic institutions as a step in the right direction but there should be more of them.

Obituary

Leon Tomlinson, who was fatally injured in an auto accident Dec. 19, 1947, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tomlinson. He was born April 28, 1898, in Big Rapids, but had lived most of his life in and around Lowell.

He was married to Lydia Montgomery of Ionia, Feb. 21, 1917. She preceded him in death Feb. 19, 1947.

He leaves to mourn their loss, one son, Richard of Clarksville; one brother, Lewis Tomlinson of Ionia; one sister, Mrs. Anna Weeks, of Lake Odessa; two nephews, Charles and Robert Weeks; two aunts, Mrs. George Miller of Lowell, and Mrs. Bessie Wagener of Gowan and several cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on December 22, at the Myers funeral home in Ionia. Burial was in Saranac cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather, John A. Swanson, who passed away three years ago, Jan. 3, 1945.

Sad and sudden was the call. So dearly loved by one and all. His memory is as sweet today as in the hour he passed away.

To his graveside we often wander With flowers and care. In prayer we stand and sorrow For the one we loved so dear.

Mrs. Lena Swanson, Children and Grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank relatives, friends, neighbors and Cheerful Doers for fruit, candy and cards sent me at Christmas time.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of Grand Rapids spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orris Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith were Christmas Day guests.

Guests for a belated Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson were, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Brindle and son Micky all of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Niles of Detroit, Miss Margaret Niles and Stanley Nichols of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Niles of Ann Arbor, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyd of Segun.

N. E. Borgerson received word Monday of the death at East Jordan of his grandmother, Mrs. Eric Mastinson. She lived to the advanced age of 102 years.

Christmas eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth were Eric Roth and family of Alto, Mrs. Claude Williams and family of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth and Erwin Moxon and sons of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Orren Starbuck spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oosta in Grand Rapids.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Runciman were Col. and Mrs. J. J. Reddy of Washington, D. C., Mrs. O. C. Miller of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mapes, Gale and Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runciman Jr. of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Sinclair, and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Sinclair and baby of Detroit spent Christmas with Dan Sinclair and family in Flint, this being the first Christmas the family had spent together in seven years.

Delbert Woon is spending the holiday vacation with Chet Hoatson in Calumet.

Mrs. W. G. White of Ann Arbor is spending a week with her son, Bradford White and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kloosterman and family were Christmas guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Buttrick in Cascade. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schwab and Mrs. Friant of Lowell, Mrs. Dorothy Weeks and family and Fred Chorley of Eimdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward VanDyke of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford White entertained with a family dinner Christmas, their guests being Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. W. G. White of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Holey and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Elzinga and baby Robert, and Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Chandler of Lowell, and Frederick Hooley of M. S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hookwater of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Uytendouwe.

Mrs. Ethel Yetter entertained with a family dinner Christmas, her guests being Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yetter and sons from Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yetter and daughter of Hickory Corners and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stuart of Clarksville.

Jim Wood spent Christmas with friends in Algonac.

Mrs. Ethel Yetter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blough and son in Clarksville.

Mrs. Ida Mullen and children of New Hudson are visiting relatives in Lowell during the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bassett spent Christmas with relatives in Greenville.

Mrs. Edward Kiel was taken to Blodgett hospital Thursday evening where she underwent a major operation, Saturday. She is making a good recovery and expects to return home the last of this week.

Whitman Kiel and Miss Hene Behler of St. Petersburg, Fla., visited Mrs. Rose Kiel Sunday.

Mrs. Alice DeJong of Holland and Mr. and Mrs. John Bush of Grand Rapids visited their sister, Mrs. Ike Wood Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tornga and Charles Doyle of E. S. Lansing spent Christmas and the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Chas. Doyle and family.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roth were Miss Jessie and Ina O'Harrow of Detroit, and the E. H. Krum family of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Valda Chaterdon Phyllis and Richard were Friday evening supper guests of her sister, Mrs. Claude Silcox and family in Alto. Phyllis and Richard spent Saturday there, also.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pascock and two children of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Merrill and Beth of Water-vliet, Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams and family of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schneider of West Lowell and Mrs. Ray Merrill, Robert and Lewelyn of Muskegon.

Holiday guests of Mr. Milton Fuller and sister were their nephew, Dr. George Sutton of the Museum of Zoology at Michigan State University, and their niece, Dr. Dorothy Sutton of Kansas State University at Lawrence, Kan., and University at Topeka, Kan. Menninger Clinic at Topeka, Kan.

Mrs. Peter Vos and Mrs. Chas. Knapp attended the wedding of the former's cousin, Miss Betty Anne Perce and Mr. John P. Schler, Saturday in Grand Rapids. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Perce. The wedding ceremony was solemnized at 1 o'clock by the Very Reverend Robert W. Bogg in St. Stephen's parish house, and the reception following was at the Charles Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Hooper and daughter Karen of Flint were Christmas eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burdick.

Mrs. Ellizabeth Bush of Holland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thea Wood.



Best Wishes 1948. Dawn of a New Day. . . and a new year. Hopes rise with the sun when its golden glow glids all our prospects. May all the promises of 1948 be fulfilled. This is our wish for you. - WEEKS - CARY STEFF

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Happy New Year. We extend to one and all the best of Luck this New year and our sincere wishes for happiness. G. C. Kent Jeweler.

Happy New Year. Our clock of best wishes for the New Year . . . is just ticking with happy sentiments . . . for you and your family. Rickert Electric, Paul Rickert.

Happy New Year. When Old Father Time punches in at midnight . . . to herald the New Year . . . he's expressing our best wishes to you and yours. Lowell Lbr. & Coal Co., Bruce Walker.

NEW HOPE - BEST WISHES. Time, the one monarch to whom the whole world pays obeisance, poses his scepter to sweep back another year into history's pages. Ada Oil Company, Phillips 66 Distributors, Ada, Mich.

OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU 1948. It may be a good thing, as some maintain, to stop and take stock at the end of the year. To review, to analyze, and to resolve greater accomplishments in the New Year.

Happy New Year. Spirited as a colt are our wishes to all our year-round loyal friends and patrons . . . for a happy New Year. Radio Service Co., R. G. Chrouch.

Happy New Year. The bells are ringing for you and your loved ones . . . resounding with peals of a successful, happy New Year. Vern Good, 15 Years of Portable Feed Milling.

Happy New Year. The headlines sing out with best wishes for a wonderful year in 1948. Fairchild Gas and Oil, Arnold Fairchild.

Happy New Year. When you hear this young man's horn blast . . . you'll hear our wishes for a happy and resultful New Year. Keisers Kitchen.

NEW YEAR NEW HOPE. New gleams of hope, fresh streams of courage, come with the dawning of the New Year. We cherish the thought of the fine associations that have been ours for many years past, and take this means of expressing our deep appreciation of your valued friendship. Price-Rite Hardware.

George Story and Claude Thorne. MOBILGAS and MOBILCOIL.

Radio Service Co., R. G. Chrouch.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 1948. Greetings to you! Yes, it's time to change the figures again. Nineteen hundred and forty-eight . . . Let's look optimistically into the future. With any kind of luck, this should be the best year we've ever had! On this cheerful note, we extend to you our heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year.

Happy New Year. To you and to all of your loved ones we take great pleasure in extending our wishes for a joyous New Year. McMahon & Reynolds, Bruce and Ed.

Happy New Year. Our hand is extended to all of our customers this New Year in friendship and Best wishes. Van's Super Market, GEORGE GOELZ.

HERE IS HOPING 1948. As the years come and go we can count our friends in ever increasing numbers. We like to think that neither luck nor chance accounts for this, but that the answer lies in public recognition of our determination to give our customers superior service and value at all times. Here is hoping that you may all enjoy A MOST HAPPY NEW YEAR. McFall Chevrolet, CHEVROLET & BUICK, LOWELL.

BEST WISHES for the NEW YEAR. We can look back a long way . . . back to years that were not quite so good; but always, as we look back, we see the smiling faces of a multitude of loyal friends. At the threshold of 1948 we renew our pledge to you of service and cooperation. We reaffirm our faith and confidence in our community. Rittenger Insurance Service, HOWARD RITTENGER, LOWELL.

Good Luck NEW YEAR. We extend to you and yours a cordial greeting for the New Year. May some of the happy spirit of New Year's Eve be parceled out through the long stretch of days as 1948 dotes out the Good Luck we wish for you. Weaver's Food Market.

Good Luck. When the bell-ringer tolls these bells . . . harken, and you'll hear our most sincere wishes for a Happy New Year. Clark Plumbing and Heating, DAVE CLARK, Prop.

Good Luck. From our hearts-deeps we wish all our friends and patrons a joyous New Year. Murray's Cafe.

Good Luck. To our Faithful old friends and our valued new ones we send these greetings of the New Year. Bergy Brothers Elevator, ALVA, BURGESS.

Good Luck. . . and may the Year 1948 be streamlined to your wants and chock-full of blessings! Thank a million for your patronage during the year 1947. Wittenbach Sales & Service.

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Don't let your EDUCATION die young! A high school diploma is not the end of your education! The Army's Technical School Plan offers every graduate the opportunity to choose from more than 50 top-notch Army Technical Schools and be assured before he enlists of attending a course of his choice. The Armed Forces Institute offers to ambitious Army men the opportunity to study subjects of college rank wherever they may be stationed. Those who successfully complete the course receive credit for college courses and can apply for credit toward a college degree. Get further details at your nearest Recruiting Station. U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. Sponsoring By King Milling Company, Lowell, Michigan.

From Foodstuffs to Fats. A new artificial fiber is being made from peanut protein. It has light cream color and a texture intermediate between the natural protein fibers, silk and wool. In heat-insulating and moisture-absorbing properties it resembles wool. It does not shrink appreciably in hot water and has an affinity for dyes normally used on silk and wool. Its major weakness is its low wet strength. The raw material is peanut meal, most of the problem of objectionable color from the reddish-brown tone of peanut skins may be solved by dipping kernels of common commercial material in a dilute lye solution and rinsing and drying at room temperature prior to the removal of the oil. B. H. SHEPARD, M. D. J. A. MacDONELL, M. D. DR. F. E. WHITE. DR. H. OATLEY. DR. J. W. TRUMBULL. DR. R. T. SINGLE. DR. R. T. LUSTIG. W. A. LARGE, D. C.

Up and Down Kent County Roads. E. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent. Kent County's two soil conservation districts will hold their first annual meeting the last week of January, the 27th, at the Boardwalk Congregational Church. Three directors are to be elected at this meeting. . . . Prizes Offered For Best Bean Recipes. In line with the promotion of one of Michigan's outstanding crops, the Michigan Bean Council announces a contest for the best bean recipe in the state. . . . Odds and Ends Here and There. "I am convinced that Extension is destined to become more and more concerned with the social and economic factors of farm and home, and I prophesy for it as success has been achieved in the past in the more practical problems of production and marketing."

Now! ROUND TRIPS DAILY TO TOLEDO JACKSON LANSING GR. RAPIDS. Effective Dec. 28, 1947—Lowell Time. TO GR. RAPIDS TO LANSING, JACKSON, and TOLEDO. From an eight-weeks' average of 1,000 fox bounty payments per week, bounties in calendar week dropped to 785, totaling \$3,815, the conservation department reports. . . .

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 1948. We know of no better way to begin the New Year than by extending our thanks to our friends for their generous patronage. We hope that we can be of still greater service to you in 1948, and may the best of everything be yours! Coons' Clothing Store.

Greetings Friends 1948. Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawley of East Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis. . . .

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS 1948. When the stark nights with that brand-new year, he is bringing 335,000 minutes in that precious package. May each of these passing minutes of 1948 add its mite to your happiness and welfare, and may you have a moment, now and then, to spare for old friends over here. Munroe Food Market.

Hello Everybody! HAPPY NEW YEAR. When the shadows begin to lengthen on the afternoon of December 31st we experience a feeling of buoyancy as we hurry home. The air is already charged with hope for the New Year, now so close at hand. We look hopefully forward, with you, to a better year than the last, to a better year than any of us even dream of—for all! Gamble's The Friendly Store, AL. HERMAN, Owner and Mgr.



May your stay on earth be one of joy, peace and prosperity for one and all.

Ray H. Covert & Son
The Plumbers



Throughout all the seasons and especially at this time... we wish you and those you love a happy New Year.

CLUB DINER
CURLY HOWARD



IF WE HAD OUR WAY ABOUT IT, 1948 WOULD BE A BIG BUDGET OF GOOD NEWS FOR YOU. ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR TO COME.

Lowell Dry Cleaners
CARL RIEHS



Our Proclamation for 1948!

The New Year presents a challenge. We accept that challenge, pledging to do our utmost to make this a better community in 1948. Your friendship has enabled us to play an outstanding role in the past—we look forward to a continuation of your good will in 1948.

Thompson's Sanitary Market
G. R. "Butch" Thompson



Janus, the ancient Roman deity who presided over all beginnings, was represented by a double head that looked both ways. At this beginning of 1948 we voice the hope that good fortune will come to you not from two ways alone, but from every direction!

Heim Texaco
WILLIAM HEIM



Barbershop quartets and handkerchief mus-taches may be out of style, but hearty good fellowship never goes out of date. In this friendly, jovial spirit we wish you the best of luck the coming year.

Kleinheksel Feed Service
John Kleinheksel McCords, Mich.



Have you been waiting for that "ship" to come in? It's coming in now, loaded to the gunwales with good wishes from all of us for your health and happiness for 1948.

Oliver Farm Supply
LOUIS KINGSLEY



There's a bit of the spirit, a warning of the heart There's laughter and youth... sixty four hands with twenty, and on this day the old grow young and youth throws off the grasp of time. On this happy occasion we wish for you the very best that life affords!

Vic's Auto Service
VICTOR CLEMENZ



AS THE BILLBOARD HERALDS THE ARRIVAL OF 1948, we are glad to wipe the slate clean and start the New Year fresh.

Darling Cleaners

Dry Cleaning—Dyeing Rug Cleaning
BANNAN BARBER SHOP

On the threshold of 1948, we wish once again to extend our appreciation for the many favors accorded us during the past year and to voice the hope that we may continue to enjoy just as pleasant relations the next twelvemonth.



In looking forward to the future and a continuation of our pleasant relations with you, we have raised our sights once more and can promise you even higher standards of service and value than in the past. We wish you an abundance of health, happiness and prosperity in 1948, and a delightful New Year's holiday.

Lowell Bakery

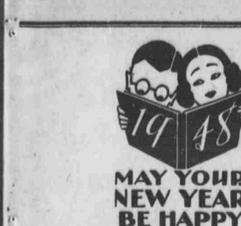
JOSEPH NOVITSKY JAMES JELUSO



A New Year looms before us. Our wish for it is that happiness will bless our homes and contentment reign among our families—that friendship will continue to grow in our community from day to day and in its afterglow come the serenity of good will to each and all.

Lowell Creamery

H. I. GRIDWOOD



The pursuit of happiness is every American's right... the Constitution says so. May you catch your full share of it in 1948... that is our sincere hope, as another New Year's Day rolls around.

L. W. Rutherford & Sons



Hoopskirts and sideburns belong to a legendary era now. External ways of life change constantly, but friendship remains ever the same. And just as friends wished each other a Happy New Year a hundred years ago, so we on the eve of 1948 extend our warmest greetings to you.

York's Friendly Service
Harley York



Every new year is a sealed package... as we start to unwrap 1948, it is our sincere hope that you are opening a big box of happiness...

Leonard Studio
CHRIS LEONARD



As Father Time closes the book on 1947, places it on the shelf with its predecessors and glistering turns the fly leaf of 1948, we pause for a moment to express the hope that the New Year will shower all its blessings on you, that health, happiness and prosperity will be yours in unbounded measure. Drop in and see us any day.

William C. Hartman
DRUGGIST LOWELL



We cast the die... in your favor, for a New Year, unprecedented in good fortune, security and happiness.

Highland Hill Dairy
ARIE LEEBMAN



Straight to you from us is our heartfelt message of joy, security and success to all our friends and patrons throughout the New Year.

Lowell Cafe
Gertrude Reed, Prop.



You wouldn't be thinking of painting the town red, now, would you? Anyway, there's reason aplenty for feeling happy and carefree and confident as the New Year of 1948 approaches. May this New Year bring happiness to you and yours.

McQueen Motor Co.
Chrysler & Plymouth Lowell



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MADE THE MOST OF EVERYTHING... MADE EVERY GOLDEN MINUTE COUNT. WE HOPE THAT YOU, TOO, WILL MAKE THE MINUTES COUNT IN 1948, AND THAT EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL ADD TO THE SUM TOTAL OF YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Gerald E. Rollins
INSURANCE



NEW YEAR IS HERE!

When the old year with his flowing robe and long whiskers gives way to the new year cherub with his telescope set on a fruitful year ahead, we are always sure that the new twelvemonth will be better—and it generally is!

Young Mr. 1948 will prove no exception, we are sure, and so we again greet you with the hope that the traditional faith and good will which always mark the advent of the New Year will bring their reward in the form of an improved community this year.

Foreman Poultry Farm
E. C. FOREMAN



Another year has rolled around... 1948. As we see it, this is another opportunity to make new friends, and to serve our old ones even better. May we offer you our best wishes for a truly Happy New Year.

Lowell Manufacturing Company



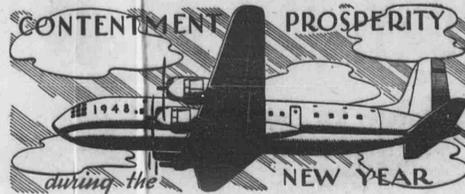
We look forward to this opportunity to pledge unending service and a Happy New Year to all our friends.

Hazel Hoag
HAT SHOP



On this occasion we dedicate ourselves to please you more and more. Happy New Year.

Herman Wepman
CLOTHING



Time flies! It seems but yesterday since we wished you a Happy New Year and here we are again repeating the time-honored greeting.

It has been a good year for us. To the customers we have been privileged to serve in 1947 we express our deep appreciation, together with our assurance of continued friendly service in the days to come. May every member of this community pursue his or her happiness during 1948 amid peace and plenty!

Lowell Municipal Light & Power Plant

FRANK McMAHON, Supt.
Committee: W. A. Roth, William Christensen, Herbert Elings



At the magic stroke of 12, the New Year will make its advent, marking the turning of another page in the book of our lives. Lo, there is before us a clean white page, a slab of snow-white marble, whereon must be recorded the events of the coming year. What shall be written thereon? A saga of peace and contentment, of happiness and joy, of health and happiness. That is our wish for you on the threshold of 1948.

Roth & Sons Company
Lowell, Michigan



If you listen to the leaf-shorn boughs of the tree outside your window... whistling in the wind... you will hear our wishes of Happy New Year.

Avery Jeweler
Ray and Marian



The stork depositing the young cherub is the traditional symbol of the New Year. Just as traditional is our old-time wish for all our old-time friends: That good health, good cheer, good friends and good fortune may be your lot in

1948
Lowell Construction Company
ED. LAUK



Once Again we greet the New Year in the traditional manner—with pealing bells, with fun and gaiety, laughter and music.

Despite his ingenuity, man still persists in "watching the old year out and greeting the new year" in almost the identical manner of his forefathers. In that same identical manner, we extend our traditional New Year's greeting to you:

MAY HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY BE YOURS TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

CHURCHMAN COMPANY
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Annie and James Easterby of South Lowell entertained at a holiday dinner Sunday for Frank L. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dawson and Mr. Mrs. Lewis Houghton and daughters of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. White and family of Six Lakes were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Richards and family Christmas evening.

Mrs. Rosella Yelter, Mrs. Vera Yelter and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Speerstra were Christmas guests to a family dinner given by Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Lustig at their home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfield of Jackson and the Wm. Cowles family of Belding were Christmas guests of Mrs. Florence Whitfield and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bouzou.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McNeil of Sebawa visited their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Stinchcomb last week Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Purchase and Collins spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hubbard in Grand Rapids.

Relatives of Mrs. Ada Rogers have received word that she is not feeling so well.

Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richards were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Streeter of Haslett, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. James Hearn and family of Decatur, Ind., and Charlie Richards of Ridgeville, Ind., and with Mr. and Mrs. Richards all spent Christmas Day in Grand Rapids with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Richards.

Miss Marian Gahan of Beuna Park, Calif., is spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gahan, formerly of Parnell, now of Ada, R. 2. Miss Gahan is head checker at the famous Knott Berry Farm, one of the world's famous eating places. It is her first visit home in 11 years.

Mr. and Mrs. David Coons and the Austin Coons family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coons. The remainder of the day, Mr. and Mrs. David Coons spent with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Lyman in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeGraw left Sunday morning on a trip to California. They accompanied their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crittendon of Neldland, and took the southern route. They will visit Mr. DeGraw's brother Roy and family who live at Baldwin Park, a few miles from Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lalley and daughter and Miss Kathryn and Anna Lalley and Loyal Lalley of Grand Rapids, Jack Lalley and family of Dowagiac, Bill Lalley of Seattle, Wash., Mr. and L. J. Delahanty of Ionia and James McMahon enjoyed a Christmas Day family reunion at the home of Mr. John Lalley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ryder of Vergennes entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rader of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryder and daughters of Vergennes for Christmas dinner. Florence, Lester and Freda Bailey and Nellie Tiffany for lunch on Christmas Day. On Sunday Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Duke of Battle Creek and Lyle Duke of Detroit were dinner guests.

FALLSBURG & VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Booth, Mrs. Donald Tower and Mr. and Mrs. John Geiger and children spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bollock at Holt. Peggy Ann and Diane Bollock returned with them to spend a few days visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanDenBerg and Sharon went to Flint Christmas afternoon to visit until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Tassej and family.

Mrs. Rose Watrous spent the afternoon Christmas day with her granddaughter, Mrs. R. Bruce Tower and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garfield entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodcock of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shippy of Keene for Christmas dinner.

Josie Converse of Keene was a Saturday dinner guest at the Garfield home.

Dave Garfield reports there are five shanties on the ice already.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller and Ward and Dale spent the holiday in Grand Rapids with their daughter and sister, Mrs. S. Hilaski and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller attended the theater in Belding on Friday evening to celebrate Mrs. Miller's birthday.

The Misses Margaret and Rosemary Bertrand and their uncle, Mr. Montie of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lanehart.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughan, Sr., and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Storey spent Christmas Day at the George Eemelander home. Little Bobby Eemelander also was having his first birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughan were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth and sons were holiday dinner guests of the Harry Richmond family. Both families were guests of Miss Ruby Eickhoff in the evening at her home in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Voburg and daughter Grace, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Read and Leo Richmond of Rockford were Sunday dinner guests of the Harry Richmonds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pearson were guests at the Leo Sullivan home several days last week.

Joyce Booth and Eldon Jensen spent Christmas Eve in Belding with his mother, Mrs. Elzora Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Maloney spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stauffer and Richard.

MORSE LAKE

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yelter were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sterack and Adrian and Miss Lettie Klynay of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yelter entertained 20 members of the Clara Porritt family for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Jennie Yelter and Donald were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Watson of Alto. John Clark Sr. was a Christmas dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Bieri and family.

Mrs. Mildred Peak of Jackson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hobbs over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbs and daughter were Christmas and Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yelter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stahl and family in Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Draper and son Paul of Detroit over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keeney and son Jimmy of Elsie called on Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yelter Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lisle Clark entertained with a dinner Saturday evening in honor of her daughter, Dorothy's birthday. Guests were the Misses Bea Zett, Gladys Fahner and Ruth Kammerad of Grand Rapids.

News From Grand Rapids

CLARA M. BRANDEUR

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilkins with their son, Lloyd, wife and baby attended the Christmas dinner with Mrs. Wilkins' sister, Mrs. Walter Lewis and husband, near Freepoort. Their mother, Mrs. Susie Whitney, who has been ill again, was able to enjoy the dinner with them, and Ray Parkinson and wife of Lansing were also dinner guests.

John Mishler and wife were Christmas eve supper guests of their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin and family. The Alvin Heintzelman family enjoyed a family reunion and Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinard (nee Rena Heintzelman). All the family were present. Mrs. Al. Heintzelman who is staying with her aged mother, Mrs. Webb Rounds at Paris, came down to attend the gathering but returned to her mother's in Paris last week.

John Mishler and wife spent Christmas Day with the former's brother, Will and wife of South Borne and called on John Thaler and wife at Freepoort.

Spencer Johnson, wife and daughter Doris of Logan were guests of J. S. Brandebury and wife Saturday afternoon.

Marilyn Martin, in company with other young people from the Methodist Church of the city, left Tuesday for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the World Convention of Youths' Fellowship from Dec. 30 to Jan. 2.

WEST LOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Monks entertained their children and grandchildren and Mrs. Miles Monks and son Jim, and Mrs. Lida Leroy of Saranac for Christmas dinner.

Arthur Monroe spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Munroe at Mt. Clemens.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and son Keith were Christmas guests of Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Overholt in Lansing.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Green and children of Hastings spent Christmas evening and Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald and Mrs. Mary Stinton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephens, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers and son Bruce were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright in Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nesbitt of Grand Rapids were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court. Miss Dorothy Billinger called on her aunt, Mrs. Kate Billinger in Saranac Friday afternoon. Joe Billinger of Saranac called at the Chas. Billinger home Tuesday.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court were Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Court and two daughters of Marcellus, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rollins and son Roger. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Posthumus and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Court and children of Lowell. Christmas evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Munroe were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Munroe and children of Lowell and Kenneth Munroe and wife of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Fred McDonald was called to Detroit Saturday to be with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burn. Mr. Burn's mother passed away early Saturday morning.

Dickie Baker of Ionia is spending several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker. Rev. and Mrs. Moxson spent Christmas with their daughter and family in Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dawson Mrs. Mary Stinton and Fred McDonald were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court.

AUNT HET

By Robert Quillen



"Ruth never sees but one side. She complains that Joe criticizes her all the time, and all he does is tell her for Pete's sake to stop criticizin' him."

"Course when it comes to insurance, Rittenger Insurance Service have the knack of writing proper coverage for your insurance needs. Better call 144 for proper coverage."

Rittenger Insurance Service

W. Main St. Lowell Phone 144

WEDDINGS

Miller-Schofield

Calvin D. Miller and Miss Betty Louise Schofield, both of Lowell, were married Saturday evening, Dec. 27, at eight o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. C. E. Pollock. The Methodist ring service was used. The young couple were attended by Leon Miller and Ray Miller, brothers of the groom.

Morse Lake Farm Bureau

The Morse Lake Community Farm Bureau December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yelter on Tuesday evening, the 16th, and 26 members and children enjoyed a delicious carry-in supper. After a short business meeting, Christmas gifts were exchanged, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The next meeting place will be announced later. —Mrs. Glenn Yelter.

Former Local Young Man Starting In Business

Lavern Blocher has just started in business for himself, selling the J. R. Watkins Co. products. Mr. Blocher is successor to Wm. Vanderwerf, who served this community for 20 years. Mr. Blocher is well known in and around Lowell and Alto, and we wish him the best of success. Wm. Vanderwerf.

The shape of standard highway signs have a definite meaning, the National Safety Council says: For example, the stop sign always is octagonal, and should be heeded even if the lettering is obscured.

SOUTH BOSTON

Mrs. Jack Pasanen and two children and Mrs. Stanley Coles and children, all of Detroit spent a couple of days last week at the Fred Fahmi home.

Chas. Leece has been moved from St. Lawrence hospital to the Malloy Convalescent Home at 815 W. Allegan St., Lansing where he is still confined to bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Geiger (Charlene Gardner) of Detroit are announcing the birth of a son, Stanley Thomas, on Dec. 25th.

Will Fletcher of Lansing is recovering at his home from a heart attack after a stay in the hospital. He and his wife had planned on a trip to Florida which has been delayed by his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fahmi and Carol spent the week-end in Detroit where Sunday they attended a holiday dinner with relatives at the Stanley Gardner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Nash and family called on their aunt, Mrs. Nellie Young and family Thursday. The Sydney Nash family will leave Detroit this week for Tujunga, Cal. to make their home.

ELMDALE

MRS. IRA SARGEANT

May the year of 1948 be one of Happiness and Success to all of the Ledger readers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson were pleasantly surprised Christmas Eve by receiving a telephone call from their daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Meneghini of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Leece and family entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner last Sunday. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith and sons of near Fallsburg Park, Lloyd Leece of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mick, Jr. and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dawson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lott spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their son Phillip and family of Holland.

John Willis accompanied his brother Arthur to Mackinaw City Friday where on Saturday they attended the funeral services of their grandmother, Mrs. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lott spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mayford Heaven.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson were Christmas guests of their son Floyd and family of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richardson entertained their children and families on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kelm and son Vern spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Semiah Seese of Freepoort.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Stahl and Donnie and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stahl and son Vuri were among those who attended a family gathering at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stahl on Christmas.

Mr. Warren of Ionia organized a 4-H handicraft club in the Rosenberg district last Friday evening. Dan McClure has been chosen as club leader.

Wm. Lux of Sault Ste. Marie is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Lux.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berkey and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kauffman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kauffman and family.

Mrs. Rachel Stahl entertained her children and families Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clinton and daughters spent Christmas with relatives in Six Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Erin Johnson spent several days over the Christmas holiday with relatives of Battle Creek. They returned home Friday and were accompanied by Mrs. Signa Anderson and son Lance of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant were Christmas Eve and Christmas breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schwab and family of Eagle. The dinner was enjoyed by the families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Miller and children started Tuesday on their trip to Florida.

Wm. Lott called on Bert Hanson and Clarence Trowbridge of Clarksville Tuesday afternoon and reports that both men are recovering from their recent sickness.

Mrs. Ira Sargeant visited her uncle, Joe Lehman of Pleasant Valley Saturday afternoon.

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SOCIAL EVENTS Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Doyle entertained with a family dinner Sunday honoring the birthday of his mother, Mrs. Charles Doyle. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Torng and Charles Doyle of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Torng and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roth honored their mother's birthday by taking her to Grand Rapids Monday for dinner and the theatre.

SEELEY CORNERS Mrs. E. P. REYNOLDS A large crowd attended the Farm Bureau meeting Friday evening which was in the form of a family night Christmas party, complete with a beautiful supper, tree, program, carol singing and Santa Claus.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Burras were Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hoekins and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Myers and children of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. James Volk of Michigan City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antonides and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Antonides and Howard attended a Christmas celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Monks of Riverside-dr.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Heesche entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bloomer and daughters of N. McCords, Bob Meetsen and Don McCum of Lowell on Christmas Day.

Miss Alice Reynolds and John Blanding were dinner guests on Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Blanding of Greenville.

CARD OF THANKS We desire to express to our kind neighbors and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy. The beautiful floral offerings were especially appreciated.

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