

There is still time to use Christmas seals, since so many of us are late in mailing packages, holiday letters and cards. Tuberculosis is still a white plague, but its not the dreaded disease it could be. These Little Seals deserve much of the credit for the triumph. Through their sale, money is available for programs for chest x-rays, health education, clinics, rehabilitation, nutritionists and the new BCG, a vaccine which gives definite protection against tuberculosis, though does not give complete immunity. If you have exhausted your first supply of Christmas Seals, buy more for the last minute mailing.

WINTER SOLSTICE

The darkest hour of the year, December 22, the winter solstice, soon to be followed by the brightest hour, the Holy Birth. In the dark there is the light and the winter solstice doesn't dim the brilliance of the heavens. Stars be dazzling and seem closer in grasp, clear winter.

The Milky Way is a celestial joy to study, upon which to meditate and consider our smallness in no vast universe.

Look to Orion, the mighty hunter, who points the way for many a star gazer to place all constellations.

Perhaps you aren't acquainted with Betelgeuse, the topaz flash, with the cold brilliance of Rigel, the violet gleam of Sirius. Without a telescope, no great book learning, if you have a bit of time and interest, you can find the fascinating sky-signs along the heaven's highway. It is a dark that holds such fascination for you, right here in Lowell, tonight.

TEXAS TRIP DESCRIBED IN LETTER FROM WM. J. SMITH

The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from Wm. J. Smith, who is spending the winter months in Aransas Pass, Texas, which will be of interest to many of Bill's friends here in Lowell. He says:

We arrived at Aransas Pass Saturday night, Dec. 10, after an uneventful trip, except for weather conditions. It was cloudy all of the way and when we got into southern Indiana it was raining, turning to hail and finally snow. It was cold all of the way through Arkansas and northern Texas.

Aransas Pass is a small town of about 4,000 people and is located 20 miles southeast of Corpus Christi, right on the bay of the Gulf of Mexico. It is noted for its fishing, both commercial and pleasure fishing. Here the tourists and trailerites enjoy all the salt water fish and shrimp they can use. Bill describes the methods of netting shrimp by the boatload and the preparing them for the market in New York City.

Bill's address is P. O. Box 964, Aransas Pass, Tex.

Snow Com. Farm Bureau

The members of the Farm Bureau with Mr. and Mrs. Menno Baker as chairman are planning a Christmas party for Friday, Dec. 30, at the Community hall. A potluck supper will be served at seven o'clock and there will be a tree with exchange of gifts.

WEDDING BELLS

DeGroot-Stoddard

Kliss Memorial chapel was the scene Saturday evening of the marriage of Betty Jane Stoddard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Stoddard, Lowell, and Robert P. DeGroot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward DeGroot, Grand Rapids. Rev. Philip Grottel, Jr., officiating. The vocalist was Lois Wilson.

The bride wore a white bouffant taffeta dress with seed pearl trim and lace inserts. She carried a white cascade bouquet of chrysanthemums and roses.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Robert L. DuMont, wore a green taffeta dress. Her cascade bouquet was of yellow chrysanthemums. Florence Blumstein and Mary Lou Quigley, bridesmaids, wore orchid and blue-green dresses, respectively, and carried bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums.

Murray E. DeGroot assisted his brother as best man and John DeGroot and Stanley Eebe were the ushers. Mrs. M. M. Fry completed the wedding party as master and mistress of ceremonies. For the occasion Mrs. Fry wore a green crepe dress and a corsage of yellow chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Stoddard wore for the wedding a dark green faille dress and Education for thirty years, twenty of which he has been president; he is chairman of the Michigan State Welfare Commission, has headed the Masonic, I. O. O. F., and Moose lodges, Rotary Club, and has been "Admiral" of the Lowell Showboat since its beginning in 1932.

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Is fishing made easier if your line is tied to a barrel hoop placed across the center of the boat. Tips up when fish pull on the line.

Lowell Industries Hold High Place In the Community

Editor's Note—This week the Ledger is publishing another of several articles dealing with the industries of Lowell and the important part they are taking in the life of the community. They give employment to hundreds of people and in many other ways stabilize the community.

This week's story concerns one of Lowell's industries which probably pays out more dollars for products than any other concern hereabouts.

C. H. Runciman Company

When Carlton H. Runciman, superintendent of schools at Grose Lake, read a newspaper at which was offering for the Jakeway Elevator at Lowell, it was a turning point in his life and an added asset to the village of Lowell.

Charles Jakeway established the elevator business in a little brick building along the C. & O. railroad tracks in 1913 and operated it on a scale which was in line with the business of that day. But Mr. Jakeway's plans for the future were cut short when he was struck by a Grand Trunk train a few years later and killed. Mrs. Jakeway sold the elevator to Mr. Runciman in January, 1917 when he answered the ad he had read in a Detroit paper, and he came here to make his permanent home.

Buying and selling beans, potatoes, seeds, etc., was Mr. Runciman's original business venture in Lowell.

In the 33 years Mr. Runciman has been here the business has expanded to such an extent that more buildings have necessarily been erected and new helpers added until his payroll has risen from the original \$22 a week in the first weeks of 1917 until the present time when it is more than \$3,000 a week. His first year's business amounted to \$125,000 and the present volume is \$20,000,000. An almost unbelievable comparison.

During the year 1931 Mr. Runciman was instrumental in organizing, capitalizing, and bringing to Lowell a new concern, the General Bean Co., for which he erected a three-story brick building connected with the bean elevator and in which 100 electric-powered bean picking machines were installed.

Electric Eye Installed

A year later the first electric eye bean picking plant in the world to operate commercially was installed in the Lowell plant and the following year the same type of operation was set up in the Grand Rapids plant. The combined capacity of these two bean elevators is 2,000 100-lb. bags per day. These are packaged in 1-lb., 2-lb. and 5-lb. cellophane bags.

Besides the Lowell and Grand Rapids plants, Mr. Runciman operates elevators in Freeport and Clarksville, and has been buying stations throughout the state.

In 1942 the C. H. Runciman Co. purchased the Grand Rapids business which is also a Jobbing center and is managed by C. H. Runciman, Jr. There are more than 20 items handled through this department.

L. B. Ayres is manager of the Lowell plant and has been with Mr. Runciman the past 31 years.

New Departments Added

A more recent addition to the local plant is the Hal-Mark Pre-Cooked bean department of which Carl A. Mapes is vice president-secretary, and C. H. Runciman, Jr. is vice president-treasurer.

The main product handled by the Runciman Company is Jane brand Navy, Red Kidney, Cranberry and Yellow Eye beans, though they also handle seeds, fertilizer, coal, insecticides, and in fact most farm requirements.

Other departments of the Runciman Company enterprises are the Ford Motor Sales, with Jay Boelens as manager, which was established in 1945, and C. H. Runciman Co. Implement Sales, with Ray Nixon, manager, which opened for business in its own new building and show room in 1948.

While Mr. Runciman has had difficult problems to solve and some years were not especially good for business he has maintained a steady growth in his chosen occupation and we are sure he has had no labor trouble which is evident from the fact he has the same employees year after year with satisfaction to both employer and employee.

Community Spirited Family

In addition to Mr. Runciman's active business career he has always found time to be helpful in community affairs, having been a member of the Lowell Board of Education for thirty years, twenty of which he has been president; he is chairman of the Michigan State Welfare Commission, has headed the Masonic, I. O. O. F., and Moose lodges, Rotary Club, and has been "Admiral" of the Lowell Showboat since its beginning in 1932.

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Lowell Polio Victims Home for Christmas

Little Mary Munroe, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Munroe, who has been a patient at Blodgett hospital since she was stricken with polio last summer, is planning a most happy Christmas at home with her parents and brother. Mary has been fitted with braces and crutches and can get around a little, so she has been granted this vacation and will return for further treatment after the holidays.

Mary is being cared for in the Mary Free Bed Convalescent Home.

Going to Warm Springs, Ga.

Another Lowell victim of polio is Mrs. Maxine Potter, wife of Paul Potter, northeast of town, who was stricken with the paralyzing type of polio last summer and who has spent some time in an iron lung in Butterworth hospital and has made an effort to regain some of her activity with little success. She will spend the Christmas holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dean, near Lake Odessa, with her two children, Bradley and Donna, and other members of the family, and will then be flown to Warm Springs, Ga., in an Army plane. Mr. Potter is also planning to go to Warm Springs and hopes to get employment near there that he may be able to spend some time with Maxine while she is in the south for treatment.

Robert Adriane Is Home

Robert, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Adriane, who was stricken with polio in a milder form in September, was a patient in a Grand Rapids hospital a month and perhaps because his disease was detected early, he was able to be taken to his home and cared for here except for the routine trips into Grand Rapids for exercises and treatment. Robert, too, will be "home for Christmas."

Arrows Break Even Lose Rockford Game And Defeat Greenville

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In the Grand Valley tilt the Arrows jumped to a 10 to 9 lead at the quarter and remained ahead by a 10 to 9 margin at the half. The third period proved to be the Lowellite's undoing when they were able to score only 3 points while Rockford to a 28 to 21 lead. In the fourth quarter the Lowell cause however, they tied the game up at 33 all with only a minute to play remaining. At plan of a frenzied crowd the Rams lead the game with four points to grab a narrow 37 to 34 decision. Jorgerson was high for Rockford with 14 points while Hall led Lowell with 10 followed by McMahon with 10.

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Following the program tea and Christmas cookies were served with Mrs. David Coons pouring.

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GOOD FARMING IS OVERHOLT FAMILY CAREER

The George Overholt family living southeast of Lowell makes good farming their career and they are all interested in agriculture. They own 108 acres which includes the eighty where they live and 28 acres in another location nearby. They also work an added sixty acres which they rent. Of this acreage they pasture approximately 30 acres and have a woodlot covering 17.

The Overholts have four children, Connie 11, Imogene, 9, Arlan, 7, and Johnny 5. Connie is able to drive the tractor which she enjoys doing and is of much assistance to her busy father. The boys are too young to help with machines but they are active in

chores and looking forward to the day when they are big enough to drive that shiny new tractor.

While they do a general farming program, raising principally wheat, oats, corn and hay, they also produce the other crops which are necessary for home consumption and have a nice small herd of Guernseys. Mr. Overholt tells us that he is gradually changing his herd over to Milking Shorthorns.

The only other farm animals are chickens and fattening pigs. Lassie, the pet dog, is a valuable member of the family and does her work by minding the cows. This Overholt farm organization would hardly be complete without Lassie.

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'49 Arrows Feted Season Now History

The 1949 season of football for the Lowell Red Arrows has gone into history and the summary of their accomplishments points out a splendid record in spite of the fact that they came out second best in the Grand Valley Conference. All through the season they have played good football and have shown good sportsmanship which, after all, is one of the principles taught to all good athletes.

The teams they met at home and away were Ionia, Wyoming, Greenville, Lee, Rockford, Godwin, East and Grandville. The first five mentioned were held scoreless and the only game which was close was with East in which Lowell lost by one point. The total score for the Arrows during the year was 127 points while all their opponents combined scored a total of but 29.

Of the 24 players on the first squad sixteen will graduate in June, 1950, which automatically ends their football career with the Arrows. They have made a good account of themselves all through the high school years. Lowell fans will not forget the 1949 playing.

Honored at Dinners

In appreciation several dinners were given in their honor by Lowell friends and neighbors who liked the Lowell Red Arrows' way of playing the game. Mr. Lou McCausey gave a chicken dinner for the boys and their coach at the Lena Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Borgerson, a chicken dinner at the Southern; Lowell Rotary Club, a chicken dinner at the city hall; Coach and Mrs. Chris Burch, a turkey dinner at their home; several after-game luncheons were given by the C. H. Runciman Co. at the city hall; Frank Kelsner at Kelsner's Kitchen; and by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins, and finally the Parent-Son football banquet at the Lowell high school.

With all of the efforts to fete our boys this year we are wondering just what might have happened if they had won the Grand Valley Conference championship.

Harold S. Knight, 47 Passes Unexpectedly At Home in Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson were called to Detroit Saturday evening by the sudden death of their son-in-law, Harold S. Knight, who suffered a heart attack at dinner and died immediately. They were accompanied by their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Althen Simpson, of Grand Rapids.

Harold S. Knight, formerly of Grand Rapids, had lived in Detroit the past 17 years and was a member of the legal firm, Knight, Snyder & Felkens.

Mr. Knight graduated from Kalamazoo college and the law school of the University of Chicago. He became associated with the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. and was a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M. of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

Surviving are his wife, the former Zelma Simpson of Lowell; a son, Harold S., Jr., at home; and a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Fricke, of Kalamazoo.

Funeral services were held in Detroit Tuesday afternoon.

Deputy Collectors to Aid Income Taxpayers

Itineraries representing the assignment of deputy collectors to assist the taxpayers in preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1949 have been announced by the treasury department.

The dates for Lowell are Jan. 3 and February 15 and 16 at the Lowell Postoffice. Taxpayers seeking assistance are requested to present retained copies of 1948 returns and the 1949 blanks previously sent them.

MRS. WM. C. WINCHELL, 61 DIES IN HOSPITAL FRIDAY

Mrs. William C. Winchell of Ionia, aged 61, passed away at Butterworth hospital Friday, Dec. 16.

She is survived by her husband, William of Ionia; one son, Tom, of Danville, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. A. V. Wenger and Mrs. J. W. Welshelmer, both of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Charles Zahm of Lowell and Mrs. C. V. Parks of Boise, Idaho; four brothers, John Roth and Wesley Roth, both of Lowell, Walter Roth of Grand Rapids, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Roth Chapel, the Rev. Norman G. Woon officiating and burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Community Farm Bureau

The Sweet Community Farm Bureau met Tuesday evening for a Christmas party with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wells.

Ruth Wells gave a report on the annual Farm Bureau convention which was held recently.

The chairman, Rudy Wittenbach appointed a committee composed of Earl McDiarmid, Walter Wells and Eric Strand to form resolutions to be sent to the State Farm Bureau.

A very amusing playlet was given and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were in keeping with the Christmas spirit and served by our hostess and co-hostess, Ruth Wells and Lucilla Ritinger.

Oklahoma is the only state whose capital, Oklahoma City, bears the state name.

Lowell Merchants, Home Owners Win Awards on Displays

Windows along Main street which have been so beautifully and appropriately decorated for the Christmas season gave the judging committee quite a problem Tuesday evening when the final decisions were made.

Lowell's merchants who are interested in making this season as perfect as possible and to make the village attractive to visitors and to those who are just passing through, they spare neither time, work nor expense to make their decorations noteworthy.

The Ledger is pleased to announce the results of the judging. In the commercial district, Lowell Granite Company, received first with Cary's Weeks store second, Gerald Rollins Insurance, received honorable mention. Gould Rivette received first in residential district judging with Frank Newell second, and Byrne McMahon, Lou Ayres and Jud Clark receiving honorable mention.

The judging was completed and announced early this year to give all the opportunity of reviewing these decorations and time to agree or disagree with the judges. These and many others are particularly lovely and a trip about town some evening will pay any one interested in artistic displays, and they might give you some ideas for your own plans for the coming year.

BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

Over seventy-five barbershop fans, their wives and families turned out to a Christmas party at the Odd Fellow Hall in one of the largest meetings of the local chapter.

The evening was spent in contests and singing followed by a potluck lunch with treats for everyone present.

The next meeting will be held at the local hall Friday, Dec. 30, when preparations will be made for the entire chorus to appear on a Grand Rapids program.

Pilgrim Fellowship Groups Sponsor Trees

A dozen Christmas trees were delivered Saturday to displaced persons families brought through auspices of the Grand Rapids-Kent Council of Churches, in a project fostered by Pilgrim Fellowship groups of congregational churches of this area.

Also provided with the trees were 24 gift certificates which were presented to the children of DP families. The children may exchange the certificates for merchandise of their choice.

Because many DP families had arranged to spend Christmas with others the need of trees was reduced to about a dozen, but the group was determined to meet the need for every family which desired one.

Heading the entire project were Robert Hall, district president, of Lowell Congregational Church, and his staff of officers, including Ann McKay of Comstock Park Church, Skip Johnson of Second Congregational Church, John Rausser of Wallin Church, Allan Green of East Church and Gretchen Hahn, Lowell, secretary.

Various parties given to raise money to finance the project have been given the past few weeks and contributions of linens and kitchen utensils have been made.

Vitins Verners, Latvian DP, accompanied the group to act as interpreter and to explain the custom of this country to his countrymen.

STERKEN PROMOTED TO PURCHASING MANAGER

George Sterken, a former Lowell man and son of Orin Sterken, has been promoted from the position of purchasing agent for the Grand Central Airport Stores at Glendale, Calif., to that of manager of the stores.

Mr. Sterken has served the company for more than ten years, becoming purchasing agent in 1942 and in 1943 started a 3-year hitch with the U. S. Navy as a See-Bee, after which he acted as Chief of Stores for Cal-Aero Tech. Institute, an associate company. In December, 1947, he resumed his duties with the Grand Central.

Comedies and Cartoons Free to Youngsters Saturday Afternoon

The Strand Theatre management has arranged for Comedies and Cartoons galore for the free special show when the kiddies of Lowell will be their guests. The show is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24.

Like looking for Santa Claus the children here have learned to look forward to the Christmas Show the Strand plans for them. It also makes a nice place for shopping mothers to leave the children Saturday afternoon while they attend to the last minute buying which eventually happens to us all in that last short afternoon.

Closed for Inventory

The Prick-Rite Hardware announces the store will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27, 28 and 29, for inventory.

"SILENT NIGHT" Holy Night

Inspired by the significance of Christmas, a young Austrian church organist, Franz Gruber, composed his famous carol, and on Christmas morning in 1818, accompanied by a lone guitar, the children of an Alpine church sang for the first time "Silent Night," the carol that now belongs to the world.

This and other Yuletide carols are being sung throughout the Christian world this glad season.

Boys and girls, men and women of all creeds and all nationalities are marking the anniversary of the birth of Christ with songs whose heart-warming strains have given happiness to countless persons of all races.

Many people wonder from time to time how we know that Christ was born on December 25. This date was not arbitrarily chosen but is a result of a very strong tradition to the effect that Christ's birth did occur near the end of December and the day rests on such evidence, admittedly vague, as the early church could find for the actual day.

The earliest existing evidence for the date of December 25 is found in the work of a Latin historian in the year 345 A. D., who wrote in the year of the period of Caesar Augustus that "Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judah, in the reign of Herod, on the eighth day before the Kalends of January and the fifteenth day after the new moon."

The "first Christmas" for the United States was in the year 1776 when a despised American army made a come-back by crossing the icy Delaware river and capturing the British force at Trenton.

Legend has it that when the Americans attacked Trenton on the night after Christmas, they went into battle chanting Tom Paine's opening words in that famous document called "The Crisis," "These are the times that try men's souls."

The first Christmas for the American Army of the Revolution was also the first major victory for the American cause, for the Army which Washington transported across the Delaware in leaky rowboats took the Hessians by surprise and captured the Fort at Trenton.

The Ledger certainly started something when it started telling the public about the various window displays along our Main street, as there are such a lot of them decorated, and so appropriately, for the Christmas season. The early ones have been more or less described and now the whole street reflects the beauty of the Christmas season in Lowell.

We are glad that we do not have the responsibility of judging the windows for the prize winners. That will be a major problem, but a capable committee is studying the displays and the awards will be made on schedule.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: A Lowell man says when you compute your income tax and find it is right, you wish you were wrong. . . . How often you enter in to a one-sided conversation and it develops that it is always the other fellow's side. . . . How many folks have stopped worrying because they are advised that you can't help matters by worrying. . . . Some men find winding their watch daily is a form of violent exercise. . . . Next year be sure you mail your wife's letters—and burn your own.

Royal Arch Masons Hold Annual Meet

Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter No. 73, with members from Ada, Alto, Clarksville and Saranac, elected and installed at their 68th annual convocation the following officers:

Gordon Johnson, High Priest; George Story, King; Edward Bennett, scribe; Dan A. Angler, treasurer; Carl Freymuth, secretary; Arnold Wittenbach, Captain of the Post; Ralph Roth, principal scribe; Louis Kingsley, Royal Arch Captain; C. Cookingham, Master third veil; Orval Jessup, Master second veil; George Hale, Master first veil.

CHUB WAS FIRST IN 4-H CLASS

Chub, Aberdeen-Angus steer, owned by Jack Mathews and shown in the Fat Stock show at Grand Rapids last week by Jack's cousin, William Serne, took first place in the 4-H Class and was judged Reserve Champion of the Angus breed.

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Proceedings of Common Council (Official)

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell was held in the council rooms of the city hall Monday evening, Dec. 5, 1949.

The meeting was called to order by the village president, Peter Speerstra, at 8:15 p. m. Trustees present, Foreman, Mulder, Elzinga, Rutherford, Roth, Christiansen.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 1949 were read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Yonkman explaining in detail the subject of his meeting with the council on November 21, 1949. The letter was ordered placed on file.

Trustee Foreman presented the council with the paid bills for the acoustical ceiling which was put in the dining room of the city hall. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the following organizations for their donations toward paying for the ceiling. The Lowell Rotary; Club. The Lowell Board of Trade; The Lowell Showboat, Inc.; Wm. Lee of The Superior Furniture Co.

It was moved by Trustee Rutherford, supported by Trustee Roth, that bills in the following amounts be paid:

General

Village payroll	\$ 441.00
Fire Dept. payroll	140.25
Westinghouse Elec. Supply	15.08
Electric Supply Co.	40.89
Gee's Hardware	10.01
Lowell Light & Power	44.71
Lowell Postmaster	3.00
Clark Plumbing & Heating	3.25
Radio Service Co.	1.83
Lowell Ledger	18.30
Gould's Garage	45.98
Total	\$ 764.00

Street

Payroll, Nov. 26, 1949	\$ 182.75
Payroll, Dec. 3, 1949	146.75
Stanley Lewis, Nov. 26	33.00
Stanley Lewis, Dec. 3	41.25
McFall Chevrolet	5.00
Gee's Hardware	6.41
Lowell Welding Shop	54.19
Mich. Colprovia Co.	18.89
Clark Plumbing & Heating	13.20
Lowell Lumber & Coal	23.25
Art's Shell Service	36.33
Gould's Garage	265.10
Total	\$ 796.82

City Hall

Lowell Light & Power	\$ 3.11
Clark Plumbing & Heating	13.00
Lowell Lumber & Coal	1.54
Mich. Bell Telephone	10.25
Total	\$ 27.90

Light & Power

Payroll	\$2,905.92
Gould's Garage	23.25
C. H. Runciman Mtr. Sales	4.80
Earle Equipment Co.	15.00
Kirkhof Electric Co.	6.25
Litscher's Wholesale Elec.	20.48
Merle Kingdom Mach. Shop	58.63
Electric Supply Co.	36.86
Fairbanks, Morse & Co.	619.99
Wick's Auto Service	23.15
Mich. Bell Telephone Co.	29.80
Capitol Elec. Supply	10.28
Standard Oil Co.	16.42
McFall Chevrolet	28.82
Lowell Welding Shop	2.00
G. R. Industrial Elec.	251.80
Eaton Oil Co.	2,313.28
Lowell Ledger	23.50
Westinghouse Electric	93.11
York's Friendly Service	18.51
Gould's Garage	7.50
Kelsner's Kitchen	3.06
L. & P. Deposit Refund	15.00
Total	\$5,217.72

Grand total \$6,806.33

Roll call: Foreman yes, Mulder yes, Elzinga yes, Rutherford yes, Roth yes, Christiansen yes, Yeas 6, Nays 0, Carried.

It was moved by Trustee Foreman, supported by Trustee Roth, that the meeting be adjourned. Yeas 6, Nays 0, Carried.

PETER SPEERSTRA, President
LOUIS KINGSLEY, Clerk
Approved December 19, 1949.

Polish the bottom of your electric iron occasionally with fine steel wool. Rub the bottom frequently on a sheet of waxed paper.

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DENTIST
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Office 80 Res. 49

Dr. J. W. Trumble
VETERINARIAN
Office—W. Main St. at City Limits
Phone 82 Lowell, Mich.

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Physician and Surgeon
811 E. Main St.
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Afternoons—2:00-4:00 p. m.
Thursdays—10:00-12:00 a. m.
7:00-9:00 p. m.—Mon., Wed., Fri.

Dr. F. E. White
DENTIST
Office 151 Residence 188
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Phone 42 Lowell, Mich.

PUBLIC NOTICES

State of Michigan—Order of the Conservation Commission Reducing Daily Limit of Trout from Lakes

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of trout fishing in inland lakes, recommends certain regulations. THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from January 1, 1950, it shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take or to possess in one day a total of more than ten brook, brown, rainbow, or lake trout in any combination from any of the inland lakes in this state and in any case not more than ten.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this thirteenth day of October, 1949.
JOSEPH P. RAHILLY
Chairman
WAYLAND OSGOOD
Secretary

Countersigned:
P. J. HOFFMASTER,
Director of Conservation c32-54
McMahon & Cook, Attys.
Lowell, Michigan

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

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County, on the 20th day of November, A. D., 1949.
Present: HON. JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Harold Nais, Deceased.
Harold Nais having filed in said court his final account as special administrator and his petition praying for the allowance thereof, for the allowance of fees, and for the allowance of all things therein contained.

It is Ordered, That Tuesday the 27th day of December, A. D., 1949 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy:
JOHN DALTON,
Register of Probate c32-34

W. R. Wieland
R. S. Lowell, Mich.

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County, on the 8th day of December, A. D., 1949.
Present: HON. RICHARD W. BRYANT, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Wieland, Deceased.
It appearing to the court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said court.

It is Ordered, That creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 24th day of February, A. D., 1950, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy:
RICHARD W. BRYANT,
Judge of Probate c33-35
McMahon & Cook, Attys.
Lowell, Mich.

SALE OR MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County, on the 8th day of December, A. D., 1949.
Present: HON. RICHARD W. BRYANT, Judge of Probate.

Ora E. Stuart having filed in said court her petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.
It is Ordered, That the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1950, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest in said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
RICHARD W. BRYANT,
Judge of Probate
A true copy:
FRED ROTH,
Register of Probate c33-35

Hold that thread! A pressure foot for a sewing machine that will keep the thread in the needle, cut it where desired—both bobbin and spool threads of equal length—leave no loose ends, and always feed more thread for a new seam, has been invented by a woman, working with a wartime mechanic.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Robert Springgett, Atty. Lowell, Mich.
PROBATE OF WILL

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.
At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County, on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1949.

Present, HON. JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret E. Spaulding, Deceased.
Bernard J. Spaulding having filed in said court his petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said court, be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to Bernard J. Spaulding or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 27th day of December, A. D., 1949, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy:
JOHN DALTON,
Register of Probate c32-34

Leslie F. Graham
R. 2, Lowell, Mich

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County, on the 18th day of December, A. D., 1949.
Present: HON. RICHARD W. BRYANT, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Kellis B. Graham, Deceased.
It appearing to the court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said court.

It is Ordered, That creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 6th day of March, A. D., 1950, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy:
RICHARD W. BRYANT,
Judge of Probate c34-36
FRED ROTH,
Register of Probate

Let the Ledger want ads work for you.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
"Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, Dec. 25.

ADVENTISTS
Adventist meetings will be held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 409 High St., Lowell, at 3:00 p. m.
Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

BOWNE CENTER CHURCH
Rev. G. F. Boltho, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:15 a. m.
Church Service at 11:00 a. m.
Choir practice every Wednesday evening.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
PARNELL
Rev. Fr. Gordon Grant
Sunday Masses—8:00 and 10:00 a. m.
Holy Days—8:00 and 9:00 a. m.
All welcome.

ALTON BIBLE CHURCH
Fay Logan, Pastor
Lincoln Lake & 3-Mile Rds.
Morning Service at 10:30.
Sunday School at 11:15.
Evening Service at 8:00.

WEST LOWELL U. B. CHURCH
F. W. Meeker, Pastor
Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
Preaching—11:30 a. m.
Midweek prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m. on Tuesday.
Everybody welcome.

Fisherman's bait. A newly introduced worm bait—a powder which is mixed with water and sprinkled on the ground—is claimed to bring worms to the surface in two or three minutes. Of course, it there are no worms in the soil, none will come up. However, it is generally easy to locate a spot where there are worms, and this powder should certainly be a boon for fishermen.

Moseley—Murray Lake

Mrs. Eva Engle
Mr. and Mrs. Clare Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ford attended the funeral of Delbert Helmer in Grand Rapids last Thursday.

Mrs. Jennie Kropf spent Wednesday in Sarnano.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost spent Sunday with Mrs. Lena Styles in Muskegon.

Fred Kelly of Hickory Corners was a recent guest at the George and Blanche Francisco homes.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gardner and daughter and Keith Gorton of Grand Rapids spent a week ago Sunday at the Ed. Pratt home.

Nick Veltman of Grand Rapids is building a milk house for Ed. Pratt.
Ronny Onan's house caught fire last Monday, damage amounting to around \$200.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keech entertained their euchre club a week ago Saturday evening.



To our friends and associates go our wishes for a joy-filled Christmas that may last the whole year through.

Dr. C. T. Pankhurst
Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat
Ionia, Michigan

A Watch
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A dependable timepiece . . . welcome treasure beneath anyone's tree. Come choose from our collection today!
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Customers' Corner
At this season of the year this is our sincere wish for everyone:
May you have a Merry Christmas, the happy companionship of loved ones, the warm fellowship and understanding of friends.
May the New Year hold for you a full measure of happiness.
From all of us at A & P

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS FOOD SHOPPING at A&P!

Fresh Late Harvest Cranberries	1-lb. cello bag	19c	Easy-to-Peel — Size 210 Tangerines	2 doz.	39c
California Navels Oranges	Size 200 doz.	39c	Texas Seedless — Size 80 Grapefruit	5 for	33c
Tender and Crisp PASCAL CELERY	6-bunch stalk	19c	Fresh Snow-White GAULFLOWER	each	29c
Sealed Flavor RUTABAGAS	lb.	5c	Fresh Red Rippe TOMATOES	16-oz. tubs	25c
Hard Rippe Hubbard SQUASH	lb.	4c	Fresh California DATES	1-lb. pkg.	29c
Large — Diamond Brand WALNUTS	1-lb. bag	43c	Top Quality Sun-Dtd MIXED NUTS	1-lb. bag	39c

Jane Parker Fruit Cake 1 1/2-lb. cake \$1.25
STUFFING BREAD 24-oz. loaf 18c
PECAN ROLLS pkg. of 9 35c
POTATO BREAD 16-oz. loaf 15c
POTATO CHIPS 12-oz. cello 49c
DINNER ROLLS pkg. of 9 10c
PLAIN RAISIN BREAD 16-oz. loaf 18c
DONUTS Superior or Creamer pkg. of 12 19c

Ched-O-Bit American Cheese Food 2 1-lb. loaf 71c
Philadelphia or Borden's CREAM CHEESE 3-oz. pkg. 18c
Mild, Colby or CHEDDAR CHEESE lb. 50c
Tongue Link CHEESE FOOD 6-oz. 31c

Ocean Spray or Bromedary Cranberry Sauce No. 300 can 17c
Mince Meat 9-oz. pkg. 19c
Bromedary DATE-NUT BREAD 8-oz. can 20c
Jane PEACHES No. 2 1/2 can 25c
Fancy APPLE SAUCE No. 2 can 14c
Spartita GELATIN DESSERTS 4 pkg. 25c
Helm FIG OR PLUM PUDDING 14-oz. can 49c
Xport Golden CHIFFON CAKE MIX 14-oz. pkg. 27c
Time Saving BISCUICK 40-oz. pkg. 47c
Jolly Time POP CORN 10-oz. tin 20c
Ann Page Macaroni STUFFED OLIVES 4 1/2-oz. jar 39c
Dee-Lish DILL PICKLES 2 quart jar 41c
Chickens of the Sea TUNA FISH All Varieties 4 1/2-oz. can 35c
Chewing Gum 6 pkg. 19c
SHORTENING 3 lb. can 73c
CARNATION MILK 3 half can 37c
MARGARINE lb. can 21c
SALAD DRESSING qt. jar 41c
Sandita LIMA BEANS No. 2 can 13c

Whole Kernel Niblets Corn 12-oz. can 15c
Jane Cut GREEN BEANS No. 2 can 12c
A&P Fancy PUMPKIN 2 No. 2 1/2 can 27c
Berry Jane IONA PEAS 2 No. 2 cans 23c
Jane Golden CREAM STYLE CORN 2 No. 2 cans 23c
Jane TOMATO JUICE 46-oz. can 23c
Florida ORANGE JUICE 46-oz. can 29c
Blended CITRUS JUICE 46-oz. can 31c
Yuban Club BEVERAGES 5c. 8-oz. Dose 10c
Liberty Red MARASCHINO CHERRIES 1-oz. jar 27c
Waldorf TOILET TISSUE 3 roll 20c
Darkee's Ground POULTRY SEASONING 1 1/2-oz. can 11c

Sweet Treats at A&P
100% Filled CHRISTMAS CANDY 1-lb. bag 33c
Delicious PEANUT BRITTLE 1-lb. bag 35c
Warwick THIN MINTS 1-lb. bag 39c
Chocolate CREAM DROPS 1-lb. bag 25c

Juice Can Dispenser. A new gadget for puncturing cans consists of a plastic spout with a stainless-steel piercing prong. To use it, puncture the tin with the prong, give it a quarter turn, and there you have a plastic pourer with an air vent for dispensing juices, salad oils—in fact, any liquid in a can.



As on the Day of His Birth, may the world be filled with peace, today and forever.

Ray H. Covert and Son
Lyle Covert, Mgr.

LOCAL NEWS

George Alexander and Cecil Good from Lowell are among the 2,234 students regularly enrolled at Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant. They are expected home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sells of Fort Wayne, Ind., were guests Friday of their sister, Mrs. J. K. Berry.

Pfc. Richard Christensen, who is with the U. S. Infantry and has been stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan., is home on a 20-day furlough, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bassett. On his return to duty Richard will be stationed at Wares, Texas.

Cecil V. Good, Lowell Junior, was among the eight Central Michigan College students initiated into Sigma Beta Tau fraternity last week. Following the formal initiation a dance was held in honor of the new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth and grandson, Dean Collins, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shear and new son at Alaska Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thornton of Saranac called on their aunt, Mrs. Ed. Walker, Friday.

Lowell Locals

Clyde Davenport is home from M. S. C. to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davenport. Max Ploughman of East Lansing was his guest Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Curtis and two daughters of Saranac were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth.

Carl Clarke accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Rogers and daughter Beverly to Lansing Sunday for a pre-Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haselwerdt and sons of Chelsea were week-end guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Bovee and Arla Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townsend and family of Lansing were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Townsend.

Arthur and Fred DeClair of Barryton were Wednesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Crooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware Story, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wisner and Mr. and Mrs. Verell Bovee enjoyed a venison steak supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Bovee Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stahl of Clarksville were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stahard.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Rosewarne entertained his brother, George Rosewarne, of Grand Rapids for dinner Sunday.

Lowell Locals

Miss Mattie Stone and Mrs. Lanna Weekes of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon and evening visitors of Mrs. Clyde Collar.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Watts and Dick Johnson of Bowne and Frank Kline and Frank Bunker of Alto were Friday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coggriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Adriane attended the Udell Refrigerator Co. Christmas dinner at Martin's in Grand Rapids Thursday evening and then went to the Stadium to see the hockey match.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ward and family entertained his family, Mrs. A. E. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward of Lansing for a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Balkema of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young.

Kenneth Lyals of Muskegon was a Sunday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wisner and Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Starkes.

The Flat River Four quartette sang at the Rowe Hotel ballroom in Grand Rapids last Monday evening for the Ladies of the City Hall dinner party.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman G. Woon attended a luncheon at the Y. C. C. last Thursday for Congregational ministers.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Byrns of Delton called on his mother, Mrs. Lucille Byrns, Sunday.

Lowell Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ward and family will leave this Friday for Elbridge, N. Y., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Clark.

W. Little of Lake Odessa called on his sister, Mrs. Anna Stinchcomb, R. Proctor of Lake Odessa accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis and daughters will leave this Thursday to spend a few weeks visiting several of their relatives in Texas.

Susan Gee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gee, is home from M. S. C. for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulder were Sunday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Veldman and family in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gephart of Willow Run are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schneider, during the holidays.

Mrs. Dema Pitcher of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. George Wybenga of Grand Rapids were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Briggs were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Hilton and family, in Grand Rapids.

Sunday callers at the Chaffee-Goozen home were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maran and daughter Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chaffee and Tommy and Kathleen, all of Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chaffee of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Ida Morris of Ada.

Last Thursday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Valda Chardon were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Silcox of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Heesche and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of South Lowell.

Roland Doyle, who is attending Kansas State College, will be home Thursday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Monica Doyle and brother, King.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Onan were her mother, Mrs. Maude Cooper of Whitneyville and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sayles entertained their family with a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Britton and three daughters and Ralph Johnston of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sayles and Bobby.

Richard Onan and Raymond Houghton, both attending Western Teachers College, Kalamazoo, are home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Onan and Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whorley and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. John Dewey and family of Byron Center Road were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haysmer.

Mrs. Hulda Finels and Miss Phyllis Tjian, Home Economics teacher of Lowell high school, left Wednesday for a two weeks' vacation at Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla., where they expect to spend Christmas with Gerald Finels and family.

The Battistellas have been boasting so much about Lowell since they moved here last summer that their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Battistella, and Frank's sister, Miss Eddie Battistella, are coming from New York City to visit them over the Christmas holidays. What makes this a memorable event in the family history is the fact that this is the first Christmas in 50 years that the parents are spending outside of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hogsten of Chicago, Frank's sister and brother-in-law, are joining in the festivities.

Mrs. Viva Cahill arrived in Lowell Saturday evening from Marion, O., to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Bouche and family in Lowell and Mrs. Roy Adams and family in Barryton.

Mrs. Ella Strong and Mrs. Edith Vos of Flint were visitors in Lowell last Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Strong and Mrs. VosDAonIM o-tea Strong the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kellogg and Mrs. Vos of Mrs. Kittle Charles and other friends.

Junior, Jack and Jeanne Condon spent Sunday with their father, Burnett Condon and their grandmother in Vergennes.

Mrs. Nick Carter of Highland Park is assisting in the care of Mrs. Anna Carter who is confined to her bed in her home here.

Peet's Nursing Home
Caledonia, Michigan

Everyone is enjoying the Carolers that have been so nice to come out to sing. Friday night Mrs. James Corwin came with the Campfire Girls. Monday afternoon two school buses brought out 108 boys and girls from the second, third, fifth and seventh grades. Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Stowacki and Miss DeVinney came with them. Mrs. Stowacki played the piano and Miss DeVinney led them in singing the carols. Everyone wants them to know that they truly enjoy their singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Good, Mrs. Mary Giemans and Mr. James Hart came to give the services. Mrs. Giemans played the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fischer called on Mr. and Mrs. Schanz. All are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Schanz on the birth of a grandson, Jerry Richard VanDellen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ayers, Frank and Elmer Botruff came to see Mrs. Baker.

Mr. Northrup, Mrs. Addie Thayer and Mary Kovar called to see Mrs. Northrup. Mrs. Thayer brought a nice lot of apples for all to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Peet attended the Christmas meeting of the Michigan Association of Approved Nursing Homes at the Rowe Hotel Monday night.

Our Christmas trees are being enjoyed by everyone. This year we have a lighted tree on the balcony.

Snow Community
Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Mrs. W. V. Burras underwent a major operation last Thursday at Blodgett Memorial hospital and is convalescing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole entertained with a holiday dinner Sunday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole and family of Romeo, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Cole and children of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent and family, Mrs. Claudia Fuller and family and Miss Phyllis Hummel all of Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Janger and family of Three Rivers and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole.

Miss Marilyn Champion, who is attending Graceland College at Lamoni, Iowa, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds attended a holiday dinner Sunday at the home of Mrs. Reynolds' sister, Mrs. Belle White at Caledonia.

The Kenyon family enjoyed their annual holiday dinner Sunday at Snow Community Hall.

Mary Lou Cole of East Lansing is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snyder of Kalamazoo were supper guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds.

Folkensburg & Vicinity
Mrs. Bruce Tower

(Too late for last week.) Dale Miller, I. C. F. N., is spending a twenty-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller. He will report at his base at Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller and Dale attended a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Boynton in Grand Rapids. Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller and Dale were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boynton and son Monty, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Miller and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Boynton, all of Grand Rapids.

Roy Vaughan entered St. Mary's hospital on Monday and had his knee operated on Tuesday morning.

P. T. A. will be next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. It will be

South Boston
Miss Belle Young

South Boston Farm Bureau members and their families numbering 80 enjoyed a fine Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roth Friday evening, Dec. 1. The house was nicely trimmed with holiday decorations including a Christmas tree. After the short business meeting Walter Roth of Keene Township, showed pictures taken in various European countries, while on his trip there last summer. Refreshments of coffee, cookies, popcorn and candy were served. Santa Claus was present and distributed gifts to young and old.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broadbent were Grand Rapids visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Blundy and two children of Portland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fahrni.

South Bell School will have their tree and program Thursday evening Dec. 23.

Scott O'Beirne was feted with a birthday dinner Tuesday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Davis in Ionia. Several relatives and friends from South Boston attended.

The Storys write from Florida that they had fine weather for their trip South and are enjoying the Florida sunshine. Their address is 20 E. E. Davis, Fla.

South Boston Grange Chorus sang over radio station WKAR Saturday and were heard by the folks "back home".

Fruit growers who do not provide their trees with some sort of protection against mice are taking a gamble. County agricultural agents can give advice on the best methods of protection.

Send your news to the Ledger.

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THEIR SERVICE IS ALWAYS GOOD!

We wish you a Season laden with cheer, followed by a year brimming with contentment and good fortune.

Our Service Department will close at noon on Saturday, Dec. 24.

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LOWELL BAKERY

PHONE 532 214 EAST MAIN
Jca Nevitsky James Jeluso

Christmas Cookies

Pfeffernuss and Springerle lb. 48c
Kisses Mint, Raspberry and Banana lb. 69c
Fruit Cakes lb. 79c

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the Christmas program and party for the children their parents, and friends who are helping to make our P. T. A. a success. We hear Santa will be there too.

Mrs. Frances Kite spent Monday in Grand Rapids shopping. She left today Wednesday for Ann Arbor where she will enter University hospital for observation and treatment.

The community extends sympathy to Mrs. LeRoy Chipman in the death of her sister, Mrs. Ella Beecraft at Kalamazoo on Tuesday following a long illness.

Safety Sandals. Sandals which slip over the shoes and are fastened with straps give better traction on slick surfaces and insulation against hot, cold, or wet floors. The natural elasticity makes them much easier on the feet.

Ledger ads pay big dividends.

C. THOMAS STORES
Self Service

Walnuts	lb. 39c
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We Close Saturday at 6 p. m. Shop Early

Prettiness in a slip by Seamprufe.

You'll dote on the dainty detail of this beauty in Bur Mil rayon multifilament crepe, trimmed with nylon lace.

Sizes 32 - 44 White

\$398
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Cary's WEEKES

219 WEST MAIN, LOWELL
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Merry Christmas from THE TWO BEARS Nelson Stormsand and Frank Baker

Pontiac Sales & Service
L. E. Johnson
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Don't neglect the chickens... The hot water for dampening clothes and you can start to iron sooner.

Wonderful Gift Handbags



—make precious findings... with the treat in an unending array of finest leathers, fabrics and styles.



\$2.98 plus Fed. tax

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Harris Creek Mrs. Basil Vreeland

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson and Tommy spent Monday evening with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns and son Marc were week-end guests of her mother and brothers, Mrs. Honrick and sons north of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hillery at ended a family party at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hillery, and family in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flynn and son Paul, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Datta, of Dutton attended a gathering of relatives in Rockford Sunday.

Mrs. Finkbeiner and her people will give a Christmas program at the Harris Creek school house Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy of Mishawaka spent Saturday evening and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flynn and Romaine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson and John McCarty of Hastings and Mrs. Dan McCarthy of near Green Lake spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hillery were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson are the proud parents of a baby daughter born at Blodgett hospital Monday, Mrs. Johnson and daughter will be at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Gederema, until after Christmas.

Callers at the Silco-Vreeland home last week were Miss Addie Suetzer and Mrs. Dick Fairchild of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Croninger and Mrs. Robert VanderVen of Middleville, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson and Tommy and Don Timpon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hillery expect to leave December 28 for Florida and after a visit there, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hillery, of Cuba will meet them and they all will return to Cuba for a few weeks visit with their son and family.

Medicine cabinets should be out of reach of the children. Poison containers should be plainly marked.

LAST MINUTE GIFT SUGGESTION

Superba TIES \$1.50

A good selection of this top brand tie. McMAHON and REYNOLDS

100 Main St. Phone 400

CLARKSVILLE Mrs. M. P. Leinhard

Plans made for "Youth for Christ" of the Clarksville are next meeting to be held at Clarksville on January 14th in the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

Officers elected to head the committee are Donald Willison, Clarksville President, Lela Holtzer, Clarksville Vice President, Billie Reed, Lake Odessa, Secretary, Darlene Wieland, Freeport, Treasurer, Other members of the committee are Alice Patrick, Kalamazoo, Helen Broadbent, Helen Craig and Charles Miller of Lake Odessa, Marie Plank and Alice Bassett of Hastings.

Eight churches are co-sponsoring the "Youth for Christ" in the group. They include the Campbell Brothers Church of Lake Odessa, Clarksville Congregational Church, Elmwood Methodist Church, Elmwood Church of the Brethren, Elmwood Church of the Brethren, Elmwood Church of the Brethren, North Irving Wesleyan Methodist Church and West Berlin Wesleyan Methodist.

Santa Claus to visit Clarksville The Volunteer Fireman's Association has arranged for Santa Claus to visit Clarksville, Wednesday night. He will be at the Mrs. Barn from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. and will give candy and presents to all the children.

The Clarksville Business Men's Association have placed two beautiful lighted trees, one at each end of Main street, which brings the Christmas spirit to everyone.

Jolly Workers Meet The "Jolly Workers" met at the home of Mrs. Ray Darby last Thursday. There are 12 members in the club. Mrs. Darby served dinner at noon. Mrs. Fred Cool was in California and was not present but those that were there enjoyed a lovely day.

Past Matrons Club Entertained The Past Matrons Club of Clarksville O. E. S. was very pleasantly entertained last Monday night at a Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walters.

The husbands were guests. Games were played and there was an exchange of gifts. A late hour a lovely carry-a-hatch was enjoyed. All report Mary and Leon royal entertainers.

Clarksville Local Clarence Marvin was a caller at the Herb Knapp home, Friday evening. Mrs. Herb Knapp was in Freeport and Lowell on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Livingston entertained the West Campbell Club at her home last Wednesday. Thirty-two were present to enjoy the lovely dinner.

Mrs. Josephine Knapp was a business caller in Sunfield and Portland last Friday.

Pvt. Leon Buche arrived home Thursday night from Ft. Riley to spend the holidays with his father, Claud Buche and brothers. He will report for duty January 5.

Set and Mrs. G. E. Austin of the Jackson State Police were recent visitors of Mrs. Mayme Church.

Mrs. Edna Brooks, Mrs. Warren Gray, Mrs. William Hurstano, Mrs. Malcom Stuart, attended a cradle shower in Lansing last Friday for Mrs. Lyle Brodie.

The Past Noble Grand Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 22, with a carry-in supper at the hall at 8 o'clock. Games will be played and gifts exchanged. It will also be election of officers. Regular Rebekah Lodge will follow the meeting.

Kent A. Topics

Notes from Kent County Extension Office by Richard Miehle

The West Michigan Pot Stock Show certainly was a success. Average prices set at all times ranging from 10 to 15 cents per pound.

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YOUR WASHINGTON REVIEW

The annual meeting of the N. W. and N. E. Soil Conservation Districts will be held on January 20 at the 4-H Hall at Westfield Lake.

The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning with dinner at noon served by the Westfield Lake ladies.

Be sure to take reservations for dinner to Victor Walker at Rockford if you would like to attend.

The Christmas spirit draws no political line of demarcation between Republican or Democrat. I say this because I have seen many yuletide cards from Congressional friends on both sides of the aisle.

One Washington colleague, Francis Case, from a South Dakota district, had this to say on his Christmas card:

"What I want for you for Christmas is a government that can't get its hands off my pocket."

This brings up another unusual Christmas greeting that I saw in California and was not present but those that were there enjoyed a lovely day.

It has been interesting to read the newspaper stories on what the President and his leaders are preparing for the legislative schedule in the session that begins January 3rd.

How will these proposals coincide with the legislative ideas members of Congress have picked up while home the last few months?

A Congressman who has been around his district really gets the question being the progress of the Hoover Commission recommendations.

The other day a friend suggested a new method by which Presidential candidates for each political party might be chosen. The plan would provide for a special election in each state in the first week of a Presidential election year.

All candidates would be required to run in every state. The two men from each party receiving the most votes would participate in a June primary and the winner in each party would head the respective ticket in the November election.

This proposal would do away with convention-picked candidates who rely on party machines and special interests in choosing the selection to the people themselves. Does it have merit?

My schedule this past week included the Dunkers' Breakfast, a farmers' round-table discussion at Cedar Springs, talks to the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, the Christmas Veterans' organization, the veterans' agriculture club at Caledonia high school, the Madison Square Business Association, the Caledonia and Dutton City Business Community Association, Crispus Atticus Ammer, West Side Legion Post and the Ada Masonic Group. Also shared my Washington notes and discussed the workings of Congress at Highland Junior High, Union High, Hope College, Baxter Christian School, West Side Christian School, Kalamazoo High School and the Grand Rapids Junior College.

The Vets strengthened their hold on first place by taking Bismarckians for the full count—four points. Second place was taken by the Vets by their position by winning one point from H. H. Dalry by salvaging total pins for ever break to King Milling took over third place by taking the measure of Roth's for two games and three points. The dots dropped to fourth spot by losing three of the four points to revived Alto.

Kleinheisel Feed Service

John Kleinheisel, 2300 S. Michigan, 285 R. Main

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THE TRADING POST

First 25 words 60c—Additional words 2c each. Service charge of 10c on charge ads.

CALEDONIA LIVESTOCK SALE... LANSING STOCK YARDS... FARMERS ATTENTION—We need your dead and disabled stock.

YOW AVAILABLE—Consist of older blocks, also chimney blocks. Delivered or at yard.

ELECTRIC TOASTER, automatic, 1725, two slices on both sides at once, rings ball when done.

WILL THE PERSON who exchanged hats with me at the parent's football banquet, call Glen Parsons, Lowell 5472.

WANTED—Two riders to Grand Rapids, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday. Lowell Phone 20172.

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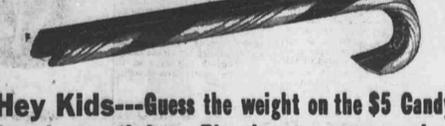
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VALLEY CHEMICAL CO. WE GIVE YOU A SPECIAL DEAL ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING USED CARS OR TRUCKS SOLD BEFORE JANUARY 1ST. SEE US NOW!

Good Used Cars: 1947 Plymouth Special Deluxe Sedan 1946 Plymouth Special Deluxe Sedan 1940 Plymouth 4-Door Sedan 1946 Dodge Custom Club Coupe 1946 Dodge Custom Sedan 1941 Dodge Custom Sedan 1947 Chevrolet Sedan Fleetline 1946 Chevrolet Stylemaster Sedan 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Coach 1939 Chevrolet Business Coupe 1937 Ford V8 "85" Tudor

When You Think of Meats... Think of Thompson's



Hey Kids---Guess the weight on the \$5 Candy Cane in our window. The closest guesser receives the cane Dec. 24.

TURKEYS Young Toms lb. 45c Young Hens lb. 60c

Choice Roasting Chickens lb. 45c Choice Heavy Fowl lb. 39c

Morrell's Smoked Picnics lb. 35c REAL LAMB Leg-a-Lamb lb. 65c

Morrell's Pride Regular Hams lb. 59c whole or half THE FINEST HAM MADE

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Yuletide Greetings

Naturally, there is a Santa Claus---just as naturally as there are children. No one even doubts that any more.

Just give way to the spirit of the season and your share of joy will come.

1949

FRUIT CAKE 4- \$1.89 KROGER

SPRINKLING MIX 34c EGGS GRADE "A" LARGE doz 45c

Fig Pudding 12 oz 23c CIGARETTES \$1.79

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THE TRADING POST

NEEDED—All kinds of chickens, Dan McQuire, Alto phone 2004.

CODAN-HAVEN KENNEDY'S Heated quarters. Board by day, week, month. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Weaver, 111 Riverside Drive, Lowell. Phone 274-32.

FOR SALE—Seasoned mild wood \$5.00 a cord, delivered; also seasoned chunk wood \$6.00 a cord, delivered. Phone 8-F13, Lowell, Ralph Roth.

FOR SALE—Three ripened mid-winter oranges, \$1.50 per bu. plus \$1.50 delivery. Phyg G. Hunt, Lake Como, Fla. 4317

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—TRAIL CAMP on M-21 WAY

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NOTICE—To party who exchanged overcoats at new Masonic Temple Tuesday, Dec. 15, please return my coat, gloves and scarf and get his own. M. N. Henry, 94

WOOD FOR SALE—Dry top wood \$125; green slabs and chunks \$150, delivered. Detroit Taper, Clarksville, R. 1. Alto Phone 3403.

MISTLETOE—Holly, pineapples, mantelpieces, candles and poinsettias. Decorate your home now. Kie's Greenhouses & Gift Shop, 632-34

PARAKEETS—Juantured to talk. New and different colors. On the 1st, 2nd and 15th and 16th of each month we will be in Lowell to show you our birds in your home. Just drop a card in time for either date above. Keep this ad. for reference. Clarence Lene, 222 N. Larch, Lansing. 43-35

Why Wait for work your car needs? Come in... for a complete motor check by our factory trained mechanics.

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WINTER TUNE-UP SPECIAL for easy starting in zero weather

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May the star that led them to lead you to joy and happiness on Christmas Day.

Palace Cleaners Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freysmuth



... and the boundless joys of the season towards men of good will.

Miller Electric Larry Miller



May the joys of Christmas morn be yours throughout the year.

Munroe's Food Market Carl Munroe



The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949. Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal MERRY CHRISTMAS

Foreman Poultry Farm E. C. Foreman

ADA NEWS Mrs. Hattie R. Fish F. A. M. Install Officers Ada Lodge No. 280 F. & A. M. held open meeting on Friday evening for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year.

Ada Local Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rookes a baby of Detroit spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rooker.

Highland Hill Dairy Aris Lesman Mrs. Blanche Lovelace and her orchestra will play at EOPF hall on Caledonia on New Year's eve.

Central Garage A. H. Stormzand The fire truck at Ada Kent County garage was called out on Sunday for a fire at the Lee Planting Co. owned by Lester Johnson and located in Section 8, Cascade.

Foreman Poultry Farm E. C. Foreman Entertaining with a Christmas party on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith and their guests.

Ada Local Mr. and Mrs. Robert Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick and George Dunn chaperoned the Ada Boy Scouts troop on a hay ride held on Monday evening with 25 attending.

Ada Local Mrs. Alva Butts was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids on Sunday afternoon suffering with pneumonia and Tuesday morning was reported to be as well as could be expected.

Ada Local Mrs. George Leese of Ionia is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Leese, George Leese and his wife and party.

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C. Thomas Store Ray Barber Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

Harmon's Drugs Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartman Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

Leonard Studios Charles Leonard Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

Merry Christmas 1949 For a smile on every face and a carol in every heart we commend you to the spirit of Christmas. Happy holiday.

Lowell Manufacturing Company Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

McMahon Appliances Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

L. W. Rutherford & Sons Merry Christmas The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men.

Nelson B. Good & Co. Caledonia Biggest Little Town in Michigan Phone 29 Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

1949 Merry Christmas The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

Christiansen Drug Company The Rexall Store Our wish is that your path of good cheer be as endless as the heavens.

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Joyful Yuletide On Christmas, 1949, we re-live the joy that comes to us across the centuries. May this season bring you nothing but happiness.

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WINDOWS MAY BE WONDERFUL AT YULE TIDE Make your windows an important part of your holiday decorating scheme.

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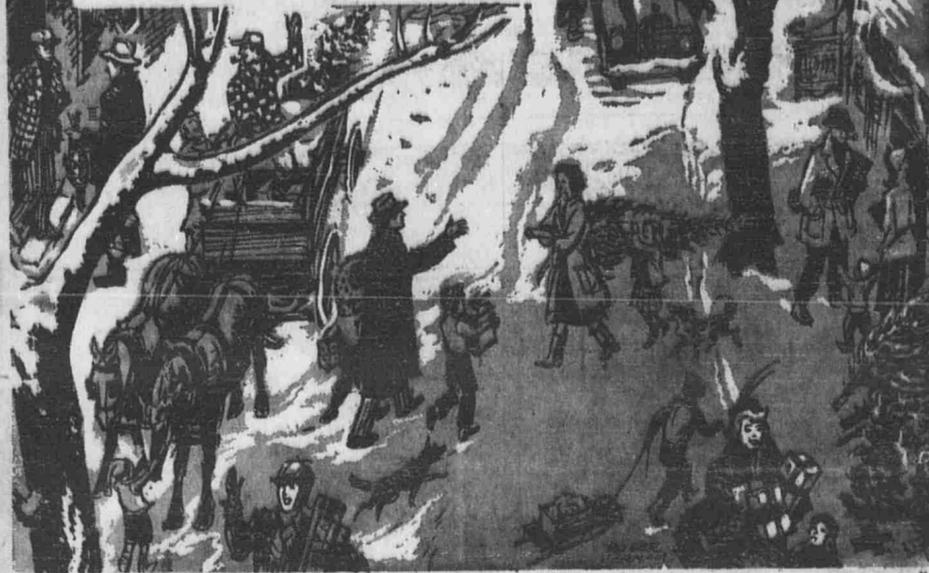
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Lowell Municipal Light and Power Plant Frank J. McMahon, Superintendent Committee: W. A. Roth, Herbert Elzinga, Wm. Christiansen

Merry Christmas

The season of glad cheer and good fellowship is with us once again—and everywhere we go we see as well as hear and feel this wonderful spirit! We see it in the gaily adorned windows . . . the colorfully lighted trees . . . and on the smiling faces of the people about us. We hear it in the well-wishing greetings of friend to friend . . . stranger to stranger . . . in the church bells resounding magnificently through our community . . . We feel it in our every activity—be it home or business. And we extend it also in our sincere heartfelt wishes to you, our friends and patrons—that this may be a truly memorable Christmas and a happy, happy New Year!

King Milling Co.



Lowell Locals
Mr. and Mrs. Verne Ashley are spending the holidays with their daughter and husband in Missouri. Mrs. A. B. Howard was painfully burned on the face, hands and arms Monday when a pressure cooker she was using exploded. Robert Cramer of Milwaukee, Wis., was a week-end guest at the home of Mrs. Frank Gould. On Monday Mrs. Milo Shaw of Middleville was a caller and Mrs. Gould accompanied her to Grand Rapids. Mrs. Frank Gould will leave on Friday for Toledo, Ohio, to spend Christmas and New Years and will go from there to Lakeland, Fla., to spend the winter.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear father, John H. Vos, who passed away one year ago, December 29, 1948.
Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bishop
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vos
Grandchildren

CHRISTMAS Records



- RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
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Wise is the Man Who Sends Flowers . . .



Brighten the heart of a friend this Christmas . . . No matter where she may be—send flowers.

Come in and see our beautiful selection of plants and flowers or, if you wish to have us choose an arrangement for you, phone us at your convenience.



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1949

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Howard Rittenger

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— Double Feature Program —



Also Cartoon "Boston Beany"

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Free Kiddies Show at 2:00

Here is a special show all children will enjoy featuring such cartoons as: "Winning the West", "Tortoise Wins Again", "Electronic Mouse Trap", "Crowing Pains", "What Makes Daffy Duck" and "Slick Here." And two twenty minute short subjects: "My Pal", starring "Flame" the wonder dog and "Molly Cures a Cowboy".

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Sunday - Monday December 25 - 26
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOW
Continuous this Christmas from 2:15



Added: "Santa's Surprise" and News
Tues. - Wed. - Thurs Dec. 27 - 28 - 29



Plus "Let's Go to the Movies" and Latest News Highlights

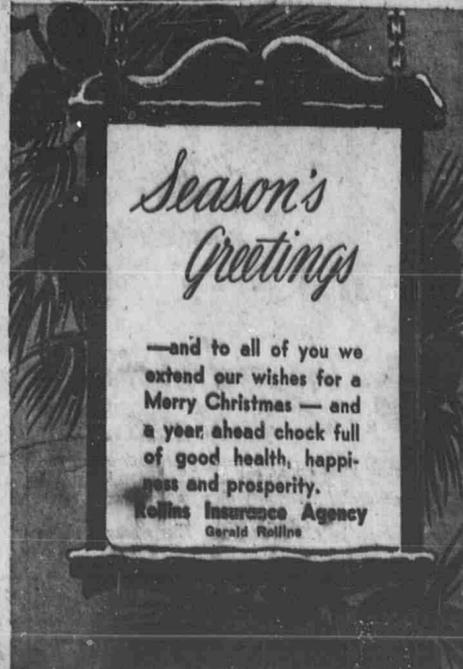
FOR EVERYONE, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



For Her . . . For Him . . .

- Rings
- Bracelets
- Pearls
- Compacts
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- Roson Lighters
- Costume Jewelry
- Silverware
- Watches
- Evening Bags
- Clocks
- Dishes
- Scatter Pins
- Hummel Figurines
- Watches
- Watch Bracelets
- Identification Bracelets
- Lighters
- Schick Shavers
- Billfolds
- Cuff Links
- Tie Clasps
- Poker Sets
- Clocks
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—and to all of you we extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas — and a year ahead chock full of good health, happiness and prosperity.
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