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At the close of a busy year, we look back in retrospection and again think of the friends who have helped to make it worth while.  
We want you to know that your good will is appreciated, and held in high esteem by this institution.  
To all, we wish an unmeasured success and good fortune throughout the New Year, and for many more to come.

### City State Bank

Member of the Federal Reserve Banking System  
This bank will not be open for business Friday, Jan. 1, 1926, New Year's Day and a legal holiday.

### Glasses for Old and Young



The importance of perfect sight is all important to young, middle aged and old alike.  
Errors of refraction can be remedied by glasses especially made for each particular case.  
We can provide the right kind of glasses for eyes needing assistance.

A. D. OLIVER  
OPTOMETRIST

### Beebe Market

Cash and Carry

Lily White Flour	\$1.33
Pure Gold Flour	1.19
5 lbs. Corn Meal	25c
5 lbs. Pure Buckwheat	25c
5 lbs. Buckwheat Compound	30c
5 lbs. Graham	25c
5 lbs. Karo, Blue	30c
2 cans Fancy Peas	25c
2 can Extra Good Corn	25c
1-2 lb. Hersey Cocoa	15c
4 lbs. Raisins	47c
3 lbs. Argo Starch	25c
100 lbs. Oyster Shells	\$1.35
100 lbs. No. 1 Salt	\$1.10
Jello, all kinds	10c
10 bars Fels Naptha	.55c
10 bars P. & G.	.42c
12 boxes Matches	.65c
3 1-2 lbs. Crackers	.49c
1 lbs. Arm & Hammer Soda	7c
Large Royal	.45c
1 lbs. Calumet	29c
2 cans Pumpkin	25c
All 5c Cigars	6 for 25c
All 10c Tobacco	3 for 25c
Campbells Soup or Beans	10c
Side Pork	22c
Whole Shoulders, Fresh	20c
Whole Hams, Fresh	23c
Hamburger, 2 lbs.	25c
Pork Sausage	25c
Bacon, Home Made	35c
Home Made Lard	22c
Frankforts	18c

### Perhaps

you received a Christmas present that you want to acknowledge with a New Year Gift. We have some splendid bargains yet in Fountain Pens, Perfumes and Toilet Water, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Books, for old and young, New Year's Post Cards, Games, Snap Shots, Smoking Sets, Compacts, Face Powders, Cigars, etc. Watch for them.

### Winegar & Hartman

### CONTRACT FOR HYDRO PLANTS

ADA AND CASCADE DAMS TO FURNISH POWER FOR CONSUMERS COMPANY

Spooner & Merrill, Grand Rapids engineers, acting for the Public Service Engineering Co., Chicago, have let contracts for two water-power electric plants on the Thornapple river, one at Ada to develop 23-foot head and one at Cascade to develop 28-foot head, to Price Bros. Co., Dayton, O., for the plant at Ada and to R. E. Townsend corporation, Ann Arbor, for the Cascade plant. The Ada contract amounts to \$181,000 and the Cascade contract to \$171,000. The water wheel contracts have been let to S. Morgan Smith Co., York, Pa., and the electrical contract to Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing Co. Amounts are no given.

#### Has Long Contract

The Michigan Water Power Co., which will operate the plants, has a long term contract to deliver all the power to the Consumers Power Co.

The Cascade station will be automatic and the Ada station hand control.

The contract with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. is for apparatus costing approximately \$150,000 according to Melvin D. Anderson, local representative. This comprises generators, switchboards, transformers and outdoor substations.

The upper, or Cascade, plant's automatic control will be by a telephone system from the lower, or Ada, plant at which there will be a trained operator. This telephone has a dial similar to the automatic telephone dial, which has on it numbers which when dialed individually or in combination will produce about 20 operations at the Cascade plant.

The operator automatically can start and stop the water wheels, decrease the load on the wheels and, through the generators, increase or decrease the amount of electrical energy produced. The operator also can ascertain the height of the water level in the upper pond.

If generators overheat, if a battery drops to a point of dangerous voltage, if there is a severe short circuit or any other trouble, the automatic apparatus immediately will remove the dangerous or faulty unit from the power line.

Safety is assured. Thus automatically everything will be done that a trained operator could do and it will be done more quickly and with greater safety to the apparatus.

This plan according to Mr. Anderson, has been extended to control from 20 to 30 plants with a distance of 200 miles. An application of the principle recently was made at Osego on the Kalamazoo river, Mr. Anderson said, where the water level steps or start the generators.

Automatic control is said matterially to reduce operating expense and to enable power companies to take advantage of extremely low stream capacities—Grand Rapids Press.

### OBITUARY—MRS FRANK STAMMERS

Sarah Pallen was born in Canada, April 5, 1862. She was married to Frank Stammers and died in Kalamazoo, December 6, 1925, aged 63 years, 8 months and 21 days. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Veiter's chapel. Rev. A. J. Blair, officiating clergyman.

### THE LATEST AND FINEST

After three months of anticipation we have received the Model 100 R. C. A. Loud Speaker. All we ask you is to come in and hear it. We have the Radiote No. 20, 5-tube set on display. Stocking's [c31]

### LEGION DOINGS

The Chas. W. Clark Post No. 152 wishes Lowell and community a very Happy New Year.

The party New Year's eve is going to be a good starter for a happy New Year.

The Legion has so many more friends than we could think of that our invitations were all gone in a hurry. If we missed you, come on over and we will fix it up at the door. Ladies and girls must have an escort.

Chas. W. Clark Post No. 152 won National recognition by having our 1925 membership all paid up for 1926 by or before Dec. 31, 1925. Now, we have all of 1926 to double our present membership and we are going to do it. —Adj.

### RESIDENT OF CANNON SINCE 1887 IS DEAD

Henry Kies, sr., a resident of Cannon township since 1887, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl Hyde at Rockford Thursday night. Surviving are two sons, William of Rockford, and Henry sr., of Grand Rapids, and three daughters, Mrs. Willia Church and Mrs. Hyde of Rockford and Mrs. C. Evans Johnson of Grand Rapids. Funeral services were at the residence Monday afternoon. Burial in the Rockford cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Dawson of Lake Odessa, spent Monday and Tuesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dawson.

Mrs. Clyde Newell of Grand Rapids is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dawson.

### DOINGS OF OUR CHURCHES

PROGRAMS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES IN LOWELL. PLAN TO ATTEND

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A. J. Blair, Pastor  
Church school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Communion service. "What the church has to offer meets the deepest needs of the world"  
Mid-week service of good fellowship and devotion on Thursday evening. Picnic supper at 6:30. We are anxious that as many as possible participate in these services.  
The Cheerful Doers will meet on Monday evening, Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Parker.  
A New Year's resolution. "I'll try my earnest best to be true to my better self."

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Sunday services are held at 11:00 o'clock over the Lowell State bank. Subject of the lesson sermon for January 3, is "God." Everyone cordially invited.

#### LOWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 7:00 p. m.

#### C. Quartell, pastor.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lloyd H. Nixon, Pastor  
Sunday morning at 10:30 the pastor will preach a New Year's sermon. Mrs. Chas. Doyle will sing. At 12:00 noon, the Church school meets. A total of \$79.00 was given in the "White Gift" Christmas offering for the Methodist Children's Home at Farmington, Michigan.  
The evening vesper service at 5:00 p. m. It will be a candle light communion service. How appropriate to gather about the table of the Lord at the beginning of the new year. Let every member and friend of the church plan to be present.  
Tuesday evening at 7:30, meeting of the Church school board.  
Thursday evening at 7:30, mid-week devotional service. The pastor will lead the study. All will be welcome.

#### VERGENNE M. E. CHURCH

Lloyd H. Nixon, Pastor  
Preaching service hour, 1:30 central standard time, followed by the Sunday school. Everyone interested ought to attend the service.  
January 12th is the date of our next community night service. These gatherings are well attended. Won't you plan to attend the next one?

#### AUCTION SALE

John Krum will have an auction of trade Holstein cattle on his farm one-half mile from Bailey church or 6 1-2 miles north west of Lowell on Wednesday, Jan. 13. See advertisement in this paper's issue of January 7, 1926, for full particulars.

#### REGENT BARBER SHOP CHANGES HANDS

Having purchased the Regent barber shop of N. R. F. Johnson, I would announce to the public that I will appreciate their patronage and endeavor to merit the same.  
Claude Thorne. [p31]

### Sirand Theatre Program

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2  
A BIG DOUBLE SHOW  
MARY CARR IN

#### "Driscella With a Million"

Also Charles Chaplin in "THE PILGRIM"  
It's a Riot 4 Great Reels  
Matinee Saturday, Admission 10c and 15c  
Evening Admission 15c and 25c

Sunday, January 3

PATSY RUTH MILLER and MATT MOORE IN

#### "The Wise Virgin"

Also Our Gang Comedy "EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF"  
Admission 15c and 25c.

Tuesday, January 5

#### A Special Feature

ALSO A TWO-REEL COMEDY "RADIO MAD"  
Admission 15c and 25c.

Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 6 and 7

LARRY SEMON IN

#### "The Perfect Clown"

See the perfect clown and laugh till it hurts  
ALSO A TWO REEL COMEDY "DRAGON ALLEY"  
Admission 15c and 25c.

COMING, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 8 and 9

#### "FRIVOLOUS SAL"

COMING, JAN. 14, 15 and 16 "THE PONY EXPRESS"  
COMING SOON "WINDS OF CHANCE"

### Are You Going to Buy Yourself a Home This Year?

Does the one you now own need repairing? See the

#### Lowell Building & Loan Association

about a Loan. It's an easy way to pay.

D. S. SIMON, President. H. L. SHUTER, Secretary.

### LETTER FROM THE DEAD

FOUND IN SPRING LAKE EIGHT YEARS AFTER BOTTLE DROPPED IN GRAND RIVER

The following letters are self-explanatory except to those who do not know that Charlie Hartley was a son of Phil Hartley of Lowell.  
Editor Ledger:

This following letter was mailed to Charlie Hartley, who died February 10, 1920, and was received by his widow Gladys Hartley, who answered the same. Charlie was with me fishing on Grand river about one mile below Lowell when this note was put into the bottle and was thrown in the river, eight and one-half years ago.

Phil Hartley

Spring Lake, Mich., Dec. 5, 1925

Dear Sir:

As I was out hunting December 4, in Spring Lake and found a bottle with a cork in it, and inside of the bottle I found the name of Charlie Hartley, Lowell, Mich., July 5, 1917, and am in hopes of finding you, to notify you of this as it might interest you to hear from me if you were still alive and in this place. Hoping I may hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Wm. Henry Zeidema,

Spring Lake, Mich., Box 189.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the friends and neighbors who helped and extended their kind assistance during the fire and the loss of our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sterzik  
And Family.

#### FREE HEALTH CLINIC

A free health clinic will be conducted under the auspices of the Anti-Tuberculosis society in the City hall, at Lowell Thursday, January 7, from 2:00 to 6:00 p. m. Dr. E. N. Nesbitt will be the examining physician. He will be assisted by Miss Mary E. Bozasso, county tuberculosis nurse and Miss Madge Bronsman, director of child health education for the Anti-Tuberculosis society.

This work is made possible in Kent county through the sale of the little penny Health Christmas Seals which bear the double barred red cross and are so popular during the holiday season. Your purchase of these seals do more than decorate your mail, they carry a health message and, most of all, the funds thus raised are put to good use the entire year.

### MAC VEAN ON TAX KNOCKERS

SAYS ASSESSED VALUATION OF LOWELL DISTRICT NO. 1 IS VERY LOW

This is the time of year when the attention of many people is directed to the matter of taxes and tax rates. Many questions come to the mind of the taxpayer, undoubtedly, when he studies his tax statement. He wonders, "Where it all goes" and if it is really necessary. Uninformed taxpayers are very liable to pay somewhat grudgingly. They are also more easily misled by the propaganda of tax knockers, who continually preach from the text of "high taxation" so long as they are called upon to pay a dollar for public welfare. This type of citizen sees only the tax statement. He considers taxes only as an expense, never as an investment.

The average tax payer, however if he can be shown that his money really goes for results that are worth while and essential is quite glad to meet his share of the investment for public welfare as for himself. It is particularly for the benefit of this type of citizen that the following facts are given in relation to the school expenditures for District No. 1, Lowell.

1. Tax Rate. The school tax rate of over twenty four dollars on a thousand is high compared to the average school. Two things however determine the amount of tax paid, the assessed valuation, as well as the rate. The rate does not do anything necessarily as a comparison for different communities when there is so much chance for difference in valuation and assessed valuation.

2. The Assessed Valuation. District No. 1, Lowell has an assessed valuation of a little less than one and one-half million dollars. This amount is very low for the size of the town and in relation to the school population is also very low. Approximately 600 names are on the school census. By dividing the assessed valuation by the number of pupils enrolled gives \$2,500 or the assessed valuation behind each child. The average amount behind each child over the State is about \$1,000 or over twice that here. From this it can be seen that the assessed valuation is up to average we could raise exactly the same total tax but the school tax rate would be less than half what it is now.

3. The Total Tax. A few years ago the total amount of school tax was \$9,000, then considerable repair and improvement was necessary so it was raised to \$30,000 during which time the floating indebtedness which had been hanging over for some time was wiped out. This year the board is trying to make ends meet with a \$20,000 budget. This amount is very reasonably conservative according to other schools judged by the only fair basis of reasoning and that is the per capita cost for each pupil in the school.

4. Per Capita Cost. Our total 1926 budget actually expended last year was approximately \$2,000. Divide this by our enrollment of 600 gives about \$3.30 the per capita cost for the school system as a whole comparing with other schools we find that such towns as Howell, Portland, Plainville, St. Joseph, Alma, Clare and St. Johns have a per capita cost from \$91.00 to \$120.00. This shows definitely that the expenditures are very conservative for our enrollment which controls the necessary factors of expense as buildings, instruction and supplies. And this in spite of four separate buildings and unusually heavy repairs and improvement for which sound common sense showed a demand.

5. School Investments. While the school budget should keep within reasonable limits because of the tax payer, the school exists for the proper educational facilities for every pupil attending. The pupils should be the most important logical basis for judging the amount of the budget.

It might also be well to mention that every additional non-resident pupil we secure is an asset rather than a liability financially.

6. Educational Opportunities. We believe the majority of parents and tax payers wish the children of Lowell a reasonably equal educational opportunity compared to that in other communities. We believe that because a child is born and lives in Lowell should not mean less an investment for his future success than for a child who happens to be in Hastings or some other town. It is the purpose of those having to do with the policies of Lowell Public Schools to strive earnestly to secure the greatest possible value received from every dollar expended in the best interests of each and every child in our community.  
—R. J. MacVean.

#### CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned desire to express their appreciation to the friends who kindly assisted us at the burial of our dear departed.

Frank Stammers  
Mrs. W. F. Smith  
George Pallen [c31]

#### NOTICE

After January 1, Lowell barber shops will open at 8 a. m., and close at 7 p. m.  
Shaves, 25c. Hair cuts 50c.  
D. C. Macham  
B. A. Charles  
J. E. Bannon  
Harvey Haysmer  
N. R. F. Johnson [c29-30-31]

#### VERGENNES TAX PAYERS TAKE NOTICE

I will be at the City State Bank, Lowell, Mich., for the purpose of collecting Vergennes township taxes on the 12th, 19th and 26th of December, 1925, and on January 2 and 9, 1926.  
Bry Condon  
Treasurer Vergennes township, Dec. 2, 1925. [c27]

#### NOTICE

To owners of dogs: \$2.00 extra on all licenses issued after January 16, 1926.  
Lula M. Bradish  
Township Treasurer [c30-31]

#### BARGAINS IN USED CARS

1924 Chevrolet, new paint job.  
1922 Chevrolet Roadster.  
1924 Chevrolet Touring.  
1923 Buick Touring.  
Essex Four Coach.  
McQUEEN MOTOR CO.

### LOOK'S DRUG STORE

One of the 10,000 Rexall Drug Stores.

1926

May the coming year find you light of heart, contented of mind with prosperity and happiness lodged as your permanent guests and that you may wake every morning feeling fit is the wish of

CHAS. E. BROWN D. G. LOOK  
V. E. ASHLEY JACK FENNING

### Usher The New Year In Radiola or Atwater Kent

We are equipped to install either of these wonderful receiving sets in your home before night if you say so. Get started now in the midst of the greatest radio season. We will demonstrate in your home anywhere, anytime.

R. D. Stocking  
WE SERVICE ALL OUR RADIOS

1926

A new year is upon us bringing its work and play, its joys and sorrows.

It's the wish of this bank to all its many friends and patrons that Nineteen Twenty-Six may have in store for you and yours all that you hope for in health, in happiness, and in prosperity.

### Lowell State Bank

C. H. Runciman, President P. C. Peckham, Vice President  
D. G. Mange, Cashier

### MONUMENTS

The best variety of GRANITE AND MARBLE MONUMENTS in Western Michigan  
Workmanship and Quality of Materials absolutely guaranteed.

### Lowell Granite Co.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT  
PHONE 20 LOWELL, MICHIGAN

### Mr. Farmer!

Do you know that 200 lbs. of Cull Beans are equal in feed value to 100 lbs. of Cotton Seed Meal?

WE ARE SELLING CULL BEANS NOW AT \$15.00 PER TON

### Coal Special This Week

POCAHONTAS LUMP, \$11.00 PER TON  
DRY, SECOND GROWTH OAK WOOD \$4.50 PER CORD

### C. H. RUNCIMAN

COAL, COKE and WOOD  
Phone 24 and 152



# Statewide General Ledger

## Compiled and Condensed for Readers of Lowell and Concord

### STATE NEWS

Port Huron—Building permits for 49 dwellings were issued by the city engineer. The average cost will be \$2,500. One has been issued to Otto Petting, who will build a two-story house on a number of the lots which have been cleared.

An Arbor-Fires caused by spontaneous combustion have broken out in the coal bunkers of the University of Michigan heating plant. Because the fires are above the line to which water will reach, they are not being extinguished.

Kalamazoo—A contest by old-timers in southwest Michigan will be a feature of the New Year's day open house festivities of the Masonic lodge. A silver trophy cup will be presented to the champion bidder and there will also be cash prizes for the winners.

South St. Marie—Preliminary plans for the new St. Marie hospital were approved by the board of trustees. The new building will be a two-story structure with 120 beds. It is estimated that the cost will be \$1,200,000. The new building will be a two-story structure with 120 beds. It is estimated that the cost will be \$1,200,000.

Grand Rapids—The Michigan Division of the Inland Waterways Commission has announced that it will issue permits for the construction of a new canal between Grand Rapids and Lake Michigan. The canal will be 10 miles long and will have a depth of 10 feet.

Lansing—The State will seek a permanent injunction to restrain the Detroit Redaction Co. from publishing the names of the members of the Michigan State Bar. The State has filed a bill in the Supreme Court to this effect.

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# Sunday School Lesson

## Lesson for January 3

### THE SON OF GOD BECOMES MAN

LESSON TEXT—JOH 1:1-18  
GOLDEN TEXT—And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth.—John 1:14

### CHAPTER VIII

In Which Hugh Drummond and the Reverend Theodosius Longmore Talk Together

"Hugh!" Peter snarled a little irritably from his covert inspection of the Reverend Theodosius Longmore. "You've got Peterson on the brain, why, that old bird is no more like him than my boy."

"Reverend," said Peterson, answered Drummond doggedly. "It's just that one trick he can never stop his mouth from running."

"The Eternal Son is called the Word," said Hugh. "He is the expression of God to man. He is the Word of God to man. He is the Word of God to man. He is the Word of God to man."

"You're perfectly correct, Hugh," said Peterson. "You're perfectly correct, Hugh. You're perfectly correct, Hugh. You're perfectly correct, Hugh."

"Absolutely, old man," answered Drummond. "Absolutely, old man. Absolutely, old man. Absolutely, old man."

"There is an old time as an independent of the past," said Hugh. "There is an old time as an independent of the past. There is an old time as an independent of the past."

"The Son is Divine," said Hugh. "The Son is Divine. The Son is Divine. The Son is Divine."

"The Word of God is the Light of Men," said Hugh. "The Word of God is the Light of Men. The Word of God is the Light of Men. The Word of God is the Light of Men."

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# Carefully Compiled Information That Will Be Of Help To The Progressive Farmer

## How to Kill the Common Barberry

### PEACEFUL PICKETS BARRED BY JUDGE

Sullivan Declares Illinois Law Unconstitutional

### Not Worried Over Decision Handed Down by Judge McClintock

### MINOR LABOR NOTES

Not housing agencies in London are keeping all construction workers out of work.

### GENERAL LABOR NEWS

There was a large increase in unemployment in Germany during October, according to official reports.

### CHAPTER IX

In Which Count Zedova is Invited to "Alike in Wonderland"

"A quarter of a hour later the two young men stepped into Piccadilly, and the first thing that struck them was the noise of the traffic."

"The girl who was standing in the doorway was the same girl who had been seen in the doorway of the house."

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# The American Legion

## LEGION FIGHTS FOR NEW LEGISLATION

Enactment into law of the principle of the universal draft is the foremost purpose of the American Legion.

The object of the proposed law, the universal draft, is to provide for the national defense of the United States.

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ITEMS OF THE TOWN
Giberti Coanati was in town Friday evening.
Daisy French served to Grand Rapids. Phone 27, Rogers Truck.
Miss Gertrude Herman of Grand Rapids spent the weekend in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Barker spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.
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HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND ALTO
J. D. Mohr was in Detroit on business, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willeke spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Duell and family spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS AROUND MCCORDS
NORTH MCCORDS-EAST CASCADE
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas attended the funeral of George W. Wadsworth of Grand Rapids.

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Here are, all of us, ready to wave "Goodbye" to Old Year Twenty-five--smile "Hello" to Young Twenty-six.

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BEHLER'S WEDDING
A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Adam E. Behler.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graybill were married at the home of Mrs. Geo. Graybill.

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**CHAPTER II**

Jerry came into her own... He was a young man of great promise... His father, Jerry Harmon, Sr., is a successful business man... The story follows the development of Jerry's character and his relationships with his family and friends...

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The Summer Passes... Prudence and Jerry had finished their work... They were both tired but happy... The story follows the development of Jerry's character and his relationships with his family and friends...

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**Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale**

By Mary Graham Dozier

THE MEETING

There was a meeting that night in the parlor... The story follows the development of Jerry's character and his relationships with his family and friends...

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**Life-Hip Woman**

By Hugh Pendexter

STYNOPISE—Traveling by canoe on the Mississippi... The story follows the development of Jerry's character and his relationships with his family and friends...

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**National Amateur Golf Cup Destroyed in a Fire**

The national amateur golf championship cup, which Robert T. Jones took back to his club at Atlanta, Ga., was destroyed by a fire that ruined the East Lake Country Clubhouse the other day... The story follows the development of Jerry's character and his relationships with his family and friends...

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**What can I do?**

For Women Urged to Give Farmers Relief

Washington—The capital of Annapolis, where an expert recently died and another was crowded, may have been the scene of a tragedy... The story follows the development of Jerry's character and his relationships with his family and friends...

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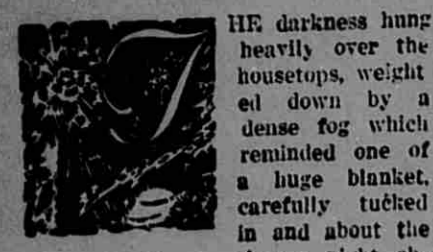
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**New Year's Static on a Foggy Night**

**What Seemed to Be Inauspicious "Start" Was a Feline Concert.**

By ELEANOR E. KING



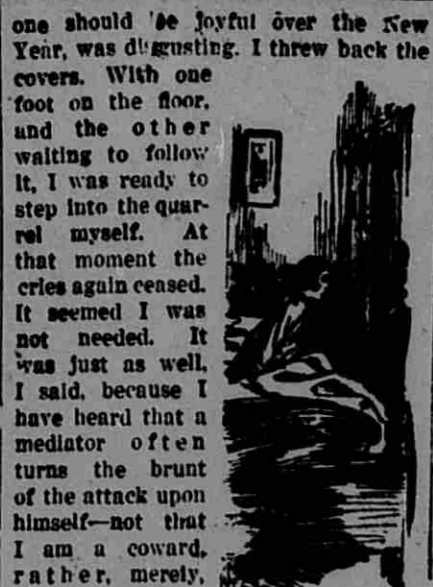
THE darkness hung heavily over the house, weight ed down by a dense fog which reminded one of a huge blanket, carefully tucked in and about the gloomy night objects. A wall, long and hideous, rent the air. Distress was clearly portrayed in this weird sound. Another, but of a slightly different pitch, asserted itself. But why quarrel on New Year's night? A fine start for the New Year, I said to myself.

The air was torn asunder by the cries, ever increasing in loudness—in a lively crescendo until the higher voice of its piercing quality, could stand the tension and strain no longer, breaking into a veritable hissing torrent. Suddenly their burst of raging madness subsided. All was quiet. I turned over, buried my head still further in the pillow and tried to sleep. The offenders probably did not know that I was busy ushering in the New Year until the wee small hours last night—no, this morning.

It was not as easy to lose consciousness when once the noise had ceased as I had imagined it would be. My brain was not very active. Sleep had vanished. Just why was it necessary to permeate the peaceful atmosphere with such uncouth sounds? The question I pondered and preponderated. Of what interest to me was this disturbance? Sleep was more to the point. Then why didn't I sleep? A mournful howl, emitted by a neighbor's dog, died away swallowed and muffled in the fog. Chills ascended and descended my spinal cord in no uncertain manner.

This rudeness on a night when every one should be joyful over the New Year, was disgusting. I threw back the covers. With one foot on the floor and the other waiting to follow it, I was ready to step into the quarrel myself. At that moment the cries again ceased. It seemed I was not needed. It was just as well. I said because I had heard that a mediator often turns the brunt of the attack upon himself—not that I am a coward, rather, merely, the influence of a "laissez-faire" attitude of mind resulting from drowsiness and loss of sleep.

I put my foot back again. The silence extended over a longer period this time. Once more I settled myself in preparation for sleep, for I concluded this time the cats had settled their dispute for the night. I never did care very much for cats. Naturally I had less patience with the quarrelsome, scratchy things that rent the peaceful calm, and foggy atmosphere on this first night of the Joyful New Year.



He (after long argument)—So you see, dear, you misjudged me in saying I was making love to that other girl just because we were out on the porch. She—All right—I believe you. Now wipe that eyebrow off your cheek, and we'll go home.

She approached the post office window belligerently. "I've been expecting a package containing medicine for a week, and haven't received it yet."

"Yes, madam," replied the post office clerk. "Kindly fill in this form and state the nature of your complaint."

"Well, it's no business of yours, but if you really must know, it's rheumatism. I get it very bad across my shoulders."—Minneapolis Tribune.

"Since you are discontented, why don't you sell your farm and move to the city?"

"I've heard about them prices for flats," answered Farmer Cornstossel.

"I'd rather go on being discontented than take a chance on being plain desperate."—Washington Star.

**The Proof of Guilt**

Judge—Now, do you know it was this man's fault? Did you see the accident?

Cop—No, your honor, but I could tell from the rough way he was trying to bang it on the other man that he was entirely to blame.

And Then?

He (after long argument)—So you see, dear, you misjudged me in saying I was making love to that other girl just because we were out on the porch. She—All right—I believe you. Now wipe that eyebrow off your cheek, and we'll go home.

Stories of absent-mindedness were being related in the smoking-room of a transatlantic liner.

"I am very absent-minded myself," said a hitherto silent man. "I often find names and telephone numbers written in my notebook, but can't remember what persons they represent. Lately I had a general checking up. The name and address of one man baffled me so I wrote to him asking if he had ever heard of me and if I was supposed to do something for him. He wrote back a cordial, almost an affectionate letter, saying I had already done it. He was my wife's first husband."

**WHITNEYVILLE WHATNOTS**  
Charley Lawyer and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and daughter of Lowell, Arch Thomas and family, Earl Thomas and wife, ate Christmas dinner with Will Thomas and wife.

Bert Douglas and wife spent Christmas with their son Louis and family of Lansing.  
D. C. Blood and Dan McGregor spent a few days with their sister and family, Maggie Cook of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bates and family visited at her sister's in Grand Rapids Thursday.  
The Christmas tree and program given at the church was a good success.

Morris Eckert and family of Grand Rapids, Sam Onan and family of West Lowell and Susie Cooper of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with their parents, Levi Cooper and wife.

Perhaps you did not get enough of those Christmas Photos to go around.

We keep all negatives and can make them for you at any time.

And after you try out that new Kodak, bring in the film to be finished at  
**The Jessup Studio**

Mr. Fisher and family spent Christmas with Roy Mungler and family.

**TIME CARD IN EFFECT SEPTEMBER 13, 1925**

Pere Marquette Railway Co.  
EAST—No. 32 - 7:35 a. m.  
WEST—No. 31 - 10:50 a. m.  
Mixed run east about 9:00 a. m. for Belding, returning about 2:00 p. m., for Elmdale and Freepport.  
Grand Trunk Western Lines.  
EAST—No. 54 - 7:11 a. m.  
No. 56 - 2:33 p. m.  
WEST—No. 19 - 12:53 p. m.  
No. 57 - 8:16 p. m., flag stop

**Wishing You All A Happy New Year**

Also wish to thank the many customers for their patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of the same for the coming year.

**W. J. Gibson's Cash Market**  
The Market Where Your Children Get the Same Service You Do

We wish you all A Most Happy and Prosperous New Year Yours for Service

Phone us your order. We deliver

**STAAL & MILLER**

The Market Where Only Good Meats Are Sold  
WATCH OUR WINDOW FOR PRICES

**C. THOMAS STORES**  
"The Best For Less" "The Yellow Front Stores"

Corn Baraboo Brand, Evergreen, can 10c

Pork & Beans, VanCamp's, 3 cans 25c

King's Flake FLOUR 24½ lbs. \$1.19

Peanut Butter, 1 lb. Pail 20c

Cheese, Mild Full Cream, lb. 30c

Quaker Oats, large pkg. 23c

Raisins, Seedless, bulk, lb. 10c

<b>GRAMAM Flour</b> 5 LBS 28c	<b>CRESCENT Pancake Flour</b> 5 LB SACK 30c	<b>CORN Meal</b> 5 LBS. 22c
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Macaroni, bulk, 3 pounds 25c

P & G Soap, 10 bars 42c

Star Soap, 10 bars 50c

White Beans, 2 pounds 14c

**A House---**

can be no stronger than its foundation, and a suit of clothes can be no better than the fabric of which it is made.

The service in OUR TAILOR MADE SUITS is fundamentally based on the foundation of pure wool quality.

**Lowell Cleaning & Dyeing Works**

D. S. SIMON, Proprietor Opposite Postoffice

LET SIMON SIMONIZE YOUR CLOTHES

**START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT**

As you prepare to turn over the new leaf and make the many resolutions for 1926 let us give you a hint:--You can't make the rest of the world believe you are improving unless you look the part---

We can make you look so well that your friends will think you have turned over a new leaf whether you have or not.

**A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year To You All**

**M. P. Schneider & Son**

The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes in Lowell

**Notice of Sale of Real Estate**

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the probate court for the county of Kent.

In the matter of the estate of William Bovee.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of an order of said court made on the 29th day of December A. D. 1925, I shall sell, at public auction, on the 18th day of February A. D. 1926, at two o'clock in the afternoon from residence of Wm. Bovee, on West Side of Fallasburg Bridge in Vergennes township, Kent Co., Mich. in said county, the interest of said estate in the following described real estate, to-wit:

Commencing at the quarter post on the west side of section 24, running thence North on said section line to the center of the highway about thirty (30) rods, thence East along the center of said highway to the North west corner or near the North West Corner or land formerly owned by the Widow Stonehouse, thence Southerly along the West line of said land about twenty-nine (29) rods to the quarter line, thence Westerly along said quarter line to the place of beginning, per deed recorded in Liber 187 of Deeds on page 314. Also a piece of land being described as commencing at the North West corner of lot number nine (9) of Section 24, thence South one hundred (100) feet thence East five hundred forty eight (548) feet, thence North one hundred (100) feet to quarter line, thence West on quarter line five hundred forty eight feet (548) feet to the place of beginning, and containing about 1-4 acres of land, more or less, per deed recorded in Liber 291 of Deeds on page 461. Also a piece of land being described as commencing at a point on the East and West quarter line in section twenty-four (24) thirty-two (32) rods and eight links East of the quarter stake on the section line between sections twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24), thence East on the quarter line forty four (44) rods and six (6) links, thence North twenty four (24) degrees West four (4) rods, thence North thirty five (35) degrees West four (4) rods, thence North forty two (42) degrees and thirty (30) minutes West four (4) rods, thence North fifty two (52) degrees West, three (3) rods, thence East to highway, thence Westerly along the Southerly line of highway to land owned by second party, thence South seventeen (17) degrees and thirty (30) minutes West along said second party's land to the place of beginning. But nothing herein shall convey any of the lands of Felt river or the title to the land in the road along said river, per deed recorded in Liber 271 of Deeds, on page 576. Also a piece of land being described as all the following described piece or parcel of land with a parcel containing about two acres bounded on the North by J. O. Goodsell's land, on the South by J. N. Goodsell's land, on the East by J. W. Felt's land and North by the highway. Being the piece of land situated on the South East quarter of the North West Quarter of section twenty-four (24) of Vergennes township, Kent county, Michigan, per deed recorded in Liber 179 of Deeds, on page 23. All of above described lands being on section twenty-four (24) Vergennes township, Kent county, Michigan. Dated this 29th day of December A. D. 1925.

DELBERT CONDON  
Administrator of the estate of William Bovee, deceased.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS**

Both Old and New

We wish you a Happy New Year And a wealth of prosperity, too; May all the year be filled with cheer Is the wish that we wish for you.

We wish we could take each one of you by the hand and give you this greeting for the coming season of 1926.

We realize that it has been your loyalty and co-operation that is bringing the season of 1925 to a successful termination.

We want to assure you that we shall bend our every effort to continue these more than pleasant relations for the coming year of 1926.

H. L. Shuter.

**Shuter's Cash Boot Shop**

Lowell, Michigan