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VOLUME XXXVIII

MORE POWER PROVIDED BY CITY PLANT

THIRD UNIT WILL INCREASE PLANT'S CAPACITY BY 438 KILOWATTS—COST APPROXIMATELY \$20,000—CITY NOTES INCREASED USE OF ELECTRICITY.

When the new dam was completed last Summer at the Lowell municipal plant on Flat River, provision was made for the installation of an additional generator unit whenever it might be needed. In order to give maximum service village officials later ordered the additional unit, making the third, and the work of installing same is now about completed. This new unit is capable of developing 438 kilowatts, making a total maximum capacity at the dam of 883 kilowatts. The auxiliary power unit located within the village can if necessary be called upon to provide 200 additional kilowatts.

The new unit together with its housing represents a cost of approximately \$20,000. The unit serves two purposes, first as a safety measure in case of a breakdown of either of the other units and secondly, to care for the steadily growing business of the municipal plant. Although practically every home in the corporation is wired for electricity and perhaps two-thirds of them use electric ranges, the growth is not confined within the city by any means. Demand for electric service from the adjacent territory is growing rapidly and many farms are using electricity for power and in the kitchen and this demand seems sure to grow more rapidly in the future.

The construction of the new dam last Summer and the installation of the new generating unit, as called for the expenditure of a tremendous amount of time on the part of Charles Doyle, chairman, Harry Day and E. R. Kniffen, of the power, light and water committee, President O. J. Yeiler and other members of the council, and Frank J. McMahon, the municipal plant's hard-working superintendent.

By the way, it may not be amiss to say that Mr. McMahon is serving his twenty-eighth year as plant superintendent here. We venture the remark that this is a record rarely equaled anywhere.

Lowell Postoffice Beats Its Record

Business at the Lowell postoffice during the days preceding Christmas did not indicate that there was much depression extant, as all previous records were broken. Additional help was provided and carriers and clerks kept on the job faithfully until the last piece of Christmas mail had been disposed of on Christmas eve.

The biggest day as to number of pieces handled was the Tuesday preceding Christmas when 9,000 pieces of mail were sent out. The highest previous record for any one day was 6,000 pieces. Incoming mail was also heavier than ever before.

Constance Bennett Here for Two Days

In her latest dialogue triumph, "Sin Takes a Holiday," Constance Bennett, the distinguished Pathe star, demonstrates again in her inimitable fashion that women have this in common with the Northwest Mounted Police—they always get their man. The picture comes to the Strand theatre for two days, opening on Thursday.

COACH LINE SCHEDULE

The arrival and departure of buses from Lowell and other points of the Lansing-Ionia-Grand Rapids Coach Line is published in an advertisement on page 3 of The Ledger. Readers will find this advertisement handy for reference.

Notice, Grattan Tp. Taxpayers
I will be in Moseley Jan. 7, in Parnell, Jan. 8, and Grattan Jan. 9 to collect taxes for Grattan township.
W. J. Lessiter, Treas. (c 32-1)

Ledger Entries

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

Appreciate Teachers

School children of Lowell are enjoying a short rest from their studies, which should prove helpful to them, and cause renewed application upon the reopening of school.

Parents, hunting something to think about, might use a few minutes reflecting upon the great influence of teachers in the lives of children, and pay a proper mental tribute to the fine body of men and women who are teaching the children of the nation. Those in our schools rank with the best of the land and they should be appreciated.

We believe in the policy of trading at home and do it whenever possible. Let us practice this throughout 1931 and build up our own community.

Let's make 1931 a big year for Lowell by working together to increase its trade. Buying at home will help.

The going-to-church movement ought to have the cooperation of everybody, even the smart boy who stands up on the corners and talks about the church people.

Public expenditures in the United States absorb 14 per cent of our national income, and our per capita taxes now amount to \$77.39, according to Silas H. Strawn. In 1913 per capita taxes were \$22.66.

We believe that it would pay every business man in Lowell to plan a systematic advertising campaign during 1931. If you are interested in hearing the argument unfolded let us hear from you.

"Pumpkins" was buried Monday shortly after dawn. Friends contributed wax flowers and the grave was dug by a friendly neighbor. We should add that "Pumpkins" was our neighbor's pet cat.

Charley Knapp is a lover of trees with a special leaning toward those of the evergreen species.

In his yard on Avery street he has several varieties, each one of which he has brought from its natural habitat in the wild. He has the knack of making them grow and thrive, although he has done the transplanting at practically all seasons of the year.

Mrs. Frank Leary Lifelong Resident Boston Tp. Passes

Mrs. Frank Leary, 63, lifelong resident of Boston township, died Sunday after more than a year's illness. A daughter of Frances and John Monks, Ionia county pioneers, she was born on a farm adjoining the one where she died. Surviving with the husband are a son, Leslie Leary, Lowell; five daughters, Mrs. Roy Vandenberg, Kalamazoo; Mrs. George R. Banhaag, Ionia; Mrs. Ernest Davis and Mrs. Andrew Fox, Detroit; and Mrs. Arthur Cahoon, Saranac; her foster-mother, Mrs. Emma Monks, Saranac; half-sister, Mrs. Oscar Christie, Detroit; and half-brother, Herbert Monks, Flint. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the residence with interment in Saranac cemetery.

NEW GAS STATION

Otto Wisner is proprietor of the new gas and oil station, located at the corner of Center and Main streets, which opens this week for business. Mr. Wisner will handle all Sinclair products. The station is of pleasing appearance and is equipped with modern washing and greasing equipment. It was built by the Hoyt Lumber Co.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Lieut. Albert D. Fox, 54, retired member of the Grand Rapids fire department, died on Christmas day and was buried Monday. Lieut. Fox lived here with his parents a number of years ago and attended the Lowell schools.

Notice to Lowell Township Taxpayers
Beginning Jan. 10, 1931, 4 per cent will be added to taxes. I will be at Lowell State bank only Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
Hattie Lynn, Twp. Treas. (c 32-1)

ED TOWNSEND AGAIN NAMED AS DEFENDANT

IONIA'S "BLACK COW" CASE HAS ECHO IN NEW SUIT BEGUN BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ASKING COW TESTING AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.

A re-echoing of the so-called "black cow" imbroglio between the Michigan department of agriculture and Ed. Townsend, Ionia county drover, concerning efficacy of compulsory bovine tuberculosis tests, again resounded in Ionia circuit court, when Herbert E. Powell, as state commissioner of agriculture, filed suit against Townsend to compel him to test a car load of cattle recently bought in Detroit and shipped to Mr. Townsend.

In his bill of complaint Com. Powell states that permission was granted Townsend by the department to ship the cattle from Detroit in September subject to test upon arrival, but that the period specified in the permit for the tests has elapsed and that Townsend has steadfastly refused to subject them to tests unless the state bear the expense.

No Funds Available

Declaring the state has no funds available for such purposes, Powell alleges it is Townsend's duty, under state law, to have the tests carried out at his own expense. It is "probable," the petition also avers that some of the 42 head comprising the shipment are infected with tuberculosis, and if so, constitute a menace to public health, in addition to endangering other cattle. Ionia county became an accredited area Aug. 1, following tests and retests carried out by state veterinarians throughout the entire county and after all reactors had been killed.

Townsend was principal plaintiff in litigation begun here last March to have the compulsory test law annulled as unconstitutional, confiscatory nonessential to general public health. The case dragged through court until the latter part of June, when Judge R. A. Hawley filed an opinion sustaining the law and denying Townsend's request for an injunction preventing the department of agriculture from prosecuting the tests in Ionia county.

Christmas Deeds

The American Legion of Lowell as emissaries of Santa Claus distributed over 200 toys on Christmas eve to children in Lowell and the surrounding territory. They worked hard not only in making and distributing the toys but also to obtain the names and location of the children. It was a big task, splendidly and cheerfully performed.

The Legion also distributed 60 baskets containing chicken and groceries.

The Santa Claus Girls did their share by distributing food and clothing to thirty-six homes, and the work still goes on.

The Woman's Relief Corps made and distributed several quilts, children's dresses and other articles of clothing.

All contributing organizations worked through the newly organized Welfare Union thus avoiding duplication of effort.

THERMOMETER READINGS

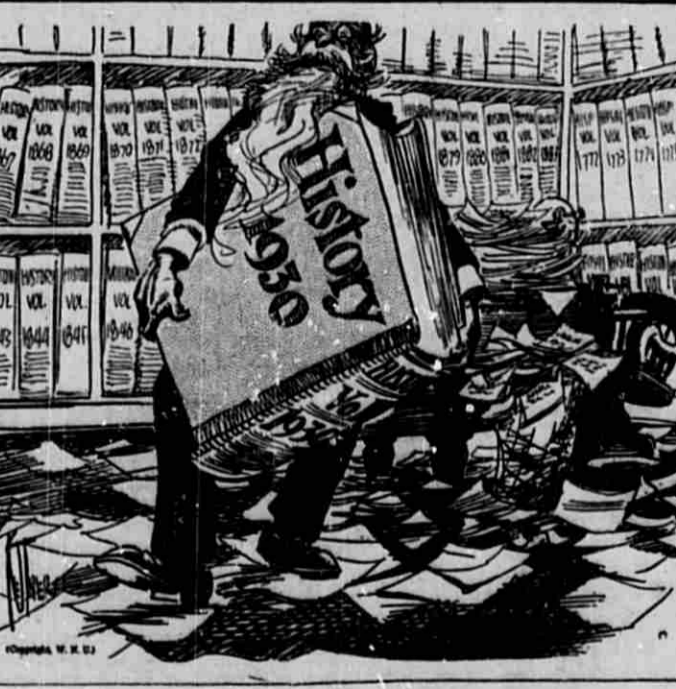
Nightwatchman W. J. Delaney reports that during a cold night recently he conceived the idea of making a record of thermometer readings on his trip through Main street. He found readings ranging all the way from below zero to 24 above, the lowest being at Gee's Hardware corner, where the reading was 6 below.

NOTICE—CORRESPONDENTS

We are sorry to be obliged to hold over until our next issue interesting news letters from South Lowell, South-west Lowell, South Bowne, North Bowne, Elmdale and Seeley Corners.

This was made necessary because of printing earlier on account of New Year's.—Editor

Another Volume Completed



Christmas Seal Prize Winners Are Announced

Cedar Springs is winner of first prize in the Christmas seal sale contest sponsored by the Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis society. The contest conducted between nine Kent County villages, was based on the per capita sale figured on the school enrollment of the villages. Cedar Springs turned in \$100 for seals, a per capita average, based on the school population of 371, of 27 cents.

Holding the highest per capita in the county, Cedar Springs will be entitled to retain 25 per cent of the seal sale proceeds. Lowell with receipts of \$109.77 and a per capita of 18 cents, based on the school enrollment of 600, took second place and will be allowed to retain 20 per cent of the receipts of the sale.

Mrs. P. Carl Peckham was chairman of the sale, assisted by Supt. W. W. Gummer. Grandville turned in the largest amount, \$124.45, but because of its larger enrollment, 782, had a lower per capita, 16 cents, than the two schools first named.

Rural schools have thus far reported \$200 in the sale of seals.

In order to save time and postage Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, seal sale chairman for the Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis society is hoping that all seals outstanding in schools and in homes will be accounted for by January 5th. All returns should be sent to seal sale headquarters, 301 Association of Commerce Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Holmes-Peckham Nuptials Observed Ann Arbor, Sunday

Miss Vernie M. Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, of Clare, Mich., became the bride of Victor A. Peckham, son of Mrs. Hattie Peckham, Sunday, December 28, in the chapel of the Michigan League building, Ann Arbor. A short reception in the Alumnae room for the thirty guests followed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Miss Mildred Reading as maid of honor. The groom's brother, Howard Peckham, acted as best man.

The bride was gowned in white satin and lace and carried a bouquet of pink roses and white narcissus. Miss Reading wore pink chiffon and carried a bouquet of lavender and pink snapdragons. Dr. Frederick B. Fisher, former Bishop of India and present pastor of the first Methodist church, Ann Arbor, read the ceremony.

Shortly after the wedding the young couple left for their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mr. Peckham is in the office of a patent law firm.

CALVIN MAYNARD DEAD

A telegram was received here Tuesday by Harley and Annie Maynard announcing the death of their brother, Calvin Maynard, in Aberdeen, Wash. Death followed an operation for mastoid trouble. Funeral arrangements and place of burial were not decided upon at the time of this writing.

Mr. Maynard was well and favorably known here. He had lived in Washington a number of years.

AUTO LICENSE EXTENSION

The Secretary of State's office has granted extension of time for purchasing 1931 automobile license plates until Feb. 1. Save money at Stocking's closing out sale. Watches, jewelry and radios less than cost.

TAX FIGURES GIVEN OUT BY McPHERSON

FOURTEEN COUNTIES PAY TWO-THIRDS OF TAXES LEVIED IN MICHIGAN—WAYNE PAYS HALF—THE AVERAGE RATE IS \$31.64. SCHOOL AND CITY 60 PER CENT.

Fourteen so-called industrial counties—counties in which large cities are located—paid two-thirds of all taxes levied in Michigan last year, M. B. McPherson, of Lowell, tax commissioner, revealed Saturday in making public statistics compiled by the state tax commission.

These counties contributed \$177,021,115 toward support of their local, county, and state governments.

The total levy in the state for all purposes was \$264,611,569.02. With the real and personal property equalized at \$8,362,913-114, the average tax rate in the state per \$1,000 assessed valuation was \$31.64.

Wayne county paid almost half of all taxes. Its levies for all purposes totaled \$128,311,589.86. The other 13 heavy taxpayers in order were Oakland, Kent, Genesee, Saginaw, Ingham, Macomb, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Jackson, Washtenaw, St. Clair, Calhoun and Bay.

Taxes Classified

The tax commission's summary of the levy revealed that school and city taxes represented about 60 per cent of the total. It also showed that the highway tax ranked second to school levies as a burden upon farm property. The general township tax was one of the smallest paid by farmers.

Apportioned according to the various classifications, the composite tax bill for the state-at-large read as follows:
State tax, \$29,500,000; county, \$30,763,234.64; general township, \$3,510,980.6; school and 1 mill, \$81,036,295.89; road repair and highway improvement, \$8,159,806.48; Covert road, \$7,194,173.93; county road, \$9,080,733.56; drain, \$756,912.81; general city, \$87,260,255.98; general village, \$6,673,533.03; rejected taxes, \$216,924.26; excess of roll, \$458,717.78. Total, \$264,611,569.02.

Annual Reunion of "Y" Service Club

Clay Utter, of Byron Center, was chairman of the annual reunion sponsored by the Kent County Y's Service club, and scheduled at the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening of last week. Lee Auble, of Ada, was chairman of the program committee. "The Psychology of Men" by Mrs. Gerald Patton, of Grand Rapids; "The Psychology of Women" by Rev. Ralph Osborne, of Carlisle; and "The Psychology of Laughter" by Albert Becker, of Grandville. In addition there were a number of reports from college students from various parts of the nation. Mr. and Mrs. George Walcott were responsible for the musical program. A piano solo by John Piet, of Galewood, a violin selection by Donald Walbring, of Cedar Springs, and a vocal solo by Howard Walcott, of Byron Center, accompanied by Mrs. George Walcott, composed the music. The decorations were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Hashmuth, of Comstock Park. The toastmaster was Wallace Clark, of Rockford.

This club is made up of young men out of High School who have participated in various activities of the Kent County Y. M. C. A.

DELIGHTFUL TRAVEL SHOWER FOR RECENT BRIDE

Miss Francis Klahn was hostess at a delightful travel shower and luncheon at her home in West Lowell, Saturday, for Mrs. Emerson Weiland, a recent bride. Much merriment ensued while the guests composed a book for the bride to take with her to her future home in Houston, Texas. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her cousin, Miss Inez Klahn, of Cleveland, Ohio. Other guests were Mesdames E. Colby, C. G. Weiland, Walter Weiland, Harold Rittenger, Ernest Clark, Herman Page, of Saranac, and Verne Schneider, of Grand Rapids, the Misses Jean and Esther Beatham, Eleanor Hayward, Opal Dintaman, Edith Clark, Bernice Yeller, Mabel Johnson, Betty Slater, Marion Colby and Vadah Linton.

One Who Was There.

Next Saturday you can buy a Becker three heat Lyf-Tym pad for \$3.95. Remember this is a special for Saturday only at the H. Tribbey Electrical Store.

THREE COUPLES CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Mrs. Charles Kyser attended an anniversary dinner Sunday at the home of her son, Roy Kyser, of South Boston, the occasion being the twenty-sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kyser, Mr. and Mrs. L. Worden, of Ionia, and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, of Sparta. About thirty guests were present and a bountiful dinner was served, after which the afternoon was spent with music and visiting.

Saturday Special

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STATE GAINS NEARLY THIRD IN TEN YEARS

RATE OF INCREASE IN POPULATION EXCEEDED ONLY BY CALIFORNIA AND FLORIDA—INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF STATE MAKE PHENOMENAL GROWTH.

Final population figures for Michigan have just been issued by the Census Bureau in bulletin form. The population of the State on April 1, 1930, according to the Fifteenth Census, was 4,842,325, which represents an increase of 1,173,913, or 32.0 per cent over the Census of 1920. The rate of gain for Michigan was exceeded only by California and Florida. The numerical increase was the largest in the history of the State.

The population of the State in 1810, the first census taken after its formation as a territory in 1805, was 4,762. Each succeeding enumeration showed a substantial and increasing growth until the decade 1830 to 1840, when the increase amounted to more than 500 per cent. Michigan was admitted to the Union in 1837 as the twenty-sixth State, with boundaries as at present. From 1840, the growth was very rapid and a population of one million was attained in the decade 1860 to 1870. The two-million mark was passed in 1890, and since that date the population has again more than doubled. The lowest rate of increase in the history of the State was shown at the census of 1900, with 15.6 per cent. The total area of the State is 57,480 square miles, and the average number of inhabitants per square mile in 1930 was 34.2, as compared with 63.8 in 1920.

Martin Langworthy Respected Resident Here for 40 Years

Martin Dwellie Langworthy was born in Traverse City, Mich., Jan. 15, 1859, and passed out of this life at his home in Lowell, Saturday morning, Dec. 27, 1930 in the seventy-second year of his age. Mr. Langworthy has been a resident of Lowell for forty years, having previously resided in Grand Rapids. By trade a mason, well known and honored for his good workmanship and his useful and honorable life. His death is lamented not only by his immediate kindred, but by a large number of his friends and fellow citizens of Lowell.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gramer in Chicago, September 19, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a few months ago, September 19. Mr. Langworthy was the father of three sons and four daughters, all but one, Lillian, who died in early childhood, are living. Dwellie M. Langworthy in Grand Rapids, Oregon, August, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Lowell, Minnie, (Mrs. James Dunn,) at Marion, Mich., Hazel, in Lowell, Violet, in Grand Rapids. He is also survived by a brother, John Oros Langworthy, of Marshallfield, Ore., and a sister, Mrs. J. L. Cooley, of Santa Clara, California.

The funeral service was held at the First Methodist church of Lowell, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30. Pastors A. T. Carlland and Earl Stevens were the officiating ministers. Rev. and Mrs. Stevens sang two appropriate numbers. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

County Hi-Y's Headed for Byron

The Byron Center club will act as hosts to the Hi-Y representatives of the county next Saturday, January 3. LeRoy Terhaar, of the Byron club has arranged for the young men to gather in his home after a social rally with the volley ball in the school gym. "Red" has also sent invitations to the presidents of the County Clubs, inviting them to have two or three delegates from each organization.

This meeting will mark the fourth regular meeting. These conferences are held the first Saturday evening of each month. Each Club is urged to have representatives on deck.

STRAND ATTRACTIONS

Thursday-Friday: New Year's special. Constance Bennett in "Sin Takes a Holiday." All color or fun special, "The Rounder."
Saturday only: Reginald Denney and Jeanette MacDonald in "Oh For a Man." Comedy, "Hold the Baby." Movietone News.
Sun-Mon-Tuesday: Nancy Carroll in "Laughter." Technicolor novelty, "Gems of M. G. M." Pathe Sound News.

The G. A. R., and W. R. C., will hold a dinner meeting and installation of officers on Jan. 8. Mrs. Sarah Pletcher has been chosen installing officer. Let's all turn out to the first meeting of the New Year.

J. C. Hatch, who has been very sick for several weeks, was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Grand Rapids Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Hattie Peckham, son Howard and Mrs. Robert Hahn drove to Ann Arbor Saturday to attend the wedding of Victor Peckham and Miss Vernie Holmes.

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JUDICIAL FLARE-UP

The decision of a federal district judge in New Jersey that the Prohibition Amendment was unconstitutional has caused considerable reading matter in the columns of the newspapers but will have very little effect.

Too many amendments to the Federal Constitution have been ratified by the legislatures of various states and never before has the validity of any of these been seriously affected by such contention as that constitutional conventions were necessary in each state to pass upon amendments to the Federal Constitution.

OUT OF WORK

When the April census was taken some effort was made to ascertain how many persons were out of work. Preliminary figures showed 567,540 persons idle, which is 1.3 per cent.

Persons having jobs, but on lay-off without pay, excluding those voluntarily idle or sick, number 188,770; persons out of a job and unable to work, 48,153; persons having jobs but idle on account of sickness or disability, 87,078; persons out of a job and not looking for work, 26,103; persons having jobs but voluntarily idle without pay, 30,558;

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VIEWES AND REVIEWS

What They Say Whether Right or Wrong

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War. "This world needs more religion, not less, but less religious controversy and more peace."

Henry Thornton, President Canadian National Railway. "Warfare has been described as the only game in which both sides lose."

Wells D. White, president Ferris Institute, denouncing "petting." "Students are in school primarily to study academic courses and not to experiment with the cosmic wog."

Edward A. Filene, business man. "Unless we can distribute buying power it is futile to distribute goods."

Sherwood Anderson, author. "It is not a laughing affair. Notice how little laughter you hear on the streets."

Thomas A. Edison, inventor. "Prohibition is eternally right."

Margaret MacDonald, British Minister of Labor. "We are passing out of the age when the spinner was made a joke by persons who wanted to say something smart."

Some people have the idea that the government can get money out of the air.

Our own advice: Don't worry about what has happened, or what has failed to happen in 1930.

We know men who can hardly sleep at night, wondering how the prize fight came out.

You can go all around the world without finding a church collection plate that is too small.

Time flies but it will stand still if you wait for somebody and time the delay by your watch.

Big talk is not the remedy for difficult financial conditions; hard work, however, is a great help.

New opportunities unfold every day. What most of us need is an eye that will take them in.

Correct this sentence: "They have been married ten years but their courting days last forever."

Business men who have no time for politics should not complain if somebody makes them pay taxes.

Every businessman should clear off his desk at least once a month, whether it needs attention or not.

When inclined to argue too strenuously, just remember that in a hundred years you will not be interested.

According to new plans industrial alcohol will not contain poison but a small strength enough to stink the drinker to death.

If every subscriber who reads this would send in a year's subscription we would get well, go ahead, read, send yours in. We'll see.

The nonchalance with which Americans permit automobiles to kill thousands of people every year indicates a cheap regard for human life.

Girls, hunting advice for 1931, are advised to spend as much money as possible on clothes and looks; they are good investments for the ladies.

Lowell Items of 25, 30 and 35 Years Ago

December 28, 1906-25 Years Ago Eugene Engle and Jennie B. Leblanc married.

December 28, 1906-30 Years Ago The Maternity Center Association 578 Madison Avenue at 57th St. New York

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ALTON-VERGENNES

Miss Reva Condon, of Conkln, is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. E. M. Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark and son Royal were in Stanton Wednesday, to see the new bridge over the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmer Gilley give a reception honoring their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home in Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred George returned from a ten month's trip to California, Washington and Oregon.

Glenn Ernst resigned his position at Hotel Waverly and accepted one with the Seranac Telephone Co. as manager.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, a son, John Hogan.

A. H. Peckham, senior stock holder of the Lowell Cattle Co., married in Riverside, Calif., to Mrs. Stella Hunt, Dec. 19.

Marriage licenses issued to Leona Alexander, Lowell; Myrtle A. Botter, Boston township; Charles W. Taylor and Anna Fleming, both of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Marsh spent a week in Ontario, with the Lowell teachers presented Janitor Townsend with a fine turkey for Christmas.

Mr. Chas. J. Derwin and Mrs. Isaac Cantrell, of Pontiac, visited their niece, Mrs. Weldon Smith.

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HOYT'S KORNER Hardware and Builders' Supplies

A colored man got his nerve together and took a flight in an airplane. As he climbed out of the ship on its return to the field, he turned to the pilot and said:

You know the popular song, "No, Sir, No, Sir. Each one of us has a little black in him. It is a little black each morning. In the mail across the counter—either ways suits us fine."

If you do not have beautiful oak floors in your home, do not decide that you cannot afford them until you learn what they would cost.

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Just rub it on your chest and throat

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If you want a good coal cheap try
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For finest meats that are genuinely economical.

This Week's Saturday Specials

Hamburg, 3 lbs.	35c
Sausage, lb.	15c
Beef Roast, lb.	16c
Beef Ribs, lb.	12c
Fresh Picnic, Lean, lb. (6-8 lb. average)	14c

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Look Says

The greatest fun in the world is being in a business like ours where we can make friends of folks like you.

All through the year we keep planning and plugging to make a living and we never say very much about the human side of our business, but just the same we're glad when the holiday time comes along, because then we can tell you we like you and appreciate your friendship.

And it gives us the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year with health and prosperity for you and for the folks you love—all through the year—and we mean it too.

It's nice to feel that any time we can do a good turn for you or you can do one for us, we'll both be glad to do it.

Here's to you.

D. G. Look **V. E. Ashley**

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Happy New Year!

We are glad to wish you peace, happiness and prosperity, and hope that 1931 will bring you more happiness than ever came to you before.

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Silas Silo Says:



Ain't life grand when the wind is howling outside and the snow blowing and the bin is plum full of coal. All you have to do is to call 34 and you get prompt service and quality coal.

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Lowell, Mich.

This and That From Around The Old Town

Mrs. Harry Anderson spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Maggie Leese spent Tuesday at Ionia on business.

Jack Fonger is spending his vacation visiting relatives at Sand Lake.

Mrs. Harry Strong, of Flint, spent last week with her father, D. L. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Webster spent Sunday visiting relatives at White Cloud.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gould were guests of Mrs. L. W. Davis at Lake Odessa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fonger and family spent Sunday with relatives at Sparta.

Joe Anderson, of Sparta, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Peterson, of South Lowell, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Kate Sweet.

Miss Julia Moyer, of Charlotte, spent Friday and Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. F. A. Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yelter and family spent Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Curtis, of Alto.

John Cole and son John, of Detroit, were Saturday afternoon callers at the C. O. Lawrence home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mulder, of Belmont, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulder.

Miss Viola Anderson, of Grand Rapids, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson.

Mrs. Emily Buchanan, of Delaware, Ohio, is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Wingeier.

Miss Ariel Lawrence is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Harry Fuller and family, of Grand Rapids.

George Whitfield returned to Ft. Wayne, Ind., after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Florence Whitfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen and son, of Grand Rapids, and Mr. Day, of Sparta, visited Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Day Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, son Donald, of Ionia, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson.

Mrs. Kate Sweet accompanied John Fahrni and wife to spend Christmas with the former's son, D. W. Lind and family.

Helen Fuller, of Grand Rapids, spent from Thursday until Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fitzgerald and daughter of Williamson, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burt entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jay and brother, John Jay and family for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers and guests, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Gates and family, of Detroit, spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulder, daughter Flora Jean, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. James Mulder, of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Washburn and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Golf and Wilma Buck were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook at Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Humphrey and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphrey, of Grand Lodge, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Beebe.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carr were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carr, of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Maggie Leese and James Sweet.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulder, daughter Flora Jean, were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Korneolje at Little Pine Island Lake.

Junior Literary met Tuesday evening with Mrs. D. A. Wingeier, Mrs. Buchanan gave an interesting talk and rice and curry were served for refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlane and baby, of Detroit, spent Christmas with their parents, Mrs. McFarlane returned with them for a few days' visit.

Chris. Gorte and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Malley, of Owosso, and Chris. Bieri, of Newaygo, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wingeier and family, of Shilow, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Velej-Carmen and Janice Wingeier returned home with their parents after spending several days with their grandparents.

Mrs. Caroline Coulter entertained all her children and grandchildren to a bountiful dinner and tree. Eighteen guests were present including Santa Claus and his wife, who arrived in time for the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Story gave a family birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their son Ware's, 21st birthday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ware Story and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Story and son, of Saranac, and Miss Freda Story, of Lowell.

Miss Mary Jane Rutherford entertained with a bridge luncheon Wednesday noon, her guests were Margaret Lalley, Phyllis Weekes, Elizabeth Shuter, Janet Hill, Maxine Simons, Francis Rosewarne, Francis McCarthy and Dorothy Anderson, of Grand Rapids.

The Pool and Poker club met Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party. There was a Christmas tree and gifts were exchanged, after which a bountiful dinner was served and bridge furnished the evening's entertainment. All left wishing Dr. and Mrs. Lee a fine trip and pleasant Winter in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Hand entertained for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Hand, of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins and Howard and Ernest, of Lowell. Callers in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins, of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. John Thayer, of Allendale, and George Thayer, and Mrs. Lou Jasper, of Grand Rapids.

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Porterhouse Steak	25c
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Pork Roast—Fresh—Picnics	14c
Fresh—Ham—Roast, lb.	20c
Fresh—Side Pork, lb.	18c
Beef—Pot Roast, lb.	15c
Rib—Stew, lb.	12c
Hamburg, 2 lbs for	25c
Sausage, lb.	15c
Veal—Roast Shoulder, lb.	18c
Veal—Stew, lb.	14c
Veal Steak, lb.	25c
Veal Chops, lb.	18c
Home made Bologna, 2lbs for	25c
Liver, lb.	15c
Oleo, 5-lb.	75c
Eggs, doz.	28c
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Mr. and Mrs. S. Avery returned to their home Thursday evening after spending several weeks with their son, Harvey Avery and family at Sturgis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bartlett, Mrs. Hannah Bartlett and Miss Edna Allen were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Eykee, of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Painter, (nee Carol Strong,) of Flint, returned to Flint Tuesday after spending a month with their sister, Mrs. Harvey Callier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lawrence and daughter Ariel, Mrs. Clara McCarthy and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dyke will occupy the D. J. Davis home for the Winter. Mrs. Davis will live with her parents in Grand Rapids and care for her father, who has been ill for some time.

Callers at the Beauchamp home Christmas day were Chris. Hall, Mrs. Sturgis, Mrs. Hubble and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kelley, of Grand Rapids.

2 Days Only
Thurs.-Fri., Jan. 1-2

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Wives—Don't miss this—An education how to manage sweethearts and husbands.

Constance Bennett in
"Sin Takes A Holiday"

Wisely wicked and wickedly wise are the girls women envy and men highly prize. Her husband sent her alone to Paris on her honeymoon—Oo! La! La!

New Year's Matinee Thursday at 3:00. 10c-20c
Evenings at 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock. 15c and 35c

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WITH
NANCY CARROLL
A Paramount Picture

Nancy Carroll rocketed to the heights of dramatic fame with her never-to-be-forgotten role in "The Devil's Holiday." She's greater than ever in her new, throbbing, emotion-swept romance, "Laughter," Innocent—but trapped by her past! Able to save herself by betraying the real guilty one—but swayed by a blind, unreasoning loyalty. What does this beautiful ex-Follies wife do, while the gods of chance laugh with sardonic glee, and the law rushes to fasten scandal upon her? A drama of intimate headlines, screaming with emotion. "Laughter," with Nancy Carroll and Fredric March.

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Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 7-8 Harold Lloyd in "FEET FIRST"
Fri. and Sat., Jan. 9-10 Clara Bow in "HER WEDDING NIGHT"

Applications For Homestead Show Increase

The State Lands Division of the Conservation Department reports that homestead applications have increased three to four times that of normal during the present so-called economic depression.

The present demand is not from the centers of population alone, but is spread generally over the State. Most of the applications are for homesteads previously abandoned which generally contain some cleared land and buildings of some sort.

Michigan law permits homesteading a minimum of forty acres and a maximum of one hundred sixty. The applicant must furnish proof of settlement within three months after his application has been approved and he has paid the stipulated ten cents per acre. To obtain title to the land the applicant must reside on the homestead for five years.

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10% Off On All Merchandise

6 Volt
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Guaranteed
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Goodyear—First, Second and Third Grade Tires

	Reg. Price	Cut Price
29x4.40 Speedway Balloon	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.68
29x4.50 Speedway Balloon	5.65	5.09
30x4.50 Speedway Balloon	5.80	5.22
28x4.75 Pathfinder Balloon	8.05	7.25
29x5.00 Pathfinder Balloon	8.50	7.65
30x5.25 Pathfinder Balloon	10.05	9.04
28x5.50 All-Weather Balloon	13.00	11.70
31x6.00 All-Weather Balloon	14.70	13.23
32x6.00 All-Weather Balloon	15.15	13.64

Prestone Anti-Freeze, can \$3.75 \$3.37
Ford Heaters, Model H. 3.75 3.37
Radio B Batteries 2.00 1.79

Crosley Radio, complete \$45.00 \$39.50
Fried Eisman Radio, complete 50.00 44.50
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ONE FELLOW WHOM I KNOW SHOULD MEND HIS WAYS—1. HE'S A CHAP WHO IS A GOOD FELLOW AROUND TOWN, AND AN OLD CRAB AT HOME—HE WON'T RECOGNIZE THE DESCRIPTION, BUT IT WON'T DO ANY MAN ANY HARM TO THINK IT OVER—ARE YOU AS COURTEOUS TO YOUR FAMILY AS YOU ARE TO STRANGERS?

MICKIE SAYS—

MR. BUSINESS MAN, DO YOU LIKE IT WHEN YOUR CUSTOMERS BUY GOODS OUT OF TOWN, THAT THEY COULD HAVE JUST AS WELL HAD BOUGHT OF YOU? THEN YOU KNOW HOW WE FEEL WHEN YOU SEND YOUR PRINTING ORDER AWAY!

Quite True

Owing to the business depression, some of the movie stars are going to keep the same husbands they had last Winter.—Ohio State Journal.

Ready Made Suits
\$21.50

Extra Pants to Match
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To stir things up I will sell the Suits for \$21.50 and the extra pants for \$5.00. You will get a \$27.00 Suit and extra pants for

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Other Ready Made Suits and Overcoats at \$15.00.

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4 Cakes 25c

Purity Nut OLEO 2 Lbs. 25c

American Family Soap	10 Bars	57c
Pumpkin Golden - New Pack	3 No. 2 1/2 Cans	25c
Mince Meat Country Club	Pkg.	10c
Nose Such Mince Meat	2 Pkgs.	25c
Rice Fancy Blue Rose	3 Lbs.	15c
Tomatoes Standard Pack	3 No. 2 Cans	23c
Corn Golden Bantam Country Club	2 No. 2 Cans	25c
Peas Standard Pack	3 No. 2 Cans	25c
Pink Salmon Fine Alaska	2 Tall Cans	25c
Rolled Oats Bulk	6 Lbs.	23c
Macaroni-Spaghetti Bulk	3 Lbs.	25c
Coffee JEWEL A Mellow Santos	Lb.	25c

Navy Beans Michigan Hand Picked **4 Lbs. 25c**

--- FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES ---

Grapefruit Fancy - 80 Size **4 For 25c**

Spinach Texas **3 Lbs. 25c**
Carrots California **2 Bchs. 15c**

Oranges California Navels 2 1/2 Size **Doz. 29c**

--- CHOICE QUALITY MEATS ---

Pork Roast Lean Fresh Picnic Lb. **12 1/2c**

Bacon 2 to 3 Lb. Pieces Lb. **23c**
Smoked Picnics Short Shank Lb. **16c**

Beef Roast Chuck or Shoulder Lb. **17c**