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## FIRE DESTROYS ELVERT BAIRD HOME, CONTENTS

### FAMILY AWAY AT TIME AND NOT A THING SAVED EXCEPT THE CLOTHING ON THEIR BACKS—HOUSE WAS A LANDMARK.

Destuctive fire for the third time in five years visited the Elvert Baird farm on M-21, about 4 miles east of Lowell, early last Saturday afternoon, this time completely destroying the large brick residence together with all the contents. The only article of furniture saved was an old chair which happened to be out doors at the time of the fire. Not an article of bedding was saved and all of the clothing of Mrs. Baird and their 2-year-old child was lost in the flames except that which they were wearing.

The cause of the fire is unknown but it is thought to have originated from some defect in the chimney or possibly in the furnace room. There was no one at home at the time, Mr. Baird having returned to his work following the noon meal, and Dave Hardy being engaged in hauling wood to the Day school. Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Hardy had accompanied the men on their return to their job where they remained a short time and it was during their absence that the fire started. It was first discovered by some men who were cutting wood in nearby woods, but the fire had gained such headway that neither those who hurried to the scene of the fire or the Lowell fire department, which had been summoned could save anything.

The loss sustained is far in excess of the amount of insurance carried, there being but \$2500 on the house and \$500 on the contents.

The Baird home was one of the early landmarks of this section, having been constructed about 65 years ago when the father of Elvert and James Baird was 18 years of age.

About five years ago a fine large barn on the same farm was destroyed by fire and in the summer of 1930 the barn which had been erected in its place was destroyed by fire of unknown origin, together with the season's crops.

Mr. Baird is undecided at the present time as to his future building plans.

## David F. Walter Passes at Age 75

David F. Walter, son of John and Margaret Walter was born at Van Wert, Ohio, October 22, 1856. In 1884 he was united in marriage to Virginia Helena Collins, who died in October, 1928. To this union was born eight children, Mrs. Harry Strong of Flint; Mrs. Harvey Callier of Lowell; Mrs. Leonard Friedell of Lansing; Gaylor Walter of Twin Falls, Idaho; Maynard Walter of Lowell; and Mrs. Jesse Proper of Flint; two boys having preceded their parents in death, Freddie at the age of three months and Clifford, aged 10 years.

Mr. Walter died at 10 a. m. Wednesday, November 25 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Callier, where he made his home, at the age of 75 years, two months and three days.

He was a good man and a good father and will be sadly missed by his children. He also leaves four grand children, Mona Bearden and Carol Painter of Flint, Corinne and Jackie Callier. Two great grandchildren, Bethany and Harvey Bearden, and a great many relatives and friends in Ohio where he lived the greater part of his life, besides the host of friends he made since coming to Michigan to live.

His only brother died at the same hour and the same day two years ago.

Funeral services were held at the home November 27th, interment in Oakwood cemetery.

## Lowell Postoffice Has Its Biggest Day

Postmaster N. E. Borgerson reports that on Wednesday, Nov. 25, the Lowell postoffice made an all-time record for cash receipts, which that day totaled \$300.86. This was from the sales of stamps and stamp paper and does not include money order sales or any other source of postal income.

If a man had to take the advice that he seeks there would be fewer inquiries of such a nature.

## Advertising Boosted Business, Companies Report to Uncle Sam

Advertising and production methods led other means used by 358 firms in increasing their business despite recent unfavorable factors.

The U. S. Dept. of Commerce polled scores of establishments of which 80 said advertising was responsible, while 59 credited new production methods with bringing increased profits.

As disclosed 254 firms said marketing methods had helped most. Increased advertising was used by 25 of these; 19 maintained advertising schedules; five reported "extensive" advertising; five "aggressive" advertising; and four "careful advertising," and four reduced advertising.

Almost everybody is brave until it is time to go to the dentist.

## Best Farm Boy

Glenn Farrow, 20, of Danville, Ark., won the \$1,000 prize and title of Champion Boy Farmer of America at the National Conference of Future Farmers of America held in Kansas City. Glenn runs his mother's 240-acre farm.

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Kalamazoo, Mich. Coach Finch, Lowell High School, has read of your local paper's fine team. I note that you have won your twentieth consecutive victory. As a former coach at Lowell we made a record of nineteen straight wins. You have broken our record, congratulate you on your wonderful success and am sorry I did not see your team in action. They must be a fine group of clean, hard fighting boys for which Lowell has long been noted. We old-timers take off our hats to the new champions. Joe Miller, 518 Pine St.

## Give Short Course For Orchard Owner

A four weeks' course in commercial fruit production, planned at the request of a large number of Michigan fruit growers, is the latest addition to the list of short courses at Michigan State college where 22 different courses of specialized training are available this year. The commercial fruit production short course will be offered Jan. 4 to 29. January 4, the opening day for the fruit production course, is also the day for registration in the short courses in general agriculture, dairy production, dairy manufacturing, agricultural engineering, poultry and home economics.

## New Store Opens In Lowell Saturday

Frazer's Bargain store, formerly of McCords, has located in Lowell, fifth door east of the City Hall and will open for business this week Saturday. The new store carries a general line for both farm and city trade. The Frazers are well-known Whiteville people where they are also engaged in farming. R. L. Frazer, Jr., is manager of the new store.

## Former Keene Resident Dies In California

Orren T. Hatch died at his home in Alto Loma, Calif., on Nov. 11. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hatch, old-time residents of Keene, and was 75 years of age. Mr. Hatch had been engaged in ranching since going to California in 1907, where he gained a wide acquaintance and was held in high esteem.

Mr. Hatch leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Anna V. Hatch, one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Joseph of Huntington Beach and one brother, William H. Hatch of Alto Loma. A nephew, Claude Bassett, who made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Hatch and a niece, Mrs. Arthur Bassett of Lyons, Michigan, also survive.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Trick of Grand Rapids Sunday, Nov. 29, 1931 a 6 1/2 lb son at the home of Mrs. Lena Luz.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miles O'Harrow Monday, November 30, 1931, a 5 1/2 lb daughter. Mrs. Lena Luz is caring for child at her home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1931, a 7 1/2 lb son, Henry Glad, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burt. Mrs. Frank Schwacha is caring for mother and son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ritter on 11 and 15-16th st. son, John Howard, at Community hospital, Ionia.

To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Collins, 510 E. High St., Dec. 1, a 8 1/2 lb son, Ronald William.

## APPLE SALE

Choice Stark Delicious, Winesap, and other good varieties, Hill Crest Orchards, Lowell. (26-27-28)

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Bankers attribute the change in conditions to public psychology since the formation of the national credit corporation to assist the banks in need of funds. They point out that banking suspensions have fallen off abruptly and that this danger has now passed. Further reports to the Federal Reserve from correspondent banks indicated that business is again becoming stabilized and is moving forward to a satisfactory basis, that buying of merchandise is being resumed on a rather broad and increasing scale and that the depression is definitely at an end.

Employment is steadily increasing and as more money is being earned it is giving a strong impetus to business. The climb in the price of farm produce has also had a salient effect in restoring confidence and prosperity.

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## Odds and Ends Here and There

Marshal Fred Gramer reports a noticeable falling off in the number of tourists applying for lodging at the village bawle.

Christmas is just around the corner. Do your Christmas shopping early.

More evidences of "summer lingering in the lap of winter," if it can be worded that way—Mrs. Lucy Duell reports picking gailardias and chrysanthemums from her garden just Sunday. They were sent to George Skidmore in Alto, who is recovering from an operation. On Wednesday Mrs. Vern Good plucked a white rose from a bush in their front yard.

The Lowell Woman's club distributed eighteen Thanksgiving baskets throughout the village. The committee consisting of Mrs. Wm. Wamacher, Mrs. Norman Borgerson and Mrs. W. E. Hall wish to thank the club members who so generously donated to make these gifts possible.

Miss Minnie Meek, book-keeper for the Superior Furniture Company, met with what might have been a serious accident last week Wednesday evening, while driving to her home in Sparta to spend Thanksgiving. A fire puncture caused her car to leave the highway and turn over, but Miss Meek was able to open a window and crawl out without serious injury except the shock of the accident. Her car was badly wrecked.

While John Engemann, age about 55, was trying to straighten a fire carrier on an automobile, the crossbar which he was slipping slipped from its place, resulting in the fracture of two bones in one of his legs. Dr. Shepard was called and Mr. Engemann was taken to Blodgett hospital in a Roth & Brezina ambulance. The accident happened at the Fred Fahrni farm.

It appears probable that Ohio, Indiana and two or three other middle western states will ask their next legislatures to adopt motor vehicle laws similar to those on the Michigan statute books, it was announced by Secretary Frank D. Fitzgerald. This is the outcome of the resolution adopted by the 1931 legislature, asking the Department of State to confer with officials of other states for the purpose of securing more or less uniform motor vehicle laws in nearby states.

## Offer Reward for Vollwiler Murderer

A reward of \$500 has been voted by the Kent county board of supervisors for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered William Vollwiler in his barn near Davis lake, west of Alto, on the night of November 17. The matter was brought to the attention of the board by Sheriff Fred C. Kelley, who declared that the reward had been suggested by Pros. Atty. Bartel J. Jonkman and Caledonia township citizens. The sheriff's deputies will not participate in the reward, it is asserted.

## Runciman Named Weighmaster Here

C. H. Runciman has been appointed official weighmaster for this section by the license bureau of the Department of State.

Under a new ruling all trucks and trailers must be brought to an official weighmaster for weighing and the owner must present with his title or registration card. The official weight receipt which will be given is the only receipt that will be recognized in applying for 1932 license plates.

The Runciman scales are both state and county inspected and are kept absolutely correct. The naming of an official weighmaster in Lowell will no doubt prove a big convenience to truck owners in this section.

## Poultry Truck Coming Dec. 9

Kent county poultry producers who are interested in new houses, remodeling or equipment should plan to visit the poultry equipment truck which will be in this county for two stops Thursday, December 9th. This truck will carry models of Michigan shed type poultry house, brooder house, ideal chick range and various kinds of equipment. Also various charts and educational material. The truck was in Kent county for two stops last spring and was received well by those who visited it.

The morning stop of the truck will be at the Vergennes Grange hall in Vergennes township at 9:30 o'clock. In the afternoon the truck will be at the Bostwick Lake church in Cannon township at 1:30 o'clock.

E. R. Hancock of the poultry department at Michigan State College will be in charge.

## 4-H Handicraft Clubs Popular

4-H Handicraft clubs are becoming popular in the rural schools and communities of Kent county. This is the third year that this work has been offered and an increased enrollment is expected. Last year 115 boys were enrolled in 13 schools and communities. Requirements for this work are five boys at least 10 years old, a local leader, someone who will look after and help the boys in their work, a place to work, some tools, and a small amount of lumber. Any schools desiring some of this work should get in touch with County Agent, K. E. Vining, who will come to the school and explain the work in detail. Such clubs should be started this month.

## Take Imaginary Stage Coach Trip

A stage coach trip from Detroit to Chicago will be the new feature of the 25th annual sale of Christmas seals as it will be conducted in suburban and rural schools. An old map of Michigan, dated 1835, which shows two stage routes between these cities has been photographed and a copy sent to each of the 210 Kent county schools. Classrooms are to be divided into two teams; two cents, or the sale of two seals advances the teams a mile and competition will be keen to see which team arrives first in Chicago. It requires 600 seals or \$6.00 to cover the routes and "The New Healthland," an attractive health story book will be given by Grand Rapids Anti-tuberculosis society to each room selling the above amount. A Santa Claus health button will be awarded to pupils for each 25 seals they sell individually.

Graded schools voted to enter this project at a recent dinner meeting of 145 grade teachers which was held at the Y. W. C. A. At that meeting Mr. Wayne N. Shoemaker, Comstock Park chairman, appointed John J. Ver Beek, Byron Center; C. A. Frost, Oakleigh school; O. E. Balyeat, Spar-tan; Glenn McCarty, North Park; and Almon Vedder of Rockford as a committee to work with the Anti-tuberculosis society on this historical plan. Some people in each village are on the mailing list of the society for 100 or 200 seals, but the children are expected to canvass the smaller purchasers.

## Santa Claus Will Have a Workshop Right Here in Lowell

Soon Christmas will be here with the chance to give happiness to those we love and to those less fortunate than ourselves. A chance to renew once more that wonderful spirit of unselfish giving and neighborly love.

boys of the Lowell American Legion post.

What will the Legion boys do with them? Why, just as they did last year—repair those that are broken, repaint them and otherwise "doll up" these articles and see that they get into the hands of dozens of kids at Christmas time that might otherwise be forgotten.

But—and this is a big thing—give the Legion boys a break. It's a big job to remake and repaint all the toys, games, etc., that will be brought in. It takes time—so please do not put off your part. All you have to do is to bring the articles in—and do it now.

Articles should be left at C. W. Cook's plumbing store, east Main street, where the Legion boys will do the work.

Keep the memory of past kindnesses in your heart and this year give them back two-fold. Kindness and happiness are both highly contagious and it will astonish you if you try, to see the ever widening ripples that spread and spread from YOUR kind deed.

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The Sunday and Monday bill includes Sir Harry Lauder who appears in one of his favorite songs and skit novelties, "She's My Daisy." The wholesome humor, melodious tunes and funny antics of this international artist are known and loved throughout the world and his screen appearance at the Strand will be an outstanding event for many.

## New Chevrolet on Display Saturday

Chevrolet's new car for 1932 on display this week at Webster Bros. show-rooms, west Main street.

Heralded as "The Great American Value for 1932," the car boasts more extensive changes than any annual Chevrolet model since the change-over to a six in 1928.

Embodying silent synchro-mesh transmission in combination with selective free-wheeling, a twenty per cent increase in power, top speed of 65 to 70 miles an hour, streamlined bodies and a wealth of other new features, the new car remains in the price range of the current series, the lowest at which a Chevrolet has ever sold.

## Isaac C. White, 77 Laid to Rest Sunday

Isaac Clifton White was born Sept. 16, 1854, in Otisco, Iowa county, and passed away November 26, 1931, in Lowell. He was the son of Calvin C. and Margaret Carr White. On December 30, 1881, he was married to Bertha Sawyer.

When he was very small his parents came to Boston township where he lived 70 years, until 1926, when his health failed and he moved to Lowell where he spent the last four years of his life. He leaves his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Lettie Hawley and Mrs. Carrie Stein and children, of South Bend, Ind. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. W. Merrill at the Roth & Brezina chapel, and interment made in the Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. White was well thought of by his neighbors and friends who join in extending sympathy to the bereaved widow and surviving relatives.

## Announcements

The Hattie Peckham group of the Congregational Ladies' Aid society will meet Friday, Dec. 4th at the home of Mrs. Chester Welton. She will be assisted by Mrs. Harvey Haysmer.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, December 7th at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Nellie K. Andrews.

The Cheerful Doers meet with Mrs. Allen Bennett Monday evening, Dec. 7, at 8 o'clock.

The World War cost 13,000,000 soldier lives, 13,000,000 civilian lives and upwards of \$650,000,000 dollars. Here are 676,000,000 reasons why the United States should keep out of the Chinese-Japanese war.

People who plan for their future usually succeed better than those who do not but there is no law that requires you to plan.

## Tells Advantages of Reincorporating as City

The greatest advantage that can come to a village re-incorporating as a city is the improvement of its own government under a home rule city charter as against operation under the general village law, according to Mayor Mark B. Suggen of Saline, in an article entitled "Saline's First Season as a City" in the November issue of The Michigan Municipal Review.

Saline was the first village in the state to adopt a city charter essentially as recommended by the Michigan Municipal League's technical staff, and Mayor Suggen has answered innumerable questions from other villages in the state contemplating the change to the city form of government.

Saline's mayor states that it was found possible when the first budget was adopted under the new city charter in June, 1931, to reduce the tax rate 50 cents per \$1,000 valuation, and to reduce the valuation 5 per cent, resulting in an 8 per cent saving in municipal taxes as against the previous year. But the real surprise came during the summer construction season when the city found it was able to spend \$2,500 to \$3,000 for new construction and still keep its budget intact for the remainder of the year, Mr. Suggen says.

The article covers in detail the manner in which the new city charter helped Saline save some money, but much of the total saving is an indirect result of improved management made possible by a better governmental organization, Mayor Suggen states.

"From our experience during the year, I believe that we will be able to save from 20 to 25 per cent of our former total expenditures for municipal purposes," Mr. Suggen continues in the article. "This is in addition to an annual saving of from 82 to 83 per \$1,000 valuation to all other Saline taxpayers, due to other elimination of township taxes by changing from a village to a city."

Mayor Suggen also expresses surprise at the smoothness with which Saline's government, particularly the council, operates under the new charter.

## Welfare Union Will Carry On Its Good Work

REPORTS READ AND OFFICERS ELECTED—EVERY ORGANIZATION IN CITY URGED TO CO

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### THE PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION

The chairman of the Republican state central committee is quoted to the effect that demands for a Republican primary convention to nominate the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and United States Senator are so insistent that the holding of such a convention is bound to be seriously discussed at the committee's next meeting.

The effect of the pre-primary convention is to present to the voters at the primary election, a list of names of candidates for office, a slate that has been picked by party delegates from all over the state. This does not preclude the entry of other candidates; but it gives the voters candidates for whom they may vote in the primaries, who have the endorsement of a responsible party. The Democrats have used this system in Michigan with the result that, while other candidates may present themselves, a good many self-starters are eliminated from the primaries. Only an outstanding candidate can hope to be a lone runner against the choice of his party in a pre-primary convention.

A similar result may be hoped for from Republican pre-primary selections of party tickets. The outcome of the recent bye-election in the Eighth Michigan Congressional district illustrates the folly of the present direct primary system. Outstate newspapers, while recognizing the part played by other factors in the loss of a Republican seat, admit frankly that the consequence of more than a dozen candidates entering the Republican primary, greatly enhanced the chances of the Democratic nominee being elected, as he was.

The pre-primary convention is a move toward the revival of party solidarity and responsibility. As it is today, any self-starter, whether or not he belongs to the party whose label he wears for the purpose of obtaining office, can go into the primary and mess things up. The fair promise of "primary reform" went sour as soon as it approached fulfillment. The pre-primary convention is an expedient to reduce some of the abuses of the convention system of nominations, without reviving the evils that brought that system into disfavor. The door remains not restricted to irresponsible self-starters.—Detroit Free Press.

### LOANS FOR HOMES

President Hoover announces that he will request Congress to create twelve "home loan discount banks," with a total capitalization of \$150,000,000. Each bank will have an authorized advance twelve times the amount of the capital in small mortgage loans on homes.

As a result of these institutions President Hoover expects four benefits, summarized as follows: (1) A revival of home building as a resultant increase in employment. (2) An emergency easing of financial strain upon sound banks and loan associations dealing in home building securities. (3) A safeguarding against future building slumps. (4) A long-time promotion of home ownership through the financial strengthening of credit institutions.

The proposal made by President Hoover should receive favorable consideration. Care, however, should be taken to provide that the builders of homes secure the benefit of a low interest rate and that the banks do not over-value the values on the various pieces of property, thus avoiding the necessity of foreclosing later. It is good governmental policy to encourage the ownership of homes.

### NEWS AND REVIEWS

**"What They Say Whether Right or Wrong"**  
Max von Oppenheim, archaeologist:  
"Americans and Arabs are the most courteous people in the world."

**Bernard M. Baruch**, chairman War Industries Board:  
"The American taxpayer, manufacturer, laborer and farmer must pay them."

**Henry Ford**, auto maker:  
"Money is like an arm or a leg—use it or lose it."

**S. L. Rothafel**, "Roxy" of the theatre and the air:  
"This (to give the public what they want) is a fallacy for two reasons: you don't know what they want and they don't know what they want."

**Robert Hutchison**, doctor:  
"There is considerable virtue in the closed mind. For an open mind is apt to be the receptacle of much rubbish."

### RADIO MYSTERIES

Every radio listener experiences the annoyance of fading signals in broadcast reception. A number of theories have been expressed by scientists as to the cause thereof and these theories have been attempting to remedy this defect.

Radio experts of the government say that this is caused because radio waves are reflected from the ionosphere in the atmosphere, a body of ionized gaseous material about seventy to two hundred miles above the earth. When these reflected waves return in different time-cycles from the waves arriving direct the fade-outs occur.

The usual experience is that radio reception is better in the night than in the day and in the winter than in the summer. The theory of the scientist explains this by the fact that the Heaviside layer varies in height daily and seasonally, being higher at night than in the day, and higher in the winter than in the summer. The higher it is the better the reception.

### EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS

It is noteworthy that in the Farm Board's story of its activities, the general outlines of which were presented to the Senate Agriculture Committee in Washington, the development of the cooperative movement among the farmers is stressed rather proudly while the bare figures are pretty well left to tell the story of the purchases in wheat and cotton. For the stabilization program is the sorry chapter of the Farm Board program, and unfortunately for the board that is the chapter best known to the country at large. If the board is to be a real agent of existence at the coming session of Congress it will be because of that venture.

The Farm Board's "confession" before the Senate committee on agriculture will doubtless lead to a renewal of the demand that the board close up shop and leave the farmer to his own fate. The board indulged in a costly blunder is undeniable. It can not expect to escape public criticism as a result of its tremendous losses. Yet the board has not even started to make a proper accounting of its losses. It is not clear what the board should do next. It is not clear what the board should do next. It is not clear what the board should do next.

While four elements of the party continued to oppose efforts of John J. Raskob to bring the prohibition question to the fore at an early date the Democratic national chairman has amplified and restated his proposition. It is not his idea that the party should take either the wet or the dry side of the controversy, he asserted, but merely that it should commit itself to a policy under which the party would be given an opportunity to vote for repeal or retention or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Senator Hiram Johnson sets himself up as spokesman on wet and file of the Republican party. In an interview in Chicago written in his own hand the California Senator asserts that the decision of former President Calvin Coolidge not to be a candidate for President next year entitles him to the highest praise of the American people and that if President Hoover would make a similar decision, Mr. Hoover would win the nomination of the Republican party. All of which sounds rather like sour grapes, coming from Mr. Johnson. In the first place, Calvin Coolidge occupied a place which might well have come to Mr. Johnson himself had he seized the opportunity to run for the White House by the votes of the American people.

Whenever the subject of taxation is agitated it discloses two opposed schools of thought. The one school distributes the burden throughout the citizenship on a graduated scale; the other would unload it entirely, or so far as practicable, on the wealthy minority. The latter course, though socially and politically ruinous in the end, naturally appeals to the office seeker or holder. It is convinced that the fewer voters he makes responsible for the support of government the greater his popularity.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS

There is nothing the matter with religion, even if many people know little about its application to life.  
It's getting so nowadays that most any hunter can shoot the mother hunter in the bushes, and call him a "deer."

Well, who knows but that others might exist—we have spotted one man who admits that he reads these paragraphs.  
Correct this sentence: "John, you must invite your brother Sam, and his entire family, to spend the Christmas holidays with us."

Every individual has the opportunity to better his or her own condition, regardless of what others may or may not do.  
We may be mistaken, but if you want to know what they think, the abnormal "sexiness" of the present era is on the wane.

The best solution of most political problems is intelligent voting over a period of years. Professional politicians usually stage comebacks when the vigilance of the voters goes to sleep.  
Whether you believe it or not an honest, independent, fairly successful newspaper is one of the best assets that a community can have.

For people who are always anxious to paste something in their hats we dedicate this paragraph. Paste it in; it doesn't mean anything.  
Trading in Lowell is a part of civic loyalty; to do so as a matter of policy is an application of the so-called booster spirit.

Why not make it a point today to speak a few words of admiration to somebody in your acquaintance for whom you feel a real admiration?

### When a Dollar Goes Farthest

By Albert T. Reid  
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A Judge told a Dorky he didn't propose to see him in that court again. The Dorky replied: "Why, Judge, you're not fixin' to resign, is you?"

"Young man, I'll teach you to make love to my daughter. With you would, old chap; I'm not making much headway."

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### This and That From Around the Old Town

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Mrs. and Mrs. Allen Bennett and Mrs. E. W. Hunter, Mrs. Earl Brewer of Byron Center, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melville and Mrs. Edna M. Thayer with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen.

John Tistal and mother of Cedar Springs were Tuesday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yardley.

Mrs. Harry Blakeley returned to her home in Lansing Wednesday, after some time at the L. P. Morse home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Webster were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fry.

Miss Katherine Jones of Ionia and Harold Keiser of Lansing were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuylenstierna.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downes of Parnell were Saturday evening guests of her sister, Mrs. John S. Turley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Biemer and children spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith and family near Ada.

Mrs. Mary Wingieer of Lansing was Thanksgiving day guest of Mrs. A. W. Wingieer and Miss Rose Wingieer was a Sunday guest.

The Mrs. W. H. Walter family, Bieri of Moseley entertained Miss Marion Brown of Lowell and Miss Alice Bieri of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Hannah Bartlett returned home Saturday from a two week visit at the home of Mrs. Howard and wife in South Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. T. Condon with their families and their daughter, Mrs. Mable Hanson of Ionia were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Condon at Murray Lake.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. West spent Sunday in Ionia with Mr. and Mrs. Drake.

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ADA SCHOOL NOTES

McCords Matters

For the first three days of this week each room is conducting a Red Cross membership campaign...

ELMDALE ETCHINGS

New Women Members of British House of Commons

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Harris are the proud great-grandparents of the proud great-grandson...

Thinking People Will Act Now!

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Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bremer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richmond were Friday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vosburg and visited.

Ernest Vosburg at Houghton hospital. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Burras, Mrs. Vera Antonides, Marion Monks, Grace and Eddie Theale, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Richmond of Lowell, Mrs. Violett Schrier is assisting Mrs. Earl Vosburg with her house work.

Lyle Dunn went North during the last week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton had as their guests Sunday at home Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Houghton, wife and daughter of Clarice.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Loveland attended a family dinner and supper at the home of Mrs. Austin Livingston of Clarksville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lamphere of Grand Rapids called on the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bancroft Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bancroft were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Proctor. Mr. Proctor has been quite ill but is better at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Watts and son and William Watts and Mrs. Sarah Becker spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Behler of Lake Odessa. Carl Keiser had as their dinner guests Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broadbent.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattison, Dr. Beisner and Dr. Burling, all of Grand Rapids, enjoyed a venison dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broadbent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roser and Mrs. Corwin Porritt, Mrs. Roy Day, Mrs. Clara Porritt, Mrs. Floyd Flynn, Miss Mable Berg, Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Guy Smith were visitors.

In the absence of our chairman, member telling benefits received from the study of nutrition.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Alvin Berg.

WEST BOWNE The second meeting of the Bowne Center Home Economics class was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Johnson No. 24.

The members present were Mrs. Myrtle Porritt, Miss Marian Pardee, Miss Beatrice Thomas, Miss Ella Herman, Miss Marian Lind, Mrs. Lydia Porritt, Mrs. Roy Deming, Mrs. Glen Godfrey, Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff, Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Mrs. Alvin Berg, Mrs. Ralph Huntington, Mrs. John Watts, Mrs. Clara Porritt, Mrs. Floyd Flynn, Miss Mable Berg, Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Guy Smith were visitors.

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Hamburg 10c lb.	Beef Roast 12c lb.	Lg. Frankfurts 10c lb.
Fresh Side Pork 12c lb.	Pure Pork Sausage 10c lb.	
Beef Ribs 8c lb.	Shoulder Spare Ribs 5c lb.	
Pork Roast Fr. Picnic 9c lb.	Rd. or Sirloin Steak 15c lb.	

Shankless Smoked Picnics, lb. 14c  
Pork Steak, 2 lbs. 25c  
Chunk Bacon, sugar cured, 2 lbs. av., lb. 13c

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The new variety, Bald Rock, has a long stiff straw and has no beard. It has yielded well in the tests made during the past several years at Lake City and Augusta. It is a red wheat with good milling qualities.

Red Rock, one of the parents of Bald Rock, yielded only about one-half bushel more than the

new variety in 14 tests made in the past two years. Red Rock is grown by many Michigan farmers but some object to it because of the beard; Bald Rock has the same yielding, and quality characteristics, is more winter hardy, and is not bearded.

In 1928, when a great deal of winter killing cut down wheat yields, Bald Rock yielded twice as much as Red Rock. The new wheat seems to yield equally well in good years and is much superior in harvests which follow damaging winters.

Another wheat variety tested at the college, Berkeley Rock, is resistant to both loose and stinking smut and is also winter hardy, but this wheat has a weak straw which causes it to lodge more easily than other varieties. The Berkeley Rock will be used in plant breeding work in an attempt to develop a variety which has smut resistance and other desirable characteristics as well.

### Gibson's Saturday Cash Specials

Pork Chops center cuts lb. 15c	Pork Loin Ends for Roasts, lb. 10c
Shoulder Spare Ribs, lb. 4c	Chuck Roast Beef, lb. 12c
Pork Sausage, lb. 15c	
Beef Ribs lb. 8c	Hamburg lb. 10c
Pork Hams, half or shank ends, lb. 12 1/2c	Leg of Lamb lb. 19c
Tasty Cup Cof-fee, 19c, 2 lbs. 34c	

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### This and That From Around The Old Town

Diamonds at Stockings.

Mrs. Frances Dickerson spent one day last week in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Joe Speerstra and Mrs. Willard Dennie were Grand Rapids visitors Monday.

Roger McMahon was home from the University of Michigan for Thanksgiving week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keiser of Alto were Friday evening guests at the R. E. Springett home.

Callers at the F. A. Gould home Saturday were Miss Maudie Hiltchcock and Dan Zandriel of Muliken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gilmore of Lansing were Thanksgiving evening guests at Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Maxson's.

F. A. Gould and Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Linda Loucks spent Sunday in Muliken with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Moyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krum of Grand Rapids spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Ella Jake-way and family.

Mrs. E. S. White attended the Kent county association of O. E. S. at the Temple in Grand Rapids Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Kingdom and son Kenneth were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Niel Beurkens of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gould and Mrs. Linda Loucks spent Thanksgiving in Sibewa the guests of C. J. Cooper and family.

Wayne Springett of Battle Creek spent three days, including Thanksgiving with his parents, Atty. and Mrs. Springett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and son and Mrs. Harry Anderson visited at the John Carey home in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Arthur of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors at the Henry Alexander home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Foster and daughter of Morse Lake spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Foster at a sister's, Mrs. R. J. Maxson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. White motored to Grand Edge Wednesday. She, with her sister, Mrs. Hathaway drove to Lansing and spent part of the day.

Thanksgiving day guests at the Harry Anderson home were Mrs. Laura Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones and son Lester, Evert Carey and Oscar Sterzik.

Clifford Cook and family of Grand Rapids were Thanksgiving guests at the Geo. Lee home. Shirley accompanied them home for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. P. J. Fizeal, her guest, Mary Alice Fitzgerald, Mrs. E. S. White, Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. F. F. Rosewarne and daughter Frances spent Saturday in Grand Rapids.

The Misses Nora Bushart of Blodgett hospital and Eula Lyster of Hastings hospital were Thanksgiving guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lyster.

The Misses Kate, Martha and Agnes Perry were called to Jonesville Saturday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Elizabeth Sinclair. They returned home Monday.

Mrs. Will Devering and Mr. and Mrs. George Daly and daughter visited their cousin, Mrs. Nellie Taylor of Grand Rapids Saturday and called on other friends in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Naylor, Mrs. Nellie Naylor and Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, all of Grand Rapids, were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Hunter-Cheyne home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner for Charles McElwain of Alma, Charles Young of the Bailey Estate and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lewis have returned to their home in Connersville, Ind., after spending Thanksgiving holidays with his people, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and her mother, Mrs. Lena Luz.

Sergt. and Mrs. Geo. Daley and daughter returned to their home at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Sunday, Mrs. Wm. Devering accompanied them to Kalamazoo, where she will spend a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White entertained for Thanksgiving Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hayward of Saranac and Dr. and Mrs. Hathaway of Grand Rapids, Hathaway and Mrs. White spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Leary spent Thanksgiving with their sons, Verne and Charles and families of Hastings. The former just returned from Big Bay, Upper Peninsula. His party of seven captured three bears and four deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sayles, Mrs. Whaley and grandson of Chicago, Miss Ellura Frost and roommate, Miss Lourie Lapof of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. George Frost and Mrs. Susie Sayles were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost.

Wednesday night Rev. R. W. Merrill, Supt. W. W. Gumsier and Dr. E. J. Merrill motored to Grayling and were the guests of Professor Herbert Marshall of C. S. N. C. at his cottage on the Au Sable spending three days hunting deer. No more damage done than slight nervous shock to the dimensions of the forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McTavish entertained her home folks and uncle, Jack Webb of Grand Rapids, for Thanksgiving dinner. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wingeier and children of Shiloh, were visitors. Later eighteen of Mr. MacTavish' relatives came from Grand Rapids and the country around and spent the evening.

Mrs. Bartholomew and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hoyt were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Marshall of Ionia. Fred K. Hoyt of Pittsburgh and friend, Samuel C. Wicks, Jr. of Philadelphia, were also guests. Paul E. Hudson of Kiltacing, Pa., joined his student friends, Fred and Samuel and all returned to Carnegie Tech., Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Will Devering and guests, Mrs. Daly and daughter visited friends in Belding Monday.

Rep. Dexter G. Look and Mr. E. R. Kniffin made a business trip to the state capitol Tuesday.

Miss Bernice Lee spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with her sister, Mrs. Clifford Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Purdy of Milford were Tuesday visitors at the McPherson and Ogden home.

Mrs. Anna Steinhilb visited her brother, W. Little and family at West Sebawa from Friday to Sunday last.

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MORE than 10,000 bushels of blueberries are harvested annually from cultivated bushes of this plant, which formerly grew only in a wild state. That is because Dr. Frederick E. Coville, botanist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, discovered how to make blueberry bushes grow under cultivation. The Massachusetts Horticultural Society has just given him a gold medal for his discovery that blueberry bushes grow only on a sour soil, and that they thrive only when exposed to cold weather in the winter.

The demand for blueberries in the cities is a steady one. Hundreds of farmers in the North are utilizing waste land to grow this crop systematically. And down in West Florida, in the yellow pine country, we saw a grove of blueberry trees, twelve or fourteen feet high, bearing berries almost as big as the end of your thumb.

**VANCE CALVIN**, well-known observer, back from Germany, says that when the United States is in Germany's shoes there may be reason for long faces. In spite of the current national melancholy on this side of the Atlantic, Mr. Calvin says that this country actually doesn't know the meaning of the word depression.

In Berlin alone, he says, 135,000 families are living in huts and tents. Trained officials get less than \$500 a year and city doctors less than \$1,000. Taxes remove 10 per cent of income, and a new ordinance imposes a 5 per cent penalty for every two weeks' delay in paying taxes. That's 130 per cent a year.

**RUBBY** fish are ok. This will be great news for a lot of people. Our authority is none other than Dr. Carl L. Hubbs, director of the Institute for Fisheries Research of the University of Michigan who declares that "rubby" or "grubby" fish are entirely safe to eat.

Says Dr. Hubbs: "None of the parasites infesting fish are capable of injuring man, and all the parasites are killed by ordinary cooking processes."

**Card of Thanks**

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my friends, relatives and Rebekah lodge for the beautiful flowers and fruit, also the comforting letters and cards which helped so much to pass the six weeks at the hospital.

Elithel Ford. (p28)

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their kind offerings and the sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved little daughter and sister, Maxine. We also thank Rev. Merrill for his comforting words, Mrs. Fletcher for the songs and Miss Edna Allen for the loving care she gave her.

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MORE than 10,000 bushels of blueberries are harvested annually from cultivated bushes of this plant, which formerly grew only in a wild state. That is because Dr. Frederick E. Coville, botanist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, discovered how to make blueberry bushes grow under cultivation. The Massachusetts Horticultural Society has just given him a gold medal for his discovery that blueberry bushes grow only on a sour soil, and that they thrive only when exposed to cold weather in the winter.

The demand for blueberries in the cities is a steady one. Hundreds of farmers in the North are utilizing waste land to grow this crop systematically. And down in West Florida, in the yellow pine country, we saw a grove of blueberry trees, twelve or fourteen feet high, bearing berries almost as big as the end of your thumb.

**VANCE CALVIN**, well-known observer, back from Germany, says that when the United States is in Germany's shoes there may be reason for long faces. In spite of the current national melancholy on this side of the Atlantic, Mr. Calvin says that this country actually doesn't know the meaning of the word depression.

In Berlin alone, he says, 135,000 families are living in huts and tents. Trained officials get less than \$500 a year and city doctors less than \$1,000. Taxes remove 10 per cent of income, and a new ordinance imposes a 5 per cent penalty for every two weeks' delay in paying taxes. That's 130 per cent a year.

**RUBBY** fish are ok. This will be great news for a lot of people. Our authority is none other than Dr. Carl L. Hubbs, director of the Institute for Fisheries Research of the University of Michigan who declares that "rubby" or "grubby" fish are entirely safe to eat.

Says Dr. Hubbs: "None of the parasites infesting fish are capable of injuring man, and all the parasites are killed by ordinary cooking processes."

**Card of Thanks**

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my friends, relatives and Rebekah lodge for the beautiful flowers and fruit, also the comforting letters and cards which helped so much to pass the six weeks at the hospital.

Elithel Ford. (p28)

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their kind offerings and the sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved little daughter and sister, Maxine. We also thank Rev. Merrill for his comforting words, Mrs. Fletcher for the songs and Miss Edna Allen for the loving care she gave her.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kysar, Albert and Betty Lou. (p28)

**WILLIAMS' PEPPERS**

**FOLEY'S**  
302-607-4120  
GENUINE HONEY & TART COMPOUND

**Social Events**

The Misses Helen and Maxine Hunter entertained a group of young people at their home Thursday evening. Their guests included Harrison Defer and Miss Wrenonah Defer of Detroit, Miss Marie Praeger, Miss Zeona Rivette, Gould Rivette and James Hill.

Atty. and Mrs. R. M. Shivel gave a dinner party at their home Monday night with the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doyle, Gerald McCarthy, Renis Doyle and Miss Minnie Meek. Euchre followed the dinner, honors going to Chas. Doyle and Mrs. Wm. Doyle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swarthout very delightfully entertained the P. D. bridge club at a turkey dinner Tuesday night. Their guests included: Supt. and Mrs. W. W. Gumsier, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Rosewarne, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sigler, also James Rosewarne and Glendon Swarthout. Honors awarded Mrs. Sigler and Supt. Gumsier.

Mrs. Maurice Summers entertained Saturday evening with a shower Tuesday afternoon given by neighbors and friends in honor of Mrs. Harry Briggs. A delightful two course luncheon was served to thirteen ladies, Mrs. Russell Bettis, Mrs. Clyde Richards, Mrs. Chas. Jones, Mrs. Clifford Klumpp, Mrs. Howard Burt, Mrs. Harry Anderson, Mrs. Chas. Young, Mrs. Frank Schwacha, Mrs. Harold Graham, Mrs. Lynn Fletcher and the guest of honor, who was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. The rooms were profusely decorated with chrysanthemums and the dining table was beautiful in green and orange crystal and orange garlands. Mrs. Taylor as gypsy queen read the cards for the guests giving each lady a favorable fortune.

**Undergoes Operation**

Ernest Vosburg, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vosburg was taken sick Tuesday night and operated on Wednesday evening for appendicitis, at Blodgett hospital by doctor Shepard. His condition is good.

**Card of Thanks**

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends and the Odd Fellows for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of William T. Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wright and Family.  
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wright and Family.  
Mrs. Mary Scott. (c28)

**STRAND LOWELL**

**SUNDAY--MONDAY**

**Joan Crawford**

In a stronger role than ever before! More dramatic than "Paid." With the new star that is sweeping the country off its feet.

**Clark Gable**  
IN  
"POSSESSED"

She paid—body and soul—to learn the bitterness of a loveless love—the weakness of the flesh.

**Special Added Feature**

We Are Proud to Present

**Sir Harry Lauder**

In one of his favorite specialties—You'll love it

**"She's My Daisy"**

SMITH & DALE COMEDY

**"Fur Fur Away"**

A riot of laughter

**PATHE SOUND NEWS**

Sun. Mat. at 3:00 10c-20c  
Eves at 7:00-9:00 10c-35c

**SHOW WORLD SMASHES**

"The Champ"  
"Ambassador Bill"  
"Over the Hill"

See Them All at  
"MICHIGAN'S FINEST SMALL THEATRE"

**More Local News**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIntyre and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen.

Gerardine and Bobby Wingeier of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with their grandmother, Mrs. Martha Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens and Oscar Allen spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Miss Ada Pratt in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepard and children of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Cole of Saranac spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Shepard.

Mrs. E. Stevens, Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. O. Nelson, and Mrs. H. Dawson attended a missionary convention at the Nazarene church in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

**Fig Bars** Fresh shipment - buy several pounds. They're good for the kiddies. 10c

**Corn** Standard quality - here's real corn value. 4 No. 2 cans 25c

**GELATINE DESSERT** Country Club pkg. 5c

**PEACHES** Halves - Country Club No. 2 1/2 can 19c

**SLICED PINEAPPLE** Country Club No. 2 1/2 can 18c

**CLIFTON BROOMS** A sturdy broom each 33c

**SCRATCH FEED** 100 lb. bag \$1.39

**Salada Tea** 1/4-lb. pkg. 19c small pkg. 9c 1/2-lb. pkg. 35c

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**GOODYEAR SPEEDWAY Lifetime Guaranteed**

**Alcohol, 49c per gallon Storage Batteries, \$3.50 and up**

**GOODYEAR PATHFINDER**

Size	Each	In Pairs
29x4.40-21	\$4.98	\$4.00
29x4.50-21	5.00	5.45
29x4.50-21	5.09	5.55
29x4.75-19	6.05	6.45

**RALPH'S TIRE & RADIO SHOP**

Phone 433 Radio Service

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark entertained with a family dinner Thanksgiving for the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heaven and son Junior and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dennison, all of Clarksville, F. D. routes. Leave your order with the Ledger in order to get this special rate.

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