

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

By Francis P. Church
BACK in 1897 a newspaper worker, Francis P. Church, was given a letter from a little girl to answer.

Here is what appeared in the Sun September 21, 1897:
"We take pleasure in answering at once and thus promptly the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'if you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON, 115 West Ninety-fifth St.
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as drear—as if there were no Virgins. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

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Circulation Drive to End Saturday Night

Sealed Ballot Box Now in Effect; Race Ends at Eight O'clock; Winners in Doubt. Judges to Count Votes

When the clock points out the hour of 8 p. m. Saturday, then will have passed into history the greatest, the most liberal and the hardest fought campaign ever staged in this section of the state. Only two more days remain of the Lowell Ledger "Christmas Prize" Subscription Campaign.

The stage is all set for the finish and every candidate is endeavoring to step out of the position they hold and share in a BIG way in the distribution of the prizes. A glance at the relative positions will convince everyone that action NOW is different from what was last week and during the early days of the campaign. The candidates are pounding down the home stretch, straining every resource at their command to forge ahead. The finish is only a short distance ahead and only a few more hours remain to gather

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Worthy G. Matron Honors Local O.E.S.

The installation of the Eastern Star officers of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, was held at the Masonic temple Thursday evening, Dec. 13. Mrs. Georgina Bauer of Hastings, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan O. E. S., was Grand installing officer; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Minnie Lott of Elmdale, Grand installing chaplain; Mrs. J. M. Townsend of Hastings acted as grand installing marshal; Miss Mabel Hall acted as grand organist.

The officers installed for the ensuing year were: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Wm. Hartman; Worthy Patron, Wm. C. Hartman; Associate Matron, Frances Jefferies; Secretary, Mrs. Floyd Steed; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Armstrong; Conductress, Mrs. Howard Krum; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Ernest Roth; Chaplain, Mrs. Willard Hunter; Marshal, Mrs. E. Johnson; Organist, Rosella Yeiter; Ada, Howard Ritterger; Ruth, Mrs. Vime Hunter; Esther, Mrs. Mert Sinclair; Martha, Mrs. Allen Bennett; Electa, Mrs. Lotta Kniffin; Warder, Mrs. Eugene Carr; Sentinel, Sherman Avery.

A fine program was given before the installation which was greatly enjoyed. Lucille Warner gave two readings, Mrs. Phillip Schneider sang a solo accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Harvey Haysmer at the piano; Mrs. A. R. Smith pleased all with her fine readings; Miss Mabel Hall favored with two solos.

The chapter room was prettily decorated with trimmings appropriate to the season. A dinner preceded the meeting with last year's officers entertaining the Grand installing officers and refreshments were served following the meeting to guests from Clarks-ville, Grattan, Saranac, Ada and Lowell.

The members of Cyclamen Chapter wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted in making the evening an enjoyable success.

Along Main St.

A permanent conference clearing house for interstate tax information was set up December 12 in Chicago by representatives of tax commissions in seven great lake states. M. B. McPherson of the Michigan tax commission, elected chairman of the group, announced that complete organization would be effected at a meeting in March. The central states tax officials, ending a two-day meeting, announced at the conclusion of their conferences that state financial aid for public schools would be one of the most important problems coming before their legislatures this winter.

Former Boy Scout training is proving valuable to young men in CCC camps, if the record at Camp AuSable near Grayling is any indication. H. V. Borgerson of Lowell, camp superintendent, states that 15 of the 27 rated enrollees in his company are former members of Boy Scout organizations. This is more than 50 percent of the rated personnel. Only 25 percent of the entire company had former Boy Scout training.

The numerous falls which occurred on Lowell's slippery Main street last Saturday causes us to question the accuracy of the statement that "The wicked stand in slippery places." We were reminded of the way Absalom entered Jerusalem.

"Speed," the well and favorably known bird dog belonging to Dr. B. H. Shepard had a narrow escape from drowning Wednesday forenoon as he attempted to cross Flat river. "Speed" evidently slipped into the open part of the stream and was unable to get back onto firm ice in spite of his hard efforts. Fortunately his plight was seen by passersby and a hurry-up phone call brought him and the dog nearly exhausted, was saved. The rescue was made by Fred Gramer and Frank L. Stephens.

The holiday season finds Main-st. presenting a very colorful appearance each night as daylight wanes into darkness. Scores of are hung lights of various colors line both sides of the avenue. Most of the stores have also taken special pains with decorations this year.

Weaver's Market has been redecorated throughout the interior and floodlights have been installed in the windows.

Lowell's Christmas stocking is surely bulging over this year—twelve percent cuts in electric rates are not hung on every Christmas tree.

Kent Gets School Money From State
County Treasurer Thomas Vidro has received \$84,514 in primary school money from State Auditor J. H. Stack. The sum represents 50 per cent of the 1934 allotment, Vidro said. Distribution to the schools is to be made immediately.

A similar sum is promised for Dec. 27 or 28 by the auditor general, bringing the total for the year to \$681,577.30. Allocation of the sum promised soon to the townships of this section of Kent County is as follows: Ada, \$1,251.59; Bowne, \$742.73; Caledonia, \$1,130.80; Cannon, \$776.14; Cascade, \$1,071.69; Grattan, \$857.69; Lowell, \$2,032.87; Vergennes, \$665.63.

Our Christmas Gift
IF IT were possible, your Home Town Newspaper would like to give as a Christmas gift to every person in this community that which he or she desires. But since that can not be done, we wish to offer you as our Christmas gift, not only for this happiest day in the year, but for all the days to come during the next year these things:
News...
All the news of the territory in which it circulates; clean news, constructive news, hopeful, wholesome news, news that is appealing to the young as well as to the old, news that will bring happiness to every household.
Principles and Ideals...
These intangibles, expressed in an editorial policy which has the courage of its convictions, which is fearless in the expression of righteousness and in the espousal of justice, and which seeks to offer intelligent and helpful comment on the items of news which have an important bearing on public opinion or public morals.
Leadership and Service...
These qualities expressed in devotion to the good of the community, which makes it a community adviser, a civic booster, the big brother of the neighborhood, who works unceasingly to make this community a better place in which to live, who helps to protect its people from imposition, from fraud, from danger, an ally of the strong, and a defender of the weak.
All these, the principles upon which the best type of newspaper is founded, we offer to you as our Christmas gift and with it goes the heartiest holiday greetings from
THE PUBLISHERS

Santa Claus Coming To Lowell Saturday

Every child in Lowell and vicinity is extended a cordial invitation to be in Lowell next Saturday afternoon where he will be given an opportunity to see Santa Claus in person.



This will be great news for the kiddies of this community, many of whom will see him for the first time. The Jolly Old Fellow will arrive here at 1:00 p. m., and will be in front of the postoffice at 3:30 p. m. with a sack of candy and a cheery greeting for every kiddie.

Traffic officers will be on duty and every effort will be made to look after the safety of children during the afternoon.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 20, "Death on the Diamond," Madge Evans, Robert Youngs, Ted Healy, Nat Pendleton. Also Bank Night—\$125.00. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21-22, "Cat's Paw," Harold Lloyd, Una Merkel.

Sunday only, Dec. 23, "Great Expectations," Charles Dickens classic.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25-26, "Now and Forever," Shirley Temple, Carole Lombard, Gary Cooper.

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR SPECIAL
A closeout from a large neckwear house. 35 dozen in this lot. All manner of patterns, all silk tipped. Choice 99c.

SCHOOL VACATION
The Lowell School Board has decided that Christmas vacation will commence Friday night, Dec. 21, and end Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Electric Rates Cut By Village Council

The Village Council announces that at its meeting of December 17 last, action was taken materially reducing the electric light rates. The earnings of the plant have been sufficient so that the Council feels the saving can be passed along to the electric consumer. In fact the reduction amounts to approximately 12% under present rates and applies to the commercial and resident user alike. These rates will go into effect December 23rd. Every effort has been made to make this reduction equitable to all and, as before stated, it applies to both commercial and home users.

Action was also taken at this meeting providing for the establishment of a street light on each corner in the residence district of the village. These lights will be put in as fast as possible and within the next few months it is hoped and expected that there will be a street light upon every corner in the residence district.

With the coming of Christmas and the new year, the Council deems it advisable to give a brief picture of the Village activities during the past year, principally with reference to the financial side thereof. The public is in general acquainted with the plan of operation in connection with the various CWA and FERA projects. In the Village of Lowell, these projects have been the erection of the sewage disposal plant and the building of the trunk line sewers. The Federal government in each instance paid for the labor and the Village paid for the material used plus some engineering services. As a result we have substantially a new sewer system and a sewage disposal plant which complies with the requirements of the law. To be exact, since February of this year the Village has expended on these projects the sum of \$11,439.08 in connection with the sewage disposal plant, the King and Lafayette Street sewer, the Riverside Drive-Elizabeth Street sewer, and the Elm, Washington and Monroe Streets sewer. In addition to this, during the past year the Village has retired \$6,000 of the bonded indebtedness, paid \$4,393.84 of the engine notes, paid \$4,222.50 interest, or a total of \$26,055.42. In addition to this \$4,000 has been laid aside in the sinking fund for the retirement of future bonds. This makes a total of \$30,055.42 paid for permanent improve-

ments, the retirement of the bonded indebtedness with interest, plus the \$4,000 available in the sinking fund. This is in addition to paying the current expenses of the Village. The Council feels a just pride in making this announcement to the people of this village and believes it will be of interest to the public generally.

The Village government understands, of course, that in these times every effort toward economy should be made and that has been the policy of this administration. But the Council also felt that it was warranted in expending the above amounts for these projects; for by so doing we have a new sewer system and a sewage disposal plant which cost the Village exactly the materials that went into them without any labor. By order of the Village Council. O. J. BREZINA, Village Clerk.

Independent Fives Win Double-Header

The flashy Lowell Independents continued their winning ways Wednesday evening, defeating Saranac 18 to 11 and the strong Mackey Insurance team of Ionia, 15 to 9. The feature game of the evening was with Ionia. Both teams were fighting to maintain undefeated records. The contest turned into a grim defensive battle, with many tense moments and both teams threatening to turn on dynamic offenses capable of blasting out a victory. Lowell led 4 to 6 at the half. The first game presented Lowell's B squad, a team capable of holding its own with any B competition. The B's took a lead and, though often tied, were not headed by the Saranac aggregation. Lowell led 4 to 2 at the half. The Independents are buying new uniforms which may be seen at their next local game. This team is made up of all Lowell boys and is being outfitted at its own expense and without any solicitation. Teams from Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Kalamazoo are asking for games. If local fans do not turn out, it is possible that the boys will play on foreign floors where their drawing capacity and spectacular play is recognized.

Read the Want column.

Odds and Ends Here and There

Pithy Points Picked Up and Patly Put By Our Peripatetic Pencil Pusher

Ad in front of a Detroit theatre: See Mae West in Belle of the Gays Nineties. Air cooled.

In the old days the couple couldn't plead a flat tire on the buggy as a reason for late hours.

Charles Christie, 64, was asphyxiated by carbon monoxide fumes Saturday afternoon while repairing an automobile in a garage in back of his home in Grand Rapids.

The county board of supervisors voted adoption as the official song of Kent county, the composition "To the Owashonong," on suggestion of Mrs. Stella Richmond Hills.

Freezing weather, snow and ice, have brought a new pastime that takes its place beside rabbit hunting in the interest of Michigan sportsmen. Fishing through the ice in its various forms is now in full swing throughout the state.

The year 1935 marks the three-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of secondary schools in America. This is truly a significant fact. From the germinal idea which gave rise to the Boston Latin Grammar School in 1635 has come the whole gigantic system of public secondary education found in the United States today.

Millions for highways but not one cent for a foot path where children may safely walk is an inconsistency pointed out by Editor Phil Rich, of the Midland Republican. About 12 children are condemned to death daily in the United States. They must die under the merciless whirling wheels of automobiles.

The department of state will be unable to register and issue license plates after January 1 for trailers weighing more than 3,000 pounds unless the trailers are equipped with brakes in conformity with the law adopted by the legislature in 1933. The law also prohibits the use of trailers of 3,000 pounds on the highways after that date unless they are equipped with brakes that can be operated by the truck driver.

The title of being one of the meanest hunters of the 1934 season goes to the unknown nimrod who tried his marksmanship on the Ogemaw State forest on a deer fawn no larger than a good-sized collie dog. Walter E. Hastings, Department of Conservation staff photographer, found the fawn riddled with buckshot. When placed on a scale, the carcass weighed only 43 pounds. Approximately 100 doe and fawns were shot during the open season in the area surrounding the Ogemaw refuge. Many of the carcasses were discovered only after the meat had spoiled as a result of mild weather. The violators had left the carcasses in the woods to rot.

Ledger Editor Makes First Page (By Fred D. Keister in The Ionia County News.)

You would never think it of him, were you to engage him in a heart-to-heart discussion of the fair sex, but I am reliably informed that Editor Bert Jefferies, of the Lowell Ledger remained late at the sanctum one recent night while he ground out the following: "Women are like newspapers, he says, because—

They have forms. They are bold-faced type. They always have the word. Back numbers are not in demand. They have a great deal of influence. They are well worth looking over. You can't believe everything they say. They carry the news wherever they go. If they know anything they usually tell it. They are never afraid to speak their own minds. They are much thinner than they used to be. Every man should have one of his own and not borrow his neighbor's.

Congressman-Elect Speaks Sat. Night

The Hon. Fred L. Crawford, Congressman elect, of Saginaw, will speak at the South Boston Grange hall Saturday, Dec. 22, at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Crawford has just completed a tour of 18 agricultural states and will have a most interesting message.

The Knapp Trio of Ionia will also entertain and play for dancing. You can't afford to miss this meeting. Everybody is welcome and no charges will be made.

Auction Sales

The sale season at the horse barns on the Ionia Free Fair grounds will open Saturday, Dec. 22, at one o'clock with a big sale of 20 head of first class heavy horses, some young mares and a few cows. Johnson & Jarvis, Props. Allen Haskins, Auctioneer. See adv. elsewhere in this issue for further details.

Coming Events

The Lowell Churches plan to unite for a union Vesper service to be held Sunday, December 23rd at 3:30 p. m. in the Church of the Nazarene Auditorium. The congregation will take part in the singing of Christmas carols with Tom Doyle leading. Special music will also be provided. Rev. John Claus will deliver the message. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

A public feather party will be held in the Legion rooms at the Lowell City hall under auspices of the Lowell Moose Lodge Friday night, Dec. 21. A lazy man is really no worse than a dead one—but he takes up more room.



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## Sayings by Other Editors

**VENGE TO JUSTICE**  
The motherhood ideal, that noble, favorite still of reformed and killer crooks, in states employing capital punishment, never held away so effectively in Michigan courts, for the very reason that it kills and their shyster counsel are preferred to gamble on a stretch in prison rather than the ayim to be the same day they go to jail to make it a menace to justice—this plea of "temporary insanity"—Michigan. One of the reforms that Harry S. Toy will fight for when he becomes attorney-general this year will be to amend this bogus plea to be equal to the one in all other states. This is a whole new outlook that the average supporter did not count on when he gave his vote to Harry S. Toy. Mr. Toy has had a lot of experience tracking down professional killers and is well acquainted with all the legal wiles employed by criminal lawyers to defeat justice and turn captured gangsters loose again upon society.

## Remember When

Chris Gehrer of Lower county brings the following for the Remember When department. The information was gathered from a Christmas greeting folder put out by a business concern several years ago.  
Thirty years ago eggs were eight cents a dozen, butter ten cents a pound, milk five cents a quart, the butcher gave away liver and treated the side to hogskins. A hired girl received two dollars a week and did the washing. Women concealed their ankles and did not powder and paint (in public), smoke, vote or play poker. Men wore whiskers and boots. . . .  
And yet as Dr. Hoeking pointed out, the term "wool" is largely confined to philosophy, poetry and religion. In these days of profanity rather than morals, one is reminded of what Mary Roberts Elwell wrote a few years ago.  
We seem to think we are getting better when we are only getting better in a thought-compelling essay entitled "Can Science Save the

## Holiday Grocery Items

- Soda Crackers 2 pkgs. 17c
- Sparkle 3 pkgs. 14c
- Coffee 2 pkgs. 31c
- Baker Coffee 2 pkgs. 23c
- 8 O'Clock 2 pkgs. 21c
- Hard Candy 2 pkgs. 10c
- French Creams 2 pkgs. 25c
- Filled Candy 2 pkgs. 15c
- Swansdown CAKE FLOUR 2 pkgs. 27c
- Calumet BAKING POWDER 2 pkgs. 21c
- JELLO 3 pkgs. 17c
- LOG CABIN SYRUP 2 pkgs. 10c
- BAKER'S COCOANUT 2 pkgs. 10c
- Mixed Nuts 2 pkgs. 19c
- Jumped Roasted Peanuts 2 pkgs. 25c
- Fruit Peels 2 pkgs. 10c
- Chocolate Twirls 2 pkgs. 19c
- Fig Bars 2 pkgs. 25c
- Mince Meat 2 pkgs. 10c
- None Such Mince Meat 2 pkgs. 15c
- Marvin's Dates 2 pkgs. 25c

## HENKEL'S

- Family Flour 24 1/2 lb. bag \$1.13
- Velvet CAKE AND PASTRY FLOUR 5 lb. bag 29c
- Pancake Flour 5 lb. bag 23c
- Cigarettes Camel, Lucky Strike, Chesterfield, Old Gold All 10c Size 3 pkgs. 25c
- Tobacco Smoking or Scrap 1 lb. tin 17c
- Ripe Olives 8-oz. jar 19c
- Ann Page Jellies Current or Grape 8-oz. jar 13c

## WE NOTICED THAT SOME OF THE RECENT POLITICAL CANDIDATES ARE NOW AT GUM AT A WOODPECKER IN A RETIRED POST.

WE REDEEM WELFARE ORDERS All Prices Subject to 3 per cent Sales Tax

## Gifts Men Appreciate

- All Wool Melton Jackets Knitted Sport Coats
- Cosack style with zipper front. Plain navy blue. Muff pockets. Adjustable side straps. \$3.95
- 100% wool, brown heather, navy and dark Oxford. Always practical and very serviceable. \$3.95
- Buton style. Zipper style \$3.95

## Reindeer Suede Leather Jackets Sateen lined. \$4.95

## Coons

World? Roy L. Smith puts the question to the satisfaction of the average man. Whatever degrades, debases, humiliates, ravages, or destroys your soul, destroys me. All my motives, ideas, hopes, consciousness, will, emotions, dreams, visions, affections. These are all spiritual products—the result of the operation of spiritual laws—my physical reactions, I leave, fermentation and crystallization are the result of a scientific and physical laws. No scientist can succeed as a scientist and engineer or physicist until he is well acquainted with all the legal wiles employed by criminal lawyers to defeat justice and turn captured gangsters loose again upon society.

## Lowell Items of 25, 30 and 35 Years Ago

December 23, 1900—35 Years Ago  
Mrs. Charles Wilson was called to St. Louis, Mo., to the bedside of her niece, Miss Georgia Criss, who lost her sight when a bottle of soda water exploded, a piece of glass cutting her eye wide open. Fred Pottruff and family moved from Grand Rapids back to their home in Grand Rapids after a three years absence.

## Homemaker's Corner

In selecting wool blankets choice depends on the climate and, according to textile specialists at Michigan State College, the warmth of a blanket is due partly to the fiber from which it is made and partly to the construction of the blanket. A material which is a term, does not mean it is a blanket. A material which is a term, does not mean it is a blanket. A material which is a term, does not mean it is a blanket.

## December 22, 1904—30 Years Ago

Mrs. Frank Terry, 66, passed away after a several months' illness. Rex Gloster, formerly with the Sarnac local, working at the Leland office, of Seattle, Wash., was in the city, visiting with Lowell relatives.

## December 21, 1899—35 Years Ago

Frank Fertin rented his farm to Ed. Walsh and moved to St. Johns where he entered the produce business with W. B. Stone. Frank Foley, for many years a resident of Grant, was instantly killed in a fall down a stairway in the home of Mrs. Sarah Doyle where he was employed.

## December 17—Weight Brothers make first airplane flight, 1903.

## December 16—Slavery is abolished by the Constitution, 1865.

## December 15—Mad dog bite fourteen in Salem, N. J., 1904.

## December 14—20 South Carolina seceded from the Union, 1860.

### You Save 25% at Henry's

Special 25% Discount, or 1/2 off Friday, Dec. 21st, to Christmas Day, on Toilet and Perfumery Sets, Fountain Pens, Manicure Rolls and Sets, Bibles, Perfume Atomizers, Compacts, Men's Bill Folds, Ash Stands and Trays that sold regularly for \$1.

Our regular prices were low but now we will make your Christmas money buy 1/4 more than you expected.

- 20c Christmas Candy, lb. 15c
- Fancy Box Paper, big assortment, 15c to \$1
- Genuine Briar Pipes, 25c to \$1
- 25 Cigars in Christmas box, 50c
- 50c Christmas Cards, 25c
- 50c Christmas Cards, 25c
- Open stock 5c Cards, 2 for 5c
- Open stock 2c Cards, each, 1c

## Henry's Drug Store

## Success

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR WE PAUSE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS. WE APPRECIATE THE BUSINESS GIVEN US AND WILL TRY EVEN HARDER IN THE FUTURE TO MERIT YOUR CONFIDENCE.

## A Merry Christmas To All

Lowell Lumber & Supply Co. Phone 16

Maybe families aren't as large as they used to be, but we know a lot of them that can talk and act mightily big.

## Pat Beahan "Your local Ford dealer"

Authorized Ford Sales and Service Phillips 66 Gas Goodyear Tires Lowell, Dec. 20, 1934

To the People of Lowell and Vicinity: May I have the privilege and also the pleasure of extending to you and yours the season's greetings—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And, while not personally acquainted with what the past year has given you in the way of personal pleasure and perhaps disappointments, I expect to be more conversant by this time another year.

However, the present year will soon assume the role of all earthly things—a passing. Hope, the basic principle in all human life, brings the anticipation for a new year of all the things we may have missed during the present one.

It is our personal wish that your desires of 1934 may come true in 1935.

I thank you.

Pat Beahan

### From Around the Old Town

Christmas boxes, tissues and ribbons at Weekes'. Fred Austin is ill at his home on Vergennes-rd. Mrs. Ruby Hubson is attending to the household at the home of Doyle home.

Diamond rings in appropriate assortment at the home of Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff. Prices \$10.50 to \$60.00.

## A Scarf for Him

A Delayed Shipment of Men's Reefer Scarfs Just In. Guaranteed all silk tubular reefers in Persians, Panels, solid white. Huge variety of patterns. Polkadots and plain colors.

## Gifts That Last

- Cocktail Sets \$5.00
- Compacts 65c to \$4.00
- Home Bar Set \$2.00
- Watches \$1.00 to \$25.00
- Clocks \$1.00 to \$12.50

## CHROME PLATED WARE

- Relish, Cheese, Butter, Cake, Sandwich, Candy and other dishes at \$1.00 each.

## Stocking's Store

WALTER J. KROFF HAZEL HOAG

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS PROSPERITY

May good cheer, happiness, health, A Merry Christmas and great prosperity all be yours. This is our Christmas wish for our whole community.

## CENTRAL GARAGE

## Public Feather Party

Legion Rooms, Lowell City Hall Friday Night, Dec. 21 Ladies Invited

## Turkey - Chicken - Ham

## A Nice Line of Candies for Christmas

H. C. SCOTT Home of Good Home-Made Candies

## Vergennes Center

Merry Christmas to the editor and staff. Rev. Wenger of Lowell called at the homes of Daniel and Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Mary Kerr and Pullington-Ricks Thursday.

## Davis Lake

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes and son of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Ward Meyer of Grand Rapids were in town Friday evening.

## So. Keene-No. Boston

A Merry Christmas to everyone in this section. The Cutler school will put on the program given by Miss Wheeler.

## Lowell Dist. No. 5

The Melbridge school children will give a Christmas program at District No. 5 school house Thursday evening.

## Fallsburg & Vicinity

Ether DeVries of Lowell was Saturday night and Sunday guest of Orpha and Edith Stauffer.

## Moseley-Murray Lake

Mrs. Hilton Briggs of Grand Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kropp.

## Gifts Men Appreciate

- Fleece lined Kid, brown or black \$1.50
- Fur lined Kid \$3.45
- Black Capeskin, unlined \$1.98
- Gray Mochas, unlined \$2.59
- Pigette, unlined \$1.98

## Coons

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity of offering Season's Greetings to all our customers and friends and to wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

## HILDERLEY DRUG STORE

Lowell, Michigan

## Gifts for The Home

- CHAIRS
- TABLES
- STANDS
- DRAPES
- RUGS

## Roth & Brezina FURNITURE

W. A. Roth Funeral Director Prompt, Careful Ambulance Service

## Christmas at Hartman's

We can supply you with gifts for the whole family.

## West Lowell

The U. B. Church will have their Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at the home of Mrs. Helen Briggs.

## W. C. Hartman

215 W. Main St.

## Stock and Table Salt

Morton's Packard's Salt Morton's Smoke Salt

## Bradshaw Pochahontas

F. P. MacFarlane Lowell, Mich.



ALTO DEPARTMENT

(Mrs. Fred Pattison) Notice of Call of Series D and E Time Certificates

In accordance with the plan of requesting the Farmers State Bank and with the consent of the State Banking Department...

So, Lowell Grange Entertainers. Kent Pomona Grange met with South Lowell Grange December 22, 1934...

Church Notes. Last Sunday evening Dr. E. A. Armstrong gave an interesting address on "The Holy Land"

Alto Locals. The Food Sale at St. Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Friends of the Church...

Alto Locals. The Christmas carols which were sung at the service...

Alto Locals. Ladies' Home Shoppers. 29c Ladies' Silk Hose...

ROSENBERG & SON The Value Giving Store ALTO, MICHIGAN

5 Gal. Cream Can Free

In addition to paying the highest market price for cream we will give each customer one...

Best Grade Butter at Butterfat Prices Good line of Team Harness and Barn Equipment

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25 FOR ANY WANT AD UP TO 25 WORDS. NONE TAKEN FOR ANY LENGTH FOR LESS THAN ONE CENT PER LINE.

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Greetings. The officers, directors and employees of this bank wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.

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SALE. MEN'S BEAUTIFULLY TAILORED ALL WOOL OVERCOATS.

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Pickles. Sweet. Best Quality.

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WHEN YOU COLLECT by Edwin Balmer and Philip Wylie

working on the world for five hundred millions of years...

CHAPTER II.—David Randall, approaching New York on the pier...

CHAPTER III.—"It's plain to be seen," said Tony...

CHAPTER IV.—"I've seen Tony in a garden surrounded by trees..."

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# Christmas Food Sale

We bring to you fine quality foods at the right prices. Here are a few suggestions that will make for a delicious Christmas feast.

<b>STEAKS</b>	Round, Sirloin or Swiss Tender and Juicy Fine Flavor Cuts lb.	<b>10c</b>
Pork Sausage, Grade 1, 2 lbs.	25c	T-Bone Steak.....lb. 15c
<b>Fresh Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>	Link Sausage lb. 15c	<b>GROCERY SPECIALS</b>
Calif. Sunkist Navels	Lamb Chops lb. 17c	<b>BLISS</b> A Real Buy
288 size - 25c doz.	Beef Ch. Roast, lb. 8c	lb. 24c
150 size - 35c doz.	Pork Sausage, lb. 12½c	<b>Candied Fruit Peels</b> pkg. 10c
100 size - 49c doz.	Lamb Sh'lder lb. 14c	<b>Brazil Nuts</b> - lb. 19c
80 size - 59c doz.	Pork Sh'lder Roast - lb. 14c	<b>Jumbo Peanuts</b> Fresh Roasted 2 lbs. 27c
<b>Hubbard Squash</b>	Beef Pot Roast, lb. 7c	
Hard - lb. 2c	Lamb Stew - lb. 5c	
<b>Grape Fruit</b> 5 for 17c		

## Bargains of the Day

<b>Pork Steak</b> Lb. 15c	<b>Boiling Beef</b> Brisket lb. 5c	<b>Spare Ribs</b> Lb. 12c
	<b>Beef Ribs</b> Lean and Meaty	

**SHOP HERE AND SAVE**

**Rolled Beef Roast** Rib or Rump No bone or waste lb. 12½c

Leg of Lamb.....Lb. 16c    Pork Chops.....Lb 18c

Fresh Side Pork.....Lb. 17c

**Fresh Ground Beef** Choice lean beef 4 Lbs. 25c

**Weaver's Food Market**

### Gove Lake

By Mrs. H. L. Coger

Group met at the church on Tuesday. Much interest was taken in the work, which was block printing of fabrics. The next meeting will be in February.

gram will be this week Friday evening at the school house. There also will be a Christmas program at the church on Sunday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

### GIFTS MEN APPRECIATE

"BEACON RAYS" SHIRTS \$1.95



### Golden Ridge SEWELL STEAM COAL

From BERGOO, W. Virginia A SUPER COOKING DOMESTIC COAL WITH UNUSUAL BURNING AND LASTING QUALITIES. MOST ECONOMIC FUEL EXCELS AND WILL OUT-PERFORM OTHER FUELS. IMPOSSIBLE TO CLINKER.

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### More Local News

A full line of Humming Bird and Footie silk hosiery at Weekes. Charles Baird will spend the holiday season in Flint, a guest of Miss Lola Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ghering of Old Mission were visitors at the D. D. Krum home over the weekend.

Mrs. Elsie Feuerstein had the lucky number at the drawing at Strand Theatre last Thursday, but as she was not present \$125.00 will be given away this Thursday.

Bennett school extends to the public Season's Greetings and a cordial invitation to attend their program on Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8:15 o'clock.—Miss Essie Condon, teacher.

N. C. Thomas was in town on Monday evening calling on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Condon before leaving on a three weeks' business trip through the west. He will visit his brother in Oregon before returning to Michigan.

Lawrence Rutherford and his party left Wednesday for Los Angeles, Calif. He was accompanied by Harold Washburn, Gerald Henry, Bruce McMahon and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Parsons. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Lee R. Miller, who became suddenly ill last Saturday evening and was rushed to Blodgett hospital where she was operated upon immediately for intestinal obstruction, is reported somewhat improved this morning, although her condition remains serious. Her many friends are hoping to hear favorable reports.

Mrs. E. C. Foreman was taken suddenly ill the middle of last week with an attack of appendicitis and was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where a successful operation was performed. Her many friends will be glad to know that she has been making rapid recovery and was able to be brought home on Tuesday of this week.

### Woman's Club

The Lowell Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. W. W. Gumsier on Dec. 12th. Mrs. John Taylor reported the cooperation of the Woman's Club with the Fortnightly Club in taking care of the Christmas work.

The following program was announced by Mrs. B. M. Purchase, chairman of the day: Christmas carols were sung by the club with Mrs. Chas. Doyle leading, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. S. B. Wenger; Mrs. Gumsier gave a very interesting review of Henry VanDyke's "The Other Wise Man."

After the adjournment, the committee served tea and wafers. A very fine collection of books was received at this meeting for the Kent County Traveling Library. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 9th at the home of Mrs. J. Rittenger.

### Death of Wellington Fitch

Wellington Fitch, 73, resident of Ada since 1907, died early Wednesday at the home of his son, Harry A. Fitch. Funeral services will be held at the son's home at 2 p. m. Friday, with burial in Cascade cemetery.

Advertising brings business. It

### Social Events

The teachers of the Lowell schools enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Miss Marion Brown Saturday evening. Bridge was played, high scores being held by Miss Lucy Moody and Ray Avery. Miss Dorothy Koth was awarded door prize. The house was very prettily decorated in keeping with the yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill are entertaining their bridge club this Thursday evening. Christmas gifts will be exchanged by the guests.

Residents of Saranac Sunday honored Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy, who were married at the old Baird homestead 50 years ago. A poluk dinner was held at the Rebekah hall.

Mrs. Eugene Carr entertained the Gooftos Club at her home last Wednesday afternoon. Honors at cards were won by Mrs. Alice Wingeier, Mrs. Mabel Bibbler and Mrs. Edith DeVries. Light refreshments were served by the hostess. Gifts were exchanged around a nicely decorated Christmas tree.

Mrs. R. M. Shivel entertained the Neighborhood Club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. John Aehart held high score. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Book Review Club met on Tuesday with Mrs. D. H. Outley. Mrs. Robert Hahn reviewed the book, "Skin Deep" by the author of "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs."

Mrs. Fred Swarhout entertained the P. D. Club with a Christmas party Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lee R. Miller entertained with a shower last Wednesday evening for Mrs. Adrian Zwemer at the Miller apartment in the W. J. Smith home. Twenty guests were present and the honor guest received many lovely gifts.

The busy man is the capable man.

Read the ads and buy from your local merchants. You will then get honest goods at honest prices.

### WEAK AND SKINNY MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Saved by new Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil in tasteless tablets. Pounds of firm healthy flesh instead of bare scraggy bones! New vigor, vim and energy instead of tired listlessness! Steady quiet nerves! That is what thousands of people are getting through scientific latest discovery—the Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil concentrated in little sugar coated tablets without any of its horrid, fishy taste or smell! "Cod Liver Oil Tablets," they're called! "Cod Liver Oil in Tablets," and they simply work wonders. A little boy of 8, awfully sick, got well and gained 10½ lbs. in just one month. A girl of thirteen after the same disease, gained 5 lbs. the first week and 2 lbs. each week after. A young mother who could not eat or sleep after baby came got all her health back and gained 10 lbs. in less than a month. You simply must try McCoy's at once. Remember if you don't gain at least 2 lbs. of firm healthy flesh in a month get your money back. Demand and get McCoy's—the only and genuine Cod Liver Oil Tablets, approved by Good Housekeeping Institute. Refuse all substitutes. Insist on the original McCoy's—there are none better.

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with a New Kind of Radio with this Great New Value in the

## AMAZING GRUNOW



Get Europe, foreign stations all over, amateurs, ships — with this great

# GRUNOW for \$59.50

Other Table Models \$15.00 and up New 2 volt Battery Radios \$39.50 and up, complete

## Ralph's Tire and Radio Shop

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### OBITUARY

#### SVEN JOHNSON

Sven Johnson of Clarksville was born in Sweden October 6, 1852. He came to America at the age of 21 years. Nine years later he was married to Nellie Erickson. To this union were born 7 children, two sons having died in infancy. Mr. Johnson passed away Dec. 9, 1934, at the age of 82 years. He leaves, besides his aged wife, two daughters, Selma of Battle Creek and Ida of South Boston; and three sons, Will of South Lowell, Amol of Saranac and Oxel of South Boston; twelve grandchildren and four great grandsons, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

#### Card of Thanks

We sincerely wish to thank the neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and for the beautiful flowers, the minister for his kind words and Mrs. Shaffer for the beautiful song. Mrs. Nellie Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Amol Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Oxel Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broadbent. p31

#### MRS. NETTIE COBB

Mrs. Nettie Cobb, 39, passed away at her home three miles southwest of Alto December 7 after an illness of a year and half's duration. Mrs. Cobb was born July 13, 1895 in Prescott, Mich. She moved to Alto after her second marriage in Feb. 18, 1927 to Harry Cobb. Surviving are the husband, a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Hopper, of Grand Rapids; a son, Neville of Akron, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Best, of Prescott, besides a brother and two sisters.

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kind assistance in the loss of our wife, mother and daughter. Harry W. Cobb. Mrs. Pearl Hopper. Mr. Neville Vader. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Best.

#### CARD OF THANKS

The Ladies Aid Society, Methodist Episcopal Church. Dear Society: I, Mrs. Emma Pullen, wish to extend my sincere appreciation for your wonderful and helpful letter, so thoughtfully sent me. May Jesus bless each and every one in this your work. May God watch between thee and me. While we are absent one from the other. c31

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who extended their sympathy to us, in the loss of our son, Walter H. Ranford, also the minister, the pallbearers and for the beautiful flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sanford. p31

### Why Worry?

When you can get a hair cut for 25c and a shave for 15c.

### Jim Fahrni

Down by the City Hall

**Character**

The New OXFORD GLASSES \$2.98 Without Lenses For Ladies' Wear.

**E. E. SIGLER** OPTOMETRIST

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors, Rev. Miller for his comforting words, the pallbearers, Mr. Sterken for his singing, those who donated the beautiful flowers, and cars, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Taylor for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear George. Ryan Wybenga. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wybenga. Miss Jessie Wybenga. p31

**Notice to Subscribers**

During this campaign old and new subscribers to The Ledger receive benefits as well as the contestants, as the Ledger has been reduced to \$1.50 per year during the period of the drive. Each subscriber therefore saves 50c a year on each year's subscription. This includes any amount that may be due in arrears and up to five years in advance if so desired.

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Pocket Knives	Scissors
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<b>THE KIDDIES</b>	Electric Toasters
Sleds	Leonard Elec. Refrigerators
Skees	Full Porcelain Enameled
Air Rifles	Round Oak Ranges
Hockey Sticks	Cake Carriers
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Erector Sets	
Dolls	
Games	
Foot Balls	

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Have You Heard? Gary and Shirley Are "That Way" About Each Other!

Adolph Zukor presents **GARY COOPER CAROLE LOMBARD SHIRLEY TEMPLE**

"LITTLE MISS MARKER" is in the lap of her god... and her "rival" is gorgeous Carole Lombard!

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NEWS - COMEDY - NOVELTY

Sunday Mat. at 3:00. 10c-20c Eve shows 7:15-9:15. 10c-25c

### Notice, Taxpayers

Lowell Township Beginning December 1st I will be at the City State Bank building until 3:30 p. m. each day until January 10 for the collection of Lowell township taxes. William VanVorst, Lowell-tp. Treas. c28tf

Vergennes Township I will be at the State Savings Bank, Lowell, Saturday, Dec. 8, and every Saturday thereafter until January 5, for the collection of township taxes. Wm. H. Condon, Treas. Vergennes-tp. c29-5t

Bowne Township I will be at the Alto bank to collect taxes every Saturday until January 9. Ethelyn Fairchild, Bowne Tp. Treas.

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