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LEDGER ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

A THRONE FOR LOVE

WOMEN have been an enormous factor in the fate of nations. Probably many of the wars of history occurred because of rivalries for the love of some woman. Thirty centuries ago the Greeks and Trojans are said to have fought for ten years in a war started over Helen, the beautiful wife of King Menelaus, was carried off by the son of the Trojan king. Today the government of the great British empire has been shaken by the love of the monarch for a woman, and his inability to marry her and retain his throne.

The love and abdication of King Edward VIII has stirred the imagination of the world. This monarch, head of the nation whose territories spread over the world, felt he could not perform his duties as king unless he could have the fascinating Wallis Simpson as his life partner. Her vivacious nature has transformed life for him, and he would rather be a playboy with her than with her than a king without her.

It is a common remark to say that someone should be as "happy as a king." This experience of King Edward suggests that kings are not as happy as other people. They have the adoration of their subjects, but they have to make great sacrifices. Some people say that King Edward would better have renounced the lady, and given himself to his duties as king, and that other people would be happier for him.

The farewell address of the ex-king, heard in this country last Friday afternoon at five o'clock, will go down in history as one of the greatest utterances ever made by mortal man. It showed his true greatness of character. The people of this country were deeply and sincerely affected.

David Windsor now belongs to the world and the white light of the throne should tell the world that fame and power do not give the highest enjoyments of life.

The Duke of York has become the new monarch and the people of the United States join with the British Empire in saying "God Save the King."

THE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY

ONCE MORE the world has moved around to that greatest of all holidays, the Christmas season. It is so largely because for the moment the world forgets its selfishness and its striving for sordid ambition and its everlasting hustle, and returns, to some extent anyway, to the innocence and simplicity of childhood.

The world celebrates that fateful day back in the dimness of old history, when the savior of mankind entered this life as a little child. So we have made Christmas primarily a holiday for young life. The best pleasure is not in the gifts the adults make to each other, but in watching the children as they tear down the stairs in the darkness of early morning to see what things Santa Claus stuffed into their stockings. Or in seeing them dance with unrestrained joy, as the Christmas tree is lighted, and its glittering tinsel and flashing colors turn even the humble home into a palace of delight.

In this glorification of child life on Christmas day, the Christian world follows the example of its Master, who said in regard to children, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The children's holiday should not show them with a surfeit of gifts they do not appreciate. Too many of them feel that Christmas is a time simply for them to receive, and not to give. They feel cheated if they do not receive, and means of enjoyment are not lavished on them, and as a result become more self-centered.

For those who have no children, or whose children have grown up and flown from the nest, Christmas is a day of the true childlike spirit. When early youth is at its best, it feels a spirit of generosity which is apt to disappear when people get out into the cold and selfish struggle of the world. Let us try to recapture some of that better sentiment on this holy day.

DOBBS COMES BACK

IT IS SAID that by January 1, there will be a shortage of 175,000 horses and 325,000 mules in this country. These animals underwent some decline of popularity when the farmers began so generally to step on the gas.

But they have their merits. Old Dobbs is not much on speed, but he will do an awful lot of work for a dollar. The patience with which a faithful horse toils through his Foreman's work, the muscular effort which he makes without complaint, are something amazing. All he asks for wages is a barn full of feed, and a warm bay at night. It is a nice thing to give such a faithful worker a job.

FOREMAN LEGHORNS AGAIN PLACED AT TOP

For the month of November a pen of white leghorns owned by the Foreman Poultry Farm at Howell again placed at the top in the 15th annual egg laying contest at Michigan State College. The contest opened Oct. 1. The top pen of ten hens laid a total of 252 eggs for 227.9 points in the 30-day period. For the two months the Foreman won the two top places for the light breeds.

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1936

NO. 31

Community Idea Grows in Favor In School Plan Would Make Center of Graded District

While attending a statewide meeting in Ypsilanti last week on the transportation of pupils, H. L. Weekes and W. W. Gunser, representatives of the local Board of Education, learned many facts which should be of interest to citizens of surrounding districts. A conference was held in a consolidated school, which is located in the open country six miles south of Ypsilanti and which is one of the most modern and elaborate school buildings in the state. Seven hundred students, who all come from farm homes, attend the school and they are taken to and from school by a caravan of seventeen buses.

It was learned that many consolidated districts were using a dozen or more busses for the transportation of children, and representatives from all parts of the state presented problems and questions that had come up at them at home. It was soon discovered, however, that there were adequate laws on the statute books of Michigan which regulate the transportation of pupils within a consolidated district or within a rural agricultural district. The delegates were also told that there was little likelihood of forming new consolidated districts in Michigan and that the new plan of organization would mean a community school, a type of district which is absolutely new. Essentially, the new set-up will mean that a graded district, such as Lowell, would become the educational center for the surrounding townships, but that the surrounding townships would assume none of the obligations which are incidental to the consolidated districts. It was also discovered at the meeting, that the current problems of transportation had arisen in respect to the transportation of pupils in a community school, a consolidated district, or a rural agricultural district.

The only manner in which this can be done at present is to arrange a contract between the Boards of Education which are concerned and which must provide that the district in which the child resides must pay much of the costs. The delegates at the meeting in Ypsilanti passed resolutions calling for a session of the Legislature to provide for the transportation of high school students at state expense and the resolutions also asked for legislation which would permit Boards of Education to contract with other districts for the transportation of students.

Primary Districts Not To Close
The agitation to close primary districts has disappeared and no effort will be made by the Department of Public Instruction to close one-room schools unless the enrollment in such schools would be less than a reasonable number. It is felt in some quarters, however, that it would be advantageous to the children in the seventh and eighth grades if they could attend a graded or community school, and it is possible that legislation will be passed permitting such children to attend such schools at state expense.

At the present time the laws are interpreted to mean that if the seventh and eighth grades in the Primary districts are closed the Board of Education of such districts may contract to have all of the students, in grades seven to twelve inclusive, transported to a nearby boarding high school, largely at state expense. Such grades must be closed by a vote of the electors at an annual meeting and such districts must vote to raise part of the transportation costs.

There are more proposals in the existing laws and they are explained in a new bulletin entitled "Pupil Transportation in Michigan," which has just been published by the Department of Public Instruction.

Strand Calendar

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19. Two in a crowd with Joan Bennett and Jerry McGree. Also "Yours For the Asking" with George Raft and Delores Costello. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 21-22. Sinclair Lewis' masterful portrait of men and women and their innermost emotions comes to life on the screen with such dramatic intensity that it will take you by storm. Samuel Goldwyn has the honor to present "Dodsworth" with Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton, Paul Lukas and Mary Astor.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 23-24. "Sea Spoilers" with John Wayne and Nan Grey; also "Hollywood Boulevard" with John Halliday and Marsha Hunt; also Chapter 12 of "Ace Drummond."

Thursday, Dec. 24. "Adventure in Manhattan" with Jean Arthur, Joel McCrea, Reginald Owen and Herman Bing.

Christmas and Saturday, Dec. 25 and 26. "The Texas Rangers," thunder galloping sons of trouble who write their deeds of glory in words of fire. A picture for the young and old. This is not one of the ordinary westerns, but a picture full of excitement and comedy, featuring Fred McMurran, Jack Oakie, Jean Parker and Lloyd Nolan; also a fine program of shorts. "Down the Rabbit-Trail" cartoon. "The Novelty Shop" and a "Musical."

Newest dance sets, \$1.19, at Weekes.

Annual TB Report At Lowell Library

The annual report on the activities of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association has been received at the township library, Elmer S. White, librarian, announced today. Prepared by Theodore J. Werle, executive secretary of the Association, the report presents a thorough account of the Christmas seal-financed program of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association during the past year.

Included in the account are conclusions drawn following an exhaustive study by the Association of tuberculosis legislation in the United States. A summary of results on a year program of tuberculosis testing and x-raying in the state is also presented. In addition to the annual report the library received attractively designed posters calling attention to the thirteenth annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals now in progress throughout the nation. In Michigan, sixty million of the tiny messengers of health have been distributed by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association and affiliated organizations. Funds raised will finance the fight against the White Plague in Michigan in 1937.

Designed in modernistic style, the Christmas seal is the gayest of many seasons. The modern trend is especially appropriate since the educational campaign to fight tuberculosis urges the use of modern weapons.

Lowell Journal Sold to Ledger

J. M. Hutchinson, who came to Lowell twenty-three years ago to become editor and publisher of the Lowell Journal, last Friday sold his business and printing plant and equipment to R. G. Jefferies, publisher of The Lowell Ledger. Mr. Hutchinson reached his decision to sell the Journal in order to be freed from the duties and cares of newspaper work. His many friends in wishing him well-merited rest and many years of good health.

The new owner will dispose of the printing plant equipment formerly used by Mr. Hutchinson, and The Journal will pass from the picture. Since its establishment seventy-one years ago by the late Webster Morris upon his return from the Civil war, The Journal has had a long and successful career. It was founded by Captain H. Smith was associated with Mr. Morris, the founder, from 1868 to 1870. In 1870, James W. Hine bought a half-interest in the paper and three years later he bought out the interests of Mr. Morris. In 1886 Mr. Hine sold to J. J. Elroy of Detroit, who disposed of the paper to Charles Quick of Lowell, its manager for twelve years. In 1901 Mr. Quick sold his interests in the business to Rev. D. B. Davidson and five years later Thomas White purchased it. He retired in 1910 and J. Morris became manager of the plant until John Eagan and Roy Jackson took it over. On April 1, 1914 the paper was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson. Mrs. Hutchinson passed away seven years ago. About four years ago Mr. Hutchinson suspended publication of the paper, but during the period since that time publication was resumed intermittently by a succession of proprietors.

Mr. Hutchinson has made arrangements with The Ledger to continue this paper to any former Journal subscribers whose subscription may have been paid in advance. All that it is necessary for such subscribers to do is to bring in their subscription receipts and The Ledger will be mailed to their address until the amount paid has been liquidated. The passing of the Journal emphasizes the trend which has been taking place throughout the country for the past several years. Time was when small and medium sized towns supported more than one newspaper, but that was in the days when a newspaper could be operated at very little expense and with meager equipment. Today a newspaper such as The Ledger requires high-priced printing machinery, linotype machines and much other equipment. Labor and production costs have multiplied several-fold in recent years and, in addition, the paper must be operated upon sound business principles if it hopes to succeed and continue as a worthwhile representative of the community in which it is published.

During its 44 years of publication The Ledger has had but two proprietors, Frank M. Johnson, the founder and publisher for 37 years, and R. G. Jefferies, since 1930.

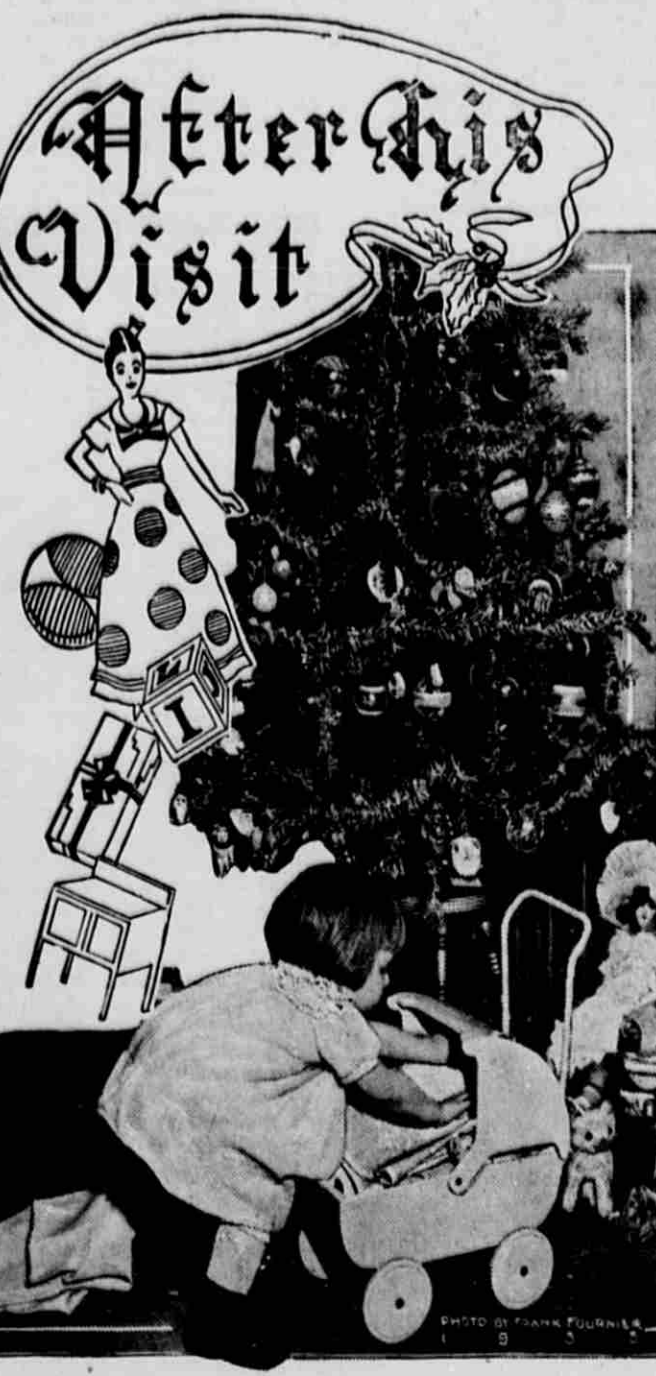
Tax Collection Notice

Bowne Township
I will be at the Alto Bank every Saturday until Jan. 9, to collect taxes except Jan. 2, when I will be at Brown's, Fairchild, Ethel's, Bowne-tp. Treas.

Lowell Township
I will start collecting taxes at the State Savings Bank Dec. 3, from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Rosella Yeager, c30t Twp. Treasurer.

Keene Township
The undersigned will be at State Savings Bank, Lowell, on Dec. 12, 19, 26 and Jan. 2 and 9, to collect taxes. Ernest Friedli, c30-31 Twp. Treas.

Reports of war deaths are being judged in inner Administration circles as "feelers" put out to foreign countries anxious to clear up debt questions so that the American capital market again will open to them.



Greetings by Phone At Reduced Rates Lowell Wins Case In Supreme Court

Long distance telephone rates will be reduced for the approaching Christmas and New Year's days according to announcement by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Similar reductions will apply throughout the Bell System for the two holidays it is stated by W. P. Heintzelman, Manager in this area for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The Christmas and New Year's rates will in general be the same as the Sunday reduced rates applying on routes on which the day station to station charge is 40c or more. The rates will also apply to calls to Canada, Central and South America (excluding Mexico) Cuba and the islands of the Caribbean area, Hawaii, Java and the Philippines.

On New Year's day the low rates will also apply to calls to the British Isles and most of continental Europe.

Faculty to Stage Japanese Operetta Early in January

One of the most beautiful and versatile choruses ever to be shown in Lowell will be presented to the public in January, when a bevy of Lowell teachers will be presented in a Japanese operetta which is to be put on by the faculty for the purpose of raising funds to buy equipment for the school's music department, and furniture for the new grade building. The chorus will be clad in highly colored pajamas and would be a credit to Ziegfeld's most successful extravaganza. The operetta, which will be directed by Mr. Bruce Walter, head of the school's music department, is well known for beautiful music and comedy. It is rumored that several faculty members, who will be known as Muvon Yu, Kissimee and Tung-Waga, will sing solo, duet and quartet numbers in all the numbers. They will provide an evening of real entertainment. All of the gate receipts will be used for school purposes and it is hoped that the public will show its interest by jamming the new gymnasium to capacity.

Free Chest Clinic Next Wednesday

During the coming week the 69 people in Lowell and vicinity who are under active supervision of the Anti-tuberculosis Society will either be visited at home by a nurse from that organization or attend the free Christmas Seal chest clinic which will be held in City hall on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 1:00 to 4:30 p. m. A physician and nurses employed by funds raised through the sale of Christmas Seals will conduct this clinic.

All people who feel unusually tired and rundown, have slight stomach trouble, gradual loss of weight and irritability, with or without a cough, especially if they have lived in a family with someone who coughed a great deal should attend this clinic. Children and young people will be given a tuberculin skin test and all positive reactors will have their chests x-rayed.

Jewish Months
The names of Jewish months are: 1—Tishri, 2—Chesvan, 3—Kislev, 4—Tebet, 5—Sibat, 6—Adar, 7—Nisan, 8—Iyar, 9—Sivan, 10—Tammuz, 11—Ab, 12—Elul. Adar Shen, 11—Ab, 12—Elul. Adar Shen is an extra month, occurring only in leap years.

Along Main St.

The Short Way Bus Line announces reduced fares as follows: Lowell to Grand Rapids, 50c, round trip, 90c; Lowell to Lansing \$1.10, round trip \$2.00.

Making his first visit to Lowell in 56 years, a Mr. Vanderhof, Montana rancher, talked with old friends, including Dr. S. S. Lee and Charles Forner, on Monday. Mr. Vanderhof came east with a hundred car trainload of cattle headed for Atlantic seaboard markets. He showed no signs of fatigue after having slept fourteen nights in a caboose, which, at 69 years of age is quite a tribute to the healthful, bracing climates of Michigan and Montana.

The food stores of Lowell will remain open next week, Thursday evening (Christmas Eve) for the accommodation of the public. The following stores announce that they will remain open next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings: Price Rite Laundry, 800 S. Main St.; Frank's, 100 S. Main St.; Weeks Dry Goods, Roth Furniture Store, Gee's Hardware and F. Earle Haner Furniture Store. Drug and confectionery stores will also remain open each evening.

For the 1937 Directory of the Michigan Tourist & Resort Association, The Ledger is preparing a summary of local scenic and historic attractions, headlining, naturally, the annual Showboat on the Saginaw River on Friday and Saturday of each August. The directory is mailed to prospective Michigan visitors from every state in the union, and is distributed from each of the resort association branch offices maintained in the cities of the south and middlewest.

With the onset of winter, the Hotel Carr & Gramer (otherwise known as the city jail), has leaped in popularity. It is a dull night when the city hall kitchen rooms, the family, a worthy one, was beating its way to Flint, where the father had been promised employment. Other cases are not so deserving. Marshall Gramer recalls an elderly woman and her alleged son, who were put up for the night, on the supposition they were penniless. Next morning the woman complained because the village does not provide bacon rashers with its breakfast eggs. In a rage she pulled out a roll of money, worth about \$100, and choked an ox, if the last ox in Lowell township had not been killed on M-21 by a speeding salesman, and paid for the breakfasts. Shortly afterward, Mr. Gramer saw the pair wheeled haughtily by in a high-speed motor car. The man had been secreted somewhere.

Am. Legion Plans Merry Christmas For Every Child
The American Legion, under the direction of Dr. H. P. G. Gredsen, chairman of the Christmas committee, will again attempt to see that all children in Vergennes and Lowell townships shall have a merry Christmas. A sincere effort is being made to see that every child of those children who might not be remembered and not only the children on relief rolls but many others will be provided with gifts.

In as much as this is a community in which children of all needy parents are to be remembered, the Legion feels free to call upon organizations and individuals in the community for contributions. The Fortnightly Club has already undertaken to contribute many of the toys which will be brought to the school by the children. Any individual or organization wishing to contribute toys or articles of clothing should leave them at the F. Earle Haner store. Those who wish to give money may leave their contributions with the Ledger, with Dr. Gredsen or Dr. J. R. Striker.

Any teachers or citizens in Vergennes or Lowell townships who know of children who should be remembered, should get in touch with the committee mentioned above with Supt. Gunser, R. M. Shivel is the other member of the Legion committee.

Picture Projector Ordered For School

Thanks to the magazine salesmen in the high school, to the generosity of the class of 1919 and to the goodness of the Board of Education, the Lowell school will have the very latest in the way of visual education. A new moving picture projector with sound equipment and microphone has been ordered and will be used for instructional and entertaining purposes. The boys and girls who paid the greater part of the cost by selling magazines, the class of 1919, through the leadership of Chris Leonard, donated fifty dollars out of their funds for the new piece of equipment, and the Lowell Woman's Club gave a purse of twenty-five dollars. The Board of Education paid the balance. Reels will be shown in the classrooms and eventually before community audiences.

KENT COUNTY MOURNS PASSING OF ROBERT S. ARMOUR

In the death of Robert S. Armour, 71, in Grand Rapids last Saturday morning, Kent County lost one of its most worthy and highly esteemed citizens. He had been a resident of Grand Rapids for twenty-seven years, coming to this county from St. Johns, where he was serving Clinton county as its Register of Deeds, which position he resigned to become associated with John W. Blodgett, Mr. Armour was a moral, living, high-grade, Christian gentleman, known for his loyalty to his friends and his unswerving integrity.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in the Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids, under auspices of the Knights Templar. Interment was in Delton cemetery, north of St. Johns, beside his wife who passed away a number of years ago. Surviving are a son William of Grand Rapids, and two sisters.

USED CAR SALE

We are making a special price on all Used Cars in stock that are sold before Christmas. 21 to choose from. Gould's Garage, c31 Ledger want ads bring results.

Mrs. Katy Wilson To Benefit Under E.R. Graham Will Is Given Life Income Of \$800 Annually

Mrs. Katy Wilson of Lowell was bequeathed a life income of \$800 annually by Ernest Robert Graham, internationally famous architect who died Nov. 22 at his Chicago home. The grant was disposing of an estate valued at more than \$1,570,000, was filed in Cook County Probate court on Dec. 2. Mrs. Wilson's father and Mr. Graham's father were twins. Five relatives are to receive life annuities of \$2,000 each. They are a sister, Mrs. S. S. Graham, and a half-brother, Dr. Frank A. Graham, both of Harbor Springs; a brother, Herbert E. Graham, Gary, Ind.; and two cousins, Dr. Wilber E. Post and William O. Thompson, both of Chicago.

Dr. Post is a graduate of Lowell high school, Kalamazoo college, University of Chicago and Rush Medical college. He is a trustee of the University of Chicago. Dr. Post has practiced in Chicago since 1903, and attended Mr. Graham in his last illness. He is the son of Mrs. L. J. Post of Vergennes Road.

Mr. Thompson is the retired former president of the American Cotton Oil Company, and former vice president of the National Biscuit Company. He was once a law partner of Clarence Darrow, and of former Gov. John P. Altgeld of Illinois.

The widow, Mrs. Ruby Leffingwell Graham, is given a life estate in the Graham home, her husband's personal effects, his proprietary interest in the business of her husband by Orpen, the British artist, and \$30,000 a year. William Graham, 27 years old, Mrs. Graham's son by a former marriage who was adopted by Mr. Graham in 1925, is left a life income of \$1,000 a year. The annual income to be paid to the personal beneficiaries total \$48,800. The remainder of the income of the estate will be paid to the American School of Fine Arts, founded in 1935 as a free institution for the instruction in architecture, sculpture, painting and kindred subjects. The idea of the school was conceived by Mr. Graham more than ten years ago. The founders included Charles F. Murphy, a partner in the Graham architectural firm, and his two cousins, Dr. Post and Mr. Thompson. The school has offices, but is not yet holding classes.

Upon the death of each beneficiary his share of the principal will be given outright to the school. The school will receive not more than one-third of the funds be used for the purchase of land and buildings, and that the remainder go into a permanent endowment fund.

Mr. Graham also provided in his will that upon his wife's death the Graham home is to be given to the school, and that the school also receive the Orpen portrait of him and his extensive architectural library.

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Budget Bureau Troubles of the Social Security Board

Budget Bureau troubles of the Social Security Board arising from old age insurance administrative costs are threatening to hold up some of its plans, says the United States News.

Final returns from the presidential election official, every state save one, showed that the record-breaking vote amounted to 45,812,055. The record Roosevelt plurality was 11,069,609.

The department of conservation elements of the new general fishing licenses expire on Jan. 1, the date on which the new fishing licenses for 1937 go into effect. All dealers and conservation officers in various parts of the state will be fully supplied with the new licenses before that date.

Although nothing is being said about it publicly an aggravated case of the jitters is being suffered by important officials in many New Deal departments now that expert representatives of the President's committee on governmental reorganization have visited them. Many are worried about being legislated out of jobs.

Wheat prices will remain at high levels throughout the winter months. The chief of the agricultural economics so predict following a survey of the world wheat situation. Both world and domestic prices have been unusually high this year as a result of record demand and small production, it was pointed out in the report.

The cash income of the nation's farmers this year will be 7,850 million dollars, 81 per cent greater than the 1932 low. Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, announced Saturday. This sum represents an 11 per cent increase over last year and makes the fourth consecutive advance since the low point of 1932.

At least \$150,000 will be added to the fund set aside for the purchase, maintenance and development of game refuge lands and public hunting grounds from the sale of 1936 deer-hunting licenses, conservation authorities believe. The law requires that \$150 from the sale of each deer license be made available for the above purposes, and conservation authorities estimate that the sale of 1936 deer licenses exceeded the 100,000 mark.

The December 9th issue of the "Michigan Tradesman," published at Grand Rapids by E. A. Stowe, its founder, marked the 53rd anniversary of that publication. The magazine contained 129 pages of news and information of use to all businessmen. Editor Stowe has always wielded a vigorous and virile pen and is withal one of the state's most useful citizens. His half century of work in behalf of fair trade practices speaks for itself.

Dr. R. A. Morter, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Kalamazoo, has written county officials asking their cooperation in providing reading material for inmates of the institution. He stated that the hospital has 2,600 inmates and a library of 3,000 books, many of which are badly worn. He asked the officials to make a plea to the public to present the hospital with discarded books. Reading material with information of use to all businessmen. Editor Stowe has always wielded a vigorous and virile pen and is withal one of the state's most useful citizens. His half century of work in behalf of fair trade practices speaks for itself.

Weather Stripping and Storm Sash May Help

Weather stripping and storm sash may help keep the family comfortable during the winter, but efficient firing can cut the fuel bill, it is pointed out by members of the engineering staff at Michigan State College. One of the most important things to do is to keep ashes from piling up under the grates. Unless air circulates freely under the grates the metal is likely to overheat and warp, become difficult to operate and contribute to the escape of heat. The best heating equipment should never permit much smoke and wasted carbon to roll out of the chimney nor let fumes and smoke filter through the house when the system is checked off to save fuel.

All Europe is Engaged in the Construction of Military Aircraft

All Europe is engaged in the construction of military aircraft on a scale far beyond anything contemplated this side of the Atlantic, states S. Paul Johnston, editor of Aviation, who has just returned from a four weeks' air survey of Europe. He points out that charges of rabid militarism have been made against our program for air defense which calls for building up to 5,000-odd machines over the next five years, but in contrast he estimates that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 military aircraft on hand in the several countries of Europe today and, if production continues at present rates, it is not impossible that the number will be doubled by the fall of 1937. Where and when these vast fleets will be thrown into action is anybody's guess.

MUNCH 500 LBS. OF PEANUTS AT C. THOMAS STORE
Approximately 500 pounds of roasted peanuts were consumed by C. Thomas Store customers last Saturday. From early morning until late at night, Manager Charley Nevins reported, customers munched peanuts. The floor was soon covered with shucks, but no one seemed to mind as everyone enjoyed this peanut-eating Saturday. The C. Thomas Store were pleased to present this treat in appreciation of their customers' business and plan to devote one day each year to serving something special in their honor.

This week the C. Thomas Store is filled with many choice Christmas food items that insure a pleasing variety for Christmas dinners.

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The Fishwine
Aristocrat
B. Thomas
MARIE LA FARGE was the prettiest girl in Beaulieu...

Council Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Lowell was held in the council room...

Christmas

is just around the corner and it is now time to do your Christmas shopping.

COAL UP

For CHRISTMAS COMFORT
Genuine No. 3 Pocahontas
Bradshaw Pocahontas

White's Bridge

spent the weekend at home in Lansing. Mrs. Ed. Brantley...

Travel By Bus
Stopovers Anytime and it costs me about 35¢ less than driving my own car.

PRE-HOLIDAY SALE
at all A & P Food Stores This Week
DOUGHNUTS 10¢
CRACKERS 15¢

ADMISSION OF WILL

In the Matter of the Estate of Harry L. Dalton, deceased. At a session of said court, held at the probate office...

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Beef Pot Roast	lb.	13c
Pork Sausage Michigan Grade 1	lb.	19c
Beef Chuck Roast	lb.	16c
Pork Roast Round bone	lb.	19c
Fresh Ground Beef	2 lbs.	25c
Large Dill Pickles	3 for	10c
Mild Cheese	lb.	23c

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King's Pancake Flour	5-lb. sack		25c
Red Beans	2 No. 2 cans		15c
Wheat Cereal	28 oz. box		15c

Jumbo Peanuts fresh 2 lbs. 25c

Fancy Mixed Nuts lb.	25c	Brazil Nuts - lb.	25c
Lge. Eng Walnuts lb.	25c	Fancy Pecans lb.	29c
Chocolate Drops	old fashioned lb.		10c
Calumet Baking Powder	lb. can		21c
Tomatoes No. 2 can			7c

CAMPBELL'S
Tomato Soup 4 cans 26c

Raisins box 10c

Blue & White Coffee lb. 23c

CHRISTMAS AMONG THE PINES

By Jocie Webb Pearson

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Big Bill, in spite of his six foot four was a boy at heart. Boss of a logging crew he could be plenty stern when occasion demanded, but a Christmas tree and all the lights and cheer that goes with it was his weakness. "Christmas is no fun without kids," was the way he put it. But, it looked like Bill was doomed to disappointment this year.

The crew were lounging around the fire after a hard day's work when Pudge Sam, the cook, shook the ashes out of his pipe and said: "What's the reason we can't have



"Christmas No Fun Without Kids," the Way He Put It.

a Christmas just like home right here? Plenty trees, if we can muster the trimmings."

Bob, the kid dishwasher, was all enthusiasm. "We've got popcorn. I've strung yards at home for mom. Sam's got a harmonica, and Dave a Jew's harp, an' some of you fellows can sing. And I'll trim the tree."

"The Boss wouldn't think much of a Christmas without kids," put in Dave. "There's the Martins. They got a couple kids; we can ring them in. I was by there 't'other day an' heard them talkin' about Santa comin'."

"Boss said Martin looks sort of beat out, too," said another. "Suppose we appoint Bob, here as a committee of one to extend our invitation for them to join us. I feel we owe them something, the way they helped us when some of the men had flu."

Big Bill was jubilant with their plans. "You fellows took the wind out of my sails, but you'll do a better job than I could."

"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," lead by Sam's harmonica, floated out from lusty throats upon another star-strewn night.

Big Bill in a scrambled suit of red flannel and a hemp beard was a satisfactory Santa Claus to at least two happy children. He handed out gifts to everyone. Sam had done his best on the feast that followed, and everybody joined in the "three cheers and a tiger" for a jolly Christmas among the Oregon pines.

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Local Sports

MEN'S VOLLEY BALL

Many men in the local community are beginning to throw cares and worries aside on Wednesday nights and enjoy themselves in playing volley ball up at the new high school gymnasium. The facilities, including shower baths, are so pleasing that the evening of enjoyment is bound to become more and more popular. There is no reason why scores of men should not participate in the sport. There is room for two courts and eight or twelve teams of six men each could be accommodated. Wilbur Burras, who never played before until two weeks ago, is now so adept at putting the ball over the net that he promises to be on hand every Wednesday night to show the boys just how it is done. Ernie Foreman, who has just recently taken interest in the game, shows signs of great improvement. All men are invited. The only requirement is that they shall be equipped with tennis shoes.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The local high school basketball team went down to defeat at the hands of the Grandville team in the game last Friday night. The fight alone, as shown by the Grandville aggregation was so far above the locals aggressive-ness that a defeat was inevitable. The lack of spirit shown in football the past season seems to have carried over into basketball. Lowell did not look like the team which took the floor against Catholic the week before and it is on this basis that the local coaching staff have hopes of a better showing the remainder of the season. There are some seniors on the squad who will have to come to or they will find themselves re-lieved by deserving recruits.

Fonger played a good defensive and offensive game and was ably assisted in defense by Gotfredsen.

Amthor, Grandville's rangy star of a year ago was responsible for 11 points of his team's 26.

The local seconds played a much closer game with Grandville seconds but went down to Fonger and Carrol Kyser, a freshman prospect, was responsible for 8 of his team's points.

Summary

Lowell	G	FT	F
Stauffer	0	2	0
Jones	0	0	2
Fonger	2	1	1
Gotfredsen	0	2	1
Dawson	2	1	3
Kyser, R.	1	0	2
Kyser, C.	0	0	0
Score 16.			

Grandville	G	FT	F
Waalkes	0	1	1
Cheyne	2	1	1
Amthor	5	1	3
Foltice	3	0	3
Adrianse	0	0	2
Merritt	0	0	1
Nowkirk	0	1	0
Jager	1	0	0
Timmer	0	0	0
Score 26.			

Lose and Win at Greenville

Lowell high school reserves defeated the Greenville second quint there, Tuesday evening, by a 26-8 score. The local varsity was nosed out by the Greenville firsts, 28-20. Beardsley, rangy Greenville center, proved too much for the locals, piling up 10 tallies by personal effort.

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Coming Events

A Sunday night supper and festival for church and Sunday School families will be held at the Congregational parish house Dec. 20. It is our big Christmas party of carols and candles and candies, so come.

The second meeting of the Lowell Extension Class will be held at the home of Mrs. Jessie Bennett on Tuesday, Dec. 22. All members try to be present by 10:30. Bring own dinner service. —Anna Ellis, Press Rep.

On Monday evening, Dec. 21, a meeting of all the Pomona officers and all the officers of the subordinate Granges of Ionia County will be held at the Berlin Center Grange hall. It is urged that all officers attend this meeting.

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Social Events

The Child Conservation Club met Monday evening with Mrs. Mildred Emery. Miss Dora Bangs reported on "Training the Child To Do His Own Thinking," and Miss Marion Bushnell gave a report on "Self Reliance."

The Book Review Club met with Mrs. D. H. Oatley Tuesday. Mrs. Byrne McMahon gave a report on "The Enchanted Voyage" by Robert Nathan. The annual dinner for the club members and their husbands will be held with Mrs. R. D. Hahn next Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Gotfredsen and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swarth entertained at the latter's home with a seven o'clock buffet supper Sunday evening. Guests included Messrs. and Mesdames

John Archart, R. M. Shivel, Raymond Bergin, Will Doyle, F. F. Rosewarne, W. W. Gunser, R. D. Hahn, Paul Kellogg, E. C. Foreman and David Cox.

The local telephone operators held their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clara Kingdom. The operators are Miss Agnes Perry, Mrs. Mattie Rulason, Mrs. Rose Wingeier, Mrs. Alice Demie, Mrs. Clara Kingdom and Mrs. Florence Whitfield. Mrs. Donna Miller and Mrs. Louise Winks, former operators, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff entertained Sunday at their home on Monroe Ave. with a beef-steak dinner in honor of the birthday of their niece, Mrs. Lucille Watts of Bowne. A beautiful angel food cake with 33 pink candles, made by her mother, Mrs. Henry A. Johnson, decorated the center of the table. Mrs. Watts received many gifts. Those present besides the honor guest were John Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson, sons Morse and Junior, and grandson, Paul Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coles, Shirley and Roger and Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Bryant of Alto.

Seated as guests of honor, four crippled children of the community were entertained by Lowell Rotary Club at a Christmas party Wednesday in Richmond's Cafe, with chicken dinner and cranberry sauce accompaniment, candy and individual gifts. It was the second annual holiday dinner which Rotary has staged for the less fortunate youngsters of Lowell and environs.

The Rural Letter Carriers' Association held a Christmas party Friday evening at the U. B. Church, Buchanan Ave., Grand Rapids. The party was also in honor of Ferris Taylor, who retired in August. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. Those attending from Lowell were Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Davenport.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the bereavement of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. C. L. F. Williamson; to the Order of Eastern Star and for the comforting words of Rev. Wenger, for the floral offerings and to everyone who assisted in any way.

C. L. F. Williamson, Harry Williams, Mrs. Maud Williams, Donald Williams.

Schools, Colleges Opposed

In 1829 schools and colleges were opposed in North Carolina. A writer for a Raleigh newspaper expressed the reason: "College leared persons give themselves great airs, are proud, and the fewer of them we have amongst us the better."

Flannel Bath Robes

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New arrivals this week.

Wine, Navy and Seal with contrasting collars and belt. 100% wool flannel.

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INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL

Richmond Cafe's first squad defeated Ionia high school alumni, 36-21, in the new school gymnasium on Monday evening. Lowell's high point men were Elmer Laver and Bruce McMahon, the floor play of the former being the most spectacular of any on a local floor in years. Glosy and Wilder starred for the visitors.

The Cafe seconds and Ionia State hospital attendants clashed in the preliminary. Ionia won in two overtime periods by a score of 29-28. This contest for thrills overshadowed the main event.

On Wednesday evening the Cafes met the Ionia State hospital inmates at the asylum. All of the Cafes were permitted to return home.

Next Monday the Cafes will play Joe Wepman's Cut Rates and Hattim Cafes, both of Grand Rapids. Joe's boys will wear orange jerseys and the Hattim's blue outfits.

Open Evenings

Dec. 22, 23 and 24

The following Lowell stores will be open until 9:00 p. m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, DEC. 22-23-24:

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PAUL LUKAS
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DAVID BIVEN

Directed by SIDNEY HOWARD

Hickory Hollow

Mrs. Mary Rickert

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vandertop were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dean and daughter Dorothy of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hardy. Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis and children of Lansing and Ray Rickert, Russell Wheaton and Bert Carr were Sunday guests at the Rickert and Cahoon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Cahoon and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Conner spent Thursday evening at the Dell Hardy home.

Mary Hunter and Grace Vandertop attended the Ideal Club on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry Fashbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Raynor and son Duane of near Saranac spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Theron Cahoon.

Robert Hardy, Jr., spent the week-end and Sunday with Wayne Sparks.

Mrs. Ray Rickert is caring for Mrs. Lincoln Rush and baby in Saranac.

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Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator, according to those in the know, is prepared to offer a WPA program for the next year designed to cost not over \$1,500,000,000.

Budget Bureau troubles of the Social Security Board arising from old age insurance administrative costs are threatening to hold up some of its plans, says the United States News.

Final returns from the presidential election, official in every state save one, showed that the record-breaking vote amounted to 45,812,055. The record Roosevelt plurality was 11,069,699.

The department of conservation reminds fishermen that their general fishing licenses expire on Jan. 1, the date on which the new fishing licenses for 1937 go into effect. All dealers and conservation officers in various parts of the state will be fully supplied with the new licenses before that date.

Although nothing is being said about it publicly an aggravated case of the flu is being suffered by important officials in many New Deal departments now that experts representing the President's committee on governmental reorganization have visited them. Many are worried about being legislated out of jobs.

Wheat prices will remain at high levels throughout the winter. Experts of the bureau of agricultural economics so predict following a survey of the world wheat situation. Both world and domestic prices have been unusually high this year as a result of improved demand and small production. It was pointed out in the report.

The cash income of the nation's farmers this year will be 7,850 million dollars, 81 per cent greater than the 1932 low. Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, announced Saturday.

At least \$150,000 will be added to the fund set aside for the purchase, maintenance and development of game refuge lands and public hunting grounds from the sale of 1936 deer-hunting licenses, conservation authorities believe. The same law requires that \$150 from the sale of each deer license be made available for the above purposes, and conservation authorities estimate that the sale of 100,000 deer licenses exceeded the \$150,000 mark.

The December 8th issue of the "Michigan Tradesman," published at Grand Rapids by E. A. Stowe, its founder, marked the 53rd anniversary of that publication. The magazine contains 129 pages filled with information of value to all businessmen. Editor Stowe has always wielded a vigorous and virile pen and is withal one of the state's most useful citizens. His half century of work in behalf of fair trade practices speaks for itself.

Dr. R. A. Morter, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Kalamazoo, has written county officials asking their cooperation in the purchase of reading material for inmates of the institution. He stated that the hospital has 2,600 inmates and a library of 3,000 books, many of which are badly worn. He asked the officials to make a plea to the public to present the reading material for inmates of the institution. "Reading of good books is very effective in the treatment of mental disorders," Dr. Morter wrote, adding, "It would make your heart ache to see how these 2,600 unfortunate shut-ins pore over their books in search of a ray of sunshine."

Weather stripping and storm sash may help keep the family comfortable during the winter, but efficient and waste carbon fuel bill, it is pointed out by members of the engineering staff at Michigan State College. One of the most important tips on firing is to keep ashes from piling up under the grates, unless air circulates freely under the grates the metal is likely to overheat and warp, become difficult to operate and contribute to the waste of fuel. Good heating equipment should neither permit much smoke and wasted carbon to roll out of the chimney nor let fumes and smoke filter through the house when the system is checked off to save fuel.

All Europe is engaged in the construction of military aircraft on a scale far beyond anything contemplated this side of the Atlantic, states S. Paul Johnston, editor of Aviation, who has just returned from a four weeks' air survey in Europe. He points out that charges of rabid militarism have been made against our program for air defense which calls for building up to 5,000-odd machines over the next five years, but in contrast he estimates that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 military aircraft on hand in the several countries of Europe today and, if production continues at present rates, it is not impossible that the number will be doubled in 1937. Where and when these vast air fleets will be thrown into action is anybody's guess.

MUNCH 500 LBS. OF PEANUTS AT C. THOMAS STORE Approximately 500 pounds of roasted peanuts were consumed by C. Thomas Store customers last Saturday. From early morning until late at night, Manager Charley Nevins reported, customers munched peanuts. The floor was soon covered with shells, but no one seemed to mind as everyone enjoyed this peanutting event. The C. Thomas Store was pleased to present this treat in appreciation of their customers' business and plan to devote one hour each year to serving something special in their honor.

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LEDGER ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

A THRONE FOR LOVE

WOMEN have been an enormous factor in the fate of nations. Probably many of the wars history occurred because of rivalries for the love of some woman. Thirty centuries ago the Greeks and the Trojans are said to have fought for ten years, in a war started when Helen, the wife of King Menelaus, was carried off by the son of the Trojan king. Today the government of the great British empire has been shaken by the love of the monarch for a woman, and his inability to marry her and retain his throne.

The love and addiction of King Edward VIII has stirred the imagination of the world. This monarch, head of the nation whose territories spread over the world, felt he could not perform his duties as king unless he could have the fascinating Wallis Simpson as his life partner. Her vivacious nature has transformed life for him, and he would rather be a plain ordinary citizen with her than a king without her.

It is a common remark to say, that someone should be as "happy as a king." This experience of King Edward's suggests that kings are not happier than other people. They have the adoration of their subjects, but they have to make great sacrifices. Some people say that King Edward would better have renounced the lady, and given himself to his duties as king, but that is a hard thing to say. He had little legal power, but the social and political influence of a king is enormous.

The heart is not so easily content. Edward's decision to retire from the white light of the throne should tell the world that fame and power do not give the highest enjoyments of life.

The farewell address of the ex-king, heard in this country last Friday afternoon at five o'clock, will go down in history as one of the greatest utterances ever made by mortal man. It showed his true greatness of character. The people of this country were deeply and sincerely affected. Dwight D. Eisenhower belongs to the world and the world wishes him happiness and prosperity, even though it may not approve of his judgment in this affair of his heart.

The Duke of York has become the new monarch and the people of the United States join with the British Empire in saying, "God Save the King."

THE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY

ONCE MORE the world has moved around to that greatest of all holidays, the Christmas season. It is so cherished because for the moment the world forgets its selfishness and its striving, its sordid ambitions and its everlasting hustle, and returns, to some extent anyway, to the innocence and simplicity of childhood.

The world celebrates that fateful day back in the dimness of old history, when the Savior of mankind entered this life as a little child. So we have made Christmas primarily a holiday for young life. The best pleasure is not in the gifts the adults make to each other, but in watching the children as they tear down stairs in the darkness of early morning, to see what things Santa Claus stuffed into their stockings. Or in seeing them dance with unrestrained joy, as the Christmas tree is lighted, and its glittering tinsel and flashing colors turn even the humble home into a palace of delight.

In this glorified life of child life on Christmas day, the Christian world follows the example of its Master, who said in regard to children, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The children's holiday should not shower them with a surfeit of gifts they do not appreciate. Too many of them feel that Christmas is a time simply for them to receive, and not to give. They feel cheated if costly toys and means of enjoyment are lavished on them, and as a result become more self centered.

For those who have no children, or whose children have grown up and flown from the home nest, Christmas is still a day of the true childlike spirit. When early youth is at its best, it feels a spirit of generosity which is apt to disappear when people get out into the cold and selfish struggle of the world. Let us try to recapture some of that better sentiment on this holy day.

DOBBIN COMES BACK IT IS SAID that by January 1, there will be a shortage of 175,000 horses and 325,000 mules in this country. These animals underwent some decline in popularity when the farmers began so generally to step on the gas.

But they have their merits. Old Dobbin is not much on speed, but he will do an awful lot of work for a dollar. The picture with which a faithful horse toils through his day's work, the muscular effort which he makes without complaint, are something amazing. All he asks for wages is a belly full of feed, and a warm barn at night. It is a nice thing to give such a faithful worker a job.

Community Idea Grows in Favor In School Plan

Would Make Center of Graded District

While attending a statewide meeting in Ypsilanti last week on the transportation of pupils, H. L. Weekes and W. W. Gumsier, representatives of the local Board of Education, learned many facts which should be of interest to citizens of surrounding districts.

A conference was held in a consolidated school, which was located in the open country six miles south of Ypsilanti and which is one of the most modern and elaborate school buildings in the state. Seven hundred students, who all come from farm homes, attend the school and they are taken to and from school by a caravan of seventeen busses.

It was learned that many consolidated districts were using a dozen or more busses for the transportation of children, and representatives from all parts of the state presented problems and suggestions that had confronted them at home. It was discovered, however, that there were adequate laws on the statute books of Michigan which regulate the transportation of pupils within a consolidated district within a rural agricultural district. The delegates were also told that there was little likelihood of forming new consolidated districts in Michigan and that the new plan of organization would mean a community school, a type of district which is absolutely new. Essentially, the new set-up will mean that a graded district, such as Lowell, would become the educational center for the surrounding townships, but that the surrounding townships would assume none of the disadvantages which are incidental to the consolidated districts. It was also discovered at the meeting, that the current problems of transportation had arisen in respect to the transportation of pupils in a rural agricultural area. In fact, there are very few provisions of the law which would enable a Board of Education of a graded district to transport children from out of that district.

The only plan in which this can be done at present is to arrange a contract between the Boards of Education which are concerned and which must provide that the district in which the child resides must pay much of the cost of transportation. The meeting in Ypsilanti passed resolutions calling upon the Legislature to provide for the transportation of high school students at state expense. Such grades must be asked for legislation which would permit Boards of Education to contract with parents for the transportation of students.

Primary Districts Not To Close The agitation to close primary districts has disappeared and no effort will be made by the Department of Public Instruction to close one-room schools unless the enrollment in such schools would be less than a reasonable number. In some quarters, however, that it would be advantageous to the children in the seventh and eighth grades if they could attend a graded or community school, and it is possible to close primary districts by permitting such children to attend such schools at state expense.

At the present time the laws have been interpreted to mean that if the seventh and eighth grades in primary districts are closed the Board of Education of such districts may contract to have all of the students, in grades seven to twelve inclusive, transported to a neighboring high school, largely at state expense. Such grades must be closed by a vote of the electors at an annual meeting and such districts must vote to raise part of the transportation costs.

There are many more problems in the existing laws which they are explaining in a new bulletin entitled "Pupil Transportation in Michigan," which has just been published by the Department of Public Instruction.

Strand Calendar

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, "The Crowns" with Joan Bennett and Joel McCrea; also "Yours For the Asking" with George Raft and Dolores Costello. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 21-22, Sinclair Lewis' masterful portrait of men and women and their enormous emotions comes to life on the screen with such dramatic intensity that it will take you by storm. Samuel Goldwyn has the honor to present "Bloodworth" with Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton, Paul Lukas and Mary Astor.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 23-24, "Sea Spoilers" with John Wayne and Nan Grey; also "Hollywood Boulevard" with John Hodiak and Martha Hunt; also Chapter 12 of "Ace Drummond."

Thursday, Dec. 24, "Adventure in Manhattan" with Jean Arthur, Joel McCrea, Reginald Owen and Herman Bing.

Christmas and Saturday, Dec. 25 and 26, "The Texas Rangers," through galloping sons of trouble who write their deeds of glory in words of fire. A picture for young and old. This is not one of the ordinary westerns, but a picture full of excitement and comedy. Featuring Fred McMurree, Jack Oakie, Jean Parker and Lloyd Nolan; also a fine program of shorts. Comedy, "Down the Rabbit;" cartoon, "The Novelty Shop;" and a Musical.

Newest dance sets, \$1.19, at Weekes.

Annual TB Report At Lowell Library

The annual report on the activities of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association has been received at the township library, Elmer S. White, librarian, announced today. Prepared by Theodore J. Werle, executive secretary of the Association, the report presents a broad picture of the Christmas seal-financed program of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association during the past year.

Included in the account are conclusions drawn following an exhaustive study by the Association of tuberculosis legislation in the United States. A summary of results on a five year program of tuberculin testing and x-raying in the state is also presented.

In addition to the annual report the library received attractively designed posters calling attention to the thirteenth annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, now in progress throughout the nation. In Michigan, six million of the tiny messengers of health have been distributed by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association and affiliated organizations. Funds raised will finance the fight against the White Plague in Michigan in 1937.

Designed in modernistic style, the Christmas seal is the gayest of many seasons. The modern trend is especially appropriate since the educational campaign to fight tuberculosis urges the use of modern weapons.

Lowell Journal Sold to Ledger

J. M. Hutchinson, who came to Lowell twenty-three years ago to become editor and publisher of the Lowell Journal, last Friday sold his business and printing plant and equipment to R. G. Jefferies, publisher of the Lowell Ledger. Mr. Hutchinson reached his decision to sell the Journal in order to be freed from the duties and cares of newspaper work. His many friends join in wishing him well-merited rest and many years of good health.

The new owner will dispose of the printing plant and equipment formerly used by Mr. Hutchinson, and the Journal will pass from the picture.

Since its establishment seventy-one years ago by the late Webster Morris upon his return from the Civil war, the Journal has had a number of owners. Captain S. H. Smith was associated with Mr. Morris, the founder, from 1868 to 1870. In 1870, James W. Hine bought a half-interest in the paper and three years later he bought the entire interest. Mr. Hine sold to J. D. Elinwood of Detroit, who disposed of the paper to Charles Quick of Lowell, its manager for twelve years, in 1901. Mr. Quick sold his interest in the business to Rev. J. Davidson and five years later Thomas Whitehouse purchased it. He retired in 1910 and A. J. Morris became manager of the plant until John Eagan and Roy Jackson took it over. On April 1, 1914 the paper was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson. Mrs. Hutchinson passed away seven years ago. About four years ago Mr. Hutchinson suspended publication of the paper, but during the period since that time publication was resumed and continued by a succession of proprietors.

Mr. Hutchinson has made arrangements with the Ledger to continue this paper to any former Journal subscribers whose subscription may have been paid in advance. All that is necessary for such subscribers to do is bring in their subscription receipts and the Ledger will be mailed to their address until the amount paid has been liquidated. The passing of the Journal emphasizes the trend which has been taking place throughout the country for the past several years. Time was when small and medium sized towns supported more than one newspaper, but that was in the days when a newspaper could be operated at very little expense and with meager equipment. Today a newspaper such as the Ledger requires high-priced printing machinery, linotype machines and much other equipment. Labor and production costs have multiplied several-fold in recent years and, in addition, the paper must be operated upon sound business principles if it hopes to succeed and continue as a worthwhile representative of the community in which it is published.

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Tax Collection Notice

Bowne Township I will be at the Alto Bank every Thursday until Jan. 9 to collect taxes except Jan. 2, when I will be at Freeport. Ethelyn Fairchild, Bowne-Tp. Treas. c301f

Lowell Township I will start collecting taxes at the State Savings Bank Dec. 3 from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Rosella Yelter, Twp. Treasurer. c301f

Keene Township The undersigned will be at State Savings Bank, Lowell, on Dec. 12, 19, 26 and Jan. 2 and 9 to collect taxes. Ernest Friedli, Twp. Treas. c30-31

Reports of war deals are being judged in inner Administration circles as "feelers" put out for foreign countries anxious to clear up debt questions so that the American capital market again will open to them.



Greetings by Phone At Reduced Rates

Long distance telephone rates will be reduced for the approaching Christmas and New Year's days according to announcement by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Similar reductions will apply throughout the Bell System for the two holidays it is stated by W. P. Heintzelman, Manager in this area for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The Christmas and New Year's rates will in general be the same as the Sunday reduced rates applying on routes on which the day station to station charge is 40c or more. The rates will also apply to calls to Canada, Central and South America (excluding Mexico) Cuba and the Islands of the Caribbean area, Hawaii, Java and the Philippines.

On New Year's day the low rates will also apply to calls to the British Isles and most of continental Europe.

Faculty to Stage Japanese Operetta Early in January

One of the most beautiful and versatile choruses ever to be shown in Lowell will be presented to the public in January, when a bevy of Lowell teachers will be presented in a Japanese operetta which is to be put on by the faculty for the purpose of raising funds to buy equipment or furniture for the new grade building. The chorus will be presented in a highly colored and would be a credit to Ziegfeld's most successful extravaganza. The operetta, which will be directed by Mr. Bruce Walter, head of the school's music department, is a highly colorful and comical. It is rumored that several faculty members, who will be known as Muvon Yu, Kiasimee and Tung-Waga, will sing solo, duet and quartet numbers. All in all, the teachers will provide an evening of real entertainment. All of the gate receipts will be used for school purposes and it is hoped that the public will show its interest by jamming the new gymnasium to capacity.

Free Chest Clinic Next Wednesday

During the coming week the 69 people in Lowell and vicinity who are under active supervision of the Anti-tuberculosis Society will either be visited at home by a nurse from that organization or attend the free Christmas Seal chest clinic which will be held in City hall on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 1:00 to 4:30 p. m. A physician and nurses employed by the Anti-tuberculosis Society will conduct this clinic. All people who feel unusually tired and rundown, have slight stomach trouble, gradual loss of weight and irritability, with or without a cough, especially if they have lived in a family with someone who coughed a great deal should attend this clinic. Children and young people will be given a tuberculin skin test and all positive reactors will have their chests x-rayed.

The names of Jewish months are: 1-Tishri, 2-Cheshvan, 3-Kislev, 4-Tebet, 5-Sebat, 6-Adar, 7-Nisan, 8-Iyar, 9-Sivan, 10-Tammuz, 11-Ab, 12-Et, 13-Adar Shen is an extra month, occurring only in leap years.

The man of today, and more so of tomorrow, must excel in sustained attention, correct perception and prompt reaction. Without these his place is either in the graveyard or in an institution.

Ledger want ads pay. Try on.

Along Main St.

The Short Way Bus Line announces reduced fares as follows: Lowell to Grand Rapids 50c, round trip, 90c; Lowell to Lansing 81.10, round trip \$2.00.

Making his first visit to Lowell in 56 years, a Mr. Vanderhorst, Montana rancher, talked with old friends, including Dr. S. S. Lee and Charles Forman, on Monday. Mr. Vanderhorst came east with a hundred car trainload of cattle headed for Atimmin seaboard markets. He showed no signs of fatigue after having slept fourteen nights in a caboose, which at 69 years of age is quite a tribute to the healthful, bracing climates of Michigan and Montana.

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For the 1937 Directory of the Michigan Tourist & Resort Association, The Ledger is preparing a summary of local scenic and historic attractions, headlining, naturally, the annual Showboat on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each August. The directory is mailed to prospective Michigan visitors from every state in the union, and is distributed from each of the resort association branch offices maintained in key cities of the south and midwest.

With the onset of winter, the Hotel Carr & Gramer (otherwise known as the city jail), has leaped in popularity. It is a dull shelter, one bitter evening, of ventures of the road requesting shelter. One bitter evening of last February an entire family of eight persons, including a babe in arms, was given improvised quarters in the jail's hall kitchen rooms. The family, a worthy one, was heating its way to Flint, where the father had been promised employment. Other cases are not so deserving.

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The American Legion, under the direction of Dr. H. P. Gotfredsen, chairman of the Christmas committee, will again attempt to see that all children in Vergennes and Lowell townships shall have a merry Christmas. A sincere effort is being made to ascertain the names of those children who might not be remembered and not only the children on relief rolls but many others will be provided with gifts.

In as much as this is a community project in which children of all needy parents are to be remembered, the Legion feels free to call upon organizations and individuals in the community for contributions. The Fortnightly Club has already undertaken to contribute many toys. Mrs. Mabel Scott, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has announced her organization will give twenty dollars and will help to reconduct some of the toys which have been brought to school by the children. Any individual or organization wishing to contribute toys or articles of clothing should leave them at the F. Earle Haner store. Those who wish to give money may leave the same at the office of the Legion with Dr. Gotfredsen or Dr. J. R. Stryker.

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Mrs. Wilson's father and Mr. Graham's father were twins. Five relatives are to receive life annuities of \$2,000 each. They are a sister, Myrlis S. Frank, and a half-brother, Dr. Frank A. Graham, both of Harbor Springs; a brother, Herbert E. Graham (Gary, Ind.); and two cousins, Dr. Wilber E. Post and William O. Thompson, both of Chicago.

Dr. Post is a graduate of Lowell high school, Kalamazoo college, University of Chicago and Rush Medical college. He is trustee of the University of Chicago. Dr. Post has practiced in Chicago since 1903, and attended Mr. Graham in his last illness. He is the son of Mrs. L. J. Post of Vergennes. Dr. Post is the retired former president of the American Cotton Oil Company, and former vice president of the National Biscuit Company. He was once a law partner of Clarence Barron, and of former Gov. John P. Altgeld of Illinois.

The widow, Mrs. Ruby P. Well Graham, is given a life estate in the Graham home, her husband's personal effects, 500 shares of stock in the City of Lowell, and a portrait of her husband by Orpen, the British artist, and \$30,000 a year.

William Graham, 27 years old, Mrs. Graham's son by a former marriage who was adopted by Mr. Graham in 1925, is left a life income of \$2,000 a year.

The annual income to be paid to the personal beneficiaries total \$48,800. The remainder of the income of the estate will be paid to the American School of Fine Arts, founded in 1935 as a free institution for advanced instruction in architecture, sculpture, painting and kindred subjects. The idea of the school was conceived by Mr. Graham more than ten years ago. The founders included Charles F. Murphy, a partner in Mr. Graham's architectural firm, and his two cousins, Dr. Post and Mr. Thompson. The school has offices, but is not yet holding classes.

Upon the death of each beneficiary his share of the principal will be given outright to the school. The will provides that not more than one-third of the funds be used for the purchase of land and buildings, and that the remainder go into a permanent endowment fund.

Mr. Graham also provided in his will that upon his wife's death the Graham home is to be given to the school, and that the school also receive the Open portrait of him and his extensive architectural library.

Mr. Graham was born in Lowell, and went to Chicago in 1888, becoming associated with Daniel Hudson Burnham, famous architect. Mr. Graham had no children of his own. His first wife, the former Catherine Hall of Chicago, died childless in 1923. Mr. Graham and his second wife were married in Stokes Poles, England, in 1925.

Picture Projector Ordered For School

Thanks to the magazine salesman in the high school, to the generosity of the class of 1919 and to the goodness of the Board of Education, the Lowell schools will have the very latest in the way of visual education. A new moving picture projector with sound equipment and microphone has been ordered and will be used for instructional and entertaining purposes. The boys and girls paid the greatest part of the cost by buying magazines. The class of 1919, through the leadership of Chris Leonard, donated fifty dollars out of their funds for the new piece of equipment, and the Lowell Woman's Club gave a purse of twenty-five dollars. The Board of Education paid the balance. Reels will be shown in the classrooms and eventually before community audiences.

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Easy Task SOAP CHIPS. Keyko MARGARINE. Ajax SOAP.

FAMO PANCAKE FLOUR. A & P BREAD. RITZ CRACKERS. SPRY SHORTENING.

FIG BARS. SCRATCH FEED. EGG MASH. 16% DAIRY FEED. OYSTER SHELLS.

Popular Brands CIGARETTES. FLOUR. Henkel's Value Cake FLOUR.

Michigan Beet SUGAR. Elmdale FLOUR. Pillsbury or Gold Medal FLOUR. None Such MINCE MEAT.

THE FINEST

MARIE LA FARGE was the prettiest girl in Beaulieu. Her dark eyes sparkled...

Sanitary Protection

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