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## Ledger Entries

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**BUSINESS MAN'S INVENTORY**  
ON THE EARLY DAYS OF January, by one of the traditions of trade, the business man has date with his books of account, in which he tries to list every item that is sinking or swimming. These long columns of figures, these interminable lists of stock, need not be dry and dusty. Yet they are faithful guides to the owners, and show whether a business is climbing up the hills on high gear, or is gradually slipping into the mud.

If your business friend does not recognize you on the street, perhaps his brain is burning so hard with these figures that ordinary thought can't get his attention. Many an old time merchant would draw a certain amount out of his cash drawers each week, and if the stock looked about the same as usual, he thought he was making money. Such loose methods do not go in our scientific times.

**KIDNAP FRIENDS STILL LOOSE**  
THE KIDNAPING of young Charles Mattson of Tacoma, Wash., is a suggestion that parents must still guard their children, as one can never be sure when some black-headed man will snatch the cherished little one. The campaign against kidnapers must be continued with a relentless energy that is most creditable to the officers of the law. It has been suggested that the usual type of gangsters and gunmen have lost interest in this crime.

**HINTS ON EWE FEEDING**  
Protection to insure a good head of wool is the object of this coming spring is encouraged by the fact that the production of a million lambs in this country is expected. The sheep raiser should be particularly careful of the animal husbandry department at Michigan State College. Professor George A. Brown, head of the department, has written a book on the subject of ewe feeding. It is a most practical and up-to-date work. It is available at the college.

**WHAT OF THE NEW YEAR?**  
PEOPLE ASK, "What will the New Year bring to us?" It would be more to the point to ask what we shall bring to the New Year. The New Year is not something that will be done to us, but something that we must do for ourselves. It is a chance to do things that we have not done before. It is a chance to bring forth our best.

**PROBLEMS FOR 1937**  
OUR COUNTRY and the world have great problems to solve in 1937. There is the question of finding regular work for our 6,000,000 unemployed people. It can't be solved merely by handing out government jobs. It can only be done by stimulating the industries, so that every willing pair of hands will be needed.

**Try a Want Ad in the Ledger**  
A want ad is as good as a wink to a blind horse. It is the best way to find a job or a person. It is the best way to get a business. It is the best way to get a house. It is the best way to get a car. It is the best way to get a lot of things.

**OUR SHARE OF PROSPERITY**  
IN THE COUNTRY at large, a large volume of business is going to be done in 1937. It will be the biggest since 1929. Still we get our share of it here in Lowell.

**WHOS WHO IN CHILDREN'S CLASSICS**  
The Lowell Ledger is pleased to announce the publication of a new book, "Whos Who in Children's Classics." It is a book that will be of great interest to all who love children's literature. It is a book that will be of great interest to all who love children's literature.

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

January 4, 1912—25 Years Ago  
Harrison H. Reed and Mrs. Hannah Johnson, both of Lowell, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harvey in Grand Rapids.

January 4, 1907—30 Years Ago  
The home of Mrs. Mary Walsh at Parnell was destroyed by fire. Mrs. K. Rose was called to Elkhart, Ind., by the death of a nephew.

January 4, 1902—35 Years Ago  
Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith left for a visit with the former's parents at Beaver Creek, Minn. Roy Moyer of Dapuyer, Mont., wrote for a several weeks' visit with his parents here.

January 4, 1897—40 Years Ago  
Mr. Delaney went to Durand to be employed by the Grand Rapids. John Mathewson still lives in the house in which he was born, on the corner of Grand and Third streets.

January 4, 1892—45 Years Ago  
Mrs. Fannie C. Fletcher, aged 78, a resident of South Boston and Lowell for many years, passed away at the home of her son, K. J. Fletcher.

January 4, 1887—50 Years Ago  
Miss Myrtle Ketchum and Will Miller were married at the home of her father in West Lowell. The ceremony was held at the residence of her father, Mr. K. J. Fletcher.

January 4, 1882—55 Years Ago  
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January 4, 1847—90 Years Ago  
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## John Mathewson Lives in Memory

By MAUDE M. WELCH  
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"THOSE who wash our soiled linen may learn our deepest secrets." Della Groves had been taking in washing for 30 years. She was a small, wiry woman with a pleasant weather-beaten face and alert black eyes. And she could tell you a lot about the people for whom she washed. Only Della wouldn't.

And, while only a washerwoman, Della was also something of a philanthropist. People for whom she did washing were always giving her things with a sort of noble obligation gesture. Old shoes, stockings with runs in them, shapless hats, faded dresses and moth-eaten coats, kitchen utensils, old magazines and a few ragged books.

Mr. Hansen will finish this semester at the Lowell High School before going to his new home at Plainwell. He is staying with Mr. Hill and Margaret.

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## An American Parade of Progress

In the parade of American progress, there can be no resting on yesterday's laurels. To stand still is to fall behind, to drop out of the parade.

The automobile or radio of a few years ago, for example, would find no market today. Refrigerators, clothing, cameras, office equipment—in all industries the old models are constantly being rendered obsolete by improvements in style, value or performance.

Michigan's telephone service has kept pace with this great march of progress. There is little resemblance between the original service and that of today—just as little as there is between the first "horseless carriage" and the splendid, efficient automobiles that Michigan is now supplying to the modern world.

The tremendous advance in telephone service was achieved by years of research in the famous Bell Laboratories, by the engineering skill of the Western Electric Company in producing dependable, standardized equipment; by the efficiency and loyalty of operating and administrative personnel. Thus, America's world supremacy in telephonic communication was won by tireless effort coordinated under this unchanging policy: To supply the best service, and the most, at the least possible cost.

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<b>BACON SQUARES</b> Streaked with lean	lb. 19c
<b>BEEF RIBS</b> Meaty	lb. 12c
<b>Beef Pot Roast</b>	lb. 14c
<b>Hamburg</b> 2 lbs.	29c
<b>BOILING BEEF</b> Brisket	lb. 10c
<b>Pork Chops</b> Center cut	lb. 29c
<b>Veal Shoulder</b>	lb. 19c
<b>BONELESS FRESH HAM</b> Lean	lb. 28c
<b>LARGE FRANKFURTERS</b> Tender and juicy	lb. 15c
<b>Open Eyed Swiss Cheese</b>	lb. 37c
<b>Mild Cheese</b> Wisconsin Colby	lb. 23c

### IN THE GROCERY DEPARTMENT

<b>Chase &amp; Sanborn Coffee</b> It's dated	lb. 25c
<b>CATSUP</b> large bottle	10c
<b>Red &amp; White MILK</b> tall cans	4 for 29c
<b>Florida Gold GRAPEFRUIT</b> , No. 2 can	2 for 25c
<b>GRAPEFRUIT JUICE</b> , No. 2 can	10c
<b>GRAPEFRUIT JUICE</b> , No. 5 tin - about 1/2 gal.	33c
<b>Green &amp; White COFFEE</b>	lb. 19c
<b>"Pure Gold" FLOUR</b>	24 1/2 lb. sack 95c

### SPECIAL SALE OF SOAP

<b>LUX TOILET SOAP</b> 4 bars	25c
<b>P &amp; G Soap</b> Large bars	5 for 19c
<b>FelsNaptha</b>	10 for 45c
<b>CHIPSO</b> Flakes or Granules	2 boxes 39c

<b>Old Dutch Cleanser</b>	3 for 25c
<b>Goblin Hand Cleaner</b> 3 lb. can	29c
<b>American Family Flakes</b>	pkg. 20c

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### Social Events

David Sigler entertained with a dinner for a party of friends at his home Wednesday evening, December 30.

The Book Review Club met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Byrne McMahon. Mrs. Lee Miller reviewed "White Oak Harvest", by de la Roche.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill entertained the P and P Bridge Club last Wednesday evening. High scores were held by Mrs. A. S. Armstrong and E. H. Roth.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. White entertained the PD bridge club last Thursday evening. High honors went to Mrs. F. F. Rosewarne and W. W. Gumsier.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tusken entertained a group of friends at their home New Year's Eve with a watch party. Three tables of bridge were in play and at twelve refreshments were served by the host and hostess.

Last Tuesday evening, the neighbors and friends of Mrs. Hattie Rouse, gave a farewell party in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Libbie Taplin, who left for her home in Montpelier, that night. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in playing buncos.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nevins were in Grand Rapids New Year's Day to attend the golden wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank U. Nevins, who were married on January 1, 1887. They lived near Moline until 1919 when they moved to Grand Rapids. The family gathering was held at the First United Brethren church of which they are members.

Mrs. Lynn Fletcher and Mrs. Howard Burt entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Ona Denton at 7:30 Wednesday evening at the Burt residence in Segwun. About thirty ladies were present and after the gifts were opened, games were played and dainty refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Other showers are being planned for Miss Denton, who will become the bride of Clarke Fletcher the latter part of this month.

#### Shores-Gage

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shores of Keene announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to Mr. Roy Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gage of Muskegon Heights. They were married in the parsonage of the Temple Methodist church, Muskegon Heights, on December 28, 1936.

Rev. E. H. Babbitt read the service at 10:00 a. m., and the couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Storf, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Gage will reside at Muskegon Heights, where Mr. Gage is employed.

#### 'Scandals' Coming to Gd. Rapids Jan. 8, 9

The twelfth edition of George White's stage "Scandals" will come to B. F. Keith's, Grand Rapids, on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9.

Not since he startled Broadway into a burst of feverish enthusiasm over the initial "Scandals," has George White assembled a cast and production so worthy of his managerial reputation as in his forthcoming extravaganza.

The price scale for the night performance will range from \$1.10 to \$2.75, plus tax; matinee, \$1.10 to \$2.20. Playgoers are urged to buy their seats well in advance to get choice locations. Checks or money orders should be sent to the order of B. F. Keith's, Grand Rapids, stating number of seats and locations wanted, and these will be filled in order of receipt.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the Alto Baptist Church for the wonderful fruit which they sent me during my recent illness.

Amos Sterlick

Good thoughts and good things do survive in this world.

There is a good deal of difference between selfishness and greed.

### SHORT SNAPS

Ottoman empire is a name sometimes applied to Turkey.

A "high-boy" is a high chest of drawers.

Two University of Missouri professors have announced the discovery of Vitamin H.

### A LITTLE DIFFERENT

An old slave market still stands at Louisville, Ga.

Red-headed persons are said by one expert to make the most fuss in the dentist's chair.

Toy libraries, where playthings may be borrowed like books, have been opened at Moscow, Russia.

The Berlin Philharmonic orchestra carried two tons of instruments on a recent tour of England and Scotland.

A bill collector in Bolivia was fired for accepting as payment the site of what became the richest tin mine in the world.

The father of a Harvard student allowed himself to be "shot" in court to prove that his son's alpistol was harmless.

Woman's traditional fear of rats and mice is absent at the University of Utah. Coeds in home economics are caring for three families of white rats.

### WISDOM OF THE DAY

Good to forgive, best to forget.—Browning.

True ease in writing comes from art, not chance.—Pope.

In jealousy there is more self-love than love.—La Rochefoucauld.

Veracity, that golden key that opens the place of eternity.—Milton.

When ye are well, we all easily give good advice to the sick.—Terence.

Learning without thought is labor lost. Thought without learning is perilous.—Confucius.

The greatest punishment for having done an injury is the fact of having done it.—Seneca.

### OF GENERAL INTEREST

Casein is being made in Japan from the liquid produced in processing silk.

The mining business of Peru is very much in the hands of American companies.

Building construction in Johannesburg, South Africa, last year broke all records.

A white-tailed kite, a fading species of hawk, was captured recently at McAllen, Texas.

The largest ships now afloat will be able to pass easily under the new San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge.

Famous men of ancient times lived almost as long as do famous men of today, according to the statistics of a large life insurance company.

Tokio's House of Parliament The Imperial Diet is the largest public building in Japan. The diet grounds and buildings occupy 17 1/2 acres. The total floor space provided in 390 rooms is 63,000 square yards. The seating capacity of each house is 635. Three sides of each of the houses are paneled in native wood.

"String-Bean Town" Pomeroy in Meigs county, Ohio, was long called a "string-bean town" because it was a half-mile wide and thirteen miles long.

### Hear Talk on Life in Africa

"An African Afternoon", read the invitations issued by Mrs. Ray Ayworth, Grand Rapids High School teacher, who entertained December 29th, honoring her niece, Rev. Ione Driscoll. Rev. Driscoll is a South High School graduate, who has just returned from more than three years missionary work among the black people of Sierra Leone, in southwest Africa.

African hand-made articles decorated the rooms. These articles consisted of woven grass mats, a hammock made of native wool hand woven and dyed, tablecloth made in like manner, woven grass scarf, wooden carved and needle burned dippers, water jars, combs and house ornaments, leather shoes resembling bedroom slippers, woven grass tobacco pouch, horn vase, horn inkwell, a pair of rompers, shoes embroidered in wool cross stitch on material like mosquito netting, carved elephants with real ivory tusks and toe nails, Morocco hand-painted shoes, leather hassocks, native flowers and butterflies, mounted on native kapok, 2 women's costumes, man's costume, a large lizard skin, 2 leopard skins and another resembling a skunk with white spots on black. Most of the sewing, weaving and carving was done by the mission pupils.

An African luncheon was served by two Rev. Driscoll's sisters, attired in native costume. The menu consisted of: boiled rice with a meat stew seasoned with burned palm oil, raw peanuts, raw banana, and dates. Everything was unsalted.

Rev. Driscoll told many amazing incidents and various topics were discussed by question and answer method, as to weather, schools, clothing and customs.

In Sierra Leone, the wet season is the coolest. The rain falls every day. This period extends from April to September. The remainder of the year is very warm, as this small country is situated, but a little north of the equator. During the wet season silk hose and clothing are sealed in fruit jars to keep from molding. Clothing is changed twice a day because of excessive perspiration. The noon heat influences school hours which begin at 7:15 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. and another study period late in the day.

Miss Driscoll is in charge of the mission school having twenty-two people on its faculty list. The course of study is much the same as ours, stressing English and African Geography and History. Domestic Science is a strong course, teaching the various ways of preparing native food and in feeding since motherless babies are usually left to starve. Lessons are in English.

Salt is among the most important imports to Sierra Leone. With salt one may buy land or wives. Explorers win friendship of tribes with gifts of salt.

The people are described as kind, clean and interested in acquiring the white's manner of living. The young children wear no clothing. The older children wear the loin cloth as do the men. The women wear a wrap around skirt with a loose blouse over. The men usually do the sewing where it is necessary. Ties are worn on the head to keep the hair from bleaching. On state occasions, more clothing is added. It is then, at funerals or weddings that shoes are worn. The back part of the shoe is pressed flat on the sole and trod upon.

One humorous incident related was that of a native, who, attired in a high white collar and high hat met incoming steamers; would lay aside that clothing to dive for pieces thrown overboard.

Many wives is the rule. One chief, having 100 wives had bargained for a mission girl but another romance deprived him of the 101 wife. One 14-year-old girl left the school to marry a man of about 35. The missionaries try to discourage such child marriages.

Animal life is varied and plentiful. Mosquitoes do not hum and neither they nor the fly, bite as hard as our home species. The mission buildings are screened against such insects. A leopard was shot through the window of a mission building. There are many kinds of lizards.

Girls of the school do the laundry, which is slapped against stones instead of rubbed. Their only native soap is strands taken from beneath the bark of a tree and rolled into a wad for use.

When her furriest has expired, Reverend Driscoll expects to return to her station in Sierra Leone. Meanwhile she will resume her former work of high school teaching.

Mildred Herman

Local fans will have the chance to see a fast basketball game at the high school gym on Friday evening of this week, when East Grand Rapids comes here to play the local high school basketballers. The second teams of both schools are also on the bill. The game starts at 7:00 o'clock.

The first thing a business man must learn to do is to face the facts, ugly though they be.

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## Alfalfa Seed Is Worth Million

Michigan Crop Tops Nation but Farmers Warned to Keep the Seed at Home and not to Buy Inferior Imported Seed

Another national alfalfa crown, this time one woven with seed, is added to Michigan's crop records for 1936. Reports of a seed crop in excess of 100,000 bushels and worth \$1,204,000 on the farms, is credited to the state.

With this report obtained by Verne Church, federal-state crop statistician, can be attached a warning to the farmers of Michigan, says H. C. Rafter, head of the farm crops department at Michigan State College.

"Keep the seed at home," says Rafter. "To protect the state's wise leadership in having alfalfa growing on more than a million acres, more than half of this seed supply needs to be used for new seedlings and for replacing the 300,000 acres that probably are plowed up each year. The rest can be used by other Michigan farmers so that they need not buy outside seed that may not be hardy."

The new crop report also rates the state high in clover seed production. In 1936 it is estimated Michigan farms produced 186,000 bushels of red and alsike clover seed worth an estimated \$2,399,000. The state thus was second only to Ohio.

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### More Local News

Edith Althaus returned to school at Kalamazoo Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucy Hodges of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. William Fox part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakeslee of South Lowell spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schuitema and daughter of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Maxson and little daughter spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner spent New Year's Day with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buttrick of Cascade.

Ethel Ann Thomas and Earl Doyle spent last week in Cleveland, returning to C.S.T.C. at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Egger and son Geo. and George Tate of Grand Rapids, called on Mrs. M. E. Ogden New Year's Day.

Edith Althaus is president of Senate, of Western State Teachers College, one of the outstanding women's organizations on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ford of Ely and Mrs. Aggie Sullivan of Lowell were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Ford of Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spencer and family of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Spencer of Belding spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bangs and Mrs. Jack Howard left this (Thursday) morning for an extensive trip to Los Angeles, Calif., and other points of interest in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dawson of Detroit, Mrs. H. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Locar of Saranac were Saturday evening callers at the home of Clarence McIntyre.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Gotfredsen entertained the following guests at dinner last week Tuesday evening: Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Borgerson.

Miss Rosalyn Dickerson has returned to Grand Rapids Junior College and Miss Louise Dickerson has returned to Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. after spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Dickerson.

Vivian Beebe and family of South Bend, former residents of Lowell, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott of Alto.

Mrs. Edith Carey and son of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Burras were recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aldrich.

Mrs. A. L. Day of Winfield, Iowa who has taken care of her father, Willis Spencer of Fremont who died Christmas day, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntyre and other relatives and friends in Lowell and Saranac for a few days before returning home.

Mrs. Harold Yelter and daughter Colleen and Sam Yelter visited Supt. and Mrs. Carl Horn and family at Dowagiac last Friday. They returned home Saturday by way of Kalamazoo and visited O. J. Yelter of the State Hospital. Evelyn Yelter accompanied them home for the week end.

Tim Conant, who was taken to Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids last Wednesday, where he underwent a double hernia operation, is reported as recovering favorably, although he has been a very sick man. Mr. Conant has been a courteous and obliging deliveryman for C. H. Runciman for the past 15 years or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Webster were visitors Sunday at the home of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland of Big Prairie, Mrs. Sutherland is the young mother, who, at the risk of her own life rescued her two children from their home when it caught on fire New Year's Eve. She suffered painful burns and will be confined to her bed for some time.

### Coming Events

The Fortnightly club will meet with Mrs. David Cox, Tuesday evening, January 12.

The Triple C Circle will meet with Mrs. E. H. Roth Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Segwun community club will hold its annual business meeting Friday evening, January 8 at 8:00 o'clock.

The regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O. E. S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Frances Jeffries, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Peckham group of the Ladies Aid Society will meet Friday Dec. 8 at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. E. Simpson, Mrs. Claude Thorne assistant hostess.

Card party at the South Boston Grange hall this Saturday evening following the Grange meeting. Come and have a good time. Bring sandwiches or cake and own service.

So. Bell PTA meets Friday evening, January 8th at the school house. A good program, under direction of Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. DeChair, is being prepared. A penny supper will be served preceding the program.

The January meeting of the Greene Circle will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Kinyon Tuesday evening, January 12. Miss Edna Allen's division will entertain and serve. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends.

Seasick Passenger—"Heavens but this vessel tips a great deal, doesn't it?"

Steward—"I wish some of the passengers on board would do the same thing."

One-seventh of all Federal income is obtained from taxes on tobacco.

Costing \$10,000 and measuring 30 by 18 feet, a stucco model of the 1939 Golden Gate International exposition has been unveiled in the city hall at San Francisco.

NOTICE  
Dr. Gertrude Trednick, chiropractor, has a branch office at Lowell in the King block Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

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**Odds and Ends**  
Here and There

Brief Paragraphs . News  
and Information on a  
Variety of Topics

The annual five day institute of Michigan's commercial fruit growers will be held on the campus of Michigan State College at East Lansing, Jan. 18 to 22.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr. is out-raising the Federal Government as a Presidential adviser at this stage, reflecting the White House interest in a more conservative fiscal policy.

It is claimed that the President has directed study of a plan to force States and municipalities to carry a definite proportion of the cost of work relief in the future.

Michigan's contributions to the Federal Government through the internal revenue office reached \$225,454,216 in 1936. That was an increase of more than \$75,000,000 over the 1935 collections.

Study is being made of property holding of the Federal Government to determine how much States are losing due to the fact that the National Government does not pay property taxes.

A delegation made up principally of members of Parliament will sail for the United States March 10 to discuss war debts and urge understanding in view of the appalling menace to world peace.

The German Government began the new year by tightening its control on food manufacture and education. Food control now has reached to the dinner table and removed tomato and salad leaves as food delicacies.

It is interesting to note that while the debt of the federal government has increased 100 per cent during the fiscal years 1930 to 1936, the State and local debt has increased only nine per cent. This may be accounted for by the fact that State and local expenditures are under more direct control of the people.

The biennial horra of political job holders, which is so familiar to Lansing will reach what will probably stand as an all time high in the time all appointive positions are filled. It is reported that some fifty to six thousand changes will be made. The Dept. of State has started with some two hundred dismissals today.

Residents of other States and in Michigan are warned not to go to Detroit in search of work through the Detroit office of the National Reemployment Service. It is a policy of the NRES to prefer local people for local employment. Furthermore, Detroit employers generally require at least one year, and many two years, of local residence before hiring applicants.

Although nothing has been said about it publicly, the Federal Housing Administration is facing a crisis in its policy of working out of its policy, now eliminated, for insurance of sales of household equipment. The problem now is to dispose of quantities of repossessed refrigerators and other equipment which have been turned over to FHA.

It was reported Saturday that Howard C. Lawrence, retiring state bank commissioner, may be made executive vice president of the Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids. Mr. Lawrence, prior to his acceptance of the post of state banking commissioner, had acted as receiver for the American Home Security bank, following a tenure of office as state treasurer.

Conservation authorities report that 945 commercial minnow licenses were issued during 1936 at a fee of \$3 each as compared to 1935 when 88 licenses were issued. Minnow vendors are permitted by law to take only chubs, shiners, suckers, dace, stonefishers, muddlers and bluegills for sale, but are forbidden to remove any of the above-named species from trout streams.

In the inner offices of the Social Security Board a resolution is taking shape to ask the Department of Justice to bring indictments against several employers for not making application for numbers under the old age pension plan. This is to serve as a forceful reminder to the 40 per cent who have not yet applied that they may be sent to jail for a refusal. The United States News.

The Automobile Manufacturers Association Saturday reported production of 4,955,000 cars and trucks for 1936 which, with accessories, service equipment and replacement of parts and tires, gave the industry's output a wholesale value of \$3,625,612,000. A summary said records were set by registration in the United States of 24,250,000 automobiles, 4,925,000 motortrucks and 120,000 buses.

At Russell, Kan., the other day a man was late to his own funeral. The Methodist church had been engaged, the pallbearers secured, the flowers put in place and everything was ready for the services—but the body of the man, who died on the west coast failed to arrive. A check by the minister disclosed it had been put on the wrong train and shipped to Russell, Minn., by mistake. The error was quickly remedied, and the man was buried the next day.

The major dark spot on the business horizon for the New Year gets under way is the strike in the automobile, steel and allied industries, fostered by the J. L. Lewis organization which has already thrown thousands of men out of work and threatens to involve every section of the country is affected and millions will suffer under the strike as termination of work are being used to gratify the ambitions of their leaders for power and supremacy. The maritime strike affecting the country's sea-boards is now in its ninth week and the country as a whole as well as the seamen have already suffered to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Read the Ledger Want Ads.

## Civil Service Is Michigan's Need Declares Souter

### Spoils System Blamed For Many Evils

In speaking on the subject of "Our out-of-date government machinery" at the meeting of Lowell Rotary Club December 30, Dale Souter, Grand Rapids attorney and former assistant federal prosecuting attorney of Western Michigan, declared that "most of the existing government machinery was created in a period which moved at a rate of six miles per hour instead of sixty. No attempt has been made to keep the machinery up to date and, although it was wholly adequate at that time, instead of simplifying it we have made it more cumbersome by adding more boards and commissions." He contrasted conditions existing in government with modern industries which have made themselves as efficient as possible in order to produce the most at the least possible expense.

Mr. Souter asserted that "the spoils system is responsible for the many boards and commissions as every new one created means that many more persons who can be placed on the government payroll as a reward for their services."

Governor Fitzgerald has been in favor of civil service as a solution to the many existing evils in government and indications are that he will soon be appointed to the governor-elect, Murphy, will also favor it, predicted Mr. Souter. A committee has been studying the question of civil service for several months and their recommendations will be presented to the state legislature.

Mr. Souter said that "a move is being made to lift our judiciary out of politics and that some steps will be taken to lift out the entire law enforcement agency." He cited instances of how when prohibition was adopted, its enforcement was turned over by the courts and other officials to the federal government because their election depended upon their retention of the post of law enforcement.

He stated that the prohibition law enforcement agency was not dependent upon elections. The speaker prophesied that "when we have established civil service in Michigan there will not be so much inefficiency and corruption" and declared that "if we are to have civil service in Michigan, public servants must be appointed for long periods of years, with no reappointment at the expiration of their term. They must not be influenced by selfish individuals and we must have the same degree of efficiency in government that we have in private industry."

"The New Deal is here and there is reason to believe it is here to stay. Until 1932, the one word we heard most in connection with government was 'freedom'. The constitution of the United States was drafted for the express purpose of turning over to the federal government only certain powers, the states and individuals retaining liberty of action and initiative. Now we have abolished 'freedom' and have adopted 'security'. When we ask the government for security we must surrender certain rights we took for granted before."

The federal government is more and more stepping into affairs which previously had been left to individuals and private industries. Conditions have now reached a point where they are rotten enough to make civil service necessary. Then we will have somewhere near an efficient government and the money of the taxpayers will not be wasted."

The speaker was introduced by Harry Day, program chairman.

## Mrs. Millie Burdick Passes at Age of 73

Mrs. Millie Burdick, 73, resident of Lowell for the past ten years, passed away Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Quillan.

She was the widow of the late William Burdick and had lived in Holland before coming here.

Left to mourn their loss are six children, Mrs. Maggie McKeller of Owosso, Mrs. Frank Quillan of Lowell, Charles and Jack Bristol of Lansing, Delyle Bristol of Flint and Oscar Bristol of Harrison, also a brother, Arthur Springstead of Central Lake.

Services were held this (Thursday) morning at Roth's Chapel, Rev. S. B. Wenger officiating, with interment in Oakwood cemetery.

## JOHN DEERE CENTENNIAL AT CALEDONIA

Nelson B. Good and Company of Caledonia are sponsoring the John Deere Centennial day Thursday, Jan. 14, starting at 10:00 a. m. at their store in Caledonia. Entertaining and instructive talking pictures will be shown. Admission is by ticket only and the tickets are free for the asking. Be sure to bring the boys.

Fishing for smelt through the ice of Crystal lake will be in full swing here within a few more weeks. Conservation authorities are reminding sportsmen, however, that a license is required to fish in any of the inland waters and that includes ice-fishing as well as "dipping" smelt in the spring. Regulations, however, are somewhat different when applied to ice-fishing for smelt in that fishermen are not limited to any number of hooks on a line, although no more than two lines may be used. In ice fishing for other species of fish, state law allows no more than two lines with one hook to each line. All ice lines must be held in the hand or under immediate control.

## William H. Schreiner Strangles on Cookie

William H. Schreiner, 50, formerly of Lowell, died at his home in Grand Rapids Sunday night in strangulation when a cookie lodged in his throat.

He died within a few minutes. Coroner Harmon C. Wolfe said Schreiner was a bachelor and resided with his father, H. S. Schreiner, who at one time conducted a harness shop in Lowell. The latter was present and tried to assist his son.

Coons Annual Clearance Sale of Suits and Overcoats is now going on. This event offers an opportunity for big savings on men's clothes.

## Along Main St. Making Progress On Liquidation

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Savings Bank of Lowell will be held Tuesday, January 12.

Mrs. Rosella Yeiter, treasurer for Lowell township, reports that about one half of the total of \$27,000 tax spread has been collected to date. After January 9, the collection fee advances to 4 per cent.

An event of importance and worthy of mention in this column is the January Clearance Sale now in progress at the Coons Clothing store. Suits, overcoats and other articles of merchandise are advertised at savings of many dollars.

The State Highway Department has issued a new map designed especially for motorists during the winter months. The map was prepared in recognition of the growing importance of winter sports in Michigan. A limited quantity of these new maps has been sent to the Ledger office and will be available for Ledger readers as long as the supply lasts.

Claude Thorne, proprietor of the Regent Barber Shop, who has been pursuing part-time beauty culture study in a Grand Rapids institution for several months, is now devoting four full days a week to the comprehensive course which he is taking. Mr. Thorne will be in his barber shop near each Tuesday evening from 6:00 o'clock until closing time and all day and evening each Friday and Saturday. He expects to complete his course by May 1. During his absence, his shop will be in charge of his capable assistant, Bernie Bedell.

Perhaps J. C. Hatch should be called Lowell's permanent post office equipment installer, as he not only has the contract for installing new equipment for the Lowell post office in the new location which is to be in the London block on W. Main, but also for the reason that he installed the present equipment in the post office when Earl Hunter was serving as postmaster under President Woodrow Wilson. Those who assisted Mr. Hatch were the following: Joe Lewis, Eugene Wood, Richard Baird, George and J. C. Hatch, carpenters; Phil Krum, plumber; Roman Jones and C. D. Gunn, painters; Ernest Shaley, mason. It was at this time that the front entrance was changed from the center to the east side of the building. Of the workers mentioned, it is thought all have passed away with the exception of Mr. Hatch and his son George and Richard Baird. This building, which has been used continuously since its construction, was erected some fifty years ago by the late B. G. Wilson, who constructed many other business blocks and residences here during his lifetime.

## New Books Received At Lowell Library

Heading the list of new books in the Public Library is "Audobon," a biography of the great naturalist, by Constance Bourke, Miss Bourke, with her keen insight and interest in her subject, has drawn a very vivid portrait of Audobon and his work.

"Three-Wheeling Through Africa," an account of Wilson's and Flood's bicycle journey across Africa, another interesting book. We would also like to mention Walter B. Pitkin's "New Careers for Youth" which deals with vocational education.

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WHY—Sixty Minutes Make an Hour as We Count Time



Max Miller, in the Fortnightly review, gives the reason for the difference of four to 60 minutes. He says that in Babylon there existed by the side of the decimal system of notation another system, the sexagesimal, which was counted by sixties. That number applied to the practical sense of the ancient Babylonian merchants. There is no number which is so divisible as six. It can be divided without a remainder by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30. The Babylonians used the sexagesimal system in their counting. A parasang is about four and a half miles. The astronomers considered the progress of the sun during one hour to the progress made by a good watch during the same time. Both accounts are correct.

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Baby Chicks, \$1.50 per 100
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John Blaser spent a couple of days at his relatives Sunday.

McCord's Matters
Mrs. R. T. Williams
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The homes of Wm. Ross and Andrew Juhl are being wired electrically.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham, who has been in Pontiac several days, has returned home.

Lowell Pub. Library
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Open Wednesday and Saturday

Alton - Vergennes
Mrs. Clyde Conner
Mrs. Mamie Landy and son Dr. George Landy of Eau Claire, Mich. were in Alton Tuesday.

West Keene
Mrs. F. A. Daniels
Mrs. Beulah Barnes of Belting, Md., is in Alton.

Mapes District
Mrs. S. M. Rowland
Mrs. Mary Handford of Lowell was in Alton Tuesday.

Keene Breezes
Mrs. A. Leo
A very happy New Year to all Mr. and Mrs. Ward Conner and Mrs. Hazel Conner.

Whitewville
Mrs. Carl Graham
Word has been received recently of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Kinnel to Mr. Fred W. Jones.

Potter's Corners
Mrs. Wm. Huffman
The watch party at Keene Grand Rapids Tuesday evening, Dec. 31 was a very successful one.

Fallsbury & Vicinity
Mrs. Wesley Miller
The county road equipment and a crew of men are busy engaged in the work of widening the road along Elm St.

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**GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, No. 2 can** 10c

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**SPECIAL SALE OF SOAP**

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**American Family Flakes** pkg. 20c

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### Social Events

David Sigler entertained with a dinner for a party of friends at his home Wednesday evening, December 30.

The Book Review Club met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Byrne McMahon. Mrs. Lee Miller reviewed "White Oak Harvest", by de la Roche.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill entertained the P and P Bridge Club last Wednesday evening. High scores were held by Mrs. A. S. Armstrong and E. H. Roth.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. White entertained the PD Bridge club last Thursday evening. High honors went to Mrs. F. F. Rosewarne and W. W. Gumsier.

Mr. and Mrs. Aiton Tusken entertained a group of friends at their home New Year's Eve with a watch party. Three tables of bridge were in play and at twelve refreshments were served by the host and hostess.

Last Tuesday evening, the neighbors and friends of Mrs. Hattie Rouse, gave a farewell party in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Libbie Tappin, who left for her home in Montpelier, that night. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in playing buncos.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nevins were in Grand Rapids New Year's Day to attend the golden wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank U. Nevins, who were married on January 1, 1887. They lived near Moline until 1919 when they moved to Grand Rapids. The family gathering was held at the First United Brethren church of which they are members.

Mrs. Lynn Fletcher and Mrs. Howard Burt entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Oma Denton at 7:30 Wednesday evening at the Burt residence in Segwun. About thirty ladies were present and after the gifts were opened, games were played and dainty refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Other showers are being planned for Miss Denton, who will become the bride of Clarke Fletcher the latter part of this month.

#### Shores-Gage

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shores of Keene announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to Mr. Roy Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gage of Muskegon Heights. They were married in the parsonage of the Temple Methodist church, Muskegon Heights, on December 26, 1936.

Rev. E. H. Babbitt read the service at 10:00 a. m. and the couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Siorf, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Gage will reside at Muskegon Heights, where Mr. Gage is employed.

### 'Scandals' Coming to Gd. Rapids Jan. 8, 9

The twelfth edition of George White's stage "Scandals" will come to B. F. Keith's, Grand Rapids, on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9.

Not since he started Broadway into a burst of feverish enthusiasm over the initial "Scandals," has George White assembled a cast and production so worthy of his managerial reputation as in his forthcoming extravaganza.

The price scale for the night performance will range from \$1.10 to \$2.75, plus tax; matinee, \$1.10 to \$2.20. Playgoers are urged to buy their seats well in advance to get choice locations. Checks or money orders should be sent to the office of B. F. Keith's, Grand Rapids, stating number of seats and locations wanted, and these will be filled in order of receipt.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the Alto Baptist Church for the wonderful gift which they sent me during my recent illness.

Amos Sterzik

Good thoughts and good things do survive in this world.

There is a good deal of difference between selfishness and greed.

### SHORT SNAPS

Ottoman empire is a name sometimes applied to Turkey.

A "high-boy" is a high chest of drawers.

Two University of Missouri professors have announced the discovery of Vitamin H.

### A LITTLE DIFFERENT

An old slave market still stands at Louisville, Ga.

Red-headed persons are said by one expert to make the most fuss in the dentist's chair.

Toy libraries, where playthings may be borrowed like books, have been opened at Moscow, Russia.

The Berlin Philharmonic orchestra carried two tons of instruments on a recent tour of England and Scotland.

A bill collector in Bolivia was fired for accepting as payment the site of what became the richest tin mine in the world.

The father of a Harvard student allowed himself to be "shot" in court to prove that his son's air pistol was harmless.

Woman's traditional fear of rats and mice is absent at the University of Utah. Coeds in home economics are caring for three families of white rats.

### WISDOM OF THE DAY

Good to forgive, best to forget.—Browning.

True ease in writing comes from art, not chance.—Pope.

In jealousy there is more self-love than love.—La Rochefoucauld.

Variety, that golden key that opens the place of eternity.—Milton.

When ye are well, we all easily give good advice to the sick.—Terence.

Learning without thought is labor lost. Thought without learning is perilous.—Confucius.

The greatest punishment for having done an injury is the fact of having done it.—Seneca.

### OF GENERAL INTEREST

Casein is being made in Japan from the liquid produced in processing silk.

The mining business of Peru is very much in the hands of American companies.

Building construction in Johannesburg, South Africa, last year broke all records.

A white-tailed kite, a fading species of hawk, was captured recently at McAllen, Texas.

The largest ships now afloat will be able to pass easily under the new San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge.

Famous men of ancient times lived almost as long as do famous men of today, according to the statistics of a large life insurance company.

**Tokio's House of Parliament**

The Imperial Diet is the largest public building in Japan. The Diet grounds and buildings occupy 17½ acres. The total floor space provided in 390 rooms is 63,000 square yards. The seating capacity of each house is 635. Three sides of each of the houses are paneled in native wood.

"String-Bean Town"

Pomeroy in Meigs county, Ohio, was long called a "string-bean town" because it was a half-mile wide and thirteen miles long.

## Hear Talk on Life in Africa

"An African Afternoon", read the invitations issued by Mrs. Ray Aylworth, Grand Rapids High School teacher, who entertained December 29th, honoring her niece, Rev. Ione Driscoll. Rev. Driscoll is a South High School graduate, who has just returned from more than three years missionary work among the black people of Sierra Leone, in southwest Africa.

African hand-made articles decorated the rooms. These articles consisted of woven grass mats, a hammock made of native wool hand woven and dyed, tablecloth made in like manner, woven grass scarf, wooden carved and needle burned dippers, water jars, combs and house ornaments, leather shoes resembling bedroom slippers, woven grass tobacco pouch, horn vase, horn inkwell, a pair of rompers, shoes embroidered in wool cross stitch on material like mosquito netting, carved elephants with real ivory tusks and toe nails, Morocco hand tooled purses, leather hassock, native flowers and butterflies, mounted on native kapok, 2 women's costumes, man's costume, a large lizard skin, 2 leopard skins and another resembling a skunk with white spots on black. Most of the sewing, weaving and carving was done by the mission pupils.

An African luncheon was served by two of Rev. Driscoll's sisters, attired in native costume. The menu consisted of boiled rice with a meat stew seasoned with burned palm oil, raw peanuts, raw banana, and dates. Everything was unsalted.

Rev. Driscoll told many amazing incidents and various topics were discussed by question and answer method, as to weather, schools, clothing and customs.

In Sierra Leone, the wet season is the coolest. Then rain falls every day. The drier and cooler season from April to September. The remainder of the year is very warm, as this small country is situated but a little north of the equator. During the wet season silk hose and clothing are sealed in fruit jars to keep from molding. Clothing is changed twice a day because of excessive perspiration. The noon heat influences school hours which begin at 7:15 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. and another study period late in the day.

Miss Driscoll is in charge of the mission school having twenty-two people on its faculty list. The course of study is much the same as ours, stressing English and African Geography and History. Domestic Science is a strong course, teaching the various ways of preparing native food and infant feeding, since motherless babies are usually left to starve. Lessons are in English.

Salt is among the most important imports to Sierra Leone. With salt one may buy land or wives. Explorers win friendship of tribes with gifts of salt.

The people are described as kind, clean and interested in acquiring the white's manner of living. The young children wear no clothing. The older children wear the loin cloth as do the men. The women wear a wrap around skirt with a loose blouse over. The men usually do the sewing where it is necessary. Ties are worn on the head to keep the hair from bleaching. On state occasions, more clothing is added. It is then, at funerals or weddings that shoes are worn.

The back part of the shoe is pressed flat on the sole and tread upon. On humorous incident related was that of a native, who, attired in a high white collar and high hat met incoming steamers; would lay aside that clothing to dive for pennies thrown overboard.

Many wives is the rule. One chief, having 100 wives had bargained for a mission girl but another romance deprived him of the 100. One 14-year-old girl left the school to marry a man of about 35. The missionaries try to discourage such child marriages.

Animal life is varied and plentiful. Mosquitoes do not hum and neither they nor the fly, bite as hard as our home species. The mission buildings are screened against such insects. A leopard was shot through the window of a mission building. There are many kinds of birds.

Girls of the school do the laundry which is slapped against stones instead of rubbed. Their only native soap is strands taken from beneath the bark of a tree and rolled into a wad for use.

When her furlough has expired, Reverend Driscoll expects to return to her station in Sierra Leone. Meanwhile she will resume her former work of high school teaching.

Mildred Herman

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"The BLACKSMITH'S GIFT"

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Free Lunch

### More Local News

Edith Althaus returned to school at Kalamazoo Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucy Hodges of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. William Fox part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakeslee of South Lowell spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schuitema and daughter of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Maxson and little daughter spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner spent New Year's Day with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buttrick of Cascade.

Ethel Ann Thomas and Earl Doyle spent last week in Cleveland, returning to C.S.T.C. at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Egger and son Geo. and George Tate of Grand Rapids, called on Mrs. M. E. Ogden New Year's Day.

Edith Althaus is president of Senate, of Western State Teachers College, one of the outstanding women's organizations on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ford of Bilely and Mrs. Aggie Sullivan of Lowell were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Ford of Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spencer and family of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Spencer of Belding spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bangs and Mrs. Jack Howard left this (Thursday) morning for an extensive trip to Los Angeles, Calif., and other points of interest in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dawson of Detroit, Mrs. H. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Locar of Saranac were Saturday evening callers at the home of Clarence McIntyre.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Gotfredson entertained the following guests at dinner last week Tuesday evening, Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McPherson and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Borgerson.

Miss Rosalyn Dickerson has returned to Grand Rapids Junior College and Miss Lou, Dickerson has returned to Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Dickerson.

Vivian Beebe and family of South Bend, former residents of Lowell, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott of Alto.

Mrs. Edith Carey and son of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bauras were recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aldrich.

Mrs. A. L. Day of Winfield, Iowa who has taken care of her father Willis Spencer of Fremont who died Christmas day, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntyre and other relatives and friends in Lowell and Saranac for a few days before returning home.

Mrs. Harold Yetter and daughter Colleen and Sam Yetter visited Supt. and Mrs. Carl Horn and family at Dowagiac last Friday. They returned home Saturday by way of Kalamazoo and visited O. J. Yetter of the State Hospital, Evelyn Yetter accompanied them home for the week end.

Tim Conant, who was taken to Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids last Wednesday, where he underwent a double hernia operation, is reported as recovering favorably, although he has been a very sick man. Mr. Conant has been a courteous and obliging deliveryman for C. H. Runciman for the past 15 years or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Webster were visitors Sunday at the home of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland of Big Prairie. Mrs. Sutherland is the young mother, who, at the risk of her own life rescued her two children from their home when it caught on fire New Year's Eve. She suffered painful burns and will be confined to her bed for some time.

The Fortnightly club will meet with Mrs. David Cox, Tuesday evening, January 12.

The Triple C Circle will meet with Mrs. E. H. Roth Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Segwun community club will hold its annual business meeting Friday evening, January 8 at 8:00 o'clock.

The regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O. E. S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Frances Jeffries, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Peckham group of the Ladies Aid Society will meet Friday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. E. Simpson, Mrs. Claude Thorne assistant hostess.

Card party at the South Boston Grange hall this Saturday evening following the Grange meeting. Come and have a good time. Bring sandwiches or cake and own service.

So. Bell PTA meets Friday evening, January 8th at the school house. A good program, under direction of Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. De-Clair, is being prepared. A penny supper will be served preceding the program.

The January meeting of the Greene Circle will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Kinyon Tuesday evening, January 12. Miss Edna Allen's division will entertain and serve. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends.

Seasick Passenger—"Heavens, but this vessel tips a great deal, doesn't it?"

Steward—"I wish some of the passengers on board would do the same thing."

One-seventh of all Federal income is obtained from taxes on tobacco.

Costing \$10,000 and measuring 30 by 18 feet, a stucco model of the 1936 Golden Gate International exposition has been unveiled in the city hall at San Francisco.

**NOTICE**

Dr. Gertrude Tredenic, chiropractor, has a branch office at Lowell in the King block Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

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Michigan Crop Tops Nation but Farmers Warned to Keep the Seed at Home and not to Buy Inferior Imported Seed

Another national alfalfa crown, this time one woven with seed, is added to Michigan's crop records for 1936. Reports of a seed crop in excess of 100,000 bushels and worth \$1,204,000 on the farms, is credited to the state.

With this report obtained by Verne Church, federal-state crop statistician, can be attached a warning to the farmers of Michigan, says H. C. Rather, head of the farm crops department at Michigan State College.

"Keep the seed at home," says Rather. "To protect the state's leadership in having alfalfa growing on more than a million acres, more than half of this seed supply needs to be used for new seedlings and for replacing the 300,000 acres that probably are plowed up each year. The rest can be used by other Michigan farmers so that they need not buy outside seed that may not be hardy."

The new crop report also rates the state high in clover seed production. In 1936 it is estimated Michigan farms produced 186,000 bushels of red and alsike clover seed worth an estimated \$2,399,000. The state thus was second only to Ohio.

Average quality of the seed crop

Just produced probably is a little lower than average, says Rather. The seeds were not quite as plump and quality not quite up to normal because of a wet fall. Yet for planting purposes the value can be considered just as good as normal. Both the alfalfa and the clover seed will be helpful in the 1937 federal soil conservation program which seeks to interest farmer in building soil fertility.

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