

MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS

THE SINKING of the American gunboat Panay and the killing and wounding of several of the crew by the Japanese in a Chinese river brings home the fact that protecting the right of American citizens engaged in business in foreign countries may involve in wars costing many billions of dollars and the lives of many thousands of American boys.

Americans get along well in most foreign lands, even if the government does not have its warships within easy reach to poke their noses into the foreign seas. There are other ways to obtain respect for our citizens than threatening to fight.

In the few countries where wars are raging, American residents would better put on their running shoes and get out of trouble. They should realize before settling in these countries, that serious risks must be run. Uncle Sam cannot be expected to be a super-police-man, appointed to maintain order on the whole planet.

WORLD ARMED TO TEETH

THE WORLD spent \$4,000,000,000 for munitions of war in 1933, and this year it is spending almost \$12,000,000,000. The world was supposed to be fought to end all wars. Yet 19 years after it was finished, the world feels the danger of war so keenly that it has to multiply its war expenditures by three.

The result shows one thing quite clearly, that it is no use fighting wars—the purpose of which is to preserve the peace. Wars never settle anything right. Instead of expecting that a war will remove causes of trouble, it leaves so much damage and hatred behind that more wars are rendered certain.

GREAT UNKNOWN PEOPLE

IDA M. TARBELL, famous author, speaks of the great people with whom she has come in contact whom nobody ever writes about. Most of us also have known people in obscure life who had elements of greatness. They had a great power of self sacrifice, a great power of patient and cheerful endurance, a great power of urging industry.

People of this type are apt to lack those qualities of self confidence and magnetism that enable others to fascinate the crowd and win conspicuous positions in the drama of life. Yet when the final judgment weighs the gold and the chief in people's eyes, many of these obscure people will shine like the stars of the firmament, as the Bible has it.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

THE AMOUNTS which many companies spend to keep their products in the public eye are simply amazing. They are afraid that if their goods are not constantly advertised, the public will forget about them, or will reach the conclusion that competing articles are taking the place of their stuff.

If that is true on some special product, it is equally true of the position of stores in a community. Business is drawn by reminding the people of a concern's existence, and by telling them what it has to sell, and what its goods cost.

BUSINESS FRIENDS

SUPPOSE you put two sales clerks into a store. Suppose one of them is a very social and cordial fellow who always carries a smile, and knows a lot of people and has many friends. Suppose the other is a silent and reticent sort of fellow, who never says much to anyone. What will happen? If the general intelligence and capacity for service of the two men is about the same, the fellow with the nice smile and the many friends will get more trade than the other.

The cordial manner, the cheerful greeting, the ability to call people by name and to remember what they want, go a long way in business. Young folks who enter the world of trade should cultivate these gifts.

ANTI-CRIME WAR PAYS

J. EDGAR HOOVER, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has presented figures showing that this agency has collected in fines and recovery of stolen goods, \$135,000,000 during the past four years, while the bureau has cost only \$18,000,000.

There are not many agencies, either in public work or private business, that can show any such results. If a manufacturing company had been able to produce \$135,000,000 worth of goods at a cost of \$18,000,000, its stockholders would say the business should be greatly enlarged, and they would call it the best investment they ever had.

The recovery of goods and fines imposed through the work of this bureau are not the most valuable results it has obtained. The most important result is the breaking up of criminal gangs, the terrorizing of would-be kidnappers, and the capture of famous desperadoes, many of whom are in jail or lying dead to-day.

Crime still continues rampant in the United States, but that is not the fault of this bureau, which is doing all it possibly can with its limited force. It would seem that the force should be enlarged, and the scope of its labors increased. In the effort to track down a great tribe of crooks who now evade pursuit.

The police forces of cities and towns have their hands more than full in these times. Automobile traffic takes up a great deal of their attention. Such forces in many localities need the aid of the federal officers. The federal G-men should constitute so powerful a force, and one so well backed with money, that any city or town that needs their help to put down public enemies should be able to get it at once. If changes in the laws are needed to allow the federal officers to give such aid, they should be promptly made.

Never go around with a married woman unless you can go two rounds with her husband.

John Miller Not A Victim Of Texas Thugs

Coroner's Jury Renders Verdict

Last week, the Ledger mentioned the death of John Miller, 51, a former resident of Lowell, and the article stated that according to meager information received here, Mr. Miller had been a victim of thugs. The Ledger took the matter up with the publisher of the Allegan Gazette and the following article from last week's issue of that newspaper reveals the following facts:

"Investigation by Texas officials into the death of John Miller, 51, who was found drowned in a stream near San Marcos, Tex., has resulted in a coroner's verdict of death by drowning. While there had been suspicions that Miller's death had been caused by thugs, these were not borne out in the verdict, nor by the condition of the body which showed no signs of violence. He had been dead about a week when found."

"Miller was a former resident of Allegan and had been employed at Blood Brothers Machine Company for six years. He left this city some time ago going to Columbus, Ohio, and then to Texas. He had been in that state about three weeks prior to his death."

"Miller was born in Kalamazoo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, both deceased. Before coming to Allegan he had lived as a youth in Lowell. He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Bessie Miller, of Boston, two sons, Terry and John, both of near Boston, and a sister, Mrs. Catherine Scheib of near Allegan."

"Catholic mass was said here Monday before the body was taken to Lowell for burial rites in that city."—Allegan Gazette.

Lowellite Escapes Death By Two Feet

Chris Bieri, a former Lowell resident, now employed as office attendant by the Consumers Power Company at Newaygo, miraculously escaped possible fatal injury last week when the "bull-wheel" located under the building, broke loose and rocketed through the structure, wrecking the office in which Mr. Bieri was working. He had left his desk less than a minute before the accident occurred, stepping across the room to turn on generators at the switchboard control. As he reached the controls, a piece of the wheel crashed through the floor near him and seconds later the massive control wheel came apart and pieces so big that it took two men to move them crashed about the room, some of them less than two feet from Mr. Bieri. His desk and chair were demolished, the place where he was standing being almost his only place in the office which was not damaged.

Mr. Bieri is the father of Mrs. Arthur Schneider and Lawrence and Oswald Bieri of Lowell. His many friends here were glad to hear of Mr. Bieri's lucky escape.

Ruehs Herd Given National Recognition

A cow in the herd of E. W. Ruehs of Caledonia, Mich., has completed an official record in the Herd Improvement Division qualifying her for admission to the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, according to Karl B. Mussen, secretary.

A two-year-old cow in the Ruehs herd, Rosemount Fly 488461 produced in 365 days 10,953.3 pounds of milk and 459.5 pounds of butterfat in class GH.

Milk Truck and Bus Collide on M-21

An accident occurred around noon Monday a few miles east of Lowell on M-21 when it is reported that Roy Thompson of R. F. D., Lowell, drove his milk route truck across the pavement to enter the driveway of a farm house and failed to see the Short Way bus approaching behind him. Both vehicles were going east.

It is said that the impact tipped the truck over and spilled the milk on the pavement. There were about a dozen passengers in the bus at the time of the collision and it is said that, through presence of mind of the bus driver, Myron E. Greenooh of Lansing, passengers were saved from serious injury. Both the truck and the bus were damaged considerably.

SHORT WAY LINE BUSES EXTRA BUSES DEC. 24 In order to take care of holiday passengers, the Short Way Lines, Inc., announces that on Friday, Dec. 24, two additional bus trips will be made. One of the extra buses will leave Lowell for Lansing at 9:35 p. m. and the other will leave here for Grand Rapids at 10:28 p. m. on that day.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS Please make an effort to send in your letters earlier in the week, as we are particularly busy at this time of the year and it makes our work much harder when copy comes in late. If each one will help in this way it will make things easier for us. Trusting that all will respond willingly. Yours sincerely, The Ledger.

Congregationalists Engage Pastor

Rev. Robert M. Barksdale of Rapid River has accepted the unanimous call extended to him by the Lowell Congregational Church and will come to Lowell to take over his duties as pastor of the church as soon as his successor has been secured in Rapid River. In the meantime, services are being held at the local church each Sunday.

Continue Hearing In Tax Head Fight

The temporary court order secured by M. B. McPherson of Lowell, restraining John N. Fegan, named chairman of the state tax commission by Governor Murphy, from seizing the chairmanship held by McPherson, was continued to Dec. 29 at a hearing held Monday before Circuit Judge Leland W. Carr in the Ingham Circuit Court. Both sides must submit briefs on the case at the next hearing.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph Zwerdling, representing Fegan, requested that the case be put over for a final hearing when it could be decided on its merits. John S. McDonald, former supreme court justice, who appeared as counsel for McPherson, stated he had no objection but demanded a guarantee that the action was not taken in order to give the opponents more time in which to start other proceedings.

Zwerdling refused to consent and the court held that a pledge by the assistant attorney general that no further proceedings would be started would be improper. Judge Carr contended that the agreement should not go outside matters covered in the restraining order, which forbids Fegan to assume the duties of the chairman, to interfere with McPherson's activities as chairman, to hire or discharge employees or disturb commission records.

The cutting of red tape makes it appear likely that the case will be carried to the state supreme court.

George A. Sevrey Passes On At Age of 61

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the Eganer Chapel for George A. Sevrey, 61, who passed on Sunday evening, December 19, 1937. Miss Grace Walker will read the Christian Science service. Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Sevrey, formerly of Muskegon, had lived in Lowell for several years. He had been in poor health for quite some time. Surviving are the wife, Lenna, a daughter, Mrs. S. H. Brown of San Francisco, a brother, Arthur, of Lowell, and two grand children, a large circle of friends who extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Sevrey in her loss.

Uses Razor in Suicide Attempt

Emil Hein, 43, formerly employed at the Lowell button factory, was rushed to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, shortly after midnight Tuesday after he had slashed his throat with a razor in the rest room at Richmond's Cafe. The employees tried unsuccessfully to get into the room where the noted Heights, two grand children, and a large circle of friends who extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Sevrey in her loss.

Hein, who is not married, has been living in a local rooming house.

LOWELL TEACHING STAFF ON HOLIDAY VACATION The holiday season will be spent by the local teachers in various places. Many are spending Christmas day at their homes here in Lowell, including Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Borgerson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Zwemer, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Burch and Miss Dora Bangs.

Those who are going to their homes out of town are Miss Helen Smith, Ionia; Miss Marion Bushnell, Clarkville; Miss Harriet Roflofs, Byron Center; Miss Jane McCarthy, Grand Rapids; Miss Lena Marie Huffman, Saranac; Miss Magdalena Newwoner, Leslie; Miss Ruth Armstrong, Springville; Miss Ellen O'Connor, Kalamazoo; Miss June VanPeursem, Zeeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Roth will spend Christmas day in Holland and Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Avery will go to Cadillac. Mr. and Mrs. George Pappin are going to Detroit for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gumsier will spend Christmas in Port Huron with Mrs. Gumsier's family.

The holiday vacation begins this week Thursday and school will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

PUT ON PROBATION FOR LARCENY HERE Clarence Haight, 30, of Detroit, was placed on probation for one year Monday by Judge Leonard D. Verdier after pleading guilty in circuit court, Grand Rapids, to a charge of larceny.

Haight was arrested here Friday by Special Deputy An H. Stormsand, after taking automobile accessories amounting to \$20 from the garage belonging to Stormsand.

Haight, who formerly lived in Grand Rapids, was sentenced in 1932 to 18 months in prison on a counterfeit charge.

A Happy Christmas



Christmas Day Is Nearly Here! Shop and Save In Lowell

The slogan "Do your Christmas shopping early" has now been discarded for a newer one, "Do your Christmas shopping in Lowell". Citizens of the Village and its vicinity are urged to do just that, shop in Lowell. The stores have finer and more complete lines of Christmas merchandise than perhaps ever before and combining quick and friendly service with an abundance of hospitality for the pleasure of their patrons.

Lowell merchants have decided to remain open evenings for the remainder of the week for the convenience of late shoppers. Residents of the community are urged to take advantage of this opportunity and benefit from the many bargains offered by local merchants whose constant aim is to please you. The more patronage you give them, means larger and better stocks from which to make your selections, not only at holiday time, but the entire year through.

It is an undeniable fact that most of the nationally known standard lines of merchandise can be bought here for less money than in the larger city stores.

Give your home-town merchant the chance to show you.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS Local college students home for the holiday vacation include the following: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor—Glendon Swarthout, Duke University, Durham, N. Car.—William Doyle, Michigan State College, East Lansing—Maryann and Norma Ashley, Oren Frost, Sam Yelter, Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo—Lucy Paulinkas, Catherine Hoover, Giles Sinclair, Emma Covert, Central State Teachers College, Mt. Pleasant—Ethel Ann Thomas, Jack Laley, Darrel Burras, Earl Doyle, Bruce McMahon, Evelyn Briggs, Kathryn Schneider, Kenneth Norris.

BE INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE! Financial security—a bounteous yearly income for life—is within your grasp. It may sound like a fairy tale, but it's true. For details see the December 26 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. adv

70 BOYS AND GIRLS GIVEN A HOLIDAY TREAT Seventy boys and girls from St. Mary's church, as the guests of Frank J. McMahon, saw the Walt Disney comedies and Shirley Temple in "Held" at the Strand Theatre this week. Ledger Want Ads pay.

JUDGE WILL PUBLISH BOOK ON HIS JUVENILE CASES Experiences of Probate Judge Malcolm Hatfield with children who come before him for juvenile delinquency and their parents are incorporated in a book, "Children in Court", due for publication by the Palber Publishing Co. soon after Jan. 1.

The manuscript outlines the cases of several hundred problem children and suggests methods which parents, teachers and public officials could use in coping with similar cases.

For some time past the Ledger has been publishing articles by Judge Hatfield under the heading, "Children in Court" and these articles have no doubt proven of much value to many of our readers. Turn to page two of the Ledger.

Christmas Editorial

WE hope you are as happy this Christmas as we are. We're been looking in retrospect over the months since we regretfully threw away last year's Christmas tree because the drying needles just wouldn't cling to it any longer; and we're glad we didn't throw away our real, earnest love for peace on earth and good will toward men with it.

There are places in the world, somewhat remote from us, where people have not been inspired, exactly, by the eternal spirit of Christmas, and when we see what's happened there, we're more than a little thankful they ARE remote. Maybe we've had troubles, too, over the past year, but darned if we don't somehow find it hard to remember just what they were, with Christmas carols ringing in our ears and the warm spiritual glow of the Yuletide melting all the onerousness out of us. We're content just to go on doing our job, trying to print an honest, friendly and interesting newspaper that fulfills its mission of service in the community.

Meanwhile, we're determined to remember our lot will always be this happy if we keep alive the love and fellowship and humility of Christmas until December 25 rolls around again. It's a cheerful feeling; may you feel it, too. A Merry Christmas to you!

The Publishers

Along Main St.

Lowell stores will remain open evenings for the remainder of this week to and including Friday evening, December 24, for the benefit of Christmas shoppers. Stores will be closed Saturday, Christmas Day.

Many of Lowell's business houses and institutions are using the columns of this issue of the Ledger to extend holiday greetings to their friends and patrons. It is an appropriate way of expressing friendliness and good will and we are sure our readers appreciate these expressions.

Through courtesy of Murray D. VanWagoner, state highway commissioner, the Ledger has received a supply of the latest edition of state highway maps, showing the latest corrections relating to trunkline highways brought about by new construction. Anyone desiring one of these maps may have same by calling at the Ledger office.

It must be that Governor Murphy doesn't like us very well. First he fired M. N. Henry from the State Board of Pharmacy, next he fired C. H. Runciman from the Emergency Relief Commission, and now he is endeavoring to oust M. B. McPherson from the chairmanship of the State Tax Commission. Yet it looks as though the governor doesn't like Malnst. By the way, Mr. Runciman, who served for nearly two years on the Relief Commission without pay, is still waiting for \$37.00 expense money due him for over a year.

William P. Kerekes, one of the efficient and obliging members of the Lowell post office staff, employs language peculiarly his own when he writes a letter to the Ledger. "Bill" says:

"Having definitely turned to the left have reached a stage of intense liberalization that not only is driving me to pay all bills due but all those that threaten to fall due including even those bills that slightly lean to the right and a due date. Remitting in advance I hope to forestall any notice you might feel prompted to issue through the facilities of your 'Blue Network' on the Ledger front. Respectfully, Bill Kerekes."

All of which means that "Bill" has renewed his subscription and that the Ledger will be able to carry on for another year. We hope Garfield Ford reads this.

Lowell Man Injured in Crash

Ralph Sherwood suffered a broken left leg and minor cuts and bruises early Tuesday evening when his car sideswiped a truck on M-21, four miles east of Lowell. A local physician was summoned and Sherwood was taken to Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, in an ambulance. Adolph Thompson of Clare, driver of the truck, was not injured.

Mr. Sherwood, who recently was appointed a guard at the Ionia reformatory, was returning home at the time of the accident.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 23—"When They Meet Them" with Douglas Fairbanks, Valerie Hobson and Alan Hale. Friday, Saturday, Dec. 24, 25—Gangway for fun and excitement and romance. It's cheer time, thrill time when Annapolis team-mates do battle to "sink the Army" but its every man for himself when they fall for the same dimpled cutie. MGM's 21-gun show "Navy Blue and Gold" with Robert Young, James Stuart, Lionel Barrymore, Florence Rice, Billie Burke, Tom Brown, Paul Kelly and Barnett Parker. Come and enjoy a merry Christmas. Also musical comedy, "Carnival in Paris" and cartoon, "Mysterious Jug."

Sunday, Monday, Dec. 26, 27—It's easy to say, "That's what I'd do" but there are problems in the lives of these people that probably never touched your life. Problems you may never face, but see these people live. Let them tell their stories in this drama torn from the seething turbulent life in the world's most exciting city, then decide, "Dead End" with Sylvia Sydney, Joel McCrea, Humphrey Bogart, Wendy Barrie, Claire Trevor and Allen Jenkins. Also extra added attraction, that famous Edgar Bergen's Charlie McCarthy in "Double Talk" and "Sunday Night at the Trocadero." Pathe News.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 29—"Cherokee Strip" with Dick Fox and Jane Bryant. Also "Marry the Girl" with Mary Boland, Hugh Herbert and Frank McHugh. Allen Jenkins and Mischa Auer. Matinee Wednesday at 2:30.

Thursday, Dec. 30—"Behind the Mike" with William Gargan and Judith Barrett. Also "Merry Happy Returns," "Servant of the People," "I Wanna Be A Sailor" and Fox News.

WEST SIDE S. O. STATION C. K. Mackey began operating the west side Standard Oil station this week. Mr. Mackey, who has had 15 years' experience in operating service stations, will specialize in tire and battery service. He has moved here from Grand Rapids and has with him two children, Mrs. Mackey is the daughter of Marcel Miché of Keene-tp.

America's front-rank political commentator turns her pen to witty fiction and scores a sensational hit! Read Dorothy Thompson's great tale of a social climber, "Too Many Broths Spoil the Cook." It appears in This Week, the color-gravure magazine with next Sunday's Detroit News. On sale at Christiansen's or phone for delivery. adv

A person with a sandpaper tongue may create more gale, but he with a velvet one is more comforting.

Special Crops To Feature M.S.C. Farmers' Week

Attention Also To Usual Crops

Specialties in Michigan agriculture constitute the theme of the 23rd annual Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College, January 31 to February 4. In 17 of the principal agricultural phases of the nation's agriculture, Michigan producers are able to raise the state's production in 10th place or higher. This says E. L. Anthony, dean of agriculture is the reason farmers in the state are relatively prosperous.

Some of the special crops to which more than usual attention will be paid in the winter short-course for farm families include honey, maple syrup, turkeys, elder ice cream, sugar beets, Christmas trees, hothouse tomatoes, hunting and fishing, timber, alfalfa seed and beans.

For the more usual crops of the week's program will offer some of the new practices which Michigan farmers can use. These will include phases in the state's production of such crops as corn, oats, potatoes, clover, dairy, hogs and beef cattle.

Three out-of-state speakers have been obtained for those who plan to attend this program of the No. 1 Farmers' Week of the nation. Tuesday, Feb. 1, Dusty Miller of Wilmington, Ohio, will offer his rural humor in depicting phases of live stock production. Wednesday, Feb. 2, audiences will hear Herbert W. Mumford, dean of agriculture at the University of Illinois at Urbana. He will discuss "Good Farming Still Pays Best." Thursday the main speaker will be Dr. H. H. Morgan, Knoxville, Tenn., who will discuss long time conservation through experience he has gained with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Bang's Disease Clean-up Underway

With some testing completed in every county in the state, progress of the Bang's disease testing and eradication by Dr. B. J. Killham, extension specialist in animal pathology at Michigan State College. First county in the state to get a complete check on all its dairy and beef cattle is Antrim with 1,310 herds, also first in the United States. Eight reactors were discovered. Ultimately all of Michigan's 1,600,000 cattle are to undergo the test. In Kent county progress reported by Dr. Killham indicates herds numbering 5,200 of which 3.9 per cent have been tested.

Federal indemnities are being applied to reactors. Diseases caused by production and endangers human health, causes losses in the calf crop and decreases value of infected cattle. For grade animals up to \$25 is being paid in indemnity to make up any difference between appraisal value and net return at Detroit for meat purposes. For purebred cattle the federal indemnity provides for as much as \$50 of the difference.

A total of 3,660,990 trees have been distributed this year from the state's tree nurseries, including 357,850 trees supplied without charge to 112 public schools and municipalities for reforestation demonstration plantings of a public nature. Sales to individuals, organizations and companies totaled \$33,690. Last year 108,221 Michigan farmers received \$6,554,000. This year the individual checks will be higher.

Bell Company Issues Useful Almanac

Copies of the 1938 edition of the Telephone Almanac, written and printed in much the same style of the old time almanacs, are being made available by the offices of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. The Almanac contains information of interest to farmers, businessmen, housewives, students, and others. It also presents significant astronomical calculations, the time of sunrise and sunset and moonrise and moonset, the morning and evening stars, eclipses for the year, a table showing the normal temperature and rainfall for representative cities in various states, a two-page rebus for young folks, a compendium of information with regard to the telephone, its invention, and development, and other data and facts.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

The annual Woodrow Wilson Birthday Luncheon will be held in the English room, Hotel Royal, Grand Rapids, at 12:15 Tuesday, Dec. 28. Leland L. Gars will be the speaker and the Rt. Rev. John N. McCormick will pronounce the invocation. Tickets will be 80c. Request for reservations may be sent to Mrs. Shelby Schurtz, 831 Watkins St., SE, Grand Rapids.

You'll find your friends dancing from 9:00 to 1:00 Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at the Lowell City hall. Swing to the Stardusters, Bruce McMahon and John Lalley are the proprietors.

The young people of the Lowell Gospel church will present a special Christmas program at 7:30 Friday evening at the church located in the former post office building. The public is invited to attend.

About eight million people have taken up bowling as their form of exercise. Paper is one of America's largest industries—seventh in volume of dollars.

COC workers planted nearly 10 million trees in state forests during a seven-week period this fall.

More attention is being given hostilities in the Orient and war talk in Europe at the White House and State Department than is apparent on the surface.

An Army-sponsored sales talk on new armaments as the next pump-priming venture designed to bolster heavy industry in a hurry is making important converts inside the Administration and Congress.

Some important members of the Cabinet are cooling toward the White House on the ground of instability of policy and sharp shifts of direction that leave these Cabinet members out on a limb.

One of the problems which will face the State unemployment insurance systems which start Jan. 1, Social Security Board officials predict, will be a demand for larger benefit payments.

Training in all phases of Michigan's 57-million dollar dairy industry will be offered in two eight weeks short courses in dairy production and dairy manufacturing to start at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Jan. 3.

Every unemployed man in the automobile industry who has no savings account in reserve may be absorbed on WPA projects this winter, according to ambitious plans advanced by Louis M. Nims, state WPA director.

Any new Government spending program will be financed at first by de-stilering more than \$1,200,000,000 of gold against which bonds are already having been sold. That much could be spent without adding to the national debt.

Inflationists within the Treasury have an eye on nearly \$500,000,000 worth of silver bullion that could be coined into about a billion new dollars. The argument is that use of this silver would more than justify the silver purchase program of recent years.

Bank clearings in 22 leading cities in the United States in the week ended Dec. 15 totaled \$3,474,706,000, a drop of 24.3 per cent under the \$7,230,850,000 for the 1936 week. Dun & Bradstreet recently reported. The decrease was the fifth consecutive weekly decline under the 1936 comparative.

Harry L. Hopkins threatened to resign at a suggestion from the President that the Government should return to direct relief of the unemployed, with grants-in-aid to states and state administration of the relief. He is said to have wavered on the idea of work relief for the employables.

The real tax program of the Administration will not be announced until after January 1, due to a desire not to cause selling of securities to take profits or establish losses for tax purposes at this time. There may be a statement of policy on the undistributed corporate surplus paid before then, however.

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Last spring Mrs. Frank Kephart of Traverse City found a baby robin that apparently had fallen from its nest. Taking the bird into the house, she put it in a cage. It until it was able to fly, then released it. Although the robin has been at liberty to go and come at any time, it never has left the house for any length of time. Although the robin has been at liberty to go and come at any time, it never has left the house for any length of time. Although the robin has been at liberty to go and come at any time, it never has left the house for any length of time.

For years neighbors wondered why Roy Collins, Bad Axe trucker and farmer, always had his livestock ready for market so early. They wondered why his cattle and sheep had a cornfed look during summers of grass shortage and winters of hay scarcity. But he has explained it satisfactorily. Once or twice a week Collins brings home a truck load of stale baked goods which he buys "dirt cheap" from a depository where it is collected. He drives into the field, toots his horn, and the cattle come running. They will leave a field of sweet clover or choice alfalfa to partake of bakery has-bens.

Robert Worth Bingham, United States ambassador to Great Britain, died Saturday night at the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Md., where he underwent a diagnostic operation last week Tuesday. He was 66 years old. The ambassador had been a patient at the hospital since Nov. 25. Physicians said he died of "abdominal Hodgkins," a little known disease, the nature of which has never been exactly determined. Bingham rose to the top of America's foreign diplomatic corps after a long and successful career in the law, the newspaper field and in business. He was president and publisher of both the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Louisville Times when President Roosevelt chose him as America's spokesman in the court of St. James.



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Walnuts 2 lbs. 45c Prunes lb. box 10c

STAR CORNERS

Mrs. Alma Mishler, daughter Velma, and Mrs. W. J. Mishler were Sunday visitors at Lena Mishler's.

Anna and Katherine Wingeier, Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs, Harold and Irma and Mrs. Rose Bryant were in Grand Rapids Friday.

Mrs. Abbie Lee spent Sunday at the Byron Weeks home at Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bryant, daughter, and Mrs. Rose Bryant were

dinner guests at John Krebs home Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah Johnson and Erin called at Spenser Johnson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berkey were Sunday dinner guests at Albert Slabaugh's in the afternoon they all called at Levi Berkey's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slabaugh had as their guests a nephew and two nieces from Indiana the past week, all attending the Bible school at the Mennonite church.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stahl spent Sunday evening at Noah Thomas' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Weaver

spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Star School Friday evening.

Claud Scott, teacher

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wingeier assisted Francis Seese's with their butchering Wednesday.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to our neighbors and friends for the help they gave us at the time of the loss of our barn by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kalward.

Social Events

Marriage License Applications
Allison C. Roark, 19, Alto, route 1; Izetta S. Frost, 18, Lowell, route 1.

Wright-Imus Church Wedding
A beautiful church wedding was solemnized this week Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1937, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Ionia, when Celestene A. Gervieve, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Imus of Ionia, became the bride of Mr. John Lawrence Wright of Detroit, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Fred Dunbar.

Eunice B. Imus was her sister's only attendant. Best man was Julian C. Townsend of Bay City with George Bird of Belding and Harold Clark of Ionia acting as ushers.

The bride wore a gown of gold lace and carried a bouquet of tallies, roses, chrysanthemums and swainsons. The bridesmaid wore aqua taffeta and carried a bouquet similar to that of the bride.

Mr. Chandler Haight, Sr., sang a solo, "Because," before the ceremony. Mrs. Chandler Haight at the organ. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Haight. The church was beautifully decorated with pine and flowers appropriate to the holiday season.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents immediately followed the ceremony. Mary Jo Weisgerber, Shirley Nelson and Mrs. Leon Detval assisted.

Mrs. Wright is a graduate of Ionia high school, class of '35, and the American and the National schools of Physiotherapy. Mr. Wright received his education in Zimmerman, La., and is an orchestra leader and musician.

Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Wright left for Dearborn, Mich., where they will make their home.

The bride was well and favorably known in this vicinity and a large circle of friends unite in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Miss Frost Entertained
Miss Izetta Frost was honored at a shower Friday evening given by Mrs. Joy Peterson. Miss Frost's gifts were put on and around a Christmas tree and later opened by her. Guests were Gladys Bieri, Elise Bieri, Irene Keech, Mrs. D. McPherson, Mrs. G. Briggs, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. A. Ford and daughter, Donna Jean, Mrs. C. Kropf, Sophie and Alice Timinsky, Dorothy Kropf, Vivian Shear, Sarah Purdy and Virginia Petersea. Games were played and refreshments were served.

West Side Euchre Club
Mrs. Dell Condon was hostess to the West Side Euchre Club last Thursday afternoon. Several members were unable to be present but their places were filled by invited guests. Mrs. Max Flynn, Mrs. Ida Krum and Zella Day proved themselves the best players that day. Those present were Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Krum, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. L. Wingeier, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Charles, Jr., Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Finis, Mrs. Macham, Mrs. W. Wingeier and Mrs. Parker. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. C. Condon.

Social Brevities
Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Briggs entertained the following guests from Grand Rapids at a Christmas party Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin DeBree, Mr. and Mrs. Milton DenBoer and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Abernathy.

Mrs. N. E. Borgerson entertained the Bridge Club at luncheon last Thursday. Honors were received by Mrs. B. H. Shepard and Mrs. Wm. C. Doyle.

Mrs. L. W. Rutherford entertained the Neighborhood Club last Thursday. Honors were won by Mrs. R. M. Shivel and Mrs. Wm. Wachterhauser.

Don't try to pet a fool or hornet. Neither one will understand you.

A bachelor is a guy who never Mrs. anything.

More Local News

Cannel coal for fireplaces, \$8.50 per ton. C. H. Runciman, Phone 34.

Mrs. J. Snell and Mrs. Charles Snay spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morgan of Grand Rapids spent Friday in Lowell.

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Mrs. Nillie Sherwood of Clare spent one day last week with Mrs. Charles Snay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Conant and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alexander called on relatives near Cedar Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Snell and daughter, Mrs. Charles Snay, spent Sunday afternoon with relatives in Greenville.

Sunday callers at the Wm. Pullen home were Mrs. Harry Lystrup, Miss Lystrup and Donald Crawford of Ionia.

Miss Katherine Paulinkas attended the Globe Christmas party at the Hotel Rowe, Grand Rapids, Thursday evening.

Paul Kellogg was in Toledo Monday and Tuesday on business. He was accompanied by Mrs. Kellogg and they were guests of the Drew family while in Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Niles, Margaret and Eugene will spend Christmas in Grand Ledge with Mr. Niles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Niles. Margaret is coming from Detroit Friday night to spend the week-end with her parents.

The students of the Lowell school responded in a big way to the campaign for the sale of tuberculosis seals. The sales made by the children amounted to \$55.40. When all of the remittances are sent in, Lowell township will no doubt reach its quota of \$200.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider, at the Luz Maternity hospital, on Dec. 18, a daughter, Judith Ann.

The little daughter born to Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Trumble on Nov. 27, has been named Patricia Ann.

The Works Progress Administration is prepared again to increase its projects in line with mounting unemployment. Questions about abandonment of the attempt to make the \$1,500,000,000 appropriation last until July 1, as required by law, are left unanswered. If and when necessary, WPA officials will suggest amendment of the Act and a supplemental appropriation. Some would prefer to have Congress move in that direction on its own, however.

Christmas Good Wishes
Because we cannot see each of you personally we take this way of sending our Christmas Greeting and Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

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Charlie McCarthy in
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Comedy and News

July 14th is celebrated as the day of the Bastille in France.

Osmanlee (bone breaker) founded the Turkish empire.

C. I. O.: Countering Increasing Opposition.



May pleasant memories of the jolly old season linger long after the holidays are over.

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SHOES
On-The-Bridge, Lee Block

Mixed Nuts
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DAISY was very carefully addressing the two pound box of mixed nuts Andre Eugene Ferguson had ordered. She did not see Frank drive past the candy shop in his electrical store truck. Jimmy, the soda jerker told her.

"There goes the boy friend."

"He's so distinguished looking," murmured Daisy, without looking up.

Jimmy frowned for a moment, then his freckled face registered understanding. "Oh, you mean that actor that buys the nuts?"

"And so thoughtful," sighed Daisy, "he sends his mother a gift every single week he is away from her."

"Washington?" Jimmy squinted at the package. "That where he lives?"

"And he invited me to have dinner with him Sunday," confided Daisy.

"You and Frank had a scrap the other night, didn't you?" probed Jimmy, "you haven't visited the sign since then."

The electric sign over the candy shop window was Daisy's private signal to Frank. Every night at closing time, Daisy would blink the MIXED NUTS sign and down the block on the opposite side of the street, Frank would twinkle his EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL in reply. Five minutes later he would be in front of the candy shop waiting to take Daisy home. Then Andre Eugene Ferguson had come along to fill Daisy's eyes with dreaming. Frank had objected to him, and they had quarreled.

The door of the candy shop darkened. Andre Eugene Ferguson was making his entrance. Daisy forgot Frank. Forgot everything but the fluttering of her heart as Romance advanced toward her.

Jimmy, with his back to them, was watching in the mirror. Daisy seemed disappointed about something. They talked confidentially for a moment, and then Andre Eugene Ferguson was taking his way out of the candy shop.

"Smatter?" Jimmy wanted to know as soon as he was gone. "The sun looks kinda like rain."

"We can't have dinner together tomorrow," said Daisy soberly, "his mother arrived unexpectedly, so he'll have to entertain her."

A slender, blonde woman came in.

"May I help you?" Daisy inquired sweetly.

The woman inspected her with cool, blue eyes. "I think—" she said in a throaty contralto, "that you may." She looked at the display of mixed nuts.

"There's a special on those today," said Daisy.

"And they are nice," agreed the woman, "while I was in Washington my husband sent them to me from this shop every week."

"Washington?" Daisy suddenly ceased to breathe. "Your—husband?"

"Yes," sighed the woman. "For fifteen years now, I've been looking after him."

Fascinated Daisy stared at her. Fifteen years. She wasn't young. There were tired lines about her eyes and her blonde hair was metal bright.

"It's really rather funny," she went on lightly, "but whenever he sends me things, I know he needs me. The last time it was silk stockings." The woman smiled with a reminiscent tenderness. "She was a pretty little thing, too; worked at a hosiery counter."

"You—you're talking about—" Daisy moistened her lips, "about Andre Eugene—"

"Ferguson," nodded the woman, "I rather thought you might know him."

"But—but he sent those nuts to his mother!" Daisy protested wildly.

The blonde woman shook her head with a pitying smile. "He calls me that sometimes." She looked at the jeweled watch on her wrist. "Dear me," she murmured, "I must run along before Andre misses me. Good night."

"There's Frank just putting up the truck," said Jimmy.

"Frank?" Daisy came out of her trance. Ran to a window with Jimmy at her heels.

MIXED NUTS flashed once, then twice.

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Scapegrace Nephew (who has been dining with maiden aunt)—I don't think my aunt suspected that I'd had an extra drink, Perkins.

Old Family Butler—Maybe not, sir, but trying to shake her "heaven mission" table collection box over your apple pie perhaps seemed a trifle odd.

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Brown—Your wife is a very systematic woman, isn't she?
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Those Funny Faces
The man in the corner of the railway carriage pulled out a notebook and pencil and began to make a sketch of the man sitting opposite. The "model," flattered by the attention paid him, leaned forward and said: "I perceive, sir, that you are an artist."
"Well, no," replied the other. "Not exactly, I make designs for door-knockers."—The Rail.

Training
"Have you a social secretary?"
"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "but I am not quite satisfied with her."
"Why?"
"She is too thorough. She wants me to take lessons in jujitsu, so that I can hold my own if there should ever happen to be a rough-and-tumble rush for the seat of honor at a dinner party."

Useless
The deep-sea diver was hard at work on the ocean bed. Suddenly an urgent voice came over the telephone which connected him with the boat above.
"What's the matter, chum?" he asked.
"Come up quickly," he heard. "The captain's just told me the bloomin' boat's sinking!"

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