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THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

The Christmas gift custom, for the majority of people, is mostly an exchange between relatives and intimate friends.

A lot of people who do not really need the things offered, have a superfluity of these benefits, while a large element of needy people lack the necessities of life.

It would seem that people should take some share of their Christmas money and seek out the hard pressed and the destitute.

We rightly rejoice in some article of luxury which we propose to give to some dear friend, but the satisfaction is even keener if we have sent a Christmas basket of nourishing and luscious food to some family which is only getting the crumbs of our prosperous land.

The cold weather is the worst season of the year for the needy. There is usually less work in winter when the need is greatest.

SYMPATHY FOR FINLAND

American sentiment feels deep resentment at the action of the soviet Russian government in invading peaceful and worthy little Finland, and bombing its cities, raining death and destruction to many.

What can our country do about it? Our people do not feel they have been appointed by God to be world policemen, making all the law-breakers toe the mark.

SHORT DAYS

IN DECEMBER, the sun, on which our planet depends for its very life, doesn't like us very well. It goes as far south as it dares, and only peers over the horizon for a short day, which means more ooze for fuel and light, and a general lack of the vitality that comes from bright sunlight.

THE DEBT LIMIT

THE LAW of the United States passed 15 years ago, prohibits the government from incurring a debt of more than \$5,000,000,000.

The American people don't want new taxes, and they don't want to see the debt grow bigger. If they manage their public affairs as if individual manages his own finances, they will probably either cut down expenses or else find some new revenue.

OUR SCATTERED FAMILIES

IT SEEMS to grow easier and easier for families to break up and scatter all over the country.

The nice greeting card from distant sons and daughters and their families is often the only thing left of the old family reunion.

The American people have always been restless. They have had a strong liking for change.

There is an element of sadness in this scattering of families. Elderly parents look with regret over the many miles of distance that separate them from their loved ones.

DOGS KILL SEVERAL SHEEP ON BOSTON-TP. FARMS

Several farmers of Boston-tp. have again sustained the loss of a number of sheep through being attacked by dogs.

It goes without saying that everybody should see to it that dogs are kept at home both day and night.

Dancing, Christmas Night

A benefit dance for St. Mary's church will be held at Lowell City Hall on Christmas night, Dec. 25.

NECKWEAR FOR A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

Upwards of 2,000 ties in our holiday selection. All hand-tailored, all wool lined, 55c to \$1.50.

New Post Office Is Dedicated With Formal Ceremony

Fine Address by Atty. R. M. Shivel

A good crowd of citizens and patrons of the Lowell post office met at the new \$70,000 federal post office building at the corner of Broadway and Chatham Street on Monday afternoon for the formal dedication.

Mr. Gumsier then introduced the following guests: Postmasters Frank Jarvis of Grand Rapids, Glen Davis of Rockford, Mortimer Lampert of Ada, Glenn Adgate of Sylvania, Arthur Baxter of Jonia, Newcombe of Kalamazoo, Moss of Hastings, John Robinson of Ovid, Inspector J. P. Shay and Hugh Musselwhite.

Address of Appreciation

Village Attorney R. M. Shivel was then introduced and after welcoming the audience and guests, proceeded to present a fine address of appreciation.

Building a Living Reminder

In behalf of the community, Mr. Shivel then stated that he wished to render just and thankful appreciation to the federal government for establishing this fine new building here.

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A shoplifter was picked up on Main-st. Wednesday night by Marshal Fred Gramer and he is now being held in jail pending arraignment in justice court.

The dedication last Monday of Lowell's new post office brought to light the interesting fact that nearly 90 years have elapsed since the appointment of the first postmaster here.

Death of Cong. Carl E. Mapes Brings Sorrow to All Citizens

The unexpected death of Honorable Carl E. Mapes, veteran congressman from the fifth district, comprising Kent and Ottawa counties, has caused universal grief throughout this entire community.

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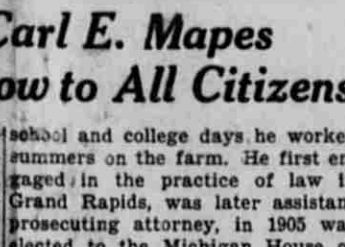
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Hekman's Saltine Crackers lb. 15c

Nestle's Semi-sweet Chocolate 1/2-lb. 12 1/2c

Red & White Currants pkg. 14c

Red & White Green Tea 1/2-lb. 27c

Red & White Brown Bread 16 oz. 19c

Red & White Pumpkin No. 24 10c

P&G Soap 4 bars 15c

Free Towel Silver Dust pkg. 23c

Hardwater Castile Soap 4 for 17c



HOLIDAY SPECIAL

RED & WHITE Coffee lb. 25c

BLUE & WHITE Coffee lb. 23c

Free Tumbler with each lb.

GREEN & WHITE Coffee lb. 15c



FRESH FRUITS

Texas Seedless Grapefruit 10 for 25c

Sweet Juicy Tangerines doz. 10c

Florida Juice Oranges 10 lbs. 25c

Well Bleached Cel. Hearts bun. 5c

Choice Southern Tomatoes 12 1/2c

Canadian Begas lb. 3c

Hubbard Squash lb. 3c

Idaho Potatoes 10-lb. 25c

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We Have Christmas Trees—Several Sizes.

At Our Meat Counter

Mild Cured Bacon Squares lb. 10c

Fat Back Fresh Pork lb. 8c

PORK LOIN ROAST RIB END, lb. 15c

LOIN END, lb. 17c

CENTER CUT, lb. 21c

Pig Liver 2 lbs. 19c

Pk. Sausage 2 lbs. 23c

Fresh Hamburg lb. 18c

Spare Ribs lb. 15c

Lean Pork Steak lb. 17c

Fresh Side Pork lb. 12c

Boston Butt Pork Roast lb. 15c

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Woman Describes Causes Leading to Rise of Hitler

Germans Dislike Pact With Russia

"I saw Nazi Germany through the eyes of the people," declared Miss Gladys Perrow of Chicago in her opening remarks at the address on "Behind the German Scene" given as the final discussion of the Rotary International Institute of Understanding in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening.

"I longed to understand the story back of the rise of Hitler and his National Socialism," the speaker continued. "Briefly, the facts were these: German policy, in spite of the ups and downs since 1918, has had a strong undercurrent. How to endure the dictates of the Treaty of Versailles, or how to utterly renounce them, the 'war guilt' clause was regarded as the final humiliation to sensitive, proud Germans.

"Hitler Enters Via Depression." "The French attitude toward the struggling German Republic was one of continuous suspicion. Germany was to be throttled forever. The Ruhr was occupied in 1923. Stresemann, Germany's foreign minister, continued to devote his policy to general conciliation. But the world depression hit hard in 1929, and Hitler and his Nazis were ready. They had been denouncing the Versailles Treaty and the German Republic since 1921. Germany was desperate. The Nazis won seats in the Reichstag and von Hindenburg made Hitler Chancellor in 1933.

"When I came to live in Germany in 1937," Miss Perrow explained, "Hitler was supreme. There was no escape for me from the pressure of Nazi propaganda. One shock followed another. I went to study music in Berlin but the atmosphere was too tense. Finally I settled down to housekeeping in Hamburg. The Four Year Plan was far-reaching, but that winter of 1937-38 there was enough to eat, without ration cards. Christmas came and the Nazis did their best to replace it with a celebration of the old Teutonic solstice vacation in Mittenwald in the Bavarian Alps. I witnessed the Anschluss with Austria. In Hamburg I saw Hitler, three days before the ship sailed for America with me and hundreds of refugees.

"Are the Germans solidly behind Hitler? I say yes in three ways. Some are fatalistic and hopeless. Some dream of a distant future, with Hitlerism only a passing phase." Germany's growing pains. Some see in Hitler the epitome of their own frustrated lives. They worship him. What is the aim of National Socialism? Power at any price. To Hitler the means is nothing compared to the end. Treaties and promises shall never stand in the way of his policy of expediency and opportunism. Germany's immediate interests alone guide him. Dictatorships thrive on shocks and upsets. Anti-communism and Pan-Germanism are the latest theories to be reversed.

"In conclusion, Miss Perrow said, 'World peace is humanity's problem. The German people have never taken of and the time has come how to live in a peaceful economy. Their history as a united nation since 1871 has been a series of extremes. Yet, in spite of the surface picture, a German writer says adequately, 'Can it be that underneath it all, a soul is being born?'"

Miss Perrow graciously answered many questions, some of which were: "Should the neutral nations give more than their moral and sentimental support to Finland? Miss Perrow stated that the neutral nations in Europe are too busy engaged in their own problems to give any assistance to Finland and they also do not want to incur the wrath of Hitler on their own heads. And of course, if America should make one false move, it would naturally get us into war, which we certainly do not want. She likened the situation to a game of chess. She stated that it is the tragedy of modern diplomacy that one weak little nation must be sacrificed while others must save their own faces and let the attacked nation suffer and be swallowed up by this machine.

Miss Perrow emphatically believes that the Allies have the upper hand in the struggle for raw materials. She stated that the Germans are on their last shoestring and if Russia moves into the Balkans, there is no idea now how Germany will do as it is now her only source of supply. The Balkans are steadily growing more aggressive in their refusal to furnish supplies. When asked whether she believed Hitler is losing ground with the people of Germany to such an extent that they are likely to succeed in ousting him, the speaker said that what started Hitler on the downward trail in the opinions of the German people, was his pact with Russia. It was their first insight into his policy of expediency. He cares nothing for all the promises he has made to Russia. But, the speaker said, the German people are hypnotically asleep and completely obsessed with fear. She does not believe that the German people will ever oust Hitler until they have something to put in his place quickly because they have been taught that his overthrow will mean only chaos, starvation, revolution and conditions similar to those

which they endured after the World War and they would rather have anything than that. In Miss Perrow's judgement, Hitler definitely made a serious blunder when he entered into an alliance with Stalin. The speaker stated that if the United States builds itself up internally, it will not attract trouble. If we are domestically strong, we will not be considered ideal pickings by aggressor nations. She does not believe that anyone would have the nerve to attack the United States and if they did, it would be a spectacle such as this world has never seen.

Rotary president, Lee Lampkin, presided and Miss Perrow was introduced by Mrs. R. G. Jefferies, president of Lowell Woman's Club. The high school chorus favored with several selections which were much appreciated.

Entertains in Honor of Guest Mrs. Hazel Kropf pleasantly entertained a group of oldtime "girl" friends of her aunt, Mrs. Mae Stockett King of Stevensville on Tuesday afternoon. A pleasant time was had renewing old times and school days. Those attending were Mrs. Minnie Howe VanDyke, Mrs. Dood Sweetland Merriman, Mrs. Mae Brower Anderson, Mrs. Zoe Althen Simpson, Miss Katherine Mason, all of Lowell, and Mrs. Mattie Althen Schroeder of Los Angeles, Calif., and the honor guest, Mrs. King, who is spending this week in Lowell visiting relatives and friends.

Observe Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner were very pleasantly surprised Sunday evening in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sturges and Doris Willette of Kalamazoo; Mrs. Rose Hansen, Mrs. Ella Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buttrick, Mr. and Mrs. Wil Yates and Dr. C. C. Warner, all of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Buttrick and sons of Cascade and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott and family of Alto. Games were played and a bountiful luncheon was served. A nice silver gift was left in remembrance.

Mrs. Hahn Honors Speaker Mrs. Robert D. Hahn entertained at a one o'clock luncheon last Thursday, honoring Miss Gladys Perrow of Chicago, speaker at the Rotary Institute. Guests were wives of the present officers as follows: Mrs. L. E. Lampkin, Mrs. F. E. Coons, Mrs. Harry Day, Mrs. George Stroy, Mrs. W. W. Gumper and Mrs. R. G. Jefferies, representing Lowell Woman's Club.

Fortnightly Club The members of the Fortnightly Club met at the home of Mrs. Theron Richmond Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Stanley Beach was the assistant hostess. Each member brought a gift for poor children to be given to the American Legion to distribute to needy families.

Missionary Society Entertained The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church were guests last Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Burton Heights Society, Grand Rapids. About twelve from Lowell were in attendance and enjoyed the fine Christmas program and tea.

Engagement Announced Mrs. Ethel Weeks Ford, formerly of Lowell, announces her engagement to Mr. Coy E. Smith of Benton Harbor, Mich. The wedding will take place Feb. 29, 1940.

Social Brevities Mrs. L. A. Weaver entertained at dinner last Saturday evening for several boys honoring the birthday of her son Robert. The employees of the Webster Chevrolet Sales will have their annual Christmas party at Richmond's Cafe next Monday evening, Dec. 18, at seven o'clock.

The P. & P. Bridge Club held its annual Christmas party Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roth. Bridge was the diversion of the evening.

BIRTHS To Mr. and Mrs. John Malone (nee Agnes Condon), 74 lb. son, Patrick William, Wednesday, Dec. 6, at St. Mary's hospital.

He approached the judge with all kinds of politeness. "Your lordship, I'd like to get out of jury duty," he said. "For what reason?" asked the judge. "I can hear with only one ear," was the excuse offered. "The judge smiled. 'It's all right,' he said. 'We hear only one side of a case at a time.'"

It pays to advertise in the Ledger.

Advertisement for STRAND LOWELL FRIDAY - SATURDAY, DEC. 15 - 16 and SUNDAY - MONDAY, DEC. 17 - 18. Features 'NANCY DREW AND THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE' and 'MARK BROS. AN U-G-M PICTURE'.

Give HER What She Really Wants

A MODERN KITCHEN labor-saving time-saving economical Let us help you plan your remodeling.

Storm Sash and Doors for a Family Christmas Present

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Coming Events The Boy choir from the Trinity Methodist Church of Grand Rapids under the direction of Harold Towar will sing a program of Christmas music at the Methodist Church, Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 p. m. The general public is invited.

The Fallsburg school children will present their Christmas program at 8:00 p. m., Friday, Dec. 23, at the school. Everyone is cordially invited.

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Regular Townsman Club meeting will be held Friday evening, Dec. 15, in the clubrooms at the City hall. Everyone welcome.

There will be a potluck lunch for members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and their families Monday evening, Dec. 18, in the club rooms following the regular lodge meeting. A Grand Lodge officer will speak. Everyone plan to attend.

The last in the series of eucyre parties and the "quilt gift" will be held Friday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. L. M. Chubb.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. R. D. Hahn Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. R. G. Jefferies was called to South Lyon this morning by the death of Mrs. Wm. Sweet, a friend of many years.

Mrs. John O. Wingeler spent Wednesday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Huffman, at Potters Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maynard of Pontiac were guests at the Harley and Annie Maynard home last Thursday and Friday.

J. E. Eblen and Miss Ina O'Harrow of Detroit and Susan Krum were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roth and family.

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A. G. Godfrey of Linton, N. D., has arrived for an extended visit with his sisters, Mrs. Eveline Phelps and Mrs. Elsie Racine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson and her sister, Mrs. J. Schroeder, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. A. Hunt in Lansing.

Mrs. Estella Wright, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Townsend, spent Friday and Saturday of last week at her farm home in Vergennes.

Mrs. J. Schroeder returned to the home of her son Althen in Grand Rapids Wednesday after spending a week here with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

Obituary

Titus VanHaitama Titus VanHaitama, aged 83, who after some months of failing health passed away Thursday, Dec. 7, in Pasadena, Calif., was born on a farm near Vriesland, Mich., to Jesse and Geertje Kaatz VanHaitama, who as children had come from The Netherlands with their families.

As a young man he worked near Kalamazoo, later going to Nebraska where he took out a homestead. After a year he sold it and returned to Kalamazoo where he and Ollie May Buell were married on Oct. 5, 1880. In about three years they removed to Grand Rapids. For about ten years Mr. VanHaitama was a city fireman serving as lieutenant with the company at No. 9 engine house when it was first built.

In the spring of 1901 Mr. and Mrs. VanHaitama bought the Geo. Needham farm, three miles south of Lowell and left that in Nov. 1920 to go to California where they had since made their home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rice. Death occurred there on Thursday with funeral there on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Mr. VanHaitama is survived by his widow, Ollie May; three daughters, Mrs. Louis Garner of Branch, Mrs. Wm. Davis of South Lowell and Mrs. E. F. Rice of Pasadena, Calif.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and a brother, Cornelius VanHaitama of Vriesland.

CARD OF THANKS My sincere appreciation to the many friends for their messages of good cheer and encouragement. Each one has been such a spirit of uplift and I hope to respond more personally in the near future.

Audie Post.

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John E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lewis and Family

Food Variety Increases Today and a half century ago show remarkable differences in the amounts of protective foods eaten by the average American, says home economist at Michigan State College.

Better food handling methods offer more variety year around in supplies of milk, tomatoes, citrus fruits, green leafy vegetables as well as canned fruits and vegetables and meats.

It's illegal to sleep in a North Dakota hotel. In 1929 the state legislature passed a law with the following punctuation slip in it: "No hotel, restaurant, dining room, or kitchen shall be used as a sleeping or dressing room by an employee or other persons." When you remove the comma after the word "hotel," the paragraph is all right; but judges say it would take a legislative amendment to get rid of that comma.

They were trying an Irishman, charged with a petty offense in an Oklahoma town, when the judge asked: "Have you anyone in court who will vouch for your good character?" "Yes, your Honor," quickly replied the Celt, "there is the sheriff over there."

Whereupon the sheriff evinced signs of great amazement: "Why, your Honor," declared he "I don't even know the man."

"Observe that I've lived in the country for over twelve years and the sheriff doesn't know me yet! Ain't that character for ye?"

Just as soon as we make a good resolution, we get into a situation which makes its observance unbearable.

I have not educated the German people in vain for the last 20 years.—Adolf Hitler.

Water Cuts Home Heat Cost Two to five gallons of water evaporated daily into the air in a five room house during the winter heating period can cut heating costs and make the home seem more comfortable.

50c per Month Pays for accidental injuries for anyone in your car. Protect Your Income. H. J. RITTERBERG, Agt. LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Advertisement for sleds, skis, skates, tree stands, tree lights, gifts that please. Includes 'Famous Lum Family Service' logo.

Advertisement for COAL: Do You Want a COAL? Properly Sized High in Heat Units. BUY OUR BIG JIM COAL. Less than 1/2 bushel ash to ton. Clean to handle and burn. Call Today for Coal.

Advertisement for C. H. RUNCIMAN: Call 34 Lowell, Michigan Call 152. Ads—Call 1-6194. No toll charge.

Advertisement for shirts and ties: The Shirts and Ties HE Wants Most Are Here! Christmas Gift Shirts, Ties Men Like! Men's, Boys' Slacks, Gift Sweaters, Robes are Ideal Christmas Gifts, BVD, Glover Pajamas.

Advertisement for Christmas Scarfs: Christmas Scarfs \$1.25 to \$2.50. A fine selection of silk and woolen scarfs in fancy and plain colors.

Advertisement for Christmas Gift Braces and Belts: Christmas Gift Braces and Belts. Suspensers 50c to \$1. Belts 25c to 50c.

Advertisement for Underwear Gift Sets: Underwear Gift Sets \$1.00. Shorts of unadorned fine shirtings with grippers and shirts of "Durene", the 2-ply mercerized cotton yarn that provides extra comfort and health protection.

Advertisement for Art Gloves for Gifts: Art Gloves for Gifts \$1.00 to \$2.75. Knit woollens in fancy and plain colors.

Advertisement for BVD, Glover Pajamas: BVD, Glover Pajamas. A practical gift of luxurious comfort. \$1.00 to \$4.95. Play up to his leisure hours with a gift he will enjoy the year around.

Advertisement for REYNOLDS' MEN'S WEAR: REYNOLDS' MEN'S WEAR. Includes illustrations of various clothing items.

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THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

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SYMPATHY FOR FINLAND

American sentiment feels deep resentment at the action of the Soviet Russian government in invading peaceful and worthy little Finland, and bombing its cities, raining death and destruction to many.

What can our country do about it? Our people do not feel they have been appointed by God to be world policemen, making all the law-breakers toe the mark.

SHORT DAYS

In December, the sun, on which our planet depends for its very life, doesn't like us very well. It goes far south as it dares, and only peers over the horizon for a short day, which means more costs for fuel and light, and a general lack of the vitality that comes from bright sunlight.

THE DEBT LIMIT

The Law of the United States passed 15 years ago, prohibits the government from incurring a debt of more than \$45,000,000,000. The present debt is nearly \$41,300,000,000.

OUR SCATTERED FAMILIES

IT SEEMS to grow easier and easier for families to break up and scatter far over the country. Our people realize that at such holidays as Christmas and Thanksgiving, where formerly the old folks used to gather a tribe of 20 to 50 around the old family hearth, to-day you may hardly get enough to fill an ordinary small dinner table.

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It takes a long time to fill a leaky tub with water.

A shoplifter was picked up on Main-st. Wednesday night by Marshal Fred Gramer and he is now being held in jail pending arraignment in justice court.

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Death of Cong. Carl E. Mapes Brings Sorrow to All Citizens

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Former Resident Passes in Montana

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Village Attorney R. M. Shivel was then introduced and after welcoming the audience and guests, proceeded to present a fine address of appreciation.

Mr. Shivel explained that this is an old community, the first settlers coming here more than a hundred years ago.

Building a Living Reminder

In behalf of the community, Mr. Shivel then stated that he wished to render just and thankful appreciation to the federal government for establishing this fine new building here.

Local C. Thomas Store Adds Meat Department

Always alert in its aim to render the best of service to its customers, Charles Thomas, manager of the Lowell C. Thomas store, announces the addition of a meat department.

Lodge Elections

At the annual election of Hooker Chapter, No. 73, E. A. M., the following officers were chosen: H. P. Roy, A. Richardson, K. John Lott, S. Ray Lenhard, Treasurer, Roy Lenhard; Secretary, Carl Frey; P. S. E. White; R. A. C. Rex F. Anthony; 3d V., Dr. F. E. White; 2d V., Harley Maynard; 1st V., Ernest Pinkney; Sentinel, Wm. Murphy.

Moose Lodge Sponsoring Golden Gloves Team

The Lowell Moose Lodge is making plans to sponsor a Golden Gloves team with Jimmie Koller, former national A. A. U. champion

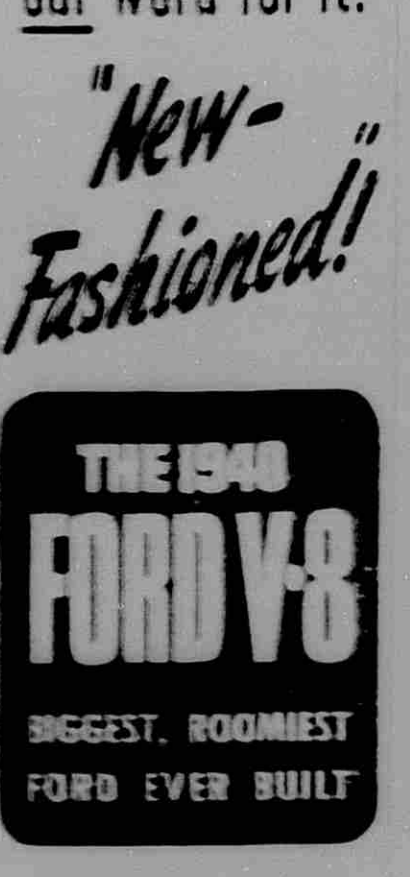


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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH F. LABINE
U. S. Seems Neutrality Policy In Sympathizing With Finland; Russia Moves Against Rumania

BUSINESS:
Pledge
About the last of December the New Deal in convention received the National Association of Manufacturers' pledge...

One ride and you'll take your word for it! "New-Fashioned!"



IMPROVED SOUNDING
AND OTHER IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS

CURTIS-DYKE, Inc.
LOWELL, MICH.

Showboat Quadruplets Are Children of the Christmas Seal



The four quadruplets of Lowell, Michigan, born on the 19th day of December, 1938, are shown here with their mother, Mrs. D. J. Finis.

They were born at the home of their mother, Mrs. D. J. Finis, on the 19th day of December, 1938. They are the first quadruplets born in Michigan since 1880.

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Visual Defects and Road Accidents

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Christmas Suggestions

- Floor Lamps \$6.00 AND UP
Bridge Lamps \$3.95 AND UP
Table Lamps \$2.85 AND UP
Modern End Tables \$4.25 AND UP
Inlaid Walnut End Tables \$4.75 AND UP
Walnut, Mahogany End Tables \$1.13 AND UP
Mirrors 90c AND UP
Pictures 99c AND UP
Coffee Makers \$3.75 AND UP
Cedar Chests \$13.95 AND UP
Chrome Kitchen Stools \$3.40 AND UP
Occasional Chairs \$5.60 AND UP
Chrome Toasters \$2.10 AND UP
Elec. Flat Irons \$2.25 AND UP
Card Tables \$1.50 AND UP
Bridge Sets \$7.65 AND UP

W. A. Roth
FURNITURE
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South Bowne
Spring Hill-East Ada
Richmond's Cafe

EMERSON RADIOS
The Ideal Gift
For Living Room, Bedroom, Kitchen, Play Room and Office. Models for Every Purpose and Every Purse.

PRICES ARE
\$7.95 \$9.95 \$12.95 \$14.95

MERRY PYREXMAS
SEE HOW FAR YOUR XMAS SPIRIT GOES THIS YEAR!

COFFEE
Try our coffee blend special for us and prepared in the most modern equipment available.

As Usual - HENRY'S is GIFT HEADQUARTERS!

For years people who wanted good quality and useful gifts have found them at our store. This year is no exception.

No Better Assortment or Lower Prices Anywhere!

M. N. HENRY
The Pioneer Druggist
203 East Main St. Phone 30 Lowell

This and That From Around the Old Town

Robert Laley of Lapeer spent the week-end in Owosso with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Swarthout spent Sunday in Howell with relatives.

Miss Barbara Wilson of Belting was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Henry Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rivett of Detroit were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. W. J. Rivett.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Weaver called on Mr. Weaver's mother, Mrs. H. C. Weaver, at Fulton Sunday.

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Miss Goldie Dukes spent the week-end in Lansing as the guest of Mrs. Wm. Coggriff.

Attend the Christmas festival and pageant Monday evening, Dec. 18, in the high school auditorium.

Lowell Items

December 17, 1914-35 Years Ago
Sylvester Hoover, 15, son of Mrs. Hoover, passed away at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids.

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Wilson's Buffer Hose

Nationally known for their long service. Heels and toes reinforced with durable yarn, giving more wear, more satisfaction, more value.

Pajamas
Broadcloth, saten, silk and flannel. Plenty of style, tasteful color, top quality and comfort.

Gladstone Bags
\$9.85
Top grain, cowhide leather. 24 inch, black. Lined linen. Shirt fold and utility pockets.

Brown Kid Slippers
\$2.25
Leather linings. Soft, comfortable and serviceable. Always a popular gift.

Flannel Robes
\$5.95
All-wool flannels, Beacon Blanket Robes and silk.

Hansen's Gloves
\$1.19 to \$3
All prices include sales tax.

Strand Calendar
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15th and 16th.

Smyrna
Mrs. Albert Hausman
Lowell were callers in the afternoon.

Give Gifts
Year 'round satisfaction from Electrical Gifts given at Christmas.

Lowell Municipal Light & Power Plant

Year 'round satisfaction from Electrical Gifts given at Christmas.

See Your Lowell Dealers

RAY COVERT
Flaming Heating
Shot Metal Work

Lowell Municipal Light & Power Plant
F. J. McMAHON, Superintendent

Dr. R. H. Shepard, W. A. Roth, L. W. Rutherford, Light & Power Committee

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the Council of the village of Lowell was held in the City hall...

Lowell Light & Power

Yern Armstrong, \$1,170; P. J. McManis, freight acct., \$1,000; Paul Rickert, \$1,425; J. J. McManis, \$1,424; J. J. McManis, \$1,424; J. J. McManis, \$1,424...

The Nation's Jester

It was baptised as Charles H. Brown and was christened with the name of Art...

General

W. J. Johnson, \$2,470; G. Nicks, \$1,400; J. C. Jones, \$1,400; J. C. Jones, \$1,400; J. C. Jones, \$1,400...

City Hall

City Hall, \$1,400; City Hall, \$1,400; City Hall, \$1,400; City Hall, \$1,400; City Hall, \$1,400...

PROBATE OF WILL

Probate of will of John A. Anderson, deceased, by the undersigned...

STRANGE SUPERSTITIONS

By Edwin Finch. The author was never convinced but before he died in 1907, Art...

DR. J. W. TRIMBLE

Veterinarian, Office—121 N. Division St., Lowell, Mich.

F. E. WHITE

Dentist, Negone Block, Lowell, Mich. Closed Thursday Afternoons

B. H. SHEPARD, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon, Office Hours: 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 p.m.

DR. T. M. LUSTIG

Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon, Office Hours: 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 p.m.

But It's True

A TRIPLE MICHIGAN RECORD... The duke of Windsor has a great deal of German in his family tree...

UNCOMMON AMERICANS

By Edna Scott Watson. The town hall was wreathed with holly and mistletoe...

Christmas Play

By Katherine Edelman. The town hall was wreathed with holly and mistletoe...

Friendship consists in being a friend

Not in having a friend; in giving a friend perfectly wonderful and unreservedly to another...

On account of sickness, I will sell at Public Auction

At the place on Ada-Parnell road, 3 1/2 miles east of Ada, 1 1/4 miles west of Bailey Corners...

Fallsgale & Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Hanline of Ionia were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller...

Train Schedules

The time given below is Eastern standard time. Train going east... 8:40 a.m.

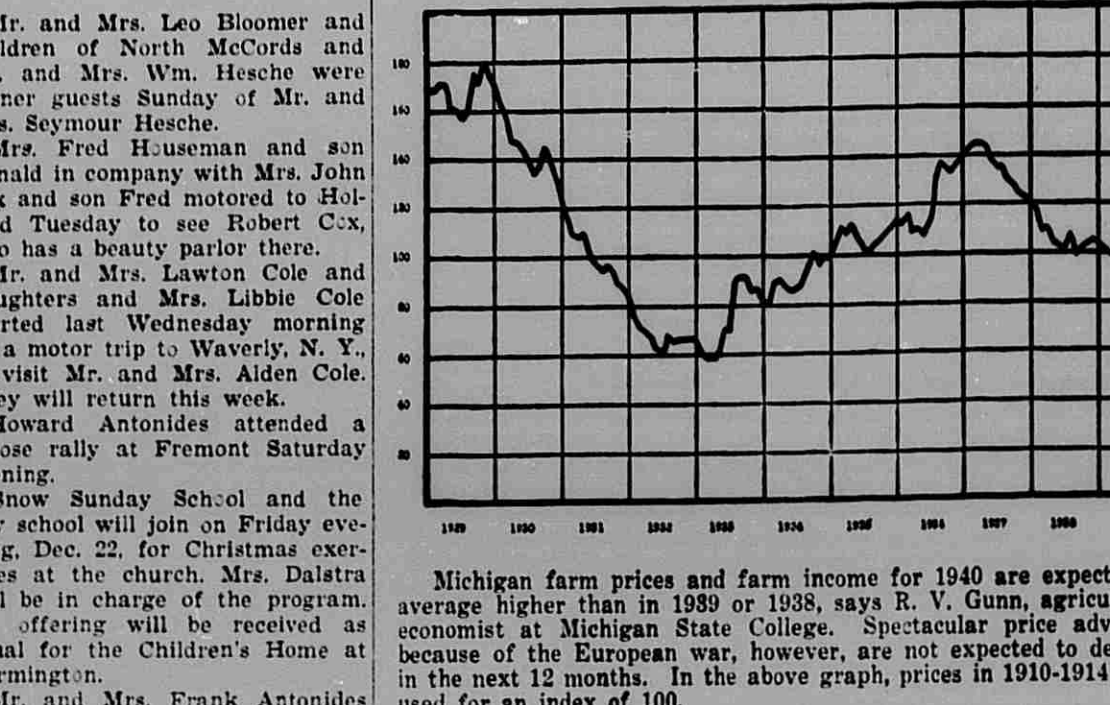
Hickory Hollow

Allison Gray spent Sunday afternoon with Dick Cannon. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie VanHusen...

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Economist Sees Good Year Ahead



Michigan farm prices and farm income for 1940 are expected to average higher than in 1939 or 1938, says R. V. Gunn, agricultural economist at Michigan State College...

Seelye Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bloomer and children of North McCords and Mrs. Wm. Hecox were in Seelye Corners...

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baty

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baty entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Clara Hathaway of Traverse City Sunday afternoon...

Morse Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck entertained Mr. and Mrs. Annie Eastby at a Friday afternoon dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck...

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At the place on Ada-Parnell road, 3 1/2 miles east of Ada, 1 1/4 miles west of Bailey Corners...

THE NEW L. C. 6 Christmas Special

Get the jump on higher prices with a General Electric Refrigerator that will save you money on food bills every month...

See G-E! The Buy of Your Life!

15 big, beautiful models at the lowest prices G-E ever quoted. No Payments Until March

SMITH ELECTRIC

Russell Smith, Proprietor, Lowell, Mich. Many other articles too numerous to mention

The Whole Family Will Enjoy A Fine Used Car



1937 BUICK 48-2 DOOR TOURING—This car is like new, very low mileage. Heater. 1937 CHEVY FORD SEDAN—Radio and Heater. A beautiful car.

Webster Chevrolet

Chevrolet and Buick Sales and Service. Phone 286. Glenn Webster, Prop., Lowell.

Campau Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Myers of Grand Rapids spent Monday with their son, Wallace and family...

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Church News

ZION METHODIST CHURCH. John Guss, Pastor. German preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock. Bible School at 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Rev. Wm. H. Rival, Pastor. Sunday School—10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Prayer meeting and service. Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:00 a.m. Morning service every Sunday 11 o'clock.

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Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman. JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the chair, turning a new page of his book...

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Advertisement for USED CARS Wholesale, featuring various car models and contact information for Valley Chemical Company.

Advertisement for Farmers, Attention! DEAD STOCK REMOVAL, featuring services for dead stock removal and contact information for Valley Chemical Company.





Campbell's Soups (Except 3 kinds) 3 cans 25c

Hekman's Saltine Crackers lb. box 15c

Nestle's Semi-sweet Chocolate 1-lb. pkg. 12 1/2c

Red & White Currants pkg. 14c

Red & White Green Tea 1-lb. 27c

Red & White Brown Bread 18 oz. can 19c

Red & White Pumpkin No. 2 10c

P&G Soap 4 bars 15c

Free Towel Silver Dust pkg. 23c

Hardwater Castile Soap 4 for 17c



HOLIDAY SPECIAL

RED & WHITE Coffee lb. 25c

BLUE & WHITE Coffee lb. 23c

Free Tumbler with each lb. COFFEE

GREEN & WHITE Coffee lb. 15c



BUSY SHOPPING? SERVE BIRDS EYE FOODS

Ready to cook, Ready to serve

SPECIALS! HADDOCK 23c lb.

CUT CORN 21c box

BIRDS EYE FROSTED FOODS

YOUNGBERRIES . . . BOX 17c

LIMA BEANS . . . BOX 25c

BROCCOLI . . . BOX 25c

SCALLOPS . . . BOX 35c

A Food Basket or a Fruit Basket makes a practical and pleasing gift.

We Have Christmas Trees—Several Sizes.

At Our Meat Counter

Mild Cured Bacon Squares lb. 10c

Fat Back Fresh Pork lb. 8c

PORK LOIN ROAST RIB END, lb. 15c

LOIN END, lb. 17c

CENTER CUT, lb. 21c

Pig Liver 2 lbs. 19c

Pk. Sausage 2 lbs. 23c

Fresh Hamburg lb. 18c

Spare Ribs lb. 15c

Lean Pork Steak lb. 17c

Fresh Side Pork lb. 12c

Boston Butt Pork Roast lb. 15c

WEAVER'S FOOD MARKET

Woman Describes Causes Leading to Rise of Hitler

Germans Dislike Pact With Russia

"I saw Nazi Germany through the eyes of the people," declared Miss Gladys Perrow of Chicago in her opening remarks of the address on "Behind the German Scene" given as the final discussion of the Rotary International Institute of Understanding in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening.

"I longed to understand the story back of the rise of Hitler and his National Socialism," the speaker continued. "Early in the days of these German policy in spite of the ups and downs since 1918, has had a strong undercurrent. How to endure the dictates of the Treaty of Versailles, or how to utterly renounce them, the war guilt clause was regarded as the final humiliation to sensitive, proud Germans.

Hitler Enters Via Depression - The French attitude toward the struggling German Republic was one of continuous suspicion. Germany was to be throttled forever. The Ruhr was occupied in 1923. Stresemann, Germany's foreign minister, continued to devote his policy to general conciliation. But the world depression hit hard in 1929, and Hitler and his Nazis were ready. They had been denouncing the Versailles Treaty and the German Republic since 1921. Germany was desperate. The Nazis won seats in the Reichstag and von Hindenburg made Hitler Chancellor in 1933.

"When I came to live in Germany in 1937," Miss Perrow explained, "Hitler was supreme. There was no escape for me from the pressure of Nazi propaganda. One shock followed another. I tried to study music in Berlin but the atmosphere was too tense. Finally I settled down to housekeeping in Hamburg. The Four Year Plan was far-reaching, but that winter of 1937-38 there was enough to eat, without ration cards. Christmas came and the Nazis did their best to replace it with a celebration of the old Teutonic solstice. On a March vacation in Mittenwald in the Bavarian Alps, I witnessed the Anschluss with Austria. In Hamburg I saw Hitler, three days before the ship sailed for America with me and hundreds of refugees.

Power at Any Price - "Are the Germans solidly behind Hitler?" I say yes in three ways. Some are fatalistic and hopeless. Some dream of a distant future, with Hitlerism only a passing phase of Germany's growing pains. Some see in Hitler the epitome of their own frustrated lives. They worship him. What is the aim of National Socialism? Power at any price. To Hitler the means is nothing compared to the end. Treaties and promises shall never stand in the way of his policy of expediency and opportunism. Germany's immediate interests alone guide him. Dictatorships thrive on shocks and upsets. Anti-communism and Pan-Germanism are the latest theories to be reversed.

"Is revolution the way out for the German people?" the speaker queried. "First, there are three possibilities. Battles fought in Germany on German soil may end their worship of militarism. The present British blockade, starving the Germans worse than in 1917-18 may cause them to question the motives of the Nazi regime. The possibility of a humane peace, and a just settlement of world economic problems in general, may cause Germans to begin passive resistance or open rebellion to Hitler.

Peace Humanity's Problem - In conclusion, Miss Perrow said, "World peace is humanity's problem. The German people have never taken or had the time to learn how to live in a peaceful economy. Their history as a united nation since 1871 has been a series of extremes. Yet, in spite of the surface picture, a German writer says adequately, 'Can it be that underneath it all, a soul is being born?'"

Miss Perrow graciously answered many questions, some of which were: "Should the neutral nations give more than their moral and sentimental support to Finland? Miss Perrow stated that the neutral nations in Europe are too busily engaged in their own problems to give any assistance to Finland and they also do not want to incur the wrath of Hitler on their own heads. And of course, if America should make one false move, it would naturally get us into war, which we certainly do not want. She likened the situation to a game of chess. She stated that it is the tragedy of modern diplomacy that one weak little nation must be sacrificed while others must save their own faces and let the attacked nation suffer and be swallowed up by this machine.

Miss Perrow emphatically believes that Hitler is being ground with the people of Germany to such an extent that they are likely to succeed in ousting him, the speaker said that what started Hitler on the downward trail in the opinion of the German people, was his pact with Russia. It was their first insight into his policy of expediency. He cares nothing for all the promises he has made to Russia. But the speaker said the German people are hypocritically asleep and completely obsessed with fear. She does not believe that the German people will ever oust Hitler until they have something to put in his place quickly because they have been taught that his overthrow will mean only chaos, starvation, revolution and conditions similar to those

which they endured after the World War and they would rather have anything than that. In Miss Perrow's judgement, Hitler definitely made a serious blunder when he entered into an alliance with Stalin. The speaker stated that if the United States builds itself up internally, it will not attract trouble. If we are domestically strong, we will not be considered ideal pickings by aggressor nations. She does not believe that anyone would have the nerve to attack the United States and if they did, it would be a spectacle such as this world has never seen.

Rotary president, Lee Lampkin, presided and Miss Perrow was introduced by Mrs. R. G. Jefferies, president of Lowell Woman's Club. The high school chorus favored with several selections which were much appreciated.

Social Events

Entertains in Honor of Guest

Mrs. Hazel Kropf pleasantly entertained a group of oldtime "girl" friends of her aunt, Mrs. Mae Stocking King of Stevensville on Tuesday afternoon. A pleasant time was had renewing old times and school days. Those attending were Mrs. Minnie Howe VanDyke, Mrs. Dora Sweetland Merriman, Mrs. Mae Brewer Anderson, Mrs. Zoe Althen Simpson, Miss Katherine Mason, all of Lowell, and Mrs. Mattie Althen Schrouder of Los Angeles, Calif., and the honor guest, Mrs. King, who is spending this week in Lowell visiting relatives and friends.

Observe Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner were very pleasantly surprised Sunday evening in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sturgis and Doris Willette of Kalamazoo; Mrs. Rose Hansen, Mrs. Ella Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buttrick, Mr. and Mrs. Will Yates and Dr. C. C. Warner, all of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Buttrick and sons of Cascade and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott and family of Alto. Games were played and a beautiful luncheon was served. A nice silver gift was left in remembrance.

Mrs. Hahn Honors Speaker

Mrs. Robert D. Hahn entertained at a one o'clock luncheon last Thursday, honoring Miss Gladys Perrow of Chicago, speaker at the Rotary institute. Guests were wives of the present Rotary officers as follows, Mrs. L. E. Lampkin, Mrs. F. E. C. Oons, Mrs. Harry Day, Mrs. George Story, Mrs. W. W. Gumsir, and Mrs. R. G. Jefferies, representing Lowell Woman's Club.

Fortnightly Club

The members of the Fortnightly Club met at the home of Mrs. Theron Richmond Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Stanley Beach was the assistant hostess. Each member brought a gift for poor children to be given to the American Legion to distribute to needy families.

Missionary Society Entertained

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church were guests last Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Burton Heights Society, Grand Rapids. About twelve from Lowell were in attendance and enjoyed the fine Christmas program and tea.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Ethel Weeks Ford, formerly of Lowell, announces her engagement to Mr. Coy E. Smith of Benton Harbor, Mich. The wedding will take place Feb. 29, 1940.

Social Brevities

Mrs. L. A. Weaver entertained at dinner last Saturday evening for several boys honoring the birthday of her son Robert.

The employees of the Webster Chevrolet Sales will have their annual Christmas party at Richmond's Cafe next Monday evening, Dec. 18, at seven o'clock.

The P. & P. Bridge Club held its annual Christmas party Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. R. Bridge was the diversion of the evening.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Malone (nee Agnes Condon), a 7 1/2 lb. son, Patrick William, Wednesday, Dec. 6, at St. Mary's hospital.

He approached the judge with all kinds of politeness. "Your honorship, I'd like to get out of jury duty," he said.

"For what reason?" asked the judge.

"I can hear with only one ear," was the excuse offered.

"The judge smiled. 'It's all right,' he said. 'We hear only one side of a case at a time.'"

It pays to advertise in the Ledger.

STRAND LOWELL FRIDAY - SATURDAY, DEC. 15 - 16 "NANCY DREW AND THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE" SUNDAY - MONDAY, DEC. 17 - 18 MARX Bros A DAY at the CIRCUS Also Comedy - Novelty - News

Give HER What She Really Wants!

A MODERN KITCHEN labor-saving time-saving economical

Let us help you plan your remodeling.

Storm Sash and Doors for a Family Christmas Present

Lowell Lumber & Supply Co. BRUCE WALTER Owner and Manager

Coming Events

The Boy choir from the Trinity Methodist Church of Grand Rapids under the direction of Harold Tower will sing a program of Christmas music at the Methodist Church, Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 p. m. The general public is invited.

The Fallsburg school children will present their Christmas program at 8:00 p. m., Friday, Dec. 23, at the school. Everyone is cordially invited.

Christmas festival and pageant Monday evening, Dec. 18, in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Admission free.

Regular Townsend Club meeting will be held Friday evening, Dec. 15, in the clubrooms at the City hall. Everyone welcome.

There will be a potluck lunch for members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and their families Monday evening, Dec. 18, in the club rooms following the regular Lodge meeting. A Grand Lodge officer will speak. Everyone plan to attend.

The last in the series of eucure parties and the "quilt gift" will be held Friday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. L. M. Chubb.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. R. D. Hahn Friday afternoon at 2:30.

More Local News

Mrs. R. G. Jefferies was called to South Lyon this morning by the death of Mrs. Wm. Sweet, a friend of many years.

Mrs. John O. Wingeier spent Wednesday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Huffman, at Potters Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maynard of Portage were guests at the Harley and Annie Maynard home last Thursday and Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson and her sister, Mrs. J. Schrouder, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. A. Hunt in Lansing.

Mrs. Estella Wright, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Townsend, spent Friday and Saturday of last week at her farm home in Vergennes.

Mrs. J. Schrouder returned to the home of her son Althen in Grand Rapids Wednesday after spending a week here with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

William VanVorst, Forrest Smith, Monroe Merrill, Jack Stiles, Kenneth Smith, all of Lowell, and Ben East, outdoor editor of the Grand Rapids Press, were hunting jack rabbits with bow and arrow northwest of Clare Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Harley and Annie Maynard last week were Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Bailey of St. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. George Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ben-son of Battle Creek, Mrs. Mae King of Stevensville and Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Merrill of Cassopolis.

Obituary

Titus VanHaitisma Titus VanHaitisma, aged 83, who after some months of failing health passed away Thursday, Dec. 7, in Pasadena, Calif., was born on a farm near Vriesland, Mich., to Jetse and Geertje Kaatz VanHaitisma, who as children had come from The Netherlands with their families.

As a young man he worked near Kalamazoo, later going to Nebraska where he took out a homestead. After a year he sold it and returned to Kalamazoo where he and Ollie May Buell were married on Oct. 5, 1880. In about three years they moved to Grand Rapids. For about ten years Mr. VanHaitisma was a city fireman serving as lieutenant with the company at No. 9 engine house when it was first built.

In the spring of 1901 Mr. and Mrs. VanHaitisma bought the Geo. Needham farm, three miles south of Lowell and left that in Nov. 1920 to go to California where they had since made their home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rice. Death occurred there on Thursday with funeral services on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Mr. VanHaitisma is survived by his widow, Ollie May; three daughters, Mrs. Louis Garner of Branch, Mrs. Wm. Davis of South Lowell and Mrs. E. F. Rice of Pasadena, Calif.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and a brother, Cornelius VanHaitisma of Vriesland.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere appreciation to the many friends for their messages of good cheer and encouragement. Each one has been such a spirit of uplift and I hope to respond more personally in the near future. Audie Post. c31

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We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the friends and neighbors for their help and many kindnesses, for the beautiful flowers and to all who in any way aided us in our recent bereavement. John E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lewis and Family. p31

Food Variety Increases

Today and a half century ago show remarkable differences in the amounts of protective foods eaten by the average American, says home economists at Michigan State College. Better food handling methods offer more variety year-around in supplies of milk, tomatoes, citrus fruits, green leafy vegetables as well as canned fruits and vegetables and meats.

It's illegal to sleep in a North Dakota hotel. In 1929 the state legislature passed a law with the following punctuation slip in it: "No hotel, restaurant, dining room, or kitchen shall be used as a sleeping or dressing room by an employee or other persons." When you remove the comma after the word "hotel," the paragraph is all right; but judges say it would take a legislative amendment to get rid of that comma.

They were trying an Irishman, charged with a petty offense in an Oklahoma town, when the judge asked: "Have you anyone in court who will vouch for your good character?" "Yes, your Honor," quickly replied the Celt, "there is the sheriff over there."

Whereupon the sheriff evinced signs of great amazement: "Why, your Honor," declared he "I don't even know the man." "Observe that I've lived in the country for over twelve years and the sheriff doesn't know me yet! Ain't that character fer ye?"

Just as soon as we make a good resolution, we get into a situation which makes its observance unbearable.

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