

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS brings us a rich harvest of music and song each year. Ever since the day was celebrated, musicians have written songs and anthems and symphonic music about this grand event.

It is a strange thing how those old carols have lived. No one knows who wrote some of them, but the people have handed them down from generation to generation.

INSURED PEOPLE

MORE THAN HALF the American people are reported to be covered by life insurance. Recent years have seen an enormous gain in the total amount of insurance in force.

There have been countless cases of poverty which occurred because families spent all their earnings as they went. If the breadwinner in such households was taken away, those left behind had few if any savings.

END OF WPA

THE PRESIDENT'S order ordering the liquidation of the Works Progress Administration brings to an end an agency to which millions of people had to look for support in the dark days of depression.

Work is a basic essential of life. Where unemployment is widely prevalent, the productive power of the nation is impaired, people are unhappy and miserable, families suffer from lack of essentials, many people become disheartened, and may lose something of their power.

Let us hope that the leaders of business and government can so influence industry in future years, that such a depression as the country suffered for nearly 10 years will never come again to plague us.

DRIFT FROM WHITE COLLARS

FOR MANY YEARS young men and boys have felt a strong attraction to what were called the "white collar" occupations. They thought they saw better chances for advancement in business and clerical and office jobs.

The war program has produced a tremendous demand for mechanical workers. There has been a great drift into these jobs. Millions of people are earning more money in these trades than ever before, and they like the new development they are getting.

SOUPS ON

THE HARDSHIP imposed upon man by reducing his meat supply and telling him that there is worse to come, doesn't strike as hard the fellow who cherishes his steaming bowl of soup after his winter's day of toil.

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In Nevada all state-owned autos are on a car sharing basis and required to carry a full load of passengers.

Lt. Erwin Nummer Sustains Wounds

Was Serving Somewhere In So. Pacific Area

First Lieut. Erwin Nummer of Lowell has been wounded in action somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, according to a telegram received here last Saturday morning from the U. S. War Department.

"Deeply regret to inform you that your husband, 1st Lieut. Erwin Nummer, was slightly injured in action in the Southwest Pacific. Reports will be forwarded when received.

At this writing no further word has been received, which would indicate that the Lieutenant is recovering safely.

Nummer was formerly a member of the Michigan National Guard and in October, 1940, enlisted in the U. S. Army, leaving with the Grand Rapids contingent for Camp Livingston, La. Letters which have been received here by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nummer, who reside on M-21, a short distance east of Lowell, show that he had been seeing service in Australia and in New Guinea where the Japs have been taking a good beating.

Lt. Nummer was born in this vicinity 34 years ago and attended Lowell high school. Two of his brothers are also serving in Uncle Sam's armed forces, Oscar being with a Hospital Unit somewhere in the South Pacific, and L. J. at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

While stationed at Camp Livingston, La., Lt. Nummer was united in marriage May 6, 1941, with Elaine Eaves, a southern girl whose home was in Shreveport, La. Mrs. Nummer has been living in Lowell since last summer.

Army Bombardier



Lt. Hoyt A. Phelps

Hoyt A. Phelps, Lowell, who was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant on November 21, was graduated from the Lowell high school in 1939, and entered the service of his country on May 24, 1942. He was sent almost immediately to Santa Ana, Calif., where he was an aviation cadet until September 1, when he became an advanced cadet and was sent to Williams school in Chandler, Ariz.

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Lt. Phelps, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps of Lowell, was united in marriage to Mildred Kysar of South Boston on last November 6.

Boy Scouts Make Puzzles in Wood

The Boy Scouts of Troop 101, Lowell, have been making and offering for sale two kinds of puzzles made of wood.

The puzzles have been made the hard way, mostly sawed out of mill ends, planed, cut to the proper shape and sanded and varnished. It is a case of taking something from the wood-pile and making it into a thing of use and beauty.

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Ledger want ads bring results.



The SPIRIT of SANTA CLAUS

There will be many shadows clouding our Christmas Day this year—but Christmas is important! It comes at the close of the old year binding up the wounds of bitterness, making last the mornings of friendship, renewing the promise of peace and good will, invoking the magic of memories.

Christmas is the children's feast; the Master said that what we do unto the least of His little ones we do unto Him? It is twenty centuries since there was no room for Him in the inn and many children have neither a bed nor place of safety these nights. For these, we give our efforts, our bundles, and our prayers.

In America, the children must not lose their faith in Santa Claus. The best explanation regarding Santa Claus and the Christmas Spirit I have ever been offered or able to figure out for myself, is the one that was given to me by my mother on that fateful day when I accidentally caught a delivery boy entering the house carrying an ill-concealed rocking horse.

Santa Claus typifies the Christmas Spirit: the mothers and fathers, those bewhiskered gentlemen in the stores who puzzle lots of boys and girls by being so numerous, the delivery boys, and all of us who support and participate in the campaign of spreading cheer, we are the life blood and sustaining power of the Christmas Spirit.

The children of today must have their toys this Christmas; and we must be extra-careful that no child has occasion to lose his faith in Santa Claus. There are plenty of sleds and drums, dolls and painted cars and Christmas trees to go around; but it is up to Santa's helpers to see that every child in the land is remembered.

And we grown-ups must have our Christmas, too. For when we out-grow our toys we set this day aside to reunite our families and strengthen the bonds of friendship.

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These desert nights are beautiful, cold, yes, but so clear the stars seem to be within arm's reach and a half moon is hanging over the dark mountains. Our ships with their red, green, white and amber lights also add to the picture. And to think you are back home with Christmas just a few days off and snow, it's hard to believe out here.

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Turtles can live for a year without food?

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News of Our Boys With the U. S. Flag

Renis Doyle received a Christmas greeting telegram from his son Earl, who is somewhere overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth have received word from their son, Pvt. Allen Roth, that he is now in North Africa.

Corp. Clayton D. Engle's present address is Co. B, Amphibian Tractor Bn., 3rd Marine Division, M. C. B. F. M. F., San Diego, California.

Staff Sgt. Albert Kysar was home over Saturday and Sunday from Fort Sheridan. He wishes to thank the Lowell Cigarette Club for his gift package.

Hugh E. Onan has been spending a week's furlough at home. He has a new address: Pvt. Hugh E. Onan, 306 Serv. Sq., 301st Serv. Group, U. S. Air Base, Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McTavish were happy Sunday afternoon to receive a call from their son, Frank Jr., from Albuquerque, N. M., where he is taking advanced training as a bombardier.

Richard Lee (Dick to you) son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee, has been assigned to the U. S. Army, Armored Div., his new address being as follows: Pvt. Harlan Richard Lee, Co. H, 11th Armored Reg., 10th Armored Div., A. P. O. 260, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mrs. Don Niles informs the Ledger that her son Gene is now a Corporal and his address is: Corp. Harold E. Niles, Co. L, 804th Sig. Serv. Reg't, Camp Crowder, Mo. He is going to Specialist School and likes the army only wishes he could be home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Read have received letters from two of their son James' buddies in New Guinea, telling how well they knew James and how much they missed him. They stated that for certain reasons they could not give many details but that James had a full military funeral attending.

Lieut. Herbert Reynolds has been sent to Watermeet, Michigan, in the upper peninsula, to attend a course of study in military tactics for severe climates; primarily to learn to ski in order to instruct the division when he returns to Camp McCoy. They will receive about six weeks of instruction from veteran mountain skiers.

Corporal Robert Conley, left for Alaska, December 20, after a surprise visit to his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart, of Freeport and Mrs. Conley's grandmother, Mrs. Lou Yeiter of Lowell, Corp. Conley left Kodiak Alaska, near the Aleutian Islands, where he is stationed, on Sunday, Dec. 6, arriving in Lowell on the Wednesday following, after a three day trip by boat and plane.

Among the 14 young women from the Western Michigan district who were inducted into the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Friday afternoon at the American Legion Home in Kalamazoo was Miss Elaine E. Miller, Lowell, Route 3, according to Major Archie B. Whitlow, district recruiting officer. With a brother, Bernard in the Army, Miss Miller is the second in her family to join in the Service of her country. She has applied for motor transport work in the women's army. Auxiliary Miller is now awaiting call to active duty at one of the two WAAC training centers in Fort Des Moines, Iowa or Daytona Beach, Florida.

We were pleasantly surprised last week to have Bud stop in for several days. He had just been made Tech. Sergeant at Camp Adair, Ore. when he received a call to O. C. S. at the Ordnance Proving grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland, so came this way and spent Thanksgiving with us. He spent Dec. 2, in Washington, D. C., and said it was a place every citizen should visit. I haven't received his new address as yet.

Texas was all right when you get used to it, but personally, I'll take California. San Antonio is a nice city, but when you leave the city limits, you are just a long way from nowhere. The weather is so changeable, you never know if you are going to need a sun suit or your red flannels when you get up in the morning. Haven't had any snow yet, but some pretty hard frosts.

One thing Texas does have is a lot of soldiers and army camps. They fairly overlap, apparently they are the only thing that will grow out on the wasteland. Don't believe the Chamber of Commerce is going to like me.

Will look for the Ledger at our new address soon. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our old friends in Michigan. Mrs. H. H. Aldrich, 1407 Santa Monica-st, San Antonio, Tex.

COMING EVENTS

The South Lowell Extension Class will have a New Year's eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schwader.

The Good Will Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Maggie Carr in Keene on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6, 1943. All please bring or send your money on the quilt as we would like to finish that particular business at this meeting.

The Utah U. S. Ordnance Depot has posted a large map with push pins showing homes of workers who have car-sharing space available.

The Home Front In Our Michigan

News and Suggestions to Keep All Informed

Now is the time for Michigan motorists to get that tire inspection which is essential to the rubber conservation program. Motorists throughout the country must complete the record of their first tire inspection by Jan. 15. Don't delay—there'll probably be a last minute rush.

If we are going to meet next year's war schedules, the War Manpower Commission estimates that 70 per cent of all persons in the United States between the ages of 15 and 65 will be employed or in military service.

The year 1943 will see far-reaching changes in buying and budgeting habits. Before spring, the "point" method of rationing scarce products will be in full swing. Michigan families then must decide whether to use up more points of their Ration Book No. 2 by purchasing scarce articles or use less points by buying more plentiful ones. Incidentally, the final date for obtaining Ration Book No. 1 has been postponed to January 15.

Here's good news for mother—should we say father—who is running short of rubber panties for baby. It looked for awhile as though the rubber shortage spelled the end of rubber panties for baby but this problem has been solved by the introduction of several plastics, synthetic resins and other compounds which are now being used as coatings on ordinary cotton fabrics to make them waterproof.

Speaking of clothing, Michigan women won't have to pay any more for next spring's clothes than they paid last spring, according to the Office of Price Administration. And there'll be no shortage of men's victory suits in 1943 nor will they be any skimpier than they are now.

Save your matches, the War Production Board urges. Increased requirements for our armed forces, as well as the necessity for exporting matches to countries where they are scarce, means that plain John Q. Citizen should borrow a light from a neighbor when he can and put up with groping in the dark while looking for the light switch.

If you fish for sport, don't waste any of your catch—see that it is used for food by someone. This is the message voiced by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. Food is becoming as important as bullets in the war program.

The 1942 iron ore movement on the Great Lakes has exceeded the total of \$1,500,000 tons by \$77,000 tons. The last ore carrier has cleared the Upper Lakes with the cargo which will bring the season's total to \$2,077,000 tons. This is a 14.9 per cent increase above the previous record high of 80,116,000 tons established last year.

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Hip Fractured in Fall on Icy Road

Mrs. Florence Whitfield, night operator in the Lowell office of Bell Telephone company, met with a painful and unfortunate accident, shortly after 6:30, Tuesday morning, as she was on her way home from work.

Mrs. Whitfield was crossing the road on north Monroe-av., when she slipped on the ice and fell in the street. She managed to drag herself to the walk but could go no further due to the fact that her coat froze to the ice. She lay in the snow for about half an hour before she was discovered by Wayne Springgett, who took her to her nearby home. A doctor was called and Mrs. Whitfield was removed to Blodgett hospital where it was reported that she is suffering from a broken hip.

SPORTS

Forrest Buck, Sports Reporter Lowell bows to Lee High

Lowell's basketball quilt is still seeking that elusive victory. Lee High brought an aggregation to town last Friday night and tuckered away a 48 to 23 victory at the home team's expense.

Lee jumped to a 12 to 6 lead at the quarter, extended it to 25 to 11 at half time and finished off with a 48 to 23 win.

Lowell's ball handling seemed improved, but the boys were reluctant to shoot after working the ball down the floor. Formosa led for Lee with 17 points while Kingdon scored 5 for Lowell.



UP and DOWN

By K. K. Vining From Guadalcanal

One of our first Christmas cards for 1942 came from Corp. Lewis Houghton on Guadalcanal Island. The card was mimeographed. Imagine Christmas cards are hard to get out there. Decorations were palm trees and the Marine insignia.

The card read: "From Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands (Under new management). A Solomon Island Marine wishes you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." The card came air mail and was passed by a navy censor.

Houghton was a dairy 4-H Club member for a number of years carrying projects with Brown Swiss cattle.

And while we are mentioning our 4-H Club boys in the service we have hoped against hope that the news of James Read's drowning in Australia might have been an error. Jim Read was another of those early 4-H Club members who helped lay the foundation for good 4-H Club work in the county. He was a dairy club member from Vergennes township for several years.

People are Queerious One of our friends here in Grand Rapids found it necessary to reside in California following her husband's death. She wished to take her car with her for which the rationing board granted her enough gas for the trip. An advertisement was placed in a local paper for some one to go with her to share expenses and help drive. She received over 100 inquiries to her ad but over 50% wanted to know how she got gas from the rationing board.

Rural Fire Suggestions A couple of weeks ago this column suggested that anyone going to a rural fire take a 5 or 10 gallon can of water along to supplement the 400 gallon tank on the county fire unit.

How water is needed was demonstrated at the Coffee fire in Alpine township last week. Local water supply ran out, so did the supply in the tanks. Another tank or two of water would no doubt have saved the building.

With this equipment available for rural fires, farm folks should plan to have a water supply at hand or see to it that the farm pump can be operated without trouble.

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Old Keys Needed To Help Win War

An appeal is made to newspapers throughout the country to advocate a "Key Collection Campaign." You can help to keep more ships, planes, guns, tanks and ammunition going "Over There" to keep our armed forces winning, by turning in all your old and unused keys into "Keys for Victory." These keys contain nickel, silver, copper, brass and steel, and are "critical" metals needed now.

It is suggested that school children, clubs and societies cooperate in this campaign to help in this national emergency.

Keys may be brought to the Ledger office. Publisher will see that they are shipped to the State Defense Council.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 24—"Calling Dr. Gillespie" with Lionel Barrymore; also Short Subjects.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25-26—Geo. Montgomery, Maureen O'Hara and John Sutton in "Ten Gentlemen From West Point" also News and Shorts.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 27-28—Diana Barrymore in "Between Us Girls" with Robert Cummings; also News and Shorts.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 29-30—"They All Kissed the Bride" with Joan Crawford and Melvyn Douglas; also "A Man's World" with Marguerite Chapman and William Wright.

Thursday, Dec. 31—"Spy Ship" with Craig Stevens and Irene Manning; also "It Happened in Flat-bush" with Lloyd Nolan and Carole Landis.

Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling. —Margaret Lee Rubneck.

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As the Editor Sees It
Private Opinions Publicly Expressed

Mourning by Everyone
The unexpected death late Saturday night of Hon. Clark E. Higbee has caused sincere regret throughout Kent county and throughout the large. His thirty year record as a judge of the Kent County Probate Court testifies as to his ability and the respect and affection in which he was held by everyone.

Remember a few years ago when the government was buying up all the gold and burying it, it made it of no practical economic value. Instead of buying copper, nickel, brass, etc., as Schickelgruber was doing, for the war he was planning to make against us. We have now gold but what is it worth to us now?

Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan is being mentioned as a likely successor to Price Administrator Leon Henderson, who has been so hard on a thankless job, trying to save the country from the dangers of inflation (which really began when John L. Lewis made his big contribution to the P. D. R. campaign funds) and who has been so hard on the country where his regulations are due to the fact that they are in key positions. Brown is not likely to forget his military training to carry out P. D. R.'s ideas in allowing farmers to raise or figure in labor as a part of their cost of production.

Editorial Comment
"Female Sleazebags"

No doubt a large part of the irritation growing out of government regulations is due to the fact that many key positions are held by women. The business which they are endeavoring to regulate, and administrative officers are not familiar with conditions in sections of the country where those regulations hit the hardest. This fact is well illustrated in the many regulations which have resulted in closing so many small packing plants. Congressman Latham of Texas told Congress on Dec. 17, about how Judge Montague of Ft. Worth, Texas, representing the cattle men of the southwest, endeavored to have places on the administrative board with reference to meat some members of the board who were not successful in that effort. Congressman Latham said: "At one of these conferences one of an administrative board asked him if they had both kinds of steers in the section he represented and he asked: "What do you mean by both kinds?" And Congressman Latham added: "If some government official could find a female steer and put it on exhibition at a price of admission, he would go far toward meeting the national debt."

BUILDING FIRES
WE USED to take skill to keep a home free from burning and grandpa's day they could poke a sorry looking bed of coals into an antonized scene of crackling sticks and a few twinkling sparks in the cook-stove grate. Nowadays had a knack in building and kindling the kitchen fires which heated the meals. Recall the dull coals that seemed lifeless and inert, but hope of recovery, and the cook would jig and shake with her poker and up popped a blaze followed by flames curling into the pipe with the cheeriest gust. Today children of Lowell learn the way to build fire at picnic and camp with wisest and steekest road at the hearth. They will hike miles for firewood and recall the outing. But in the old days when you were told to build a fire or get one started in the kitchen, it was not an adventure in out-door roughing it, but a routine chore that was under the heading of home work, remember?

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS
If you want to get the most out of home town life, be a regular reader of The Ledger, and learn about all the chances for pleasure and profit and development to be found in Lowell.

Good faithful work in any job makes it easier for the boss than to sell and distribute its products, because it increases business here and makes better opportunities for employment.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hancock entertained the Lion Tamers Club Monday night. Four tables were set up after the 7 o'clock supper. Mrs. R. D. Hancock was first prizes and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gephart conclusions. The presentation Mr. and Mrs. Claud Shickelgruber a nice gift for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Nov. Spoken Sunday for Alvah Feet and Chloee Hayward

Cheese R. Hayward of Grand Rapids and Mrs. R. D. Hancock were the bride and groom at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hancock at 4:30 p. m. Sunday. White and yellow carnations in baskets were placed beside the altar with palms, poinsettias and candelabra in the background. Mrs. R. D. Hancock was first prizes and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gephart conclusions. The presentation Mr. and Mrs. Claud Shickelgruber a nice gift for their 25th wedding anniversary.

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Church News

ZION METHODIST CHURCH
German preaching at 10:30 a. m. Bible School at 11:30. You are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Con. Washington and Kent. Morning services at 11:00 a. m. School at 11 o'clock every Sunday. "Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, Dec. 27.

UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH OF WEST LOWELL
P. K. Harwood, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:30, followed by preaching. Superintendent, Harold Green. Evening services—7:30. Christian Endeavor followed by preaching. President, Howard Denney. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at the church.

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
W. B. Robinson, Pastor. Morning services at 10 o'clock. Subject, "The Lord's Supper." Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Dying Year." Christian Endeavor at 8:00 p. m. Christmas program Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

GASCADE CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Frank Green, Minister. Residence, Grand Rapids, R. 3. Telephone—87-79. Bible School—10:30 a. m. Worship and sermon—11:00 a. m.

CHURCH OF THE BROTHERHOOD
Helmuth, Minn. Rev. W. B. Robinson, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. The subject of the sermon will be "The Kingdom of God is within you." Evening services at 7:30 o'clock.

SHALADE NAZARENE CHURCH
Rev. Wm. Kelley, Pastor. Sunday School—10:30 a. m. Preaching—11:00 a. m. Next Sunday evening we are having our Christmas program. Come and enjoy it with us at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. All are welcome.

OLD TOWN METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Robinson, Pastor. Sunday School—10:30 a. m. Preaching—11:00 a. m. Young People's League—7:15 p. m. Thursday Prayer Meeting—8:00 p. m. All are welcome.

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH
W. B. Robinson, Pastor. Bible School—10:30 a. m. Church services—11:00 a. m. Young People's League—7:15 p. m. Thursday Prayer Meeting—8:00 p. m. All are welcome.

ALTO AND BOWNE CHURCH
W. B. Robinson, Pastor. Bible School—10:30 a. m. Church services—11:00 a. m. Young People's League—7:15 p. m. Thursday Prayer Meeting—8:00 p. m. All are welcome.

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CASCADE
Mrs. M. Vandenberg, Pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seelye attended the funeral of Mrs. Walter Blacklock's Friday afternoon.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. E. G. Warkentien, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. All are welcome. Clyde Howell, Supp. Morning sermon at 11:00. Topic—"Faith."

CATHOLIC PARISHES
St. Mary's—Lowell. Rev. Fr. Joseph Fisher. 8:00 a. m., Low Mass and sermon. 10:30 a. m., High Mass and sermon. Midnight Mass Christmas eve. Mass at 9:30 and 10:30 o'clock on Christmas day.

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Season's Greetings From Lowell's Business Firms and Institutions



HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO EVERYONE 1942

It would be fine if we personally could meet and greet each one of you this thought-provoking Christmas of 1942. The fact that we cannot do so keeps us from saying to you here that we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Weaver's Food Market

Merry Christmas
Holidays of Joy - 1942
Being the fine friends and acquaintances you are we would not want to miss this 1942 holiday season opportunity to send you these greetings.
A Happy Christmas to You and Yours

STAAL'S LUNCH
CLAUDE STAAL

Merry Christmas
HERE'S WISHING YOU ALL THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY SEASON
IN wishing you a Merry Christmas this year we would capture for you as much of the old time holiday spirit as possible. Accept our sincere thanks for your generous patronage, which has been a source of real encouragement to us in 1942.
Your Reliable Druggist
M. N. Henry

Richmond's Cafe
Theron Richmond

Each and all of you see say "Merry Christmas." We say it—yes—in the very same spirit that we have said it in the past, knowing that the full enjoyment of Christmas is an affair of the heart and of the spirit. Pausing for a moment in the twilight of 1942 we look forward with our friends hopefully to the future.

A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL
C. H. RUNCIMAN, Elevator and General Farm Supplies
Closed all day Saturday, December 26

Lowell Granite Co.
We send you the very warmest greetings for a happy, gay Christmas.

Ray Covert "The Plumber"
All Kinds of Insurance

Howard Rittenger
All Kinds of Insurance

Cook's Plumbing
Dave Clark, Mgr.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Company
Jane Houseman, Lloyd Stauffer, George Swersko

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Central Garage
A. H. Stormzand

Murray's Cafe

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The Ledger Force

Lowell Hotpoint Co.

Dr. R. M. Myers
Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon

F. E. WHITE
Notary Public

DR. J. W. TRUMBLE
Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon

R. H. SHEPARD, M. D.
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Christmas Season
A beautiful, plentiful Christmas... in good cheer, good health, great joy!

Now, at Christmas time, when the fountain of true joy flows most freely, we welcome the opportunity to extend to you and yours our heartiest wishes for a happy Yuletide.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL
PEACE ON EARTH

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It is our sincere wish that loads of old-time Christmas joy will again be with us all during the Yule season. May the sacrifices of 1942 usher in soon a genuine era of good will. And thank a thousand times for your many kindnesses during the past year.

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LOCAL MARKET REPORT
Corrected Dec. 23, 1942

Last Week's Letters
A very pleasant surprise was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoobler on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23.

ELMDALE
Mrs. I. S. Sargent

LOWELL CENTER
Mrs. Clara M. Clark

DR. R. M. MYERS
Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon

DR. J. W. TRUMBLE
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Up and Down
Kent County Roads

SELEY CORNERS
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THIS AND THAT FROM AROUND THE OLD TOWN

Mrs. Will Malcolm has been sick the past few days with the flu. Oscar Allen was taken worse last Tuesday and is now in bed again. C. H. Runciman and son, Carlton Jr. were in Detroit Monday of this week. Lucille and Richard Warner are home from Mt. Pleasant for a two weeks' vacation. Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kropp in Carson City. Mr. and Mrs. Byrne McMahon and family plan to spend Christmas day with her parents in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nead spent the week-end in Holland with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Nead. Frederick Hosley returned Monday from Detroit after a week's visit with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. White. Thursday callers at the Ernest Althaus farm home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tucker and daughter, Mrs. Warner of Clarksville. Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner were her brother, Leo Buttrick and wife and Mrs. Rose Hansen of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bergin expect their son, Jack and family from Kalamazoo and their daughter Marjorie, husband and baby of Detroit for over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Blakeslee, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Blakeslee and Mrs. Lydia McNaughton, all of Carson City, attended the funeral of Mrs. Walter Blakeslee last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Runciman will have as their guests on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. F. Marty and son Jim of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rust and son Harold and Mrs. O. C. Miller of Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and children of Benton Harbor and Mr. and Mrs. Morse Johnson of Jackson will arrive Christmas eve to spend over Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Clara McCarty. Mr. and Mrs. George Arehart will entertain with a family dinner on Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. James Hilton of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. John Arehart and Mary and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arehart and baby of Lowell. Mrs. James Woon of West Palm Beach, Fla. was a guest at the home of her husband's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Woon, over the week-end. L. James N. Woon is "somewhere in the Pacific" actual address unknown. Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Althaus and family will be their son Wes, from Cadillac, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry and daughter of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stauffer and son Johnnie and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Althaus and family of Lowell. Miss Charlotte White attended the symphony concert at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids last Friday evening and spent the week-end with Miss Carrie Demorest, Sunday morning and evening they attended the Christmas services at Westminster Presbyterian church. Miss Beatrice Schneider is home from Mt. Pleasant for the holidays. Week-end guests at the Schneider home were Donald Merrill, who was on his way to his home in Muskegon from Ann Arbor, and John Williams, who is on a thirty days' leave after having been on the Pacific the past year and being in combat at Guadalcanal. John went to school in Lowell at one time and also worked around this locality for a while.



When Christmas bells ring out their benediction, remember our good thoughts of you.

Mrs. H. C. Scott

Mrs. P. C. Peckham spent Saturday in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Good spent Sunday in Dutton with his mother, Mrs. Faloma Good. Callers Sunday at the John Layer home were Mrs. Emma Klipfer and Mrs. Ray Lacy of Alto. Bob Peckham and family of Ypsilanti are spending the Christmas holiday with relatives in Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Coons had as their guest over the week-end, Mrs. Louise Walkley of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with his brother, Gerald Collins and wife. Philip Althen is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Foreman. Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Carey on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Young of Ionia. Clyde Collar and wife will go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morgan in Grand Rapids, for Christmas day. Miss Josephine Miller of Jackson will spend Christmas and the week-end with her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. S. Miller. Mary Horn of Grand Rapids came home today (Thursday) to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Horn. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gurner, Walter, and Eileen, will spend Christmas in Ionia, with Mrs. Gurner's brother, Supt. A. A. Rather and family. Miss Ruth Houseman came home from Battle Creek, last Saturday, and will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Houseman till after New Year's. Guests at the Oscar Brezina home for Christmas will be Mrs. Brezina's brother, Albert Minnick, of Norfolk, Va., and her sister, Mrs. Clarence Wells and son Bruce of Detroit. Mrs. Wells and son arrived in Lowell on Wednesday. Mrs. Mabel Scott is happy to have both her sons at home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Scott will come from Grand Rapids where they have been visiting, and Warner and his wife came on Saturday from New London, Conn. Warner will be home Christmas day and hopes to see many of his friends. Mrs. Elmer Fletcher will have all of her children and their families with her on Christmas day. Besides Janet at home, there will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fletcher, Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wisner, Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roth and daughter, Vergennes, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McNeilly and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Merrill, all of Lowell. Mrs. P. J. Finels will go to her son Erwin's home in Ionia Thursday night where they will observe Christmas with a family gathering. On Christmas day her son Gerald and wife will also entertain with a Christmas dinner. Guests besides the immediate family will be Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rice and Mrs. Helen Young of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hartman of Lowell.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Auxiliary Christmas Meeting The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Monday evening at the City Hall with a good crowd present. Christmas carols and patriotic songs were sung before the meeting, and popcorn and candy were passed. It was decided that the members would make articles to present to the 13-19 year-olds going into service, and also to make a quilt to hold as an emergency gift. There was an exchange of presents and the president, Mrs. Hatch, presented each of her officers with a nice gift. There was also a prize box which was won by Mrs. Helen Brezina. Past time for dues. Please respond! —Press Cor.

Jolly Community Club

The Jolly Community Club met on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. Paul Rickert in Lowell. A chicken pie dinner with all the fixings was served to thirty-three people at noon, and twenty-two ladies, all members, were present for the afternoon meeting. A novel way of presenting the exchange of gifts added to the merriment of the afternoon. The children of members were remembered with candy and nut bags, and the babies with oranges, while enough gifts were brought so that four boxes were packed for soldiers.

Telephone Girls' Annual Party

The Michigan Bell Telephone operators of the Lowell exchange held their annual Christmas party Monday evening with a chicken dinner at Murray's Cafe, followed by a Christmas tree and presentation of gifts at the home of Mrs. Mattie Rulison. Those present were Mrs. Alice Denny, Mattie Rulison, Rose Winger, Olive Wood, Clara Kingdon and Merry Swan; also three guests, Miss Agnes Perry, Louise Winks and Donna Miller.

Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brake celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at their farm home in Campbell township, near Clarksville, where they have lived 48 years, by holding open house. All their children and grandchildren were present to enjoy the occasion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brake are widely known and have many friends who join in wishing them many more years of wedded life.

Mrs. Reed Honored

Mrs. Bonnie Reed was honored guest at a lovely stork shower last Thursday, when Mrs. Don Pierce and Mrs. Raymond Nielsen entertained jointly at the former's home in Keene. Appropriate games were enjoyed during the afternoon, after which refreshments were served. The guest of honor received many lovely gifts which were arranged in a basket.

20th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nielsen were pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, when a number of neighbors and friends dropped in to help celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. Euchre was played during the evening, after which a delicious potluck lunch was served. Phone or send your news to the Ledger.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Ogg of Sierra Madre, Calif., Dec. 16, a 7 lbs. boy, who will answer to the name of William Earl. Mrs. Ogg is the former Helen Hunter of Lowell, and Mr. Ogg is the son of Rev. W. D. Ogg, a former pastor of the Lowell Congregational Church. Mrs. Frank Keiser has received an announcement of the birth of a baby girl, Pamela Claire, to her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rogers at Los Angeles, Calif., December 21. Regret is an appalling waste of energy; you can't build on it, it's only good for wallowing in—Katherine Mansfield.

Party and Showers For Bride-Elect

A delightful Christmas party was held last Thursday evening by the teachers of the Lowell schools, honoring Miss Dora Bangs, whose marriage to Gordon B. Johnson will take place on Christmas eve at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bangs. Mr. Johnson was a guest of the teachers for the evening, and the entire faculty was present for the occasion except Mr. Jessup, who was ill. A delicious seven o'clock dinner was beautifully served by the O. E. S. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lester, after which the party moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gurner where a song fest and games provided a most enjoyable time for the remainder of the evening. Miss Bangs was presented a lovely gift of linen as a reminder of this happy occasion which was greatly enjoyed by all.

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Miss Dora Bangs was honored by other parties also. On December 9, Mrs. Ray Borgerson and Miss Marjorie Bushnell entertained, at the former's home, a group of teachers who presented Miss Bangs with a lovely set of dishes. Games were played and dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses. Mrs. Royden Warner also gave a party and miscellaneous shower for her sister on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, assisted by Mrs. R. W. Bettes. Court-whist was played throughout the evening and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

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HONEY CREEK E. B. V.

The Honey Creek school children held their Christmas program Thursday evening and it was well attended. Mrs. James McCaul spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Al Venstra, Miss Evelyn Dale of Grand Rapids spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. David Venstra and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Venstra, Mr. and Mrs. David Venstra attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, and uncle, Frank Lee of Grand Rapids last Friday afternoon. Mr. David Venstra spent Friday with Mrs. Bob DeGlopper and family in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick and some of Vergennes-tp. were Saturday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson and sons. Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ingham and daughter of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson and sons spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. David Venstra and daughters. Miss Mary Farrell was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Venstra Tuesday evening.

LOGAN Mrs. D. W. Kauffman

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hefflebower and Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kyser, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stahl and Mrs. Rachael Stahl and son Art attended the funeral Tuesday afternoon of August Jackson at Lake Odessa. Miss Eileen Kauffman attended the freshman party at Lowell Tuesday evening and then went home with Lois Klahn for the night. Callers this week at the Mrs. Libbie Layer home were Rose Comstock of Grand Rapids, Bill Porritt, Mrs. Ida Kauffman and son Clair, Leo Kyser and Charles King of Freeport. Mr. and Mrs. Lec Kyser and family will spend Christmas at the Elvin Hefflebower home near Clarksville. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibbs spent Sunday and Monday in Ionia. Miss Peterson is visiting at Leo Kyser's for a few days. Ray Gibbs spent Saturday in Ionia. Mrs. Rachael Stahl and son were Sunday dinner guests at Joe Berkeley's. Mr. and Mrs. Ovid are the proud parents of a 10-lb. boy. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wieland were Sunday evening callers at the Elmer Winesy home near Lake Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman and family accompanied Mr. and Mrs. David Hoffman to Charlotte Sunday to visit their mother, Mrs. Lizzie Hoffman, who is working there. Mrs. Daniel Kauffman and son and Mrs. J. E. Kauffman of Freeport spent Monday afternoon in Hastings. Mrs. Lige Stahl is somewhat improved at this writing. The 4-H sewing girls held their Christmas party at the home of their leader, Mrs. Dan Kauffman Tuesday evening. Gifts were exchanged and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Zerbe and Fred called at the Dan Kauffman home Tuesday evening.

CAMPAU LAKE Mrs. E. R. Hurd

Ye Scribe wishes Editor and Staff of the Ledger and all its readers a Merry and Happy Christmas with a prosperous New Year. Doris Cooper spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cooper. Mrs. Noble McClure spent Friday and Saturday with an old schoolmate in Grand Rapids. Iris reports a wonderful time. Roy Cooper spent Saturday in Grand Rapids and spent Saturday night with his sisters, Mrs. Wm. Johnson and Miss Ruby Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper visited the girls Sunday, Roy returning home with them. Friends in this vicinity extend sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Walter Blakeslee. Mrs. Mattie Sherrington and son visited at the Frank Sherrington home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hurd entertained a group of friends at progressive setback Saturday evening. Mrs. Noble McClure carried lady's head prize home and Mr. McClure took gent's head prize. Mrs. Lou McDiarmid and Henry Curley took consolation. A lunch was served. Correction: The Campau Lake Extension club will hold their Christmas party Dec. 30 at the home of Mrs. Clarence Sney instead of Jan. 4, as was formerly announced.

Marriage Licenses

Lyle F. Brall, 21, Lowell; Maxine Tomlinson, 21, Lowell. Alvah Peet, 24, Lowell; Cleone B. Hayward, 22, Alto. Donald Bigelow, 24, Ada; Ann Watson, 18, Grand Rapids.

No man works quite as hard as he hopes his wife will believe he does.

New Instructions For Farm Workers

Farmers To Receive Aid Under New Ruling

Selective Service headquarters have sent to local draft boards detailed instructions on the classifying of essential farm workers under the recently enacted teen-age draft law. The memorandum defines an essential farm worker as "a person necessary to and regularly engaged in agricultural occupations essential to the war effort."

According to the memorandum issued to Selective Service boards, any experienced man in dairy, livestock, poultry or other special war crops will receive the consideration of the new order in being classified. A standard of war units as a guide to draft boards for placing these workers in two new classifications, II-C and III-C, has been set up with the co-operation of the department of agriculture. Any dairy farmers with eight cows, providing they will agree to increase in three months to ten cows, and within three months more to 12 cows, will qualify. Any farmer whose time is 250 man days per year in producing feed for the above amount of livestock will also be eligible for the new classification. However, the worker must be continuously employed on the farm for the entire year. All livestock farmers or poultry raisers come under the new classification, providing they have a large enough herd of livestock or flock of poultry. Other equivalents to a dairy cow are eight and one-half hogs raised or 3.2 beef cattle, four two-year old steers, 75 hens, or 250 chicks. Individuals who are now working in defense plants and have the necessary agricultural experience can be placed on dairy farms with the same consideration, according to the new memorandum.

FALLSBURG & VICINITY Mrs. Wesley Miller

This week finds everyone busy with Christmas affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodcock of Grand Rapids were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garfield and took them to Lowell Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughan and Helen and Billy called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Storey in Grattan Saturday evening. Virginia Booth was home from Grand Rapids Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niblink and son of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dennis had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Russell. Mrs. F. E. Boynton of Grand Rapids spent Friday night and Saturday with Mrs. Wesley Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Miller and Mrs. Jerry were Saturday supper guests and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Grand Rapids were Sunday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garfield were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson at Moseley. Mrs. Claude Booth called on Mrs. Ed. Bradley recently and found her feeling quite well. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stauffer and Richard were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Emiel Stauffer and Mrs. Russell Anderson. Elaine Miller passed all examinations required of the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps in Kalamazoo last Friday and is now a W. A. A. C. She will be leaving at a later date. Merry Christmas to all of the Ledger staff and all of the readers. It pays to advertise in the Ledger.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCING PARTY DECEMBER 31 at Lowell Moose Lodge

Dancing from 10 till 4. Members and guests only. Come early as there will be no reservations. Music by "The Modernaires" Adm. 25c per person.

SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

A community Christmas tree and program is being given at the South Boston Grange Hall, on Saturday evening, Dec. 26. The various schools of the surrounding communities will be represented with members on the program. Also musical numbers will be given by Miss Marlon Kilgus at the piano with her father's accompaniment with the violin; Miss Marie Kyser will also give a piano solo. Rev. Jagers will be guest speaker of the evening. Santa Claus will arrive for a brief visit with the children. Each grange lady is asked to bring popcorn balls. Exchange of gifts will be had. Price of gift not to exceed 15c and please mark if for man, woman or child. Everyone invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness of our wife and mother, and at the time of her death for the comforting words and messages of relatives and friends, for the fine services of Rev. and Mrs. Chamberlain, and to all others who helped in any way. Walter Blakeslee, Mr. and Mrs. John Schwab and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Philo Blakeslee.

CARD OF THANKS

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts. Joe Batey and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for their help and kindness to us since the loss of our home by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Evans and Sidney, Lowell, R. 2.

Tax Collection Notice

Lowell Township The undersigned township treasurer will be at the State Savings Bank in Lowell daily except Sundays and holidays up to Jan. 10, 1943, to receive and receipt for taxes. Rosella Yelter, Treasurer of Lowell-tp.

Bowne Township

The undersigned will be at the Farmers State Bank of Alto on each Wednesday and Saturday beginning Dec. 9, 1942, and continuing to and including Saturday, Jan. 9, 1943, to receive and receipt for taxes.—Francis Seese, Treasurer of Bowne Township, Kent County, Mich. c30-8t



REGARDLESS of what has happened to this queer old world in 1942, there is still love and cheer and friendship out of which we may fashion another happy Christmas season. We want to say now that we wish all of our friends every success in finding during this Yuletide all the happiness it can possibly bring.

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