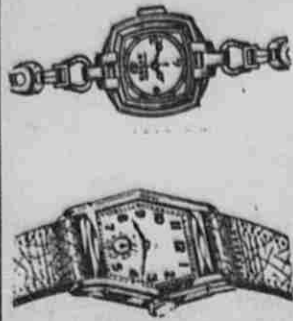


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NEWS

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 19-20



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DEC. 21-22-23



Up and Down Kent County Roads

(Continued from first page)

F. F. A. Projects

Stopped at Lowell High School the other day to see Al Hall, the Smith-Hughes teacher. Found his F. F. A. boys busy building a brooder house. On completion the boys are going in the chick raising business as part of their school project.

Addison Miller and his F. F. A. boys at Rockford, have been carrying on such a project for two or three years with success.

Regarding Tractor Gas

When allotments were made for tractor gas use a year ago some most generous allotments were made. There was some criticism made of local gas rationing committees but it wasn't their fault. The whole job was new and the blanks gave very little information as to farm needs.

This year when winter allotments were made the applicant was required to fill out a short questionnaire giving a picture of the farm set up where the gas is to be allocated.

Joseph Putnam, chairman of the Gas Ration Committee, told us that allotments for December, January and February would be made on the basis of winter needs. If any individual's allotment is not sufficient for the farm needs, the farmer may have more gas but should present good evidence as to his needs.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Martha Group Meeting

The Martha Group was very pleasantly entertained at the Carl Fryermuth home Monday evening with Mrs. Albert Hall, vice president, in charge of the meeting. At being the annual meeting, election of officers took place as follows: President, Mrs. J. Mort Townsend; vice president, Mrs. Charles White; secretary-treasurer Mrs. Lloyd Knapp.

The program, in charge of Dora Jane Thomas, was in the Christmas spirit with fun-making games and a reading by Mrs. Hall of "The Other Wise Man" by Kipling.

Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Fryermuth and her assistant hostess, Mrs. Wesley Clemens.

Social Brevities

The Neighborhood Club was entertained with a bridge luncheon by Mrs. John Lalley last week Wednesday. High scores at bridge were taken by Mrs. L. W. Rutherford and Mrs. Wm. Wachterhauser.

The Book Review Club, with their husbands, enjoyed a Christmas dinner Wednesday evening at Lazen's Coffee Shop, Ionia, returning later to the E. C. Foreman home for games and entertainment.

The members of Job's Daughters Bethel and their invited guests enjoyed a hay-ride last Saturday evening, returning later to the Masonic temple for dancing and refreshments. About fifty were present.

The Frothingly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Raymond Borgerson with Mrs. Byrne McMahon as assistant hostess. The Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Harry Stauffer and Mrs. Gordon Johnson.

Last Friday evening about 75 boys and girls enjoyed the Christmas party in the City Hall sponsored by the Child Study Club. A grand march provided entertainment for all and was followed by dancing, games and the singing of Christmas Carols. Refreshments of punch and cookies were furnished by the club.

Mrs. Ed Reynolds was hostess to the Bridge-a-dears, Thursday evening a week ago. Honors were won by Mrs. John Gallagher and Mrs. Roger McMahon.

The last meeting of the Child Study Club was December 2 at the home of Mrs. Thomas Kiesler. Mrs. Russell McCarthy gave an interesting lesson on "Problems that the Adolescent Faces Today, and their Solution." The second part of this lesson will be presented by Mrs. Abe VerWys at the next meeting which will be held December 16 at the home of Mrs. George DeGraw.

The Goofus Club met last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Gould, prizes at euchre being won by Mrs. John Roth, Mrs. D. H. Outley, Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Gould's house guest.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herald, of Carson City, Tuesday, a 7-lb. baby girl, Jill Ann. Mrs. Herald is the former Geraldine Dawson.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for the fruit, cards and flowers sent me during my recent stay in Blodgett hospital. Mrs. Tim Conant.

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SPORTS

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By Forrest Euck Board of Trade Sports Chairman

Lee High Here Friday

Lowell plays host to one of the league-leading teams when it tangles with Lee High at the local gym this Friday evening, for the third basketball game of the season.

In losing two games to Rockford and East Grand Rapids, Lowell has been handicapped by lack of height and experience. Thus far the locals have been bumping into the classiest teams of the conference, and it is expected that they will hold their own against the less ranking teams. Preliminary games start at 7 o'clock.

COMING EVENTS

The Rebekah Christmas party will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, in the hall. There will be exchange of gifts.

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Charles W. Clark Post will meet at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, Monday evening, Dec. 20, for a Christmas party. Bring a gift for exchange, also something for a potluck lunch.

The Moseley Extension class will meet Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the home of Mrs. Wayne Blaser. The lesson will be on Food.—Mrs. Lee Keech, Secretary.

The Lowell Baptist Church Sunday School will hold their Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 8:00 p. m., at the church. Everybody is cordially invited.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Walter Blakeslee
In sacred and loving memory of our dear wife, mother, and grandmother, Mrs. Walter Blakeslee, who left us one year ago, December 15, 1942. Sadly missed by her husband, children, and grandchildren. c32

In memory of our husband and father, Wilbur N. Pennock, who passed away two years ago, December 17, 1941.

Rest had come! His tasks were ended, Calm was written on his brow, Father's life was big and splendid, And we understand it now.

Mrs. Wilbur N. Pennock, Mr. and Mrs. Loree C. Pennock, Gloria and Flynn. p32

New Spin Machine Tests Fuses for Army Shells

The possibility of "duds" being used in artillery barrages is now as remote as the thought of Mussolini leading a triumphant procession through the streets of Washington.

Through its design of a spin test machine that simulates the action of a shell in flight, Willys-Overland motors has destroyed the apprehension of gun crews on every front that they may be unwittingly loading projectiles with defective or non-operating fuses.

The use of the "spinner" at the Toledo war plant, where it was conceived as an assembly-line method of inspecting volume production of fuses for 40-mm. anti-aircraft shells, has reduced rejections from an original figure of 20 per cent to one-tenth of 1 per cent, according to Joseph W. Frazer, president.

At the same time, he disclosed, approximately 150 of these machines are installed in government loading stations and munition plants throughout the country to test millions of different type fuses monthly.

In explaining the operation of the spinner, which weighs 55 pounds, Frazer pointed out that the two arming units of a 40-mm. fuse, the firing pin and the rotor assemblies, are designed as safety features that prevent the shell from exploding because of bumps or jars while in storage, transit or handling. As a result, he said, the fuse cannot be detonated until centrifugal force due to the spinning action of the shell as it passes through the rifling of the gun arms both units.

Marine Experiences Four Seasons in Single Week

Col. James McE. Huey, a retired marine corps officer, is credited with the unusual distinction of having experienced four seasons in less than one week.

The incident occurred in March, 1937, while Colonel Huey was aboard a coastal ship cruising in equatorial waters.

On March 22 the vessel crossed the equator at 1:30 a. m., going from winter in the northern hemisphere to summer in the southern. The sun crossed the equator at 5:30 the same morning, changing the season from summer to fall.

Six days later the ship, traveling northward, crossed the equator again and ran into spring.

Ships, it is claimed, rarely are in that particular position during the passage of the equinox.

The Book Forum met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Geo. Arehart. Mrs. Edward Kiel reviewed "A Sense of Humor" by Bertha Dawson.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

When you give that War Bond for Christmas, accompany it with a bouquet of flowers from Kiel's Greenhouse, Phone 225.

Mrs. Alice Hunter arrived home Thursday from a two weeks' visit with her husband, Pvt. Jack Hunter in New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morse, daughter Sally and son Jimmy of Jackson were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morse.

Mrs. Grant Warner returned home Tuesday after two weeks in Blodgett hospital following an operation. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Martin Devenney of Alto will care for her.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Avery were Mrs. S. B. Avery and Harvey Avery and two sons of Sturgis, Miss Violet Funk of Star City, Ind., and Mrs. Hoyt Avery of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hartman were called to Niles last Thursday by the death of his mother, Mrs. Harriet Hartman, who passed away early that morning after a long illness, in her 90th year. Mrs. Hartman had been a resident of Niles for the past 20 years and was a member of the Evangelical church of that city. She had visited here at the home of her son at different times and many friends join in extending their sympathy to Mr. Hartman.

"And that is a skyscraper," announced the guide.

"Oh, yes? Well, then, let's see it work," replied the wise guy.



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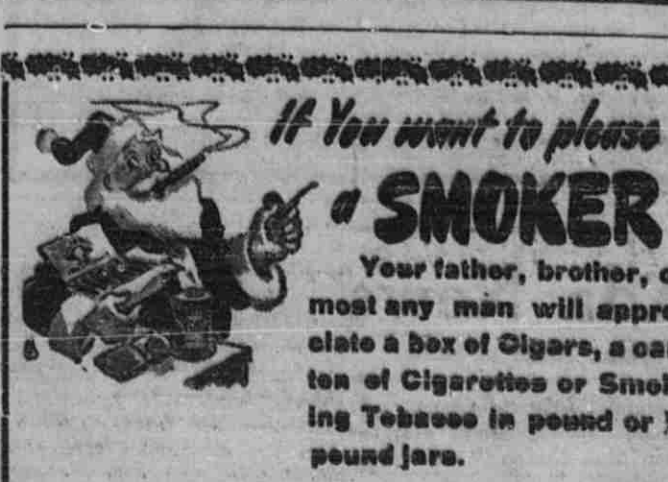
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