

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

DON'T WORRY

SOMEONE suggests that life back home is going to be mighty dull for the boys who have been seeing many parts of the world at war.

NEWSMEN SUFFER

WAR CORRESPONDENTS, in their devotion to their work, have paid a heavy penalty as their part of the war sacrifices.

This is an illustration of how the people who do the work of collecting news throw themselves into their task.

These war correspondents make a great contribution to the war effort, by giving the people at home a correct picture of what happens.

LOWLY PENNY VALUED

A SHORTAGE of penny coins has developed, and people are urged to take these little brown cent pieces to their banks and help get them into circulation.

Some folks have considered a penny as too small a coin to think about. Our forefathers got their start and built up the country by saving pennies.

DOGS IN WARTIME

DOGS FIGHT with us in war beside the men. They stand guard, run errands, go scouting, etc.

Dogs have been largely increased. Dogs from the beginning of time served as watchmen, and saved their owners from innumerable perils.

Greeting From Our Friend Bill

Our friend, Bill Kerekes, in renewing his subscription each year couches his annual letter in a style all his own.

To forestall an ignominious demise of my subscription and to insure a continuation of your interesting publication I have by unrelenting attack driven my checkbook out of the foxhole.

Do not despair, there is no bank. Step out and try some other bank. Yours for a Merry Christmas, Bill Kerekes.



Status the Same For Married Men

Local Member of Draft Board No. 1 Answers Perplexing Questions That Have Been Bothering Many Fathers and Others

The Ledger has received from W. W. Gumsier, who is serving as a member of Kent County Draft Board No. 1, a statement that will answer some perplexing questions in the minds of fathers.

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The sun passed the winter solstice on Tuesday. From now on the days will grow longer, so cheer up!

Be sure to read the holiday greetings to be found on pages 2, 3, 4 and 6 of this issue.

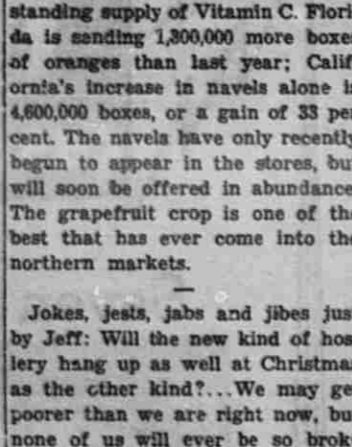
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There is Hope

OUR OWN community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. This thunder echoes in our ears as we once more celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Yet this newspaper sees no irony in the scars of war and the message of hope that is Christmas.

For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace on Earth."

While it is true that the columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war lords on our normal way of living—we know that the peace-loving "little" men of goodwill far outnumber the evil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it was for these same "little" people that Christ came into this world 1943 years ago.

So Christmas belongs to them and not to those who plunge the world into darkness.

Let this true spirit of Christmas dominate your thinking and you can say to all your friends as we now say to you—

A Merry Christmas

Shortage of Waste Paper Is Slowing Our War Effort

Waste paper, until recent months a glut on the market, is in first place emergency demand for war production. This community will do its part in meeting the emergency.

\$5,500 in Cash Gifts to Congregational Church

For several months the Lowell Congregational Church has been planning and working towards a reserve fund of money to be used for needed repairs and replacements in the church and parsonage when labor and materials become available.

Youth Guidance Meeting Monday Evening, Dec. 27

A general meeting of the entire Youth Guidance Committee of Lowell is called by Rev. C. E. Pollock, local chairman, to meet at the Lowell high school on Monday evening, Dec. 27, at 7:30.

Lowell High School Honored by U. of M.

Dr. George E. Carrothers of the University of Michigan has notified the local board of education that the high school has continued to be accredited on a three year basis.

KEENE HOME BURNS DOWN

Fire of undetermined origin on Sunday evening destroyed the farm home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Scott in Keene township.

The fire broke out while the Scotts and their two children were eating supper at the home of Mrs. Scott's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Goff.



A/c Allen Wisner has been transferred from Chandler, Ariz., to Hamilton Field, Calif.

Edward J. Aldrich has been made Machinist's Mate third class and will now go to an advance school in motor torpedo boat training.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacTavish have received word from their son, Sgt. Ted MacTavish, after a four weeks' silence, that he has arrived somewhere in England.

Pvt. Charles Posthumus returned to Fort Lewis, Wash., Thursday after a 15-day furlough spent in Lowell with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Young received word Monday that their son Hugh has been transferred to Lowery Field, Colo., from Santa Ana, Calif.

LeRoy Roudabush writes the Ledger that he is now an Aviation Student and one of the lucky 500 to be stationed at the University of Buffalo for a 5-month course of academic college subjects.

Pfc. Robert W. Flynn left on Tuesday of last week after a 23-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Flynn, to rejoin his company at Fort Bragg, N. C.

From the last group of men sent to Detroit for enlistment the following names appear from Lowell and vicinity: Harold J. Raymond, Charles C. Nellist, Kenneth W. Wierenga, Henry VanTatenhove.

Doris M. Christiansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christiansen, was sworn into the Women's Reserve of the Navy last week in Detroit.

Pfc. Richard Warner is home from Truxav Field, Madison, Wis., on a ten day furlough. When he leaves, the day after Christmas, he will go to Oklahoma City.

SERVICES HELD HERE FOR FORMER RESIDENT

Elmer Barr, aged 77, a former resident of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday night, Dec. 15 at Jackson, and was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery, Saturday afternoon.

In a citation from the Commanding Officer of a large U. S. battleship to the Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Station, Portland, Me., for services rendered by the Navy Supply Pier, particular reference is made to "the very cooperative assistance of the Stores Officer, Lieut. (jg) Juri C. Armstrong."

He is survived by his widow, Lida, and three daughters, Mrs. Vern Hatherly, Mrs. Howard Buttermore, and Mrs. William Jensen, all of Grand Rapids; one son, Roy Barr of Jackson, and 14 grandchildren, five of whom are in service.

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Mrs. Davenport found that the school had been entered during the night and saw the two fugitives there. The frightened escapees dashed out of the back, through the woodshed and toward the woods a quarter of a mile away.

The escaped trustees are Deibert Haney, 18, of Kalamazoo, who was serving a 15 months to 15 years sentence for breaking and entering in the night time, and Randall Ray VanderGriff, 20, Mancelona, who had been returned to the reformatory for a parole violation.

Warden Moore said that in addition to the charge for escaping, the men may be charged with breaking and entering the school-house.

Mrs. Laura A. Blair, 75 Lived Entire Life Here

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Roth chapel for Mrs. Laura A. Blair, the Rev. N. G. Woon officiating. Mrs. Blair, aged 75, widow of Nate Blair, died early Thursday morning in St. Mary's hospital where she had been since breaking her hip in a fall, several weeks ago.

She was born in West Lowell November 13, 1868, and lived her entire life in this vicinity, seven years of that time in town, where she became a member of the Congregational church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lynn Briggs of Grand Rapids, and three grandchildren. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

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Kent County Mourns Noted Civic Leader

Death claimed Mrs. Ida M. Glasgow, Friday, at her home in Grand Rapids, after a two weeks' illness. Mrs. Glasgow was born in Lowell April 7, 1880, and lived her entire life in Kent county.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lynn Briggs of Grand Rapids, and three grandchildren. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

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FRANK H. MISNER DIES

Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids Tuesday afternoon for Frank H. Misner, aged 75, who passed away Sunday morning. He was born in Vergennes, Vt., February 28, 1868, the son of William and Laura Misner, and moved to Grand Rapids about 30 years ago.

Auction Sales Wm. H. Keech, Dec. 28

Being unable to carry on farming, Wm. H. Keech will hold a public auction at the farm north of Lowell, on Tuesday, Dec. 28, a list of horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, hay and feed, implements and tools.



By K. K. Vining

Farm Account Books

The extension office has laid in a supply of farm account books from the farm management department at Michigan State College.

We remember a chap in Emmett County whom we tried to get interested in a farm account book. No, he didn't like to keep books.

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When Christmas bells ring out their benediction, remember our good thoughts of you. Back the boys at the front with War Bonds.

Mrs. H. C. Scott HOME-MADE CANDIES

EAST CALEDONIA Mrs. S. M. VanNamee

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Sanborn of Hastings spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sanborn.

Die, Wanda and Esther Pace were home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sanborn entertained the Social Club and their husbands Saturday evening. Cards were played, also a pretty Christmas tree was enjoyed and exchange of gifts. A lovely luncheon of sandwiches, coffee and ice cream and cake was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bruton and Michael McGinn spent Thursday in Hastings.



'Twas but yesterday that all was commonplace. But now, what a change! 'Tis the Christmas spirit of 1943! Carried away on this magic carpet of Yuletide, we enter every home to say Merry Christmas to our friends.

Reynolds' Mens Wear ED REYNOLDS

SHORT LINES

Bus Schedules SLOW TIME

Table with bus routes and times: To Lansing, Ann Arbor, To Gr. Rapids, To Flint.

LOWELL STATION AT HENRY'S Drug Store Buy Tickets before Boarding Bus.

Season's Greetings... Lowell Lumber & Supply and F. P. MacFarlane Co. BRUCE WALTER

SOCIAL EVENTS

Junior Farther Lights

The Junior Farther Lights held their second annual banquet in the Alton church basement on December 16 at 8 o'clock. The church was prettily decorated with red and green rope and crepe paper.

The dishes were washed by the ladies, assisted by the boys, after which everyone left for home feeling happy and full!

P. S. Merry Christmas everyone! Maxine Kirchen, Reporter.

W. S. C. S. Annual Election

The annual election of officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Doyle Friday afternoon, Dec. 17, as follows: President, Mrs. Charles Doyle; vice president, Mrs. Cecil Pollock; recording secretary, Mrs. Maude MacTavish; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Schneider; Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. Austin Coons; secretary of literature, Mrs. Dan Wingeler; secretary of Student and Young Women's Work, Mrs. Albert Hall; secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Orval Jessup; secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Wm. Kerekes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elmer White; secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Frank Coons.

These officers will be installed at the January meeting. Following the society's regular business session, a Christmas tea was enjoyed by those present, as well as Christmas carols, piano solos and a lovely Christmas tree.

Social Briefs

The South Lowell Extension Class met with Mrs. A. B. Johnson at her home in Grand Rapids Wednesday afternoon. Miss Mildred Place presented the lesson on Point Saving.—Doris Roth, Sec'y.

The Home Extension group met December 16 at the home of Mrs. Harry Stauffer. Mrs. Martin Houseman gave the lesson on Food. The next meeting will be February 3 with Mrs. Hattie Peckham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Radford entertained fifteen members of their bridge club from Grand Rapids to a potluck turkey dinner and Christmas party on Saturday.

Last Sunday evening twenty-one members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship went carolling for the pleasure of invalids and other shut-ins. Miss Ardis Schneider and Miss Olive Brooks were in charge of the group. They finished the evening with refreshments at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Pollock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Nowell invited in a few friends Sunday afternoon to help them celebrate their wedding anniversary.

The Legion Auxiliary met Monday night with Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps at her home in Lowell. Her home had a beautiful poinsettia plant in bloom and a lovely Christmas tree with pretty lights. After business meeting in which we voted to send \$5 to the Santa Claus Girls, we had a lovely potluck supper and an exchange of gifts. All had a splendid time and everyone thanked Mrs. Phelps for opening her home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness at the death of our husband and father, Lewis Powell, and also those serving as pallbearers, and to Rev. Harwood and Rev. Clay for their comforting words.

Mrs. Bertha Powell and Children.

Want ads. 'o the business.

Farmers Advised To Keep Records

Farm records accurately kept on each farm in one manner or another are extremely important now that practically all farmers are required to file income tax returns.

It is assumed that the average farmer keeps a rather complete record of the income from the farm, due to the fact that this often is received in rather large amounts. Equally as important are the expenses of the farm business which can't be kept accurately unless some form of record keeping is followed. Therefore, the County Agent suggests that farmers get a farm record book or keep accurate records in some other manner such as on a calendar or in a loose-leaf notebook. Michigan State College Farm Account books which are so made to make record keeping easy for farmers are available in the County Agents' Office at the nominal cost of 30 cents.

Farmers who have not made arrangements to get some other books should purchase one of these at once so that records can be started as of January 1st or at the beginning of the fiscal year used by the farmer for income tax filing purposes.

If these books are kept in a conspicuous place near the evening dinner table it will take five minutes or less every day to record monies received and farm business expenditures. These can easily be totaled at the end of the year to give you a complete and accurate record of both gross and net income. In numerous cases farmers can save themselves considerable money by recording accurately all farm business expenditures. Such expenditures as you well know can be deducted from the farm income in determining the actual net income from the farm.

—Ionia County Farm Agent

STAR CORNERS

Mrs. Ira Blough

Star School Notes

The children all enjoyed reading the books of the traveling library. We have sold 1,100 Christmas seals this year. Mrs. Eugene Kraus is assisting us with the music for our Christmas program.

—Mrs. Dorothy Stahl, Teacher.

Locals

Sunday dinner guests at the Byron Weeks home were Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander and daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Bieri and family of Lowell, Clara Wingeler and Joe Willis Stahl, in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Bieri and Mrs. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quiggie of Ada spent Sunday and Monday with their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Wingeler and family. Mrs. Byron Weeks and Mrs. Ira Blough attended the Swiss L. A. S. and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Anna Rydler in Lowell Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Clarence Troyer and Rev. Tobias Schrock were Monday dinner guests at the Sibaugh home. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Weeks and daughters with Mrs. Lawrence Bieri and daughters of Lowell attended the farewell party for Floyd Stahl, Jr. Saturday evening at the Stahl home. Floyd expects to leave for service Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauffman entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday at their home. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Allering and daughter of Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. Willard White, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKibben of Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. Deaton Tyler and son of Logan.

Mrs. David Wingeler and sons are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady at Bloomington, Ill., over the holidays.

Mrs. Frank Kauffman entertained the Brethren Aid Society at her home Thursday. After the potluck dinner and business meeting, a Christmas party was enjoyed by members and friends.

HARRIS CREEK

Mrs. Basil Vreeland

Mrs. Basil Vreeland and son Harold attended the Extension Class party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sanborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flynn, daughters Romain and Margaret and Frank Bruton spent Sunday at Niles with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Flarity's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burns received word from their son Mederic, who is stationed at Camp McCoy, that he fell and injured his kneecap and is confined in the hospital there.

Mrs. J. L. McDonald is in St. Mary's hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Edna Gebel and daughter Ruth attended a family Christmas gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz at Caledonia.

TRIPLE A COMMITTEEMEN

Among the names of Triple A community committee chairmen elected in Kent county to serve in 1944 in this vicinity are the following: Howard Bartlett, Lowell; Vincent C. Cary, Vergennes; Harold Storey, Grattan; Lester Antonides, Cascade; Thomas Boyton, Ada; Gerald F. Anderson, Bowne; and Emmett Sheehan, Caledonia.

We've got the Axis on the run...let's catch 'em and whip 'em with more War Bonds!

SPORTS

By Forrest Back Board of Trade Sports Chairman

Greenville 34—Lowell 33

Lowell dropped a one-point decision to Greenville on the local court last Tuesday evening. Greenville started the game with two players well over six feet, against a much smaller Lowell team. Undaunted the locals grabbed a 10 to 6 advantage at the quarter, but Greenville pulled up to a 15 to 16 tie at half time.

The third quarter turned into a wild affair which ended with both teams tied up 24-24. Amid a bedlam of noise the two teams battled down to the finish, with less than two minutes remaining. Greenville sunk a foul shot that spelled victory. A split second after the final horn Roth sank a shot that would have meant victory but the contest was officially over. Johnson, a tall lad from Greenville, was the visitors' high point man with 20 points while Roth registered 9 points for Lowell.

After grabbing a 22 to 16 lead at the half, the Lowell seconds dropped the preliminary to Greenville scores 44, 35 to 30. Hanson was high for Greenville with 10 points while D. Roth was high for Lowell with 12 points.

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

The Junior Farm Bureau met on Thursday evening, Dec. 16, at the Vergennes Grange hall. Christmas gifts were exchanged and it was decided that we would sponsor a euchre club, the first meeting to be held around the first of January. Those interested please watch this column for the date and full particulars.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, at the Vergennes Grange hall. It is to be a New Year's party. Committee in charge: Arlene Roth, chairman, Robert McCormick, Alfred Thomet and Edwin Mueller.

—Oren Ford, Reporter.

NOTICE TO TRUCK OPERATORS

The Lowell ration board states that all truck operators should have their certificates of war necessity turned in this week in order to be assured of having their new gas coupons back by the first of the year.

GOVE LAKE

Mrs. H. L. Coger

Diane Seely is quite ill with flu. Margie Gregory of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Effie Gregory, and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gregory.

Sunday callers at the Coger home were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hornburger, Mrs. George Burgess, both of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Verner Hunter of Lowell. Mrs. Burgess is Mrs. Slater's niece.

Frank Phillips was to return to his home last Saturday, after several months stay in a hospital in Grand Rapids. He is much better.

Harold Buttrick had the misfortune to break a bone in his foot recently.

WEDDINGS

Blocher—Depew

Miss Doris Depew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Depew, R. 1, Alto, became the bride of Lavern Blocher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Blocher, of Alto, Saturday evening, December 18, when they spoke their vows before a lighted Christmas tree in the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. J. G. Ballard, of McCords, officiating.

The bridal attendants were the bride's sister, Genevieve Depew, as maid of honor, and Loren Blocher, brother of the groom, as best man, with Cpl. and Mrs. Wilbert Hudson acting as master and mistress of ceremonies.

Miss Marguerite Ballard sang, "I Love You Truly," and "Oh Promise Me". Paul Blocher accompanied Miss Ballard on the piano, and also played the wedding march.

The bride wore a light blue suit and corsage of pink roses, and white mums. The maid of honor wore a wine velvet dress and a corsage of yellow and white mums. The mothers of the bridal couple wore blue dresses and corsages of pink mums.

About eighty guests were present from Ada, Belmont, Bostwick Lakes, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Tampa, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Blocher will reside in their newly remodeled home on his farm near Alto.—Morse Lake Correspondent.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Lowell Women's Club enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. L. E. Lampkin last week Wednesday. There was a fire in the fireplace, with evergreen boughs, candles and the manger scene on the mantel. The program opened with the group singing Christmas carols, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Chas. Doyle.

Mrs. Zwemer talked to the club on conditions in the Old World at the time of Christ's birth. She closed with a poem entitled "America First" by Ralph Oldham. Mrs. Hahn told of Ripley's trip to the Holy Land, giving some believe-or-not facts, such as: Oliver Cromwell exhibited Christmas in England; Mexico outlawed Santa Claus as a Christmas symbol; and Christmas is not celebrated on Christmas Island.

Delightful Christmas puddings and tea prepared by the hostess and Mrs. H. J. Rittenger were served by the committee.

The club will meet on January 5, with Mrs. Chas. Doyle. Mrs. J. Taylor will talk on "New Dress and Home Materials."

Miss Virginia Doyle came home from the U. of M. Tuesday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Charles Doyle and family. Reni Doyle will be their guest on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peckham and family of Pittsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peckham and family of Ann Arbor arrived this Thursday to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Hattie Peckham.

James McMahon was taken to St. Mary's hospital Monday night, suffering from a severe cold. It is expected that a few days' rest in the hospital will restore him to his usual health.

Mrs. Don Wilsted and baby son, Tommy, came Sunday from Detroit to spend the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood. Her husband will join them on Christmas.

Mr. Wm. Cozgriff spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Lydia Porritt and family in Bowne, and Mr. and Mrs. Cozgriff were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Watts and Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Runciman are leaving today, Thursday, for Washington, D. C., to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mapes. They expect to return Monday.

Members of the Roth family held their annual Christmas party with dinner and exchange of gifts at the John Roth home last Sunday. Twenty-five were present from Lowell and Grand Rapids.

Out-of-town callers on Mrs. Grant Warner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buttrick and Mrs. Ross Hansen of Grand Rapids, Walter Blakeslee of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Seely of Seely Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger McMahon will serve a Christmas breakfast after midnight mass, for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMahon, and Byrne McMahon and Ed Reynolds and their families.

Among the young people home from college for the holidays are Jane Peckham, Roberta Hahn and Genevieve Scherbinak from M. S. C. and Lucille Warner from Central State College.

Supt. W. W. Gumsier will spend Christmas eve with his mother and other members of the family at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Price at Holland. Christmas day he and Mrs. Gumsier and Ellen will be guests of her brother, Howard Rutherford and family in East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Christoff entertained Sunday with a family dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lampkin and Chad, Mrs. E. E. Lee, Mrs. Myrtle Lampkin and Mrs. Earl Anderson of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lampkin left Monday for Ocala, Fla., where they will visit their son, Richard and wife.

THIS AND THAT FROM AROUND THE OLD TOWN

Mrs. Ernest Ayres and Mrs. Geo. Lee spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Mary Horn will be home from Grand Rapids Friday afternoon for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Coons of Grand Rapids were in town Saturday calling on relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacTavish are now living in their new home at 528 N. Jefferson.

Petty Officer 3/c Martin Davenport of Pittsburgh spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Purchase will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hubbard in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson are still confined to their home after a two weeks' illness with the flu.

Joseph Snell left last Thursday morning for a thirty day stay in Detroit and Wisconsin with his son, daughter, sister and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gannage of Willow Run will be guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsend, Christmas Day.

Mrs. Harry V. Camp is visiting until January 10, with her husband who is in the air corps at Lafayette, La.

Morris (Pete) Marwin of the U.S. navy, a former Lowell boy, called on Mr. and Mrs. Oris Smith Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Shaw of Midleville were Sunday and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Court of Greenville were also Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sayles observed Christmas last Sunday at the home of her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Britton, in Grand Lodge.

Henry Davenport is home from the University at Ann Arbor to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson spent four days last week in Detroit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knight. Their son, Althen and family of Grand Rapids will be their guests Christmas day.

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Members of the Roth family held their annual Christmas party with dinner and exchange of gifts at the John Roth home last Sunday. Twenty-five were present from Lowell and Grand Rapids.

Out-of-town callers on Mrs. Grant Warner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buttrick and Mrs. Ross Hansen of Grand Rapids, Walter Blakeslee of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Seely of Seely Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger McMahon will serve a Christmas breakfast after midnight mass, for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMahon, and Byrne McMahon and Ed Reynolds and their families.

Among the young people home from college for the holidays are Jane Peckham, Roberta Hahn and Genevieve Scherbinak from M. S. C. and Lucille Warner from Central State College.

Supt. W. W. Gumsier will spend Christmas eve with his mother and other members of the family at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Price at Holland. Christmas day he and Mrs. Gumsier and Ellen will be guests of her brother, Howard Rutherford and family in East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Christoff entertained Sunday with a family dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lampkin and Chad, Mrs. E. E. Lee, Mrs. Myrtle Lampkin and Mrs. Earl Anderson of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lampkin left Monday for Ocala, Fla., where they will visit their son, Richard and wife.

LONG ILLNESS FATAL TO LEWIS POWELL, 60

Funeral services were held last Friday from the Roth Chapel, the Rev. F. B. Harwood officiating, for Lewis Powell, aged 60, who died in St. Mary's hospital Wednesday, Dec. 15. Mr. Powell had been in poor health for the past twelve years.

He was born January 4, 1883 in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. In 1923 he married Bertha VanOrder of Grand Rapids, and moved with his family, several years ago, from Ada to West Lowell where they lived in the tenant house on Seymour Heche's farm.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha; two sons, Lloyd and David; four daughters, Winifred, Evelyn, Carmen and Margaret, all at home. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Ed. Walker spent last Wednesday in Lansing visiting her brother, James Dodds.

Mr. and Mrs. James Topp spent the week-end in Kalamazoo with Mr. and Mrs. Max Tiff.

Albert Smith was pleasantly surprised Tuesday evening by friends and neighbors, the occasion being his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Doyle will go to Chelsea, Friday, to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andros Gulde.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn were week-end visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Smith, and Mrs. Quinn's brother, Kenneth, who was home on furlough.

Word has been received in Lowell from Mrs. Bortia Quick of Elgin, Ill., that she is very ill and in St. Joseph's hospital in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boyce and Goldie Collins spent Sunday with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Helmer and family at Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Nowell attended the B. C. Cratchit dinner at the Women's City Club with a group of Grand Rapids friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lee Walker received the sad news Friday morning of the death of her sister, Mrs. Ida Burleson, who passed away Thursday evening in a hospital at LaPorte, Ind.

Hadley P. Schaefer is coming home today (Thursday) from Avondale Country School, Laurel, Md., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schaefer.

The body of Mrs. Lee Braisted was brought from Lansing to Lowell for burial in Oakwood cemetery on Wednesday. Mr. Braisted was a former resident of Lowell, Mrs. Braisted being formerly of Grand Rapids and Manistee.

Mrs. Fred Malcolm, who was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, last Wednesday for observation following an accidental fall, had recovered sufficiently so that she was able to be returned to her home Friday.

Mrs. Howard T. Thurtell is leaving Friday for Syracuse, N. Y., to join her husband, who is an air student at Syracuse University. They will be Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton of Syracuse, Mrs. Barton being the former Alice Carson, at one time a resident of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Englehardt gave a dinner Saturday night at the Rowe hotel, Grand Rapids, for Mrs. E. C. Foreman on her birthday. Guests besides the Foremans and Englehardts were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Borgerson, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. McGowan and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wingeler.

Mrs. C. E. Hathaway of Grand Ledge spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elmer S. White. On Sunday about sixteen neighbors and friends enjoyed a birthday dinner at the White home in honor of Mr. White's birthday.

Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. E. A. Hayward, returned to her home in Saranac Monday after a ten weeks' visit in Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. John Lalley will be her daughter, Margaret, and husband, L. J. Delehanty who is in the merchant marines, Lieut. and Mrs. John Lalley of Beming, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lalley of Ashtabula, O., the Misses Kathryn and Anne Lalley of Grand Rapids, Loyal Lalley of Detroit and Jim McMahon of Lowell.

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