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New Year Greetings To All

As the clock strikes twelve let our hearts reciprocate the sentiment of Tennyson's New Year bells:

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring out the false, ring in the true.

May Yours Be a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year

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HOW ABOUT IT NEIGHBOR? THIS IS NO TIME TO STAND ALONE!

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State Savings Bank



HAPPY NEW YEAR It wouldn't be New Years eve for... HER Without A Corsage

Order Now From Kiel's Greenhouses AND GIFT SHOP Lowell Phone 225 One block north of City Hall Flowers Telegraphed Anywhere

Up and Down Kent County Roads (Continued from first page)

Would like to see American elm and sycamore planted as permanent trees.

Here another year has rolled around and this county agent starts another year's work. This job in Kent County has been a most interesting one.

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.—Victor Hugo.



Bus Schedules SLOW TIME

Table with bus routes: To Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo; To Gr. Rapids; To FLINT.

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

STRAND THEATER

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30 Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

FOR LOVE... and COUNTRY But Not For Self! MAN FROM FRISCO

Darlingly REAL... Startlingly FRANK! Sensations of 1945

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen spent Christmas in Grand Rapids with her mother, Mrs. Mary Matulaitis. Miss Marie Matsumoto of Grand Rapids was a guest at the Claude Thorne home Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Sterken were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Briggs in Segwun. Mr. and Mrs. Neville Davam of Pewamo spent Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Elise Kropf.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fife entertained Mrs. Fife's sister, Mrs. Frank Tabor and family of Carson City, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Keith and family in Grand Rapids.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Overholt of Birmingham and H. H. Dawson were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Loveland of Alto called on Mrs. Lloyd Shuttle Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Andrews were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall and son. Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Williams and nephew of East Lansing called at the J. C. Hatch home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiegeler and family of Palo spent Christmas with Mrs. Wiegeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vely.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Decker of Clarksville, Miss Della Hatch and Geo. Hatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Krueger and family of Wolf Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Bernarc Draper of Muskegon, Mr. Rex Draper and Miss Arlie Draper of Alto were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Draper.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dennis entertained Christmas eve for Mr. and Mrs. John Fahrni and Jacqueline, Mrs. Arthur Norton, Miss Merry Swan, Robert Jackson, Miss Cleone Collins of Lowell, and Richard Dixon of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen had as their Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Bowen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hitchcock and family of near Easton.

Fighting in Italy Mighty Tough Going

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The Sam Yeter we know—then, my contribution to this war will have reached the point of diminishing returns, and to save myself and my pride in and respect for the Service I will accept the privilege of returning home to rehabilitate before it's too late.

Glad We're Americans "I would really like to tell you about Italy sometimes, but conditions are so different and there's so much to cover that I always hesitate to begin.

"Don't be concerned any more about cigars, cigarettes, gum, toilet articles and canned stuff to eat. Actually, I believe we are now getting far more of all that than you are at home.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Pattison and family were, Pfc. and Mrs. Don Corey of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. James Pastoor, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dennis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hall, son Jimmy, and Walter Margaret Pant were Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Kathleen Hall and Mr. Emma Plummer in Grand Rapids.

News of Our Boys

(Continued from first page)

from May 10 to Aug. 20, 1944. Capt. Baleski had previously served in the Mediterranean theater and had won the air medal with a silver oak leaf cluster.

Sgt. Fred W. Roth, Lowell, R. 2, Surgical Technician, is a member of the 350th Infantry Regiment, which recently took Mt. Battaglia in northern Italy.

Pre-Christian Roman inaugurated the new year by offering sacrifices to the gods, exchanging greetings, and bestowing gifts.

After December 25 had been established as the day of nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival honoring the circumcision of Jesus: the day being thus observed in the Roman church since 487, and in the Anglican church since 1549.

COMING EVENTS The Odd Fellows will hold election of officers on Monday night, Jan. 8. Lodge calls at 8 o'clock.

The Rebekahs will hold a euchre party Friday evening, Dec. 29, at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Approximately 200,000 parking meters are now operating in 449 cities in the United States, according to the National Safety Council.

Happy New Year



This charming young daughter of a marine corporal is all set to welcome the advent of 1945.

New Year's Day Antedates the Birth of Christ by 452 Years

The celebration of New Years on January 1 began in 452 B. C., and therefore, contrary to logical reasoning, had nothing whatsoever to do with the birth of Christ.

The ancient Roman calendar began in, and with, the month of March: there were ten months, the last six of which were named Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December—or, the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth months respectively.

Caesar's astronomers and calendar experts fixed the calendar year at 365 days—and because they estimated the solar year as 365 1/4 days—an extra day was to be added every fourth year.

Beatrice E. Schneider Weds John A. Williams

Candlelight and evergreens formed the setting for the wedding ceremony of Miss Beatrice E. Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider of Lowell, to F. C. 2/c John A. Williams, son of Mr. John Williams of Grand Rapids, on Friday, December 22 at 8:00 p. m. in the Lowell Methodist church.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the kindness of our friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our father, Orlando F. Kellogg.

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BIRTHS To Mr. and Mrs. Morse Johnson (Frances McCarty), Sunday, Dec. 24, in Jackson hospital, an 8 lb., 2 oz. daughter.

TYPHOID DEATHS DECREASE For the tenth year in Michigan there has been no case of typhoid fever traceable to a public water supply, according to Dr. William DeKleins, state commissioner of health.

New Year's Since 1916 Since 1916 the Rose Bowl football game has been played annually on New Year's day as a cofesture of Pasadena's Tournament of Roses.

A Good Resolution One of the New Year resolutions that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference.

Everybody Signs Why not have somebody delegated to draw up a set of good resolutions for us all and just have us sign them?

New Year With Hindus Among the Hindus the first day of the year is celebrated with sacrifice to the god of wisdom.

Toss a lettuce leaf into a pot of soup—it will absorb the greens and may be removed as soon as it has done its job.

Do You Value Your Right To Drive

8,784 drivers have filed under the new law. 1,312 drivers were uninsured.

RITTENGER Insurance Service

Phone 144 Lowell

SOCIAL EVENTS Marriage Announced

Mrs. R. Koewers announces the marriage of her daughter, Bertha Marie, to Cpl. Bert Hanson of Clarksville, at Dubuque, Iowa, on Christmas eve.

Enjoyable School Parties

Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the high school enjoyed a Christmas party Friday afternoon in the gym, with four decorated trees and gifts for all.

Past Noble Grands

The Past Noble Grands held their annual Christmas dinner last week Thursday night at the Lowell Cafe, seventeen being present to enjoy the occasion.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Robert Hahn entertained twelve of her daughter, Roberta's former high school friends at an informal tea Sunday afternoon.

Lowell Extension Group

The Lowell Extension group met at the home of Mrs. George Hale, December 14, with 17 members and one visitor present.

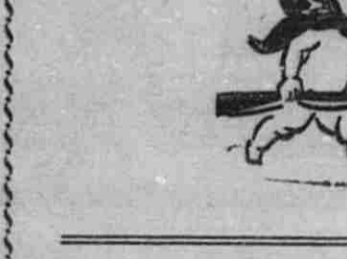
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To Mr. and Mrs. George Arehart, Sunday, Dec. 24, at Biodgett hospital, a son, weight 7 1/2 lbs.

IN BELDING STOP AT Ford's Tavern OPEN SUNDAYS



New Years Greetings

May the New Year Bring Victory And Peace LOWELL LUMBER & SUPPLY CO. Clara, Dell, Bruce, Raymond and Mac Farlane Co. Fred, George, Clyde