

State's Surplus Causes Headaches

Groups Seek 3 Times Amount Available

Michigan Press Association Service
Gene Alleman, Manager

"There is only one thing worse than a state deficit; it is a state surplus."

With pencil in hand, the state official in Lansing had just tallied up the total of numerous requests for state appropriations, as submitted to legislative committees at Lansing. The state legislature is to be called into special session Feb. 4.

"Auditor General John Morrison estimates that there'll be a surplus in the state treasury of around \$27,000,000 by July, 1947," the official added. "To date, the governmental requests for the \$27,000,000 exceed \$75,000,000—nearly three times what may be available to spend."

"Wotta life!"

What would normally be considered an asset, balancing the budget with a surplus for a rainy day, now threatens to become a political liability.

Pressure groups are organizing again, and their leaders possess persuasive arguments. The public schools, for example, are close to the hearts of the people. The Michigan Education association has asked for an additional \$3,000,000. The Michigan Veterans' Facility at Grand Rapids needs \$775,000; the state aeronautical commission could use \$390,000. The state colleges are in dire need of buildings. The mental health program seeks \$20,000,000. The cities, especially those with the 15-mill limitation, want a slice, too. And so it goes.

Up for re-election at the polls, legislators are going to be wary.

Increased demands for added services are the rule in nearly every state, according to Frank Bane, executive director of the Council of State Governments. Invariably this trend follows every war.

For example, heavy trucking of supplies to war plants has pounded the concrete pavements of state highways. Many roads must be replaced. Price inflation has decreased the buying power of governmental employees; wages inevitably must rise. Influx of veterans to state colleges has precipitated an emergency condition in housing and classrooms. Hospitals are badly overcrowded, and the war's strain on human nerves and the decline of morals have already spawned a violent crime wave in Detroit and other cities.

Retirement pensions for state and local government employees, authorized at the 1945 general session of the state legislature, constitute another bid for funds.

If long-term unemployment prevails in Michigan, welfare officials again would beat a path to the governor's door imploring increased legislative appropriations for public relief.

Back in 1937 when the labor sit-down strikes plagued Governor Frank Murphy, the state went in debt to provide adequate relief to distressed. This could easily happen again.

States have expanded their unemployment compensation coverage. Despite a \$7 billion reserve, these funds could be wiped out by a prolonged economic depression.

Back in the war years when government officials were busy with post-war planning, a favorite subject was work projects. These were designed to help absorb the shock of veterans returning to civilian life during reconversion from war to peace.

Now it appears that most of this work project must wait several years until construction costs come down and materials are available. Contractors are including every possible price increase in their bids. Not knowing how much more labor may get in 1946 or 1947 in a period of rising inflation, contractors close their eyes and write down the highest possible wage increase.

New costs of public works would easily wipe out the \$27,000,000 surplus. Costs are already running from 40 to 70 per cent above 1940, and they are still soaring.

A considerable portion of the post-war planning done by local governments in Michigan has not been realistic. It was based on the assumption that federal aid from Washington would be forthcoming to help foot the bill.

This fact has been noted candidly in this column.

Earl D. Mellory, executive director of the American Municipal Association, now makes this interesting observation: "All the municipal postwar planning done so far is unrealistic, because needs aren't squared with funds to do the job. Already it has been made clear the Congress cannot and will not make any large appropriations for general public works unless there is widespread unemployment."

Getting Uncle Sam to provide a public service, rather than state or
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THE LOWELL LEDGER

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Mercury dropped to zero and below around these parts Wednesday morning.

Ardis Vaughn, recently discharged from service, is the new clerk at the A. and P.

Slight changes have been made in the bus schedules of the Short Way Lines. Consult the time table which appears in each issue of the Ledger on page 8.

Talk is going around to the effect that a bowling alley costing around \$40,000 is a possibility here. There would have to be at least three tournament teams, preferably five to insure the venture.

The Lowell Manufacturing Company now has a total of 265 hands on its payroll. Of this number 90 are employed on the night shift, and Elmer Schaefer, the manager, states that they could use at least 30 more hands.

Don McPherson was one of the delegates chosen by the board of control of the Michigan Federation of Young Republicans to the mid-west council of Young Republicans' convention to be held March 8 and 9 in Grand Rapids.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: Some women are glad the war is over just to return to the two-way stretch. . . . The atom bomb is proof alone that you can't laugh off a scientist. . . . Overheard a Lowell man say that it is a toposus as to whether more words with less meaning are spoken in a barber shop or Congress. . . . According to a Lowell man, civilization is getting in shape to be ready to take care of the next fellow who thinks he is Napoleon. . . . You can get a substitute for almost everything except a sneeze.

For three days the latter part of last week long distance telephone calls in and out of Lowell and throughout most of the country as well were limited to such calls as came under the heading of emergency or priority, due to a strike called by the Association of Communications Equipment Workers. The ACEW called off for 30 days its strike against the Western Electric Co. At this writing the strike situation in general presents a gloomy picture. Everybody seems to be organized except we the people.

Much interest is being manifested by the people of the community in the proposed new building which is being sponsored by the Lowell Post of the American Legion. The promoters state that the building is not to be used by Legionnaires alone but that there will be departments for various local organizations such as boy scouts, etc. There is to be a dance hall which will also be used as a banquet room. The Legion wishes to stress the fact that this hall is to be a community affair, and hopes it will be a definite benefit to all Lowell.

College To Hold Livestock Events February 6 and 7

The fat stock show and the bred ewe sale, held annually during Farmer's week at Michigan State College are scheduled for the first week in February even though Farmer's week is cancelled.

The bred ewe sale will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6, at 1:30 p. m. in the livestock pavilion. Seventy-two ewes from 27 consignors in 13 counties, representing 6 breeds will be sold. This sale will bring together the choicest young ewes available in the state. 4-H Club, FFA members, and armers establishing flocks will find no other such selection in Michigan.

Other livestock activities on the same day at the college include the annual meeting of the Michigan Sheep Breeders' association at 3:30 p. m. in the livestock pavilion and the Michigan Cooperative Wool Growers' association at 10 a. m. in the Masonic Temple. These two groups will unite for a joint luncheon in the Masonic temple at noon. Beef, swine and fat lamb exhibitors will on that day bring in their exhibits for the fat stock show and sale Thursday, February 7.

Horse meetings at the college will be March 6.

Thursday, Feb. 7, at 9 a. m., judging will be started on the 50 pens of fat barrows and 15 pens of fat lambs. The five beef breed associations will, at 10 a. m., Thursday, hold their respective annual meetings at the Peoples church. The combined beef organizations will meet for luncheon in the Peoples church and the swine breeders in the Masonic Temple at noon. At the cattle luncheon the suggested Bang's disease program will be discussed. After the luncheon, judging of the 60 fat steers will be followed

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New Law Affects All Kent Voters

Permanent Registration To Be In Force May 1

Clerks of townships, cities and villages in Kent County that have not been operating under a permanent registration system for elections meet Jan. 9 in the supervisors room in the county building to receive instructions by County Clerk, Lewis J. Donovan and Prosecutor, Menno R. Bolt.

About 20,000 Kent county voters must comply with the state law, enacted in 1945, prescribing permanent registration, which has been in effect in the cities of Grand Rapids and Rockford and in Grand Rapids, Paris, Plainfield, Walker and Wyoming townships, Donovan said.

Bolt received an opinion Wednesday from the attorney general stating that permanent registrations cannot be taken by the other governmental units in the county until next May 1, the date the law takes effect.

The prosecutor reported the law requires units which must come under the law to advertise in newspapers in April the details of the permanent registration and to register qualified electors after May 1. The registration law affects the entire state.

Under the law electors would be suspended as qualified voters if they fail to vote at least once every two years. But they may be reinstated merely by returning a signed postcard to their township city or village clerk. All applications for permanent registration must be made personally because all voters must sign their names.

McBride Fire Loss Around \$5,000

The McBride schoolhouse, located on Pratt Lake Road at 36th St., about three miles south of Lowell, was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about 8:30 Tuesday night. The fire was seen by Mrs. Hoyt Avery, who notified Wm. VanVorst, who turned in the alarm. The Lowell fire department promptly responded but the fire had gained so much headway that only the garage and coal shed were saved.

Deputy Frank Stephens said the school had \$1,500 insurance on the building, but estimated the loss would be approximately \$5,000. The building was one of the early landmarks of this section.

Forrest Smith had been teaching the school for the past two weeks, succeeding Mrs. Evalyn Briggs, who had resigned. There were about 25 pupils, in grades from one to eight, inclusive.

Phone your news to the Ledger.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Rural Progress Caravan plans for Kent County are coming along in good shape. Reports from counties that the Caravan has visited indicate plenty of interest by farm folks. On the part of the exhibit that is proving valuable are the homemade labor saving devices that folks in the county are showing. Dick Machiele and I checked up on the possibility of such from our county.

We are asking Joe McCabe of Ada to bring his bean drill made from an old grain drill. Burnette Hersey of Casnovia to bring his tree hole digger. Wayne Williams of Spencer to bring his air compressor and hand winch. Wayne Whittall and Wesley Hessler of Courtland to bring potato loaders, seed treaters and manure loaders. All Smith-Hughes and shop teachers in the county have been contacted in regards to labor saving devices that might be brought to this meeting. If you have one let the county agent's office know about it.

Remember the date is February 7—the place, the Kent County Road Garage at Rockford. The exhibit will be open from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

"Controlling Diseases and Insects on Garden Flowers" is the name of a new bulletin from Michigan State college and one that will appeal to the home flower growers. Insects and diseases are described very well, also methods of control. It will answer many questions, for the home gardener. You can have a copy of this bulletin by dropping a card to the Extension Office.

Peach, plum and cherry growers in this county are beset with brown rot, particularly in wet

Native Indian Woman At Elmdale Church

A special "American Indian Service" will be held next Sunday night in the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, Viola Kaumeyer, an American Indian will be special speaker and vocalist. Mrs. Kaumeyer is an excellent soprano singer and because of her nativity is well versed in Indian affairs, and her services are much in demand.

This special occasion at 8:00 p. m. next Sunday promises not only to be very interesting but inspiring because of the unusual talent of this Indian woman. She will appear in the Sunday school service at 10:00 a. m. and will sing in the service at 11:00 a. m. The general public is invited.

Groups to Study Mending Woolens

Modern methods of mending woolens will be demonstrated at meetings now being planned by the Home Economics Extension groups of Kent County.

Eleanor Densmore, County Home Extension Agent, announces that leaders' meetings have been scheduled on January 22, at Grand Rapids Town Hall and January 23, at Lowell City Hall from 10:00 to 11:30.

The latest ideas on darning and patching will be taught by Marjorie Eastman, clothing specialist from Michigan State College. This lesson includes the re-treading of worn knees and elbows of suits, mending knitted garments and making a reweave patch.

Mending doesn't sound at all glamorous, but it is a mighty important part of the homemaker's job these days.

New clothing and materials are still scarce and expensive: It is up to us to see that our clothes are not discarded because of holes or tears when a good job of mending could keep them in service. Knowing how makes that job easier.

All interested groups should make a special effort to send leaders to this meeting. If not already enrolled in home economics work, get in touch with the County Extension Agent at 413 Murray Building, Grand Rapids, for a list of supplies to be brought to the meeting.

CHARLES DAVIS SUCCEUMS

Charles Davis, 57, a former resident of Lowell District No. 5, passed away in Ionia County Memorial hospital Thursday morning, Jan. 10. Surviving are his widow, Nellie; two daughters, Mrs. Frieda Kane and Mrs. Laura Stone, a brother, Percy Davis, and three grandchildren, all of Ionia; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Staal; and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Rivett, Detroit, and Mrs. Laura Kerekes of Lowell. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon with burial in Highland Park, Ionia.

March of Dimes for Paralysis Victims

L. E. Johnson has accepted the chairmanship for Lowell in the annual March of Dimes collection for carrying on the war against infantile paralysis, to be held January 24-31, it was announced in Grand Rapids by Lawrence F. Calahan, campaign chairman. Calahan was appointed by Judge Edward G. Burleson, of Grand Rapids, chairman of the Kent County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

Half of the money collected will remain with the county chapter to help defray the cost of treating victims of infantile paralysis in the county and the remainder will be given to the national foundation to help finance the research work which is going on continually in an effort to discover the cause of the disease and a cure for it.

Coin collection boxes have been placed in business houses throughout the county and the schools have been issued dime collection cards. Lynn H. Clark, county schools commissioner, is looking after the work in the rural districts.

Chairman Calahan announced that the theaters, industries and business houses of the county are cooperating in the drive.

Protect Children Against Measles Advises DeKleine

Michigan will have an epidemic of measles in 1946 if the disease follows its usual three-year cycle according to Dr. William DeKleine, state commissioner of health. Already reported cases of the disease are on the increase. Measles is serious, ranking as one of the leading causes of death for children under five years of age.

To modify the disease so that it is not dangerous, the Michigan Department of Health is distributing immune serum globulin to physicians. To be effective as a preventive it should be given before or immediately after exposure, but the immunity lasts only two or three weeks. However, if immune globulin is given in the very early stage of the disease, before the rash appears, it will make the disease milder and give the child permanent immunity.

"We advise parents to take little children, particularly those under five, to the physician five to seven days after exposure," Dr. DeKleine said. The physician will administer immune globulin. The child will have a mild case without danger of complications.

Immune serum globulin, offered in cooperation with the American Red Cross, was obtained as a by-product from blood donated by volunteers through the American Red Cross for the armed forces.

Even when measles is modified, good care is essential. Dr. DeKleine stressed. The patient needs to be kept in bed and the room should be darkened since light is painful to inflamed eyes.

The onset of measles often resembles a cold. It starts with a sniffly nose, inflamed eyes and hacking cough. It is usually about four days before the characteristic rash appears. However a rash consisting of white spots can be detected earlier in the mouth.

A pamphlet on measles is available without charge from local health departments or from the Michigan Department of Health, Lansing 4.

IONIA POMONA GRANGE

Portland Grange will entertain Pomona Grange on Saturday, Jan. 19. Dinner will be served promptly at noon, which will be followed by a program in the afternoon. Dr. E. E. Down of the Farm Crops Department will be guest speaker and will speak on Oats and Hybrid corn. Ionia county agricultural agent, A. A. Griffith, will also have some interesting facts to present to the farmers. A number of the subordinate granges will furnish numbers for the program.

We are sorry to hear of the injuries received by our worthy Pomona Master, Paul Wittenbach, who fell in the barn, breaking his arm and knee cap. He will be laid up for a couple of months.—Pomona Lecturer, Hope Sargeant.

Half Year License Plates

1946 half year license plates are now on sale.—Esther Fahrnl, branch manager, Lowell, Mich. c38

There are now seven times as many people who own life insurance policies in the United States as there were in 1900. One-half the population now own policies, while one-one-eighth owned them then.



News of Our Boys

Edwin J. Mueller has been promoted to S1/c at Pearl Harbor.

Dave A. Clark Jr. has been promoted to Aviation Boatswain Mate, Third class (A. B. M. 3/c).

Pfc. Leon Dennis returned home January 11 from Japan, after receiving his discharge from the army.

William E. Fryover, Ph. M. 2/c, was returned home, having received his discharge from Navy on January 8, at Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. Keith Franks is at home on a 14-day furlough from Fort Bragg. At the end of his furlough he reports to Camp Pickett, Va.

Pvt. Cecil V. Good sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Good, a telegram saying he arrived on Guam, Dec. 20, so was there for Christmas.

Sgt. Orton K. Seese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seese, of Alto, received his discharge on Jan. 4, after 36 months in service, 22 of which were spent in Europe.

MO MM 2/c Gordon Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill arrived home by plane from the coast last week Thursday. Gordon has been in Japan for some time past.

George Edward Daigle, F 2/c, Lowell, serving on the heavy cruiser USS Canberra, after 11 months on the other side of the continent, has again joined the Pacific Fleet, for duty.

Capt. John Lalley, a former Lowell high school graduate, has been appointed counselor of veterans' affairs for Cass county, Mich. He is a member of the Air Corps Reserve and is on terminal leave until March 1.

Harold F. Jefferies has been promoted from Pfc. to T/5 with the Public Relations office of Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger's 8th army headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, where he is serving as a feature writer.

Willard J. Hesse MM 1/c, grandson of the late Charles Alexander, who has been in the service for the past 6 years, was a dinner guest of his aunt, Mrs. Edward Watson Friday evening as he was enroute to Great Lakes to receive his discharge.

T/Sgt. Kenneth Fletcher, who has recently returned from France, arrived home Wednesday night from Camp Atterbury, Ind., where he received his discharge. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fletcher and has been in the service nearly four years.

Richard Fonger, S 2/c, called his mother, Mrs. George Fonger, by telephone from San Diego, Calif., Wednesday night, having just arrived from the Pacific area. He called from the home of Lt. and Mrs. Orin Sterken, formerly of Lowell, and at whose home he is now visiting.

June Rosemarie Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Roth, Lowell, R. 3, has passed competitive examinations at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., and was advanced from petty officer storekeeper 3/c to 2/c. Enlisting in the navy July 7, 1944, she works in the Supply Department.

Winn Alexander arrived home Jan. 7, from Manila, being discharged from the A. A. F. after 39 months in the service, 26 months in the Pacific. A brother, George, was discharged from the army after 30 months of overseas service in the So. Pacific area and Japan. Another brother, Pvt. Stanley Alexander, is located at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Why We Blush

Editor, The Lowell Ledger: The Garden Lore Club of Lowell wishes to thank you for the very excellent publicity you gave us during our Christmas project. It was a miracle how everyone stepped in as needed and so perfectly filled their respective roles.

Without you and your good newspaper we could not have succeeded. We thank you so very much.

Mrs. Lee Lamplin, President and General Chairman.
Mrs. James Gee, Secretary.

Buy and sell through the Ledger want ads.

The Strike Situation

Some 268,000 packinghouse workers went on strike Wednesday morning which will shut off most of the nation's meat supply.

Electrical appliance workers walked out Tuesday morning stopping production of radios, refrigerators and washing machines.

Ford Motor Co. and CIO are still negotiating.

Union maintenance men struck Tuesday, closing 23 of Flint's 44 public schools.

Strike against General Motors still unsettled.

The 800,000 CIO steel workers threaten to quit next Monday unless their demands for higher wages are met by the steel industry.

The ACEW has given a 30-day notice that they will stop all long distance telephone communications unless their wage demands are met.

Noted Missionary Coming To Lowell

The Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, for thirteen years a missionary of the Methodist church in China, and a member of a family that has given missionaries to Argentina, Burma, India and China, and a number of ministers to the United States, will be the guest speaker at a Church Family Night supper meeting at the First Methodist church, Monday evening at 7 o'clock, Jan. 21.

Mr. Stockwell has just arrived in the United States on a furlough, returning on the Gripsholm and is making his home at present in Oberlin, Ohio.

Entering the missionary service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist church in 1925, Mr. Stockwell was assigned to China, and engaged in evangelistic work in the Foochow Conference of Fukien Province. Later he was transferred to West China and engaged in evangelistic work—organizing churches and preaching conferences for Chinese ministers, besides preaching to large groups in both city and country regions—in Chengtu District, Szechuan Province. In this field of work he is considered one of the outstanding younger missionaries to China, and he has successfully built up the Christian community and constituency of his district.

Mr. Stockwell is a native of Perry, Okla. He was educated at Oklahoma City College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Garrett Biblical Institute. Before his appointment as a missionary he was a pastor of Methodist churches in Oklahoma.

Vet Injured as He Gives Aid to Others

A discharged army veteran, Charles Jones, 38, of Fallsburg Park, was injured Saturday evening when attempting to aid victims of a head-on collision on M 21, two miles west of Lowell. Deputies Frank Stephens and Andrew Van Duinen investigated the case.

It is reported that a car driven by Mary Arehart of Lowell struck Jones as he stepped from behind one of the wrecked cars to aid one of the women who had crossed to the other side of the road.

Jones was taken to Blodgett hospital in a Roth ambulance, where he was treated for a right leg fracture and facial lacerations.

Collins E. Brooks Joins Searl & White Law Firm
Fred N. Searl, formerly Kent County prosecuting attorney, and Gerald E. White, formerly of Lowell, announce that Collins E. Brooks has become a member of their firm and that they will continue the general practice of law under the firm name of Searl, White & Brooks at 532 Michigan Trust Bldg., Grand Rapids.

It is the cause and not the death that makes the martyr.—Napoleon.

Verdict Puzzles Japanese People

Can't See Why Glass Eye Was Not Hanged

For the past few weeks I have been fortunate, or unfortunate as you may look at it, to attend the war criminal trials held here in Yokohama. The trials are being held in a dingy, dirty court-room of the Yokohama district court. The Japs seem to let their public buildings become filthy and spend little time in cleaning or repairing them.

The court room itself is heated with four little sheet-iron, oil burning heaters that emit the temperature tolerable. Most of the members of the commission and spectators wear coats. The room is small, and early in the trial was jammed with photographers, reporters and spectators. The Japanese press attended in great number and most of the Japanese papers carried extensive accounts of the trial. A special generator was installed to provide the bright lights needed for the newsmen.

This also helped the Jap photographers, who use small miniature cameras, almost exclusively with a few old type magnesium foil flash bulbs.

The first man to be tried was Tatsuo Tsuchiya, a gray suited, blinking, thick lipped Japanese known as "Little Glass Eye," who was found guilty this week by a commission of Army colonels for having contributed in the death of an American soldier by beating him with ropes and clubs. The commission, although finding him guilty, seemed to be a little short of convinced of his guilt, giving him a life sentence instead of death. The evidence presented was mostly affidavits of American soldiers who witnessed Little Glass Eye's treatment of fellow soldiers in the prison camp. I could not help but feel that if the affidavits were evidence enough to convince the commission of his guilt there was little reason for not hanging him.

From talking with Japs attending the trial I was given to understand that they expected that most of the war criminals would be put to death, as that fits in with their ideas and is what they expect.

Three official court interpreters were used in the first trial, the intricate and baffling Japanese language being responsible. Some of the difficulties faced by an interpreter were brought out incidentally, when the prosecution sought to distinguish between "stick" and "club," that there was no distinction between the two in the Japanese language, and at another point that the singular and plural of soldier were one and the same in Japanese. Questioning went very slowly with the interpreters puzzling over how to present the questions. What is annoying in the language is to have the interpreter ask a yes or no question and have the answer take five minutes of conversation.

The sobriquets of the accused and others named in the accusations drew smiles from the spectators. Little Glass Eye, Big Glass Eye, Mushroom, Punk, Rivet Tooth and Mickey Mouse are a few of the nicknames applied by the American prisoners to the personnel of the Jap prison camp. One affidavit stated that "Punk" resembled the movie actor, George Raft. He does, the spectators agreed when they saw him.

The first trial was quite interesting but I can see by the time 300 have been brought to justice it will become quite a bore.

I have met only one other Michigan man at the trial and he is taking quite a part in the proceedings, as he is chief defense council, Maj or Harold H. Emmons, of Detroit. I asked him when I first met him why his name seemed so familiar and he told me it was because of his father with whom he was associated in a law firm. His father was a candidate on several occasions for offices in Detroit, most familiar was running against Frank Murphy for mayor of Detroit, in the early '30s.

Hope that I am not here for all of the trials but I can see that it is the responsibility of our country to try and punish the torturers of our prisoners and murderers of hundreds of GIs.

—Ledger Reporter

SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE
A servicemen's party will be held at the hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 19. Invitations are being mailed to returned men or those who are home on furlough, names of which have been on the honor roll. Dancing and card playing will feature the evening's entertainment. Potluck supper.—Worthy Lecturer.

It is the cause and not the death that makes the martyr.—Napoleon.



EARLY DAYS OF AVIATION ALSO THE DAYS OF LONG SKIRTS—This is a composite picture made from two photographs showing early trials of the Wright brothers biplane at Fort Myer, Virginia. Spectators hold their breath while the little plane skims over the tree tops of Arlington Cemetery.

Bell Takes Case To Circuit Court

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. is challenging the order of the Public Service Commission directing the company to refund \$7,000,000 to customers from 1944-1945 revenues and to reduce 1946 rates by an amount computed at \$3,500,000 by the Commission.

"We feel obligated to oppose any action that we believe will jeopardize the quality of future service to the public," said Thomas N. Lacy, president-elect, as the company filed a bill of complaint this week in the Ingham Circuit Court seeking to "set aside the Commission's order."

As to refunds, the company pointed out a similar order directing a refund of \$3,500,000 for 1944 was set aside by Former Circuit Judge Leland W. Carr on the grounds that the Commission is without authority to make a retroactive rate cut. That issue is now before the Supreme Court on appeal.

Rate reductions under the order would greatly exceed the \$3,500,000 claimed by the Commission, according to the company. "Unless conditions now foreseeable were to improve the situation, the order would reduce our earnings to the point of impairing our credit," Lacy said. "If continued too long, insolvency would be the inevitable result."

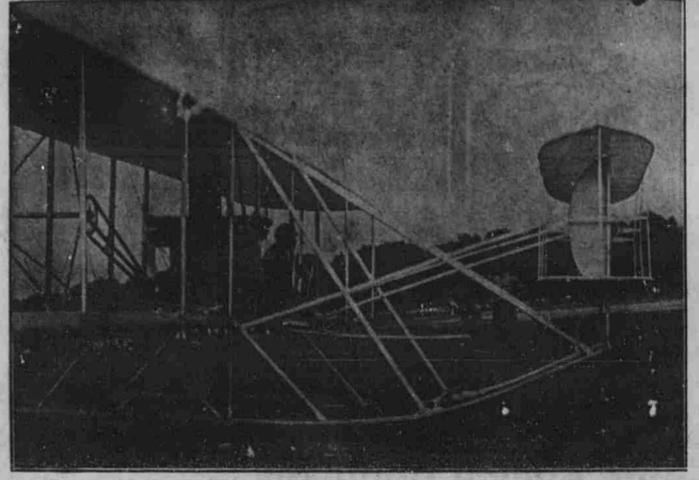
"When the financial structure of a public-service institution is impaired, rate increases are necessary or service slips. Michigan has had a recent example of that fact in the fare increase by Detroit's public transportation system."

Although the Commission cited tax reductions for Michigan Bell in 1946, it ignored inflationary trends of increased wages and prices that would more than wipe out any such advantage, the company said.

The order, according to the company, would reduce earnings to less than half the average rate of leading manufacturers with which the Bell System must compete for funds-money needed to finance the company's \$120,000,000 postwar construction program, including more than \$27,000,000 scheduled in 1946.

"While a recent survey reveals that about two-thirds of the people with opinions on the matter think that the Telephone Company should earn 10 or more per cent, we make no such claim for Michigan Bell," Lacy commented. "We do protest, however, against a proposal that would reduce our earnings to a point considerably less than half that figure."

The company recognizes other utilities are making refunds but said its operations are different. It pointed out that it had a much greater relative increase in customers in wartime and was unable to expand its plant for civilian needs. An expenditure of \$50,000,000 is required merely to build enough facilities to render the type of service to which the public is entitled in normal times, regardless of improvements and growth.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. **FIRST U. S. ARMY PLANE READY FOR ITS TEST FLIGHT**—This "flying machine" with Orville Wright at the controls and Lieut. Frank P. Lahm (left) as a passenger was accepted by the Army August 2, 1909, after trials at Fort Myer, Virginia. It had a wing span of 34 feet, 4 inches, and its weight empty was 750 pounds. Two light propellers were driven by chains from a small gasoline engine. The landing gear consisted of two runners, or skids. In 1908 a plane also built by Wright Brothers crashed in tests at Fort Myer resulting in the death of Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge and the injury of Wilbur Wright.

Husband: I've just insured my life for \$5,000, so that if anything happens to me you will be provided for.

Wife: How thoughtful, Darling! Now you won't have to see the doctor every time you feel sick, will you?

It's a service publication that tells of a soldier back from two years overseas who was pined with the inevitable question by a civilian. The civilian asked the veteran how he liked to be home. "Well," said the returned hero, "it's all right, but all my buddies are gone and there's no one to go out with but girls."

SOMETHING DOING

People like a community, where as some remark, there is always "something doing". They appreciate good entertainments, pleasant social occasions, club life athletic events, and such things. Some folks become restless and dissatisfied, if they have to live in a community where there is a lack of such activity.

So the people who get up entertainments and any kind of popular and useful activity, contribute to the life of the town, and help to make people contented with their community associations. Men and women like wholesome diversions and pastimes, and they ask for recreations that shall take their minds from their work, and help them to enjoy life and social contacts with their neighbors and townspeople.

A Brooklyn soldier on maneuvers in Oregon took a little walk in the woods and returned a little later with some rattle-snake rattles.

"Where in the world did you get them," gasped his alarmed companions.

The boy from Brooklyn leamed broadly. "Off" a woin."

Men and nations can only be reformed in their youth; they become incorrigible as they grow old.—Rosseau.

Bob Backs Drive



Bob Hope, National Chairman of the March of Dimes Veterans and Servicemen's Division, is rallying his legions of radio listeners for a smashing victory in the January 14-31 appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1946.

Present, HON. JOSEPH R. GILLARD, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Amelia Robinson, Deceased.

It appearing to the court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court; It is Ordered, That all the creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1946, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JOSEPH R. GILLARD, Judge of Probate.

A true copy: FRED ROTHE, Register of Probate. c37-31

GENERAL

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said County, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1946.

Present, HON. JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Sharon Foster, Dependent and Neglected Child.

Cordelia E. Morrison having filed in said court her petition alleging that said named child is dependent and neglected by reason of being dependent upon the public for support, and not receiving the proper parental care, and asking that an order be made declaring said child to be dependent and neglected and that such disposition be made of said child as the court may direct.

It is ordered, That Thursday the 7th day of February, A. D. 1946, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

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ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1946.

Present, HON. JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Caroline Rogers, Deceased.

It appearing to the court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court; It is Ordered, That all the creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1946, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

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Wends Maintain Customs In Prussian Province

Southeast of Berlin is the Spree Wald, swampland home of a Slavic people unassimilated by the Prussians who surround them.

The Germans call them Wends. They call themselves Sorbs. Fifteen centuries ago, says the National Geographic society, their ancestors settled on the flat, wooded shores and islands of the 17-mile-long, crazy maze of arms of the Spree river that gave them shelter from the rampaging Goths.

Through centuries of change, through the succession of wars, the Wends have lived simply in this Venice of Germany in the southern part of the Prussian province of Brandenburg, unconcerned with the rise and fall of nations around them. They have clung to their own speech which can best be described as a mixture of Polish and Czechoslovakian. They have retained quaint dress and superstitions.

Blasting Boulders

The most practical method of blasting boulders into removable fragments with dynamite depends on the location of the rock. If it is on the surface or only slightly imbedded in the soil, the mudcapping method is recommended, according to Du Pont explosives experts. This method calls for placing the required number of cartridges on top of the boulder for subsequent firing, with three or four inches of mud placed over the top of the charge, particularly when it is desirable to hold the charge in place on a slanting boulder. The snake-holing method requires digging a hole under a buried boulder, large enough to pack the explosive charge in a mass close up under and against the rock so that it will break the boulder as it is blown out. On all jobs of this type, an experienced blaster should be employed.

Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.—Mark Twain.

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FOR SALE—G & H manure loader for Model H. Wittenbach Sales & Service, Lowell. c37

FOR SALE—Feed, hay, straw and oats. Alto phone 614. Amos Sterick. p37-42

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FINAL LIQUIDATING DIVIDEND

To all beneficiaries of the trust created by a Declaration of Trust dated March 15, 1929 and executed by the undersigned in connection with the acquisition of certain assets from City State Depositors Corporation, said beneficiaries being the FORMER HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY CITY STATE DEPOSITORS CORPORATION, of Lowell, Michigan, and outstanding at the time of the creation of the present trust.

Notice is hereby given that a final trustee's dividend equivalent to 30.37 per cent of the original principal amount of said Certificates of Indebtedness has been made available by the undersigned to all beneficiaries of its trust on and after the date hereof by and through its agent, The State Savings Bank of Lowell. Said dividend may be obtained by calling for and demanding the same, in person, or in writing upon the form prescribed by the undersigned, at the office of said The State Savings Bank of Lowell in the Village of Lowell, Michigan, on or before six months from the date hereof. Forms for claim or demand of said dividend in writing, if desired, may be obtained from said The State Savings Bank of Lowell.

Notice is further given that pursuant to the terms of a decree of the Kent County Circuit Court entered in Chancery Cause No. 47,795 on November 16, 1945, any sums which are not called for or demanded within six months from the date hereof in person, or in writing upon forms prescribed by the undersigned shall be deemed to have been abandoned and will be ordered to be delivered to the Michigan State Board of Escheats upon such further notice as the Court shall direct.

Dated: January 3rd, 1946.
DEPOSITORS LIQUIDATION CORPORATION, Trustee under a declaration of Trust dated March 15, 1929, executed in connection with the acquisition of certain assets from City State Depositors Corporation.
DICKINSON, WRIGHT, DAVIS, MCKEAN and CUDLIP, Attorneys for Depositors Liquidation Corporation
1390 National Bank Building
Detroit 24, Michigan. c35-47

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FINAL LIQUIDATING DIVIDEND

To all beneficiaries of the trust created by a Declaration of Trust dated March 15, 1929 and executed by the undersigned in connection with the acquisition of certain assets from Lowell State Depositors Corporation, said beneficiaries being the FORMER HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY LOWELL STATE DEPOSITORS CORPORATION, of Lowell, Michigan, and outstanding at the time of the creation of the present trust.

Notice is hereby given that a final trustee's dividend equivalent to 17.03 per cent of the original principal amount of said Certificates of Indebtedness has been made available by the undersigned to all beneficiaries of its trust on and after the date hereof by and through its agent, The State Savings Bank of Lowell. Said dividend may be obtained by calling for and demanding the same, in person, or in writing upon the form prescribed by the undersigned, at the office of said The State Savings Bank of Lowell in the Village of Lowell, Michigan, on or before six months from the date hereof. Forms for claim or demand of said dividend in writing, if desired, may be obtained from said The State Savings Bank of Lowell.

Notice is further given that pursuant to the terms of a decree of the Kent County Circuit Court entered in Chancery Cause No. 47,796 on November 16, 1945, any sums which are not called for or demanded within six months from the date hereof in person, or in writing upon forms prescribed by the undersigned shall be deemed to have been abandoned and will be ordered to be delivered to the Michigan State Board of Escheats upon such further notice as the Court shall direct.

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Ada News

(Mrs. Hattie R. Fitch)

Ada Native Dies

Joe Maloney, 68, a native of Ada, died Sunday at his home in Greenville after a short illness. He was a farmer until 11 years ago when he moved to Greenville, where he had been employed as caretaker of city parks. He is survived by the widow, the former Katherine Doyle; one grandchild, two brothers, Dave of Grand Rapids and James of Lowell; and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Griswold of Detroit and Mrs. Mary Ann Kelly of Kalamazoo. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 9 at St. Charles Catholic church, Greenville, with burial at Parnell.

Mothers' Club to Meet Feb. 7
The Mothers' Club met in the club room at Ada school Thursday evening with a nice group attending. Mrs. Willard Neider was chairman, assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Mc-Masters and Mrs. Lawrence Faulkner. A book review was given by Mrs. Frederick Wykes of Cascade and very much enjoyed by the group. A club project was discussed and it is hoped to have this realized before the close of school. A dainty lunch was served.

In February the club will meet Thursday, the 7th, and plans have been made to have a speaker for the topic of school lunches and nutrition. Mrs. John Adriance, Mrs. Norman Wride and Mrs. Betty Kamp have been named as committee in charge of the meeting. All mothers are given a cordial invitation to attend.

Ada Locals

Bernard Rooker called at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, on Saturday to inquire about Floyd Gillipie and found that his condition was still only fair. Mr. Gillipie was gravely injured at his home last Sunday when a saw he was using in his basement flew and hit him in the face. One eye has been removed, however, it is thought perhaps some sight will be saved in the other eye. Besides the eye injuries he suffered other grave cuts.

Mrs. Grace Whaley, librarian at Ada Kent County library, attended the first staff meeting of the Library Association at Galewood on Monday, Jan. 14. Mrs. Ruth Warncke from the Adult Kent County Association office was the speaker for the afternoon session. In spite of weather and the double holiday, interest at the Ada library continues to be excellent and last Friday 60 books were loaned out by Mrs. Grace Whaley, librarian. Visit your library and catch up with your reading these stormy winter evenings.

Sgt. Walter Afton arrived home last Tuesday from Illinois with his discharge from service. He served many months in the States and spent a year at Guam prior to his discharge.

Bruce Fase shot a large red fox on his father's farm last week. The fox had a very beautiful pelt.

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Several people have inquired if the Cannon boys have returned from service. William and Richard were discharged the 5th and 6th of November and Richard and Mrs. Cannon are residing in Ada and he is employed in Grand Rapids. William is at Lansing where he is employed with the telephone company.

Donna Fase returned to work on Monday after being ill with an abscess in her throat for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Ward invited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fase and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward and children to the event marking their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Lillian Fryover motored to Great Lakes, Ill., last Tuesday to meet her husband, William Fryover, Ph. M. 2/c, who was there awaiting discharge, which he received and they returned to Ada on Thursday evening. Mr. Fryover spent three years in service, one of which was in the South Pacific, where he was in combat. At present Mr. and Mrs. Fryover are staying at the farm at Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Topp and Patty and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hoekstra of Grand Rapids were Thursday evening visitors of Mrs. Peter Kamp.

Mrs. Peter Kamp and Mrs. Elizabeth Kamp and sons motored to Beverly Friday afternoon to visit Mrs. Dora Ossewaarde.

Mrs. Andrew Miller and Elgin spent Sunday afternoon in Alto visiting Miss Sada Wilson and then went to Grand Rapids with Mrs. Esther Harris, who had been visiting Miss Wilson.

Mrs. Ida Morris, Homer Morris and Mrs. Winnie Chaffee of Grand Rapids went to Lowell Sunday afternoon to call on Mrs. Oma Shear, who is seriously ill at the home of Mrs. Anna Yardley.

Phay Johnson, U. S. N., who is home on leave, visiting his parents in Cascade, was a Wednesday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wride, and on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Milton Heaven, Barbara and Donny of Cascade were callers at the Wride home.

Mrs. Ralph Averill, Sr., and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quiggle, attended the Snow Ladies' Aid society meeting last Wednesday at the Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitch spent Saturday in Grand Rapids and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Weber and Joseph H. Weber.

Pvt. Gene Rooker of the Marines is on his way home with his discharge and is expected to arrive one day this week. On his way he has been delayed at Cheyenne, Wyo., due to a severe cold and sore throat. He has been overseas and saw action in the South Pacific, and was wounded in one of the island campaigns. His brother, Toward Rooker, S. K. 1/c, U. S. N., is also due home on a 30-day furlough and expects to arrive one day this week. This will be a happy event for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rooker since this is the first time in more than two years that the family circle has been complete.

Arthur Martin of Cascade called on friends in Ada Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanDam and Mr. and Mrs. August VanDam of Grand Rapids were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stuklia.

Mrs. Robert Stoll spent the weekend at Battle Creek with Capt. Robert Stoll at Percy Jones hospital.

S/Sgt. Robert McCormick received his discharge at San Antonio, Tex., on Wednesday, Jan. 9, and is spending a few days visiting various friends before returning to Ada.

The fire equipment at Ada garage was called out on Tuesday to extinguish a fire caused by a short circuit in the Oldsmobile car owned by Harry Kaercher. The fire did \$400 damage to the car which was covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quiggle attended the birthday party on Saturday, Jan. 12, held at the Walter Quiggle home at Cascade for Walter's 32nd birthday, and for his brother Fred's 78th birthday which fell on the same date. These three brothers always celebrate this event each year.

Little Nora Lee Coger was brought home from Butterworth hospital on Tuesday and is now well on the road to recovery. Everyone had been so concerned since the baby was suffering with pneumonia and whooping cough and was so seriously ill for days, Mrs. Eleanor Coger reports.

Just a reminder—Friday, Jan. 18.

Farm Supplies

Electric Cream Separators
Electric Milking Machines
Dairy Supplies
Harvey "Red Hed" Hammermills
Horn Hydraulic Tractor Loaders
Farm Machinery Repairs
Oliver Farm Supply
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

LAST WEEK'S LETTERS

Elmdale
Mrs. Wesley Keim and Mrs. Marvin Stahl were co-hostesses at the latter home Wednesday for the West Campbell Extension club. A miscellaneous shower was given Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Alma Stahl, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Stahl.
Mrs. Wesley Keim was called to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Semiah Seese of Freepost last Wednesday to assist in the care of her mother, who is sick.
Mrs. Roy McRoberts will entertain the Brethren Ladies Aid at her home on Thursday, Jan. 17.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglas of Hastings.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant were Saturday dinner guests of the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Anderson of Grand Rapids.
Horse Myers has been with the flu for the past week.

SOUTH LOWELL BUSY CORNERS

DOROTHY WITTEBACH
George Wieland's were Mrs. Leona Wieland and family and Walter Wieland. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wieland were Thursday evening callers of Leona Wieland.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDiarmid spent Friday in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. James Taylor and daughter, Nedra, of Lake Odessa, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rittenger.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons and family of South Boston were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rittenger. Thursday night the Rittengers supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rittenger, Mr. and Mrs. Will Klugus and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lyon of Alto. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiltentach and son George were dinner guests.
The Sweet school P. T. A. is postponed until Friday, Jan. 25.
Read the Ledger ads.

NO. KEENE—NO. BOSTON

Mrs. Ed. Potter
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blough and family are living in their garage at present to be near their chores, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rickert and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Clemenz in Lowell in honor of Mrs. Rickert's birthday.

Mrs. Baier, teacher in Cutler school, entertained the 4-H Club girls of the school at her home in Ionia Thursday evening. Mrs. Paul Smith, the leader, and Mrs. Glenn Rickert took the girls up. Nice refreshments were served and all had a grand time.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Vandenhout were dinner guests at the Paul Friedl home, west of Lowell, on Thursday.

The Carroll Potter children have the mumps.

Nick Kingma left two weeks ago for Everett, Wash., to spend the rest of the winter with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ecknes and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilcox and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clemenz and Connie of Lowell were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rickert.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Krumbein and Mrs. Clara Roell of Grand Rapids were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Denton.

Vivian Hale of Lansing spent the week-end with Mrs. Leona Hale and family. Sunday guests there were the Phlorus Hale family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton and daughter of Saranac spent Saturday evening with the Eddie Potter family.

A Big Step Forward



To three-year-old Joseph Lee of Boston, Mass., this is the biggest step of his life. Recovering from a crippling attack of infantile paralysis at Children's Hospital, little Joe is shown starting the long road back to active health with the help of physical therapist Deborah Kinsman and a pair of miniature crutches.

Your contribution to the annual March of Dimes, conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will help thousands of others like Joe receive the best available treatment.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



ART: "Saw you at the movies last night, Judge. That was quite a weekend that alcoholic went through, wasn't it?"
OLD JUDGE: "Sure was, but I'm afraid most people won't really understand it."
ART: "What do you mean, Judge?"
OLD JUDGE: "Simply this. That poor chap was really a sick man...not just a drunk. Studies by famous psychiatrists and the medical profession show that alcoholism is not caused by a craving for alcohol...it is usually the result of some deep-rooted social, physical or emotional condition. If that fel-

low had not turned to alcohol for escape, he would have turned to something else."
ART: "Are there many that get in that condition, Judge?"
OLD JUDGE: "Fortunately not. Art. Scientists at a great university have stated that approximately 95% of the people who drink do so sensibly. Only 5% are immoderate at times. In that 5% is the small number known as alcoholics. And the beverage distilling industry which does not want a single person to use its product immoderately, is cooperating fully in the solution of this problem."

This advertisement sponsored by Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, Inc.

WHY Michigan Bell Goes to Court Again

A year ago, Michigan Bell asked the Ingham Circuit Court for relief from an order of the Michigan Public Service Commission directing us to refund \$3,500,000 from 1944 revenues. That court declared the order illegal on the grounds that the Commission has no authority to make a retroactive rate reduction. The issue has been taken to the Michigan Supreme Court on appeal.

On December 13, 1945, the Commission issued another order directing us to refund \$7,000,000 from 1944 and 1945 revenues and to reduce rates for 1946 by an amount estimated by the Commission to be \$3,500,000. Michigan Bell has now asked the Ingham Circuit Court to restrain the Commission from enforcing this present order.

We went to court BEFORE because of our obligation to protect the service we render the public. For the same reason, we must go to court AGAIN.

We can afford no such reduction in our revenues, and the same conditions apply to the refund provisions of the new order as in the 1944 order, previously held illegal.

Each utility, the same as each different business, has its own individual problems. During the war, we gained a large number of telephones, although restrictions prevented expansion of facilities to meet ordinary civilian needs. We still are far behind the demand for service.

We are shy \$50,000,000 of investment in facilities needed to serve today's business the way it should be served. This plant already would have been built had it not been for the war. Now it must be built. But as we add these new investment dollars, with no additional revenues from the increased investment, our rate of earnings will go even lower than the inadequate level to which it already has fallen.

Michigan Bell's earnings today are a lot lower than those of most industries. Our wartime earnings were the lowest in history except during the depression. Now and in the future, savings from lower taxes will be more than offset by the increased costs of doing business. Our basic wage rates, for example, are up more than 10 per cent

since a year ago and the national pattern of further wage increases is still a matter of debate. Other costs are climbing higher every day.

Unless conditions not now foreseeable improve the situation, the Commission's order would reduce our earnings to the point of impaired credit, which, if continued too long, would result in insolvency.

When the financial standing of a public service institution is impaired, rate increases are necessary or the service slips. Earnings must be fair over the years or good telephone service cannot be maintained.

If refunds and a rate reduction cut our earnings further, it will tend to discourage folks from investing their money in the telephone business. And we'll be needing more investment money from now on to expand and improve telephone service in keeping with the high standards you want.

Michigan Bell's objective is to furnish the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Since 1936, the last time the Company challenged a reduction in exchange rates, there have been numerous rate cuts, representing a total savings of some \$7,700,000 a year on the basis of present usage.

Looking toward the widest possible use of the service, we expect and want our rates to come down as rapidly as technical improvements will permit. Such improvements in the past have kept telephone rates down in the face of rising costs. But today, increased costs are coming so rapidly that improvements in the telephone art cannot keep pace in offsetting them. We simply cannot afford another rate cut at this time.

What it all adds up to is this—Michigan Bell is not in court seeking increased rates or large profits. The Company is in court AGAIN to contest an order which is contrary to present economic conditions and which cannot be carried out at this time without jeopardizing the future quality of your telephone service.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

ALTO NEWS

Mrs. Fred Pattison

Alto Library Notes

New books at the Alto Library are as follows: Cass Timberlane by Sinclair Lewis, Outside Eden by Isabell Rorick, Most Secret by Nevil Shute, Iron Gates by Margaret Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Tesch donated a generous box of books and magazines and magazines were also donated by the Blossoms and Ellets.

I wish to thank Dale Johnson for selling old magazines and papers from which \$6.25 was realized.

Mrs. Dudley H. Smith, Librarian

Alto Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Peet of Niles spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Damouth entertained the Lion Tamers Club Thursday night with a baked ham dinner. Mrs. R. D. Bancroft and Merle Rosenberg were 1st prize winners.

Mrs. Floyd Bergy and Bruce were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Roy McRoberts and Dannie Joe.

Catherine Geldersma returned to her work in Grand Rapids after being ill with the flu for two weeks. George Shaver, the Alto depot agent operator, who has been very sick and confined to his bed, is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Clara Porritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Silcox entertained with a Chop Suey dinner Wednesday evening. Guests were their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Proctor and son Keith; Mrs. Gretta Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kline.

James Secord and niece, Anna, of Middleville, were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dintaman. Jimmy has just received his discharge after 3 1/2 years in the army. Cpl. Lawrence Secord was a Saturday visitor of the Dintamans. He returned to Chicago Monday for an operation before getting his discharge. Lawrence saw service in New Guinea.

Roy MacNaughton, who has spent 2 weeks with his sister, Mrs.

Clarence Carr and husband in Grand Rapids, returned Sunday with his brother, Sidney, to his home in Mulliken.

Ann Donovan spent the latter part of the week with her aunt in Cleveland.

Paul Blocker and Walter Shrouse both U. S. M. S. spent a 4 day leave here before reporting for duty at Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. James Washburn and son have moved into the former Owen Ellis Barber Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Davis and daughters, of Rockford, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bancroft.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deming and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jousma.

Ernie Roark has sold his garage on M 16 to John and Dean Fish of Freeport.

Mrs. Owen Ellis called her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jousma at Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday, and we are glad to hear Mr. Jousma's health is much improved.

Correction: The Stitches Club of Lowe and Bowne is a 4 H organization.

Monroe Geldersma slipped on the ice recently and sprained his ankle badly. Gerald Anderson drove him to Grand Rapids where X-rays showed no bones broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Feisterstein, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wingeier and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dalstra spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Linton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pattison and son, Dick, spent Sunday afternoon with their parents and grandmother, the Pattisons and Mrs. Moffit.

Rev. W. Burt Gardner, wife and two sons moved into the Baptist parsonage Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gelderman visited at the Blake Vanderlip home in Grand Rapids and found Mrs. Vanderlip recovering from the flu and all hope she will be out and around again soon.

Mrs. Claude Loring was a Friday afternoon visitor of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Duell and Mrs. Verle Daniels was a Thursday night dinner guest.

Just one party has volunteered to entertain the Garden Club, for one of their monthly meetings, if you would entertain, please call your president, Mrs. Emerson Stauffer by Jan. 26, phone 598. Officers will then compile year books.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Forward and children were Tuesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dintaman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Locke of VanDyke spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Charles Locke. Callers at the Geldermans Sunday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. William DeMan and three sons of Grand Rapids, James DeMan just being home for the first time in four years. He served in the SW Pacific.

Alto Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Proctor and mother, Mrs. Gretta Proctor were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hughson of Grand Rapids. Lyle and family left Saturday to visit relatives in Chicago.

The attendance at the Red Cross Friday was very small, a larger group of women is hoped for next Friday, 11 a. m. to 4 p. m., at the school house.

Mrs. Elmer Dintaman was in Lowell a couple of days last week helping to care for her uncle, John Laver, who we are glad to hear is a little better.

Mrs. Basil Hayward attended a Teachers meeting Thursday afternoon at the Sage school near Morrison.

There will be a joint meeting of Alto and Whiteville Grange at the Alto hall, Friday evening, Jan. 18, when we expect Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haas of Byron Center to be present and install officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Valda Chatterdon and family and Bob Eickhoff of Lowell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Silcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hayward and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dalstra were in Grand Rapids Tuesday night, the ladies attending their Michigan history class and the men going to the Conservation meeting at the Museum.

Mrs. Esther Harris returned Sunday to her home in Grand Rapids after spending a week with her sister, Sada Wilson.

Sid MacNaughton and Mrs. Lucy Stahl called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacNaughton Thursday and on Friday all called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carr of Grand Rapids.

Maurice Geldersma spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Geldersma, returning to Great Lakes, Ill., Monday. Pfc. Russell Geldersma is home on a 45 day leave, coming home from France and he reports back to New Orleans Jan. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kline, Mrs. Gretta Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Proctor and son were Tuesday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lynn of Cascade.

Jay Thorne of Oakland City, Ind., brought his mother, Mrs. Sarah Thorne home Sunday morning, after she visited he and his wife and two sons and her son, George and wife, also of Oakland City, for five weeks.

Mrs. Ann Pollock of Lowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Swift Winegar Sunday.

Little Linda Kruegar of Grand Rapids spent several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunker, while Mr. and Mrs. Kruegar were in Cincinnati.

CAMPAU LAKE

MISS E. R. HURD

We are sorry to have to report a serious accident that happened to Maynard Harig. Mr. Harig was hurt while working on a steam shovel at the Hayes plant in Grand Rapids, suffering severe head injuries. At this time no X-ray returns have been received. We sincerely hope Mr. Harig will soon be able to return home. He is now in St. Mary's hospital.

Miss Dorothy Cooper spent Wednesday night with Miss Dorothy Klinge.

Jr. Sherrington arrived home Sunday morning, while his brother, Don arrived Friday. Donald has his discharge. Jr. will return to camp the 26th for his discharge. Welcome home boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilberts of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cooper.

Mrs. Charles Jousma had the misfortune to fall, receiving a badly bruised and sprained arm.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith that after a very exciting trip over the mountains they had arrived safely in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lock and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cooper were Friday evening callers at the Hurd's. Sunday callers at the Reed Cooper home were Bob McDiarmid, Junior Sherrington, Roy and Guy Johnson. These boys have all arrived home recently from overseas. Charles Pitsch and Ed Davis were also callers.

SEELEY CORNERS

MRS. S. P. KEYNOLDS

A large crowd attended the W. S. C. S. dinner at the hall last Wednesday. Mrs. Lawton Cole will be hostess for the February meeting.

Snow Community Farm Bureau will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hesche at their home on Friday evening of next week.

Miss Rose Marie Stephan of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hesche.

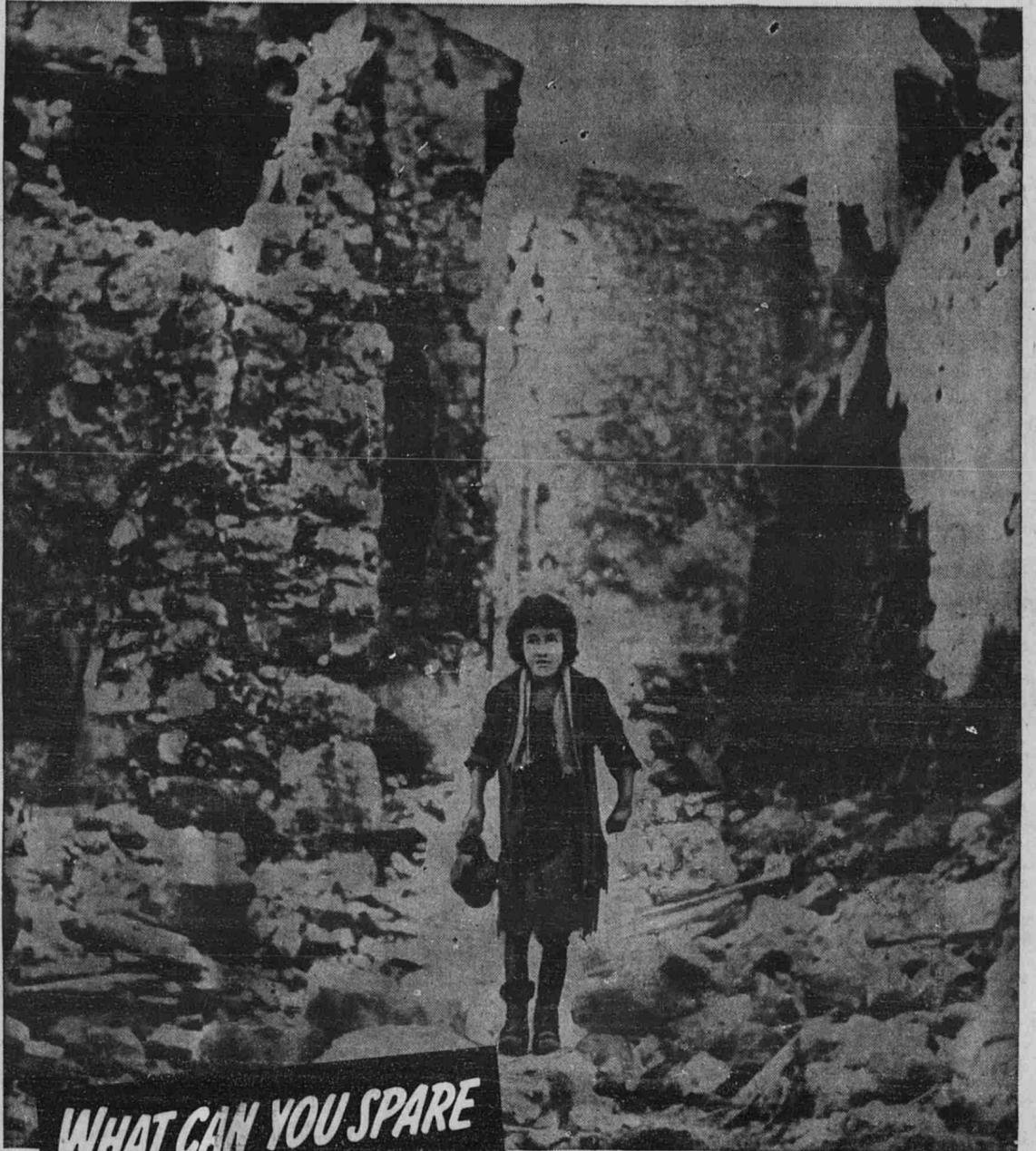
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wakefield, son Johnny and Mrs. Emma Brannan were recent visitors at the Sherman Reynolds home.

Mrs. Henry Froese is in Blodgett hospital, where she underwent a major operation last Thursday. Latest report is that she is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. John Vincent and children of Hastings spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole.

Ledger want ads bring results.

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The more you do the better you'll feel

THIS LITTLE GIRL is free—to fend for herself! Free—to face a multitude of problems.

Her problems are the world's problems. Let's face them. For instance, let's face the desperate need for clothing now in Europe and Asia.

Goal of the Victory Clothing Collection is 100,000,000 garments, plus shoes and bedding. If your contribution seems negligible, bear this in mind: Every garment you give means one more human being saved from cold or sickness or possibly death.

About 25,000,000 people overseas received clothing collected from Americans last spring. But for every person clothed so far, a dozen more remain virtually threadbare. Your spare clothing will be distributed free, without discrimination, to victims of Nazi and Jap oppression in Europe, the Philippines, and the Far East.

In 'most any town or city overseas there is someone who can translate English. You can help build international friendship by writing a simple, friendly letter to pin to the clothing you contribute.

Dig into your attics, trunks, and closets today. Dig out all the clothing you can spare. Take it to your local collection depot now.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF

THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO

OF ALTO, MICHIGAN, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31, 1945, A STATE BANKING INSTITUTION ORGANIZED AND OPERATING UNDER THE BANKING LAWS OF THIS STATE AND A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM. PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CALL MADE BY THE STATE BANKING AUTHORITIES AND BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF THIS DISTRICT.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$51.15 overdrafts)	\$ 71,817.07
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	644,180.81
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	10,379.49
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	2,782.50
Corporate stocks (including \$950.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	950.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances and cash items in process of collection	166,782.24
Bank premises owned \$340.00, furniture and fixtures	841.00
Other assets	70.55
TOTAL ASSETS	\$897,783.66

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$394,952.21
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	408,899.12
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	22,505.96
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	28,290.30
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	4,516.08
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$858,923.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$858,923.67

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	7,000.00
Undivided profits	6,859.99
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 38,859.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$897,783.66

This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$25,000.

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities..... \$ 27,500.00

Total secured and preferred liabilities:
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law..... 28,756.25
Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets..... \$ 1,249.71

Total deposits of the State of Michigan..... \$ 30,005.96
Deposits of the State of Michigan..... \$ 7,500.00

I, Earl V. Colby, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EARL V. COLBY, Cashier
Correct—Attest:
John E. Rockefeller,
Leona M. Wisland
John Karlson, Directors

State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1946.
(SEAL) THELMA H. COLBY, Notary Public
My commission expires May 14, 1947.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our good neighbors for their kindness and helpfulness; to our friends for the beautiful flowers and to the Rev. Pollock for his comforting words and to all who helped us in our bereavement.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Taylor of Marne were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coons.

Mrs. David Minge of Birmingham, Mich., came Thursday for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hinkle have received a telegram from their daughter, Miss Ethel Hinkle, stating that she has arrived safely at Loma Linda, Calif., where she will nurse in a doctor's office.

Mrs. Althen Simpson and daughter, Miss Betty Simpson, Miss Bea Hoskins and David McDuffee of Grand Rapids spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

Those from out of town attending the funeral of Mrs. Lydia Chubb were Vernon Chubb from DelRay, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Laux, daughter, Esther, and son, Arliss, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Laux from Jonesville, Mich.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Engagement Announced

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Dorothy LaBrenz of Grand Rapids, and Thurston W. Tidd of Lowell, has been announced by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. LaBrenz, Cass Ave., S. E. The ceremony will take place Saturday, Feb. 16, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in St. Johns church with Rev. Theodore H. Franke performing the ceremony.

Social Brevities

Mrs. Gerald Fineis and Mrs. Harold Jefferies entertained with four tables of bridge at the former's home last Saturday evening. The sixteen guests enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Eugene Carr entertained the Goofus Club to a 1:30 luncheon on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Phillip Davenport entertained nine girl friends of her daughter Joanne's to a six o'clock birthday dinner Saturday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent with games.

Mrs. B. A. McQueen was hostess to the Monday Book Club, Dec. 7. "The Black Rose" by Thomas B. Costain was reviewed by Mrs. Howard Thurtell.

WEDDINGS

Wingeler—Pullen

The marriage of Miss Nell Pullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pullen of Cascade and Mr. Kenneth J. Wingeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wingeler of Lowell, was solemnized Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12, at two o'clock by Rev. H. G. Gage in the Chapel of the People's Church of East Lansing, the double ring ceremony being used. The couple were attended by Miss Ardith Kyser and Walter Gusmer, Jr., of Lowell.

After February 1st Mr. and Mrs. Wingeler expect to make their home in Lansing where the groom is resuming his studies at M. S. C., after spending nearly three years in the service.

COMING EVENTS

The Mapes Booster Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 17, at Mapes school at 8 o'clock. Norton Avery will show movies and Keith Avery will play the piano. Mrs. Frank Transue and Mrs. M. Estes are on the refreshment committee.

The Peckham Group will meet Friday afternoon, Jan. 18, at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Ellis.

Cyclamen Chapter will hold initiation Wednesday evening, Jan. 23. Practice for officers on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22.

The Vergennes Community Farm Bureau will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roth, Friday evening, Jan. 18. Light potluck lunch following the meeting.

The Garden Lore Club will meet in the High School Auditorium, Jan. 23 at 2:30 p. m. The film, "World of Plenty", which shows the results of planned agriculture will be shown. The meeting will be open to the public.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank my friends, neighbors and the American Legion Auxiliary for all the acts of kindness shown me during my recent illness.

Mrs. Monica C. Doyle

Marriage Licenses

Kenneth F. Smith, 24, Lowell; Ann Lasby, 20, Lowell.

Charles Zahn, 71, Lowell, route 2; Elise Roth, 64, Lowell, route 1.

John Vormittag, 27, Coopersville R1; Gertrude Koolman, 23, Lowell R2.

Leo W. Harding, 19, Lowell; Eva Jean Selleck, 18, Ionia.

Weed seeds are the winter mainstay of ground-feeding birds in Southern Michigan.

Obituary

Franklin S. Barnum

Funeral services were held in the Roth Funeral Home Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1946, for Franklin S. Barnum of this city. Reverend Paul Z. Hoornstra, was the clergyman in charge.

Mr. Barnum was born Nov. 18, 1867 and passed away on Jan. 6, 1946 in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rhodes, of Lowell. He is survived by five children: Mrs. Virgel Rhodes and Mrs. Floyd Rose, both of Lowell; Mrs. Freda Karrer of Millersburg, Ohio; Clair Barnum, of Middleville, Mich. Harold Barnum of Hastings, Mich. Also there are two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Wilson and Mrs. Floyd LeClear of Middleville; and two brothers, Ernest Barnum and Perry Barnum of Middleville. There are seven grand children and four great grandchildren.

Burial was at the East Martin Cemetery, Martin, Mich.

State's Surplus

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local government, isn't the answer either. It is a fact that from 1929 to 1939 the number of federal employees increased 66 per cent. Yet the number of state employees went up 62 per cent. Despite the growth of federal and state employees, the number of municipal employees did not decrease, but in fact actually went up 14 per cent, thus indicating that despite a trend toward centralized federal control, no savings were made locally.

The plight of cities is due largely to exodus of wealth into the outlying lower-taxed suburban areas and small towns and to a decline in assessed valuations. Valuation in ten of the largest cities of the country declined more than 12 per cent between 1928 and 1940. It is easy to see that the state legislature has a complex tax problem on its hands in trying to find a sensible answer to the problem of distributing equitably the present state surplus. The same plight will prevail, in years to come, when a deficit will prevail in the state treasury.

College to Hold

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by the Fat Stock sale scheduled for 4:40 p. m. Steers enrolled in this rate of gain contest, sponsored by Animal Husbandry Extension of Michigan State college, will come from 24 counties. These animals to qualify must gain an average of 2 pounds a day on the home farm for the 7 months' feeding period. The pens of swine, also an extension project, will come from 20 counties. Late summer pigs, enrolled in this fall project, are required to make an average of 1.4 pounds daily by Farmers' Week.

The first plastic was celluloid, the result of a search for a substitute for ivory with which to make pool and billiard balls. Originally made from cotton... celluloid is now made from the cellulose of wood.

"A husband is like an egg—if kept constantly in hot water, he becomes hard-boiled."

Push Button Barn Cleaning



George Amundson, extension specialist in agricultural engineering at Michigan State college, points out the advantages of the circular gutter cleaner. The device, which is now being used by a number of Michigan dairy farmers, cleans the barn automatically. This model will be displayed and in operation as part of the Rural Progress Caravan when it visits this county on Feb. 7, at Rockford.

HARRIS CREEK

MRS. BASIL VREELAND

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born last Thursday at St. Mary's hospital.

Margaret Silcox, Mary Vreeland and son Harold spent last Monday evening at the John Flynn home.

John Hlur of Grand Rapids was a Sunday visitor of his sister, Mrs. Edna Gelb and daughter, Ruth.

Cpl. James Burns came home last Thursday with his discharge from the army. He spent both Christmas and New Years on the Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Anderson and son, Tommy, visited at the Silcox-Vreeland home last Thursday evening.

Miss Margot Flynn of Linton spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flynn and Saturday with her mother and sister, Romain, was a Grand Rapids visitor.



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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flynn spent last Thursday in Grand Rapids visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jeard Hillery.

Robert Burns, who was discharged from the army and came home about 3 weeks ago went to Fort Wayne last Friday to accept a job on the Penn. Railway.

Mrs. Vera Wenger is helping to care for the McDonald children while their mother is in the hospital.

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NEW ERA IDEALS

Our country is about to enter a new era. The American people as a whole are likely to have a greater income than ever before. They are entering (providing there are no more strikes), a period of great activity in creating new products and facilities, new inventions, and greater comfort for the people. It is very important for the country to use this new power according to high ideals, such as the following:

1. Opportunity for all. America has wished to give all the people a fair chance in life, but many boys and girls go out into the world with too few advantages in the way of development. What can be done for them? One thing that would help would be for many states and cities to spend more money for occupational training, for the special help of those for whom book study is difficult.

2. Self-improvement. The young and older people should be influenced so far as possible to improve their own powers and abilities. The habit of reading widely helps people to become more intelligent and accomplish more. A great many people have abilities in their nature which could accomplish more, if these powers could be trained.

3. The generous spirit. Life should not be too self-centered. The hearts of the people should be full of sympathy for those who have been the victims of misfortune, or who need help to attain a better development. The philanthropic organizations that provide opportunities and training for youth, and which promote human welfare, should have the most liberal support.

4. Good citizenship. Our country is what its citizens make it. If they take an interest in the problems of government, if they try to vote and exercise influence intelligently and unselfishly, many social problems will be solved. These are aims that can well inspire us all as we enter the new era.

GRAND WORK SAVING LIFE

The death rate among civilian life insurance policy holders in 1945 may prove the lowest on record except 1942, according to a preliminary report of the Institute of Life Insurance. If this forecast is verified by complete figures, it will seem that such shortages as have existed in certain essential foods have not had any marked effect on the public health.

The low death rate is a tribute to the wonderful work performed by the medical and surgical professions, by the hospitals and their workers, by health centers and health authorities.

The warfare against disease and death by all these people and agencies is a grand development of modern science. The nature of the diseases that afflict mortal flesh becomes better known as patient investigators study the causes of human decay. The country owes a great debt to all who work to save human life.

INTERESTING TALK

Many people complain that when they get out in social life and meet people, they find it difficult to talk in any interesting way, or to say things to which people will listen with interest. One good remedy for that feeling is to read the newspapers carefully, and become familiar with current events in one's home town and outside, and then ask people what they think about these developments.

Every newspaper issue is full of subjects to talk about. People can be asked if they attended this or that event in their home town, and what they thought of it. The world news is full of thrills, as the great powers try to adjust their differences, and unite on plans for creating a peaceful world. The good newspaper reader is usually a good talker.

INVENTORY TIME

The first days of January are a time when many concerns take inventories, or take account of stock, as the old saying was. It may be a time of anxiety for some, as they complete the long rows of figures that tell whether they have gained or lost. The community will hope that the business people have been well rewarded for the vast amount of energy and time they devoted to the problem of serving the people during the difficult war period.

In the old days some firms used to go a long time without taking a thorough inventory. They felt that if they could draw out a certain amount each week or month, they were making money. Business is done on a narrow margin of profit now, and most concerns would say they needed a regular check on their gains and losses.

If we paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds.—Luther Burbank.

Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying things, and hence its importance.—Matthew Arnold.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our son and brother, Calvin Preston, who was killed in action at Oubourcy, Belgium, January 15, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Preston and Family. Katie Hescho. p37

In loving memory of our dear granddaughter, Carolyn Weller, who passed away 3 years ago, January 21.

In our hearts your memory lingers, sweetly, tender, fond and true. There is not a day dear Carolyn, that we do not think of you. Your dear Grandfather and Grandmother, and family. p37

In loving memory of Wayne H. Weeks, who met death one year ago today, Jan. 11, 1945.

One year of sorrow, lonely and blue, Life is so empty, Wayne, without you. It was sad the way you had to die, Without a chance to say goodbye. Your spirit flew before we knew that you from us had gone. If you had raised a dying hand And bid us all farewell, The blow would not have been so hard. For those who loved you so well. Sadly missed by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Weeks and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ara Weeks and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks and family. p37

Nothing is little to him that feels it with great sensibility.—Samuel Johnson.

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BIRTHS

At Alpena, December 28, a son, Paul Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wächterhauser. This new arrival was named after his two grandfathers.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bonzehaar (nee Jean Woodhead) a 9 1/2 lb. son, Jack Alvin, on Jan. 6, at Holland.

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