

Figures have recently been published indicating that many more than 2,800,000 babies were born in this country in 1946. It is a large addition to the population of the United States. These new additions add strength to the nation. It is a sign of well being when many babies are born. It indicates that people have confidence in their future and in their ability to support a family.

Some parents may feel some reluctance in advance of the coming of the little one, fearing that they will not have money enough to provide the care it needs. Some say young people who love their activities may think with regret that these pleasures may be limited by the time they will need to give the infant. When the little one comes, these doubts almost always vanish, and a new and great tie of love is created.

The baby's chances of life and health are excellent with modern methods and scientific medical care and treatment. It is often remarked that modern babies are robust well and healthy, as the result of the excellent care they get.

AN APPEAL

The annual drive against infantile paralysis is a national institution. It is supported by the people of America for the benefit of children stricken by this disease. We have been sympathetic to those physically handicapped, have striven to ever help the unfortunate.

Perhaps the fact that polio usually attacks the young is what touches our hearts, as we give our dimes to support the cause. Through this yearly drive hospitals offer free service for the care of those afflicted, who would have no money to pay for treatment. We have epidemic each year where infantile paralysis takes lives, or handicaps for life. Let Lowell support this drive in its generous way. Dimes put dollars to work.

AGING SUCCESSFULLY

Passing the forty mark many are convinced they are aging physically and mentally. Growing middle age they think more frequently of the medicine chest than the work bench, thus adding wrinkles, in defeat. Psychologists tell us that as man grows older he must exercise his creative talents through recreation, arts and crafts. This is essential to his physical welfare and mental health. It points to the active man retiring from business life and dying before his time because of the inactivity.

We are convinced that to be contented a man must have a hobby, to be satisfied he must be efficient in some line, be able to express himself in a vocation, be it a work table in the basement or garage. Too much time to think of the years piling upon one is a way for an earlier degeneration of both body and mind. We should try to age successfully.

CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC WORK

The extent to which a community makes progress depends to a large degree on how far it is able to enlist its people to work for public causes and to carry on organization work. There are some people who would be capable of doing excellent work in the public efforts, but who fear they have not the time or the strength to accomplish these labors. In many cases they are perfectly justified in avoidance of such work as their personal cares are all they can handle.

It is a wonderful help if a good many people can be found who are willing to do one thing more, and who feel confident that somehow they can find the time and strength to perform some needed stunt of public work. Blessings on such folk, and they are a wonderful help.

VETERANS ARE MAKING GOOD

Evidence that World War II veterans seeking jobs are finding them is seen in recent figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other sources, giving a cross-section picture of the industrial employment situation.

Throughout all manufacturing 18 per cent of employees in the latest survey were veterans. The total takes in both men and women, professions and office workers. In some industries, the percentages are higher. The figure is 27 per cent in the automotive group, and one company, General Motors, reports 35 per cent of the employees are World War II veterans.

That returned veterans are doing a good job and rarely fail to measure up is shown by the extremely low discharge rate in the GM survey, which reports only two-tenths of one per cent of the veterans it has employed have failed to make the grade.

Industry in the United States has taken back its full share of the service folk, and its pretty certain their jobs will stay solid if the entire economic plan of the Nation does not become tangled. Continuous steady production is the best guarantee for high employment. Those jiggling the production apparatus now are the ones most likely to bring a return of the apple stands that were the seed lot of some World War I veterans.

If you put eggs right out of the refrigerator into boiling water, they are likely to crack. If it is possible, take them out of the refrigerator and let them stand at room temperature for half an hour or more before boiling them, or take the chill off.

Odds and Ends

Here and There

Pithy Points Picked Up and Patly Put by Peripatetic Pencil Pusher

The annual Michigan Fruit Growers' conference will be held at Michigan State College January 14, 15 and 16. The program will feature methods for improving marketing condition of products.

Although dairying is the largest and most widely scattered farming enterprise in Michigan, 70 percent of the dairy cows are south of a line from Muskegon to Bay City.

Toilet soap, soap chips, floor wax, D. D. T. spray and other soap products are manufactured in the Michigan Reformatory at Ionia by inmate labor and the finished product is used exclusively by various state institutions and agencies.

You think YOU'RE tired of radio commercials. The Federal Trade Commission said in its annual report Friday its job in 1946 included reading an average of 4,547 pages of radio script each working day.

James C. Quinlan, state senator from the 17th district, Kent County, has been named to serve on the following committees for 1947-48: Conservation, highways, public health and social aid.

An explosion and fire sweeping two of Belding's largest stores and two other smaller businesses in the heart of the town's business district Friday afternoon caused damage which preliminary estimates placed at more than \$80,000. Firemen from Belding and nearby Greenville battled the blaze for more than four hours in icy temperatures before bringing it under control.

New Year's day meant new fishing licenses for both sport and commercial fishermen, and the conservation department still is issuing them at the same old price. For the ordinary resident angler, the \$1.00 fee covers ice fishing in winter, trout fishing in the spring, lake fishing for perch, pike, bass and bluegills in the summer, rainbow trout fishing in the fall and ice fishing again next December. And his wife can go along free. For the non-resident fisherman, a \$2.00 fee covers all kinds of fishing the year around. If non-residents visit in brief, he can fish for 10 days for a \$1.00 fee.

The postoffice department has approved a special postage stamp commemorating the 100th birthday of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor. The first sale of the new stamps will be on Feb. 11 at Milan, Ohio, Edison's birthplace.

One easy New Year's resolution for every good sportsman to keep: mailing in his game-kill report card by February 15.

The nation's New Year's holiday death toll was 66 persons compared to 235 persons who lost their lives in the Christmas holidays. Poor driving conditions throughout the nation accounted for most of the accidents.

Forrest Buck announces that the Lowell Bowlers' Harmonizers will meet in the Odd Fellows lodge rooms Thursday, January 16, at 8 p. m. Plans will be made at this time for charter night, which will be open to the public.

Waldorf T. Kirk is the new assistant general plant manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. A veteran employee with 25 years of service, Kirk was division plant superintendent at Grand Rapids nine years and general plant personnel supervisor, handling wage and hour negotiations, for six years.

Many items of men's wear at reduced prices to close hostelry, sweaters, fingertips and work rubbers. Coons.

Camels need as much water as horses, about five gallons a day but, when in good condition, they can travel from 25 to 30 miles a day for 8 days without a drink.

Help Worthy Cause Aid Polio Victims

Dr. J. A. MacDonell, chairman of the local committee for the Sister Elizabeth Kenny foundation, announces that the drive has been extended state-wide to January 13. Be sure to make your contribution this week to meet Michigan's goal of \$250,000. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. W. H. Gummer, Mrs. Elizabeth Lalley, Mrs. John C. Foreman and Dan Wiegler.

The Campfire girls are conducting a "tag" day, Saturday, January 11, to help further the cause and the Cub Scouts passed collection boxes at the theater over the weekend.

Better Farm Home

Main Attraction of MSC Rural Caravan

Successful farming practices, which make possible a better farm home, is the thought behind the 1947 Rural Progress Saravan.

This event, sponsored by the extension service of Michigan State college, starts its three-month tour of lower Michigan in early January.

Like the labor-saving caravan early this year, the 1947 caravan will be carried about the state in two large trucks with trailers. It will be unloaded for one-day stands and then move on to another county late in the evening.

George Amundson, chairman of the caravan committee, points out that the caravan now under production will feature remodeling and building of homes and farm buildings. While materials are still scarce and labor is high, the extension engineer at MSC says planning such work should come well ahead of actual building.

Many departments will be represented by specialists this year. It is believed that from 15 to 20 agricultural and home economics specialists will be with the caravan and be prepared to answer questions asked by the farm people.

Caravan day in each county becomes a community day in which the people can get together and visit and exchange ideas.

County extension staffs in different counties are making arrangements for local exhibits and demonstrations at each of the shows.

The caravan will open in Ingham county on Friday, Jan. 4. It will make its initial showing at the county highway garage at Mason.

The showing in Kent county will be held on February 21, probably at Sparta.

Reinstate Insurance Soon, Veterans Warned

Ex-service men are warned that the deadline for reinstating G. I. insurance is February 1.

This deadline affects nearly 10,000,000 veterans all over the U. S., who have let their term insurance lapse. They may reinstate this insurance on or before February 1, 1947, without a physical examination, by signing a statement that their health is as good now as when their policies lapsed and by paying two months back premium.

Time in which the veteran may convert to a permanent policy is eight years from date of issue of policies issued before January 1, 1946; five years from date of issue if purchased after that date.

Former Teacher Here Remembered By Many

Lois E. Jones, daughter of Ira and Lois Jones, was born near Lowell, October 5, 1870. Her father was a pioneer Congregational minister.

She married Fred A. Lampman, September 2, 1891, and lived in Byron township, where their daughter, Olive Cecil, was born. Some years later, she taught in Lowell's public schools, where she is still remembered as a favorite teacher.

In 1905 she married Isaac J. Moulton of Barry county, where they lived until his death last February. She had since lived in the Convalescent Home in Hastings, where she died December 17, 1946.

Mrs. Moulton is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Charles Leary, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Freeport, December 20, 1946.

Falling Tree Kills Keene-Twp. Farmer

A 40-foot tree that failed to break cleanly as it was felled, whirled around on Glenn Brestley, 61, Keene Township farmer, in his farm woodlot northeast of Lowell Monday afternoon, trapped him underneath and killed him.

The accident was witnessed by Roy Helzel, 38, neighboring farmer helping Brestley. Brestley leaves his wife, Rosa.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at Saranac.

An old but effective method of removing grass stains from washable fabrics is to rub the stain with molasses and the wash the spots in hot soapy water.

South Boston Grange Celebrates 70th Anniversary; Happy Occasion

The Past Masters' Day and 70th anniversary of the establishment of South Boston grange was observed on Saturday, January 4. Following a savory chicken dinner, served by Mrs. Fred Fahrni and Mrs. Wesley Kelm and their helpers, at tables tastefully decorated in grange colors, the members and many guests listened to a fine program arranged by the Worthy Lecturer, Mrs. Ira Sargeant.

Worthy Master Gottlieb Roth welcomed the guests, as grange officers escorted the seven Past Masters: Nelson O'Beirne, John Verne and Frank Freeman, Rauben Lee, Ira Sargeant, Paul Wittenbach, who now is Worthy Master of Ionia county grange and State Grange Master, W. G. Armstrong of Niles, to the platform.

Mrs. Gottlieb Roth, chaplain, offered a prayer and a short dedication was given by Mrs. Glendon Bovee. Carol Parsons accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Glen Parsons, sang the Bells of St. Mary in her sweet young voice. A male quartet, Wesley Kelm, Ira Sargeant, Edward Anderson and H. R. Myers, sang a group of songs.

Historical Sketch

Delving into grange files of the past 70 years, Mrs. Paul Wittenbach assembled and read a very interesting history of South Boston grange, highlighting the courage, faith and foresight of the men and women who struggled to make and keep South Boston grange a social center of high repute. Names of the first officers of this grange are A. S. Stannard, W. S. Story, J. C. English, N. F. Gould, S. E. Tucker, J. H. English, S. E. Bever, Eva White, Mary Young, Sarah English and A. A. English.

Only one name, Parsons, on membership roll today, was on the charter—the fifth generation of Parsons are now members.

A clever poem written by Mrs. Chas. Kyrer for Captain Clarence Farnham's side in a grange contest of Sept. 29, 1906, included all the names of the active grange families of that date. Mrs. Wittenbach's report ended with a plea that we hold in sacred trust the heritage that is ours.

Eschke described how the Kent group had grown from 502 members in 1945 to 1,031 last year and announced that a goal of 1,200 had been set for the 1947 campaign.

Vacancies Now Open To Student Nurses

Around 200 vacancies in Michigan's schools of nursing are yet to be filled, Miss Elizabeth Hilborn, chairman of the student recruitment committee of the Michigan Council on Community Nursing, said today.

Nineteen of the state's schools of nursing have classes opening in February. Miss Hilborn pointed out, and it is these February classes which are now open to prospective nurses. St. Mary's hospital in Grand Rapids is among the 19 hospitals listed.

The Michigan Council on Community Nursing, is making a plea for student nurses, urges especially that girls finishing high school in mid-year give consideration to a nursing career.

Miss Hilborn explained that there is a great need for nurses, which in turn, assures the graduate nurse of permanent employment in almost any field in which she wishes to specialize. "Several reasons contribute to Michigan's need for nurses," she said. "One of these is the expansion of health facilities, and another is the advance in medical science and the application of many new techniques."

Information regarding Michigan's schools of nursing and the classes opening in February may be obtained from the Michigan Council on Community Nursing, 51 West Warren, Detroit 1, Mich.

AUCTION SALES

Lester I. Compton, Jan. 11

Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public auction on Saturday, Jan. 11, 1947, at one o'clock at the Ed. Frost farm, 1 mile north of Keene Grange hall or 3 miles north, 3 1/2 miles west and one mile north of Saranac, the following: 15 head cattle, Allis-Chalmers tractor, numerous tools and some household goods. Lester I. Compton, prop.; Allen Eskin, auctioneer; Ann Burnett, clerk. See adv. on another page of this issue.

Deer Fatally Injured On Lincoln Lake Road

Clayton Engle of R1 Lowell, ran into and seriously injured a young doe, three miles north of Lowell on the Lincoln Lake road on Monday morning on his way to work at the King Milling Co.

Mr. Engle picked up the injured deer and placed it in his car and brought it to Marshall Fred Green. The doe was so badly hurt that Deputy Frank Stephens had to shoot it. The carcass was dressed out and the meat turned over to the Conservation Department to be given to a charitable institution.

Your Estimated 1946 Income Tax

By John A. Abraham, C.P.A. (N. Y.)

Final declaration of 1946 income tax is due for filing on or before midnight of January 15, 1947. Every man, woman or child who is required to file an income tax return must make certain that he or she has satisfied the law's requirements. You are required to file an estimate if:

(a) Your gross income for the year was more than \$500 and if more than \$100 of that came from sources on which no tax was withheld, or

(b) Your wages subject to withholding tax were more than \$5,000 plus an additional \$500 for every exemption other than your own.

If you fall into either of these two classifications you can do one of the two things on or before January 15:

1—File an amended estimate of the tax on your 1946 income that will be at least 80% of the final correct amount due March 15, and pay the amount of that estimate in full (either by direct payment to the collector, or through withholding tax, or by a combination of both); or if at least two-thirds of your gross income comes from farming, your January 15 estimate is the first you have had to file on 1946 income and you will not be penalized if it amounts to 85 2/3% of what the March 15 computation finally shows that you owe.

2—File on or before January 15, 1947 your 1946 income tax return and pay in full the balance of tax due, in which case you need not file a declaration or amended declaration which would otherwise be due on that date.

If TB Strikes

If a member of your family contracts tuberculosis and goes to a sanatorium, he needs all the patience he can muster to get through the long hours when he has nothing to do but get well. It is up to you to convince him that the months in the hospital are a fair price to pay for health.

Bed rest, as prescribed for the cure of TB, is of little use if the patient is constantly fretting about the welfare of his family, about his disease and his future. Mental as well as physical repose is a vital feature of bed rest.

This is the point where the rehabilitation worker of the sanatorium steps in to help the patient. Without the cooperation of the family, his effort may be meaningless. The seeds of rehabilitation must be planted at the very beginning of the treatment, and the patient must be encouraged to submit completely and cheerfully to the rigid discipline necessary for cure.

Trained workers, under doctors' supervision, will plan activities to keep him busy without overtaxing his strength. If he is unable to return to his former occupation, the worker will start him on the road to the new type of job he may need when he leaves the hospital.

The TB patient cannot afford to worry about his family, but that does not mean he should be cut off from home news. You should spare him financial worries and the details of every minor family upset. He has so much time to worry and so little opportunity to help, that he may take your troubles too hard.

Thousands of patients become restless with the long, slow process of treatment and want to leave the hospital against the advice of physicians. But haste may lead to breakdown and another longer and costlier illness. Family encouragement and cooperation with the sanatorium medical and rehabilitation program will help to make a wise and contented patient who lives one day at a time, never begrudging a minute of the cure.

In the next article, migraine headaches will be discussed.

Sponsored by the Grand Rapids Anti-Tuberculosis Society, which is supported by the sale of Christmas Seals.

Plastics and Paper. The latest addition to the already long list of useful articles produced by impregnating or coating paper with plastics is a paper tissue treated with vinyl butyral for the manufacture of porch rugs. These are reported to be very resistant to fire and all liquids (from ink to grease) and to water, fade, mildew, and acid-proof. Since liquids do not penetrate the plastic skin, it is easy to clean the rugs with a damp cloth.

One-Fifth of All People in the U. S. Are in Rural Areas About One-Third Nation's Children Live on Farms Statistics Reveal

Anyone who has ever lived on a farm knows that the farmer has some problems. While the individual farmer's problems may seem small, there are some rural problems in the United States that deserve some attention and thought.

Gleaned from studies developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Michigan State College extension specialists are these facts:

One out of every five persons in the United States lives on a farm and another fifth of our population lives in rural areas strictly dependent upon farms.

The farm population includes about one-third of all the children in our nation. That means that two out of every five children on the farm will eventually become a city resident. When a farm child grows up and moves to the city, he automatically subsidizes it to the extent of \$2,000, the amount of money out of farm income that it costs to grow and educate him.

Farm people supply about one-half of our increase in population. Rural areas have more than half of the U. S. children under fifteen years of age. They also have a higher proportion of persons over sixty-five years of age. For that reason they face an unfair share of educational responsibilities and health problems.

In Michigan the average age of the farmer is fifty years. Those over fifty-five years of age make up 35% of the total. That's the age when most business and laboring people start thinking about retirement. Only 15% of the Michigan farmers are under thirty-five years of age.

What's the answer? Well, there is no immediate answer, but it's a problem about which rural sociologists do considerable thinking.

Airport Board in All 83 Counties Commission Urges

Each of Michigan's 83 counties will be urged to appoint a county airport board or commission by the State Aeronautics Commission which met with Governor-elect Kim Siger at the Hotel Olds in Lansing for their regular session.

According to Colonel Floyd E. Evans, Director of the State Department of Aeronautics, these county commissions will be empowered to negotiate between various groups interested in establishing airports in each county and the State Department of Aeronautics to deal with one group only in each county on airport problems, thus delegating authority to the proper political subdivision of the State. These aeronautics commissions will handle all aeronautic problems in the counties the same as County Road Commissions now handle all highway problems.

Colonel Evans reported that 182 towns have been air-marked and 1,000 miles of airway have been established under the Federal Civil Aeronautics Act. He said that 1,000 students in Michigan taking flying lessons.

Mention was made of aircraft registrations which number 1740 since last August 1; 477 being registered during the month of November.

The New Year 1947

Now 1947 a year untried before us lies
What it will bring in strange surprise
O' Joy, misfortune, grief, no one can tell
But God our Father knoweth well.
So steadfast always know to be
In our faith to wait and see,
Now closed is the year book of 1946
As God's word does of all affix.
Let 1947 sun shed light by day
And stars at night illumine our way
That our souls may know of no affliction.
Since God is all our life and light,
Tomorrow is that promised day
To come when this one slips away,
O 1947 year untried what is to be
Naught but what God's eye can see.
Let all our earthly lamps grow dim,
We who walk in the light walk with him,
Our souls shall know of no affliction
Since God and Christ is all in our life and light.

—Written by H. S. Schreiner, Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

A public auction will be held on the George Taylor farm, 3 miles north and 1 1/2 miles east of Saranac, on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 1 o'clock. 14 milk cows, 7 heifers, dairy equipment, feed and grain and some implements and tools. Allen Eskin, auctioneer; Ann Burnett, clerk; Elmo Baker, owner.

WE SURE NEED OUR CHAIRS

We would appreciate anyone who has any of our folding chairs in or out of condition bringing them in or calling us. Chairs are rented as public service only at no profit. We can repair any broken chairs so please bring them to us. Roth & Sons Co., Lowell. 036

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Speed Fland: "It's great speeding along again like this. Don't you feel glad you're alive?" Passenger: "Glad isn't the word; I'm amazed!"

The 1947 program of the Kent County Road Commission includes the improvement of Jackson street in Lowell from M21 to the upper bridge at a cost of \$3,000 and an additional \$3,000 for black topping, etc.

Elmer G. Schaefer, of Lowell, has been named a member of the Advisory Board for Kent County of the Michigan Survey, an organization dealing with taxation problems and kindred subjects. The appointment was announced by Henry Steffens, director of the organization.

Thermometers along Main street on New Year's Eve dropped to around 10 to 12 degrees below zero, but reports from neighboring township say that readings as low as 26 degrees below were recorded. Tons and tons of snow have been carted away from the street and on Wednesday more tons were being removed.

The tool house belonging to the Gould and Gross Construction Company was broken into on Friday night and a power saw valued at \$600 and axes were stolen. The construction company is building the new water main northwest of the village. Deputy Frank Stephens is investigating the burglary.

Four Lowell high school girls, with Sue Krum as spokesman, appeared before the Common Council on Monday night and requested a skating rink for Lowell. The Council has had an agreement with Bert Purchase to have a skating rink built on his farm on South Hudson street but pipe needed to provide water failed to arrive until this week. The Council members told the girls that the rink would be provided as soon as possible.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: Among the first signs of a child growing up is when he or she stops chewing bubble gum. They are taking a lot of fun out of life when householders start using window shades where they can see out but we can't see in. One thing to be said about our weather is it isn't in a rut. We are always bothered about which is proper; to wear galoshes on the inside or outside of the trouser legs.

Michigan Bell Co. Reports Past Year At All-Time High Adds 100,000 More Phones Hope to Eliminate Waiting List

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company cites 1946 as the busiest year in its history.

Despite critical material shortages, the company put through a \$39,000,000 construction program, reduced the list of those waiting for service from 113,000 to 70,000 and installed 400,000 telephones—100,000 more than in any previous year.

The company installed enough wire to reach 20 times around the earth. Enough central office equipment was added to serve 160,000 more subscribers.

At year's end, there were nearly 1,800,000 telephones in the company's territory for an all-time high and 225,000 more than a year ago. Service was furnished to 20,000 more rural subscribers in 1946. Not only were there more telephones but people used them more. The volume of local calls handled by the company was averaging 7,250,000 for a normal business day by the end of the year, an increase of 1,200,000 a day over 1945. Long distance traffic had jumped to an average of 180,000 calls a day against 128,000 at the same time last year.

One of the largest long distance projects in the company's history was started and mostly completed during the year—a 260 mile cable between Detroit and Grand Rapids costing more than \$3,000,000.

The company was unable to erect new buildings as rapidly as needed because of material shortages. Every building bulged with necessary central office equipment, forcing the company into new business offices and administrative quarters in many communities of its territory.

A brand new operation was started with the inauguration of mobile telephone service in Detroit. Plans went ahead for extension of "dashboard" service to several other cities and for the opening of general highway service over main arteries of southern Michigan in 1947.

Michigan Bell officials expect the year ahead to be even busier. Afforded favorable economic conditions, including ample supplies of materials, the company hopes to eliminate its waiting list and to restore service to pre-war standards.

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King Milling Company

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In New York City snow removal from the streets costs \$39,000 per inch of fall.

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Robert Young Sylvia Sidney

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JEANNE CRAIN CORNEL WILDE LINDA DARNELL in

Centennial Summer

In Technicolor

WEDDINGS

McLaughlin-Gumser
Miss Eileen Gumser, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gumser, became the bride of Darroll McLaughlin, son of Glen E. McLaughlin at a candlelight service in the Gumser home Friday evening, January 3. The Rev. Norman G. Woon performed the ceremony. Only members of the two families were present.

Eileen wore a brown wool suit with brown accessories and a winter white coat with Russian squirrel trim.

The young couple will make their home in Grand Rapids until their apartment in the McLaughlin home on Lincoln Lake-rd., is completed.

CARD OF THANKS

I deeply appreciate the calls, flowers, cards and other remembrances from all those who have been so thoughtful during my illness.

Sarah Purdy

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to the many relatives and neighbors for the cards, fruit, etc., and the Clark Circle for fruit basket and lovely Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Charles Thomas

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who passed away January 6, 1940.

Mrs. Myrtle Alexander and Family.

In loving memory of mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lydia M. Chubb, who passed away one year ago, January 9, 1946.

Vern Chubb and Laverne.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Laux and Family.
Nina Chubb.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Laux and Family.

In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Ray Hovinga, who passed away four years ago, January 8, 1943.

January brings sad memories of a loved one laid to rest. He will always be remembered by those who loved him best.

Mrs. Ray Hovinga and Children.

In loving memory of Wayne H. Weeks, who was taken away so suddenly two years ago, January 11, 1945.

What would I give to hear his voice. His happy face to see? To clasp his hands and see his smile. Would mean so much to me. He little thought when leaving home that he would never return. That he so soon in death would sleep. And leave us here to mourn.

Mrs. Wayne Weeks and Sons. Mr. and Mrs. Ara Weeks and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks and Family.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Tidd, at St. Mary's hospital on Christmas Day, an 8 lb. 9 oz. son, Victor Jay.

To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams (Beatrice Schneider) of Grand Rapids, Thursday, January 2, at Biddgett hospital, an 8 lb. 13 1/2 oz. girl, Kathryn Marie.

To Dr. and Mrs. J. A. MacDonell on Monday, Jan. 6, in St. Mary's hospital, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter D'Archangel (nee Esther Bieri) of Grand Rapids, Jan. 3, at Biddgett hospital, a 7 lb. 4 oz. girl, Bonnie Jean.

Testing Metal
At the beginning of World War II, the non-destructive testing of metal parts and of structures for defects was of two types, magnetic and radiographic, the former applicable only to magnetic materials, such as ferrous metals. The Sperry magnetic test detects fatigue cracks and other defects in used railroad rails. It consists in sending a heavy electric current through the rail and observing with instruments changes in the magnetic field around the rail. A change in magnetic field at any point indicates the probable beginning of a fatigue crack. The magnaflex test, also magnetic, is applicable to objects varying widely in size and shape. It involves applying carefully prepared particles of iron or magnetic iron oxide to the surfaces of the magnetized specimen. The pattern formed by the particles indicates surface or near-surface discontinuities such as grinding or fatigue cracks.

Midget Lamp. Heretofore all sterilizing lamps have been tubular fluorescent lights. A new midget lamp the size and shape of an automobile headlight bulb can now be used in home refrigerators. Screwed into the socket in the cabinet interior, it pours forth a barrage of bacteria-killing rays and also produces ozone. Such a lamp costs less than five cents a month to operate and assures odorless refrigerators and improved sanitation, preserving food longer by checking mold & bacterial growth.

Lumber production figures for 1946 show an increase for the first time since 1942.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Briefs
The Book Review Club met in the home of Mrs. Jay Boleha Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. D. Hahn reviewed "Spoonhandle" by Ruth Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newell entertained with a New Year's eve dinner party. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Niblack and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hausstein of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson entertained with a potluck turkey dinner New Year's eve for the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Royden Warner, Mr. and Mrs. John Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis and Mrs. Millie Bettes. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duke of Detroit and Mrs. Flossie Bettes of Sparta.

The Book Ten met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Byrd Baschum. "The Peacock Sheds His Tail" by Alice Hobart, was reviewed by Mrs. Harry Stauffer.

The Needle Bug 4-H Club met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Yanvorst, Friday, Dec. 27 for a Christmas party. Each member invited a little sister making ten in all. The afternoon was spent playing games and exchanging gifts. Ice cream was served by the hostess.

Book Forum met at the home of Mrs. C. E. Mason Wednesday evening. Mrs. Theron Richmond reviewed "Grandfather Objects" by Walter Beebe Wilder.

The Monday Book Club met in the home of Mrs. H. L. Weeks. "The Sudden Guest" by LaFarge, was reviewed by Mrs. E. J. Englehardt.

Fifteen members of St. Mary's Study club of Lowell and Rev. Father John enjoyed the winter sports at Bertha Brock Park, near Ionia on Sunday afternoon. Afterwards they returned to the home of Peggy Simpson for their meeting and refreshments.

A family dinner honoring the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kyster, and the 8th birthday of their granddaughter, Sandra Jeanne Vickery, was held at the former's home Tuesday night.

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I wish to thank all my friends for their kindnesses shown me during my illness, the flowers, fruit, cards and for the generous friendship basket. Your kindness is more appreciated than words can express.

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Obituary

Mrs. Robert B. Davis
Lizzie J. Towne, daughter of Emma M. and Eliza Towne, was born in Orleans township, Ionia County, January 1, 1869, passing to high life at Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, December 28, 1946, at the age of 77 years, 11 months and 27 days, the last surviving member of a family of five children.

Her early years were spent in Ionia County until her marriage to Robert B. Davis of Grattan township, Kent County, February 4, 1890, where she lived until her husband's death in 1922, the surviving years of her life being spent in Grand Rapids.

She was the mother of three sons, two passing in infancy. A kind and loving mother, a helpful neighbor and a true friend has gone to her reward. Surviving are one son, Martin J. Davis, of Grand Rapids; a foster daughter, Mrs. Lucille Norton of Santa Cruz, Calif.; three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Funeral services were held from her old home in Grattan township, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 31, at 2:30 p. m., conducted by her nephew, Rev. William Griswold of Bronson, Mich., assisted by Rev. Glen Peterson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids. Burial was in the family lot in Alton cemetery.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Ed Herald, children of Carson City spent a few days with her mother, Laura Dawson and other relatives and friends last week.

Mrs. Maurice Summers, who has been a patient at Osteopathic hospital, Grand Rapids, for the past month is not yet well enough to return home. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Kate (Dawson) Burch of Lyons passed away at the home of her son, John Currijan last Friday in Lyons. Burial Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bertha Bibber, Marie Dawson and mother attended the funeral services in Lyons.

James Fahrni, local barber, who has been a very sick man for several weeks, was returned from Biddgett hospital in a Roth ambulance on Tuesday and is now recuperating at the home of his brother, Fred Fahrni, in South Boston.

Miss Georgia Clendening of Gladwin was a guest at the Roydin Wornan home during the past week. Richard Warner accompanied her to her home Saturday to spend the week-end, after which they both will resume their studies at Central, in Mt. Pleasant.

COMING EVENTS

The January meeting of Lowell Women's club will be held on Wednesday, January 15, in the home of Mrs. John Lalley. The speaker for the day will be Robert Lalley, who will talk on certain phases of his work in the F. B. I. This will be an interesting program and a large attendance is anticipated. Publicity chairman.

The St. Mary's Altar Society will be entertained in the home of Mrs. G. R. Thompson at 418 E. King St., Friday evening of this week.

Dance at So. Boston Grange, Saturday, Jan. 11. Bollock's orchestra. Admission 50c per person. Come.

Fortnightly Club mid-winter dinner next Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Ionia Pine Inn. Members are entertaining their husbands. Committee, Mrs. Don McPherson and Mrs. George Story. Dinner at 8:30 p. m. Program will follow.

So. Lowell Busy Corners Community Farm-Bureau will meet Tuesday evening, January 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wieland.

The White Circle will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, at 7:30 with Mrs. Elmer Dintaman. Gifts will be exchanged and your Secret Friend revealed.

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, O. E. S., will hold a regular meeting followed by initiation, Friday evening, Jan. 10. Officers practice Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Best Matrons will meet with Mrs. Bert Purchase Wednesday evening, Jan. 15.

Swiss Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Blazer on Foreman Drive, Thursday, Jan. 16 at two o'clock.

Jolly Community Club meets for dinner Wednesday, January 15 with Mrs. Hazel Baird. Program chairman, Mrs. Helen Michaud and Mrs. Mary Potter.

There will be a joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary next Monday night, January 13, at 7 o'clock at the city hall. Potluck supper. Through courtesy of Sgt. Mel Huffman, of the Army Recruiting Service, an interesting film will be shown. All servicemen and their wives are invited to attend. No charge.

The Peckham Group will meet with Mr. Howard C. Thurston, 113 N. Division, Friday, January 17, at 2:30 p. m.

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Elery B. Onan
Elery Bradford Onan was born to A. J. and Mary Onan, August 28, 1893 and departed this life January 2, 1947, at the age of 53 years, 4 months and 10 days. He was one of five children. The parents, 3 brothers and a sister preceded him in death. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Isadore Onan; a niece, Mrs. Claude Schmidt, with whom he has lived for the past nine months; a nephew, Sherman Rowland; three grand-nieces; four grand-nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

His entire life was spent on the farm southwest of Lowell, except for the past few months. He was always a kind friend and neighbor. Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Snow church with Rev. F. W. Moxon of Woodland officiating. Burial in Snow cemetery.

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