

The home newspaper is working in every issue for the progress of the home town. Among its many services emphasis should be placed upon the aid it gives to local organizations. It reports their activities and tells of things these organizations have accomplished. Their activities are very valuable to the community, and the publicity given by the newspaper is an aid in carrying on these functions. People become interested in the work of these organizations thru this publicity, which helps them to obtain public support. The organizations play a very vital part in the life of the community, and the newspaper tells the story of what they are accomplishing.

### JAZZ AND HYMNS

A humorist has remarked that some people like jazz when they are well, and hymn tunes when they are sick. It may be thought there is some inconsistency if people like both of these things. The book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible says there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." So there is room in life for a wide variety of activity and expression. People may be full of activity and joy of living, that their buoyancy is expressed by the jazz tunes and the lively steps that go with them. The same people under different circumstances, may sing the hymn tunes with enthusiasm. Both have their place as expressions of human nature.

### FOREIGN GRAVES

Many do not realize the extent of the cemeteries overseas, where rest American soldiers killed in war. There are numerous large military cemeteries, many smaller ones, that serve as the final resting place for our honored dead. Being so far away from them we can't realize and appreciate the beauty and care tendered them by American foreign cemetery bureaus and by people who live in the vicinity of them. It is good to know that those in foreign military graves, have perpetual care, that they are frequently better kept and more beautifully located than some of our civilian cemeteries here in this country. We recently read of a very large permanent cemetery located outside of Hamm, a village of Luxembourg. There were 5,000 graves are located, the people from Hamm constantly pay tribute to American boys, with quantities of flowers. Visitors stream to this hallowed spot, located on a lovely rolling hill, surrounded by beautiful woods. Names of boys from every state, of every faith, are on the crosses that line its paths. On foot, by auto, bicycle, visitors come from many countries. As more ships land on our shores, bearing bodies of soldiers who died overseas, to be laid to rest in family burial plots here at home, we need not feel those who remain over there are forgotten.

### HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

The good old hymn says "Blest Be the Tie that binds." The ties of friendship that bind people together in their home towns create pleasant social relations, and people enjoy life in such a community. The town that provides plenty of recreation and entertainment opportunities for its people, is an attractive place for residence, and people enjoy living there.



Lowell "Jacks" Bowling League Standings 15th Week

	W	L	Pts.
Lowell Electric	31	14	41
Lowell Cafe	26	19	36
Lowell Dusters	24	21	31
Lowell Bears	20	25	27
Superior Furniture	16	29	23
Lowell Moose	18	27	22

In matches on the 19th: Lowell Electric done well in gaining an even split with Superior Furniture; Lowell Dusters got dusted, as the ex-Kroger gang under their new sponsor; Lowell Cafe smashed out 2361 pins, 12 pin margin on the middle game gave the Dusters one point as consolation; Dick Dilly had a 205 single-587 total in this match; Lowell Bears cuffed the Lowell Moose for 3 points of the 4 to end the night's hostilities. On the 20th: Lowell Electric nabbed another 3 points from the Lowell Bears—even the Koert had a 234 single, and Stormwind a 207 single for the losers; Wink's high game of 119 for the night helped win their single point; Lowell Cafe, now used to their new team name, grand slammed the Superior Furniture for 4 points; Lowell Moose and Lowell Dusters exchanged bows, curtailed, and split even for the night.

### Lowell Lako Bowling League

Hotspots	Pts.	W	L
King Milling	37	25	22
Lowell Moose	33	27	21
Lowell Sprayers	32	25	22
Lowell Bears	24	24	24
Kelser's Kitchen	23	17	31

Three out of four points was the order of the evening, King Milling, Lowell Bears, and Lowell Sprayers of winning two games for three points each. High scores were: J. Abraham 209 and John Topp 185.

## Kent Road System Faces Big Problem To Meet Present Day Reconstruction

Gravel roads, once exemplified in the finest form by the Kent county highway system, are being pounded into obsolescence by ever increasing motor traffic, according to O. S. Hess, engineer-manager of the Kent county road commission, whose judgment is confirmed by highway authorities over the land. The burden of maintaining Kent's gravel roads, which not so many years ago attracted engineers from other states and countries, no longer is justified, said Hess. Hess points to the records to show that in 1937 the county road budget included \$360,000 for maintenance while for 1948 the item has jumped to \$725,000 and still is insufficient to do the job demanded by the driving public.

### 373 Miles Need Surfacing

"Of the county's 2,000 miles of roads, 550 miles are embraced in that is designated the main county road system," Hess related in leading up to the point of how much it would cost to take traffic out of the dust and off the big bumps and the little bumps and the ridges that make "washboards" out of gravel roadways. "Of the 550 roads in the main system, 67 miles are of concrete and 110 miles are blacktopped," he said. "The remaining 373 miles should be hard-surfaced once at a cost of \$10,000,000, based on present-day costs." Hess then adds the bad news. "Present-day revenues from weight and gas tax in 1948 will provide funds only slightly in excess of what is needed for ordinary maintenance."

Adding more gloom to the highway picture, Hess continued: "A careful analysis of Kent County's entire road system shows that about half of the entire mileage of road and platted streets is deficient and requires reconstruction of one kind or another to bring the roads up to a reasonable standard. The analysis also shows bridge reconstruction necessary to the extent of \$2,000,000, Hess reported.

"Statistics provided by the American Road Builders association show that vehicular miles of travel have increased 10 times in the last 20 years," Hess declared. "There are several reasons. There are more automobiles, trucks and buses. Vehicles now are operated 12 months a year. Nobody jacks up his car for winter storage today. A few years ago people tolerated ice and snow on the highways. Now roads must be bare.

"A tremendous road improvement job faces the Kent county road commission in modernizing its main highway system, but little progress can be made at present costs," Hess said. Hess was more optimistic about the secondary road system, once known a township road. For these, Hess said, considerable financial help has been assured by the 24 townships from their sales tax revenues.

"Above article reprinted from the Grand Rapids Press."

## Good Talks Listed For Farmer's Week At Michigan State

Farm people who attend the Farmers Week at Michigan State college, January 26 to 30 will find that an outstanding program of general interest has been arranged. Each department of the school of agriculture will hold its own meetings during the week and general programs will be held during the late afternoon and evening. Tuesday afternoon speaker will be Mrs. Ray Sayre, Ackworth, Iowa, president of the Associated Country Women of the World. This program will be of special interest to the women who will hear Mrs. Sayre tell of her visit to Europe last summer. Her topic will be "Europe As I See It."

Speakers for the Thursday program will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, New York, editor of the Christian Herald. His subject will be "A Program for American Defense and Peace." Dr. Poling served as a member of the president's commission on universal military training. Evening programs are scheduled for each night in the MSC auditorium or the fieldhouse or at both places. Departmental meetings will get underway Monday, Jan. 26, with Dairy Day. Breed associations will hold their general and business meetings during the day. Sugar beets and horses will be featured on Tuesday, although all departments will begin their departmental meetings on that day. Wednesday will feature livestock day with meetings of swine, cattle and sheep men. The auction of prize steers, swine and sheep, and the turkey growers' session will be held on Thursday. Friday's program will be largely for muck land farmers, beekeepers and soil conservation cooperators. Muck program will continue on Saturday, Jan. 31.

There were more than 100,000 miles of international boundaries broken throughout the world at the outbreak of World War II.

## Holiday Decorations Much Appreciated By Lowell Bd. of Trade

The Lowell Board of Trade wishes to express its appreciation to all the merchants, manufacturers and residents of Lowell who had special Christmas decorations. Judging from visitors' comments Lowell was one community that was outstanding in its holiday beauty.

Following are the results of the judging of the various groups: Stores—1st, McMahon & Reynolds; 2nd, Gould's Garage (Peter Speerstra); honorable mention, Gambles, Miller Electric, Storkville and the Vanity Shop. Residences—1st, Milton S. Kneel, 1019 E. Main; 2nd, Guy Stocum, 620 Amy; 3rd, Dorothy Wood, 804 N. Monroe; honorable mention, George Story, 223 N. Hudson.

The Lowell Manufacturing Co. and King Milling Co. were not in the competition but both had very effective displays which added much to the appearance of Main-st. General effects, originality, color harmony and balance were the basis of judging.

Norton Louis Avery, Mrs. F. J. Finels, Elmer G. Schaefer, Com.

## Old Timer Writes About 32 Years Ago

Arthur Gunn, who has lived in Kalamazoo since 1915, was in Lowell recently and writes to the Ledger about some of the changes that have taken place in the town during the past 32 years, notably the number of saloons here in 1915. He points out that Shields' saloon stood at the corner of Main and Riverside; Gould's saloon where the beer store is now located; VanArsdale's saloon in the block now occupied by Roth's furniture store, and a saloon in the Waverly Hotel which was operated by Davarn & Holey and which is now the site of the Lowell Mfg. Co. Mr. Gunn points out other changes as follows: Chubb's grocery was in the store now occupied by Munroe's Food Market; Alexander's grocery at the site now occupied by the Lowell Cafe; Strong's bakery in the store now occupied by the Clark Plumbing & Heating.

## Farm Houses Need Special Features Says Olevia Meyer

Farmhouses need all the comforts and conveniences of any house but they also need a few additional features. A front or main entrance which is easy to approach from the driveway is necessary on a farm. Olevia Meyer, extension home management specialist at Michigan State college, says that many farmhouses have side and buggy day arrangements with a walk down to the road where the hitching post used to be. Since most places have driveways at the side of the house it is important to have a walk from the drive to the main entrance. To have the entrance on the driveway side of the house is better yet.

Another important feature for farmhouses is a back door that provides direct entrance to the basement. Put the door at grade level with two, three or four steps leading up to the workshop or kitchen and save extra steps when going up and down to the basement. Snow and ice can't collect on the steps when they're inside. Laundry rooms at first floor or ground level are important, too, since most farm families do their own laundry and usually have large washings. It takes less energy to carry wet clothes down a few steps to the drying yard out-of-doors than up several steps from the basement. If you have a grade entrance to the basement because your house is on a slope, a basement laundry is advisable. Farmhouses have a special need for a closet near the back door where workers can store work clothes, boots and overalls. A place for workers to wash up near the back door is another desirable feature.

## Looking into 1948

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The country faces a presidential election, in which its policies for the coming four years will be determined. As usual, there will be plenty of exaggerated talk and irresponsible argument. People should be studying the issues of politics and government, and examining the records and ideas of parties and candidates, and make a serious effort to reach wise decisions. The high cost of living and the question of how to meet the dangers of inflation, will be a predominant issue. The political parties will have their proposals as to how this situation can best be dealt with. A great many votes will be determined by the way people feel on this question.

Phone your news to the Ledger.

## Governor Takes First Step In Bringing About Bureau Control By Hiring Experienced Warden

Governor Kim Sigler's appointment of Joseph W. Sanford, Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta for the past nine years, to be Michigan commissioner of corrections at a pledged salary of \$12,000 a year is regarded as the State Capitol as a "ton-strike" for the Sigler and responsibility.

Sanford is to take over the job February 1. He succeeds a five-man commission, members of which donated their services as civic duty. The commission was replaced by an appointive commissioner, subject to the will of the Governor and the State Senate.

## Kent Farm Bureau Membership Drive All Farmers in Kent Co. Should Not Fail To Join for 1948

The annual drive of the Kent County Farm Bureau for members for 1948 starts this month and a number of members who are interested in the growth of this farm organization are giving their time in the solicitation of renewals and new members for this year. It is expected that the response to the drive will be good but when it is completed there will still be many engaged in the farming industry who are not members of any farm organization. From this standpoint of agricultural progress this is to be regretted.

Farming is one of the greatest industries in this country, not the greatest. But the trouble with agriculture from an organizational standpoint is that those who till the soil are generally small operators and are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land. There are millions of them. Their specialty is the cultivation and conservation of the soil and the production of crops, and as individuals they are like babes in the woods when it comes to organization for the protection of their commercial interests against the multitudes who would keep them down for purely selfish reasons.

The farmer must realize that every other commercial, professional and industrial interest is highly organized and is always on the job to fight for its own protection and advancement. These interests place organizational work in the hands of those who specialize in the technique or organization more than in the actual work of the commercial, professional and industrial lines they represent. The farmer should be represented by men who know every angle of the organizational game, which is a profession in itself.

## Membership Fee and Investment

It costs money to maintain a properly functioning organization. But the fee paid for becoming a member is money well spent. It is in no sense a gift. It is in every sense an investment which will pay large dividends to the person who is impotent as an individual operator. If this industry is to make progress it can only be done through the force of mass grouping. There is strength in numbers. A properly organized agriculture has tremendous power. No farmer who is interested in his own progress as an agriculturist can ignore this fact.

The fee is low. Most business men pay several times this amount annually for the privilege of having the benefit of a state and national organization. It's another one of those cases where you get out of it what you put into it. Living in a farming community, we are vitally interested in the progress of agriculture as are the farmers themselves. We have seen the effects of farm organizational work from educational, social and commercial viewpoints and we believe that the farmer who imagines that he can raise his standing by tugging away at his own boot straps is gravely in error.

## Prepackaging of Fruits, Vegetables Might Aid Growers

Prepackaging, or having produce wrapped in consumer-size units is one way to keep up the housewife's interest in fruits and vegetables, according to R. L. Carolus, specialist in Horticulture at Michigan State College. In the past six years, he explains, the production and use of vegetables has increased by more than 35 per cent. This increase has been caused, in large measure, by wartime shortages of other products. Now that more foods are appearing on the market, the competition is keener and produce must be displayed attractively and in a convenient manner to tempt Mrs. Consumer.

One experiment in a market showed that attractive packages created an impulse to buy carrots. A survey made during this investigation indicated that 42 per cent of all produce was purchased on impulse. Dr. Carolus reports. Another experiment with packaged snap beans overcame buyer resistance during a period of severe heat. In Michigan, 75 to 80 per cent of all spinach is now marketed in bags of transparent film.

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## No More Dinners

Due to conditions beyond our control (too much dough for food), we will cease and desist from having noon dinners, beginning Monday, Jan. 12. We will still offer the biggest sandwich and bowl of soup for the money possible! Club Diner, Curly Howard.

## Medals To Be Awarded To Local Service Men By Sgt. Glenn Cathey

Next Monday, Jan. 12, at 8:00 p. m. at the Lowell city hall, Sgt. Glenn Cathey of the U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting station, will present all army and air force service men with victory and Pearl Harbor medals for World War II.

Sgt. Cathey states that it will be necessary to bring your original discharges. The presentation will be made at this time only for local men.

## Active and Happy at 93

Mrs. Eliza Monks, of Saranac, celebrated her ninety-third birthday on December 30. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Lester Antonides, took her a birthday cake and was her dinner guest. In the afternoon several of her neighbors had tea with her.

She was born in 1854 in Wayne County, N. Y., and came to Michigan when three years old with her parents, George and Elizabeth Young. She lived in Saranac until 1907, when she moved to Lowell and lived on a farm on Grand River Drive, where her husband, Miles Monks, cleared the land. Mrs. Monks cooked in the lumber camps while the surrounding farms were cleared.

She now lives with and keeps house for her son James in Saranac. On Christmas Day she attended the family gathering at the home of her son Guy on Grand River Drive and assisted with the dinner by making mince pies. She also made crocheted rugs for gifts for her three great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Monks has made three trips to California since she was 80 years old, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Alice Miller, another daughter, Mrs. Lena Wolfert, lives in Saranac.

## Mel Trotter Mission Will Hold Conference Starting January 18

The Mel Trotter Mission in Grand Rapids will hold the 48th annual Bible Conference January 18th through 23rd. The opening service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 8:45 p. m. The Rev. W. Thomas, M. A. of Chicago will be the speaker. Rev. Pat B. Withrow of Charleston, W. Va., will take part as well as Mr. Al Smith, soloist and song leader, and Mr. Herman Voss, organist of Wheaton, Ill. Many outstanding speakers are on the program for this year.

The conference is held each year in connection with the anniversary of Mr. Trotter's conversion, fifty-one years on January 19th, 1897. Mr. Trotter, then a hopeless drunkard, entered the Pacific Grand Mission in Chicago and was converted. In 1900, at the invitation of Grand Rapids business men, he opened a city rescue mission, 95 Canal Street (now Monroe Ave.). Mr. Trotter took charge and directed this work for forty years, and at the time of his death in September 1940, the mission, now situated at Market and Louis St., had become world-famous.

## Snow Com. Farm Bureau Snow Community Farm Bureau Will Hold Christmas Party at the W. S. C. S. hall on Friday evening, Dec. 26, over fifty people attending.

After a bountiful supper, discussion followed on Farm Bureau Party and Support Prices. The summary of this discussion was that farm party should be brought up to date, using the last ten years as the base period. A fine Christmas program arranged by Mrs. Raymond Hiesche, and Carol singing led by Menno Baker, was enjoyed by all. Everyone went home happy after Santa had given each a present.

## Merriman Farm Bureau The Marion Shade family opened their spacious home for the December meeting of the Merriman Community Farm Bureau which was held on the 22nd and was in the form of a Christmas party. The house was beautifully decorated in holiday manner. After a very brief business meeting, Mrs. Elmer Swanson conducted a program consisting of cleverly timed carols, stunts and games which were enjoyed by all. The hostess and her assistants served a fine lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham invited the group to meet at their home in Grand Rapids for the January 30th meeting.

## Dancing at Freeport's Dance at Freeport I. O. O. F. hall every Saturday night, starting January 10, under new management. Door prize given.

## Rebekah Party Public rebekah party, Friday, Jan. 9, Rebekah hall.

## Michigan Bell Co. Now Serves Upwards of 1 1/2 Million Phones

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company has announced the installation of the 1 1/2 million telephone in its territory—a net increase of 363,000 since V-J Day.

A continuing, unprecedented demand for service made it necessary for the company to add as many telephones in the last five years—three years of war and two of reconstruction—as in the preceding eight years.

Mobile telephones will constitute an increasingly larger part of the telephone system as the service is introduced this year in Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, Port Huron, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Sault Ste. Marie, and possibly other cities.

While Michigan Bell was installing telephones and lines at a record pace during the last two years, it also started and is well along on the largest building program in its history.

The postwar expansion and improvement program ending in 1950 will require \$220,000,000 worth of new facilities. Over \$85,000,000 already has been spent.

Despite the record number of telephones installed in the last few years, there are still about 50,000 families waiting for telephones. Most of the orders on file were placed during 1947.

Demand for telephone service since the war has almost kept pace with Michigan Bell's construction efforts. During 1947, service was provided to a net total of 130,000 new subscribers. The company hopes to do even better during the coming year.

It is expected that all orders for service carried over from 1947 and most of those which will be placed during the next few months will be completed in 1948.

On the basis of present demand, however, it is estimated that over 5,000 orders placed during 1948 will have to be carried over to early 1949.

Greatest obstacle in the company's efforts to provide service to those on the waiting list has been the shortage of cables with which to connect telephones to central office switching equipment.

## 1948, Leap Year Women and Girls Now's Your Time

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Such old traditions may have been due to a feeling that the privilege of offering marriage should not be restricted to one sex, and that the women should have some opportunity to make such advances.

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In spite of this old feeling, there are ways by which a girl can bring a man to the proposal point without directly asking him to marry her. It would generally be considered appropriate, where a couple had been going together for some time, if she should ask him what he meant by his attentions. Such inquiries could not be considered a proposal of marriage, yet would be quite a hint that such a union would be acceptable.

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## COMING EVENTS

The Alton Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Jennie Kropp on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock.

The Perry Group of the Congregational Church will hold an all day meeting Friday, Jan. 9, beginning at 10:00 a. m., at the home of Mrs. Nick Kloosterman. All members are urged to be present.

There will be a regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Swiss Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday, Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. Clara Kingdom with Mrs. Abel, 720 Lafayette St.

The regular meeting of the Barbershop Harmonizers Chapter 326 will be held at 8:00 p. m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the Moose annex, above the Lowell Creamery. All members and anyone interested in this activity are urged to attend.

The members of the Evening Club will entertain their husbands at Lone Pine Inn on January 12, at 5:45. The program will consist of a picture and a short talk, "My Trip to Copenhagen," by Carl Iverson, of Grand Rapids.

The postponed meeting of the Lila Group will be held this week Thursday at 7:30 at Anna Yardley's.

Don't forget Thursday night (this week) is ladies' night at the Rod & Gun Supper at 7:00.

The Campbell Lake Farm Bureau will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Link.

The Child Study Club will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. Horace Weeks, Mrs. Lawrence Bieri, co-hostess.

Flat River Post No. 5303, VFW, extends an invitation to all former overseas servicemen to attend the Post party Wednesday night, Jan. 14, at the club rooms above the Thompson Market.

## JANUARY CLEARANCE OF WINTER CLOTHING

Men's and boys' suits, overcoats, winter jackets of wool gabardine and leather; heavy underwear and trousers and wool shirts all at reduced prices. Our first sale since World War II started. Coons.

Marriage Licenses Claude M. Ridgway, 38, Lowell; Lucile Rose, 32, Lowell.

Virgil Purchase, 21, Lowell; Janet Wood, 16, Lowell.

Notice, Keene-Twp. Taxpayers The undersigned will be at the Lowell bank Saturday, Jan. 10, which will be the last day to collect taxes, at the bank. Reta Martin, Treasurer.

This Line Fills This Column.



Seems good to see Sam Myers again at his former post at Gee's hardware.

— The Blalto — Many of our readers have been wondering about the use of the word Riatio in this column. Noah Webster says the word means the market place or wherever people gather in numbers—hence as on our own main street.

The New Year greeted Michigan with what is claimed to have been the worst storm in the state's history. Snow, sleet and ice made all highways hazardous and it took about four days to get the snow cleared away from main street.

To prove to you just how much money there is in the newspaper business, and how little effort is required to amass a fortune, we report the wealth of one of our fellow publishers.

He was the editor of a country newspaper, and he retired with a fortune. Asked the secret of his success, he replied: "I attribute my ability to retire with a \$100,000 bank balance after 30 years in the newspaper field to close application to duty, pursuing a policy of strict honesty, always practicing rigorous rules of economy, and to the recent death of my uncle, who left me \$98,500."

It is wise to have rich relatives when going into the newspaper business, comments the Cedar Springs Clipper.

— The Blalto — The old saying had it that "as the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen." It is a remarkable feature of our climate that for about a month after the sun reaches its most distant point in the winter, and after it has been coming north for about a month, the weather continues to grow colder. Jack Frost rules our earth over most of the United States quite well through January and February, and allows but little sign of life to show itself.

Jokes, jests and fibes just by Jeff: A Ledger subscriber says evolution is too slow to keep up with his age. . . A friend forgives your faults, but there are rare cases where he is so much a friend he doesn't see any. . . In preparation for the Petrillo Ban, phonograph companies are really breaking records for business. . . Nothing looks so depleted as a post-Christmas bank account. . . Never have been able to understand why they would give a father a billfold for Christmas.

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## Mabelle Harker Will Admitted to Probate

The will of the late Mabelle W. Harker, of Lowell, which was filed for probate on December 31, by D. A. Wingler, estimates value of real estate at \$5,000 and of personal property at \$15,000.

Plymouth Congregational Church is last \$500. After 25 bequests are satisfied the remainder of the estate is to go to the Children's Home.

If a cow gets all the water she wants she gives eight to fifteen percent more milk.







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#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors and to the various organizations for their thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity, during our recent bereavement.

Harvey Roberts.  
George and Betty Roberts.  
Grace Roberts Vaughn.

#### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our husband and father, who passed away eight years ago, January 6, 1940.

Mrs. Myrtle Alexander and Family.

#### WEDDINGS

##### Meeuwse-Bloomer

A very pretty wedding took place Friday evening January 2, at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bloomer in Ada, when their daughter, Lorraine, became the bride of Robert Meeuwse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Meeuwse of Lowell, in the presence of about thirty guests.

The room was decorated with baskets of yellow snapdragons and white pom-poms. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. James G. Ballard of McCords. Miss Beatrice Meeuwse and Miss Esther Meeuwse, sisters of the groom, sang "I Love You Truly", accompanied by Miss Caryl Jean Ballard, who also played the traditional wedding march.

The bride chose a street length dress of winter white wool and wore a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Helen Craig, her only attendant, wore a gray gabardine dress with a corsage of red roses.

The groom was assisted by his brother, Russell, as best man.

The bride's mother wore a brown crepe dress and wore a corsage of white carnations.

The groom's mother wore a black crepe dress with a corsage of white carnations.

Ruth Ann Bloomer, sister of the bride, and Ruth Meeuwse, sister of the groom, served wedding cake and ice cream to the guests following the ceremony.

After a short honeymoon the couple will make their home in Grand Rapids.

#### CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown me during my recent illness. I do thank you.

Mrs. Elton Goodwin.



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#### WEDDINGS

##### Furlong-White

Miss Charlotte White, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. White of Lowell, was united in marriage to S/Sgt. Nicholas Furlong of the Army Air Corps, at 4 o'clock, December 31 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. White, Grand Rapids.

The service was performed by Rev. Norman G. Woon. Mr. Walter Gummer sang "O Promise Me", "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer". Miss Alberta Kowalewski accompanied him and also played the traditional wedding march.

The bride, dressed in ivory satin and carrying a bouquet of white roses and white pom-pom chrysanthemums, was given in marriage by her father. Her gown had an open-work yoke, long tapering sleeves and a train. Her beaded-trimmed tiara held in place the finger-tip tulle veil.

The maid of honor, Miss Gladin Dunbar, of Danville, Ill., wore a floor length dress of blue and carried a colonial bouquet of pink carnations.

Gerald E. White, brother of the bride, served the groom's best man. Bradford White and Lawrence White ushered. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. White wore a royal purple dress trimmed in sequins and a gardenia corsage. The hostess, Mrs. Gerald White, wore a brown crepe dress and a yellow carnation corsage.

A reception followed the wedding. Mrs. Walter Gummer presided at the coffee urn and the Misses Ruby Boyenga and Mary Kent assisted.

The bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Deibel, came from Detroit for the wedding. The bride and groom left for Tucson, Ariz., where they will make their home.

##### Kindra-Blaser

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Blaser, of Lowell, announce the marriage of their daughter, Jean Marie, to Mr. Earl C. Kindra, Jr., of Detroit, on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1948, at the Methodist church at West Bend, Wis., where the uncle who performed the double ring ceremony is pastor. The church was decorated with ferns and candles in branching candelabras and armillaria.

Mrs. Otto, aunt of the bride, sang "O Promise Me" with the assistance of Mrs. Drisel, a cousin, who played the wedding music.

The bride wore camellias and tiny roses and carried a testament decorated with a cross of tiny rose buds and streamers of ribbon and knots with rose buds. She was escorted to the altar by her mother, who wore a corsage of pale pink carnations. Patricia Wallace was maid of honor and wore a corsage of rose buds and mum, and sang the Lord's Prayer, while kneeling. Nancy Drisel, granddaughter of Mrs. Otto, was flower girl and dropped rose petals.

The groom was attended by Paul Otto, cousin of the bride. Dr. Drisel was master of ceremonies.

After the wedding a 3-tier, wedding cake with figurines and ice cream were served at the Parsonage, after which the couple left on their honeymoon.

#### CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends for the lovely cards and gifts I received during my recent illness. I sure enjoyed them all, and thanks a lot.

Mrs. Edith Brown.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors, also Cheryl Deers for the lovely flowers, notes and cards sent me while ill at home and in the hospital.

Mrs. Charles Young.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Freida Russell of Alto and Mr. Esteven Russell of Lake Odessa announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Alta M., to George A. Burrows, son of Mrs. Ruth Burrows of Calgary, Canada, and Mr. Adam Burrows of Grand Rapids. The ceremony will take place January 18, at Bowne Center Methodist Church.

#### Social Brevities

A farewell party was given Friday evening in the telephone office rest room for Miss Helen Cahill, who is leaving next week for Denver, Colo., to take lessons in voice culture. Miss Cahill was presented with a gift from the operators with whom she has worked. Refreshments were served, and all enjoyed the reunion with two former operators, Mrs. Paul Lavan of Dutton and Mrs. George Metternick of Alto, who were guests. The best wishes of not only her telephone associates, but all of her friends, go with her in her new work.

The Book Ten met Wednesday evening in the home of Mrs. Harry Stauffer. "Give Us Our Bread," by Arthemise Goerly, was reviewed by Mrs. Orval E. Jessup.

The Monday Book Club met with Mrs. N. E. Borgerson. Mrs. Tom Anderson reviewed "The Wedding Journey," by Walter D. Edmonds.

#### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear husband, father, son and brother, Wayne H. Weeks, who was killed three years ago today, Jan. 11, 1945.

Mrs. Dorothy Weeks and Sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ara Weeks and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks and family.

In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Ray Hovings, who passed away five years ago today, Jan. 8, 1948.

Deep in our hearts lies a treasure more precious than silver or gold. It's a picture of our dear husband and father.

Whose memory will never grow cold.

Wife and Children.

#### TAX NOTICES

##### Vergennes Township

I will be at State Savings Bank of Lowell every Saturday, to and including Jan. 3 and 10, '48, to receive property and dog taxes. Vernice Franks, Vergennes Township Treasurer.

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## Odds and Ends Here and There

The cost of breaking up a marriage is not only becoming more costly but much more certain, at least in Kent county circuit court. According to the bookkeeping records of the alimony clerk, the "take" from ex-husbands jumped from \$197,689 in 1940, the last year before the war, to \$800,000 in the year 1947.

— O & E —  
The United States enjoyed a boom in babies during 1947. Metropolitan Life insurance Company statisticians said Saturday that 3,900,000 babies were born in 1947, or 400,000 more than in 1946.

— O & E —  
The 22nd annual meeting for 1,200 member-producers of Dairyland Cooperative Creamery Company will be held at Carson City on Friday, Jan. 16, 1948.

— O & E —  
Automobiles should be washed frequently in the winter time to avoid damage from salt-abrasive mixtures extensively used to melt street ice and snow. Street brine, when splashed on a car, may not only damage body paint, but also is harmful to the chassis.

— O & E —  
Can you visualize 85,000,000 gallons of gasoline? That presents an impossible task for most of us. And that is the amount of gas that must be moved each day and every day to supply the United States' trucks, automobiles, buses, and other consumers of this particular type of motor fuel.

— O & E —  
Among the New Year's resolutions of good sportsmen, according to the conservation department's game division, may well be one to do their part in computing the state's game harvest by mailing in their game kill report cards. For those who have already lost the hunting license stub on which the report is made, 75,000 duplicate report forms have been made available at district, regional and Lansing offices of the department.

— O & E —  
Continuing a four-week decline, state bounties in the eleventh week of bounty were paid for only 646 foxes. The conservation department reports the 1947 fox bounty coat to date—still not quite complete—is \$49,800 for 9,960 foxes.

— O & E —  
In one year a female moth and her descendants can destroy as much wool as 13 sheep can produce in the same period.

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#### MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hartman left Wednesday morning to visit relatives in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Purchase left Wednesday for Bradenton, Fla., for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Lillian Novak and children, Nora, Paula and Arthur of Chicago spent Christmas and New Years with Mrs. Anna Beckett, R. 2, Lowell.

Norton Louis Avery is spending this week-end at Columbus, Ohio, where he will attend a meeting of the American Portrait Guild. He is to address the group on the new developments in Direct Color photography.

Miss Retha Beaudry of Benton Harbor, formerly of Lowell, left on Christmas Day for a vacation trip to California. She made the trip alone in four days and arrived in San Bernardino, where she will visit many places of interest. She expects to sail her car while there and possibly take a plane home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Condon and daughter of Flint spent a few days at their mother's home in Vergennes before leaving for California, where they intend to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Condon will be greatly missed in their church and community and their little daughter Merleen, who has entertained many people with her golden voice. Best wishes of their many friends go with them.

Kenneth Call, C. E. N. (L), who has completed his 20 years service, returned Friday, Dec. 28, from Honolulu, where he had been stationed 14 months. Kenneth expects to leave here for the Great Lakes District about January 10, after spending his leave with his wife and children, Jo Ann and Larry, who have made their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Jay.

Connecticut, the grand award state in the 1946 National Traffic Safety Contest, had a traffic death rate of only half the national rate. If the rates of all states had been as low, more than 16,000 lives could have been saved.

Whether you are at the beach or the old swimmin' hole, before you dive into the water the National Safety Council suggests you ask yourself three questions: Do you know that the water is deep enough and free of obstructions? Is there someone around who can help you if you have trouble? Has it been two hours since your last meal?

This Line Files This Column.

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By Robert Quillen



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#### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Robert Glenn Boerma, who left us eighteen years ago, January 9, 1930.

They say time heals all sorrow And helps us to forget, But time so far has only proved How much we miss him yet. God gave us strength to fight it And courage to bear the blow, But what it meant to lose you, None will ever know.

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