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Effective Dec. 25, 1947-1948 Time Table. TO LANSING TO FLINT. 8:25 a. m. JACKSON, and 8:28 a. m. TOLEDO.

LOWELL STATION AT HENRY'S DRUG STORE. PHONE 30.

PUBLIC NOTICES. FINAL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT. State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

Ada News. Farm Bureau Meeting. The Community Farm Bureau held its regular March meeting on Friday evening, March 19, at the Allison Roark home with sixteen members present.

Ada Locals. Mr. and Mrs. Webb Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis, Don Ward, Miss Dorothy Farrell, Wayne Ward, and Miss Donna Davis motored to Ionia on Friday.

American Legion FISHING CONTEST. Opens April 24, Closes Sept. 15. Prizes for the largest fish in eleven classes will be offered.

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ALTO NEWS. Mrs. Fred Pattison. Notice: Brown-Twp. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Township Board will be held at Brown-Twp. hall, April 28, 1948 at 10 a. m.

Alto Locals. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dzygert accompanied Mrs. and Mrs. Claude Sulaco to North Grand Rapids Sunday afternoon to see the high water glass rise on Grand Lake.

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Up and Down Kent County Roads

K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Folks on the east side of Kent County who didn't attend the first annual farm and home day at Lowell last week Tuesday missed an enjoyable event.

Sponsored by the Lowell Board of Trade the day's program went off without a hitch, only more folks should have been there to have partaken of the good dinner that Lowell businessmen prepared and served.

Russell Horwood's pictures of Japan, Dr. Hardin's discussion of European conditions, Dr. Perrin's talk and pictures of new materials used in agriculture were well received. Music by Lowell school band, the picture of "A Miracle in Paradise Valley," plus the band from Detroit all went to make a well-rounded program. The committees on the Lowell Board of Trade are to be commended on the fine way all details were handled.

Extension Service would like to see this affair made an annual event. Am sure another year would see many more farm folks present.

Three Kent County 4-H Club members had entries in the annual State 4-H Club Market Show last week Friday and Saturday. Charles Werner of Walker, Russell Pales of Sparta, and Joan Carlson of Bowne township.

These animals will be judged and sold. Reports later about Kent's results.

The State Seed Testing Laboratory at Lansing are getting many samples of seed right now, one sign that spring is not far away. Charles Stahl, state seed analyst, reports that 2,428 samples were received in February; a third more than a year ago. Testing seed is not a hurry job and to do a good job the person doing it cannot hurry. Some seeds such as radish can be done in six

Editorial

FEDERAL ENCROACHMENT

"Angered over the tax-free advantage of numerous Federal Agencies and corporations," wrote John P. Callahan in the New York Times of January 18, "the American Municipal Association last week girded itself for a drive on Congress to enact legislation that would add more than a billion dollars to municipal treasuries all over the country."

Federal business activities, which have little or no connection with the basic constitutional duties of the government, have reached plague dimensions in the last fifteen years or so. More and more land has been acquired by the Federal agencies, which now own almost half of the eleven western states. The military forces own various industrial properties which have been leased to private business but which, because of their ownership, escape all or part of the taxes they would otherwise pay. And, most important of all, the Federal government has gone into the electric power business on an enormous scale, depriving the municipalities and all other units of government of the heavy tax revenues the private utilities would pay.

This would be a grave matter at any time. It is especially grave now that the burden of taxation and the task of servicing and retiring the national debt are among our toughest national problems. The Municipal Association, whose membership represents close to 10,000 communities, will perform a service to all the country if it can make publicly operated business which competes with private business, comply with the tax laws that apply to all private citizens. It is high time to weed out the tax dodgers.

Uncle Sam Says



You don't need New Year's Day to make one resolution which will make your future more secure. In fact, this February day is as good a day for this resolution: All you have to do is to sign up for the 'ayroll Savings Plan for buying savings Bonds. Just write your John 'erry once. After that, your money is invested for you every payday automatically. In just 10 years you get back \$4 for every \$3 invested. If you are in a business or profession and the Payroll Savings Plan is not available to you, ask for the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank.

U. S. Treasury Department

When the temperature in brooder house gets uncomfortably cold, the chicks crowd against the "mother." Their instinct is to get under something—they pile up and as a result many chicks are smothered.

Governor Says His Reform Program Would Mean Better Government

By Gene Alkome, Sec'y.-Manager Michigan Press Association

Governor Kim Sigler has a tough nut to crack: How can he successfully dissociate his personal ambitions from his new program of constitutional reform?

It's not an easy task. The problem boils down to something like this.

Sigler is asking the legislature to submit amendments to Michigan voters next November. These amendments, if approved, would lengthen terms of the governor and other state officials from two to four years, would permit the governor to appoint the secretary of state and attorney general, would permit legislators to set salaries of their successors and elective state officials, and would permit the calling of a constitutional convention by a majority of the votes cast for such a convention call, not a majority of all voters who go to the polls.

Governor Sigler is convinced that these steps would make for better and more responsible government in Michigan. But a number of legislators are yet to be convinced. They link the reforms to personal ambitions of Sigler, a desire to get greater power for himself, not for his successor.

If Sigler is re-elected in November for a second term, the four-year term amendment would deprive him of one month of this second term. He would go out of office on December 1, 1950, instead of on Jan. 1, 1951.

As Sigler sees it, the Dec. 1 inauguration date is evidence itself that he would deprive himself of one month and that this would benefit his successor, not himself. While he has not said he would retire at the end of a second term, he had plainly inferred it.

Furthermore, the governor has emphasized repeatedly that he does not look upon the governorship as a stepping stone to the United States Senate or other political public service. He would like to do something about better government, and he is not satisfied to hold the office of governor unless he strives to accomplish this.

In the governor's mind, the reform program should not be associated with Sigler's political future. But it is inevitable that some legislators will want to be convinced. Frankly, they're not altogether sold.

For one thing, the governor's amendments would strengthen the power of the governor and other elective officials, but they would do little for legislators. The right of the legislators to increase salaries would not apply to themselves but to their successors. Legislative incumbents would not be exempt. State officials would not. While terms of elective officials would be stretched to four years, terms of senators and representatives would remain at two years.

Speaker Victor A. Knox of the Soo said, "there is a feeling among many members that if we are to grant a four-year term to the governor, the same reasoning would apply to the legislature itself."

And there you have it—human nature inevitably in action, linking a man's program of change to his

personal ambitions.

Governor Sigler points out that since the 1908 constitution was adopted, only five governors have served more than one term. "Most of the time we have had a shift of administrations every two years. In the light of these facts, can anyone wonder why a well planned program of state government has not been carried out?"

"Does anyone seriously contend that a worth-while program can be accomplished in two years? . . . Governors are not in office long enough to lay out a program and see it through."

As for greater power for the governor, here is a quotation from Sigler's message to the legislature: "It is the governor to whom the people look for administrative accomplishment, and whom they blame for lack of it. The tools of administration, however, have not been provided to enable the chief executive of our state to fulfill this responsibility. . . . There should be authority commensurate with that responsibility."

Governor Sigler asks the legislature to create a state department of administration which would take over function of numerous state boards and agencies. The governor would appoint its director. This department would handle budgeting, purchasing and accounting. This department would give the governor, says Sigler, "the means to get a job done," a "right arm" with power to get results. It is a good illustration of what Kim Sigler wants.

Obituary

Mrs. Carrie Layer

Funeral services were held at the Lowell Methodist Church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 20, for Mrs. Carrie Layer, who passed away in Grand Rapids, Thursday, March 18, at the age of 74. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. G. F. Boltho. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Layer was born in Ionia County and at an early age moved with her parents to Harris Creek. January 1, 1889 she was married to John Layer and to this union were born four children, Eulah, Dorothy and Lucille, who preceded her in death, and Elmer, who cared for his mother during her illness and also during the illness of his father, both of whom were bedridden at the same time.

Mrs. Layer was a respected resident of Lowell and a faithful member of the Methodist Church for many years. She will long be remembered for her many acts of kindness to those in time of illness or bereavement.

Mrs. Frank Hawk

Mrs. Frank Hawk passed away at her home in Lowell Tuesday, March 16, 1948. She is survived by her husband, Frank; two brothers, Leonard and Pete Douse of Grand Rapids, four sisters, Mrs. Jennie Morey, Mrs. Anna Ward, both of Ionia, Mrs. Nellie Reed of Detroit, and Mrs. Mattie Smith of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held at the Roth Chapel Friday at 2:00 p. m. the Rev. Norman G. Woon officiating. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

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CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all my friends, neighbors and relatives, W. R. C. and Cheerful Doers for their cards, flowers and fruit sent me during my recent illness.

Ella Ward.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us in the death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Carrie Layer. We especially wish to thank those who sent spiritual and floral offerings, those who loaned their cars, the pallbearers, and all who tendered their kindnesses during our bereavement.

John H. Layer and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one who remembered me with cards during my illness, also for the many acts of kindness shown us.

Mrs. Adelbert Ford.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the committee members, King Milling Co., Buttrick and Yates Store, Cascade Church, who so kindly let us use their dining hall and kitchen after roads to our hall became impassable, and all others who helped to make our pancake supper a fine success.

Raymond Phillips, Chairman Sunny Acres Farm Bureau.

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