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Lowell public schools closed Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 4 o'clock for the holiday season vacation and will reopen Monday morning, Jan. 3.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, was the shortest day of the year, marking the winter solstice. Take solstice in the thought, "When Winter comes Spring cannot be far behind."

N. E. Borgerson, of the Department of Public Instruction, returned Friday from New York City where he attended a meeting of the National Safety Council of which he is a director.

This week Friday will be a big day for the children of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Evans, proprietors of the Strand Theatre, will present a movie for all children under twelve years of age at one o'clock p. m.

The carol singing, which is featured each evening as a part of the Nativity scene at Richards park, began last Friday evening. This singing has been greatly enjoyed by the community and really helps further the spirit of Christmas. The program will continue through Christmas eve, Dec. 24.

Last Saturday afternoon the children of Lowell and their parents, who had made a special trip to town to see Santa Claus, were sadly disappointed when Santa sped through town at a high rate of speed sitting on top of a convertible. He went so fast that by the time the kiddies looked in one direction he was gone. Then to top it all, he was left away from the business district and there he stayed, while children stood on corners waiting for him to come walking back through town.

Now it isn't like Santa Claus to play a trick like that on the kiddies. Somehow or other the program went askew.

Youngsters in Lowell may be growing up with advanced science planting all kinds of eye-catchers around them, but the children won't let the latest technical innovations take their minds off the simple, less modernized interests. While jet planes flying overhead, television sets widely hailed, super-sonic rocket ships and latest toy gun models offered as gifts to children aren't as eager over these as you might imagine. They find girls still hold their Christmas list with dolls, boys with an electric train. Sleds, bicycles, toy trucks come before the startling, new type playthings the holiday displays offer.

Most parents are pleased that their children make the choice for the more old-fashioned toys. Who would be happy to have Junior ask for a jet fighter? You could hardly say "the innocence of youth", in that case.



Uptowners League
Thursday—9:00 p. m.
Standings
C. H. Runciman Co. 4 3 0
King Milling Co. 4 3 0
Roth & Sons 3 2 1
Old Bucks 1 1 2
Highland Hill Dairy 0 1 3
Thompson's San. Mkt. 0 3 3

Lowell Jacks League
Monday—9:00 p. m.
Standings
Pia. W. L.
Lowell Moose 30 25 14
Lowell Bears 20 22 16
Fairchild Oilers 23 20 19
Lowell Dusters 25 18 21
McMahon Appliances 24 19 20
Superior Furniture 16 12 27

Monday's Results
High team, single game—Bears 816, Oilers 811.
High team, three games—Bears 2941.
High individual, single game—L. Keech, 215, N. Stormsand, 205.
High individual, three games, L. Keech, 532; John Topp, 528; N. Stormsand, 502.

WEDDING BELLS

NISBET—PINKERTON
The Alma College Chapel, Alma, was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony last Saturday when Miss Norma Pinkerton, of Saginaw and Mr. Stephen Nisbet were united in marriage by Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, a former president of the college, with over 100 relatives and friends present.

Mr. Nisbet, has been teaching government, history, and social science in Lowell high school for the past two years.
Mrs. Nisbet, who will graduate from Alma College at the close of the semester with her teacher's certificate, will come to Lowell and take the place of Miss Jeanne Timmerman, our U. S. History and special English teacher, who is resigning to be married. Mrs. Nisbet will teach sophomors and special English.
For the time being the Nisbets will stay at the Wm. Smith home while the Smiths are away.
Buy and sell through the want ads.

Mrs. Mary Dennie Is Recipe Winner

With the naming of Mrs. Mary Dennie of R. 3, Lowell, as the winner of the King Milling Company "Recipe of the Week Contest" for her recipe "Quick Nut Loaf Bread," the recipe contest comes to a very successful ending.



MRS. MARY DENNIE

"The \$50.00 first prize was a very welcome Christmas gift to Mrs. Dennie who very graciously posed for a picture in front of the King Milling Company office soon after being named the winner.

Second prize of \$25.00 was awarded to Mrs. Clare Ford of R. 1, Lowell, for her recipe, "Fruit Cake."

Third prize of \$10.00 was awarded to Mrs. William Arehart of 904 Riverside Drive, Lowell, for her recipe, "Apple Cookies." Fourth prize of \$5.00 went to Mrs. Emma Quiggle of 3651 Quiggle Ave., Ada, for her recipe "Raisin Pie DeLuxe." Fifth prize of \$5.00 went to Mrs. Genevieve Gee for her recipe "Danish Coffee Cake" and sixth prize of \$5.00 went to Mrs. Margaret Hartley of 188 Pleasant Street, Lowell, for her recipe "Special Bread."

A very generous supply of fine recipes are filed away in the sponsor's office under the word "Recipes" but that is not the end. They feel that housewives in general should enjoy these fine recipes. Accordingly, the King Milling Company is planning a system to be announced later, to make these many fine recipes available to all interested housewives.

The King Milling Company is very pleased with the success of the contest and they hope every housewife has profited by adding a few good recipes to their recipe file.

Lowell Riding Club Elects New Officers

Bill VanVorst has been elected President of the Lowell Boot, Spur and Saddle Club.
Other officers include: Harry Mathews, vice president; Donna Dalstra, secretary; Lester Antolides, treasurer; Esther Bancroft, Lester Weaver and Charles Welch, directors.
The club will hold a social meeting on January 12.

COMING EVENTS

The Good Will Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 5, for a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Leo Sullivan at 1584 Covered Bridge Road, Fallsburg.

The West Lowell U. B. Church will have their Christmas program and tree on Sunday night, Dec. 28, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble G. McClure of Alto will celebrate their silver anniversary Sunday, Jan. 2, with open house at their home on Whitleyville Road. 34-35

The reporter for American Legion Auxiliary wishes to apologize for the mistake made in last week's issue. It should have read it meets Monday evening, Dec. 27 for pot-luck supper at seven with Mrs. Anna Ellis at her home with exchange of gifts not exceeding 50c.
—Mary Potter, Reporter

CASH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KROGER EMPLOYEES

Cash Christmas gifts totaling \$15,000 are being distributed this week to Kroger company employees in the Western Michigan area, E. P. Robertson Kroger branch manager announced.
These Kroger people are among the 20,000 store, warehouse, office and manufacturing plant personnel located in 19 midwestern and southern states who will participate in the firm's Christmas gift plan, announced recently by Joseph B. Hall, Kroger president.
The checks, enclosed in a colorful illustrated Christmas message from Mr. Hall, will go to every employee with six months or more service with the exception of those employees who participate in a company incentive plan. Incentive plan checks will be distributed early in 1949.

"Historians say that women were using cosmetics in the Middle Ages." Well, women in the middle ages are still using them."

Bill Kerekes Raids His Own Piggy Bank Gives It to Ledger

The holiday season would not be complete without Bill Kerekes' unique letter renewing his subscription to the Ledger. Monday morning's mail brought the following euphonious epistle:

"Editor Lowell Ledger: Although the periodicity of my subscription is annual the interim seems to have shrunk to an infinitesimal period of time. When your cash balance totters on the last quarter one wonders if the ebb and flow of his wealth is influenced by the moon. To those fortunate enough to command a location on the corner of Dun and Brad Streets this moon philosophy would be irrelevant, inane and inapplicable. Be that as it may I have, however, extracted from the lumbar region of my piggy bank enough cash to continue my Ledger for another year. Inasmuch as you publish the most newsworthy paper in town one can always tell with major degree of accuracy, 'Who Threw the Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder.' 'May the New Year use you as kindly as ever and continue the same vigorous prosperity as when the grocer gave one and all a sack of candy upon payment of their accounts.

"Very sincerely yours, Bill Kerekes"

SOCIAL EVENTS

Past Matron's Dinner

The Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, O. E. S. held their annual Christmas dinner last Wednesday evening, regardless of the storm, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Sinclair. As always there was a tree and all its trimmings, but this year without lights. Dinner was served by candle light and a gasoline light furnished by Bert Purchase helped greatly. Much delight was manifested on opening the gifts which followed the regular business meeting.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Clarence Tuma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tuma, of Huntington Woods. Both of these young people attend C. M. C. E.

Honored by Shower

Mrs. Philip H. Schneider and Mrs. C. E. Kiel were hostesses at a bridal shower Thursday evening, Dec. 9, in the home of the latter, honoring Miss Jeanne Freyermuth. About 35 relatives of the bride-elect were present. Miss Freyermuth was the recipient of many lovely gifts. Games and dainty refreshments were enjoyed by all.

On Thursday evening of this week Miss Anita Doyle and Miss Dorothy Alexander will be hostesses at a personal shower in Miss Doyle's home, honoring Miss Freyermuth. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schneider, Sr. parents of the prospective bride-groom will be hosts at a rehearsal dinner the evening preceding the wedding.

Social Brevities

Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman celebrated their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary Sunday. Their guests were his mother, Mrs. John Barnhouse of Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Condon, Mrs. Julia Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kropp.

The Michigan Bell Telephone operators, twelve in number, enjoyed their annual Christmas party and turkey dinner Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Clara Kingdon. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Himebaugh presented the girls with the turkey for the occasion.

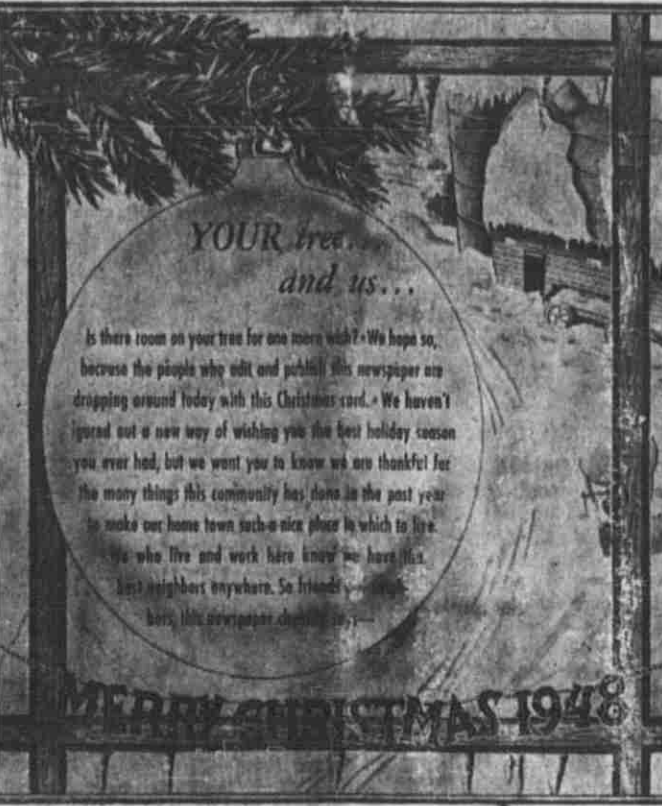
The Roth family Christmas dinner was held Sunday, Dec. 19, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley A. Roth. Those attending were Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Wenger, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Roth and Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Weston, Anne and Paul, all from Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Ray Small of Detroit. Mrs. Elise Zahm of Vergennes and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roth and Candace.

The Goofus Club held their annual Christmas party and 1:30 luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 22, in the home of Mrs. W. A. Roth.
The annual Christmas dinner of "The Monday Book Club" was held Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurtell. Christmas tree and greens throughout the rooms made for a very cheery setting. Pictures of the group present were taken by Paul Bergin, and scenes were shown of Lowell and vicinity. Stunts by groups were given and lots of singing. Then in came Santa Claus: all rigged out in suit and silver whistles. Who? Norma Borgerson, who has held that responsibility since the first Christmas party some 5 years back. Gifts were exchanged and all had a fine time.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maxson, of Galesburg, Mich., on December 8, in Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, twin boys, Robert and Roger.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clark of Morse Lake Road, a 6 lb. 13 oz. son, Michael Robert, on December 10, at Blodgett hospital. Mrs. Clark is the former Iris Briggs.



Man Seriously Hurt While Digging Sewer

Gerald White, 23, who suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries when a sewer ditch he was digging on North Jefferson street Saturday caved in on him and buried him up to the shoulders, was reported in good condition at Blodgett hospital this week Tuesday.

White was working for Rodgers Plumbing on a sewer when a brick gave way allowing the high bank to cave in. Fellow workers dug fast to free him, aided by passersby. He was treated by Dr. K. K. Vining, Jr., while still in the ditch.
Mr. White lives in Lowell with his brother-in-law, Keith Kivon.

Added Compensation Given A&P Employees

Additional compensation totaling more than \$2,100,000 has been distributed to employees of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company before Christmas. It was announced by John A. Harford, president.
All A & P employees throughout the country, with six months' or more service with the company, participate in the cash distribution. The company's employees were voted \$1,975,000 compensation last year.

WEDDING BELLS

STEPHENS—SHERMAN

Wedding vows were exchanged Saturday in St. Andrew's rectory by Miss Jacquelyn Marie Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sherman, of Grand Rapids and James G. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stephens of Lowell. Rev. Fr. John W. McGee officiated at the ceremony.
The bride was attired in a black and white tulle suit and wore a green bonnet and forest green accessories. Her corsage was of white roses.
Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Eileen Barnes who wore a royal blue suit and had grey accessories and a pink rose corsage.
Acting as best man was Joseph Dombranski of Muskegon.
Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served in the Colony restaurant after which the couple left for a short Detroit wedding trip. The groom is an employee of Owen, Ames & Kimble of Grand Rapids and the happy couple will make their home at 1351 Broadway, Grand Rapids.

Deputy Will Assist Income Tax Payers

A deputy collector will be at the Lowell post office on Monday, Jan. 3, to assist taxpayers in the preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1948.
All taxpayers who have income other than wages are requested to bring the 1947 copy of their income tax return for computation of depreciation, etc.
A deputy collector will also be at the Ionia city hall on January 7. p34-35

Michigan Faces New or Higher Taxes or a Threatened Deficit

LANSING—Elimination of 37 of the state's 99 agencies is now recommended by a special legislative study committee.
The December report heralds renewal of the debate whether the State of Michigan must impose new or higher taxes in order to divert a threatened treasury deficit. Such a deficit has been long forecast by State Treasurer D. Hale Brake and more recently by Controller John Perkins, if Michigan is to continue to divert 76 per cent of its sales tax "golden egg" back to home governments.
Michigan voters rejected overwhelmingly on Nov. 2 a legislative recommendation that this constitutional earmarking should be repealed. The verdict is decisive.

It is significant that the legislative committee, in looking into possible reorganization of state government, emphasized the mounting cost of public services. Where total disbursements for state and local governments, as financed from the state treasury, were a mere piddling \$23 million back in 1918 (those were the days of "normalcy"), the taxpayers' bill has now soared (1948) to the astronomical height of \$471 millions. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is pretty close to a cool half-billion dollars!
By inference at least, the legislative committee lends moral support to the belief among taxpayers that State government has become top-heavy with bureaus and that some of the state funds had better be diverted back home for more useful needs. This attitude assumes that elimination of agencies at Lansing will automatically save millions of dollars, money which could be spent at home to better advantage or else used to balance the state treasury.

This breakdown of direct tax responsibility, whereby local communities look to Lansing or Washington for financial salvation, has been long decryd by thoughtful students. Too often citizens who thump loudly for economy at Lansing are first to support a move to get more "state money" for use in their home communities.
In the meanwhile, postwar inflation has boosted the cost of all public services to a point where present revenues are reaching the vanishing point. The question thus becomes this: Shall we do away with some of our present services, state and locally financed? Or shall we pay new or higher taxes in order to get the benefits we continue to demand? Whether the money comes from Lansing or Washington, the taxpayer must foot the bill. He is merely kidding himself to think that money from these sources costs him nothing.

Lowell Postoffice Breaks All Records

The Lowell Post Office was swamped Monday as Christmas mail flooded in and a preliminary check showed that a new record apparently had been set for a single day's mail.

Dispatching clerks, S. J. Ayres and Bob Ellis, reported that a reading of the figures on the automatic canceling machine showed 21,000 pieces of mail already handled by the time the last mail of the night was tied out.

Retirement Plans Are Being Studied By Common Council

Members of the Lowell council heard a report from A. G. Gabriel, consulting actuary, Monday night on the cost and methods of setting up a retirement plan for village employees.

The basic plan under consideration was the Michigan Retirement System under an act of the legislature which would pay all employees, upon reaching the age of 65, a pension based on years of service and average earnings. Money for this comes both from the village and the employee.

The cost of a retirement plan to the Village of Lowell, according to Mr. Gabriel, would be about 10.8% of the annual payroll, of which employees would have to contribute 5% of their annual pay. The larger share of the village would decrease after 40 years when all village service previous to setting up the plan would be paid.
The dollars and cents cost to the village annually would be between \$5,000 and \$7,000 on present payrolls depending on the amount of credit given employees for service prior to the plan. The 5% paid in by employees of the village would be refunded with interest to anyone quitting village service for any reason before reaching the age of 65.
"The plan was taken under consideration, and further study of other retirement systems will be made before any action will be taken," according to Peter Speerstra, village president. "The cost of a retirement plan would have to be met through extra millage or some other increase in village revenue before it could be put in force."

AMAZING NEW TREATMENT FOR EPILEPSY!

More than one-third of all petit epileptic patients treated in a Boston clinic have been reported free of epileptic seizures after taking Paradol. Read about this revolutionary new drug in "Amazing New Treatment for Epilepsy" The American Weekly, great magazine with this Sunday's (Dec. 26) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.
Phone 9101, Showboat Inn, for delivery.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

What is that old saying, "one doesn't appreciate the water until the well runs dry." That was the way with electricity when the sleet storm last week put lines down with no power for homes in town and city as well as county. The county agent wasn't excepted. Ice took the wires down, an insulator broke a storm window. The wires were cut and tied to a trellis to prevent further damage. When the lights came on the street, we had none, and didn't have any for 40 hours. We could operate the gas furnace by hand. All the odds and ends of candles were used up.
Vic Waller in Cannon hooked his power lawn mower to his milking machine and didn't have to hand milk. Lester Antolides in Lowell had to milk by hand and go to the neighbors for water. It might be a good thing to have a well on the farm with a pump for times like last week. Sleet storms will always be a problem in any Michigan county.
If you read Popular Science or Popular Mechanics look up a recent issue with a lot of ideas you can use when electric power is shut off.
Talking with some of our friends at the power company, we find the situation has been about as tough on them as on the folks who had no power.
Grand Rapids Kiwanis Club has set up a thousand dollar fund for 4-H club work in Kent County.
For three years this club has purchased 30,000 pine seedling trees a year and given them to 4-H club members.
Last fall they entertained 80 leaders at a noon day luncheon. Last week at the West Michigan Fat Stock Show the club entertained 40 junior exhibitors at dinner.
The club gave a fine plaque to Ronald Corey of Coldwater who had the grand champion steer. Next year they plan two more plaques to include 4-H members who have champion lambs and swine.
Dan Anderson, Kent 4-H Club agent, has been working with Gerrit VanderHooping of Kiwanis

Echos From Our Worst Ice Storm

Most telephones and electricity was back in service by Sunday after Tuesday's ice storm which caused more damage than any similar storm in the history of Lowell.

The Lowell Municipal Plant workers, aided by local men and farmers living on the lines, worked all of last week clearing the lines of fallen trees, limbs and repairing broken poles and finally restored service to all customers on Sunday.

Frank J. McMahon, superintendent of the local plant had only highest praise for the many volunteers who came to the aid of the Lowell men and reported that without their aid, power would still be off in many areas.

Michigan Bell Telephone company sent nearly twenty crews into Lowell Sunday to clear the lines and restore service to nearly half of the phones on the local exchange put out by the ice storm.

Consumers Power Company in the Lowell area was still at work Monday restoring service.

Broken poles and fallen trees across the lines caused damage running into the thousands of dollars to all utilities in this section of West Michigan.

Several Accidents During Past Week

December 17—On Vergennes St., between Ada and Fosses Corners, Dr. J. C. Foshee and Rev. Paul Z. Hoornastra collided. icy roads were the cause, doing approximately \$25 damage to the Hoornastra car. Foshee car bumper scratched.

December 19—One a. m., on Foreman Drive hill, car driven by Norman Borgerson, Jr., skidded on ice and hit a tree with left front side of car, causing about \$250.00 damage. Betty Koert, also in the car, received a hard bump on the head. Bill Roth and Ellen Jepson, also with them, were unhurt.

December 20—On North Jefferson Ave., Kenneth Shaler and John Tucker collided. The weather was again the cause with about \$50 damage to Shaler's car.
December 20—On M-91 hill between Lowell and US-16, car driven by Gordon Betsy and William Venneman skidded out of control due to icy roads. Both boys were taken to Osteopathic hospital for treatment. The car, a 1934 Chevrolet, was a complete loss.

December 20—On North Jackson St. hill, John R. Timpon, 17, and Donald G. Davidson, 16, were forced off road causing about \$50.00 damage to Timpon's car and \$50.00 damage to Davidson's car.
December 20—On corner of Vergennes Road and W. Chatham, car driven by Kenneth Timpon and Donald Roth collided causing \$100 damage to Timpon's car.

Club in developing and putting the program into effect.
In their plans they are offering four \$125 scholarships to Kent County 4-H club members, the scholarship to apply to one of the short courses at Michigan State College.

Income tax time is not far off. Many folks have already sharpened their pencils and started figuring.
Our office has received a supply of income tax blanks. Along with them came a couple of interesting books on income tax. One from the government on "How to Prepare your U. S. Income Tax Return." This is a most readable bulletin. The other bulletin is from Michigan State College called "The Farmer's 1948 Income Tax." It too is a well written and readable book. Our office will be glad to send copies of either or both bulletins to any wanting them. A card to Kent County Extension Service, Court House, Grand Rapids is all you need to do.

Christmas will be right at hand when this column gets to you. The Kent County Extension staff would like to send Christmas greetings to our many friends in the county. "Would be nice to be able to talk to you all in person but that we can't do. We hope you will all have a fine holiday with all your kindfolks around.

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Lodge Elections

Royal Arch Masons
Hooker Chapter has elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing fiscal year:
Gordon Johnson, H. P.; George Story, K.; Ed. Bennett, scribe; D. A. Wingeier, treasurer; Carl Freyermuth, secretary; Arnold Wittenbach, C. of H.; Ralph Roth, P. S.; Louis Kingsley, R. A. C.; Corry Cookeham, 3rd V.; Orval Jessup, 2nd V.; George Hale, 1st V.; G. W. Bangs, sentinel.

Saranac Plays to Give Play Jan. 13-14

The Saranac Senior class will present their annual play, "Love Troubles Tommy," January 12 and 13 in the school auditorium.
The play is being directed by the Senior sponsor, Mrs. Helen Decker. Members of the cast include: Ronnie Matz, Patsy Reed, Junior Pepper, Elaine Robson, Paul Young, Jackie Hooper, Larry Cahoon, Cheryl Green, Sue Kelly, Phillip Dawson, Arlene Branson and Harrison Young. The play is a three-act comedy.
Our want ads bring results.

Nazarene Church 25th Anniversary

High Church-man To Be Guest Minister Sunday, December 26

The Reverend S. S. White, Ph. D., Editor-in-Chief of The Herald of Holiness, (official organ of the Church of the Nazarenes), will be the guest minister for the anniversary services in the Lowell Nazarene Church, on Sunday, Dec. 26. There will be three main services during the day, morning, afternoon and evening.



REV. S. S. WHITE

Dr. White has devoted most of his life to the work of education, having held professorships in several colleges and universities, and having been president of Bethany College, Bethany, Okla. His recent election to the editorship of the Herald of Holiness, places him in one of the highest and most strategic offices his denomination could offer him.

Twenty-five Years in Lowell
The anniversary services are in celebration of twenty-five years of organization as a Church of the Nazarenes, in Lowell. From the official church record book, the following historical data are secured:

"The Church of the Nazarenes was organized in Lowell, Michigan, December 13, 1923, in the second building west of the Ledger office.

"The meeting was called to order by Rev. C. Preston Roberts, District Superintendent, who came specifically to organize the church in Lowell.

"Motion: moved, supported, and carried that Mrs. Iva McIntyre be secretary, pro tem.

"Motion: moved, supported and carried to call Rev. Elmer Buck as pastor for the remainder of the year.

"Motion: moved, supported and carried to pay Rev. Buck what money was left in treasury after local expenses are met.

"Motion: moved, supported and carried to elect a treasurer, R. Roy Johnson elected.

"Motion: moved, supported and carried to elect secretary; Fred Kenyon elected.

"Motion: moved, carried to adjourn."

It was out of this small beginning, twenty-five years ago, that has grown the present organization. Of the charter members, which numbered only eleven people, there are six who are still in the community and members of the church. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. Roy Johnson, Mrs. Iva McIntyre, Mr. Fred Kenyon and Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Buck.

Over One Hundred Families Now
At the present time, there are over one-hundred families affiliated with the various departments of the church. There are three public services held regularly each week, plus two fully organized Sunday School departments, and a Young People's Department. Beside these weekly services, there are two Missionary Groups which meet each month. This makes six meetings that are held every week, and two services that meet monthly. The church now owns property in Lowell, which has been regularly improved and carefully maintained, and is valued at \$28,000.00.

The services scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 26, at which Dr. White will speak, will be held at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The public is cordially invited to be guests of the church in these services.

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Lowell Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M.

At the annual communication of Lowell Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., held December 21, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ralph M. Roth, W. M.; Louis Kingsley, S. W.; Gerald Clark, J. W.; D. A. Wingeier, treasurer; G. W. Cent, secretary; Anton Kropp, S. D.; Wm. Converse, J. D.; G. W. Bangs, Tyler; Kenneth Fletcher, Steward; Orval Jessup, Steward.

About once in a million times, scientists estimate, an albino bullfrog is born; these albinos have pink eyes and weak yellow-colored bodies instead of the gray or brownish eyes and the greenish-brown body of ordinary bullfrogs.

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ALTO NEWS
Mrs. Fred Pattison
Methodist Candle Light Service
Don Denny opened the Methodist Church Sunday School program at 10:45 and Rhoad Carter offered prayer and with Joan Carlson at the piano, the primary department marched up from the basement and the large group nearly filled the room and with their leader, Mrs. Leona Williams sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Williams's able assistant, Mrs. Peter Vandenhulpe, announced the Christmas program for 1948, and a fine program to a large and appreciative audience. A group of young people also rendered several numbers and the meeting was closed when Will Johnson gave the benediction, then all children and grown-ups were invited to the basement where a tree, which held gifts for all, was enjoyed and each child received an apple, donated by Mrs. E. L. Timpon. Mrs. Ray Linton also helped pass the sacks of candy.

Alto Locals
Don't forget our White Circle Secret Friend Party next Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock, at the Methodist Church. Each member bring a wrapped gift to exchange, not to exceed \$1.00. Secret friends will be revealed. Medsames Claude Bilcoo hostess and Ethel Rosenburg program chairman and Medsames Pauline Watts, Bernice Lyon, Nellie Frym, Ann Chapman and Addie Sinclair were appointed on the refreshment committee. Other committees may be appointed.

Alto Locals
A few were fortunate enough to hear our former Methodist pastor, Rev. Wm. E. Beckett of Chicago, broadcast Saturday at 11 a. m. over WKAR. We hear his subject was Christmas and most interesting. We are acquainted with most of the speakers and they were very well received on Monday. Occasionally a few member speaks and they would like to hear them, Call 9311.

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May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men!

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Christmas

The only International Holiday!

Lighted trees everywhere, here in America... and what a comforting, companionable feeling is a Christmas light in nearly every house, church and place of business!

Of course, these lights symbolize the spirit of Christmas in the celebration of His birth. There pervades through all this free land and far beyond, a consciousness of brotherhood that only His influence can yield.

America, the land of lights, is known 'round the world as a Christian Nation. May each of us foster, strengthen and extend the ray of Christmas lights by our devotion to God's design, until the Brotherhood of Man is the dominant influence in every land.

Lowell Granite Co.
306 E. Main St. Phone 20

Christmas Greetings

To one and all go our sincerest wishes that this be the Happiest Christmas ever!

Ray H. Covert & Son
THE PLUMBERS

PUBLIC NOTICES

General Fred, Atty. 506 Michigan Trust Building Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ORDER APPOINTING TRUST FOR HEARST

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

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1948.

Present: HON. JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert H. Hearst, Deceased.

It is Ordered, That creditors of said estate be given by publication of this copy of this order for three successive weeks, the last day of January, A. D. 1949, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said estate and against said executor.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice be given by publication of this copy of this order for three successive weeks, the last day of January, A. D. 1949, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said estate.

A true copy: JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate. FRED ROTTE, Register of Probate. c24-34

Fairchild Gas and Oil

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As on that Night, may you now have a Joyous Yuletide filled with peace and contentment.

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A Happy, Happy Yuletide to all. May your every prayer be answered and enjoyed.

Pete's Place
"PETE" KERR

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To Ionia, Lansing, Jackson, Adrian and Toledo

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*Once as far as Lansing only and operates on Sundays only

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Clarksville

Mrs. M. P. Lenhard

Past Noble Grand Club

The Past Noble Grand Club met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Dora Norcutt. At the business session new officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Charles Nash; vice president, Mrs. Edith Decker; secretary, Mrs. Herb Knapp.

Mrs. John Kaufman, Mrs. Lenhard and Mrs. Herb Knapp prepared the program which was fun and interesting. A beautiful Christmas tree furnished gifts for us all, and Mrs. Norcutt acted as Santa Claus.

Sixteen ladies sat down to a lovely potluck supper, tables were in keeping with Christmas. The next meeting will be in January and will be held at the home of Mrs. Warren Hay.

Mrs. Lewis Cool of Grand Lodge was present.

Clarksville Locals

White Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 277 will meet at the hall December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kaufman were visitors in Ionia Friday.

Christmas exercises will be held Wednesday evening in the Wesleyan Church and Friday evening in the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Nellie Young, Wilbur, Belle and Alvo Young were entertained at a dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nash.

The oldest son of John T. Beattie has been ill the past few days with measles.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nelson, in Champlain, Ill.

Mrs. H. E. Phelps, Mrs. M. P. Lenhard and Mrs. H. J. Montgomery will go to Chicago Thursday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Montgomery and son Mike. From there Mrs. Lenhard and Mrs. Phelps will go to St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Montgomery will remain in Chicago.

Electric and telephone service was interrupted last Tuesday night due to a freezing rain and a part of the Clarksville area and surrounding vicinity were without power for nearly 36 hours in some sections. The damage suffered was well up in the thousands of dollars to the utility companies to say nothing of other property damage.

On Saturday most of the lines were in working order but it will take a few days to repair telephone lines.

John Beattie, township treasurer, has announced taxes can be paid at his home now any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Merie Spurrill of Detroit were callers in the village last Monday.

Mrs. Anna Mick moved in her new home in the village. Her children helped her move and get settled.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Friend announced the engagement of their daughter, Lois A. to Raymond Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, Sr. of Lake Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hunt left Friday morning for their winter home in Florida to remain the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Beattie and children will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Knapp of Grand Rapids.

Thank you Mrs. Fred Pattison (Alvo Cori) for those kind words. After reading your lengthy, yet to the minute news in the Lowell Ledger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Lowell, Mrs. Katie Heische of South Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Ziegler of Cascade and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heische and family.

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SNOW COMMUNITY

MR. & MRS. P. H. BRETHERTON

Mrs. G. C. Richards and Mrs. M. B. Baker will entertain the Snow Friends' Christmas party at their home Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 8:00 p. m.

Snow Farm Bureau will meet at the hall on Friday evening, Dec. 25, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis as host and hostess.

Mrs. Alice Heische was pleasantly surprised last Friday evening when the following group of friends and relatives came to remind her of her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Lowell, Mrs. Katie Heische of South Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Ziegler of Cascade and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heische and family.

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3600 E. W. H. SINGLE

Mrs. Lee Keech entertained the Alton Ladies' Aid last Thursday. They also had their Christmas gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ford visited relatives in and around Louisville, Ky., last week.

Mrs. Eva Eagle was a dinner guest of Mrs. Loh Kropf Monday and spent the afternoon with Mrs. Norma Frost and Mrs. Edith DeVries. Mrs. Frost is at home to her friends at 228 N. Monroe, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost and Mrs. Don McPherson spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. Orren Frost.

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WE ADD OUR VOICE TO THE CHORUS OF GOOD CHEER THAT GREETS OUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...

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Santa Creams lb. 29c KROGER - Christmas Candy

Cut Rock 11 oz. pkg. 29c KROGER - Christmas Candy

Chocolate Drops lb. 29c KROGER - Old Fashioned

Walnuts lb. bag 49c DIAMOND

Pecan Nuts lb. bag 45c Thin-Shell

Pumpkin No. 2 1/2 can 10c KROGER - Ideal for Pies

Sweet Potatoes No. 3 can 21c KROGER - Try Them Candied

Cranberry Sauce can 19c OCEAN SPRAY - Strained or Whole

Fruit Cocktail No. 2 1/2 can 45c LIBBY'S - Five Luscious Fruits Combined

Beverages KROGER Case of 12 99c Cole, Root Beer, Ginger Ale Plus Bottle Chg.

Spotlight Coffee lb. bag 40c KROGER - Hot Dated (3 lb. bag \$1.15)

CRANBERRIES FRESH EATMORE lb. bag 19c

ARMOUR DEVILED HAM 3 1/2 oz. 19c

ARMOUR CHILI CON CARNE With Beans 16 oz. can 29c

KITCHEN KLEANZER 2 cans 21c

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Dents, scratches, broken metal dull the beauty of any car. A few small body repairs... a little paint work. For this week only... we're giving special discounts on small body repairs... fenders, running boards, hoods, cowls, doors, panels, touch-up jobs.

Save this advertisement. - See us this week for prices.

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WILLIAM HEIM

Season's Greetings

The tree, emblazoned with bright lights and shiny tinsel, is the old symbol of the Yuletide season.

★ May your gift from the Yule tree be a year of true peace and happiness.

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FOR RENT - 8-room, first floor, furnished apartment, with bath and furnace. Middle aged couple preferred. No children and no pets. Mrs. Marie Godfrey, 604 N. Hudson. c24-34

GERMAN POLICE PUPPIES - For sale. 120 and 125. John Kos, R. 1 Ada. Cooks bridge at 48th Street and Thornapple River. p24-30

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LOST - Maroon Streamliner tri-cycle, white wheels, 18" front wheel, vicinity of Monroe and Lafayette. Reward. Lowell Phone 126. c24-34

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Can we come in with a gay note to sing out ... Best Wishes?

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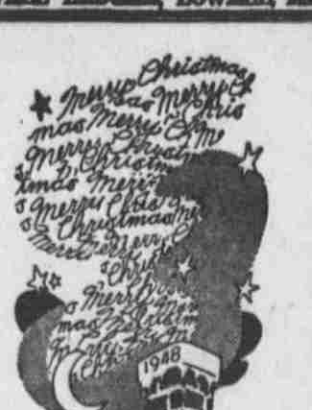
Along with Christmas pine and holly ... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

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WE WRAP OUR CHRISTMAS WISH IN SMILES.

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From the depths of our heart, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas — a Happy New Year.

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May the joyful good news of this season be yours for all the joys of this happy holiday season.

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We sing out the gay greeting ... HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Munroe Food Market Carl Munroe Lowell



Symbolic of the spiritual values of Christmas is the church spire in the distance. Let us not forget this phase of the Season.

Hazel Hoag HAT SHOP



Greetings to all our friends this Christmas Season.

Vanity Beauty Shop ELVA TOPP, Prop.



May your Christmas and New Year be filled with unbounded joy and happiness.

Vic's Auto Service VICTOR CLEMENZ



We are joining with all your friends to wish you a glorious, joyous holiday.

Club Diner CURLY HOWARD



A triple wish for all of you is ours: Good Cheer! Good Friends! Good Health!

Bergy Brothers Elevator Alto, Michigan



Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish ... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Lowell Creamery N. I. Grimwood Lowell



At Christmas-time we want you to know we're grateful for your patronage.

Rickert Electric PAUL RICKERT



OUR TRADITIONAL WISH FOR YOU IS ONE OF JOY-FILLED DAYS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

C. Thomas Store RAY BARBER, Mgr.



Each Christmas snowflake brings with it our sincere good wishes for the Holiday season.

Leonard Studio CHRIS LEONARD



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Our sincere wishes ring out everywhere for a joyous Holiday season.

Kelley's Service Station HAROLD KELLEY, Prop.



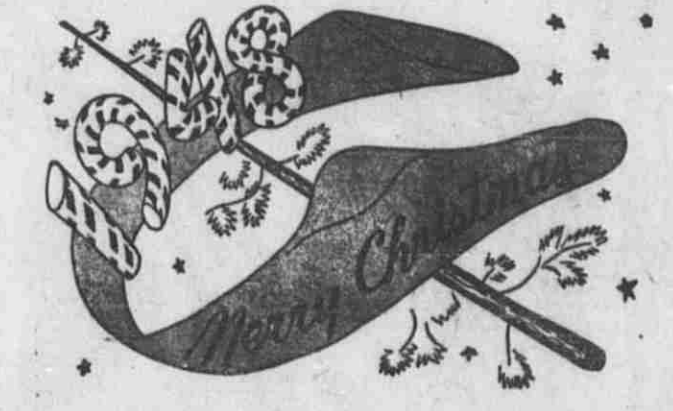
Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends. May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.

Christiansen Drug Co. The Retail Store



That's our greeting to you in this happy season.

Superior Furniture Co. Cherry Furniture



"OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!" WE HOPE YOU HAVE ONE, AND THAT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DAY BRINGS YOU A FLOOD OF HAPPY MEMORIES.

Thompson's Sanitary Market G. R. "Butch" Thompson



The bells toll out the happy message of Christmas joy and merriment for all.

Keisers Kitchen Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keiser



May the glow of Christmas joy abound in your home this Yuletide season.

Lowell Construction Company



And lots of it, for friends, old and new.

Wittenbach Sales & Service



Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible. That means you, you ... and you!

Coon's Clothing Store



TO ALL OF YOU, A SEASON BRIMFUL WITH HOLIDAY JOY.

Weaver's Food Market



The glow of our Christmas candles brightens our best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas.

Central Garage A. H. STORMZAND, Prop.



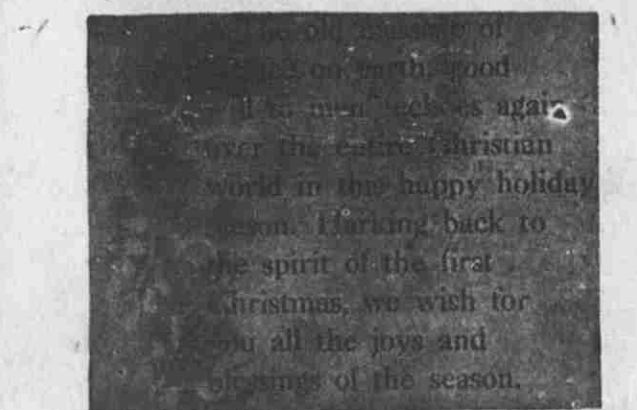
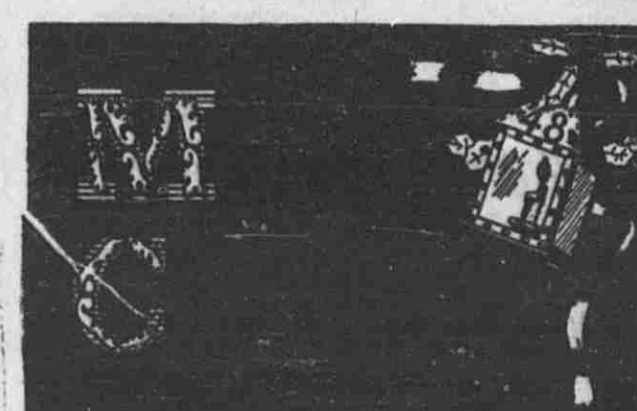
We offer a toast to your health and happiness this joyous Yuletide. May it be the brightest one yet!

Highland Hill Dairy ARIE LEEMAN

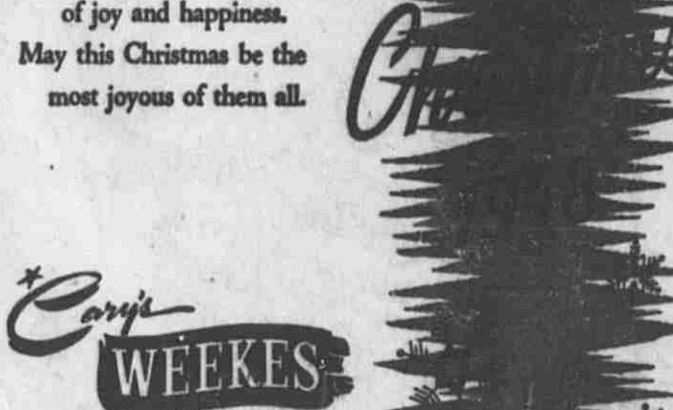
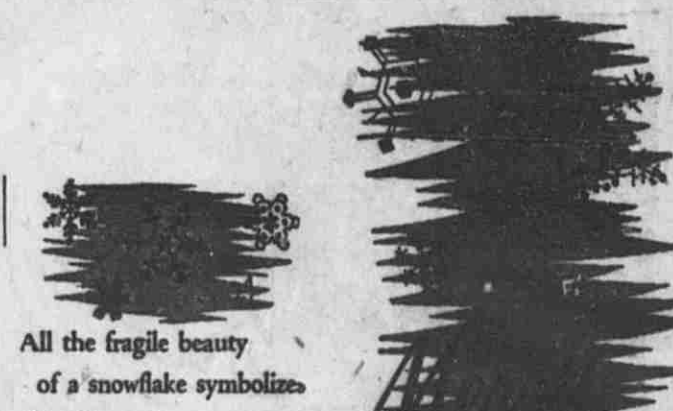


Blessings are bustling with gaily during this season and we're mighty glad to be a part of it all. We hope that this Christmas for you is your happiest ever.

Lewis Electric Company MELVIN J. LEWIS, Prop.



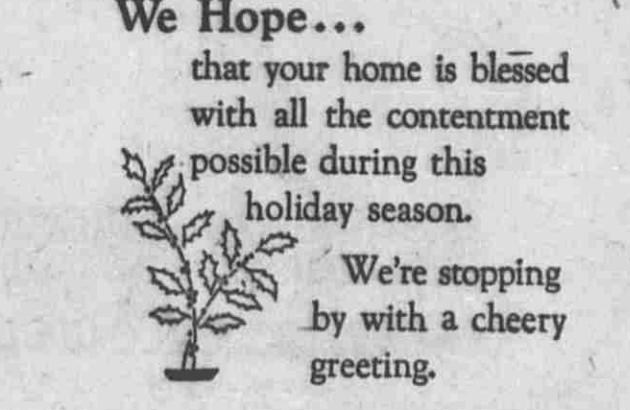
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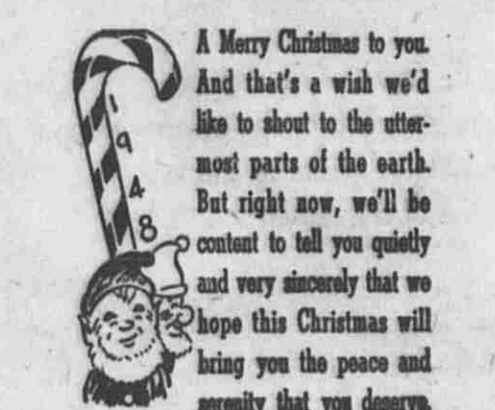
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Lowell Cafe Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hammond



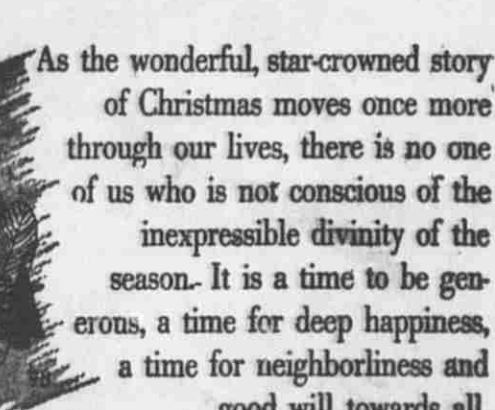
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Lowell Bakery Joseph Novitsky James Jeluso



Bill's Tavern



GAMBLE'S .. The Friendly Store Al Hermans, Owner and Manager

NORTH VERGENNES
MRS. WILLIAM WRIGHT

Mrs. Verne Paulson of Lowell was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickner. Ricky Rickner spent the weekend in Grand Rapids with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bax and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biggs Sunday afternoon.

North Vergennes
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and son, Norman, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biggs. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Leece of Elmdale. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Condon and Mrs. Ola Condon called on the litter's granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stockhill of Cassiova Sunday.

VERGENNES CENTER
MRS. ARVIL HEILMAN

The Vergennes Co-operative Club will have the annual party Thursday, Jan. 6, at 8 o'clock at the Vergennes town hall. There will be games with a light potluck lunch afterward. Coffee will be furnished by the committee, Mrs. Ed. Mueller, Mrs. Harry Richmond, and Mrs. Arvil Heilman. Please bring card tables.

Dick Wiles of Grand Rapids spent Friday night and Saturday with Lester Bailey.

Vergennes Center

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Collar visited her sister, Mrs. Chas. Farrell in Grand Rapids Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pratt and children were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Collar. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Biggs and family of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bieri and children of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon callers of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bieri.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Rosa Kerr were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ripney, Susie Kerr of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maloney and Ricky and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kerr and son.

Mrs. M. B. McPherson is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Davis and family of East Lansing.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Heilman, Barbara and Phyllis were Mr. and Mrs. Noble Curly and children of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heilman of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Goodwin, Paul, Ricky, and Tamara and Allen Hale and John Vos of Lowell.

Lowell Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carr of East Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr. Mrs. Mary Spencer is ill at her home on Riverside Drive.

SO. KEENE—NO. BOSTON
MRS. ED. POTTER

Merry Christmas to Editor and staff and all readers from your scribe. Jolly Community Christmas party has been dropped until another year and the January meeting will be the regular meeting and election of officers.

The Outler, school and teacher Mrs. Hammond, had a very fine Christmas program at the school Friday evening and a full house enjoyed it all. Kenneth Parker was Santa's helper.

K. S. Rickert was taken with a bad nose bleed Tuesday of last week and Saturday was taken to Blodgett hospital where he has received two blood transfusions. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Paul Smith is the substitute teacher at Outler school.

Aloysius Hoover and family of Ionia were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Lizzie Hoover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibbs and son were Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Westbrook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell White of Grand Rapids were Thursday and Friday guests of Louise and Geneva Barkley. Sunday afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barkley of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Olin.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sterkins and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schroeder attended the funeral Sunday of Burdette Fischer at Caledonia.

Mrs. Alice Bowen and daughter and Florence O'Harrow were Sunday afternoon callers at the K. S. Rickert home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter and children were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haskins and family of Hesperia are spending the week-end in this vicinity.

Sunday dinner guests at the Ed. Potter home were Mrs. Celia Boswell, son and Marie Weston. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton.

I wonder just how many noticed the beauty of the sun on the sparkling ice on the bent boughs



Christmas means splendor to everyone. Its brightly lighted trees, shopping for presents, singing carols, children hanging stockings, gaily decorated shops and windows, midnight mass . . . these and countless others that make a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

King Milling Company



Greetings to all our friends! May you enjoy a Merry, Merry Christmas blessed with the cup of plenty!

Avery Jewelers



May your home and all yours be blessed with the glory of beautiful Christmas.

Richmond Real Estate

Theron Richmond Frank Freeman

FINAL WINNERS!

"Recipe of the Week" Contest



Mrs. Mary Dennie R. R. 3, Lowell, Michigan

1st Prize \$50
Quick Nut Loaf

2nd Prize \$25
Fruit Cake
Mrs. Clare Ford
R. R. 1 Lowell, Michigan

3rd Prize \$10
Apple Cookies
Mrs. Wm. Arohart
804 Riverside Dr. Lowell, Michigan

4th Prize \$5
Raisin Pie
Mrs. Emma Quiggle
3651 Quiggle Ave., R. 1, Ada, Mich.

5th Prize \$5
Danish Coffee Cake
Mrs. James Gee
Gee Road Lowell, Michigan

6th Prize \$5
Special Bread Recipe
Margaret Hartley
186 Pleasant Lowell, Michigan

... Congratulations! ...
King Milling Company
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

LOWELL STRAND THEATRE

Friday, Dec. 24, 1:00 P. M.

FREE KIDDIE SHOW!
ALL CHILDREN ADMITTED FREE TO SEE
"Jitterbugs"

with LAUREL and HARDY
A WONDERFUL COMEDY WITH A MILLION LAUGHS BY TWO LAUGH EXPERTS

CHRISTMAS - SATURDAY - DECEMBER 25
SPECIAL MATINEE AT 2:00
DOUBLE FEATURE

By ROGERS TRIGGER
Nighttime in Nevada

Days of Boney Buggy
ARTHUR TAKES OVER

SUNDAY AND MONDAY
SUNDAY MATINEE AT 2:00
DEC. 26-27

YOU'LL...HOWL...SHRIEK...ROAR!

AT RED WHO'S A SPY FOR BOTH SIDES!

SKELTON
BRIAN DONLEVY in
"A SOUTHERN YANKEE"
ARLENE DANL

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY DEC. 28-29-30
— A PICTURE EVERYBODY LIKES —

91% UNFORGETTABLELY WONDERFUL

IRENE DUNNE - GEORGE STEVENS
"I REMEMBER"
"Mama"
BARBARA BEL GEDDES
OSCAR HOMOLKA - PHILIP DORN



FLOWERS

for Christmas at Home

Make your home more festive this coming holiday season with fresh flowers from our greenhouses. We carry an excellent line of
CHRISTMAS WREATHS TABLE DECORATIONS
POINSETTAS PINE ROPING CHRISTMAS CANDLES
PLANTS CORSAGES CUT FLOWERS
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Plenty of Parking Space We Deliver

For Every Christmas

December, the month of shortened days and lengthened cold, the winter solstice, the birth of Christ, the close of the year. Deep chill, bleak winds, knobs of ice, creaking snow and gray-streaked sky, is nature's cheerless portrayal of December. But, this is also a month of great contrast.

There is war with nation's forces, peace of Yuletide, short days and long evenings for health tending, a communication with good friends and good books. There is the black of leafless trees silhouetted against whitened hillsides.

This is the month that brings the end and holds the promise of a beginning, with the old year dying and the birth of a Holy Child. December is a month of brightness as well as darkness. There is the sparkle on ice and snow, on tinsel and silver cornucopias, on iridescent Christmas tree balls.

The pine bows and holly, the mistletoe and frosted window panes give a story book setting for the jolly and merriment that the holiday brings into each Lowell home. Lights shine through windows hung with wreaths, the gay wrappings of bedecked gifts and ornamented mantels, is a cherished sight for those with joy in their hearts and good will for their fellowmen.

With so many traditions passing, the filling of stockings, the trimming of trees, the singing of carols, the lighting of tapers, the messages of cheer in greetings from friends, are traditions we will never let go. Bells ring out, songs soften the air, the guiding star shines and on earth there is peace among the many. These are the bright notes that lead men out of blind alleys. We must not lose them.

Cares and troubles of each day of living are put aside on this greatest day of the year. Good will, good cheer, makes a world's heart ache less.

The teachings of the One whose birth we celebrate, should make the world closer kin would we but carry the blessings and hopes offered in the Christmas story, into the other months of our year.

The Christmas candle casts its glow upon joy and sorrow, finds misery and recovery. There is both light and shadow in the candle's flame. But, there is always the candle, tho' its light flickers and at times seems to be swept out by the gusts of ill-will, selfishness, hatefulness, and passion, that come from the dark passages in our lives. But the candle continues to burn.

Defiance of evil through such words of hope as "peace on earth", makes the contrast in man's soul. He must preserve the symbols and contrasts for to lose them would be to have no light for dark, no joy for sorrow, no beginning after the end.

Two hundred deaths and many thousands of serious injuries result each year from falls from ladders in and about the home, according to the National Safety Council. Over-reaching, unsteady placing and defective ladders are common causes.

News From Grand Rapids Of Former Bowne Folks

CLARA M. BRANDEBURY

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Editor and family, all the correspondents and its readers.

John Keller recently received word that an uncle, Henry Brande of Windsor, Can., was in a hospital and very ill with pneumonia. Mr. Brande was a resident of Freeport for several years and operated a blacksmith shop for some time.

Mrs. Blanche Deming attended the funeral of a friend, Hollis Shawman, at Hastings Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Laura Flynn of Bowne Center was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Blanche Deming, Tuesday.

Eldred Deming and wife called on the former's nephew, Don Deming, at Mary Free Bed hospital Sunday and found him improving steadily.

Bernadine Hoffman, niece of Mrs. John Misher, has received notice that she is booked to leave New York City, December 30, on her return trip to Bonthe, Africa.

Miss Hoffman served as missionary there at Bonthe and adjacent places for three years but has been home on a furlough for a year and a half. She is the youngest daughter of Rev. Andrew Hoffman well known to Bowne folks.

Mrs. Clara Brandebury has been ill with a severe cold for a few days.

Mrs. Susie Whitney was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Glidden Friday and Saturday.

Wesley Heintzman and wife recently attended the funeral of his cousin, Byron Bridgman in Caledonia.

Mrs. George Alger visited Mrs.

Weekly Scrapbook

Week's Best Recipe

Chop Suey Americana: 1 lb. diced fresh pork, 1/2 c flour, 2 c meat stock (or dissolve 3 bouillon cubes in 2 c boiling water), 3 T soy sauce, 1/2 c mushrooms, 1 c sliced onion, 3 c celery strips, 2 T butter or margarine, 4 c corn-soya shreds. Brown meat in heavy frying pan over moderate heat. Sprinkle with flour, stirring until each piece is well coated. Slowly stir in stock and soy sauce. Add sliced mushrooms, onion and celery. Cover and cook slowly about 30 min. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking. Combine butter and corn-soya shreds; heat in oven. Serve chop suey around a mound of hot-buttered corn-soya shreds. Yield: 6 servings.

So They Tell Us

A subscriber says to prevent bacon from curling, flour each slice lightly before cooking, or you can lay the slices in cold water for a minute before cooking which also prevents the curling. She gives another hint that sounds practical. When packing cake in waxed paper, sprinkle the paper first with powdered sugar. The icing will stick to the cake and not to the paper.

Inspirational
One example is worth a thousand arguments.—Gladstone.

Heavyweight hydrogen and lightweight helium are the newest research materials available to scientists from atomic energy piles.



As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.

Foreman Poultry Farm
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Our want ads bring results.