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Current News Items About Our Servicemen

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin W. Merri-man have just received the new address for their son in service as follows: Pvt. Kenneth E. Merri-man US 55-341-414 Batty A. 21st F. A. B. N. 5th Inf. Div., Indiantown Gap, Military Reservation, Pa.

Pfc. Tom Richmond is home from Kansas City, Mo., to spend Christmas. Tom's work is on the Army Home Town News, a center where news is received from overseas and distributed to the home folks by tape recordings and radio stations.

Darlie Rickert surprised his parents by coming home from San Diego, Calif., on a 15 day leave.

Pvt. Billie H. Ellison, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Ellison of Route 2, Saranac, has completed a 10-week automotive mechanics course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Conducted at the Army Specialist School, the course included instruction in the maintenance and repair of the engines and chassis of army vehicles.

Ellison, a member of the 25th Armored Engineer Battalion's Company B, entered the Army in July 1952.

He is a 1950 graduate of Saranac High School and was active in F. A.

Sgt. Robert D. Eickhoff is home from Scott Field on furlough to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eickhoff, and relatives and friends. Bob says he especially wants to meet the other service men who are privileged to be home for Christmas.

A Korean Christmas Carol
"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the tent
Was the odor of fuel oil (the stovepipe was bent).
The shoeboxes were hung by the oil stove with care,
In hopes that they'd issue each man a new pair.
The weary G.I.'s were sacked out in their beds,
And visions of sugar-babes danced through their heads,
When up on the ridge line there rose such a clatter
(A Chinese machine gun had started to chatter).
I rushed to my rifle and threw back the bolt,
The rest of my tentmates awoke with a jolt.
Outside we could hear our platoon Sgt. Kelley,
A hard little man with a little pot belly.
"Come Lancey, come Clancey, come Connors and Watson,
"Up Miller, up Schiller, up Baker and Dodson!"
We tumbled outside in a swirl of confusion,
So cold that each man could have used a transfusion.
"Get up on that hilltop and silence that Red,
"And don't you come back till you're sure that he's dead."
Then, putting his thumb up in front of his nose,
Sgt. Kelley took leave of us shivering Joes.
But we all heard him say in a voice soft and light:
"Merry Christmas to all—may you live through the night."

"BLIND FLIGHT" SET FOR ALASKA'S SANTA CLAUS
Ronald Jessup, with the 9th Army Band at Ladd AFB sent the following news item to his parents:
"Servicemen on Ladd AFB this year will experience one of the shortest Christmas Days they have ever known.
"Weather observer A-1c Star-astia, of the base weather office, predicts that Santa will have to feel his way through the gloom no matter what time he shows up. There will be only three hours and 38 minutes of daylight.
"It is suspected that young-uns not wanting to chance a mistake will leave their notes for Santa in Braille."

Jolly Hustlers Clut.
The Jolly Hustlers 4-H Club held their regular meeting and Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 19, at which time they played games and had refreshments of popcorn, candy, lollypops and life-savers. Also exchanged gifts and presented their leader, Mrs. Vernon Preston, with a thread box.
After their party they went out carolling and sang Christmas carols to the shut-ins in the neighborhood.
Members of the club wish each and every one a Merry Christmas.
Reporter, Susan Potter

NEWELL MFG. GROUP HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Newell Manufacturing Co. and 88 employees held their annual Christmas Party at the Masonic Temple Monday afternoon with dinner at 1:00 and the singing of carols and gift exchange. John Roth made a most impressive talk on the value of "Production" which was an inspiration to all.
All employees were recipients of a Christmas check and a ham along with their regular pay checks.
Registration Date
The final date for registering voters for the February Primaries is Monday, Jan. 19, 1952.

Red Arrows Win In Grand Valley Overtime Game

Christmas came early to coach Wurm and Red Arrow basketball fans, when the local lads came through with an exciting 57 to 51 overtime victory over the Rockford Rams, in Grand Valley competition.

In spite of the victory the Lowell fans had several uncomfortable moments when the visitors jumped into an early lead that they did not relinquish till about the last three or four minutes of regular game time. Rockford gained a 6 to 4 first quarter lead when the Arrows were unable to hit for any field goals. Lowell lagged 24 to 16 as the first half came to an end. Led by Grummett, the Arrows narrowed the lead to a 37 to 32 margin as the final period got under way. In the final three minutes Lowell took a short-lived two-point lead only to have Rockford storm back to take a 50 to 47 lead with only 30 seconds of playing time left. At this point Grummett plunked in a free throw to make it 48 to 50. Clemenz slipped one in from under the basket to make it 50 all as the game ended.

Grummett Slips Quickies
In the overtime Grummett slipped in three quick baskets to put the game on ice for the Arrows, for their first victory of the season. In spite of the fact that he was only in the game for three quarters, Grummett was the high scorer of the contest with 23 points. Clemenz was Lowell's second high man with 11 points, his game tying basket saved the day for the victors. DeVries, Arrow freshman, pushed in several beautiful set shots for 10 points. Doug Hartley, while not doing much scoring, played an excellent defensive game under the back boards. Bartholmy was high man for Rockford with 16 points, followed by Winegar and Harris with 9 each.

Lowell Seconds Win
The Lowell seconds took a 44 to 32 win over the Rockford seconds in the preliminary. Coach Perry gave all of his lads a chance to play and at times their ball-hawking was a pleasure to watch. The little Arrows held a 26 to 10 half-time lead. Whitaker was high man for the winners with 16 points.

Merry Christmas, All
The Rockford game completed, the 1952 season for the Arrows. They will return to action when they take on the league-leading East Grand Rapids lads at East Grand Rapids, Jan. 9. The sports department of the Lowell Ledger takes this opportunity to wish all of the Red Arrow fans, the coaches and the lads themselves a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Follow the Arrows during 1953.
"Bucky", Sports Reporter

Friend Bill Kerekes Writes Annual Letter
The Ledger staff and readers have come to look forward to receiving our annual letter from our mutual friend, Bill Kerekes. Now in retirement from many years' service in the local postoffice, Bill is busier than ever and keeps his home grounds beautiful every day in the year. His pine forest in the rear of his home is doing wonderfully well, too, and he may well be proud of the progress the little seedlings he planted years ago are making.
"Dear Jeff: Despite the diminutive value of the dollar mine always seem to be kind to the other fellow's purse. Where ever I spend them they leave no unpleasant aftertaste, no hangover or nuthin'.
"Being the recipient at this time of year of multifarious statements of account I feel it would constitute (according to Emily Post) a serious breach in business relations if one were not forgiven for forgetting that his subscription had expired. Fortunately however, you took care of that.
"A few days ago during an idle and unguarded moment I opened your letter that informed me if I wished to know who went where in 1953 I should remit \$2.50 for a continuance of the Ledger.
"Having lost my purse in the daylight just around the corner of the evening I have been forced to a brutal and ferocious insistence of a husband's rights accordingly I have extracted from the depths of an old pitcher the necessary two dollars and a half.
"Being of a political turn of mind that makes me desirous of tuning in on the Elsen Hour I must terminate this discourse.
"Assuring you that I have no intention of asking Santa Claus for a recount, believe me to be, Very sincerely yours, Bill Kerekes."

Production Record Made By Lowell Guernsey Cow
A registered Guernsey cow, Lone Oak Rex's Doris, owned by Allen Roth, Lowell, produced 11,257 pounds of milk and 522 pounds of butterfat. This according to the official Herd Improvement Registry report released by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is a record. "Doris" was a senior 2-year-old and was milked 656 times while on test.
"Doris" is the daughter of the registered Guernsey sire, Rex Golden of Cowham Farm, that has five daughters in the Performance Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club.
This test was supervised by Michigan State College.

ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS
Next regular meeting will be held Monday evening, Jan. 5. No meeting Dec. 29.
Democracy isn't just something to try out—but something to live for.

Telephone Girls Enjoy Final Christmas Party

The Lowell telephone operators fourteen in number, had their final Christmas party together at the home of Mrs. Jack Wingeier, Tuesday night, December 16. The many brightly wrapped gifts overflowed beneath the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

After a buffet luncheon, the gifts were opened amid much merriment.

These parties have been an annual affair over many years, and were always anticipated with joy, but this year a note of sadness entered in because it was the last of the series.

Mrs. Alice Dennie, Chief Operator, spoke briefly a few words of appreciation to the operators who have been under her charge here at the Lowell exchange.

New Map Shows Sewer and Water Extension Route

The Village of Lowell is publishing on another page of the Ledger this week, a map prepared by Williams & Works, registered civil engineers, giving locations of the proposed extension of water mains and sewers on the streets where such service had not been established before. The solid lines designate the proposed new water mains and the dotted lines are to indicate sewer extensions.

The council held a special meeting Oct. 20 to consider proposed plans presented and a chart giving the rates to be expected were printed in the following issue of the Ledger.
At a regular meeting Monday, Nov. 3, twenty-one citizens were present and urged the council to approve the proposed new sewer and water extension construction and increase the rates to cover the cost.

New Rates Effective Jan. 1
The new rates will go into effect the first of January and the construction will be started early in the summer, 1953.
The rate schedule on a monthly basis will be as follows:
Meter Service charge,
3/4 x 1/2 inch meter \$1.25
2-inch meter 1.75
0 to 2,000 gallons, no charge
2,000 to 5,000 gallons (per M)40
5,000 to 10,000 gallons (per M)25
Over 10,000 gallons (per M) .10

Sewer service rates will be equal to the water rates except that the sewer service charges for the two summer quarters will be made equal to the average of the two winter quarters for domestic users inasmuch as a considerable portion of the summer consumption of water is used for lawn sprinkling and other similar uses where the water is not returned to the sewer for removal.

Past Noble Grand Club Elects 1953 Officers
The December meeting of Lowell P. N. G. Club proved to be a very outstanding one. A large number of members were present to enjoy it on Monday night at the City Hall where Christmas lights and decorations shone from a prettily decorated tree as well as a beautiful long table in full holiday dress. The hostesses, Pearl Jones and Thelma Page, really did themselves proud with entertaining games and attractive tasty refreshments.
At the business meeting, the annual election was held resulting in the following being elected for 1953: President, Carrie Gulliford; 1st Vice President, Margaret Weaver; 2nd Vice President, Thelma Page; Rec. Sec'y., Maude Adriance; Treas., Sarah Chrouch. Installation to take place in January.
The Revealing of Secret Pals for 1952 proved to be highly interesting and full of surprises. New "pals" for 1953 were drawn.

Couple Hospitalized After Car Overturns
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Letherby, a couple from River Rouge, were injured Saturday morning when their car overturned on US16 a half mile east of Hilton Rd., and were taken to Blodgett hospital. Mr. Letherby, 46, suffered leg and arm injuries while his wife, Grace, received leg and head injuries.
According to Police Officer Lawrence Armstrong, who investigated the accident, Letherby lost control of the car when he passed an automobile haul-away truck, his car running off the left side of the road, then the right side and turned over on its top, then side.

Annual Showboat Dinner For Cast December 29
All arrangements have been completed for the Annual Showboat Dinner for the cast to be held at the Masonic Temple Monday evening, Dec. 29, at 7:00 o'clock, announces Theron Richmond, committee chairman.
Besides the usual good banquet the guests will have some fine entertainment and an evening of real pleasure.

VIRL MYERS OF LOWELL TAKES SARANAC BRIDE
Mrs. William Mundt of Saranac became the bride of Viril Myers of Lowell in an evening ceremony which took place at the home of Rev. McCarty, Saranac, Saturday, December 13, at eight o'clock.
They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Best of Saranac. Mr. and Mrs. Myers will make their home in Lowell.

Special Ceremonies to Inaugurate Lowell's New Dial Telephone Service Will Be Held Jan. 8 at High School



Mrs. Richard Schleritzauer looks on as Wayne "Whitey" Schroder, veteran Michigan Bell Telephone Company employee, installs a dial telephone instrument in her home in preparation for the changeover to dial operation here on January 8.

Special ceremonies inaugurating dial telephone service in Lowell will be held in the Lowell High school gymnasium, January 8, the program beginning at 7:30 p. m. Business and civic leaders, along with officials of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, will attend.

The public is invited to the occasion which will be climaxed by Mayor Peter Speerstra when he pushes a button to signal for the changeover from manual to dial. The actual conversion will take but a few seconds.

C. H. Runciman, prominent Lowell businessman and civic leader, will place the first dial call to the City Hall.
The program will include entertainment featuring local talent, a dial telephone demonstration, and brief remarks by Paul G. Leslie, division superintendent for Michigan Bell.

One of the features of this dial service is to dial customers in other communities direct. Telephone users in Lowell will be able to dial direct, all numbers in Grand Rapids, Ada, Alto and Grattan, according to Kenneth L. McKee, Michigan Bell manager here. He pointed out that customers in those cities will be able to dial direct to Lowell telephones.

"To complete calls to those cities Lowell customers need only dial code numbers, followed by the number of the telephone they are calling," McKee explained. "Code numbers will be 6 for Grand Rapids; 14 for Ada; 10 for Alto and 12 for Grattan."
He urged customers to read the booklet "How to Use a Dial Telephone" which has been given to each subscriber.

McKee pointed out that the booklet contains much informative material designed to aid customers unfamiliar with dial service.

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High School Boy Hurt As Car Crashes Tree
Howard Ward Perry, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry of Holland, formerly living in Lowell, was injured Friday when he lost control of his car and struck a tree on M91 a half mile north of Lowell. He suffered cuts on the face, head and right knee, according to Police Officer Lawrence Armstrong, and was treated by Dr. McKay, before being taken to Holland.
Perry has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morris on Route 2 while completing this school year, since his parents moved to Holland.
The accident may have been caused by the slippery condition of the blacktop which was covered with frost at the time, Officer Armstrong states.

Lowell's Annual Christmas Party A Huge Success
The Christmas Party sponsored by the Lowell Board of Trade and the Strand Theatre management was a rousing success as was realized by all who came anywhere near the Theatre Saturday afternoon when 475 kiddies appeared at the door before 1:30 for admittance.
The show was wonderful—all comedies, cartoons, and features which the youngsters never get quite enough of. And the treats were welcome, too. Two hundred and fifty pounds of Christmas candies and 475 boxes of popcorn were handed out at the door.
The party has become an annual affair and each year the youngsters look forward to this happy occasion. All children in the community under twelve are included in the festivities and admitted free as guests of the sponsors.

Townpeople Unite In Presenting to Lowell Sacred Music at Creche
The Garden Lore Club, represented by Mrs. Clifton Whitaker and Mrs. Glen Swift, committee, with the cooperation of many townpeople, were successful in continuing the traditional Creche this year, though at first confronted by serious difficulties.
The Rev. F. Strahan presented the club with some lovely records of Christmas carols made in England, which are being played Christmas Eve.
Others who helped materially were Rev. Norman Woon and Ike Wood for their help in erecting the Creche; Miss Hoff of Lowell High school and Rev. Roy Mumau and the Nazarene choir for music; Supt. W. W. Gummer of the Lowell Schools for loaning the public address system; Paul Rickert and Clare Brown for wiring; Steve Nisbet and the Hi-Y Boys; Mrs. Dan Walker for the Messiah; Ronald Swift, who so patiently gave of his time to play the records from the Congregational Church; the local Harmony Group for their music; Carl Hagen for trees for the background; and especially Mr. Tom Moore and his men, without whose help the project could not have been carried on.
To all these thoughtful citizens and to all others who made this sacred program possible the Garden Lore Club extends its grateful thanks and wishes to everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. John Kopf Passes In West Aged 92 Years
Mrs. John Kopf (Agnes Easterby), aged 92, passed away at her home in Houston, Texas, Dec. 20, after a short illness.
Mr. and Mrs. Kopf were former residents of Lowell and owned a furniture and undertaking business here. Mrs. Kopf was also a teacher in the Lowell schools many years.
She is survived by a son, Eugene of Houston, and two brothers, James and Merton Easterby, of South Lowell, also several nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held in Houston, Dec. 22.

MILTON GROVE PASSES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS
Milton Grove, of Owosso, passed away at his home Monday, Dec. 22, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife, Freda, formerly Freda Bierl of Lowell, and one daughter.
Funeral services will be held at the Scarlett Funeral Home in Owosso Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
Due to my health at this time, I wish to announce that I will not be a candidate for re-election to the office of Village President. I have appreciated very much the honor and privilege of serving you the past two years, and wish to thank you all for the splendid support and cooperation I received in all civic matters during that time.
c35 Peter Speerstra

MR. LIZZIE T. HUTCHINS PASSES AT AGE OF 84
Mrs. Lizzie Terwilliger Hutchins, aged 84, of Grand Rapids, a former resident of Lowell, passed away Friday, Dec. 19, after a week's illness.
Funeral services were held at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell Monday afternoon at 3:30. Interment in Oakwood cemetery. Mrs. Hutchins was a sister of the late Mrs. A. D. Oliver.

AUCTION SALE
Saturday, Jan. 3, Walter Shaffer will sell at public auction at his farm located 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Clarksville on M50, at 13502 42nd St., a list of cattle, mostly Durham and Holstein cows, tools and farm equipment.
George VanderMeulen, auctioneer. Charles Colby, clerk.

New President New Trustees in Village Primary

The village political pot was bubbling this week as Monday, Dec. 29 at 4 p. m. is the last chance for candidates to file petitions for village political offices under the new primary election law put into effect last year. Up for election in the primary February 16, will be a village president, clerk, treasurer, assessor and three trustees for two year terms.

Speerstra Not Candidate
Peter Speerstra, village president, serving since 1946, announced today that because of his health he will not be a candidate for re-election. In a public notice in this issue he expresses his appreciation for the fine support he has had as village president and regrets that he no longer feels that he can serve.

Louis Kingsley, village clerk, has served since 1948, and will be a candidate to succeed himself. Esther Fahrni, village treasurer, who has served since 1945 will be a candidate to succeed herself. Frank Freeman has been assessor since 1949 when he was appointed, and he will file as a candidate to succeed himself.

Two Trustees Drop Out
Inquiries by the Ledger on Tuesday morning revealed that Herbert Elzinga who was first elected in 1947 will be the only incumbent trustee to file for re-election. Peter Mulder, first elected in 1949 and Elmer Schaefer who has served one two-year term have announced that they will not be candidates.

From a reliable source we have it that the old People's Party inactive for the past twenty or more years, will be revived this year to increase the interest in municipal affairs. It is understood that a slate of candidates will be filed for this party.

Elijah Stahl Aged 89 Life Resident of Bowne Laid to Rest Saturday
Elijah Stahl, 89, a lifelong resident of Bowne township, passed away at his home Wednesday, Dec. 17, after an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Roth Funeral Home in Lowell and burial was in Bowne Mennonite cemetery. The Rev. Robert E. Martin, officiated.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Zerbe; a grandson and granddaughter, all of Alto; one brother, Joe Stahl of Clarksville; and one sister, Mrs. L. E. Callings of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Stahl was born in Pennsylvania May 3, 1863 and came here with his parents when three years old and has spent his entire life in Bowne township with the exception of a short time in Ohio. He is well known throughout this area and will be missed in his own community by many friends and neighbors.

NOTICE
As a convenience to our patrons we have made arrangements to collect garbage collection fees at Rittenger's Insurance office, 210 W. Main St. Please pay your monthly charge at this office.
c35-36 Roy Thompson

Extra Holiday Friday For Postal Workers
All postoffice workers who can be spared will be given an extra day off Friday after Christmas, Postmaster George Hale announces.

Friday is a federal holiday and the hours of service will be 8:00 to 12:00 at the stamp window of the Lowell postoffice. There will be city delivery of mail which will be made by the part time workers.
There will be no rural delivery service and no money order service.

Installer Ties Lowell Telephones Into the Dial Switching Equipment
Robert C. O'Neill, Western Electric Company installer, is shown making one of the thousands of hand-soldered connections necessary to tie Lowell telephones into the dial switching equipment in the new central office building on Hudson Street.



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LOWELL REBEKAH LODGE

HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY The Annual Christmas Party of Island City Rebekah Lodge...

WHITNEYVILLE

There was a good crowd out for the school Christmas program...

753 Kroger Employees

Share Christmas Cash Instruction and experience in conserving Michigan's natural resources...

Conservation Camp, Trips

For Michigan 4-H Youth Boys and girls who have completed at least a year-long program...

boy and girl in the state will

earn an expense-paid trip to the national 4-H Congress in Chicago.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Hurry Santa... It's time for spreading cheer...

Candles that have been thoughtfully chilled in the refrigerator will burn more slowly and last longer...

MERRY CHRISTMAS Once more it is a pleasure to extend to our many friends and patrons our very best wishes for a Christmas bright with happiness and good cheer. Leonard Camera Shop Mrs. Clarice Leonard

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON OWEN ELLIS Barber Shop ELVA TOPP The Vanity Shop

To wish you Christmas Joy The lantern of welcome is always shining for our friends... especially at this warm, friendly time of the year. Hill's Shoe Store Gordon and Charles Hill

GREETINGS We cannot help but think of our many friends who have made the past year so worthwhile. Boyd's Grocery Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boyd

A pessimist is a man who has lost heart and has no great shakes of a liver.

Jack Boys and Ed VanderLaan of Thornapple River Dr. visited Hap Verspoor and Chuck Dykhuizen at Sunshine Sanatorium Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ireland attended the program, the Sacred Cantata, at the Alaska Baptist church Friday evening...

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Postma and Debbie attended the Candlelight Service at the Salvation Army Sunday evening in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buehler called on Mr. and Mrs. B. Mieses on 28th and Broadmoor. They recently built the Cascade Motel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Stauffer of Alto entertained at an early Christmas dinner on Sunday...

The checks, enclosed in an illustrated Christmas message from Kroger president, Joseph E. Hall, will go to every employee with six months or more service...

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Scott of 22nd St., Caledonia, were Tuesday evening guests of their party...

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Noel, Noel... may our greetings to you and your loved ones mean the brightest Christmas of all.

Lyle Covert Plumbing Rickert Electric Paul Rickert

Season's Best Wishes As the Christmas chimes ring out once more we send wishes for a Happy Holiday to all our friends. McFall Chevrolet

Greetings It's not easy to express in cold type the warm appreciation we have for the loyalty and good will of our many friends.

Season's Greetings On this joyous Christmas, we wish you prosperity... the wealth that comes with cheer...

Lowell Municipal Utilities Thomas Moore, Supt. Light & Power Committee: W. A. Roth, Wm. Christiansen, Herbert Elzinga

Sunday callers at the George Boyens home were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Voss and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Izenhart of Grand Rapids.

Christmas Greetings May the old time Christmas spirit of joy and peace be with you every day of a bountiful New Year. Munroe's Food Market Carl Munroe

Holiday Wishes Once more it's a joyous occasion for us to send to our friends the Greetings of the Season and to wish them a Cheerful Christmas... a New Year of success and good health. GEE'S Hardware

CHRISTMAS Wishes Good health, good fortune and good cheer... these are our Christmas wishes for you. HAZEL'S HAT SHOP Hazel Hoag

In the Spirit of Christmas... As the tale of the miracle in the manger is once more retold... Alexander's Standard Service Maurice Alexander

Season's Greetings On this joyous Christmas, we wish you prosperity... the wealth that comes with cheer... Coons Clothing

Lowell Happenings

Agnes Perry, Phone 81

Col. and Mrs. Thomas R. Ford and son, Tom, Jr., of Arlington, Va., arrived Sunday to spend Christmas week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kiel and son, Charles, Jr., attended a pre-Christmas family gathering Sunday at the Allen Behler home in Lake Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freyermuth left on Saturday for Eastia, Fla., to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burdick will be the Christmas guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrett in Grand Rapids.

Donald Schneider has returned from attending school in Flint for several weeks.

Mrs. Jennie Townsend is spending the holidays with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. White, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Hilton and husband in Ionia, has returned to the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Aehart.

Mrs. Charles Young spent two days of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Heffron and family in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Carl Claus and Miss Marion Bushnell attended the Christmas program at the Masonic Home in Alma Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kropf at Murray Lake and called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Briggs in Lenthall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Briggs and Pamela of Grand Rapids were guests at a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kropf at Murray Lake and called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Briggs in Lenthall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps and sons and Mrs. Tremie Devenor left Tuesday night to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Haan and family in Arlington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson will be Christmas guests at the Althen Simpson home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alexander, Mrs. Myrtle Alexander and Mrs. Ruth Gaunt attended the Christmas program given by the Sunday school in Smyrna Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ewing and son, of Bay City, and Mrs. Rachel Bigler and son, of Grand Rapids, came to celebrate the first wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw, Jimmie Vandenhout and Gale Rittenger were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reynolds in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark and children will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Atkins on Knapp road, Grand Rapids.

Snow Community

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Snow P. T. A. will be postponed from Jan. 2 until the evening of Jan. 9.

Mrs. Alice Hiesche was pleasantly surprised last Wednesday when her sister, Mrs. Nancy Zeldweg and her daughter, Mrs. Bert Gregory of Grand Rapids, spent the day with her and helped her celebrate her birthday.

Thirty-four members of the Kenyon family held their annual reunion at Snow Hall Sunday, a delicious dinner was served and a very pleasant time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole received the glad news Saturday that their grandson, Jerry Fuller, had arrived home after serving with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeller of "The Pinestead", Traverse City, Michigan, will spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Rosella Yeller, and Mrs. Elsie Alling in Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Herb and Mrs. El Czapok of Green Lake will be Christmas guests of the John Roth family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds attended the funeral Tuesday of Joseph Coons in Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Handing and daughter spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson, near Campau Lake.

Mrs. Mike Lewis, of Lowell, spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Alice Hiesche.

The Adult Bible Class of Snow S. S. held a Christmas party at their grandson, Jerry Fuller, that their grandson, Jerry Fuller, had arrived home after serving with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeller of "The Pinestead", Traverse City, Michigan, will spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Rosella Yeller, and Mrs. Elsie Alling in Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Herb and Mrs. El Czapok of Green Lake will be Christmas guests of the John Roth family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ewing and son, of Bay City, and Mrs. Rachel Bigler and son, of Grand Rapids, came to celebrate the first wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw, Jimmie Vandenhout and Gale Rittenger were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reynolds in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark and children will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Atkins on Knapp road, Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haysmer will be Christmas guests of her sister, Mrs. Charles Whorley and husband on Byron Center road.

Merry Christmas If we haven't had a chance to wish you a Merry Christmas personally, during the past few days, may we now say to each and every one of our friends and patrons. "A Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year." Carole WEEKES Roth & Sons Company FUNERAL HOME - FURNITURE

American Legion Rooms Requested for Dormitory During 4-H Fair Week

The American Legion has had a request from the 4-H Club to use their building under the Showboat grand stand for a girls dormitory during the 4-H fair in 1953.

The Lowell High School Athletic Association has had the use of this building for the past several years and Commander King-

Editor Has Christmas Tree Trouble

Everybody has a pet extravagance at Christmas time. Ours is Christmas trees. We're the Christmas tree man's best customer.

During all our married years I've never been able to choose a tree that suited the wife. Yet each year she insists that I do the Christmas tree shopping. She starts in to prefer about December 1 and by December 10 I've usually brought home our first tree.

This has been our biggest year for trees. Here it is almost Christmas and we've had four so far.

"It's a man's job to get the Christmas tree," I was told once again. So, a couple of days later, I went over to Runciman Implement Sales. "Runcim" had some dandy trees over there. I could select any night to find the bed draped with evergreen boughs and a fat old Santa leering at me from the dresser.

The kids like it though. This year they like especially the lit-

good thing at Christmas time. They tend a kind of festive touch and a certain amount of them are all right with me. But there's such a thing as carrying it too far.

Up at our house, for example, you can imagine how that worked out. The tree starts out looking swell every morning. By night it's stripped bare. A lonely piece of popcorn hanging here and there gives it a kind of moth-eaten appearance. I suspect, too, that the presence of the tree and its edible decorations account, to some degree at least, for the phenomenal increase in stomach aches at our house.

What a crepe-hanger I'd be to suggest that!

Merry Christmas... and best wishes for the Holiday Season.

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Kent Soil Districts Annual Meeting Jan. 13 At Boswick Lake Lodge

Kent County Soil Conservation Districts will hold their annual meeting at the 4-H Lodge at Boswick Lake on Tuesday, January 13, 1953, starting at 10:00 a. m. R. G. Hill, Executive Secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee, will be the featured speaker.

This will be a joint meeting with both the Northeast and Northwest Soil Conservation Districts participating in the program. This will be the third year that the two districts have joined together in this type of meeting.

A report of the progress the Kent Districts have made in 1952 will be given by the boards of directors of the respective districts. One director will be elected in each district for a term of three years. Dinner will be served at noon by the Kent County 4-H Leaders Club. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The meeting is to be open to the public.

Greetings


May all the excitement and pleasure of Christmas morning remain with you long after this glorious Holiday Season has passed.

To all our friends we wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Clark Plumbing & Heating

GREETINGS



HEIM'S Texaco Service
Lowell, Mich.

AT CHRISTMAS

We realize more than ever, at Christmas time, how much it means to us to have the good will of our friends and patrons. And so once again we extend our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season to all.

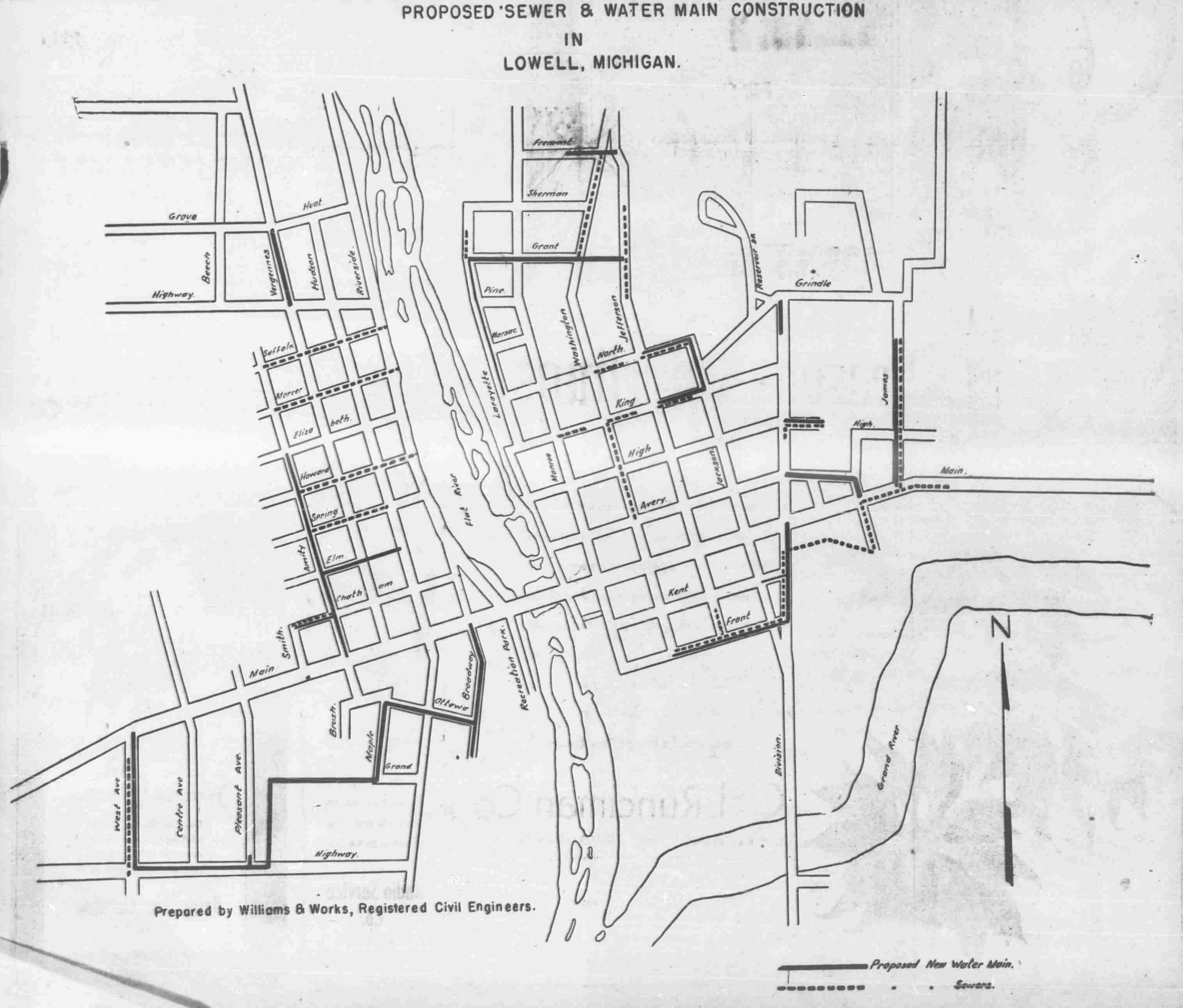
Sanitary Market

Special CHRISTMAS NIGHT DANCE

Rose Ballroom
Belding, Michigan
Admission: \$1.00 including tax

New Year's Eve DANCE

FAVORS — HATS NOISEMAKERS
Admission: \$1.50 including tax



For Sale — General

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH at Belding is sponsoring Building Benefit parties each Saturday night in the DeLuzo Cafe building, Public invited. c287

IF YOU ARE HAVING WATER troubles, call today for complete efficient water well service. We do all kinds of well and service pumps. Orson Malle, Lowell ph. 188. c287

WINTER STORMS can wreck your TV antenna. A Laper policy on house or household goods automatically protects you up to \$10,000. State Mutual Cyclone Insurance Co. c287-35

Dependable Used Cars

1950 Ford Custom 4 Dr.
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1950 Dodge Coronet Sedan
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1949 Plymouth Spl. Dlx. Sed.
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1947 Plymouth Spl. Dlx. Sedan
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Phone 220 Lowell

SAW FILING—Joint and setting. Have new machine for retooling from 4 to 18 point per inch straight or crowned blade. Also saw gumming. May be left at Geo's Hardware, Lowell or Wingler Station, Alto. Lloyd Dennis 1/4 miles west of Lowell on M21. Phone 11714. c287

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BUYERS FOR YOUR FARM—cash or terms. If interested in selling, write Wm. A. Armstrong, Ada, R. 2, or phone Rockford 7203. c287

WATCH REPAIRING—we do our own repairs. All work guaranteed. Free estimates. Rittenger Jewelry, Lowell. c287

TRUSSES—Trained fitter, surgical appliances, etc. Ross Rexall Drugs, Belding, Mich. c287

SLABWOOD—good hardwood \$2.00 a cord at mill. \$4.00 delivered in Lowell. Cornell Lumber Co., Ph. 170, Lowell. c287

GUARANTEED watch repairing by an expert Jeweler repaired to look like new. Avery Jewelers. c287

GIVE SHIRINE CIRCUS tickets for Christmas. \$1.00, general admission, \$1.25 circus week. Order from Christiansburg's Drug Store, Lowell, Roseburg's, Alto, and Francis Wakefield, Alto 2385. c287

CARTER'S DOG FOOD 25 lb. bag \$2.18 at Weaver's Ada Market. 2122

STOP MOTH DAMAGE now with Berlon five year guaranteed mothproof. Odorless, colorless, stainless. Rent an electric sprayer. Roth & Sons Co., Lowell. c287

TITAN CHAIN SAWS

Powerful, Light Weight One Man Saws. Compare Power... Price... Production... Construction Will allow up to \$125 for any make used chain saw

LOMBARD CHAIN SAWS
Best Compact Saw Made \$25.00

— Easy Terms —
For Demonstration, Call **MILTON WILCOX, JR.**
Lowell Phone 282 F2 c287

Lowell Ledger Want Ads

Lowell Ledger WANT AD PAGE

CASH RATE: 20 words 50c, additional words 2c each. If not paid on or before 10 days after insertion, a charge of 10c per line per week will be made.

BOX NUMBERS: If box number in care of this office is desired, add 50c to above.

ALL ERRORS in telephoned advertisements at sender's risk. RATES are based strictly on uniform Want Ad. Style.

OUT-OF-TOWN advertisements must be accompanied by remittance.

PHONE 200 Office Before Noon Wednesday.
Copy for Ads on This Page Must Be in Ledger

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE
Service offers prompt claim service and low rates to rural people. For Auto, Farm Liability, Life Insurance, see or call R. A. Wittenbach, Lowell 4092. c287

Farm Loans
4% interest—long term. NATL Farm Loan Ass'n, 108 Leonard St., Grand Rapids, Mich. Phone 72663. c287

HALLMARK GREETING CARDS
Help celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or just say day with a Hallmark Card. The thoughtful "good taste" way to think of others. Available at Christiansburg Drug Store, Lowell. c287

Wanted

CORN BORERS WANTED—Any quantity. Will pay \$2 per hundred. Phone Grand Rapids 8-2462. c287-31

WANTED TO BUY—Good second cutting alfalfa. Call Adams, Middleville, Mich. Phone 6171. p24-36

WANTED—Corn borers. Bill's Live Bait, 1052 Riverside Dr., Phone 27171, Lowell. p24-35

WANTED—Corn, oats, buckwheat, hay, straw, all kinds. Almo Strick, Alto phone 4701. p22-29

FOR SALE—Apples, Spies, Wagners, Romes, Jonathans, Anthony Reitz, Lowell phone 23571. Take M91 6 1/2 mi. NE of Lowell on Marble Road. p24-26

WANTED—3 foot paper bolts. Call Ada 5297. Dan Free. p24-27

CAPABLE WOMAN wanted work by day or hour. Housework, ironing or cleaning. Rosalie Young, housewife on Bowser Rd., at West St., or call phone 50275. c287

WANTED TO BUY—Hammill. Call Ada phone 7-2392. c287

For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT—downtown, 4 rooms and bath, 432 Kent St. Lowell phone 281-22. c287

Hastings Livestock Sales
Friday, Dec. 19, 1952

Calves, top	\$33.00-\$37.00
medium	\$24.00-\$32.00
light	\$16.00-\$22.00
Lambs	\$14.75-\$22.25
Sts and Hftrs	\$11.00-\$20.00
Cows	\$ 8.00-\$12.00
Butts	\$10.00-\$12.00
Hogs, top	\$17.30-\$18.30
Ruffs and heaves	\$14.00-\$17.00
Boars	\$10.00-\$12.50
Feeder pigs	\$ 4.50-\$10.00

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TODAY'S PAYING PRICES PER DOZEN FOR EGGS
Federal-State Grades

Large, Grade A	42
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Brown Eggs, 2 Cents Less
BERG BROS. ELEVATOR
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Prices Subject to Change

TODAY'S EGG PRICES
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Kleinheksel Farm Service
Alto Phone 2193 McCord, Mich.

Flat River Curly Trading Post
Lowell, Mich.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon you for a Merry Christmas

CLUB DINER
—CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY—

Read The Ledger Want Advs.



Plenty of good unused horsepower in the good used cars and trucks on our lots!

YOUR FORD DEALER

CHRISTIENSEN
Frozen Food Lockers

We do processing for lockers and home freezers. Beef, Pork and Veal — Cut, wrapped and quick frozen, 3c per lb.

403 E. Main Ph. 623 Lowell, Mich.

Rowena Dog Food
Now Available At

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50 lb. cot. bag...\$5.70 10 lb. paper bag \$1.23
25 lb. paper bag \$2.75 5 lb. paper bag ...66c

Season's Greetings

May your happiness this Christmas be in tune with the joyful spirit of the season. And may you retain this good cheer throughout the New Year.

Radio Service Co.
R. G. Chrouh

Bergy Bros. Elevator
Alto, Mich.

Season's Greetings

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance... a deeper meaning. It's because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our patrons and friends.

We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

C.H. Runciman Co.
C. H. Runciman Co. Implement Sales
C. H. Runciman Co. Motor Sales

Lowell — Clarksville — Freeport

Lowell News of Yesteryear

25 Years Ago Mrs. John Corrigan, Grattan township farm woman delivered Tuesday afternoon the largest load of dressed turkeys ever hauled into Grand Rapids...

Season's Greetings... with every good wish for your happiness at Christmas and throughout the New Year. Veterans of Foreign Wars Flat River Post No. 8303

THE Season's Greetings... The very best of Holiday Wishes to all our friends, extended in warm appreciation of your good will and patronage. Highland Hill Dairy

Christmas... May all the exciting joys of Christmas remain with you and your loved ones every day of the New Year. Lowell Loan Company

A Christmas MESSAGE... May your Yuletide pleasure be a blend of the hearty, warm spirit of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling, enjoyment of today. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All Wittenbach Sales & Service

of the equipment to other quarters. Russell, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyser, was injured while coasting on Peck's hill...

10 Years Ago Will Laux, veteran rural letter carrier, carried mail on horseback to the U. S. postoffice department after serving thirty-four years...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quiggle held open house at their home at Cascade in celebration of their Golden Anniversary, Dec. 22...

Edwin G. Hotchkiss passes December 25, at the age of 72 years. Births recorded ten years ago included a son, Thomas, to Rev. and Mrs. Tom Doyle...

Don't waste space in your cupboards—Trucks for spices and condiments can be fastened almost any cupboard door...

Public Notices: PROBATE OF WILL. State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent...

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ADA COMMUNITY NEWS

ADA WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP SEES MADONNA PAINTINGS. The Woman's Fellowship of Ada Congregational church met with Mrs. Frank Hook Thursday...

Shells and Pamela Morris spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homoy Morris...

Alta and Maud Siloway of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson...

Mrs. Vesta Richardson, who has been spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Hartwell...

Seaman 2nd Class Richard Nellist, son of Mrs. Nellist, arrived home Saturday for a 10 day furlough from San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. May Stanfield of Grand Rapids, spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Clara Hickok...

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teiman of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests at the Herman Stukkie home.

Be an Angel. Accept our sincerest wishes for a Christmas filled with all the wonderful things you wish for yourself.

Lake Odessa Livestock Auction. Allen Behler

Happy Holidays. As voices are lifted in praise of Christmas, we wish our many friends all the joys of a Happy Holiday Season!

CURTIS LAUNDRY and DRY CLEANERS

Happy Christmas. To our many friends—we wish all the pleasures that a joyous Holiday Season can bring.

MERRY Christmas... and all good wishes for your health, happiness and success in the New Year. Vern Armstrong

Happy Christmas. Over the years, we've found no other way of saying the old wish more warmly than just "Merry Christmas To All Our Friends."

McQueen Motor Co.

Christmas Wishes. As the Holiday Season and a New Year approaches and we are about to close our books for another year...

Directors: Harry Day, M. W. Gee, H. J. Englehardt, L. E. Lampkin, E. C. Foreman, C. H. Runciman, J. P. Freeman, R. M. Shivel

Officers: C. H. Runciman, President, H. J. Englehardt, Vice President, Harry Day, Executive Vice President and Cashier, D. A. Wingeier, Assistant Cashier, Herbert Elzinga, Assistant Cashier

STATE SAVINGS BANK - Lowell, Michigan - Member of the Federal Reserve Banking System and The Federal Depositors' Insurance Corporation

"A FRIENDLY BANK IN A FRIENDLY TOWN"

GOOD WISHES for everyone. To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors...

L. W. Rutherford & Sons

Wepman's Molly Wepman

CHERRY GREETINGS. Here's a wish, sincere and true... May this Christmas and New Year bring every happiness to you. Louis Kingsley / Oliver Farm Supply

Wepman's Molly Wepman

Make December Happiest Month Not Deadliest

Sergeant Gordon Hanthorn, commander of the Rockford Post State Police, is reminding motorists and pedestrians that December is not only a happy, but also an extremely hazardous holiday month.

Because of this police agencies throughout the state are taking part in a special safety campaign emphasizing the importance of extra caution.

"A deadly combination of traffic hazards," Sergeant Hanthorn said, "makes walking and driving especially dangerous."

"While there is nothing anyone can do to prevent unfavorable weather or darkness, everyone can avoid being careless if they really try."

Chronic Fault Finders. Newspapers should never complain when they are the butt of jokes. It's said to be poor policy for a paper to make fun of itself...

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth attended the Wilcox family Christmas dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilcox in Keene, 35 being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baker were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ryder and Rowland Wellman.

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N. McCords-East Cascade Mrs. Effie Cox

Dr. VanderStrop and Mrs. Cora VanderStrop of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. Charlie Quiggle who is ill Sunday.

Those who called on Mrs. Charlie Quiggle the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Alice Quiggle of Ada, Mrs. Ernie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lutes and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cox. Mrs. Quiggle is about the same.

Robert Cox and daughters of Grand Rapids visited his parents Sunday.

Jerry Boardman has returned to his home in Jackson.

Rev. J. G. Ballard called at the John Cox home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Clinton Thomas has been sick with a lame back the past week.

Mrs. Houseman, of Lowell, called at the John Cox home Saturday afternoon.

The man who likes peace and quiet likes his wife's new hat, no matter how crazy it looks nor how much it cost.

There's no use arguing about what part of a man's success is attributable to his women folk because the women won't settle for less than all.

May the happiness of you and your loved ones be as everlasting as the evergreen.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends.

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Elmdale Mrs. Ira Sargeant

May each and every one share the joys of a very happy holiday season to its fullest extent.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth had surprise company Friday night when a group of relatives and friends dropped in for the evening...

Mrs. Wesley Keim and son delivered several bushels of apples, compliments of the West Campbell Club...

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THE LOWELL LEDGER, LOWELL, MICH., DEC. 25, 1952 7

presented a Christmas program Sunday evening after which treats were passed out to all.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid was held Thursday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Martin and family...

That's Luck. Luck means the hardships and privations which you have not hesitated to endure...

If you have trouble with 1952 farm income tax, see your county agricultural agent for the Michigan State College Bulletin, Farmers 1952 Income Tax. He can give you a book for keeping complete records in 1953.

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Season's Greetings

The Christmas greetings we send to you, hold every good wish for a Joyous Holiday Season.

Frank's 5c to \$1.00 Store

Christmas Eve In Lowell

Snowflakes drifting gently downward, Quiet holds the evening hour, Silent wheels revving toward, Rising swift on muffled power.

Snowy miles go fleetly racing, Swishing past the auto pane, Headlights catching, busy tracings, On the road to Home Again.

Friendly street lights twinkle brightly, Main street highway arched in light, Silent trees their arms up lift, Offering worship to The Night.

Walking slowly through the parkway, Lighted stables, shepherds mild, Mary, Joseph, and the Magi, Paying reverence to The Child.

Friendly neighbors warmly greeting, Lighted windows wreathed in white, Snowflake fairies kissing lightly, Welcome nigh the portal light.

Horns and chair and glowing fire, Christmas tree and children gay: Tales, of which we never tire, Tales of where the Christ Child lay.

Waiting, praying, for His coming, Holy One, Thou Son of God, Accept, O Lord, our heart's devotion, As we seek the way He trod.

—Rev. Norman G. Woon.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Santa bring you all the things you want this Christmas.

And here's the hope that in the coming New Year you'll find heaps of good luck, good cheer, and good health.

Story & Hahn



Season's Greetings

"Merry Christmas" ... in these two words we wish to express our appreciation for your unwavering goodwill and friendship.

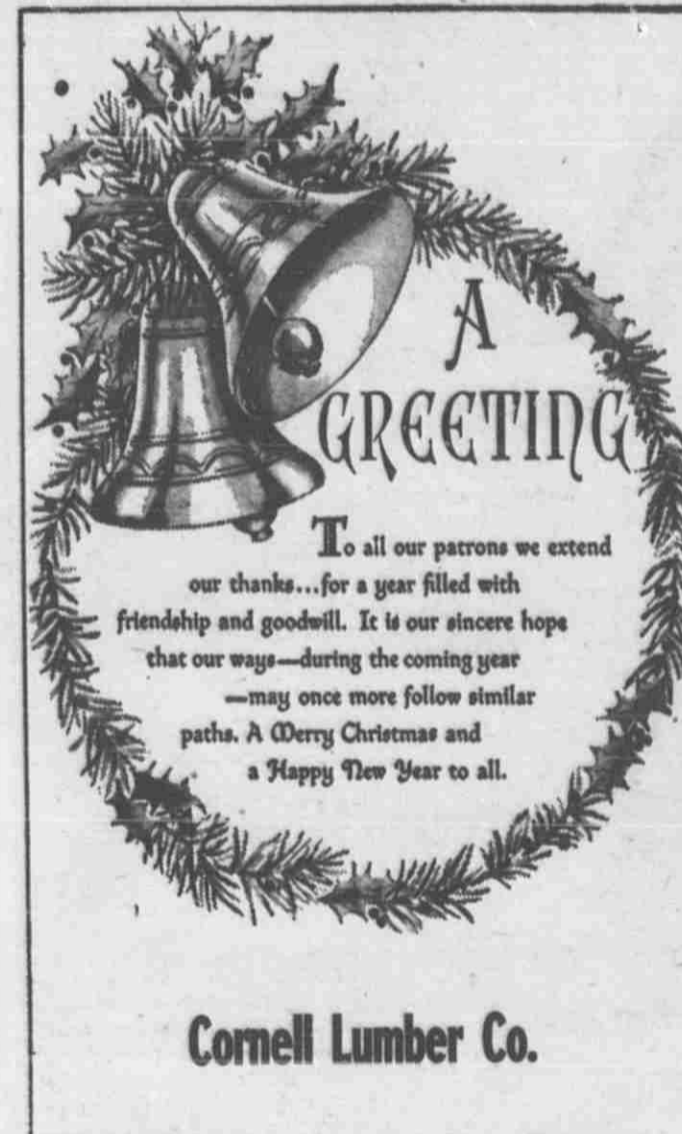
West Side Garage
Nelson Stormzand — Frank Baker



Season's Greetings

Christmas is wonderful... and its arrival always brings to us the realization that we have such wonderful friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

Foreman Poultry Farm



A GREETING

To all our patrons we extend our thanks... for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Cornell Lumber Co.



Season's Greetings

May all the good cheer and pleasure that we wish to be yours this Christmas lead to a very happy New Year.

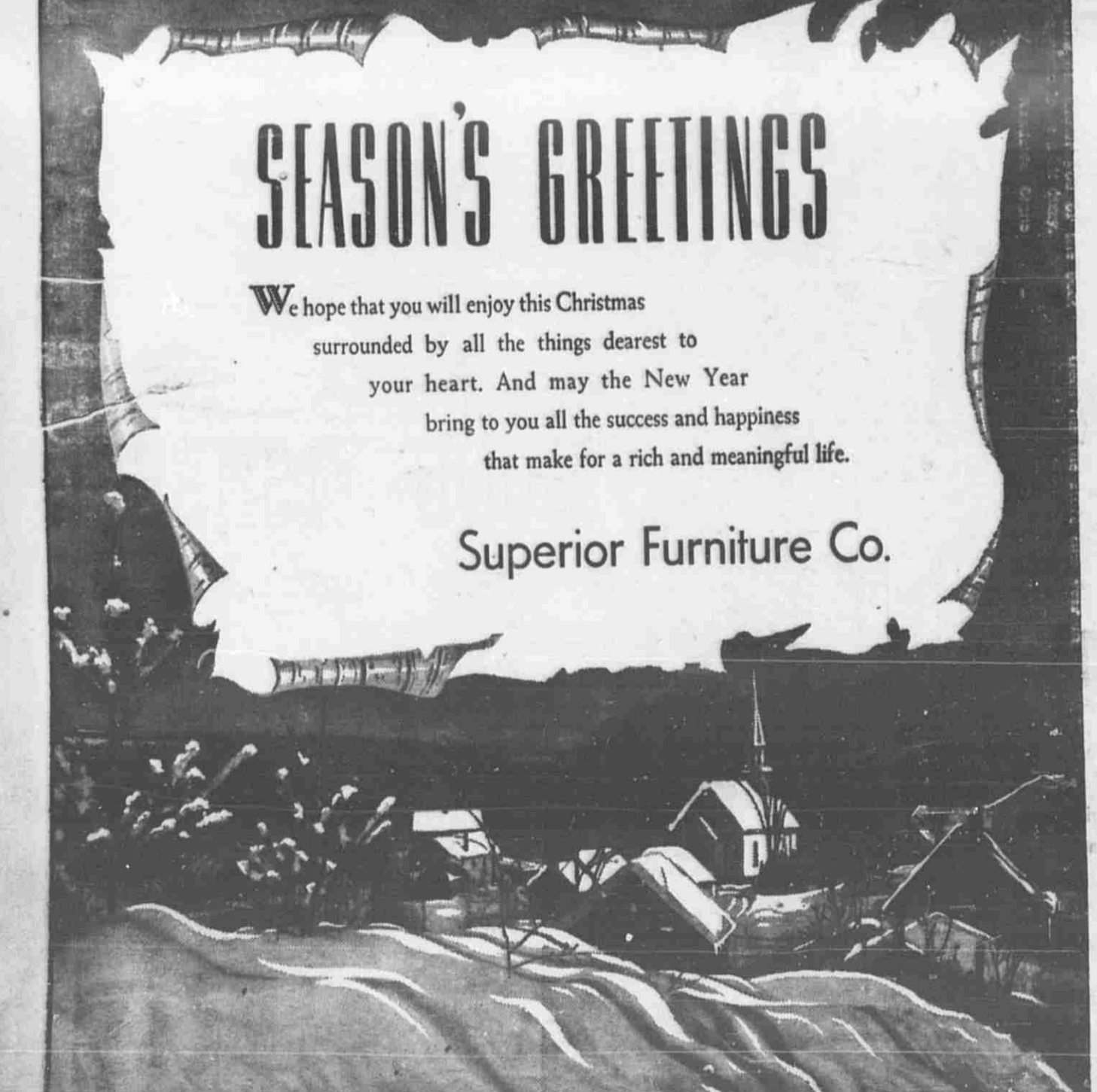
Gamble Store
Al Hermans



Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living... A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Lowell Manufacturing Co.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope that you will enjoy this Christmas surrounded by all the things dearest to your heart. And may the New Year bring to you all the success and happiness that make for a rich and meaningful life.

Superior Furniture Co.



Holiday WISHES

To all our friends we wish good cheer, not only for Christmas, but for all of the coming New Year.

Bernie Bebell Barber Shop
Betty Maloney Beauty Shop



Season's Greetings

May the world rejoice again, in Peace on Earth Good-Will to Men.

B & O Grocery
Ray Barber and Dr. D. H. Oatley



Greetings for the Holiday Season

To all our friends... here's to a Merry Christmas and a very gay New Year.

Gordon B. Johnson MOTOR SERVICE



A Joyous Christmas

At this time of the year, all hearts are in tune with the spirit of the Season. We wish a Joyous Holiday to all.

Ada Oil Co.
Phillips 66 Products

ALTO COMMUNITY NEWS
MRS. CLAUD SILCOX — PHONE ALTO 2831

ALTO GARDEN CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Fred Pattison was hostess to the Alto Garden club at the December meeting on Thursday evening. For the program portion of the evening entertainment, the club attended the play entitled "A King Shall Reign" given by the MYF at the Methodist church. All enjoyed the very capable rendition of the play and admired the versatility of the young actors whose roles as men and women in times shortly after the birth of Christ were most difficult to portray.

Following the program, the club adjourned to the Pattison home where gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. Several table centerpieces in the Christmas motif were exhibited. Also door wreaths and two ornaments all made at home.

The prize for the best door wreath went to Mrs. Menno Baker. Mrs. Pattison received first prize for her table centerpiece and Mrs. Clayton Richards and Mrs. Chas. Deming won second awards. Mrs. Harvey Slater won the prize for her novelty tree ornaments, an assortment of clever Christmas cookies. The Garden Club will recess until March 1 and when the work for 1953 will commence.

Alto Businessmen Sponsor Children's Christmas Party
Santa Claus came as usual to Alto on Saturday afternoon and was noisily greeted by about 300 kids and their parents. Because of wet weather, Santa sent advance notice that he would meet his young friends in the Fire House. He came rolling in on a gaily decorated truck with about two thirty with hundreds of gifts. The lucky winner of the first prize, a wagon, was Tony Kauffman. The second prize, a large panda, was won by Joan Linton. Third, a sled won by Margaret Goldsman, and a fourth prize, a big doll, was won by Joan Venneman. About forty or fifty smaller gifts including boxes of candy, candy canes, pens and pencil sets, small teddy bears, flashlights and knives were handed out to lucky winners, and of course each child received a sack of candy. Suffice it to say, "A good time was had by all."

School Christmas Program
The Merriman schoolhouse was filled Friday evening to hear the Lee Nagle's pupils render their excellent Christmas program in a homely setting with rugs, lamps and chairs.

A beautiful Christmas tree was donated by Floyd Foster, as has been his custom for the churches and schools in the community, a tradition in their family for years.

Santa arrived with smiles and bells and in a jolly mood. Large and small were treated to candy and gifts. All declared it a very pleasant evening.

ALTO METHODIST CHURCH
The play, "A King Shall Reign" presented by the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the church Thursday evening was very well received by the large audience present. The young members of the cast gave a very sympathetic interpretation of their roles which made it an outstanding performance. Cast of characters were: Rachel, Marilyn Place, Adah, Marie Wieland, Leah, Doris Beck, Joseph, Merle Watson, Mary, Beth Wittenbach, and the Holy Child, Mrs. Howard McDonald. Mrs. McDonald was presented with a beautiful of red roses by the cast in appreciation for her tireless effort in directing the play.

The Christmas exercises at the church, Sunday evening, given by the Sunday School under the leadership of Mrs. James Green, Superintendent, were enjoyed very much by those attending. Taking part in the program were Martin Vandenberg, Gilbert Lipscomb, Billy Wieland, Rev. Howard McDonald and Mrs. McDonald, Carolyn Forward, Karen Estes, Carol McWhinney, Norma Wieland, Larry Wittenbach, Joan Linton, Jimmie Dewey, Bonnie and Jerry Lipscomb and Lorna Dygert. Mrs. Green and Lila Lee related some Christmas legends at the Tuesday afternoon group told the Christmas story. The distribution of the gifts from the tree concluded the evening's program. Among the gifts was a beautiful Bible presented to Rev. and Mrs. Howard McDonald by Mrs. Ezra Potter of Lowell.

The MYF went caroling Monday evening, visiting the homes of many shut-ins in the town and surrounding communities. The ones visited greatly appreciate this token of thoughtfulness to them.

Alto News
Miss Genevieve Graham has been quite ill and under a doctor's care for several days. She was somewhat improved Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pattison have received cards from Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pugh, Mrs. Beulah Duell and Mrs. Elizabeth Crabb of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Henry of McCords. All are enjoying the Florida sunshine.

Mrs. Merle Rosenberg spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan in Ionia. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rosenberg visited the John Sullivans and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Houghton.

Mrs. Lawrence Dygert returned home from Blodgett hospital Friday evening, where she submitted to a minor operation earlier in the week. She is convalescing satisfactorily at present.

Not many local news this week. Everybody was grounded, ceiling zero, over the weekend we guess. Mrs. Clinton Blocher assisted her son Laverne and wife moving to a home on 40th St. near Homacres Saturday. This will make it much more convenient for Laverne as he will have only five miles to drive to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dutcher and daughters of Caledonia spent Saturday evening at the Ray Linton home.

ALTO GRANGE PARTY
About 45 members of Alto Community Grange and their families enjoyed the carry-in supper and Christmas party at the hall Friday evening. After the delicious supper had been stowed away, all got in line to march around the hall, each one selecting a gift from the collection which had been placed on the stage.

A most satisfactory evening of playing games, singing Christmas carols and visiting followed. Many thanks are due the Home Economics committee of the Grange, Mrs. Glen Loveland, Mrs. Ira Fryling and Mrs. Elmer Yelzer for the success of this affair, as they did all the planning and decorating for the occasion.

Ladies Judge Windows
A team of ladies from the Alto Garden club judged the various window decorations, porch and yard displays in town Thursday evening. The V. L. Water's porch display won first place for cleverness and originality. Second place went to Chas. Deming, judged for its simplicity and the Spirit of Christmas illustrated by a Christmas tree in the window, and the Floyd Bergys won third place their display showing much commendable effort. This is the first year that the business men have undertaken this project and it is hoped that next year they will be able to include business places as well as displays at homes as there are certainly some beautiful windows in stores all over town.

Stocking filled with health and prosperity—that's our wish for you, this Yuletide!

COLBY AGENCY INSURANCE
Earl V. Colby — Alto Office: 2421 Res.: 3151
Charles I. Colby Office: 3231 Clarksville

Merry Christmas

It's an old tune —and a sweet one. May your joys be many, this Christmas 1952!

McDIARMID IRON & METAL
Lowell, Mich.

SARANAC
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3 BIG DAYS
Thurs., Fri., Sat.,
Dec. 25, 26, 27

Joyful Holiday

THE ROSE BOWL
MARSHALL THOMPSON

Sun., Mon., Dec. 28, 29
Cont. Sun. from 3 P. M.

SOUL OF RAIFACE

Tues., Wed., Dec. 30, 31

WE'RE NOT MARRIED

Thursday, January 1st

ABOTT COSTELLO
LOST IN ALASKA

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH
The Alto Baptist Bible school held their annual Christmas program Sunday morning. Each class participated in presenting a recitation or a song. Pastor Jones spoke on the "Greatest Gift" from John 3:16. Afterward every child received a present also candy.

Young people party will be held at the V. Lechny farm next Saturday night, Dec. 27. Regular Saturday night YP meeting will be held at the Alto Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. on the following Saturday.

Let this be your invitation to attend Christmas Eve prayer-meeting. Pastor Jones will speak on the "Glory of Christmas."

Ethel May Boulard Dies
Miss Ethel May Boulard, aged 70, of 2016 Jerome Ave. SW, passed away Tuesday evening at her residence.

Surviving are two brothers, Jesse W. and Percy L. Boulard, both of Grand Rapids; two nieces two nephews, and six grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the Bowen Center Methodist Church, Internment Bowen Center cemetery.

Miss Boulard, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boulard had spent her entire life near Bowen Center until she recently moved to Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dintaman and children visited their aunt, Mrs. Ida Brown at Maple Grove Home Monday evening, taking her Christmas boxes from the churches and other gifts from friends and relatives to help make her Christmas more bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blocher and sons and mother Mrs. Milton Tobias enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vierwol in Grand Rapids Sunday.



Season's GREETINGS

We send these sincere greetings with a wish that your Holiday Joys go far beyond your fondest dreams.

Richmond Real Estate



GREETINGS

To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday... full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

Newell Manufacturing Co.

15 Persons Killed in Deer Hunting Season

At least 15 persons were killed and 63 wounded by gunshot during Michigan's 1952 deer season, November 15-30, according to reports received by the conservation department.

However, either of those two figures could increase during the next few weeks and department officials emphasized that field reports on all accidents would not be complete for at least a month.

Those who died in traffic accidents, by drowning and heart attacks, though often listed as hunting victims, were of course not included.

Last year, 13 persons were killed and 54 wounded during deer season. In 1951, the total was 13 killed, 55 wounded—highest in recent years. Since 1940, the average yearly number of persons killed by gunshot during deer seasons stands at slightly more than 13.



GREETINGS

Happily, do we follow a wonderful old custom of wishing all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BILL CHRISTIANSEN
Photographer



Season's Greetings

For your friendship and good will we extend a hearty "Thank You." May you have a delightful Christmas and a successful New Year.

L. E. JOHNSON
Pontiac Sales and Service

Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

King Milling Co.

Bowling News

Lead-off League

Highs for the evening were Ralph Shoemaker 218-584, John Topp, Sr. 215-574, Tony Ortowski 203-555, Hugh VanderVeen 201-543. High team series were by Rollins Insurance 2489 and Lowell Sprayer 2313.

Rollins took 4 points from Hotpoint, Lowell Sprayer split 2 and 2 with Lowell Lumber to stay on top of league. Kroger took 3 from A & P.

Tavern League

Dec. 17, 1952

The Corn Cobbers took the limelight this week by taking the Roth and Sons team three games and total pins. J. Abrahams led his team with a 257, 171, 594 series. P. Kline rolled a 507 to keep alive the fire. The victory put the Corn Cobbers two points ahead of Roth and Sons to go into third place.

Kerr's Tavern had no trouble taking Hoffmans four points to stay way ahead in first place. Grand Rapids Industrial Welders lost ground this week by losing two games and total pins to King Milling Co. J. MacFarland bowled a 503 for the winners while B. Post had a 499 and J. Thomas a 481 for the losers.

A. Bowen sparked his team to a three point victory over Hi-Speed with a 483 series. C. Armstrong was high for the losers with a 483 series. The victory took the team out of the cellar and drove the Hoffmans team into the bottom slot.

J. Abraham took over second place in high individual series this week with his 594 beating A. Gross with his 590. J. Topp still holds first with 624.

The 257 game put Abrahams in the lead in the individual game. A Gross next 235, and E. Laver with a 234.

The Corn Cobbers 2594 series overtook Kerr's Tavern who had first place with a 2548 series.

Today, bluefish are commercially extinct in Lake Superior.

Fred N. Searl Candidate for Circuit Judge

The citizens of Kent County all regret the retirement of Judge William B. Brown. Few judges have ever been able to establish the long and splendid record of public service which he has completed.

The office of Circuit Judge is an important one. The American people have long had confidence in their Courts to protect their liberties, their property and their personal rights and to judge fairly, impartially and wisely between those who come before them.



Fred N. Searl

Following Judge Brown's decision to retire many citizens from all parts of the county have expressed confidence in Fred N. Searl and encouraged him to become a candidate for that office. He is well qualified and well known throughout Kent county.

Mr. Searl came to Grand Rapids in 1919 following his admission to the bar that year and he has since remained a resident and practiced law in that city. In 1925 he was appointed Assistant City Attorney serving four years. He was Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for five years and in 1936 was elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney serving two terms. In 1950 he was appointed City Attorney of Grand Rapids and he has also served as a member of the Board of Supervisors since 1942, and President of the State Association of Supervisors the same year.

At the election there will be three circuit judges elected.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Steakley, Iroquois, Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, a daughter, Sally Stephanie, Dec. 20, at Blodgett Memorial hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chad Lamplin in Dexter, Mich., a 7½ lb. daughter, Nancy Jean.

Clerk: "Why doesn't Bill take you to the movies any more?"
Steno: "Well, one night it rained and we stayed home."

COMING EVENTS

Due to the busy holiday season the Rebekahs next card party date will be January 9.

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, at 1:30, with Mrs. Winton Wilcox.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

D. A. Wingeier, Secretary of the Board of Education of Graded School District Number One, Township of Lowell, County of Kent, will receive bids on the property owned by the district in Segwum, known as the South Ward School, up until twelve o'clock on Monday noon, January 5, 1953, at his office in the State Savings Bank of Lowell, Michigan. The board will provide a warranty deed and abstract of title to date. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed: D. A. WINGEIER
Secretary
By Authority of the Board of Education
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This little lamb brings best wishes for your Christmas from all of us to all of you.

For NEW YEAR'S



Orchid Corsages \$2.50

Exquisite CORSAGES

Priced from

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KIEL'S FLOWER and GIFT SHOP

517 E. Main St. Ph. 225-F2

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Burch, of Lowell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carole Gean, to Sidney Kerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kerr, of Lowell. No further plans have been made by the couple.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for the lovely cards and beautiful plants I received while I was ill.

Mrs. Marjorie Potter

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Lloyd Jones, who passed away three years ago, December 26, 1949.

The Family

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to friends, relatives and neighbors, also the American Legion Auxiliary, for kindnesses shown during the illness of our son, Jimmy.

Howard and Bertha Gibbs

Greetings

Here's a wish to all of our friends that the wonderfully-exciting spirit of Christmas come to your house and remain throughout the New Year.

Avery Jewelers

Best Wishes

The best part of Christmas, we believe, is the good wishes extended... and the good wishes received. And so, in all sincerity, we send to all our friends our best wishes for a cheerful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Rollins Insurance Agency
GERALD ROLLINS

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. J. C. Hatch suffered a stroke the first of the week and is confined to her bed. Mrs. John Sterzick is assisting in her care.

Howard Krum was taken to Blodgett hospital Monday for observation and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Johnson and son Carl of Manistee, Mrs. Josephine Green of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests at the Sweetland-Meriman home.

INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT WILL ASSIST TAXPAYERS

An Internal Revenue agent to assist taxpayers in the preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1952 will be at Lowell Postoffice from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on January 14 and 15, and on March 6, according to information received from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Grand Rapids.

Taxpayers seeking assistance are requested to present retained copies of 1951 returns and 1952 blanks previously sent them.

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In a household dispute, I wonder if a judge ever cites his wife for contempt.

Sincere Wishes

Mist the many greetings that will come to you this Christmas, we want you to include our wishes for a joyous Holiday and a Rich and Happy New Year.

Rittenger INSURANCE SERVICE

Christmas Greetings

Lowell Lumber & Coal Co.
Ada Lumber & Coal Co.

Clara McCarty	Ray Parker
Dell Ford	Gordon Batey
Lyle Evans	Ed. Lewis
Ray Slayton	Bruce Walter

ATTENTION, All Moviegoers!

WATCH FOR THE THRILLING SUPER SERIAL, "Son of Geronimo"

Playing Once Only Every Friday and Saturday, Beginning January 2 and 3

ALL CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE ADMITTED FREE TO THE FIRST CHAPTER IF ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENTS!

A New Chapter Every Friday and Saturday

Remember, the serial will be shown only once each Friday and Saturday, so make sure to check our ad every week for the exact time, or make certain you are here before nine o'clock.

STRAND THEATRE
Lowell, Michigan

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LOWELL, MICH. PH. 295

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thurs., Fri., Sat. December 25, 26, 27

BUD ABBOTT LOU COSTELLO ALL NEW FUN!

LOST IN ALASKA

A UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL PICTURE
with MITZI GREEN · TOM EWELL

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no matinee on Christmas Day. As usual, the show will begin at 7:00.

Sunday and Monday Dec. 28 and 29
Sunday Shows Continuous from 3:00 P. M.

TOP-HAT MUSICAL HIT!

Betty Hutton

SOMEBODY LOVES ME

TECHNICOLOR
with Ralph MEKER

Tues., Wed., Thurs. Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1
—HAPPY NEW YEAR!—

The Lovers of Gilda Reunited in Another Torrid Love Story!

Rita HAYWORTH · Glenn FORD

Affair in Trinidad

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8 — OF THE VERY BEST CARTOONS — 8

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Doors Open 11:30 — Show Starts at 12:00
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Changing your service to dial is the first step in a nation-wide, long-range program making it possible for more and more customers to dial direct to telephones in other communities.

You will be able to dial direct to Grand Rapids, Ada, Alto and Grattan starting early in January... and to additional communities in the years ahead.

Your local dial system, including equipment necessary to connect your telephone with any other telephone, cost \$136,000.

Money for expansion and improvement like this has to come from people willing to invest in the telephone business.

To attract their savings, the telephone business must pay a fair return for the use of their money. So...

It's good for you and your town to have Michigan Bell make a fair profit.

YOU'LL find community dial telephone service — coming to Lowell January 8 — fast, up-to-date, dependable.

Your new dial system is tailor-made for Lowell! Its heart is complex switching equipment in the new building at 119 North Hudson Street:

It takes months to plan, build and install a new telephone system to keep pace with the needs of a growing community. Michigan Bell's long-range expansion and improvement program is meeting these needs. An earlier improvement widened your toll-free calling area to include Grand Rapids, Ada, Alto and Grattan!

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY