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Death Claims R. G. Jefferies Ledger Editor

R. G. Jefferies, editor and publisher of the Lowell Ledger since June, 1930, and widely known in newspaper circles, passed away at his home Friday morning at 11:30. He had been ill for about a year and the past few weeks his condition has been critical. His activities in civic and business affairs terminated about six months ago because of his illness.

Surviving are his wife, Frances; a son, Harold F., and two grandsons, Kirk and Scot Jefferies.

Funeral services were held at Roth Funeral Home Monday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. Norman G. Woon officiating and burial was made in the family lot in Oakwood cemetery, under the auspices of the local lodge F. & A. M.



Story of His Life

Remick G. Jefferies was born at Remick Hill, Clare county, Michigan, May 16, 1874, the son of Thomas Ellison and Frances A. (Baker) Jefferies, and spent his boyhood in the sparsely settled wilderness where his father managed the timberlands for Remick & Gulaver, on whose holdings extensive lumbering activities were going on. It was for these men that the Jefferies named their son.

Reared in the rural community of Clare, Mr. Jefferies rode to school in town on a train. His parents operated a hotel in the hills of this lumber country which was named the White House, because of its painted exterior. Most houses in that day were unpainted. He loved that wooded country and knew every lumberjack in those parts, often becoming so interested in their work and life that he forgot to go home and his father had to go out in search of his small son.

Dr. Charles Jefferies, his grandfather, was one of the earliest graduates of University of Michigan Medical College and practiced in the vicinity of Clare for many years, even after he had lost his sight. At one time he is said to have perfectly set a broken leg for a lumberman although he was totally blind, and at another time he completely cleared up a smallpox epidemic unassisted by any other doctor.

The grandson took great pride in his grandfather's accomplishments and perhaps this early introduction to a useful life in spite of blindness may have been an inspiration and a good influence on him in later life when he, too, lost his sight. "Rem" was totally blind the last twenty years of his life.

Shortly after the death of his father his mother moved into town and when he was near 15 years of age he went to Elmira, N. Y., to learn the printing trade. While there he lived with an aunt who was an instructress in a University and from her he received a valuable tutelage which was to come to good use in his later life.

Jeff was 18 years old when he returned to Clare and founded the Clare Sentinel which became, and still is, a successful weekly newspaper. Much of his childhood and early manhood had been spent in loneliness which perhaps contributed to some degree to the success of his writing. He was given to hours of serious meditation without interruption and his constructive thoughts led to the progress of his community and church.

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Womans Relief Corps Installs New Officers

At a meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 49 to the Joseph Wilson Post held Wednesday, Jan. 14, the following officers were installed:

President, Maud Seger; Sr. Vice, Nina Kaufman; Jr. Vice, Essie Clark; Treas., Minnie Clark; Chaplain, Anna Stinchcomb; Conductor, Sara Chrouch; Guardian, Alice Murray; Secretary, Ethel Meyers; Asst. Conductor, Minnie Huffman; Asst. Sec'y, Ruby Andrews; Patriotic Instructor, Olive Ritter; Press Correspondent, Blanche Francis; Musician, Ina Potter.

Press Correspondent

The Powerful New Dodge V-8 of the new "Getaway" Dodge are the buy of the year.

Lowell Lags in Polio Campaign

Rotary Club members were stationed at their iron lung Saturday in front of the Christiansen Drug Store and the contributions at this point totaled \$164.45.

Carl Munroe, chairman for the drive, reports the letters sent out earlier have not been returned as promptly as usual but it is expected they will begin to pour in later in the month after the people become adjusted from the holiday activities. These contributions may be deducted on your income tax report the same as other donations and the money given for this purpose is used for one of the humanitarian of all causes.

The Mothers March is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 23, and is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, the V. F. W. Auxiliary and the Child Study Club.

Byrne McMahon, an active Rotarian with artistic ability, made the iron lung to be used in the campaign against polio.

Boy Scouts Rate Well In Aid-a-Ree Contest

Four patrols of Lowell Boy Scouts took part in the Aid-a-Ree held Monday evening at Godwin High School when a first aid contest between troops in South-west Kent was held. All types of first aid were demonstrated and points were scored for efficiency, neatness, sanitary observance, correct diagnosis and proper treatment, speed in analyzing the trouble and properly applying appliances available, and other items to name the winners in the contest.

Lowell Panther Patrol under the leadership of Dick Rutherford won 4th place. The boys contesting were Dick Harris, Norm McKeown, and J. Gallagher.

Hunter Patrol with J. Eickhoff, leader, took 5th place. B. Baird, R. Shaler, L. Wittenbach and A. Baird were contestants.

Panther Jr. Patrol, Kerry Shoemaker and R. Connors, R. White and J. White; and Heron Patrol with J. Baird, leader, D. Maxson, G. Gibbs, V. Jeluso and W. Covert were also in the contest.

The adults accompanying the boys to Godwin were Richard Rutherford, Harry Shaler, Chas. Baird and Gould Rivette.

Winners in the contest received arm bands as awards.

The next regular Scout meeting will be held at Lowell city hall next Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Village Players

The Village Players will meet next Tuesday, January 19, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Jones who will also act as hostess. The Jones residence is at 517 Elm St., and anyone interested in the Village Players group is invited to attend.

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES PARKING WARNING

Lowell Police Dept. has issued a warning that all cars found parked on the street between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a. m. will be hauled away. This is done for the purpose of keeping the streets open for workmen cleaning or clearing snow away from the curbs. The order will be strictly enforced.

LOWELL REBEKAH LADIES AT BELDING INSTALLATION

Five ladies of Island City Rebekah Lodge, Anna Stinchcomb, Anna Yardley, Angeline Mulder, Laura Dawson and Minnie Hawk, went to Belding Friday evening to the installation of officers of the Rebekah Lodge, where Mrs. Stinchcomb's daughter, Gladys Thorncomb, was installed as Noble Grand.

'Goodbye Oldtimer', Parting Comment



"Goodbye, oldtimer," might be their parting comment as Pat McCormick, foreground, and Wayne Schroder, Michigan Bell Telephone Company repairmen, prepare to disconnect the old manual equipment which has served Lowell so long.

C. H. Runciman Makes Call Inaugurating New System



C. H. Runciman, president of the Board of Education and prominent in civic activities, appears happy as he places the first dial telephone call over Lowell's new system. He dialed the number 5123 which connected him with the council rooms at the city hall and the call was answered by Frank L. Stephens, chief of police, who was on duty at the time.

Vandals Again at Work In Vicinity of Lowell

The vacant farm house owned by John Court and located about five miles southwest of Lowell, has been damaged by vandals recently and local officers and Michigan State Police are investigating.

All the windows are broken, light fixtures shot out and the two telephones had been used as targets, police report. Mr. Court estimates his damage is at least \$50.

Mrs. H. R. Bissell Family Night Speaker

Monday, Jan. 19, will be Family Night at the Congregational church. A carry-in supper at 6:30. Bring service and a dish to pass. Coffee and rolls will be furnished.

The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Hillary R. Bissell of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Bissell has an AB Degree from the U. of M. with graduate work in political science at Arizona State college. She has been professionally employed in fields of social work and public relations and now is a volunteer in the field of intergroup relations. She is active on such committees as Civil rights, Interracial and Council of Churches.

All friends and families of the church are most cordially invited to hear this speaker and to come for the supper.

COMING EVENTS

South Boston Grange To Aid March of Dimes

South Boston started their meeting on Saturday, January 10, with a chicken supper at 7:30. About seventy members and guests gathered to enjoy the delicious repast served by the home economics committee.

Following supper we had a short business meeting, held in open form. Reports of standing committees were most satisfactory, our secretary Mildred Wittenbach read a letter from Duane Barnes, in which he thanked the grange for his Christmas box, and master Ed Anderson explained about joining Pomona, so anyone who wishes to take fifth degree please contact him soon.

It was decided that at the next meeting, on Saturday evening, January 24, we would have an entertainment an all-games party, the proceeds from same to be given to the March of Dimes. All try to attend and bring friends. Home ec. chairman, Pearl Roth, announced that the lunch for that evening will consist of cookies and sandwiches. Those west of Bell Road are asked to furnish cookies and those east of Bell Road please bring sandwiches.

After the meeting the evening was spent in playing euchre, Patty Roth and Carlen Anderson capturing head prizes, while Mary Barnes and Harvey McClure received consolations. Ernest Tucker received a prize for having the most lone hands during the evening.

The next dance will be held on Saturday evening, January 17, with June Fahrni's committee serving the refreshments.

Vergennes 4-H Club

The Vergennes Boosters 4-H club met last Friday evening, Jan. 9, and worked on their projects until nine o'clock and then held a business meeting. When this session adjourned refreshments were served by Gordon Kerr.

The next 4-H meeting will be held Jan. 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. San Ryder.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seese, at Blodgett hospital, January 8, a son, Richard Lee, weighing 7 lbs. and 8 ozs. Mrs. Seese is the former Leona Buck.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith at Blodgett hospital, Dec. 28, a girl, Rosemary Elaine, weighing 6 lbs. and 10 1/2 ozs.

ROLAND DOYLE HONORED AT KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

Fifteen Kansas State College ROTC students were initiated by Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity at Manhattan Thursday, Jan. 8, and two faculty members were made associate members.

Among the students to be initiated was Roland Doyle, 424 Vergennes, Lowell.

Scabbard and Blade members are chosen for leadership and scholarship ability.

Lowell Beer Store open every day and evening, Sunday till 7 p. m.

South Boston Farm Bureau will meet next Friday, Jan. 16, at the John Noyes home on Portland Rd.

The Swiss Ladies Aid will be guests of Mrs. Ed Heim at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Heim, at 410 Kent St., on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15th.

The Merriman Community Farm Bureau will meet Jan. 16 with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swanson.

The Child Study Club will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. Herbert Davis.

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Local Enthusiasts Enjoy Skating in 4-H Building

The ice skating at the new 4-H building has been super the past week and Lowell folks of all ages have been enjoying the sport. With music and refreshments added to the fun it makes a fine evening's entertainment and an average of 150 or more are at the rink each evening. Hours are from 7:30 to 10:00.

The fine weather of Tuesday would soon spoil the ice if it continues mild, and the skaters are hoping for colder temperatures to hold the fun for the rest of the winter.

Need Volunteers For Ground Corps

Monday afternoon the telephone was installed in the booth at the Ground Observation building at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The number is 5971.

A very comfortable little office is now in readiness with heat, lights, telephone and furniture and as soon as there are enough volunteers to man the project, the actual observation of the skies for planes will be established. To date about 50 percent needed has reported and as many more will have to volunteer if the observation post is to be a success without inflicting hardship on the ones who have expressed their willingness to serve.

Not many Lowell citizens are too busy to spare two hours once each week for safety, but some are waiting, evidently, to be sure they will not be competent. Call Frank L. Stephens or Gerald Rolabout it and to learn what the requirements are.

Norman Nickerson Home West of Lowell Entered Meat and Cash Stolen

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nickerson, 4 miles west of Lowell on M21, was entered some time Saturday and the deep freeze was emptied of its contents and \$5 in cash taken.

Mr. Nickerson is employed in Grand Rapids and Mrs. Nickerson went into the city on the 9:40 a.m. bus where she met her husband in the afternoon and they visited relatives returning home in the early evening.

The burglary was not discovered until Sunday morning when Mrs. Nickerson went to the deep freeze to get meat for dinner. She found 380 pounds of pork had been taken along with all the other meat in the chest and the winter's supply of frozen vegetables. \$5 which she had left for the milkman was also missing. The interior of the house was undisturbed and as the back door was bolted on the inside and front door locked with a Yale lock it is a mystery how the entrance was made.

Garage doors had been opened and the spaniel dog which had been shut up in there for the day was running around the place. Also a crowbar had been used to pry the doors which closed the rabbit hutches but these were not opened.

So far officers have reported no clues but they are investigating to learn if this has any connection with other recent burglaries. There was little tracking snow and it is evident that the thief knew how to gain entrance and also knew the house was alone at the time.

Bowne Center W. S. C. S. Sends Relief to Needy

The Bowne Center Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service met at the WSCS hall, Jan. 7.

A delicious baked ham dinner was served at noon by hostesses Freda Russell, Clarabelle Kauffman, Marjorie Wingeler, Laura Flynn and Mrs. Howard McDonald.

The afternoon meeting was conducted by W. S. C. S. president Edwina Wingeler.

Scripture reading was given by Frances Porritt.

Thurzie Thompson, program chairman, gave a report on relief work called, "Modern Samaritans in WSCS." Letters were read by WSCS members from China, India and Korea. We are happy to know the WSCS has a small part in bringing relief to these needy people through food, clothing, medicine and spiritually.

WSCS members discussed purchasing a new heating outfit and decided to refer the matter to men of the church board for study.

Mrs. Wingeler conducted a Bible Quiz, after which Mrs. McDonald dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

New WSCS members are Ruth Headworth, Gertrude Zoet, Gerry Flynn and Jean Vreeland.

CUB SCOUTS

There will be a Pack meeting of Cub Scouts from all Dens at the city hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, at 7:00 o'clock. Dens will bring their exhibits.

All parents, committeemen and Dens are urged to attend.

Crank Telephones Just Memories as Dials Go Into Use

Crank telephones are just a memory in Lowell as dial telephone service becomes one week old today.

Despite occasional nostalgic twinges for the good old days when every call was greeted by the friendly voice of the local operator, most users have rapidly accustomed themselves to dialing direct to other Lowell users as well as to telephones in neighboring communities.

The ceremonies which inaugurated the new service were attended by about 350 persons last Thursday night in the High School gymnasium despite falling snow and slippery roads.

The program was opened by Kenneth L. McKee, Michigan Bell Telephone Company manager here, who introduced Forrest Buck, master of ceremonies.

The entertainment phase of the program included toe ballet, and tap dancing directed by Sue Bignall, an aria from "The Telephone" by Menotti, sung by Louise Hoffa, songs by the Lowell Barber Shop Quartet, and other acts featuring Lowell High School talent. Music was provided by the high school band, directed by O. E. Jessup.

W. O. Best, Michigan Bell manager in Hastings, presented a demonstration of correct dialing techniques.

Paul G. Leslie, Michigan Bell division commercial superintendent, delivered the principal address. In tracing the history of telephone development in Lowell, Leslie pointed out that while just prior to the second world war there were about 600 telephones in Lowell, today there are 1,600.

He indicated that Michigan Bell's extended area service in this area now makes possible calling about 112,000 telephones without a toll charge. "More than 100 times as many as ten years ago," he said.

"It is interesting to note," Leslie said, "that the cost of doing business in our company has just about doubled in ten years. On the other hand, the overall price of telephone service throughout Michigan has been increased, on an average, less than one-third."

"What the future holds in the way of increased costs we do not know, but it will always be our objective to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost," Leslie concluded.

The program reached a dramatic conclusion when Mayor Peter Speerstra pushed a button signaling for the changeover from manual to dial operation. Descriptions of the activity in the old and new offices were broadcast from the scene over public address facilities in the auditorium.

The first call was placed by C. H. Runciman, local civic leader and businessman, to Frank L. Stephens, Lowell police chief at City Hall.

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As things go, in these troubled times, just showing up on Monday morning on time is a success story in itself.

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Current News Items About Our Servicemen

A 3c Charles E. Kelley, graduated from B36 specialist school Dec. 19th at Sheppard AFB, Texas and spent 2 weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelley. He returned to Carswell AFB, Texas, where he is in the Strategic Air Command. His address is A 3c Charles E. Kelley AF 16403630 492nd Bomber Sqdn., 7th Bomber Wing, Box 87, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

Robert Carnahan, who has recently visited his mother, Mrs. Sophia Gramer, has completed his Electrician Mate's school and has been re-assigned to the Cutter Taney. Bob leaves Feb. 15 for a five months' patrol in different points on the Pacific. His new address is: Robert Carnahan 288-786 FN (EM) U. S. C. G. Cutter Taney, WPG, Gov't Island, Alameda, Calif.

Pvt. Wm. H. Gilbert writes an interesting letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilbert, from his new station in Korea. Bill recently graduated from the C. B. R. School with a good rating and was assigned to overseas duty. Before leaving Camp Gordon he was able to see two Lowell boys, Burnette Condon and Ron Wood, having read their addresses in the Ledger.

An unusual experience for Bill was his holiday dinners. Thanksgiving dinner was served to him in the middle of the Pacific, Christmas in Japan, and New Years in Korea. He says the meals were excellent.

The address is: Pvt. Wm. H. Gilbert, RA16404270, 22nd Signal Group, APO 301, Co Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Air Cadet Kenneth Timpson returned to Laredo A. F. B. Laredo, Texas, New Years day after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timpson.

Pfc. Earl M. Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cooley, R1, Alto, has completed an 11-month tour of duty in Korea and is returning to the United States.

He served in the combat zone as a mechanic with the 5th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, supporting front line fighting units.

Cooley entered the army in February 1951 and has been awarded the Korean Service Ribbon with one campaign star and the United Nations Service Medal.

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Chief Answers First Dial Phone Call



Lowell Chief of Police Frank L. Stephens, receiving the first telephone call over the new dial system, as his number was dialed by C. H. Runciman. Mr. Stephens will receive many emergency calls through his office and he makes the request that every subscriber write the number in their directory under the heading Fire Department and Police. This will expedite any emergency call when it comes. The Lowell Light & Power plant which has an attendant every hour of the day and night, will handle all fire and police calls. The patron will dial 5354 in case of fire, or 5123 for police. Also the Lowell deputy sheriff may be reached by dialing 8869.

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Pays Tribute to R.G. Jefferies

Those who really knew him affectionately called him "Rem" or "Jeff". It was my good fortune to have known him long before I met him. I lived in the same town where he had lived before. His friends became my friends. I roamed the fields where he had hunted; I fished the same streams and lakes where he had fished, and I will always prize very highly the trout rod he passed on to me, not only because of its intrinsic value but because of the sentiment that was wrapped up in it.

A large part of his life was expended in the Lowell Ledger—a newspaper known throughout the state as one of the leading small town weeklies. While in robust health "Jeff" not only reported the news, he interpreted it to his readers. He not only presented issues or controversies, he took sides. He not only reported the news, he interpreted it to his readers. He not only presented issues or controversies, he took sides.

Measured by any type of rating scale "Jeff" as an individual was a stunner. He was of high principles and moral integrity and he was one of the rare individuals who possessed the courage of his convictions. If he did not agree with the views of another he would make his position clear and he did not hesitate to add that difference of opinion was logical and necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reglin of Ionia were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Heilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hemingsen of Benton Harbor spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hemingsen. Mrs. Arvil Heilman attended the Michigan Farm Bureau State Institute in Lansing Tuesday and Wednesday.

Whitneyville

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Jefferies, son Harold and family in the passing of their loved one, Mr. Jefferies, well known in Lowell and all the surrounding communities and had lots of friends everywhere. He had been in poor health for some time but tried to carry on as long as he was able, as he missed being at his desk and friends missed seeing him there. Mrs. Jefferies left her desk at the Ledger office to care for him and he with him at home for some time before his passing.

Mrs. Lyle Patterson in G. R. Osteopathic hospital at 1225 Lake Drive SE where she underwent surgery this Monday morning. There will be joint installation of Whitneyville and Alto Granges this Friday evening, Jan. 16. There will be the usual early potluck supper. Bring table set with Mr. and Mrs. M. VanStrien Saturday evening. The honored birthday guests were Mrs. Russell Fox of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Richard Dygert of the city and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ireland were in Grand Rapids Tuesday. The A. C. Crabtree Club met with Mr. and Mrs. M. VanStrien Saturday evening. The honored birthday guests were Mrs. Russell Fox of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Richard Dygert of the city and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Colby and Case Joppe called on John Hildebrand and family of Caledonia Sunday afternoon. John is improving at this time. Mrs. Lofa Wakefield is at the Lowell Rest Home, 429 N. Washington St. She was at her own home but couldn't stay alone as much as she would like to. A card from her friends would help cheer her up.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parrish and family were Sunday guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Parrish and Joy of Rockford, his sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Don Callen and baby. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sandwith and children are living in Mrs. R. E. Colby's home. He works at General Motors and came here from Cadillac. We welcome them to the McCords community.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and daughters of Grand Rapids were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin DeBruyn and family. Wilbur Purdy of Moseley called at Eugene Dalke's Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Russell Scott of Caledonia were Sunday guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Bates and Joyce.

Snow Community

The Men's Meeting which was scheduled for the evening of Jan. 7, was postponed and will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, at 7:30 at Snow church. All men who are interested in forming a Snow Group please be present. Snow Farm Bureau will meet at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, Jan. 16.

Not many were present at the P.T.A. meeting of the Snow Community. The few who did come had a very enjoyable time. The February meeting will be in the form of a Valentine party with Mrs. Agnes in charge of refreshments.

Mrs. Louise Seelye and son Gary visited relatives in Grand Rapids Sunday and attended the Ice Follies. Mr. and Mrs. James Green and family of Alto were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalata.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Schneider of South Lowell called on Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Louise Seelye and children attended a party Wednesday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gladstone at their home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown of Caledonia and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goh of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Al Mitchell and daughter of Greenville spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding.

The Mystery Pal Christmas Party which was held at the home of Mrs. Francis Campau on the evening of Dec. 30 proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of the holiday season. Twenty-five ladies were present to enjoy the lovely games planned by Mrs. Campau and her co-hostesses. Gifts were distributed and there were many surprises when the mystery pal names were disclosed. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Elmdale

Mrs. Eunice Courter of Alto. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pitech of Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Seese are quite glad over the birth of a great grandson, which was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seese of Lowell Thursday, January 8 and which makes Grandmas Ellen Seese great-grandma.

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Lowell Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Rickner spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huyck at Carson City. Little Mary Ellen Huyck was brought home Sunday morning from the hospital, where she was confined the past week with pneumonia and is gaining nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Raymond, Mrs. Elizabeth Veneman, Isabel Raymond and Harold Raymond, and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Raymond attended the funeral service Tuesday afternoon in Ionia for Howard Raymond. He was a brother of Mac Raymond.

Mrs. Wayne Cookingham had a very nice surprise Friday morning when she had a chance to talk to her husband, who is stationed in Germany. Dick Ritchie of Grand Rapids has joined the sales force of Krick Auto-Television Appliance on MZL, just west of Lowell village limits. Mr. Ritchie is looking for a house, expecting to make his home here.

Dr. F. E. White left on Monday for a six-week visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Furlong in Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. F. E. White is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Hill in Ionia.

Mrs. Frank Fenning and Lester and Mrs. J. E. Bannan called on Mrs. Warren Roush in Hastings Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurlert of Ionia were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bergin.

Mrs. Gladys Hartley spent the week end with her son, Don and family in Belding. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bergin entertained Wednesday with a bridge luncheon. Out-of-town guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pinnow and family of Ionia spent Sunday evening with the Glendon Bovee family. Mrs. Milton Porter and two sons of Greenville were Friday overnight visitors at the Jesse Cahoon home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins and Mrs. H. Gaunt went to Coopersville Sunday to visit Mrs. Gaunt's brother, Judge Howard W. Erwin on his 77th birthday. They took a holiday club and enjoyed luncheon with him.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeGraw and Mrs. Charles Radford attended a dinner for the 1952 Kent County O. E. S. officers at the luncheon of our incoming president, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, also the inaugural ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shook in Caledonia. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jasperse have returned to their home in High Point, N. C. after a three weeks vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rittenberger and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jasperse of Ada. Mr. Jasperse attended the furniture market in Chicago last week.

Mrs. Veve Cahill returned 3 weeks with her brother in Marion, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup and Mrs. Louise Hoff attended the annual midwestern music conference at Ann Arbor Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Cepnick and family in Detroit. Mrs. Jessup's niece, Miss Carolyn Cepnick, popular student at Detroit's Cooley High school, will be graduated on January 22 and will enter Wayne University in February. She was recently elected to National Honor Society.

Mrs. W. W. Gummer gave a luncheon Thursday noon for the grade teachers. Miss Amy Loomis is leaving next week for her spring tour in the interest of Religious Drama in the American Baptist Seminaries and Colleges. This will take her from California to Cuba.

The Rev. and Mrs. Phillip R. Gletoffy were called to Mt. Vernon, Ill. Thursday by the passing of Mrs. Gletoffy's father, the Rev. O. R. Buesy.

Mrs. Edith Vos of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Kittle Charles. The afternoon they visited at the Harley Lawyer home in Cascade.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and son Michael and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Starbuck and Joanne Labby visited Mrs. Starbuck's brother, Carl Graham Sunday at his home in Grand Rapids, where he has been ill for some time. The Robert Bishop family of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wittenbach of South Boston spent Sunday evening with the H. L. Kysers.

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Smith-Corona Adding Machine and Cash Drawer Set of Carpenter Tools and Chest Admiral Television, Radio, Phono Combination 7 pc. Dining Room Suite Occasional Chair (Mahogany) Bendix Washer Bendix Dryer Norge Oil Heater Gas Range Gas Refrigerator Norge Washer Coronado Washer Coles Oil Heater Raytheon Television Set 9x12 Rug and Pad Coal Heater Chairs Day Beds Chicken Wire Ironing Boards Corn Planters Tools Other articles too numerous to mention

N. McCords-East Cascade Mrs. Ettie Cox Neighbors and friends give their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Frances Jefferies and son Harold and family. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Quigley gave a birthday dinner in honor of Walter Quigley and Fred Quigley's birthdays. Frank Quigley and wife Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quigley were guests at the party and Mrs. Ollie Melle of Lowell was a guest. Super guests were Mr. and Mrs. Orson Melle of Lowell and Claude Quigley of Gove Lake. They all had a joyful day talking of years gone by.

Robert Cox and family of Gd. Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Wilson and son were Saturday evening guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Bridgman of Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cox and son Fred and Mrs. Mable Little called on Frank Spaulding in Grand Rapids Tuesday evening. I don't mind shaving so much as I mind looking at myself in the mirror.

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Mr. Guy Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Houghton

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Big Program for Farmers' Week at MSC Jan. 26-31

General sessions at Michigan State College's Farmers' Week, January 26 to 31, will include two outstanding speakers and several special entertainment programs. E. L. Anthony, dean of the School of Agriculture and general chairman of the mid-winter educational event for rural Michigan people, has announced the programs.

Tuesday's afternoon speaker (January 27) will be Herbert Philbrick, for nine years a counter-spy for the FBI and whose testimony was highly important in the conviction of eleven Communists before Judge Harold I. Medina in New York.

Tuesday evening visitors will see the world with Irving Johnson, who will give an illustrated lecture of a year-and-a-half trip around the globe.

On Wednesday, January 28, a special afternoon program, "Meet Michigan State College Students," is being arranged. It is designed to give Farmers' Week visitors a cross-section of the college and its student affairs.

Thursday afternoon, Milton Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State College, will be the main speaker. A brother of U. S. President-Elect Dwight Eisenhower, he has been active in agricultural affairs.

Thursday night's program—"Accent on Youth"—will feature 4-H Club talent from throughout Michigan has been uncovered in the talent search program.

All programs are open to the public without charge.

Bowling News



Al Kerr rolled a 222, 247, 231, 700 series to top the Tavern League last week. The history making 700 first to be rolled in the Lowell alleys will be quite a target to shoot at for some bowlers.

Tavern League

Wednesday, 9 O'clock

C. Koerts with a 538 helped in downing the Grand Rapids Industrial Welders, two games and total pins. B. Post rolled a 543 for the losers. The Corncobbers took three games and total pins from Hi-Speed to tie the G. R. Ind. Welders for second place. Guy Quiggle with a 549 and L. Sherman's 503 led the Corncobbers to victory. The loss put Hi-Speed down to sixth place. G. Armstrong was high for the losers with a 483.

Roth and Sons maintained the fourth place by taking three points from Jack's Bar. D. Roth and Jerry Roth were high for the winners. P. Ward was high for the losers.

Hoffmans pulled out of the cellar by taking three points from King Milling Co. There was no spot as both teams went in with 684. E. Anderson almost had a triplicate 160. Zoet and Anderson were high for the winners and J. and M. MacFarland were high for the losers.

Sparkette League

The Martin Twins with a 717 game took three points from C. H. Runciman's. Evelyn Tucker with a 441 series helped the winners. Emma Quiggle with a 180-457 and Nettie Watters 185-440 led the Highland Hill Dalry to a three point win over the Red Peppers. Betty Maloney rolled a 451 for the losers. State Savings Bank copped 3 from Pete's Tavern. Chic Gardner rolled a 450 for the Bank. Johnson's took 3 points from Keiser's Kitchen, who took one lone point.

Lowell Jills

Bob's Cities Service split with Christiansen Photographer's to take the latter out of the cellar. Superior took 3 points from the Farmettes, Dorothy Nash having a 154 for the winners. Weavers Korn Kribbers took 4 points from Foreman's Chicks, Betty Dabkey with a 151 for the winners. Christiansen Drugs took 4 from King Milling, with Rose MacFarland of the mill, rolling a 157.

R. G. Jefferies

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Mr. Jefferies was a respecter of divine law and the laws of the land. He formed his opinions deliberately and with much thought, and then stood by his convictions with a tenacity of purpose not to be swerved easily. He was never hasty in his judgment.

In October, 1899, he sold the Sentinel and became foreman of the Clinton County Republican, owned by the late Coleman C. Vaughn, and which later became the Clinton County Republican-News. In 1910 Mr. Jefferies became business manager, which position he held for 13 years.

His editorial ability gave him a statewide reputation as outstanding in his chosen profession. A fellow-editor over in the eastern part of the state once called him, "one of God's chosen editors." His column which he named "Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff" has brought much favorable comment throughout the years.

From 1923 to 1930 Mr. Jefferies worked for the Pontiac Press, the Lansing State Journal, and was manager of the printing department of the Michigan Education Co. at Lansing, and during these years he was planning to go into business for himself when the opportunity presented itself and in June of 1930 he purchased the Ledger and moved his family to Lowell.

The Ledger has been improved and enlarged during his years of guidance and in later years he has left much of the business management to his son, Harold, in whom he has the utmost confidence for continuing the newspaper, as it started.

Helping to make Lowell a better place in which to live and lending assistance and inspiration to keep business in all trades growing and progressing has been Jeff's aim throughout the years of his residence here. He was one of the three men who conceived the idea of the Showboat, which has proven to be one of Lowell's big enterprises. He was also instrumental in organizing the Lowell Rotary Club, was a charter member, and active until ill health forced his retirement.

According to "Who's Who in Michigan," besides being successful in the newspaper business, he was mayor of St. Johns, 1911-13; Member National Editorial Association; Michigan Press Association treasurer, 1931-33; Eminent Lowell Rotary club; Eminent Commander St. Johns Consistory Knights Templar, 1916-1917; Life Member Hooker Chapter Royal Arch Masons and a Life Member of Free and Accepted Masons; member of Episcopal Church, and affiliated with the Republican party.

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Crunk Telephones

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Commenting today on the operation of the new system, McKee said the changeover to dial was a complete success. "While we experienced an anticipated amount of congestion in the central office due to customers trying out their new dial telephones earlier in the week, calling level has now assumed normal proportions," he said.

He asked customers to consult their directories before placing a call to insure dialing the correct number.

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