



Joe Parker, one of the partners of Parker-Murphy Sales, West M-21, has recently moved his family from Detroit into the house at 604 N. Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have two children, Elaine 5, and Gerald 7. Also living with them is Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. Murphy.

Everyone should know that Public Act No. 45 permits any municipal corporation (including school districts) to recover damages up to \$300 from parents of minors who maliciously or willfully destroy property belonging to the municipality.

In some of the recent "break-ins" and vandalism cases in which it was evident that juveniles were involved, it would seem that parents as well as officers should know the law.

The business growth of Lowell was underlined this week when the physical count of the names of businesses in the November 1953 Reference Book of Dun & Bradstreet was completed. The new count showed an increase of 25% in the past six years. He disclosed that in 1947 there were 82 rated businesses listed in Lowell and the count in the new book showed 103.

Chief of Police Frank L. Stephens reports five running traffic violations Monday, and over the week end there were five minor accidents reported.

Weather was no excuse for the accidents as all was clear over the week end.

Lyle Webster, Phil Schneider and Jay Bolens were in Detroit Thursday to preview the 1954 Ford cars, and report seeing something very special.

The new car showing will be January 6.

Winter was officially ushered in Monday, Dec. 21, and before the day was over the weather proved that it was really here. In the late afternoon a light rain turned to snow and by morning the blanket completely covered this area. Highways were slippery and hills and curves had to be sanded for safety. Merchants should be happy for the shopping urge has been speeded up as only a good snowstorm can bring about.

We have been thinking the season was late but Old Man Winter is prompt.

Arthur Curtis who boasts four tickets to the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day, left Saturday, Dec. 19, with Mrs. Curtis on a western trip and will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kingdom who live at Lancaster, Calif., only a few miles from Pasadena. They may stay in the west most of the winter.

Art, if you had only waited until Tuesday you could have seen one of Michigan's nicest snow storms. Just how lucky can a man get!

POSTMASTER ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY SERVICE HOURS

December 24 and 31, 1953 have been designated by the President in an Executive order as half holidays for all Government employees.

The local Post Office will dispatch and deliver mail as usual on these dates but window service will be limited to the sale of postage only, after twelve noon, and all windows will be closed at 4 p. m.

FARMERS ATTENTION

Would you like a New 3/4 Ton Pickup at a real saving. See us at Runciman's Ford Sales, Lowell, 9290.

Lena Lou Inn Changes Proprietors



The above picture shows Louis McCausey turning over the Lena Lou Inn, popular food place at Ada bridge, to Bruce McMahon, the new proprietor. McCausey has been in the business at Ada for 24 years. In 1940 fire destroyed the building and he rebuilt it with modern improvements the same year. Since retiring Mr. and Mrs. McCausey plan to go south for the winter months and may travel extensively on a well earned vacation.

McCMahon, a former Lowell clothier, has a long war record, becoming a major in the U. S. Air Force in World War II, and is well known throughout the community. It is interesting to note that McCausey, too, was a clothier before entering the food business.

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Kent Tax Bills Raise Questions On Assessments

By Lynn H. Clark

Have you had your tax bill this year? This is a common question in Kent County and a number of telephone calls have come to superintendents and board members as a result. The background of this story is rather long but possibly should be told.

In 1952 the Grand Rapids City Commission appealed the Kent County equalized valuations to the Michigan Tax Commission. Later in the year, due to the number of cases ahead, the appeal was withdrawn with a gentleman's agreement that the Tax Commission would make a study of Kent County at the earliest convenience and that the Board of Supervisors would accept their recommendations in equalizing for 1953.

'Assessed' Valuation Same

As a result of the study throughout Grand Rapids and Kent County, equalized valuations were boosted above assessed valuations all the way from 11.227% in East Grand Rapids to 114.452% in Grandville. Nelson received a 75.105% boost, Rockford a 65.302% gain with Gaines, Paris and Wyoming also receiving increases above 50%. Among the questions I have been asked is this: "How can your tax be increased if the valuation and millage remain the same as last year?" Of course the answer is that your assessed valuation remained the same but your equalized valuation increased depending on the township in which you live.

A very unusual situation developed in Sand Lake where the last bond for their school was paid last year. Citizens were assured that their taxes would be lower but the 75% boost actually brought their taxes above those of 1952.

This situation is one which could only have happened following an appeal to the State Tax Commission and it is possible that an appeal one year later might have resulted in even higher equalized valuations. Please do not blame your supervisor, superintendent, or school board for a situation which was beyond their control.

Michigan Bell Braced For the Christmas Rush

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company today (Dec. 23) braced itself for the annual Christmas rush.

Extent to which Santa Claus will ride the long distance wires during the next 24 or 36 hours is indicated by the fact that never before have there been so many telephones. Michigan Bell has nearly 2,200,000—and they are being used at a calling rate highest in the company's 75-year history.

Company officials predict a 100 per cent increase over average Sunday and holiday traffic which amounts to 114,000 calls. "Only Santa himself, with his remarkable, magical ways could guarantee perfect satisfaction on every call. He seems to surmount all obstacles of time, distance, weather and special demands. But he hasn't been available for consultation on this matter," mused Michigan Bell's chief operator. "It's a busy time for him too."

A woman's idea of a good cry is one that gets the intended result.



The Lowell Ledger

Gifts of Airfire Guns For Children Thursday

Santa Claus, in the person of the Newell Mfg. Co., has promised a supply of Airfire Guns will be left at the Ledger office Thursday morning at 8 o'clock to be given to children under twelve years of age as Christmas gifts. The first 100 children who arrive at this office will receive one of these guns. They are beautiful, kids, and we hope you get yours.

C. B. Church Announces Special Services Sunday

Calvary Brethren Church at Logan Lake on East 84th St., will have a guest speaker Sunday, Dec. 27, in the absence of the regular pastor, Rev. Earl Funderburg. The Rev. Lester Deboer of Battle Creek will bring the morning message at 11 o'clock. He will also speak to the young people at 7 o'clock, and the closing service will be at 8 o'clock. There will be special music at each service given by Rev. Deboer and his wife, the former Retha Johnson. The public is invited to these services.

Eisenhower Program Of Appropriation Cuts To Stimulate Investment

The Eisenhower administration's program of tax and appropriation cuts will provide a laboratory test of a point economists have been making for years, according to a Michigan State College monetary authority. This point is that tax "cuts can be as effective as government spending in maintaining a high level of economic activity," said Dr. Richard W. Lindholm, professor of economics at M. S. C.

Lower income taxes and lower taxes on profits, Dr. Lindholm pointed out, will stimulate investment expenditures in two ways. First, lower income taxes will give customers a large disposable income (that is, what they have left after taxes) to spend on goods and service. This he said, will be a consumer push to investment, too. Secondly, lower income and profit taxes will increase investment expenditures by making practical investments that could not have been undertaken before the tax cut.

Shopping around will pay off if you are buying a washer, range, TV set, or some other appliances in 1954, report Michigan State College home economists. Manufacturers are putting out more economy models. And if you're out to cut costs, remember that standard, unadorned models give just as much in quality of performance and durability as the fancier models.

When the day is done and softly falls the night, a reasonable precaution is to lock the door and count your change.

Officers Alerted In Boys' Gunplay

The playful pointing of a gun caused quite a bit of excitement one day last week when three boys acted suspiciously. They were schoolboys and driving along US-16, stopping at a gas station to buy gas. The attendant noticed one lad was holding a gun on one of the other boys in the car and as they drove off he called police officers informing them of his observation. He stated there was no offense at the station.

Mrs. Clara Woodcock, 70 Dies at Vergennes Home

Mrs. Clara Woodcock, 70, passed away at her home in Vergennes township Thursday, Dec. 17, after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Roth Funeral Home Saturday, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Rev. Norman G. Woon officiating, and burial was in Alton cemetery.

R. J. STORYS CELEBRATE THEIR 54th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday evening a company of friends helped Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Story celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary at their apartment in Eustis, Fla. An oyster supper and a wedding cake with jello, was enjoyed by all. After a pleasant evening all joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Story many more years of happiness together.

LOWELL SEWING CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sewing Club held their Christmas party last week Thursday. After enjoying chicken dinner at Corcoran's, Ionia, they returned to the home of Mrs. Shirley Smith where they exchanged gifts, and revealed secret pals. Names were drawn for the coming year.

Lowell Beer Store open every day and evening. Sundays till 7:00 p. m.

Our land has a score of towns named Waterloo—but it's never met one yet!

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Next meeting will be held January 7 at the home of Marilyn Thomet.

Ledger want ads bring results.

700 Youngsters Attend Annual Christmas Party

The Christmas Party for the children in the vicinity was a grand success and 700 youngsters enjoyed the hospitality of the Strand Theatre and the Lowell Board of Trade. The pictures were super, the kiddies report, and Santa Claus was there with popcorn and candy which seemed to be a welcome treat.

The annual event surely was no disappointment to Lowell's children, and it was real fun to watch proceedings which would have made an excellent subject for a moving picture.

Church Women's Groups Annual Christmas Party Held at Parish House

Congregational church women who belong to the five groups met in the Parish House last Friday evening for their annual Christmas Party. Mrs. Douglas Catley, leader of the Peckham Group, was general chairman. Four ladies from the Deborah Croup, Mesdames, Ward, Walker, Davis and Nash, led the devotional program of readings, and carol singing.

Mrs. Raymond Borgerson read the libretto of "Amahl and the Night Visitors", by Gian Carlo Menotti. Its subtle humor adds a different perspective to the well known story of the Journey of the Three Kings.

Mrs. Norman Woon poured tea and coffee at a beautifully decorated table. Mrs. George Hale and Mrs. Harley York assisted with the serving. Mrs. Martha Hall, president of all the groups, presented the minister's wife, Mrs. Woon, with a gift from the Women's Fellowship.

Bill's Annual Letter With '54 Subscription Arrives on Schedule

The Ledger staff and readers alike look forward to receiving "Bill's Annual Letter". Each year it is better and better. Thanks, Bill, and may good fortune follow you through the coming year.

We quote the letter in full: "Due to the efficiency of the mail service I am forced to admit receipt of your recent statement.

"As the raising of the curtain of down puts the chirp in chickadees it also affords indebted mankind a much better light in which to do his worrying. "When financial tycoons are pursued by a multiplicity of incomprehensible vicissitudes of gargantuan proportions what chance has the mine-run of mankind to meet his obligations. "Be that as it may. Having been inoculated, at an early age, with the virus of promptitude I am imbued with the conviction that I am my brother's keeper and in conformity with this obsession I do most respectfully submit my check for renewal of your publication. "As the crystal ball says that your fireside will be cluttered with Christmas gifts, I am enviously yours. Bill Kerekes"

Last Rites Wednesday For George Severy, 80

George Severy, 80, former resident of Lowell, passed away Dec. 20 at Leila hospital in Battle Creek. Funeral services will be held at Grand Haven Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 followed by graveside services at Oakwood cemetery in Lowell, later in same afternoon.

Mr. Severy was a tinsmith by trade and was in that business when he lived in Lowell. He is survived by his wife, Ida; one son, Luther of Otsego; two stepdaughters, Marie Stinson of Freehold, Md., and Irene Vokal of Battle Creek; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Christmas Day Marks Klahn Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klahn will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary Christmas Day at Clark Memorial Home, 1546 Sherman St., SE, Grand Rapids, where they have been living since July, 1952.

Myrtle Beatham became the bride of Henry Klahn on Dec. 25, 1903, and they lived all of their married life on their farm in Bowne township, three miles east of Alto. Their only daughter, Inez, died in 1946, leaving three children, Gordon, Douglas, and Martha MacCleary who live at Birmingham and are their only close relatives.

The Klahns have been members of the Alto Methodist Church for many years.

A CHANCE will be given at Macabee Hall in Smyrna Saturday night, Dec. 26, benefit of St. Anthony's building fund. Music by Harvey Thornappliers. Dancing, 9 to 1. Refreshments. c35

The Levee will be closed Christmas Day.

Lowell Edges Lee In a Real Thriller Grummet Starring

Lowell pulled a thriller out of the fire to edge Lee Friday night 57-55. The teams were equal in all departments right up to the final twenty seconds when Lowell's Bob Grummet sank two free throws and sewed up a victory. Bob, by the way, was the star of the show, scoring 39 points, one short of the all-time Valley record last year against Grandville.

To show how close the score was, here are the figures by quarters—in the first quarter it was 12-11, Lee leading; at the half Lee was still out in front 22-21; Lowell jumped to the lead in the third quarter 38-37. Each team made 22 baskets, Lowell however, led on free throws, 13 out of 28, to Lee's 11 out of 28. Each team also had twenty fouls. Following Bob Grummet as high point man was Jim Wood with 11 and George DeVries with 5.

The Lowell Reserves also played a close game but lost by one point. The final score was 44-43. High point man for the reserves was George Graham with 16 followed by Bob Whitaker with 10 and Bob Ulrich with 6.

John Bergin, reporter.

Open House Celebrates Collins Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins were honor guests at a twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary Open House celebration, Sunday, December 20. The affair was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, Harold's parents, and was the occasion of many a renewed friendship.

The host and hostess, with the aid of several volunteers, served refreshments, highlighted by an enormous, towering cake topped with Silver Wedding Bells and appropriate decorations.

Alma and Harold, as we know them, say to all who called, "Thank you for the many greetings and gifts, and for the good wishes offered."

Esther Fahrni, clerk.

Alto Boys Christmas North of 38th Parallel

Two Alto boys stationed with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea, will mark the festive season with special religious services, Christmas trees and decorations and the traditional Christmas dinner. They are Cpl. Alger W. Merrifield, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pitsch, Route 1, Alto, Mich. Merrifield, who arrived overseas this April, is an assistant squad leader in the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion's Company C. He entered the Army during September 1952. P. FC Norman E. DeLeeuw, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William DeLeeuw, Route 1, Alto, Mich., who arrived overseas last July, is a photographer in the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion. He entered the Army during February of this year. Both will spend the Christmas north of the 38th parallel.

Arleen Bryant, Senior, Chosen by DAR



Every year chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution have high schools all over Michigan select the outstanding Senior girl of their school. The Senior Class chooses three girls for the honor and then the faculty eliminates them down to one. They all take into consideration the following qualities: dependability, service, cooperation, courtesy, leadership, personality, and patriotism. This year the girl to receive this honor for good citizenship was Arleen Bryant.

Arleen is the daughter of Leo and Lillian Bryant and was born on May 31, 1936. She attended the Merriman School near Alto for her first eight grades, and followed it up by coming to L. H. S. as a freshman.

Since then she has been a prominent member of many organizations. Arleen was President of the Horizon Club, Activities Chairman of the Girls Club, the Athletic Association Representative of her Freshman Class, and Secretary of the Sophomore and Senior Classes. She has been a cheerleader for three years. This year Arleen was co-chairman of the Homecoming. Besides all these activities she still has time for Girls Glee Club and Chorus.

With all these activities you can readily understand why Arleen would enjoy a thick, juicy steak for dinner. She wants to become a nurse and plans to attend the University of Michigan for her training.

This year's selection for the DAR is truly an outstanding one. Good luck to you, Arleen Bryant.

Bruce Clemenz, Reporter

Current News Items About Our Servicemen

John Meulenberg, Musician with the U. S. Navy and stationed at the Naval Base in Charleston, S. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meulenberg of Murray Lake Island, received high compliments for his playing with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Musician 2c Meulenberg is just finishing his third year in the Navy. He is a graduate of MSC, and expects to teach music after completing his four years in the service.

New address of A2c Amos Sterzick is: 21st Troop Carrier Sqd. Hdq., APO 704, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

We have also received a new address for A3c Frederick K. Johnson, which is: 3600 Installation Sqd., Luke Air Force Base, Box 159, Glendale, Arizona. He has just returned to camp, having enjoyed a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Johnson.

FN Kay Maxson, former Lowell boy, has arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Rosalie Young in Grand Rapids, having received his discharge last week in San Diego.

Richard Ryder F. W. U. S. Naval Reserve arrived home by plane Sunday morning, Dec. 20, after two weeks of training. Richard left Grand Rapids on Saturday, Dec. 5, for Charleston, S. C., and on Monday following his ship, the USS Tills, left port for the Florida Keys and Havana, Cuba, returning to Charleston Dec. 18. While stationed in Cuba Richard went swimming in the Caribbean Sea and reports a very interesting two-weeks' trip. Richard's wife is Clara Ryder, Alto, and Mrs. Louis Oesch, 920 N. Hudson, is his mother.

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Alto Community News

MRS. CLAUD BILCOX—PHONE ALTO 4531

CHRISTMAS, THEME OF INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

A very devout, inspirational worship service was held at the meeting of the Alto W. S. C. S. at the Methodist church on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Walter Wieland, Mrs. Lawrence Richardson, Mrs. George Wieland and Mrs. Rudy Wittenbach, and Mrs. Howard McDonald presented this program which was on the theme "Gracious Gifts are Given". The program was under the direction of Mrs. V. L. Watts. Mrs. McDonald played the piano accompaniment for an appropriate Christmas song. A very entertaining film strip "Christmas Around the World" was shown by Mrs. McDonald with accompanying music on records. At the close of the meeting Mrs. W. S. C. S. president presented Mrs. McDonald with a gift in behalf of the Society.

GRANGE MEMBERS ENJOY JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The carry-in and Christmas party at the Grange Hall Friday evening was enjoyed by over forty members and guests for a most enjoyable Christmas dinner. The festive meal was served on a table of the tables. Gifts were passed out to everyone following the supper and a song "The Christmas Song" presided at the piano and led the singing. It was decided to hold some of the members during the cold weather. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stauffer on Friday evening, Jan. 15, 1954.

Christmas Grange Club

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MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a quiet family dinner at their home on Dec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Cook, loved and respected by all who know them, have lived in Alto since 1920 coming here from their farm which they still own in the town of Alto.

N. McCords-East Cascade

Mrs. Bill Veneman, west of Cascade, attended Butterworth hospital, Friday.

Foreman Road

A surprise birthday party and home warming was held Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Foreman. Guests came with well-filled baskets and all enjoyed a very good time.

West Lowell

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schmidt and children will spend Christmas at their home while her husband is in the hospital. At this writing he is recovering nicely.

SWITZERLAND AND ALTO

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Colby are in receipt of a letter from their son Ralph who is stationed with the army in Germany. He tells of a visit to Switzerland on a three-day pass and describes the beautiful Alps and other gorgeous scenery. He told about the Swiss people and some of the customs of their country. Ralph voiced his appreciation at the Christmas box of fruit cake, candy, nuts, etc., sent by the Alto Methodist White Circle. He has been promoted to Pfc. His address is now Pfc. Ralph Colby, USS334614, HQ. Btry, 899th AAA Bn, 28th Div., P. O. Box 10, New York, N. Y.

RALPH COLBY VISITS SWITZERLAND AND ALTO

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ALTO LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sterzik received word from their son Amos Sterzik, Jr., that he has been transferred to a station near Tokyo and his present address is: Amos Sterzik, Jr., 2100 Carrier, Caspadero, A. P. O. 704, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS SENT TO CHILDREN OF INDIAN MISSIONARY STUDENT

At Cascade Christian Reformed church have been making dozens of gifts to be sent, with toys, as Christmas presents for 5 children, aged 2 to 10 years, of an Indian missionary student in the southwest. Interest in the family of the student was shown by the group of students presented by Deputy County Superintendent George Van Weep who visited the school on Wednesday night.

Cascade Community News

By Mrs. Roger Wykes Jr.

School Consolidation Proposals are Approved By a Large Majority

Proposals to consolidate Ada No. 1, Cascade No. 4, Collins, and Martin school districts, and to build a high school were approved by a large majority of the voters at a meeting held at the Cascade Christian Reformed church on Wednesday night. The group studied statistics presented by Deputy County Superintendent George Van Weep showing school census figures and property valuations of the four districts. Cascade district No. 4, with a growth from 51 children under 5, and 113 between 5 and 19 years of age in 1948 to 67 under 5, and 135 between 5 and 19 in 1953, showed the greatest gain in 4 districts, and had the highest 1953 county equalized valuation, \$1,428,000. Total valuation of the 4 districts was \$4,192,559. A tax base of \$880 million has been estimated as needed for the quality of high school contemplated to keep millage down so that the 4 districts would be only a nucleus, to which other districts might be added when plans have progressed.

Bowen Center 4th Clubs were well represented at the West

Michigan State Show in the Municipal Garage, Grand Rapids, Friday. Exhibitors from this vicinity many of whom were members of the Bowen Center 4th Clubs were well represented at the West Michigan State Show in the Municipal Garage, Grand Rapids, Friday. Exhibitors from this vicinity many of whom were members of the Bowen Center 4th Clubs were well represented at the West Michigan State Show in the Municipal Garage, Grand Rapids, Friday.

Word was received Sunday

of the death of J. Schrader, nephew of Mrs. Henry Slater, of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Schrader passed away Saturday night after a long illness. Funeral services were held in the Brown Funeral Home, Greenville, Tuesday afternoon.

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Bones Found in Cave May Clear Mystery of Man's Disappearance

By Mrs. Roger Wykes Jr.

Mysterious disappearance of an elderly Marquette County man

8 years ago was believed solved last month when two boys found bones and a gun in a cave on the Escanaba River. The story is reported by Alfred Scott, Thornapple River Dr. who was staying in a hunting lodge on the property formerly owned by the man, when he vanished, and again when the remains were discovered.

The missing man was Henry Werkhaiser, who disappeared

Oct. 31, 1945 from his cabin west of the town of Rock; at that time, state police, conservation officers, and a posse of 200 men combed the swamps and river in the area for days without finding any trace of him.

A clipping from a recent Escanaba paper brooks back to

Mr. Scott at the end of the hunting season describes the finding by two teen age youths of bones and personal property in a cave on the bank of the Escanaba River. First drawn to the spot by a pair of rabbits, Mr. Scott and his brother, Jim Marvin will go to the Rose Bowls on the M. S. C. special Dec. 26.

Bob Strain, Barbara Wykes, and Jim Zeigler have come from

the University of Michigan, where he is studying law. He will go to his brother's in Cleveland for Christmas day, returning to the Glenn Marvin's on the 14th. Mr. Davenport is a medical student at Wayne University, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Star-

sell, Michigan State music majors, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kristin, Mr. Stannell will go to the Rose Bowl on the special as a member of the band, which will make several stops to parade and play at cities along the way. Nancy Wykes arrived Friday from Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., and Georgia Strain from Stephens, Columbia, Mo.

Snow Community

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

All who attended the community

Christmas at Snow church Friday evening were re-deighted with the program put on by the school children and the young people of the M. Y. F. An offering of over \$100 was received for the Methodist Children's Home.

The Adult Bible class of Snow

church will hold a New Year's eve party at the hall on Dec. 31. Mrs. Alice Heische and Ernest Culp of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Higgins of Saranac and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis of

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Roger Wykes and Floyd Yetter

attended a directors' meeting of the M. S. C. Union building Monday.

Christmas Morning Service

Cascade Christian Reformed church will hold a service Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, after which the Sunday School will give a short Christmas program in the auditorium.

Home on Leave

Pvt. Gus DeVries, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeVries, Thornapple River Dr., is home on 12 day leave from Fort Sill, Okla. He arrived Saturday, earlier than expected, and will return Jan. 1. With several other men, he rode in the car of a fellow-soldier from Caledonia.

Students Home for Christmas

Home from various colleges are Cascade students, Jim MacGregor, Jim Marvin, and Bill Peterson from Michigan State College, are working for the Post Office during the Christmas rush. Jim Marvin will go to the Rose Bowls on the M. S. C. special Dec. 26.

Bob Strain, Barbara Wykes, and

Jim Zeigler have come from the University of Michigan, where he is studying law. He will go to his brother's in Cleveland for Christmas day, returning to the Glenn Marvin's on the 14th. Mr. Davenport is a medical student at Wayne University, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Star-

sell, Michigan State music majors, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kristin, Mr. Stannell will go to the Rose Bowl on the special as a member of the band, which will make several stops to parade and play at cities along the way. Nancy Wykes arrived Friday from Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., and Georgia Strain from Stephens, Columbia, Mo.

Snow Community

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

All who attended the community

Christmas at Snow church Friday evening were re-deighted with the program put on by the school children and the young people of the M. Y. F. An offering of over \$100 was received for the Methodist Children's Home.

The Adult Bible class of Snow

church will hold a New Year's eve party at the hall on Dec. 31. Mrs. Alice Heische and Ernest Culp of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Higgins of Saranac and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis of

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heische,

once again Snow church has the Nativity Scene in place in front of the sanctuary and it is lighted each evening from now until New Year's.

Members of Snow M. Y. F., with

the Pastor Sid Baarda and his wife brought happiness to the various homes in this vicinity with their house to house carol singing Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kindra and

daughter Lynnette of Detroit were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blaise. They all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Grammer in Grand Rapids on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hanson and

wife of Chelsea were week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Bovee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trice of De-

Witt were Sunday callers at the George Boyenga home.

Robert Cahoon was home from

the Sunshine Sanatorium on Friday night to Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Good of Mus-

kegon were Sunday callers at the Ernest Collins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sayles and

Bobby visited at the Albert Hauserman home in Smyrna Sunday afternoon.

The Glenn Bovee family spent

Sunday evening with the Lyle Bovees in South Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cogswell

of Lansing called on his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Hatch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones entertained

relatives Sunday to a dinner honoring the 12th birthday of their granddaughter, Lois Potter.

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Season's Greetings

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

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Generous Santa Should Be Wise Selecting Toys Perhaps fewer toys, but more sturdy and usable ones are best, suggests Elizabeth Page of Michigan State College's Spartan nursery school. For ideas, investigate school supply catalogues of nursery and elementary school equipment catalogues. Children thrill to receiving TODAY'S EGG PRICES Nest Run At The Farm Large 42c dozen Brown Eggs 2 Cents Less Kleinheksel Farm Service Alto Phone 2193 McCords, Mich.

Guard Against Fire Dangers at Yule Parties This is the holiday party season. Large or small—in homes, places of business, churches, schools or other public buildings—such gatherings all have one thing in common: the threat of fire. New Year's parties can be especially dangerous. If the Christmas tree has been left up for the occasion, chances are it will be tinder-dry by that time. But a spark or flame can turn an evergreen tree into a roaring pillar of flame in a matter of seconds. Christmas greens and paper decorations that are not flame proof are fire hazards, too.

Michigan State College Seeks Slogan of Century East Lansing—How would you sum up the achievements of the future of America's ninth largest university on the threshold of its 100th year—in a few choice words. Well, your suggestions are invited. If your suggestion is used in the Centennial year, you will be honored during the university's 100th anniversary. The institution, of course, is Michigan State College which observes its Centennial year in 1955.

OUR SPECIAL New Year's Day Dinner Soup or Juice—Relish Tray Turkey—Potatoes, Gravy Dressing—Salad Vegetable Pie, Ice Cream or Sherbet \$2.00 Children under 12 1/2 price Also Chicken, Steaks, Stews, Chops

The Levee Alfred E. Roth Your SURGE Dealer

or a roomy platform? If so, Miss Page suggests a sand table or box for wintertime fun. Dampen the sand for better molding, she advises. A tumbling mat and climbing apparatus offers opportunity for children to work off excess energy indoors if basement or playroom space permits. With these things, you'll find that you do less nagging to keep children off chairs and furniture. A big bulletin board provides inexpensive fun even for a 2-year-old. Tape up his snap shots, his drawings and his magazine pictures at first. When he is older, you can thumb tack them up if you prefer.

Things in the mail says Miss Page. So you might like to subscribe to a children's magazine such as the monthly, Jack and Jill. Records are excellent gifts, too. There is now a "Records of the Month" club to which you can subscribe for the year. You receive a record each month. These records are also available at music stores if you wish to listen before you choose. A good photograph is fine for recording a child's musical interest and talent. It should play 12-inch records and be one that can be carried from room to room. The record players which are elaborately decorated to catch the child's eye are not always the best instruments. For large muscled and more active play, Miss Page suggests workshop tools. A good hammer, a 12-inch saw, broad-headed nails and soft pieces of wood provide fun. A largely sturdy packing box makes a good work bench. Both girls and boys like to hammer and saw if they have good tools with which to work. Dull or too-small tools only irritate a child, however. Workshop play requires adult supervision for safety's sake of course.

Our dancing off appears to say: "Enjoy a happy Holiday," may the season bring a wealth of cheer to stay with you throughout the year!

Merry Christmas... To the many friends we have been privileged to serve during the past year with

PATSY COAL The lazy man's fuel

We extend warmest Season's Greetings and express the sincere hope that the coming year will bring you life's richest blessings.

C. H. Runciman Co LOWELL, MICH.

Ada Community News

ADA'S CHRISTMAS TREE The beautifully decorated tree, recently placed on the town hall, is very much enjoyed by everyone. Several of our men citizens graciously gave of their time and labor in moving and setting the tree, the merchants of Ada each donated lights, and will be kept for a much larger project in the way of Christmas Spirit for next year's program. Many thanks go to all who helped in any way.

Annual Church Meeting First Congregational Church of Ada will hold their annual meeting in the church, Monday evening, Jan. 11, 1954, following a potluck supper at 7 p. m. Any one interested is welcome to the presentation—Lenna Cramton, Clerk.

Extension Group Holds Party The Egypt Valley Extension Group held their Christmas party on Tuesday evening at the Grattan Lodge Saturday evening when Merle Cramton, Past Master and Mrs. Henry Fae, were hostesses.

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Lowell Christian Reformed Gospel Service (Sunday School)

Located at the Lowell City Hall Classes for Children, Young People and Adults. Mr. Harry Boersma, Supt. Sunday, 10:00 O'Clock. Everybody Welcome

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

West Side Garage

Season's Greetings FROM HERM'S Sanitary Market YOUR COMPLETE ONE-STOP FOOD MARKET

Whites Bridge News Mrs. Nina VanOcker Mrs. Elizabeth Compton entertained the Whites Bridge bunco club last Thursday evening at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Hauserman.

Items Missed Last Week Mrs. J. Troost of Grand Rapids entertained for her daughter, Mrs. Libby Afton's birthday, Sunday Dec. 13. Those present were her husband and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton, Sr.

Ben Odland left Monday for a few days visit in Toledo, O., and Jerry Devine is attending the chares at Odland's while he is away.

Mrs. Elizabeth Compton and Claire were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernis DeGroot in Keene.

Christiansen REXALL Drug Store

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Before You Buy ANY CAR! Take the time to look at the best assortment of "Dependable Used Cars" ever offered in Lowell. All at greatly reduced prices for our year end clearance too!

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STOP MOTUS DAMAGE NOW With Berth five-year guaranteed machinery. Obsolete, colored, stainless. Rent an electric spray, Roth and Sons Co., Lowell, 635.

CLOTHING OUT SALES—Livestock—general farm or household goods sales. Let me help you plan a year's wardrobe. George Vanderbrink, Auctioneer, Phone Dutton 5171, p35

SKATE SHARPENING, SAW FILING, Retooling and gunning. Saws and shears may be left at Geo's Hardware, Lowell. Also handles put in tools. Dennis's Mower & Saw Service, 1 mile west of Lowell on M-21. Phone 9474.

Real Estate For Sale GEORGE FOOTE DELTON R. 1 Top High—\$26,100 O. R. Smeiker, Alto R. 2 There will not be a sale Friday, December 25 because of Christmas. But there will be a sale January 1, 1954.

INCOME PROPERTY for sale—At 209 King St., north of school. Half is rented. Cheap for quick sale. Call Alto 3231 for appointment. Good Things to Eat APPLES FOR SALE—Delicious. Sylvia Wagners and Snow, Rabbit Roth and Carl James, Lowell, p35

THOMPSON'S Meat and Poultry Processing G. R. "Butch" Thompson N. Washington St., Lowell Ph. 9308 or 5722

Meat in Locker Paper 3c Dressed Singed Cut Up Wrapped A COMPLETE CUSTOM MEAT AND POULTRY SERVICE FOR YOUR FREEZER, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

DECEMBER Clearance Sale of A-1 Used Cars — 50 Chevrolet Sedan, power glide trans. 50 Dodge Tudor, radio, heater 50 Ford Custom Tudor, radio, heater 1950 Plymouth Sedan 49 Mercury Tudor, radio, heater 1950 Ford Sedan 49 Ford Sedan, overdr. radio, heater, black

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Cheery GREETINGS We're wishing you a Yuletide Season just full of good things. And may all the days to follow be filled with the same ardor, good spirited happiness. Bergy Bros. Elevator Alto, Mich. These Cars Are Priced To Sell and Are Guaranteed Come in Today! TORNGA PONTIAC Sales & Service Tel. 5305 421 West Main St. Lowell, Michigan

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS The wonderful thing about Christmas is that each year, without fail, it works its miracle over again. With the approach of the Holiday Season, the spirit becomes refreshed, the heart uplifted, and the world suddenly is full of smiling people, bursting with good will towards their fellow-man. It is in this atmosphere of good cheer and brotherly love that we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Rich and Happy New Year. C. H. Runciman Co. Implement Sales Motor Sales Lowell — Clarksville — Freeport

Elmdale
Mrs. Ira Sargeant

(Last Week's Letter)
The Elmdale church of the Nazarene will have a Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 24.

The scholars of the Roseberger school are preparing their Christmas program they will give on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22. Patrons attending are asked to furnish popcorn, peanuts, or homemade candy.

Wesley Keim was a business of Ionia and who was seriously injured in an auto accident on M-21 east of Ionia, was moved via ambulance from the Ionia Memorial hospital to Blodgett hospital, later Sunday afternoon where he was put under the

care of a specialist.
Mr. and Mrs. Erin Johnson spent Monday with friends in Battle Creek.

The Christmas party and secret pal revelation of the West Canfield Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ira Sargeant last Wednesday. All members being present also three guests. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Williams in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson and family left Tuesday for Elkhart, Ind. It being their first stop enroute for Tucson, Ariz. visitor in Portland Monday.

Richard Leese of Coldwater is enjoying a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Leese.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stauffer, Wesley Keim and Mr. and

Star Corners
Mrs. Ira Blough

(Last Week's Letter)
Mrs. Nathan Yoder of Middlebury, Ind., spent a few days at the Freeman Hoffman home. On Sunday her three sons, David, Freeman and Paul and their families were Tuesday visitors at the Roger Heasley home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Eash called on Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shafter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Heasley and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Dell Scott at Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ira Blough attended the Swiss Ladies Aid Society at Lowell Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Nathan Yoder of Indiana was a Monday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Francis Seese.

Mrs. Roger Heasley and Barbara spent Monday with friends at Lansing.

Moseley-Murray Lake
Mrs. Eva Engle

(Last Week's Letter)
Mrs. Robert Winger spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs. Alice Winger in Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cardina and children of Lansing were Sunday guests at the Frank Peussieger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rich and children of Beidling spent Thursday evening at Frank Reussieger's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pratt called on his brother in a Grand Rapids hospital a week ago Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Seger of Lowell Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ford attended a gold wedding anniversary given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ford of Casnovia in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ford of Bitley.

Mr. and Mrs. True Huntwork of Marion were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kropp.

Over sixty attended the Ladies Aid at the Clare and Lloyd Ford home last Thursday. Their next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pottruff, the second Thursday in January.

Mrs. Nick Phillips and Mrs. Clayton Engle were in Ionia last Tuesday.

S. Keene-N. Boston
Mary Potter

(Last Week's Letter)
Jolly Community Club met last week Wednesday with Mrs. Dell Smit for a wonderful dinner (Christmas dinner) after which several carols were sung, then the Christmas tree and exchange of gifts, a contest was held and Mrs. Oleta Smith was winner.

Mrs. Hazel Baird will have January meeting, Hazel Baird has work prize and Mrs. Oleta Smith

and Dell Smit program.
All the Kimball children and grandchildren were at the home of their parents for a farewell party and advanced Christmas party also, as Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kimball left Sunday morning for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shores and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bergma and baby, and Allen Cousins were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shores and family.

Howard Ralmer and Herb Butterfield were Sunday afternoon guests of Frank Thompson.

Mrs. Dell Smit spent Wednesday night and Thursday with her husband at Reed City.

Louise and Geneva Barkley spent Tuesday afternoon with Lydia Krider in Ionia.

Al Reiberg of Ionia was a Sunday guest of his sister, Mrs. Ed Pratt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pratt attended funeral services for Miss Jane Boss at Lowell Monday. Miss Boss was a sister of Mrs. Tom Lyons of South Grand.

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Holiday Wishes

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

Molly Wepman and Family

MERRY Christmas

... and all good wishes for your health, happiness and success in the New Year.

Keiser's Kitchen

PETER MULDER ELMER ELLIS

Lowell, Mich

For all our good friends and patrons; may the good things of life fall on you as merrily and abundantly as snowflakes.

Bernie Bedell

Barber Shop

Our own way of saying "Thank you" to all the folks who have made this year such a happy one for us.

Lewis Electric

Lowell, Mich.

May we extend to all, every good wish for the Holidays and a New Year of peace and happiness.

Kelley's Service

Phillip's 66

Happy as these jolly little carol singers are we, in wishing all a gladome Noel and the best New Year ever.

Clark Plumbing & Heating

That very special time of year is here again — so, here's wishing you a good old-fashioned merry, merry Christmas!

LOWELL BAKERY

Lowell, Mich.

From every one of us, to every one of you, go best wishes for the fullest measure of the Season's joys.

Christmas Blessings

PEACE, contentment and good cheer—these are the blessings that we wish for our friends during Christmas and the entire New Year.

GOOD WISHES for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors ... and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house.

And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

L. W. Rutherford & Sons

Come all ye faithful...

Christmas...what a hold it has on the hearts and imaginations of man! Its spirit puts a beauty and joy into our lives so we may carry good cheer and good will wherever we go. In this spirit of deep-down gladness we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roth & Sons Co.
FUNERAL HOME — FURNITURE

Wishing you

... a beautiful Christmas and a successful New Year.

Lyle Covert
Plumbing

To wish you the JOYS OF THE SEASON

... and may the incomparable Christmas of friendship and generosity be with you throughout the New Year!

Rickert Electric
Paul Rickert

Season's Greetings

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

Highland Hill Dairy

Season's Greetings

On this joyous Christmas, we wish you prosperity... the wealth that comes with cheer, contentment, the finest treasure of faith... in yourself, in your neighbor, and in Him, whose teachings will lead us to universal peace.

Lake Odessa Livestock Auction
Allen Behler

Season's Greetings

May your Holiday Season be filled to the overflowing with surprises as joyous and welcome as the findings in a Christmas package.

Lowell Granite Co
Harold Englehardt

Greetings for the Holiday Season

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

H & H Chevrolet

Season's Greetings

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

Lowell Loan Co.

Merry Christmas

The value of our friendships is appreciated more and more as we go further and further on our business journey. To our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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CHRISTMAS JOYS

May your Christmas stocking overflow with all the joys of the Season.

May all of these delights remain with you throughout the New Year.

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

HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMAS

AND EVERY JOY IN THE COMING NEW YEAR!

Gee's Hardware

Greetings

Here is our wish to all our friends—that this may be the Merriest Christmas ever—the Happiest, Healthiest and Most Prosperous New Year of all.

Farmer's State Bank
Alto, Mich.

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Wittenbach Sales & Service

GREETINGS

Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make our New Year a Happy one.

Curtis Laundry & Dry Cleaners

Greetings

To our many friends and patrons who have made this Christmas so grand for us, we wish the Merriest Christmas of all, and a Rich and Happy New Year.

Gamble Store
Al Hermans

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Lowell Loan Co.

Season's Greetings

Times change and we with time—but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season—with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

Newell Manufacturing Company

Sincere Wishes
 The spirit of our business is a friendly one — so when better than now, during the joyous Yuletide season, to extend our heartiest wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year.

McDiarmid Iron & Metal
 Lowell, Mich.

JOY

While we give and receive gifts, let us always remember God's greatest gift to mankind. A Joyous Holiday to all.

Bill Christiansen
 Photographer

To wish you Christmas Joy

The lantern of welcome is always shining for our friends... especially at this warm, friendly time of the year. Extended with it are our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

Story & Hahn

At Christmas

May the warmth of the Yuletide spirit surround you and your loved ones throughout a bright and healthy New Year.

Cornell Lumber Co.

BEST WISHES

For a Christmas that pleasantly blends, fond memories, gladness and the enjoyment of devoted friends.

HAZEL'S HAT SHOP
 Hazel Hoag

Greetings of the Season

To all our friends, both old and new, we extend our best wishes for a Christmas of good cheer and a joyous New Year.

Boyd's Grocery
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boyd

NOEL

We've lined up to extend to you our sincerest Season's Greetings. May the bountiful joy that we wish you for Christmas be followed by an equal measure of happiness in the New Year.

Frank's 5c to \$1.00 Store

Greetings

Good health, Good fortune and Good cheer are just a few of the GOOD things we wish you for Christmas and the New Year.

Hartman Drug

With best wishes

The good will and patronage accorded us by our friends these many years are worthy indeed of our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lowell Beer Store

To Wish You a Happy Christmas

May joys beyond description be yours for Christmas and the New Year.

Ron's Shell Service
 Ron Fish

Joy AND Peace for Christmas

...and throughout the New Year. May you enjoy to the fullest all the happiness and good cheer of the season.

BOVEE BOTTLE GAS

Merry, merry Christmas

With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to our many friends the greetings of the season with joy for Christmas and good luck for the New Year.

Tonga Pontiac
 SALES & SERVICE

A Merry Christmas

Straight from the heart comes our wish to our many friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Rollins Agency
 GERALD ROLLINS

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.

McQueen Motor 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.

Christmas is here!

Just like the shape of the holly wreath — may your Holiday Happiness continue without end.

Leonard Camera Shop

Greetings at Christmas

Santa's smiling countenance lights up the world on this gay and festive Holiday. We join Santa in wishing one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GEORGE STORY & CLAUDE THORNE

EAT 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.

Paul Kellogg Vinegar Co.

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.

Betty Kay Shop

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. Our sincere thanks for your friendship is second only to the pleasure we've had in serving you. To one and all we wish a joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

Lowell Municipal Utilities

Thomas Moore, Supt. Light & Power Committee: Wm. Christiansen, Herbert Elzinga, Jack Fonger
 Harold Bazing, Austin Ingersoll, Robert Steward, Elmer Loyer, Gerald Staal
 Hugo Canner, Carl Thum, Allen Ingersoll, John Jones, Jack Staal
 Kittle Charles, Mary Walsh, Jack Fahrl, Thelma Kingsley
 Jerry Devine, Ted VanOcker, Donald Bannister, Edward Minard

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May a joyous Christmas usher in a New Year of happiness and good health for all our cherished friends.

Richmond Real Estate

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely hope that this Christmas you will receive a full share of lasting good health and happiness.

Vic's Auto Service
 Victor Clemenz

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!

Gordon B. Johnson
 MOTOR SERVICE

Merry Christmas AND A Very Happy New Year

Alexander's Standard Service
 Maurice Alexander

Greetings

On this joyous Christmas we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our patrons and business associates for their friendship — their co-operation — their loyalty during the past year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Louis Kingsley
 Oliver Farm Supply

Sincere Wishes

Midst 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.

OWEN ELLIS
 Barber Shop

ELVA TOPP
 The Vanity Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is our sincere wish that all the exciting joy and pleasant surprises of Christmas morning live with you every day of a Happy New Year.

Heim's Texaco Service

Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

Foreman Poultry Farm

Joy... Peace... at Christmas

Once more we pause to welcome to our hearts the spirit of this blessed season. May it renew the great warmth of reverent love in the hearts of all men, and may this Christmas Day herald the fulfillment of all our prayers for joy and peace to all our brothers throughout the world.

King Milling Co.

Lowell Rotary Speaker Sees Ground Observers Necessary to Defense

Staff Sgt. Donald Wirries of the U. S. A. F. and in charge of the Field Operations of the Air Defense Filter Center of Grand Rapids, was guest speaker at a recent Wednesday at the Lowell Rotary club meeting. His subject was, "The Need for the Ground Observer Corps for the Defense of our Nation."

Before introducing the speaker, Program Chairman Frank Eattisella gave a brief history of the Lowell G. O. C. Post. He stated that since its organization by Frank Stephens in February of 1952, the Lowell Post has reported close to 4,000 planes to the Filter Center.

About 150 of Lowell's patriotic citizens have volunteered their services for the important work and every day and night these men and women go on duty for two or four hours of each week. As they stand watch in that little building at Recreation Park, these observers sincerely hope they "are wasting their time", and that no enemy planes come over Lowell. However, if an enemy plane does come they are ready to flash the message to the Filter Center and know that the Air Force is ready to take instant action.

Quotes President Eisenhower
In the course of his highly informative and interesting speech, Sgt. Wirries quoted both President Eisenhower and General Vandenberg, retired chief of staff of the U. S. A. F. on the subject of air defense—its importance and vital necessity in the defense of our country.

After his talk, Sgt. Wirries asked if there were any questions. For a moment it seemed that every member, after hearing that speech, knew all the answers. Suddenly hands shot up and questions began flying. The meeting therefore, lasted way beyond the usual hour of adjournment.

A cocktail party's where people spill drinks and secrets.

When a man has to change his mind as often as a woman, he's probably married to her.

Former Lowell Athletes Meet in Korea



Left to right are A/2c Clark R. Parsons, Ronnie Collins and John Porritt, three former Lowell High School students now serving in Korea. The boys have met in that country and are enjoying many sight-seeing trips together. Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Parsons of South Boston; Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. John Porritt of Alto are the parents of John. The boys played football together while in Lowell.

Lowell News

Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Alley and children of Greenland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alley of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shaler of Saranac spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaler.

Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaler has returned home from Butterworth hospital. Also their daughter, Mrs. Patricia Winslow who has been a patient at St. Lawrence hospital in Lansing, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dowling had as guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wilcox, Roger and Rose, Mrs. Leone Perkins, and from Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dowling, Wayne Jr., Rex and Gwendolyn, and Michael Smith.

Rickie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peckham, entered Butterworth hospital Monday for observation.

V.F.W. Auxiliary Plans Activities For New Year

The V.F.W. Auxiliary to Flat River Post 8303 of Lowell held its regular meeting at the Post Clubroom on Thursday, Dec. 10, with 28 members present and President Lucile Ridgway presiding. With the conclusion of opening ceremonies, two women, Mrs. Pat Baldwin and Mrs. Phyllis Watters were duly balloted on and elected to membership in the auxiliary and Mrs. Bertha Weekes was initiated into membership after which the meeting proceeded to the business of the evening.

Chairmen reports were given and the plans for the potluck Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 17, are well on the way to completion. Youth Activities chairman, Mildred King, announced that the Poster Contest, sponsored nationally by V.F.W. Auxiliaries, for children in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades has been introduced in the Lowell School and will get under way after the first of the year. A Bingo party for residents of the Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids is being sponsored by Flat River Auxiliary of Lowell on Tuesday, Feb. 23, with Frieda Hendrick, Auxiliary Hospital Chairman, in charge. Also again on Thursday, Jan. 28, the V.F.W. Auxiliary members will participate in co-operation with the Child Study Club of Lowell in the Mothers' March for the March of Dimes Polo Drive.

With the retiring of the colors, the meeting adjourned to a delicious lunch of fruit jello, cupcakes and coffee after which the Christmas gift exchange was made and each member received a lovely surprise gift. Since the next regular meeting night would be Christmas Eve, this is the only meeting for December and the last for 1953. May every member have a Merry Christmas. Hope to see you on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the potluck Christmas party at 6:30 in the post clubrooms and at the next regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 14, 1954.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us in our sad bereavement. These kindnesses have meant much to us.
Harry Woodcock p35
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eastwood

COMING EVENTS

V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary New Year's Eve Party at Post Club Rooms for Auxiliary members and husbands and Post members and wives. Let's all welcome the New Year together. p34-35

Sweet School Christmas program will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 at the school. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

There will be a Family Night party in the Methodist Parish Hall on New Year's closing with Witch Night services in the sanctuary.

Daisy Garden Club will meet with Mrs. Ray Parker Wednesday December 30.

CARD OF THANKS
Many thanks to all my friends, the 5th grade, the Trethorn Camp Fire Group, my Sunday School class for cards and gifts sent me during my stay in the hospital.
c35 Karen Shaler.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beachum at Blodgett hospital Dec. 14, a son, Perry Scott, weighing 7 pounds and 15 1/2 ozs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Erhard Nielsen of Grand Rapids, Nov. 21, a 6 lb., 10 oz., daughter, Ann Alene. Mrs. Nielsen was formerly Betty Hill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fonger of Whitehall Dec. 19, a son, Hoyt Ralph, weighing 7 lbs., 6 1/2 ozs.

To Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hill of Wayne, a daughter Linda Jane, weighing 8 lbs., 6 ozs., on Dec. 16.

To S-Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Vandenhout of Richlands, N. C., a girl, Karen Sue, weighing 6 lbs., 9 1/2 ozs., on Dec. 14th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Snyder of Belding Dec. 21, a 5 lb., 10 oz., son, Daniel Lee.

District Committees Find Interest Growing For Rural Ag. School

The Rural Agricultural School topic is receiving considerable attention. The Citizen's Action Committee is progressing rapidly. Most districts already have people working on the Citizens Action Committee. They are: John Beattie, Clarksville; Mrs. Elwood Yoder, Freeport; Mrs. Clair Kauffman, Bowne Center; David Wingeier, Star; Charles Humphrey, Fillmore; Loren Gray, Pleasant Valley; Carl Fox, Star; Floyd Thompson, Jennings; Mrs. Howard Proctor, Fillmore; Dr. R. D. Siegel, Merriman; Freeman Hoffman, Star; Ammon Miller, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. R. A. Wittenbach, Sweet; William Dipp, Jr., Jones; Donald Kidder, Lowe; Loyd Blough, Rosenberger.

All the districts have been contacted and are studying the project. The plan is now being studied is to build a new four room elementary building in Alto to accommodate the elementary children in that area at the same time the new junior-senior high school is being built. The members of the Citizen's Action Committee have not stated whether

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Kicked up the ladder by Arthur Godfrey, Singer Julius LaRosa is earning fabulous money with engagements throughout the country and on TV. Can he remain at the top—will his success last? Read "LaRosa—TV Man of the Year?" in American Weekly with this Sunday's (December 27) issue Detroit Sunday Times.

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IN MEMORIAM
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p35 The Family

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