



Winter was officially ushered in Tuesday, December 21, with clear skies, but cold!

We also note that the Earth has been granted an indefinite reprieve from the calamitous tidal wave and utter destruction predicted for December 21, by a Chicago religious sect—word reportedly being received from outer space at 4:45 Tuesday morning.

The commonest name in the United States is Smith. The next two are Johnson and Brown. Jones is sixth. Williams and Miller rank above Jones, a surprising fact.

Just below Jones, in seventh place, is Davis—another surprise. Then comes Anderson, Wilson and Taylor, to complete the first ten. The next ten are difficult to guess. Thomas, Moore, White and Martin lead off. Then come Thompson, Jackson, Harris, and Lewis. Allen is nineteenth.

Few people could guess number twenty. It is Nelson—the name of Britain's most popular hero and also a common name among Scandinavians. Among the twenty, six names end in the syllable son.

One theory for the predominance of Smith is especially interesting. The name originally meant general mechanic or all-around engineer. In a primitive community, this useful citizen hammered out the weapons and tools on which the tribe's continued existence depended.

During a war, Smith was too valuable a man to risk at the front. He stayed home and provided, or repaired spears, swords and battleaxes—not to mention shovels, fishhooks, and kitchen knives. A muscular and healthy man, he was likely to produce also a large family of little Smiths who in turn learned to be useful mechanics, good housekeepers, and handy helpers.

This information comes from a book, People named Smith, by H. Allen Smith (Doubleday).

Engagements Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wood announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nancy Carol, to Ralph E. Brown, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Brown, 1038 Cass Ave., Grand Rapids. The wedding date has been set for Feb. 18, at the Lowell Congregational church.

Mrs. James F. Gee of Lowell, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Nancy Helen, to Cpl. John F. Porritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Porritt of Alto. Cpl. Porritt has recently returned from overseas duty in Korea. The couple both graduated from Lowell High school and attended Michigan State College.

The wedding will take place January 8, 1955, at St. Mary's church of Lowell.

Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



The children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kyser of South Boston are sponsoring an open house at the Grange hall on the 28th of December, from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening, in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kyser. All their friends are cordially invited to attend.

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Everyone Busy Christmas Week Many Programs

The annual Christmas theatre party, sponsored by the Lowell Board of Trade and Strand Theatre, was a huge success last Saturday afternoon, when over seven hundred noisy and happy youngsters were crammed in the theatre to enjoy two hours of wonderful children's movies. The children report that the pictures were super—better than TV—no commercials! And when Santa Claus arrived with popcorn and candy it was a fitting climax for a wonderful afternoon.

This event would be a wonderful subject for a moving picture itself—or just plain snapshots. But most of the men participating in regulating the proceedings reported that they were too busy to even think about a camera and preserving scenes of the affair for posterity.

In Christmas Mood?
Doesn't this cold, snappy weather really put you in the Christmas mood? We understand that the Lowell stores have been busy with eager shoppers; but that they still have fine ideas for Christmas gifts for those people who have just "remembered," and for those extra little items which help to fill out the Christmas stocking and make the tree look lovely.

Busy Day Sunday
Last Sunday was Christmas Sunday in all the churches, and they report crowded sanctuaries for the special programs planned. The vesper and afternoon special Christmas programs were all well-attended, and all those participating agree that the hard work of preparation was well worth while.

Musical at Creche
Musical programs between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening were begun Friday at the scene of the Creche on the Foreman Hatchery lawn, at the west entrance to the village. A new record player has been obtained which reproduces the tone of the recordings with a much better effect than the players used in the past, and the setting, as usual, is very effective. If you have not already visited this scene, provided for your enjoyment annually by the Garden Lore Club of Lowell, be sure to plan it some evening this week. Take the whole family. It is a wonderful experience.

P. T. A. Program
Santa arrived on schedule Monday evening, at the P. T. A. program, and distributed candy to the children. A fine audience of parents and friends were on hand to enjoy the program provided for them by the first eight grades.

Three Christmas selections were played by the Junior Band under the direction of Orval Jessup, director to open the well-rounded program, and they were very well received by the audience. Then each classroom sang a Christmas song, starting with the first grade rooms, and working up to the older classes. These selections, under the direction of John Scholten, choral director, were followed by the Tonette Class who performed in their usual inimitable manner, and were greatly enjoyed by all.

As a fitting finale, Mr. Scholten then led a combined chorus of all his groups to sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" thus ending this special program.

Bill's Annual Letter Again Arrives in Time For Christmas Edition

The following letter, penned December 20, was personally delivered to the Editor Monday morning by Bill Kerekes, a mutual friend of the Ledger staff and readers. Every year we all look forward to Bill's clever thoughts which always accompany his annual subscription renewal. Our Christmas edition would not be complete without it. We quote, in full:

"Dear Jeff:—Though tabled momentarily your notice of renewal has withstood the light of day and has been approved by the finance committee.

"In the prize ring of domestic finance to me December is the Blue Ribbon month in the Cavalcade of Bills Payable. The first of the month I waited out of my corner with an average bank roll and the glint of a cougar in my eye to be met by a stiff left from two life insurance concerns, hospital insurance, light bill and an auto license fee. Just as I was sagging to the canvas I was straightened up with a vicious right upper cut from the Lowell Township Treasurer and now Ole Kris Kringle comes a smilin'.

"I am actually caught in the silken seep of the sifting sands of distress. Fortunately for you, your bill was handed to me a few seconds before I was counted out.

"For me not to receive the Lowell Ledger each week, though it would not constitute a local hurricane, it would actually be a very hard blow.

"Please accept enclosed remittance for my renewal that we may both be happy during the ensuing year. Your Obedient Remitter, Bill Kerekes."

Railroad Man Dies Formerly of Lowell

John Barkley, 80, formerly of Lowell, passed away last Sunday, December 19, at his winter home in Missouri. Mr. Barkley was born on April 26, 1874, at the family homestead on M21, just east of Lowell; he spent his entire childhood there, moving to Owosso after his marriage.

He was employed by the Ann Arbor Railroad at Owosso for over twenty-five years, and was a railroad man all his life.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday at the Jennings & Lyons Funeral home, Owosso; interment in Owosso also.

WALTER FAMILY HOSTS TO METHODIST CHOIR

The annual Christmas party of the Lowell Methodist church choir was held at the home of their director, Bruce Walter, Wednesday evening. Over forty members, husbands and guests were present to enjoy the bounteous potluck supper; gifts were exchanged, and carols sung around the beautiful Christmas tree.

FIREMEN CALLED AS SPACE HEATER EXPLODES

The Lowell fire department responded to a call Monday morning about 10 o'clock from the Lawrence Hayward residence, 10032 Fulton road, about four miles west of Lowell. An explosion of a space heater in the living room caused the alarm; however no damage resulted.

HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON SILVER ANNIVERSARY

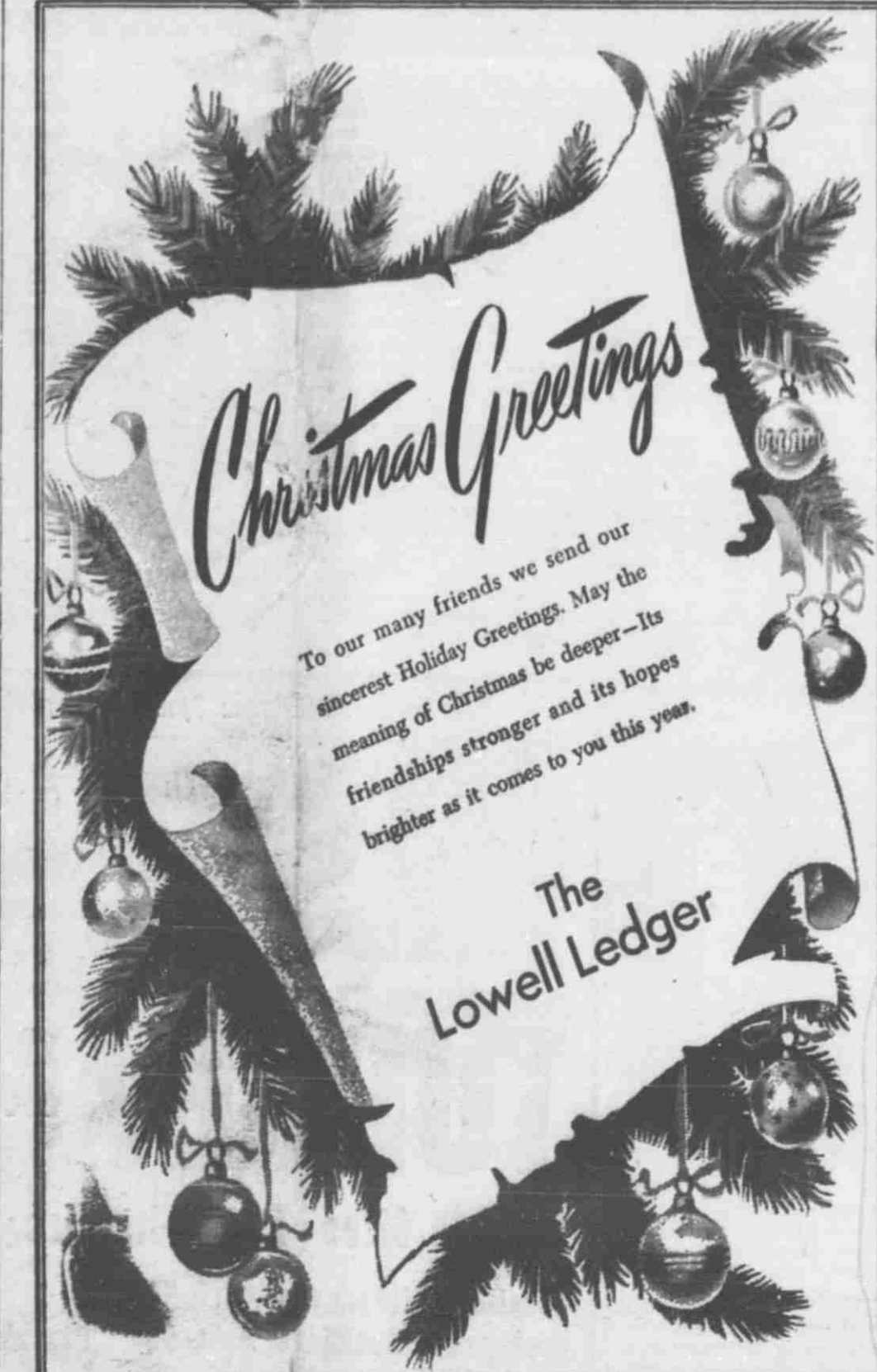
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jessup will hold open house for Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup at 721 N. Jefferson, Lowell, on Saturday, December 25, from 4:00 to 10:00 p. m., to celebrate their silver anniversary. All the friends of the Jessups are cordially invited to drop in.

NOTICE ASC COOPERATORS

Henry O. Holly, Office Manager of the Kent ASC Committee, wishes to remind the Kent ASC Co-operators who are holding their 1955 Applications for Payment, to sign and forward them to the Kent County ASC Committee, 207 Spencer Street, NE, Grand Rapids, 5, Michigan on or before December 31, 1954.

BREAKS COLLARBONE AT SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Robert Converse, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Converse of Vergennes st., Lowell, fell while playing with other boys on the school grounds in Lowell last Friday before the afternoon sessions began. He was treated by a local doctor, and taken to Grand Rapids for X-rays where it was revealed he had suffered a broken collarbone.



Christmas Concert Pleases Audience

Proud parents and friends of the members of the Lowell High school 90-voice choir and 55-piece band enjoyed a well-planned and varied program of Christmas music last Thursday at the High school gym.

Choral director, John Scholten held the rapt attention of his two choral groups for every number from the impressive 8th century professional to the very modern arrangement of the old favorite "Jingle Bells." Not to be outdone, the band under the baton of Orval Jessup, concluded the program with a variety of festive numbers and melodies, including traditional carol melodies and an arrangement of Glenn Miller "pop" tunes.

Extend Invitation to Parnell Midnight Mass

Visitors of all races and creeds will be welcome guests at the Midnight Mass this Christmas Eve at St. Patrick Church, Parnell. The ushers will seat everyone. No reserved pews. The electronic steeple chimes will play the Christmas carols for half an hour before services, and the echo chimes will repeat the carols inside the church. Special choral program by the choir.

O. E. S. News

Eastern Star luncheon and card party for all members and friends at the Masonic temple on Thursday, Dec. 30, at one o'clock. Please make reservations by the 28th with Evelyn Wittenbach, 5310 or Irene Keech, 9750. c34

Current News Items About Our Servicemen

PFC Donald L. Stuart, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stuart, R1, Clarksville, recently spent a week's leave from his unit in Korea at Kobe, one of the largest cities in Japan.

Stuart, regularly stationed in Korea as a radio operator with the 7th Infantry Division Signal Company, entered the Army in May, 1953, and arrived overseas in December of the same year.

John R. Timpson, aviation machinist's mate second class, USN son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Timpson, of R2, Lowell, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hornet which returned here Dec. 15, after an eight month "around the world" cruise.

Deploying from Norfolk, Va., on May 11, 1954, the Hornet visited Lisbon, Portugal; Naples, Italy; passed through the Suez Canal stopping at Colombo, Ceylon, and Singapore, Malayan States before joining the U. S. First Fleet late in June.

Carrier Air Group 9, composed of four squadrons of the U. S. Navy's latest jet fighter and attack bombers, was embarked in the Hornet throughout the cruise.

During the operation off Hainan Island in July, the Hornet was the flagship of Vice Admiral W. K. Phillips, USN, Commander First Fleet; and from Sept. 16 to Nov. 12, the Hornet flew the flag of Rear Admiral S. C. Ring, USN, Commander Carrier Division 1 which was the U. S. Seventh Fleet's Fast Carrier Task group in the Formosa area.

Operating from Manila Bay, Philippine Islands, the Hornet also visited Yokosuka, Japan and Hong Kong, British Crown Colony, China. Enroute to the United States from Japan, the Hornet stopped briefly at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to take part in the Dec. 7th memorial ceremonies there.

Auction Sales

Wednesday, January 5, John Mills will sell at public auction cattle and machinery on his farm 1 1/2 miles east of Saranac on the David Highway. George VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Al VanderLaan, clerk. See list in next week's Ledger.

Saturday, January 8, John Crawford will offer for sale at public auction at his farm, cattle, machinery and feed. Location is 4 1/2 miles southwest of Lowell, 3208 Timpson avenue. George VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Harry Day, Clerk. More details will be announced later.

Congregational Women Enjoy Special Program

Over seventy women of the Congregational church enjoyed a Christmas party in the parish house, last Monday evening, December 12. The Peckham group of ladies were hostesses. A Christmas worship service was presented by Mrs. Robert Hahn, with Mrs. Herbert Harris at the piano, and two girls from the Dorcas group, leading the singing.

An amusing, yet though-provoking short story was dramatized by Mrs. Charles Houseman, and three little girls, Marilyn Houseman, Sharon Walker and Peggy Hill. It was called, "How Come Christmas," by Roark Bradford.

Then the ladies went downstairs, and were served tea, and coffee, bamburg tarts, sugared doughnut holes, niblets and candy sticks, from a candle lighted table. Mrs. Martha Hall and Mrs. Norman Woon, poured.

LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS

Monday, Jan. 3, 1955, at 4 p. m., is the last day for filing nominating petitions for the village primaries. Petition blanks may be obtained from the clerk's office in the Lowell City Hall.

LOUIS W. KINGSLEY, Village Clerk.

EMIL STAUFFER SUFFERS FALL

Last week Tuesday, while doing chores on his Montcalm avenue farm, Emil Stauffer slipped on ice, and fell, cutting his face and nose, and throwing his arm out of joint at the shoulder. He also hurt his right foot. Mr. Stauffer, who is 82 years old, has always managed to get around his farm very well; many friends have called since his fall, to wish him a speedy recovery.

MRS. MERT SINCLAIR TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mert Sinclair was taken to Blodgett hospital Monday afternoon, where she was resting comfortably Tuesday morning. She is confined to an oxygen tent.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 22—7th and 8th Grade Party, 7:00 p. m.; F. A. 8:00 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 23—High School Christmas party in morning; Christmas vacation starts in afternoon.

FREE JOLLY SANTAS

Get your free Jolly Santa's Helper set at your Motorola Dealer, Williams Radio and TV, 632 N. Lafayette, Phone 9340 Lowell. Open Evenings 'til Christmas.

Post Office Has Record-Breaking Christmas Mail

Total Christmas mail through the Lowell Post Office will be twenty per cent heavier this year than usual," George Hale, Lowell Postmaster, told the Ledger Tuesday. Mr. Hale went on to say that this year the usual Christmas rush started before the fifteenth of December, indicating the patrons of the Lowell Post Office were heeding warnings that greetings and packages should be mailed early to assure delivery by Christmas.

Monday, December 20, was the heaviest day so far this year, the clerks reporting that 18,600 letter mail cancellations were dispatched. An ordinary day in Lowell Post Office consists of about 7,000 letter mail cancellations, they added.

Big Week Reported

The rush in Lowell, as we stated above, started before the fifteenth, and for the eight-day period from Monday, December 13, through Monday, December 20, 76,000 cancellations were handled. Parcel post for this same period was also much heavier than usual.

Three temporary city carriers have been hired by the local office to handle the delivery of the extra load.

Mail Addressed Wrong

The local office has been flooded with mail for parties living adjacent to Lowell routes, namely, Ada, Alto, Saranac, Clarksville and Belding. This mail, all greeting cards sent third class, cannot be forwarded without authority, and therefore it is being held in the local post office. Persons of these communities, suspecting that they may have mail of this type may obtain it by calling at the Lowell Post Office, or addressing a card to George Hale, Postmaster, authorizing the forwarding of this mail to you, with forwarding postage due. Most of these people have Lowell phone numbers, and the senders of the mail wrongly assume that the mail therefore should be sent to a Lowell route.

Holiday Hours

The Post Office will be closed on Christmas day, in observance of the national holiday; and on Friday, December 24, service will be limited to sale of postage only after twelve noon, with all windows closing at 4:00 p. m. However, mail will be dispatched as usual on both days.

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Christmas in Washington

Betty, our two sons, Mike and Jack, and your Congressman regrettably will not be in Michigan for the Holidays. The family is in the Nation's Capitol so Dad can get ready for the new session of the Congress. Nevertheless at this sacred season may all of us join with your other friends in saying "Merry Christmas" to you and yours.

The story of Bethlehem—the newly born and the star—is one old-told, but one that never grows old. It is the great story in which all of us can and do find common ground and identical purpose.

Lloyd Miller Chairman Annual Party



Wednesday the high school celebrated the close of school for the Christmas season by having an afternoon-long Christmas party and dance, sponsored by the Student Council. This year, as in recent years, instead of exchanging small gifts the student body put the money which would have been used for these gifts in a collection which is to be turned over to the VFW to help fill the Christmas baskets that organization annually distributes to the needy families of the community.

Lloyd Miller, the Student Council member in charge of the Christmas party, is this week's Teen-of-the-Week. Lloyd who is 17, has born to Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Miller of Clarksville on March 12, 1937. After receiving his elementary education at c34-35 Jennings school, he entered Lowell as a freshman with the class of 1955. He has been an F. F. A. member for two years, and has participated one year each in cross-country and baseball. This year he is the representative from the senior class to the Student Council. Last fall he was Master of Ceremonies at the Homecoming Game. He also is one of the group of Junior and Senior boys who have been selected by the Lowell Rotary Club to attend their meetings as Junior Rotarians. His other activities include duty as president of the Boys' Club at the Calvary Brethren Church in Alto.

Our Congressman Writes About Jailed Airmen

By Gerald R. Ford, Jr., M. C.

The United States and 46 other members of the United Nations have rightfully condemned Red China for holding 11 American airmen in jail in direct violation of the terms of the Korean Armistice. Only Soviet Russia and 4 nations behind the Iron Curtain defended the illegal action of the Chinese Communist regime. By an overwhelming vote the head of the U. N. was instructed to seek the immediate release of these U. S. airmen who were shot down behind the lines while on a military mission during the Korean War.

In the last few days there have been suggestions made from various authoritative sources that the U. S. release 35 Chinese detainees for the return of American military and civilian personnel now held by the Chinese Reds. Should the problem be resolved in this manner?

Here is a bit of necessary background information on this proposal. When Communist China entered the Korean War there were approximately 4500 Chinese students in the U. S. About 450, or ten per cent of these students chose to return to China and the United States has let all but 35 leave for their homeland. The 35 Chinese who the U. S. will not release are scientists and technicians whose knowledge gained here might help Red China militarily and possibly endanger our own national security. These Chinese who want to go back are not imprisoned in this country. They must, however, regularly report their whereabouts to the U. S. immigration authorities. Legally under existing federal laws our government has every right to keep the 35 in the U. S. if it is determined to be in the national interest.

On the other hand it is accurately estimated that Red China still holds 2840 United Nations prisoners of war, some of whom are undoubtedly Americans, but most are likely South Koreans. In addition the Red Chinese regime is holding 28 American civilians in jail, plus 3 priests, who are under limited arrest. Another 11 American civilians have been unable to get permission to leave Red China, though not technically under arrest. Finally there are the 11 Air Force fliers and the two civilians who recently received prison sentences as alleged spies.

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School to Have Parties
Room mothers will work with teachers to give each room of Cascade school No. 4 its own Christmas party Friday morning.

Accept Bid on Bonds For School Addition
Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis were the winners among five bidders who submitted written bids to the board of Cascade school No. 4 Monday night.

Cascade Locals
Mr. and Mrs. Sol Wamroy left last week Tuesday to spend the winter in Florida, going first to the west coast.

Wishing you
ALL THE JOYS OF THE SEASON
GOOD HEALTH • GOOD FRIENDS
GOOD LUCK • GOOD CHEER
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Christiansen's Rexall Drug Store

Chimes to Ring
The chimes of Cascade Christian church will play Christmas music each evening this week from 6:30 to 7 o'clock.

Here's How to Get CASH for all your Christmas Shopping
If you are short of cash, Lowell Loan's plan makes it easy for you to get extra cash during this holiday season.

Lowell Loan Company
"Cash When You Need It"
Open Fridays 'til 8:00 P.M.
Closed Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.
Phone 9907 W. Main St.
LOANS OF \$20 to \$450 OR MORE

Cascade Community News

MRS. ROGER WYKES, JR.—PHONE 94-8503

BICYCLIST STRUCK FRIDAY MORNING
Philip Haight, 13, 4939 Cascade street, was struck by a car Friday morning before daylight as he was riding his unlighted bicycle along the highway.

MR. STARKE RECALLS EARLY DRAIN DISPUTE
The recent installation of the new larger drain along US31 at Cascade recalls to one life-long resident a time around the turn of the century when drains along the same road were the subject of a great dispute.

MR. PATTERSON LOST HOOPER AT LEAST TEMPORARILY
The driver of the car, Fred Houseman, 36th St., was passing two cars going toward town, when young Haight, who was ahead of the cars and invisible to the driver, suddenly swung across the highway to the left side, directly in front of him.

CASCADE OBSERVERS CITE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS
Thornapple Ground Observer Corps observation post is in need of volunteers. Post Supervisor Hollis Parker announced this week Mr. Parker stressed that there is a continuing need for ground observers at Cascade.

Legal voters of the district at a special meeting October 23 authorized the school board to borrow not to exceed \$40,000, and to issue bonds, and to increase the millage by not more than five mills over 20 years.

House Being Moved
The Stephen DenHouten house 6500 block Cascade Rd. is being moved to a lot on Burton St. west of the school, to allow room for the sharp curve on U. S. 16.

Fire Department Notice
If there is any household in Cascade township which has not received the card bearing the new single number of the Cascade Fire Department, Fire Chief Sybrant Dykhouse asks them to see or call him as soon as possible.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert C. Barnard will spend the Christmas week end with Mrs. Barnard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. George O. Taylor, Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Barnard will conduct the Christmas Eve family service at Cascade Christian church, Rev. Lester C. Doerr will have charge of the Sunday morning service.

Rex Kingsland is building an addition to his hardware store on 26th street. Of Wyrite block with a steel roof, the fireproof building will double the floor space and make possible a more extensive stock of hardware, with cases for greater accessibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robert and daughter of Cotulla, Tex., are spending a few days with Mrs. Robert Dalstra and other relatives in the vicinity. Mrs. Dalstra spent Sunday with them at the home of her mother, Mrs. Belle Simons, in Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and sons Tim and Terry of Battle Creek visited her sister, Mrs. Ray Alexander and family, Sunday. Mrs. B. B. Bushong and daughter Alice of Traverse City were Friday overnight guests at the Ray Barber home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schneider Jr. Gretchen Hahn is flying in Wednesday night from Norfolk, Va. to spend the Christmas holidays. Other guests of Mrs. Hattie Peckham and the Robert Hahns will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peckham and children of Ann Arbor and the Victor Peckham family of Pittsburg.

Miss Phyllis Gladfelter is home from Northwestern University to spend the Christmas vacation, all to spend the Christmas holidays. Other guests of Mrs. Hattie Peckham and the Robert Hahns will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peckham and children of Ann Arbor and the Victor Peckham family of Pittsburg.

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Merry Christmas
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Alto Community News

Alto Local
Emergency surgery for removal of her appendix and gall bladder was performed on Mrs. R. D. Bancroft at Butterworth hospital Saturday night. Reports from her today (Monday) indicate that she is coming along very well considering the seriousness of the operation. She was able to eat dinner Monday and seemed to be feeling fairly well, when Jeanne visited her.

Miss Joan Aert's room will present a Christmas program in their room at the Alto School on Thursday afternoon. All parents of the Primary pupils are most cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pattison entertained their son, Edward and wife of Holland and brother Frank Pattison and wife of Grand Rapids for dinner Sunday. The Edward Pattisons were afternoon callers of the Wayne Schroders in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sherry and son Mike of Grand Rapids were Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Eunice Courter. Mrs. Alan Courter and son Mark of Sturgis spent the week end with her.

Mrs. Anna Fairchild, Mrs. V. L. Watts, Mrs. Minnie Bouck and Mrs. Curtis Floyd enjoyed a luncheon Friday noon at the home of Mrs. Fred Pattison honoring the birthday of Mrs. Florence O'Harrow. A beautiful birthday cake featured the luncheon. Guests left Mrs. O'Harrow several pretty and useful gifts for her enjoyment.

Friends of Willis Gilman were sorry to learn that he entered Sunshine sanitarium Monday for an indefinite stay. While he is there let's all remember him with cards and calls as often as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green and family entertained the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green, near Lowell for dinner Sunday.

Douglas Courter of Grand Rapids is visiting his grandparents, Mrs. Eunice Courter also his little cousins, Jerri and Stevie Courter of Elm Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strouse of Hastings visited their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Blocher, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sterzick entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their son Amos, Jr. Guests went with their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Floyd Hunt, Judy and the latter's fiancé all of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers at the home of Mrs. Robert Vidvol and baby of Grand Rapids, were guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Leo Blocher, and her husband at a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday. Miss Harriet Haigt of Whitehall, a niece of Mr. Blocher's who is visiting relatives in this vicinity, was also a dinner guest.

Mrs. Mrs. Roland Depew and Roger attended the meeting of Kent Pomona Grange at Carlisle Grange Thursday night. An especially interesting part of the program was an interview with a Japanese war bride, who has been in this country only 11 months and who told about Holiday customs in her native Japan.

Frederick Pitsch was operated on Monday morning at Blodgett hospital to repair damage to his right leg which was injured November 23 when he suffered a fall while at work at the General Motors Stamping Division of Huber, Hunt & Nichols, Inc., of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lettie Shilling of Fremont, Ohio, was a recent visitor of her mother, Mrs. Florence O'Harrow at the Pattison home. They were Tuesday evening supper guests of Augusta White and Loren Bowen of Saranac.

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Doctor Has Busy Day
Saturday seemed to be a day of treating accidents for our local doctor, H. D. Smith. Ray Rittenger of South Lowell was sharpening an axe when it slipped, nearly severing a finger. The doctor dressed this wound and then was called to the home of Mrs. Sam Geigle of Gov. Lake, who had broken her right arm in a fall. The fracture just above the wrist was set and Mrs. Geigle is now waiting for the arm to mend.

Logan Lake Farm Bureau
Lagan Lake Farm Bureau employed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Layer for their annual Christmas party Friday evening. Eighteen members were courageous enough to venture out on the icy roads and they were well rewarded as the evening was one of genial good will and cheer, the highlight of which was the exchange of gifts.

Grangers Meet
The Grangers who "slipped" over to the hall Friday evening had a very pleasant time, although not many cared to get out in the storm. All enjoyed the adequate potluck supper and the exchange of gifts which followed the supper. The next meeting on Jan. 7 will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yetter.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank everyone who so kindly remembered me during my stay in the hospital and since my return home.

Arthur Porritt

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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.

Hahn's Hardware

At Christmas

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

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BEST WISHES

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

HAZEL'S HAT SHOP

Hazel Hoag

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.

Molly Wepman and Family

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 Store

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

Peace for Christmas

May joys beyond description be yours for Christmas and the New Year. May you enjoy to the fullest all the happiness and good cheer of the season.

Ron's Shell Service
Ron Fish

BOVEE BOTTLE GAS

A Merry Christmas

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

Heim's Texaco Service

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.

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.

Frank's 5c to \$1.00 Store

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Leonard Camera Shop

To wish you the JOYS OF THE SEASON

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

Vic's Auto Service
Victor Clemenz

Christmas is here!

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

Gamble Store Al Hermans

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

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

GEORGE STORY & CLAUDE THORNE

Greetings

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

Richmond Real Estate

Season's Greetings

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

Lowell Granite Co.
Harold Englehardt

GREETINGS

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

Highland Hill Dairy

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.

Clark Plumbing & Heating

MERRY Christmas

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

Rickert Electric
Paul Rickert

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

Merry Christmas AND A Very Happy New Year

Lyle Covert
Plumbing

Greetings

Approaching the close of another year, we pause to weave into the happiness of Christmas time our appreciation for all the good will and cooperation that has been extended to us by our many friends and patrons.

To everyone we send our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

ROTH & SONS CO.
Furniture—Funeral Home

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swart of Grand Rapids spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Courtright.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Svoboda entertained with a Christmas party Saturday night for her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hoekzema who is in the navy and stationed at Sanford, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harter and daughter Pam were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orison Weaver.

Mrs. Grace Whaley, Ada librarian wishes to thank the Ada Girl Scouts Troop 48 for their beautiful Christmas wreath made by them and their leader, Mrs. Warren Rich.

Orvie Kellogg was admitted to Blodgett hospital last week Wednesday where he underwent surgery. He is getting along nicely and expects to be home in a few days.

Mrs. Lucy Griswold, who lives at the Ray Averill apartment, submitted to surgery at Butterworth hospital last week.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will have their Christmas party Dec. 23 at 7:30 p. m. They plan to go caroling, using a truck for transportation, then return to the Ada Town hall for refreshments and games.

Mrs. Eliza Faulkner is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Nelson on Snow Ave.

GREETINGS

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

Newell Manufacturing Co.

Peace... Good Will...

Simple words—yet how deep is their significance to-day! In these few words is recaptured all the soaring glory and spiritual beauty of Christmas. We know it is the hope highest in all hearts at this time and in greeting all our friends we express our message with the sincerity of a prayer—

"May the Messed Peace of Christmas be yours forever
May the spirit of Good Will prevail over all."

Lowell Municipal Utilities

Thomas Moore, Supt. Light & Power Committee: Herbert Elzinga, Jack Fonger, Dr. McKay

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Ada Community News
MRS. TOM MORRIS—PHONE ADA 4831

EGYPT EXTENSION GROUP ENJOYS ANNUAL PARTY

The Annual Christmas party of the Egypt Extension Group was given Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, in the Egypt Grange dining room, the hostesses were Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mrs. Ethel Van DerWeef and Mrs. Erma Summers.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the usual fixings was served to the twenty-four members. The tables were lovely in their Christmas decorations.

The tree, laden with Secret and Pal gifts together with several games were enjoyed and the revealing of Secret Pala and their lovely gifts, greatly cleared up unsolved mysteries to many happenings of the past year. Mrs. Ann McCall was the entertainment chairman.

The next Extension meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1955 at 11:30 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Knapp Lamphear, lesson on "Curtains and Draperies."

Mrs. Belle Toyler and Mrs. Mabel Gross will give the lesson.

GENE DIETZ INJURED WALKS INTO SCHOOL BUS

Gene Dietz, 6 son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dietz of Ada, suffered scalp lacerations and bruises Thursday morning when he walked into the side of a moving school bus near his home. Gene was apparently looking behind him at an oncoming car, and walked into the path of the bus, driven by George Cook, 41, of Grand River Drive.

Basketball News

The Ada High Basketball team played another scrimmage with Oakview at Ada, on Wednesday, December 8, 1954. Again, Ada won with a score of 86-58.

The Ada High Basketball team played their first regular game on Friday, December 10, 1954, with Burr Oak at Ada. The teams were evenly matched, but again, Ada won with a score of 38-15.

Twin Girls Honored

Mrs. Florence and Miss Nellie VanderPeeri were hostesses at a baby shower given last week, honoring the twin girls, Mary Alice and Marie Pauline, born December 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Grand Rapids. The little ladies received ratty dainty and lovely gifts. The hostesses served refreshments to 14 guests following games and opening of gifts.

Nathan Nesley of Buttrick rd., Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cramson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson enjoyed a Christmas get-together party with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris Saturday night, Dec. 21 at the home of Mrs. Gordon Svoboda. They went caroling after which they returned to the Svoboda home for refreshments.

Mrs. Orvie Kellogg was dinner guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. John Krum at McCordie last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hattrick and daughter of Cascade were Sunday evening callers at the Kellogg home.

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One tiny leak in your home can waste precious water at the rate of 200 gallons a day—more than 72,000 gallons a year.

Holiday Greetings

We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile.

We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

L. W. Rutherford & Sons

Season's Greetings

As the Holiday Season and a New Year approaches and we are about to close our books for another year, we recall with gratitude the real friendliness and consideration that all of our customers have shown us during the past year.

We hope we shall have the privilege of serving all of you for many years to come.

In the meantime, a Joyful Holiday to you and may all the good fortune be yours in the New Year.

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| C. H. Runciman, President | In the meantime, a Joyful Holiday |
| H. J. Englehardt, Vice President | to you and may all the good |
| Harry Day, Executive Vice President and Cashier | fortune be yours in the New Year. |
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Season's Greetings



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

King Milling Company

COMING EVENTS

The December meeting of the Past Noble Grand Club will be held Monday December 27, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Wm. Huffman, with Mrs. Lewis Jones co-hostess. This is the revealing of the secret-pals meeting.

St. Rita's will meet with Mrs. Stanley Rathbun, Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 8 p. m. Each member bring a 50c gift.

Attention Lowell High School students and classes of 1952, '53 and '54. Free New Year's Eve Cotton Ball at City Hall 10:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m. Orchestra, confetti, balloons, lunch. p34-36

Open Bowling Wednesday 9 to 11 p. m.; Friday and Saturday 7 to 11; Sunday 3 to 10. Also, free instructions Wednesday and Friday evenings. Special rates for teenagers, group of 20 or more. e30tf

Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Regular Cub Scout Pack meeting was held Monday evening in the Methodist Parish Hall, and the boys displayed and presented to their folks the gifts which they have been making for their December project. Gifts between the pack-members were also exchanged, and Cubmaster Gerald Rollins was presented with a gift from the boys. Treats were distributed to the children, and the meeting disbanded early in order to allow all to attend the P. T. A. program in which most were participating.

Walter Family Program

The Deborah group of the Congregational church held their regular December meeting Monday evening also, beginning at 9 o'clock. Special feature of this meeting was the presentation of a special program on Christmas carols by seven members of the Bruce Walter family. Mrs. Walter gave a short explanation of the origination and grouping of carols, and 12 selections were presented in vocal quartets, trios and solos, ending with an instrumental medley, and a finale by the entire group.

Over 30 members of the Deborah group were present to enjoy this special program after which refreshments were served. Mystery sisters were later revealed, and new names for the coming year were drawn. As many of the ladies had previously attended the cub pack meeting, and P. T. A. program, this was a busy, busy day!

Wing Mirror

Recently introduced is a wing mirror that can be attached to the rear-view mirror of an automobile to give much wider coverage to the road behind. It is said to eliminate the blind spots to both the right and the left side of the car, and is attached by means of turnbuckles and clamps.

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Lowell News

Connie and Kay Williams of Grand Rapids spent several days of last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Schneider. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bauman and children of Elkton visited Sunday at the George Boyenga home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mead of Mulliken and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin of Vermontville called on Mrs. F. A. Gould, Sunday and she accompanied them to the Olin home to call on Mrs. Linda Loucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Brillhart, Dan Wingeier and daughter Joan and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hale attended the Shrine Christmas dance at the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids, Saturday night.

Mrs. Ethel Beachum, a former resident of Lowell, was initiated into the White Shrine of Jerusalem at the Masonic Temple in Ionia, Thursday evening. Mrs. C. E. Radford and Mrs. George Hale attended the initiation service.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young were Sunday dinner guests of the Grant Balkema in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Weeks entertained the Star Farm Bureau group Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hale entertained the Amaranth Social Club, twenty in number Sunday night.

Miss Lois Bieri has completed her three months of training in Chicago and has returned to Blodgett hospital.

Mrs. Louise Schneider and Robert called Sunday on John Williams at Butterworth hospital where he recently underwent surgery.

Mrs. Esther Arnold of Grand Rapids and little daughter visited Saturday afternoon in Keene with her mother Mrs. Carl Jensen. Mrs. Arnold has been employed the past several weeks at St. Mary's hospital, but has resigned because of illness.

Mrs. Mary Oneal is ill at her home on North Hudson.

Christmas Trees Are Dangerous

There are lots of do's and don'ts published at Christmas-time, and Fire Chief Frank Baker heartily approves of a list of twelve recently published by the firemen of Jackson, Michigan, regarding the handling of the most-necessary but most-hazardous Christmas tree.

List of Precautions

1. Buy a fresh tree. Be careful of trees described as "fire-proof." Chief Baker says he knows of no effective fireproofing of trees.
2. Keep the tree in a cold place until you're ready to set it up.
3. Saw off diagonally at least an inch of trunk and keep the tree standing in a container of water when you put it up. Be sure the container always has water.
4. Keep the tree well away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets, strong electric lights or other sources of heat.
5. Never use candles for lighting. Use only electric lights—and first, check them carefully for defective wires or sockets.
6. Be careful not to overload an electric circuit with the tree lights.
7. Turn off the tree lights if there's to be no one in the room for any length of time. Never leave the house with the tree lights on.
8. Use noncombustible decorations.
9. Be sure metallic icicles or other decorations don't touch light sockets.
10. Don't operate trains or other electric toys under the tree; they might cause sparks.
11. Move the tree lights if the tree needles near the bulbs turn brown. When the needles start falling in large numbers, get rid of the tree.
12. Dispose of the old tree outdoors. If you burn it, be sure the area is safe from harm. Don't burn the tree in the furnace, stove or fireplace. A dry tree burns with almost explosive violence.

A Ledger want ad gets rid of those "don't wants".



We extend our warmest greetings to you and your family. May you spend the Yuletide season in the merry atmosphere of fine old fashioned Christmas cheer.

Radio Service Company
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Season's Greetings



Easy Terms

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Mrs. Melvin Court

Court.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Monks received word Thursday from Jim

Monks of Saranac he had a slight stroke and is in the Osteopathic hospital in Grand Rapids.

The U. B. Church will have their Christmas tree and program Sunday evening at 7:30, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald spent Sunday in Three Rivers with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stinton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Beathy and new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Huver spent last week end with relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nesbitt of Grand Rapids, were Thursday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin

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MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL

With our greetings of the Season goes our sincere wish that during the coming year we may again enjoy the pleasure of your friendship and good will.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller on December 19, at Columbia hospital, Milwaukee, a son, weighing 8 pounds. Mr. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Merrill of Watervliet a 9 lb. 2 oz. daughter, on Dec. 19.

IN MEMORIAM

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

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The Christmas program scheduled for Thursday night at Thomas school, has been cancelled because of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Klahn are spending a few weeks with their son Carroll, and wife in Warsaw, New York.

Mrs. Floyd Yetter was a dinner guest of Mrs. Roger Wykes, of Cascade, at the Grand Rapids Women's City Club Friday.

The Francis Campau family enjoyed their first Christmas par-

ty of the year at the Peter Buth home in Grandville. One of the Buth girls and Robert Campau are entertaining the measles.

Wing Mirror

Recently introduced is a wing mirror that can be attached to the rear-view mirror of an automobile to give much wider coverage to the road behind. It is said to eliminate the blind spots to both the right and the left side of the car, and is attached by means of turnbuckles and clamps.

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