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## Elzinga Retires From Council; Contest for Clerk



Herbert Elzinga, veteran councilman with seven years service to the village as a trustee, has announced that he will not seek re-election in the primary election scheduled for February 14. When talking to the Ledger earlier this week, Mr. Elzinga stated that he felt more citizens of the community should be urged to take part in village government, and by retiring he will give the opportunity to some other qualified person to take over this important civic duty.

As of this date we have not heard of any petitions circulating for Mr. Elzinga's position; however, there is still plenty of time to meet the deadline of 4:00 p. m. Monday, January 3, 1955, when all petitions must be filed with Village Clerk Louis Kingsley; only nine signatures are needed on a petition to place a name on the primary ballot. Blanks may be obtained from Mr. Kingsley at his office in the city hall.

### Contest for Clerk

Three petitions are already circulating for the position of Village Clerk, the only contest indicated at this time. They are Louis Kingsley, incumbent, who was elected to this position in 1949; Mrs. Lylla Johnson, first woman council member, and widow of former Village Clerk L. E. Johnson, and who has served Lowell township as treasurer for many years; and Mrs. Laura Shepard, widow of Dr. B. H. Shepard, with ten years of experience in business, legal and governmental offices both federal and state.

### Seeking Re-election

Petitions are being circulated for re-election of trustees Jack Fonger and Carl Munroe, President W. A. Roth and Assessor Harold Jefferies.

### Current News Items

#### About Our Servicemen

Mrs. Donna Starbald and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Merilu Lasby, left last Wednesday morning for Tucson, Arizona, to spend the holidays with Al Allan Lasby. Allan has just returned from service in England, and will now be stationed at Davis Monahan Air Base, near Tucson. Mrs. Lasby will remain at Lowell, and Mrs. Starbald will return home in a few days.

### 2nd Lt. Howard Rittenger Is Spending a Sixteen Day Leave in Lowell with his Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rittenger. Howard is stationed at Quantico, Va., where he is attending a Marine Corps school.

New address: A-63 James E. Nead AF 16471756, C4-USAF Hospital 9650 Sampson AFB, Geneva, N. Y.

### BARGAINS!

Bargains, going out of business, everything must go, Friday will be the last day open for business. Second hand store east of Strand Theatre.

## Lowell Takes Ionia in Exciting Game

### Next Contest at Lee on January 7

In the last game before the Christmas holidays the Lowell Red Arrows met the Ionia Bulldogs on the court here and really battled it out. The game, a non-conference meet, finally ended up with a victory for the Lowell team after things were tied up for one exciting spell in the last quarter. The final score was 45 to 42.

Both Baird and DeVries tied for high point honors with the total of 10 points each, followed by Rinaud and Wood with 9 and 8 respectively. It is surprising, but nobody pilled up the usual 18 or 20 points, a fact which indicates the good game played by both teams.

The game was broadcast "blow by blow" you might say, on tape

## Acquire All Interests in Library Property

Village Attorney R. M. Shivel informed the village council this week that the Earnest Graham estate in Chicago has accepted the village's offer of \$1,500 for their interest in the Library building. Early last month the other heirs of the building who held the major interest in the building gave the village their title to the building.

## Village to Handle Refuse Pick-up

At an informal meeting of the village council on Monday it was agreed that garbage and refuse pick-up should be taken over by the village on February 1st when Donald Conrad's contract expires. The village will acquire land to use for sanitary fill and a modern garbage-packer truck that will give Lowell the most efficient service possible.

Mr. Conrad had informed the council at a previous meeting that he would be unable to continue picking up garbage and refuse at the 1954 contract price of \$10,000 and he would continue if the village would sign a two-year contract at \$12,000 per year.

The village will add one extra man to the street department and with this new equipment expects to be able to handle the garbage and refuse collection. There may be some changes in the way cans, bottles and ashes will be handled and such details will be announced before the municipal service is put in effect.

## Surprised on Birthday Also 35th Anniversary

A pleasant surprise was awaiting Mrs. John Wheat last Friday evening when she returned home from last-minute Christmas shopping. She found all her family waiting there to wish her a happy birthday, and a lovely supper ready to be served. Mr. and Mrs. Wheat were married 35 years ago on this date, so the celebration was really a double one.

The complete surprise was accomplished by her husband and all the others present; Jim and Marion Wheat, and 2 children; Phil and Sharlene Wheat and 4 children; Olive and Bill Cook and 2 children; Dan and Evelyn Free and 2 children; George and Alice Meunier and son; Mary Lou, Virginia and Doris Wheat; Delmer Carlson and Mrs. Wheat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Johnson.

## Methodist Church Plans Watch-Night Service

A Family Watch Night Service will be held at the Methodist Church on New Year's Eve. At 8:30 there will be a period of recreation in the Parish Hall, featuring colored slides showing activities about the church this past year, taken by various members of the congregation. This will be followed by a chill supper prepared and served by the committee. As midnight approaches a worship service will be held in the sanctuary, led by the Rev. Phillip Grottelty.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and make this year's celebration a family affair. Come at whatever hour is convenient, and bring along some table games or any slides you may have of church activities.

## 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 advertisement in this week's Ledger.

Saturday, January 8, John Crawford will offer for sale at public auction, his farm, cattle, machinery and feed. Location is 4 1/2 miles southwest of Lowell, 3205 Timpanon avenue. George VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. See list in next week's Ledger.

## Seconds Win Also

The second team fared as well as the first string, piling up a 54-43 victory over the Bulldogs reserves. Grummet and Abel led the high point men with 11 points each, followed by Collins with 9.

Both first and second teams will play their next game, a conference meet, with Lee High School in the Lowell gymnasium on Jan. 7. All parents, friends, and fans of the Lowell club are invited to follow the Red Arrows—Cary Stiff.

## Moose, Legion and V. F. W. Bring Christmas Cheer to Many



Pictured above left to right are Bernard Kropf, Gerald Rollins, David Clark, Jr., and Kenneth Pletcher, making a final check of 28 boxes containing a week's supply of groceries, which were distributed to needy families in this area last Friday. This annual project sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars has served to make a Merry Christmas possible in many homes where it would have been rather gloomy otherwise. As you can see in the picture, toys were also included in the gift boxes.



Santa Claus and his helpers, all Lowell Moose members, are pictured above before setting out Friday in three trucks to visit 74 needy families in Lowell and Vergennes districts. One truck carried toys for 130 children; another carried boxes of Christmas dinners for a family; and the other was loaded with toys which had been collected and repaired during the past few weeks. Among those receiving were 38 pensioners, who were given dinners. Workers pictured are, from left to right: John Mingas, Richard Nead, Governor of Lowell Lodge, Chet Jones, Cliff Van Ocker, Charles Baird, Santa, Richard Baird, Bill Priebe and Chancey Boyce.



## Ice skating plans were sadly weakened by the mild weather over the Christmas week. Work had already begun last week to prepare the necessary ice base for skating but it now appears that this holiday fun will have to be discontinued until later in the winter.

Sorry, kids!

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## Better Egg Prices

After a dismal year in 1954, prices of eggs are expected to be relatively higher through most of 1955. This price increase is expected, in turn, to increase supplies of eggs and hence bring lower prices in December 1955.

## Turkey Profit Down

The turkey-feed ratio is less favorable than last year. Agricultural economists predict a reduction of 10-15 per cent in turkeys raised in the U. S. in 1955.

## Boost Bean Prices

Michigan growers of navy pea beans will look at the price outlook with mixed reactions. The supply of beans is short and the price will be higher than last year. On the other hand they will have fewer to market. The late fall rains caused an estimated \$10 million loss.

## See Lower Wheat Price

Farm prices for wheat in Michigan will be about 20 cents under the loan value for the remainder of the 1954-55 season. If prices approach the loan value—ranging from \$2.18 to \$2.34 in Michigan—growers will start to sell.

## Farmers who have wheat in good condition and in good storage will find it advantageous to use the government support program. The application deadline is January 31. For 1955—support prices will be not less than \$2.06. If yields on the allotted 55 million acres are average, the production will equal the quantity of wheat used and exported this past year.

## James Monks, 81, Dies; Lived in Lowell, Saranac.

James Monks, a resident of this area for many years, died Thursday morning at Grand Rapids Osteopathic hospital, at the age of 81. He had been taken to the hospital only a week earlier, suffering from a stroke.

Mr. Monks, who was born in Saranac, lived in this area all his life except for a period when he homesteaded in Saskatchewan, Canada, returning in 1918, to purchase his parents' farm, the Miles Monks property on Grand River drive four miles west of Lowell. Here he engaged in the logging business, as had his father; later he sold his home in Saranac, where he resided until his illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Morris Funeral home, Saranac, with burial in Saranac cemetery.

Mr. Monks is survived by a brother Guy, of Lowell; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Wolfert of Saranac and Mrs. Alice Miller of Fallbrook, California; four nieces, Mrs. Vera Antonides, Snow district, and Mrs. Marian Rutherford, Mrs. Wilma Falchild and Mrs. Norma Watrous all of Lowell; and one nephew, Clayton Wilkinson of Birmingham, Michigan.

## BOOK CLUB ENJOYS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Monday Book Club held its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 19, with dinner at the Fallsburg Inn. Everyone enjoyed singing carols, and gifts were exchanged.

New Year's Eve Dance at Turk Lake, Friday Night, Dec. 31, 6 Miles N. of Greenville on M-91. Mixed Dances Bollock's Orchestra, also dances Every Saturday Night.

## A SURE WAY TO SELL what you no longer use. Advertise in the Lowell Ledger.

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## Four Injured in Wreck Thursday; Two Cars Burn

When the Lowell Fire Department answered a call Thursday evening about 7:15 from the Mid-Way station, just four miles west of Lowell on M-21, they found two cars burning as a result of an automobile accident. Sheriff's Deputy Frank Stephens, who had also responded to the fire alarm, immediately investigated the mishap in which four were injured and taken by Roth ambulance to Blodgett hospital for treatment.

The injured were three children of Mrs. Clyde Wolfe, 10000 E. Fulton road, Ada, driver of one of the cars involved; Wilma Wolfe, 11, scalp lacerations; John Entreklin, 5, broken left arm and scalp lacerations; Charlotte Entreklin, 7, glass in hand. Russell Sprague, 4235 Cherry Lane, Ada, driver of the other car, was the other injured party, and was treated for facial lacerations and a bruised chest.

The accident, according to Deputy Stephens, was caused when the Sprague auto, traveling east on M-21, plowed into the rear of the Wolfe auto, also traveling east. The Wolfe car was spun around on the pavement by the impact, and immediately caught fire, burning all the family's Christmas presents which were in the trunk of the car. The Sprague auto was thrown into the ditch, and also caught fire.

Mrs. Wolfe was taking her children to a Christmas party, and program at the Riverview school when the accident occurred.

Mr. Sprague was arraigned before Justice Howard Rittenger on Friday the 24th of December, and pled guilty to the charge of reckless driving. He was released on bond, and sentence was deferred until Friday, December 31.

The Moose Lodge, already in the process of preparing gifts for the needy for Christmas, added the name of the Wolfe family to their list of Friday stops, and provided them with a box of food and toys for the children, to help compensate for the loss in the accident, and help them have a Merry Christmas.

## New Year's Eve Dance Planned for Students

Wonderful cooperation has been received from most civic organizations in Lowell to help promise success for the New Year's Eve dance for students. The party which will feature both ball-room and square dancing, will be held between 10:00 p. m. and 1:00 a. m. New Year's Eve, at the City hall and the financial contributions of these groups has made possible the obtaining of a fine orchestra and necessary favors and noisemakers.

Refreshments have been volunteered by fifty parents, to promise a fine lunch. All high school students, and graduates of the classes of 1952, '53 and '54 are invited to attend to make this event a success. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a custom to be observed every year in Lowell.

## Ledger Correspondent Ill at Her Home

Miss Agnes Perry, the Ledger's faithful correspondent of the Lowell community news, is ill at her home, and until further notice it would be appreciated if the readers would call their items into the Ledger office, phone 9261, thus not disturbing Miss Perry.

## KNIT & PURL CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knit and Purl Club held their annual Christmas meeting and party December 16 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Myers. Plans were discussed for furnishing a box for some needy family next year, and each member is to make something during the coming year to be included.

Election of officers named Mrs. Frank Smith as president; Mrs. Marcel Kropf as secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Phil Schneider as sergeant at arms; and Mrs. Ronald Fish as club reporter. Next meeting will be January 6 with Mrs. Gurney Hahn.

Secret pals were revealed at the party following the meeting and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Marian Kutchey.

## OTIS BIBBLERS FETED ON 57TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bibbler and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bibbler, surprised their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bibbler Sr. with a carry-in dinner Sunday in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Make a habit of reading the Ledger Want Ads for Profit.

## Review of 1954 Reveals Growth New Buildings and Improvements Made Freak Weather Dominates News

It seems only a few months ago we were checking back through the 1953 Ledgers to compile a report of accomplishments for that eventful year. Now it is the end of 1954—another year of progress and growth in Lowell. A check back also reveals tragedy to some. We have attempted to condense the events of the past two months for our readers, as in the past, to help them reminisce with us.

Today we cannot give you statistics—for the year has not yet ended. But we can relate a few of the events of major importance.

### Thank You!

It has always been the policy of The Ledger to cover local news, and give proper attention to all events of interest to our readers. Without the aid of our columnists, correspondents and the readers themselves, we would have been greatly handicapped in this job, and we wish to express our gratitude to all at this time for their cooperation and help.

### Two New Council Members

In the village's second primary election, held in February, two veteran councilmen were unseated, and in the ensuing March 8 election Lowell voted its first woman trustee to office. Incumbents I. W. Rutherford and William Christiansen were replaced by Mrs. Lylla Johnson and Dr. Orval McKay.

Since the inauguration of the primary method of nominating candidates—replacing the old caucus system—there have been many changes in council members, only Trustee Herbert Elzinga with seven years and President W. A. Roth with 21 remaining of the former veteran councilmen.

An attempt to change the present form of village government to home-rule city or village lost in the same election; the proposal to install a fluoridation system for drinking water was also defeated.

### Village Council Activities

Improvements in village service departments were installed during the year, among which was the purchase of the new municipal utility truck. The almost-new line truck, purchased from the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, was put in service in March.

In January the village acted to relieve the individual household of the cost of refuse and garbage collections by entering into a contract with Donald Conrad to service the entire village, collecting once a week at homes, and twice a week at commercial establishments.

### Dog Ordinance

In June, the health officer, Dr. Thomas B. Hill, enlisted the help of the Boy Scouts in making a dog and cat census of the village, in preparation for a program to vaccinate all pets for rabies.

Completed in July, the count indicated 211 dogs and 105 cats at Lowell homes. Because of the great number of dog-bite cases occurring last year, plus the many complaints received by the police department about stray dogs running loose, a dog ordinance

was enacted in December, giving the village authority to impound any dogs running at large, and giving officials authority to control the owning and care of these pets.

### New Diesels Purchased

After several months of investigation, the village council voted in August to purchase two remanufactured high-speed Diesel generators at a cost of \$120,850. Work is presently underway in the village utility plant preparing foundations for these additional units which will arrive some time after the first of the year. They will enable the present plant to carry on a proper maintenance program, and assure the village of sufficient reserve power.

### Paving and Sewer Projects

Contracts were let in the fall for the extensions of the sewer and water system on East Main St., work on which is still in progress; work has also begun on blacktopping Grindie drive from Jackson to Division streets and Hunt St., from Hudson to Vergennes road.

### Freakish Weather

Mother nature's unpredictable weather created much confusion in our area this past year. Everyone is still talking about the golf-ball hail stones which pounded on us on the evening of March 12 breaking over 1000 windows in the village alone, and greatly damaging roofs. Although a Grand Rapids minister blamed Lowell sinners for the downfall, most of us blamed the weather, and called our insurance agent.

On March 31, a fierce windstorm uprooted a tree, which fell on the Paul Murray home, completely wrecking it; Mrs. Murray and her daughter Alice, who were in the house at the time, narrowly escaped serious injury. Then, on April 7, the mercury rose to 75 degrees—the hottest day for this month in 80 years followed by a rain and hail storm with 75-mile gusts of wind. A giant oak on M-91 by the Congregational parsonage gave way, blocking traffic on this highway; and at the Tom Johnson farm two miles north of Lowell, the garage roof blew away, collapsing the sides of the building which crashed around the car.

A Swartz Creek man was killed May 31, when another wind and electric storm blew down a 20-inch elm tree across M-21, five miles west of Lowell, crushing his car. The driver's wife and two daughters escaped miraculously with minor injuries. Many

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## Faithful Stove Warms Store Since 1883



If this faithful old stove in the Hartman Drug Store could talk, it could probably relate some pretty interesting details about the lives of Lowell folks, who for years have gathered around it for warmth and good fellowship. A Gariand model made by the Michigan Stove Co. of Detroit, Chicago and Buffalo, this old hard coal base burner was first installed in the Quincy Look Drug Store in 1883. Mr. Hartman states that to his knowledge no new grates were ever put in this old stove, and it still keeps the store warm and comfortable.

In March of 1888 the Quincy Look Drug Store was purchased by W. S. Winegar, for whom Mr. Hartman worked for 21 years; a partnership was formed in 1924, and the store was called the Winegar & Hartman Drug Store. Later, in March of 1930, Mr. Hartman purchased the entire interest.

"Will" has been ill the past few months, and confined to his home, but he hopes to actively resume his position as the veteran Lowell druggist very soon.







**Snow Community**  
Mrs. S. P. Reynolds  
Snow W. S. C. S. will hold their January business meeting on Wednesday evening of next week at the home of Mrs. John Blending.

**Methodist Men's Group**  
will meet at the church on Thursday evening Jan. 6. Good entertainment and refreshments will be provided.  
A large and appreciative audience attended the Christmas services held at Snow Church last Tuesday evening. An offering of fifty dollars was received for the Methodist Children's Home.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferringa and daughter of Grand Rapids spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hesche. Mrs. Jack Stephan of Grand Rapids was an overnight guest Sunday night at the Hesche home.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mrs. May Maglin of Ingham Co., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion.  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seelye and children spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sadler of Grand Rapids. The Seelyes were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gladstone of Grand Rapids.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chaplin and children of Sanford spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalestra.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bryant of Alto spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Cole.  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole entertained with a holiday dinner Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alden Cole and children of East Lansing. Mrs. Claudia Fuller and daughter, Mrs. John Vincent and children of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller and son of Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tegoroff and children of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stowell and children of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Burras of Lowell were Monday afternoon callers at the Cole home.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hesche and little son of Fenwick are spending their holiday vacation with relatives in this vicinity.  
Mr. and Mrs. Merle Aldrich and children of Evert spent the

### Ada Community News

MRS. TOM MORRIS—PHONE ADA 4821

**Thomas Heukels, 11, Hurt While Coasting**  
Thomas C. Heukels, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heukels, 6833 Ada drive S. E., who suffered a possible fractured skull in a coasting traffic accident last Thursday was reported in fair condition in St. Mary's hospital Tuesday morning.

**Christmas Dinner**  
The boy, according to Deputy Sheriff William Richter, was coasting from the Ada Township Cemetery Hill into Grand River SE, and slid under a car being driven by Donald E. Harrington of 5785 Ada SE. He suffered face cuts and head injury.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Christmas eve supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hesche were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hesche, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and son Gordon of West Lowell. Other dinner guests on Christmas day at the Hesche home were Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer and daughter of West Lowell.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sprout of Sturgis were supper guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson and all were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Letterman in Cadillac.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antolien and children attended the funeral Sunday of their uncle, James Monks which was held at the Morse funeral home in Saranac. The Monks family has the sympathy of their many friends in this vicinity.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Ada spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson.  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chaffee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Art Hubach and son of Jonia left for Florida where they will spend two weeks vacation at Pompano on the beach of the Atlantic ocean.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris had as their Christmas day dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chaffee and Charles Morris.  
Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. John Krug were Christmas morning breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCormick.

**Christmas Dinner**  
The Rookers had their Christmas dinner party Sunday. Those present were their sons, Melvin and family from Battle Creek, Howard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rooker all of Grand Rapids and Miss Sandra Green.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Averill Sr., had their family home for Christmas dinner. There were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Averill Jr., Susan, Leslie and Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Averill, Ricky and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright of Kent City and Miss Marie Exro of Cleveland, Ohio.

**Christmas Dinner**  
The Dummeback family and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Blakeloe and Larry Carsten were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Lovvick.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jaspers, Mrs. Lydia Miller and son Elgin were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Versee in Grand Rapids.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mrs. Ann DeWinter of Grand Rapids spent Christmas day with her sister, Mrs. Winnie Telder.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Courtwright had Christmas day dinner with Mrs. McMillen and their son Bob and family in Grand Rapids and were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. MacLaren in Saranac.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mrs. Blanch Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Holly Hand of Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ward and children of Ionia spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Averill in Grand Rapids for their Christmas party.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Nellist and children were guests of Mrs. Mildred Fox in Cassida, Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Collins were evening guests.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Dorell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gross and children, Arthur Hermans and Mrs. Edith Danvers were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter and family and Mrs. Mahle Gross in Lowell.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Svoboda entertained their family Christmas eve with a dinner and tree. Those present were Gordon and Sharon Svoboda, Gordie Jo and Brit and Roger and Yvonne Spring.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Svoboda, Gordie Jo and Brit were Christmas day guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoelzema of Grand Rapids.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick

**Freepost News**  
Mrs. Clara Brandeury  
A very Happy New Year to the Leiger Family and all of its readers and correspondents.  
Fred Tabberer has been on the sick list the past week with a severe cold.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Dale Dukas and family of near Grand Rapids were the Christmas guests of his parents, Wm. Dukas and wife, Mrs. Cordeila Myers and Clara Brandeury were Christmas day dinner guests of Adon Myers and family, Mrs. Maud Bissell and Kate Kidder were afternoon callers.

**Christmas Dinner**  
The MacNaughton family held their Christmas party and turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Friday evening, Dec. 24. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rogers, John and Mary and Mr. and Mrs. Al Conant and family of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klinton and Marilyn of Rockford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mary and Marie of Grand Rapids, Miss Carole Puzon of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Sunday the Andersons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. England of Muskegon for their Christmas party. Those from Ada attending were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson and George, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton Jr. and Mrs. Trozel were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton Jr. and family.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes and Bobbie and their daughters Mr. and Mrs. James McCall and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazee and baby motored to White Cloud last Friday where they attended the annual Christmas eve smorgasbord at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and mother.

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Mrs. Katharine Willott and daughter Barbara of Grand Rapids and son Tom who is stationed at Camp Ellsworth, Airforce Base in South Dakota spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Holly Hand.  
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dent of Eaton Rapids for a number of years and is survived by his wife, three sisters, Mrs. Sally Parks of Freepost, Mrs. Cassie Pottruff of Vergennes, Mrs. Eliza Johnson of Saranac and several nieces and nephews.  
His funeral was held in Eaton Rapids, Dec. 19, with burial at that place.

**Christmas Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wade entertained for Christmas day dinner Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanAllen of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Walter VanLaan and Mr. and Mrs. Earl VanLaan and children of Vergennes road.  
Mrs. Alice Ward of Grand Rapids spent Christmas day with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward.

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MRS. CLAUD SILCOX—PHONE ALTO 4531

**Whites Bridge**  
Mrs. Nina VanOcker

Mrs. Elizabeth Compton and Clara were Christmas guests of her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Pete Weeks of Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dickend and Lydia spent Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inley and family of Smyrna.

Mrs. Lucy Bowen of Lowell was a Christmas week-end guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen and family.

Christmas week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rittersdorf

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Each of these new numbers begins with a central office name—Cherry or Glendale—plus the five numerals now in use. For example:

**5-1199 will be CH 5-1199**  
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To make sure each of your calls to Grand Rapids goes through promptly... starting next week... please...

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### Lowell Council Proceedings

December 6, 1954

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell was held in the Council Rooms of the City Hall, Monday evening, December 6, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by the Village President, P. M. Roth, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Trustees present: Fonger, Elzinga, Outley, and Johnson.

Trustees absent: Munroe and McKay.

Village attorney R. M. Shivel also present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of November 15, 1954, were read and approved.

The clerk reported receiving monies for the following amounts:

To the General Fund:  
Klosterman Trailer Camp for November \$15.00  
Parking Violation Fines \$17.00  
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds \$12.25

The Council received a request for the transfer of the 1954 Tavern-SDM-FF liquor license, from Arnold K. and Myrtle Hammond to Clara R. and Ora S. Palen.

It was moved by trustee John Fonger, seconded by trustee Elzinga, that the request for transfer of the 1954 Tavern-SDM-FF liquor license, located at 301-303 W. Main St., from Arnold K. and Myrtle Hammond to Clara R. and Ora S. Palen be approved. Yeas 4, Nays 0, carried.

It was moved by trustee Fonger, seconded by trustee Elzinga, that the request for transfer of the 1954 Tavern-SDM-FF liquor license, located at 301-303 W. Main St., from Arnold K. and Myrtle Hammond to Clara R. and Ora S. Palen be approved. Yeas 4, Nays 0, carried.

The president called on Attorney George R. Cook, who was at the meeting, representing Donald Conrad, to request the removal of Garage and Rubbish contract. Mr. Cook presented two methods of renewing the contract, one approximately as it now is and the other to include a more extensive rubbish pickup at a slightly increase in salary.

Trustee McKay now present.

After Atty's Cook and Mr. Conrad left the meeting, the council discussed the possibility of renewing the contract and including the pickup of the 4 1/2 cartons of rubbish in containers, Christmas trees, ash, junk and brush (with the exception of putting limbs) at the curb. No official action was taken.

Village attorney Shivel presented the following resolution:

The following resolution was moved by trustee Outley, supported by trustee Johnson:

WHEREAS the Village of Lowell has acquired the title of the Myrtle S. Graham and Herbert E. Graham heirs in and to Lot 15 of Block 4 of Richards & Wickham's Plat of the Village of Lowell which is now known as the L'Arroy Property;

BE IT RESOLVED that this property be and the same is hereby designated as the Robert W. Graham Memorial Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plate be erected on said building with the following designation thereon: "The Corner to the public Use as a Library in Memory of Robert W. Graham by His Children. Yeas 5, Nays 0, carried.

Attorney Shivel read a dog ordinance of the following contents:

An Ordinance relating to the owning and keeping of dogs, regulating the running of dogs at large, to establish a dog pound, create the office of dog warden and regulate the duties thereof, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

It was moved by trustee Johnson, seconded by trustee Fonger, that the foregoing ordinance be adopted as read. Yeas 5, Nays 0, carried.

(Editor's note—This ordinance was published in full in the December 9 issue of The Lowell Ledger.)

Superintendent Thomas Moore reported that the work on the foundation for the new engine was under way and was getting along fine.

Mr. Moore asked the council to adopt a resolution making him, "Chief bookkeeper of The Lowell Municipal Utility Department" and also to authorize him to countersign their checks with the Village President.

Mr. Moore's request was discussed and referred to committee for further study.

It was moved by trustee Elzinga, seconded by trustee Johnson that bills in the following amounts be paid:

General:  
Payroll 11-1, 11-14-54 \$507.00  
Payroll 11-15 to 11-28-54 661.84

Street:  
Payroll 11-1 to 11-14-54 \$661.84  
Payroll 11-15 to 11-28-54 661.84

670.78  
12.15  
110.00  
3.28  
1.44  
147.58  
10.25  
1.55  
32.96  
16.05  
7.00  
21.50  
93.35

\$1830.71

Light & Power:  
Payroll 11-1 to 11-14-54 \$280.74  
Payroll 11-15 to 11-28-54 289.26  
Fusion Department of Revenue 422.48  
Marvel Refining Co. 3679.84  
Line Material Co. 332.19  
Fairbanks, Morse & Co. 172.71  
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. 68.00  
The Rollins Agency 247.06  
Petar Speerstra Agency 76.40  
Deposit Refunds 54.58  
C. J. Place 930.03  
Village of Lowell & Metal Products, Inc. 1828.58  
J. Bryan Sims 689.96  
The Cline Co. 379.50  
Socoy Vacuum Oil Co. 219.19  
Lowell Mfg. Co. 39.88  
Welding Gas & Supply Co. 8.92  
R. E. Devey Co. 13.29  
Clement Electric Co. 1.77  
Hayden Supply Co. 19.44  
The Earle Equipment Co. 4.16  
Fonger & Gehman Tree Service 106.67  
Radio Service Co. 4.20

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Ron's Shell Service 120.58  
Clark Plumbing & Heating 2.67  
John M. Zink 6.00  
Gambles Store 10.74  
Lowell Municipal Utilities 65.55  
Lowell Twp. Treasurer 131.00  
R. M. Shivel 970.00  
Lowell Dry Cleaners 5.15  
Wm. Helm's Texaco Station 2.40  
C. H. Runciman Co. Motor Sales 13.85  
The Rollins Agency 30.74  
E. V. Price & Co. 39.84  
L. & P. Petty Cash 75  
Vern Armstrong Station 2.01

\$3148.35

Water & Sewer:  
Crane Co. \$ 33.52  
Kent Rubber Supply Co. 67.79  
Lowell Municipal Utilities 347.97  
L & P Petty Cash 4.79  
Klinger & Gehman Tree Service 53.30  
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Transformer Oil Filter Co. 194.52  
Kuhlman Electric Co. 135.90  
Certified Meter Co. 164.69  
Bixby Office Supply Co. 14.88

I. M. Root & Co. 5.40  
The Lowell Ledger 123.75  
R. M. Shivel 671.79  
Keene Township 73.45  
Michigan Bell Telephone Co. 74.33  
Alexander's Standard Service 80.71  
Ice 7.30  
Torgna Pontiac 23.34  
Speerstra Motor Sales 58.37  
Wm. Helm's Texaco Station 2.40  
McQueen Co. 59.20  
Light & Power Petty Cash 86.85

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**SUNSHINE ASSORTED COCKTAIL CRAB** 11-oz. pkg. 49¢  
**KROGER SALSAD DRESSING** 19-oz. rel. jar 39¢  
**ALKA SELTZER** 8 in bottle 29¢

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Guernsey 2 Yrs.—Due Soon  
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Other articles too numerous to mention.

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### Area's Disastrous Weather Is The Big News in 1954



A 30-inch elm tree along M-21 between Lowell and Ada fell in a terrific wind and electrical storm on Monday, May 31, crushing this automobile, and killing its driver; 3 others in the car were injured, but miraculously escaped death. All were from Swartz Creek, and were returning home after visiting friends over the Memorial Day weekend.

Big Bags  
Recently introduced are many bags made in a full range of sizes from six feet to 14 feet long. These are the biggest paper bags produced in an automatic high-speed operation. They are available in single or double ply, in any grade of paper. The manufacturers report that these bags are ideal for low-cost packing or rolled rugs, cloth, and other extra-long products. Unusual applications to date include temporary protective storage covers for electronic equipment and king-size garbage-disposable bags for a restaurant chain.

Along US-16  
Cecile Croninger

The Francis Campau family had dinner Saturday with Mrs. Martin Bull Sr. at Comstock Park. On Sunday, the Campaus entertained the Herbert Croninger family and Miss Lydia Croninger of Grand Rapids. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campau, son and daughter of Trenton, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller and daughter of Williamston.

The Leo Bloomer family enjoyed Christmas day with the Seymour Hiesche family. On Sunday afternoon, the Bloomer family met with daughter Loraine (Mrs. Robert Meeuwse), Grand River Drive for their Christmas party.

Thirteen grandchildren and ten adults were surprised Christmas Eve at the Shook home on the arrival of Santa Claus, himself. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Shook and two children had dinner Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Owen and Mr. and Mrs. William DeVries of Grand Rapids were afternoon callers.

Santa crossed the street and visited the Brush home, also. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Barrow of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests at the Brush home.

The Lisle Clark family had their Christmas get-together Sunday afternoon at the Lisle Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Merriman and daughter Kathryn were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick VanVoorst of Holland spent the afternoon, Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yeiter spent Christmas Eve at the Harry Harr home at Bowne Center. On Sunday, they entertained daughter, Robert, husband and family, the Robert Finckelstein of California.

Guests over the week-end at the John Hagans home were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shont, Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. John Regan Jr., and family, Dearborn, and Mr. and Mrs. George Regan and family, Grand Rapids.

Christmas plans were interrupted at the Robert Clark and Clarence Klahn home, by the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Yeiter enjoyed Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Egan at Lake Odessa. They spent Sunday with mother Yeiter and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Flower of Whitehall helped Clarence Klahn celebrate his birthday, last Thursday night, at supper. Miss Irene Hiett was in charge of a Sunday dinner party.

The George Stokes were hosts to their entire family on Saturday and Sunday. Other guests were son-in-law Clarence Johnson, mother of Alma and Bill DeFrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yeiter entertained their daughters and families with Sunday dinner at the Lloyd Stahl of Clarksville and Mrs. Doris Draper and Paul of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bloomer spent Christmas with their son Harold and family in Grand Rapids.

The Philip Johnson family of Lowell, were the Christmas guests of the Croningers.

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There were thirty-seven including children and grandchildren to partake of the sumptuous Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Helen Bowman. She is spending her holiday vacation from the Louis Klein family of Wright, Mich. at the home of her parents.

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Lowell, Michigan

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my neighbors, friends and relatives for the many cards sent to me while I was in the St. Mary's hospital. I also appreciate the beautiful plant sent me by the Euchre club and the Grange.  
Mrs. Theodore Casper

### Ag. Economists Predict

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**Good Year For Dairy Farm**  
A strengthening of fluid milk prices in 1955 is forecast; based on a leveling milk production and a strong demand for dairy products, except butter, the economists say that fluid milk prices should average 15 to 20 cents a hundred pounds above those paid in 1954. Producers who ship milk to manufacturing plants will receive about the same prices in 1955 as in 1954.

What does the economic picture hold for the average dairyman? Basically, it means that he can look forward to another year in which high costs will put a squeeze on profits; therefore, efficiency would seem to be the important consideration. Farmers are striving to increase efficiency by boosting cow numbers, producing more feed per acre, and by cutting down their labor requirements through more labor-saving equipment. Twenty to thirty cows seems to be the goal of many dairymen.

**Livestock Prices Down**  
Livestock raisers may look for



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a slight downturn in their profits during 1955. Careful management will be essential, and often the deciding factor between profit and loss. Here is the capsule run down on various livestock enterprises:

**Hogs:** Profits will not be as good in 1955 as in 1954. Supplies will be 7 to 8 percent larger than last year. Prices will be well below the high levels of early 1954, but not much below prices this past fall. Feeder pig prices are expected to be lower relative to market hog prices than they were in spring of 1954. Watch for good buys in feeder pigs, the economists advise. Feeding hogs to heavy weights probably will not pay in 1955.

### Boy Scout News

Several scouts were on hand last Monday night to have a short meeting, and help put up the new stove pipe. A week ago at the regular Monday meeting only Danny Baird and Tom Evans were there to help their leaders Gould Rivette, Charles Baird and Jim Drooger put latches on all the windows at the scout cabin.

Remember boys, the scouts meet every Monday at the cabin at 7 o'clock, rain or shine.

**BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS FAMILY NIGHT DECEMBER 31**  
The regular family-night supper will be held Friday night, Dec. 31, at the Lowell Baptist church.

Following the dinner there will be a watch-night service, to which everyone is welcome. There will be free coffee and doughnuts.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my paper customers for their generous Christmas gifts and take this opportunity to wish all of them a Happy New Year.  
Johnny Troy

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## Review of 1954

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homes were damaged during the summer by lightning as we experienced very severe electrical and wind storms, the last of which was on October 3, when this area experienced the worst storm since 1905. Thousands of dollars worth of damage was done by flood, wind and lightning. The Irving Kesler home in Cascade was struck twice in one day. Trees were felled, cutting power and telephone lines. Streets and basements flooded. 1600 telephones were out of order in this district alone.

### 1954 Showboat

The Robert E. Lee, XIX, made its six nightly trips down Flat River from July 28 through 31, with no "downpour" as experienced in 1953. It was a bit dewy, a couple of nights, but the audience was game, and kept their seats. However, when the tallies were all in, the receipts indicated a drop—in line with trends in most entertainment fields the past few years; no one was turned away from the gates for lack of seats, even at the always-jam-packed Saturday performance. The profit, however, of \$9,326 was in line with other years inasmuch as the cut of 10 per cent in the federal entertainment tax increased the net earnings.

### School Attendance Up

Lowell School District No. 1, which saw 73 high school students graduate on June 10, enrolled a record 1,039 on September 7. The St. Mary's school, which opened a year ago, reported 114 enrolled on opening day with more students arriving later.

Five new teachers were hired in the public schools for the 1954-55 year, namely: Mrs. Jeanne Christianson, John S. Holten, Donald E. Kelley, Jack Howe, and Norman Gotschall. These replaced Byrd Beaumont, Clark Wurm, Lucille Hoffa, Mrs. Charles Doyle, Jr., and Mrs. Edw. Wedemeyer. Mr. Beaumont retired in June, after thirty-two years in the teaching profession, twelve of which he served in Lowell.

### Dr. Hill New Board Member

In the annual school election held Monday July 11, Dr. Thomas R. Hill was elected over Theron Richmond. Dr. A. W. Wingleter was re-elected to a fourth three-year term.

### Many Improvements

Many improvements were noted in the school the past year, with the inauguration of the new counseling and guidance program, installation of new lights at the football field, and the completion of the new \$60,000 Music Shop addition at the High school.

### Changes On Main Street

In a year's time many changes can take place in the business establishments of a village. For instance, the Edward Kiels sold their floral shop in May to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ball; Mr. Kiel then joined the Kellogg Vinegar Company. C. A. Hall moved his toy manufacturing company to California in February. The Speerstra Motor Sales held their grand opening at the new garage on West Main st. January 15 and 16. Also in January A. H. Stormzand sold his garage business on the bridge, after thirty years of service at this location. The ultra-modern Christiansen Super Market opened in June.

Ware Story left the Story & Hahn Hardware in the summer and established the Story Plumbing & Heating Company on N. Lafayette, with Gurney Hahn taking over full management of the hardware store. The Levee was leased by the Kenneth Bryans to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis this summer; and later in the year management was assumed by James Tatroe of Grand Rapids; Paul Cariano sold his drive-in restaurant on E. Main to Mr. and Mrs. Hosey in the spring. The Lowell Cafe was sold to Clare Palen by the Arm and Hammonds; he will assume full management the first of the year.

The Runciman Company purchased the Thomas Elevator last summer, and extensively remodeled the structure which they have rented for many years. The Seymour Dawsons sold the Lowell Bakery to Frank Fedorowicz, who was tragically killed in an auto-truck crash on November 29. The bakery is now being managed by his son, Charles. Dr. Harold R. Myers' medical building on North Center Street was completed this fall, with Dr. B. T. Belkema, Optometrist, also located there. Dr. Orval D. McKay purchased the former Myers building on East Main, moving November 18. Dr. Robert Kyser, Dentist has become associated in Dr. F. E. White's offices in October.

In August the State Savings Bank celebrated twenty years of business in Lowell, having received their charter in August of 1934.

### Civic Clubs

Lowell obtained two new service clubs during the past year. The Lowell Lions Club was organized in April, with William Jones, Jr., as its charter president.

## COMING EVENTS

The Degree Staff of the Rebekah Lodge will meet for practice at the hall at 7:30 this Thursday night.

The Island City Rebekah Lodge will meet Tuesday evening Jan. 4, for their regular meeting. There will be initiation after a short business meeting.

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.

The Cheerful Doers will meet next Monday, January 3, at eight o'clock at the Congregational church. Ronald Story will show pictures taken during his recent period of military service in Europe.

The Martha Group of the Methodist Church will meet Monday, January 3, at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Gladys Shoemaker. Mrs. Lila Thaler will be cohostess and Mrs. Alma Giotfelty will present the program.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson of Elkhart, Ind., Sunday, December 26, a son Bruce, 6½ lbs. Mrs. Anderson is the former Florence Schreur of Lowell.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Keith McIver, Dec. 26, at Blodgett hospital a girl, Carol Jean, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, December 27, at Blodgett hospital, a girl, weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Mrs. Johnson is the former Vivian Bieri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Holkenn of Nisula, U. P., Michigan, a girl, Colleen Kay. Mrs. Holkenn is the former Shirley Kampennen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schneider on Sunday December 26, at Blodgett hospital, a daughter, Joellen, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewis of Clarksville, entertained for Christmas dinner the Herbert Vanderwall family of near Grand Ledge, Mrs. Flora Lewis and Mrs. Wm. Gaylord Lewis.

Mrs. Wm. Delaney and Maureen attended the Christmas program at North Bell school in which Carol Terry and Cheryl Lewis took part.

Colleen Delaney attended a progressive dinner in honor of Joan Harding of Grand Rapids, Monday evening.

In September the Women of the Moose were officially organized, with Mrs. Cora Stormz and as their Senior Regent Cary Stiff was president of the Lowell Board of Trade, and the Rotarians elected Elmer Schaefer as their president in June. John Phelps became commander of American Legion in July.

Death Claims Many  
Among the prominent persons in Lowell claimed by death the past year was Roger O. McMahon, Kent County prosecuting attorney, who died suddenly on Sunday, January 10. Dr. B. H. Shepard, a Lowell physician since 1918, succumbed to a heart attack on Thursday, April 8; and Paul Kellogg, President of the Kellogg Vinegar Company, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 12. Death also claimed two well-known women who had lived and worked in Lowell offices for many years. Mrs. Marian Reynolds, a lifetime resident here, died July 26 after a lingering, painful illness; and Miss Kittie Charles, a Municipal Utility office employe for many years until her illness, died Thursday, September 30.

Continued Next Week

## Lowell News

Mrs. Jennie Condon went to Florida Tuesday, where she expects to remain indefinitely.

The Newell Mfg. Co. presented all of their employees with nice Christmas checks and hams.

A grand get-together was held on Christmas Eve at the John Timpon home when their son John Robert was home, after serving in the Pacific on the "Hornet"; their son Jerry also came home from MSC, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, were also present. Kenneth Timpon, their nephew, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timpon of Alto, also was present, having just returned from two years service in Japan. It was an eventful reunion. John will be home for the holidays, and Charles will now be stationed at Williams A. F. B. in Arizona. All attended a Christmas Day dinner at the Charles Timpon home.

Mrs. Mert Sinclair's condition remains about the same at Blodgett hospital. Her son, Giles was to arrive by plane Tuesday afternoon from California. Dan Sinclair and his family of Flint have been visiting Mr. Sinclair over the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. John Taylor and brother Albert spent Christmas with their brother and wife, Alfred Redell, in Lake Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jessup of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jessup of Rockford, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup. Other out of town relatives who called on the Jessups on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. George Cepnick of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gilmore of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bordin of Battle Creek, Mrs. Helena Dintaman and Michelle Martin of Alto and Floyd Foster of R2, Lowell. Many friends stopped in to wish the Jessups a "Happy Anniversary."

Mr. and Mrs. Gerben DeKok of Brooten, Minn., were Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John TeVeste, 36th st., as were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Visser of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. VanOcker of East Main st. Lowell, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Augusta VanOcker in Greenview.

Glenn Troyer of Lowell, is spending this week in Urbana, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton O'Brien of Grand Rapids, were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Troyer of Lowell.

Mrs. Flo Travis and daughter Sierry were in Carson City Sunday for a Christmas dinner and to help Russell Morse formerly of Lowell to celebrate his birthday.

Lou Morse R-3 mailman, has been very uncomfortable and has had to remain home this past week suffering from an ailment of his neck and shoulder.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Gladys Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tongra were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Doyle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Roth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Doyle all of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hanson and baby of Dearborn. Mrs. Gladys Doyle returned to Dearborn with her daughter and family to stay for a part of her vacation. Mrs. Doyle is the proud grandmother of her nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Elsie Bieri, Karl Feller, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thorne and daughter all of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sennema and family of Grand Rapids, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D'Archangel in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne were Christmas dinner guests of Fay Johnson and family of Cascade.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stahl of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Delaney and three girls were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin VanWormer, Debbie and Michael.

## South Boston Grange

South Boston held their Christmas party on Friday evening, December 17, with a godly number in attendance. After the open meeting our lecturer, Pearl Rith presented the following program: Song, "The Coming of the King" by a quartet comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kyser, Mrs. Gerald Kyser and Donald Kyser with Mrs. Donald Kyser at the piano; Christmas Creed by Mildred Wittenbach; contest in which several grange members participated; the Ten Commandments for Christmas by Alma Harker and June Fahrni, followed by the Lord's Prayer by the entire assembly; and a song, "Prince of Peace" by the quartet.

After the program came the gift exchange which was followed by a lunch of Christmas goodies served cafeteria style from a table most attractively decorated by the home ec. chairman, Mary Walter.

All in all the entire evening was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Since the next meeting falls on New Year's Day it was decided to have a New Year's supper at seven o'clock on January 1, 1955, with business meeting following the supper. Home ec. chairman,

Mary Walter, asks that each family bring cake, jello or a vegetable salad—unless otherwise solicited.

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p-36 Raymond Yager

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