

## Select Board of Managers For Lowell Branch of the Y. M. C. A.

A count of the ballots this week revealed the choice of the 130 charter members who returned their vote for members of the Lowell Branch of the Y.M.C.A. Board of Managers. A nominating committee which was named at the meeting or organize last month selected thirty candidates for the board, the members were given a choice of 18.

The count by the committee found that the following were selected; for a one year term: Geo. Dey, Sr., Herbert Elzinga, Dr. Thomas Hill, Dr. Orval McKay, C. H. Runciman, Dr. Roy Westcott. For a two year term: James Drooger, Charles Houseman, Harold Jefferies, William Jones, Chas. Pearce, Kenneth Pletcher. For a three year term: Arthur Bieri, Carl Hagen, Mrs. C. H. Bradshaw, Bernard Kropf, Dr. Robert Kyser, and Stephen Nisbet.

This selection by the membership of the proposed YMCA branch will go before the Grand Rapids YMCA Board of Directors at their meeting on December 30, for their approval and the first meeting of this board of managers will be called.

Chet Hall, Executive Secretary of the Grand Rapids Y announced the first duties of the board of managers will be to appoint a personnel committee to select an executive secretary for the Lowell branch. This will be done with the guidance of the Grand Rapids chapter secretary and board. The second important consideration, Mr. Hall pointed out was to form a house committee, to find quarters for the local Y. Other decisions for the group just elected will be to decide if the funds available should be used for a building in Lowell, assist with the Lowell Community Swimming Pool Project or be kept and just use the earnings to assist in carrying out a program in this area.

It was announced that application of charter members are still being taken and anyone interested is invited to join the Lowell Branch of the YMCA.

**Tabulation of Vote**  
**One year term:**  
 Herbert Elzinga, 84  
 Orval B. McKay, M. D., 70  
 C. H. Runciman, 66  
 Thomas B. Hill, M. D., 68  
 Roy W. Westcott, 65  
 George E. Dey, Sr., 62

**Two year term:**  
 William M. Jones, 86  
 Charles Houseman, 75  
 Harold F. Jefferies, 73  
 James F. Drooger, 66  
 Charles Pearce, 64  
 Kenneth Pletcher, 64

**Three year term:**  
 Stephen R. Nesbit, 76  
 Carl Hagen, 72  
 Bernard Kropf, 67  
 Robert Kyser, 65  
 Arthur Bieri, 64  
 Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw, 63

**BAKERY CLOSED**  
 Fluger Lowell Bakery will close beginning Christmas Day, December 25, and will re-open Monday, January 4.

The Public is invited to midnight Mass this Christmas Eve at St. Patrick's church of Parnell.

## Congregational Church To Have Candlelight Service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held in the First Congregational Church of Lowell on December 24, at 11 p. m.

The brief service will be a period of quiet prayer and meditation with the familiar Christmas carols and scripture readings, in order to take Christmas out of the hurried rush and put it into perspective.

Mrs. Hugh Onan and Dr. Roy Westcott will present the special music for the service assisted by Mrs. Thomas Hill, organist, Mrs. Onan will sing "Adore and Be Still" by Gounod and "O Holy Night" by Adam will be sung by Dr. Westcott.

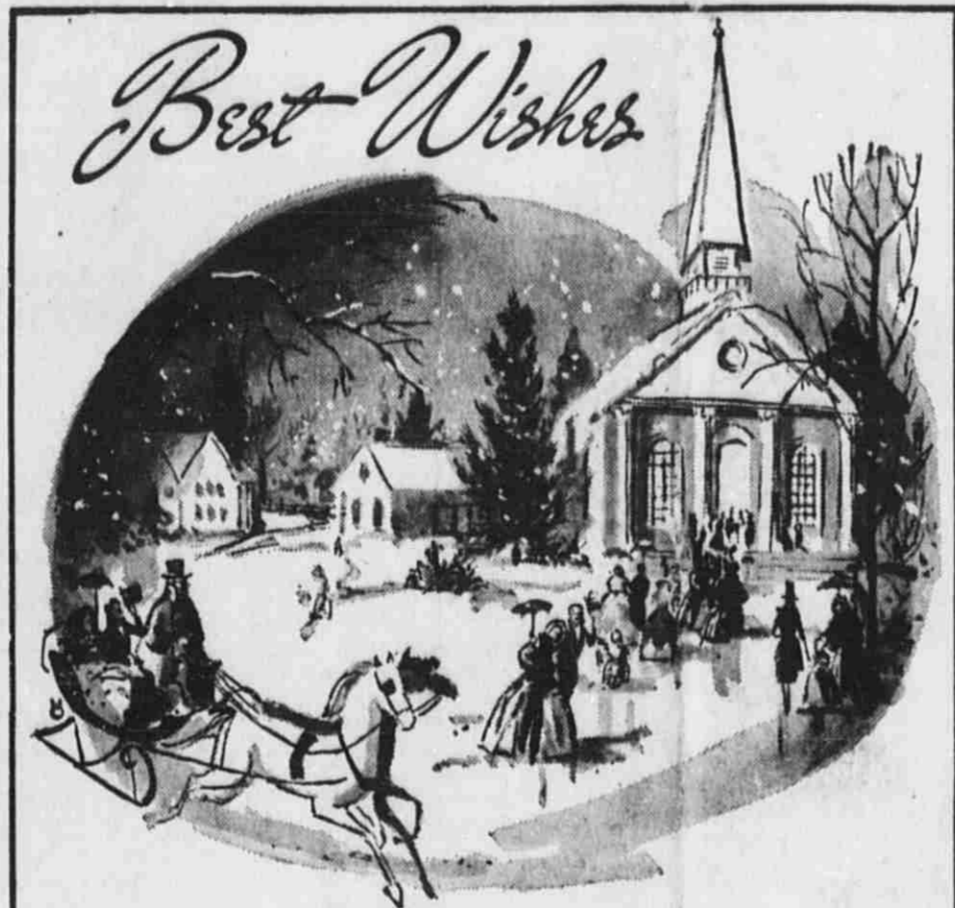
## OPEN THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Lowell Legion Lanes will be open on Thursday afternoon at 1:00. c-35-39

## Mrs. Pattison Christmas Shops Early



Mrs. Maudie Pattison, 74, wife of Fred Pattison, former Bowne Township Supervisor and present Kent County Drain Commissioner, does her Christmas planning early. Pictured here with some of the presents she made during the year to give as Christmas gifts. Among the projects are three large figurines for her three grandsons; 3 half-size for her two little grandsons and a great-granddaughter and 10 dainty organza aprons for the girls of the family; the hooked rug in the foreground and another soon to be put on the frame are also to be gifts. Mrs. Pattison says everyone should have a hobby. Until about a year ago she kept busy with her church, garden club and household duties. After suffering a slight stroke which curtailed her outside activities, she decided to do something with her hands, so with the help of Mrs. E. L. Timpson she learned to crochet, and started her Christmas gift projects last February. All that is left to do now is to wrap these lovely gifts that have so many hours of careful labor in them. Until a few years ago Mrs. Pattison was the Ledger Alto correspondent. For some 20 years before everyone had a telephone, it was her duty to tour the community, visiting with all the families to recy to the area news.



for the Holiday Season

With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends.

The Lowell Ledger

## Lowell Wrestlers Annex First Conference Win

Lowell High's Red Arrow wrestlers annexed their first Grand Valley Conference win last Wednesday downing Godwin 40-18 on the Lowell mats. The meet, which followed a slate of exciting exhibition matches, lasted only 45 minutes as the Arrows hastily disposed of their opponents. Only four matches went beyond the first period, and three of these didn't survive the second two minutes. Coach Don Kelly's squad posted 7 pins and a forfeit by Godwin for their scoring.

**Lowell 40-Godwin 18**  
 95 lbs.—Moore (G) pinned Canfield (L); 1st period, 1:14  
 103 lbs.—Jim Hynes (L) pinned Taylor (G); 1st period, 1:30  
 112 lbs.—Kerr (L) pinned Francisco (G); 1st period, :41  
 120 lbs.—Ron Potter (L) pinned Wright (G); 2nd period, :58  
 127 lbs.—Lampkin (L) won; forfeit  
 133 lbs.—Kyser (L) pinned Czyzyk (G); 1st period, :31  
 138 lbs.—Jacobus (G) pinned Videman (L); 2nd period, 1:47  
 145 lbs.—Schwander (G) pinned C. Ford (L); 1st period, 1:07  
 154 lbs.—Laperma (G) dec. Onan (L), 10-8  
 165 lbs.—L. Wingeier (L) pinned Leach (G); 1st period, 1:23  
 180 lbs.—Depew (L) pinned Triviss (G); 2nd period, 1:46  
 H. W.—Wakefield (L) pinned Gates (G); 1st period, 1:00.  
 Referee—Paul Haney  
 (Time listed for pin is elapsed time)  
 Tuesday night, December 22, the Arrows hosted Belding in their final meet until after the holidays.

**Grand Valley Wrestling**  
 East 2 0  
 Lowell 1 1  
 Godwin 1 1  
 Grandville 1 1  
 Rockford 1 1  
 Wyoming 0 2  
 Bob Thaler,  
 L. H. S. Sports Reporter

## Students Home For Holidays From Area

Most of the nearly two dozen students associated with the Methodist Churches of Lowell and Vergennes who are home for the holidays will be participating in the services Sunday. Four of them will give three to five minute talks on "A Student Looks at Religion". The others will take other parts in the service. Mr. DeVinney will preach a brief sermon appropriate to the occasion. (Sunday is Student Recognition Sunday in all Methodist churches.)  
 Following the 11 o'clock service at Lowell, the Woman's Society of the Church will serve coffee in the church parlors honoring the students. All members of the congregation will be invited to remain and meet and greet the students "over a cup of coffee."

Ledger want ads bring results.

## Rotary News

Last week Cary Stiff gave an interesting talk and showed his beautiful colored slides of "The Canadian Rockies."  
 This week we will hear the Hon. Wallace Waalkes, Kent County Probate Judge.  
 The following week Rotary will meet Tuesday, December 29, instead of on Wednesday. This will be our annual Christmas Father and Son Party. Gerald Rollins will introduce Mrs. Thomas Reges, with puppets in a play, "Angels Aware."  
 Please remember this change of date.

**NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS, VILLAGE PRIMARY**  
 The last day to file petitions for the Village Primary election is Monday, December 28, 1959, not later than 4 p. m. Petitions may be secured from the Village Clerk, Lowell City Hall.  
 LAURA E. SHEPARD,  
 Lowell Village Clerk c-35-36

## West Mich. Livestock Show Winners

The Grand Champion Steer of the Show was exhibited by Holiday Farms, Ada. It was purchased by Jack Roberts of the Pantlind Hotel. Weight 1,135 lbs., price per lb. 85 cents which brought a price of \$964.75.  
 The Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the Show was exhibited by Walter Reed, Lake Odessa. It was purchased by Dallas Darling of Darling Freight Lines, Weight 1,080 lbs., price per lb. 50 cents for a total price of \$540.  
**In the Lamb Division:**  
 Grand Champ Pen was exhibited by Don Elser, Litchfield. This pen was purchased by R. Van Valkenberg. It weighed 280 lbs., sold at 50 cents per pound for a total of \$140.  
 The Reserve Champ pen was exhibited by Linda Wetzel of Ithaca. This pen was purchased by Frank Ader. It weighed 245 lbs., sold at 40 cents per pound for a total of \$98.

The Grand Champion Individual Lamb was exhibited by George and Fred Buckham, Rte. 1, Kalamazoo. This lamb was purchased by Jack Roberts of the Pantlind Hotel. It weighed 105 lbs., sold at \$2.10 per pound for a total of \$220.50.  
 The Reserve Grand Champion Lamb was exhibited by James Weeks, Jonesville. This lamb was purchased by Frank Ader. It weighed 100 lbs., sold at 85 cents per pound for a total of \$85.  
**In the Swine Division:**  
 The Grand Champ pen was exhibited by Howard Gray, Rte. 3, Kalamazoo. This pen weighed 735 lbs., sold at 21 cents a pound, bringing a sale price of \$154.35.  
 The Reserve Grand Champ Pen was exhibited by William Henry, Rte. 2, Alto. The buyer was Mil-

## Carl Edward Franks, 21 Knocks Down Street Lamp

Lowell police reported that Carl Edward Franks, 21, of 1044 Lincoln Lake Ave., ran up on the sidewalk, knocked over a street lamp, dragged it down the street damaging another parked car and drove away from the accident at 3:10 a. m. Sunday morning.

A man sleeping in the parked car identified the car which was found parked in Franks' yard. Franks appeared at the police station Monday morning to report the accident. He was ticketed by Officer George DeGraw for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

**LOWELL LEGION LANES HOLIDAY SEASON SCHEDULE**  
 Closed Christmas Eve  
 Closed Christmas Day—All day  
 Open New Year's Eve 12 Noon to 6 p. m.  
 Closed New Year's Eve from 6 p. m.  
 Closed New Year's Day 'til 7 p. m.  
 Open New Year's Day 7-11 p. m.

## Hugh VanderVeen Bowls 681 Series on Thursday

Hugh VanderVeen, a member of the King Milling bowling team, who bowls in the Up-Towners League on Thursday nights, put on an outstanding performance on December 17, when he rolled a 681 series.  
 VanderVeen, manager of the Lowell Legion Lanes, bowled a 214, 231 and 236 game for his 681 series.

According to the alley records, this is the highest series ever bowled on the Lanes in league action. Other members of the King Milling team are Lee Keech, Ron Holst, Robert Kyser and Phil Kropf.

## Hold Services Saturday For Mrs. George Rinard

Services were held Saturday afternoon in Grand Rapids for Mrs. Dena Rinard, aged 81, who passed away Thursday, December 17, in Butterworth hospital.

Surviving are her husband, George; three daughters, Mrs. Harry (Viola) Lee of Grand Rapids, Mrs. George (Ruth) Kinsley of Lowell and Mrs. Sidney (Dorothy) Cook of Ypsilanti; two sons, Henry of Grand Rapids and Roy of Lowell. Nineteen grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

**TO CLOSE DECEMBER 26**  
 Vic's Auto Service will be closed Saturday, December 26, for inventory. c-36  
 Marine, boating supplies for Christmas gifts. Williams Radio & TV, 126 North Hudson Street, Lowell. c-34-36  
 Read the Ledger Want Ads.

## Appoint DeGraw Acting Chief

The Lowell Village Council Monday evening named George DeGraw acting Police Chief in the village to take over the duties, January 1st. This is the effective date of the resignation of Chief Frank L. Stephens.

Interviews are being held to secure another officer to take over the vacant position on the force.

**Charter Election Date**  
 Village Attorney Richard VanderVeen revealed that it may be possible to hold the charter election for the city as early as March 7th. If this is possible the village will not have to hold a general election on March 14.

VanderVeen also reported to the council that the model gas ordinance will be ready for council consideration on January 4, ahead of any gas installations in the village.

The street department reported that the work of removing trees and grading and graveling Maple Street has been started. The council also acted to change the present 80 percent co-insurance coverage on the diesel and hydro generating plant of the municipal utility to a replacement cost coverage.

## Lowell Ladies Play Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus

Two of our Lowell ladies, Mrs. Robert Chrouch as Santa Claus, and Mrs. William Collins as Mrs. Santa Claus have been entertaining both adult and children's groups the past two weeks in Grand Rapids, Lowell and vicinity. They find working as Santa's helpers a lot of fun and have received many inquiries from the children, as to where their reindeer are, and where they live. They have told the children, because of not having snow they had to travel by car and that the reindeer stayed at the north pole.

They plan another year to visit many more groups as Santa's helpers.

## St. Patrick Students Pay Tribute To Teacher

Students of St. Patrick School, Parnell, on December 16, joined with their teachers and pastor in wishing the principal, Sister Mary Alicia, R. S. M., a Happy Feast Day. Songs were sung, presents given, and tributes composed by all.

The High School program in honor of her, opened with the senior presentation of a spiritual bouquet consisting of a High Mass offered that morning and many prayers and communions by the students. This was presented by Judy Quilan, senior president. Other numbers included: the giving of a Christmas tree by Janet Wosinski, Junior president, and Jean Weeks; a cake, presented by Donna Moonney, Sophomore president, and Mary Jane Nugent, and was made by Clara Raaymakers; and last but not least the "Freshmen had their say" with the presentation of fruit by Aline Straubel, president and Gary Drew, assistant. Jerry Nugent, chairman, closed the program by requesting a few comments from the pastor, Father Gordon Grant. Father graciously accepted the honor and expressed his gratitude for Sister's everlasting dedication to her teaching profession.  
 By Mary Jane Nugent

## South Boston Grange

South Boston Grange will have their annual Christmas party on Saturday evening, December 26. Members are to furnish home made candy, pop corn or pop corn balls. There will be a 50 cent gift exchange for adults and 25 cents for children. A short business meeting will be held. This business concerns all members, and you should

## BANK TO CLOSE

Lowell State Savings Bank will be closed on Friday, December 25, but will remain open all day on Thursday, December 24. c-36

## The Little Lights Which Burn at Xmas

Somewhat of an innovation in Michigan, the Snow Methodist church near Lowell, is featuring a Nativity Scene complete with the candle lighted LUMINARIAS, as is the custom in the Southwest, on Sunday evening, December 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

The origin of the "luminarias" dates back to that holy night of long ago when the shepherds were keeping the watch, lighted fires for warmth, protection and light. These fires were burning brightly when the angels appeared to the shepherds bringing them the tid-

## Cheerleaders to Get New Uniforms



Pictured above are Marie Ortowski and Gretchen Wessell, two cheerleaders from Lowell High School modeling their new uniforms. Marie, who is a member of the Varsity or Senior cheerleaders, is giving Gretchen the pro's and con's on her white pleated skirt before the purchase of the rest of the skirts for the others in the group. New red cheerleading sweaters have been ordered, but have not arrived. Those included in the varsity group are Mary Dewey, Carrie Albus, Suzi Jacob, Louise Noah, Marie Ortowski and Judy Posthumus.

## Arrows Travel To Manistee Dec. 29

Lowell High's basketball squad will make one of its longest road trips in recent years next Tuesday, December 29, when Coach Norm Gotschall takes his charges to Manistee. The Manistee cagers are tall and possess a powerful offense. They are one of the perennial court powers of the northern section of the lower peninsula. The Red Arrows must definitely improve upon last week's dismal showing against East if the 400-mile round trip is to be worth while. Game time is 8 Tuesday night. No reserve game will be played.

East Grand Rapids capitalized on poor first and third periods by the Arrows to take an easy 72-46 win last Friday. The Pioneers roared off to a 17-4 first period lead as the Lowell team couldn't seem to find the basket. Against East's subs the Arrows pulled to within 10 points, 31-21, at the half. The victory then hit a hot streak that netted 26 points in the third frame which just about decided the contest.

Lowell 4 17 10 15-46  
 East 17 14 26 15-72  
 Jim Lawrence led the Arrows with 9 points. Al Seeley and Carol Eckman followed with 8 each. Dexter led the winners with 20.  
 The little Arrows finally found an offense, and, with 6 ft. 4 in. Rick Beimers pouring in 17 points, gave the Pioneer seconds a real battle before bowing 60-52. John Kropf added 13 to the losing cause.  
 Lowell 2nds 14 11 14 13-52  
 East 2nds 18 13 17 12-60  
 Follow the Arrows!  
 Bob Thaler  
 L. H. S. Sports Reporter

## Str. Mary's Christmas Program Well Attended

The Upper, Middle and Lower grades of the St. Mary's School staged a Christmas program at the Runciman Elementary Building on Sunday evening, December 13. The program was opened with an address of welcome and followed by a Dedication Hymn. A medley of Christmas Carols were sung by the combined grades.  
 Before a capacity crowd the students presented the Nativity play, "The Star of Christ." The play was staged in the following eight sequences: Prophet foretells the coming of the Prince of Peace; Herald—proclaims the glory of Emmanuel; The Annunciation; Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem; Shepherds on the hillside; The Throne-room in Herod's Palace; Kings following the stars; and the final sequence was the Manger of Bethlehem.

The children were under the supervision and guidance of the Sisters of the school. The student body presented the Sisters with a Madonna floral bouquet for their excellent help and assistance in producing this well presented program.  
 To conclude the program a short talk was given by Father Strahan.

## CLOSED ALL DAY

The Runciman Co. will be closed all day December 26, and January 2. c-35-36

U. S. Colleges and universities spent nearly \$1 billion on buildings and equipment last year.







# A Want Ad Below is Like Santa Claus — It Always Delivers The Goods ...

## For Sale—General

**DRAPERY HARDWARE**—Everything you need, curtain rods, draw drapery hardware, other styles of window accessories. Window shades made to order. Robt's Furniture Store, Ph. TW 7-7381, Lowell.

**BROKEN WINDOWS** replaced at your residence. Prompt service. Just call GL 1-0556 or GL 1-0886. c32-41

**CHECK THIS LIST**—Shavers, luggage, small appliances, cameras, silver dishes, lighters, Shaefer pens, clocks, billfolds, compact, dresser sets, gifts of silver, Brass and Pewter. Terms, Avery's Jewelry and Gifts, Lowell, Phone TW 7-5375, Open evenings till 9. p-34-36

**SPECIAL SALE**  
NO. 30 COMMON NAILS  
8¢ PER LB.

**WALTER'S LUMBER MART**

**WELL DRILLING AND REPAIR**, new pumps and service. Frank Averill, Jr., Phone OR 6-4501. If no answer call OR 6-1108. c49 ft

**ONE CARAT DIAMOND** ring only \$500. Others \$35 and up. One full year to pay. Avery's Jewelry and Gifts, Lowell, Phone TW 7-5375, Open evenings till 9. Phone TW 7-8375. c-34-36

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM YOUR SAFETY-TESTED USED CAR DEALER**

**Wittenbach Sales & Service Co.**  
749 W. Main, Lowell TW 7-9207

**JEWELRY**—The lasting gift. For her: rings, pendants, costume jewelry. For him: Rings, cuff links, tie bars, TIE RINGS, Avery's Jewelry and Gift Store (Lowell). Open evenings until 9. Phone TW 7-8375. c34-36

**PRE-INVENTORY SPECIAL**  
BLACK 3-IN-1 SHINGLES  
\$1.33 PER BUNDLE  
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**FOR GOODWILL** used cars and trucks, see or call DOYLE — SCHNEIDER  
PONTIAC. We trade, finance and guarantee. 423 W. Main, TW 7-9257, Lowell. c47 ft

**FEEDER PIGS** for sale, 8 weeks old. Landrace and York, James Rittersdorf, Route 1, Belding, TW 7-8778. c36

**FOR SALE—BLACK ANGUS** bull, 23 mos. old; 2—34, meat, children on feeders, \$3 each. TW 7-7055. c36

**FOR SALE—A GOOD CAR**. Plymouth Dlx. Coupe, radio, spot light, fog lights, visor, good seat covers, directional signals, new battery, 1950 model, Mileage 49,000. Reason for sale, also have late Chevrolet \$200, including snow tires, \$225. Ada, OR 6-1148. c36

**10 VALUABLE CHRISTMAS** door prizes. Free ticket with every purchase. Avery's Jewelry and Gifts, Lowell, Ph. TW 7-8375. c34-36

**FOR SALE—WOOD AT FARM** or delivered. Also man's mackinaw. TW 7-7657. c27 ft

**TRUSSES**—Trained fitter, surgical appliances, etc. Leon Restall Drugs, Saranac, Mich. c39 ft

**DIAMONDS AT SPECIAL** prices. Terms. Evenings by appointment. Avery Jewelers, TW 7-8375. c11 ft

**TRANSISTORS**. Clock and Portable radios, Stereophonic and other portable players. One year to pay. Avery's Jewelry and Gift Store, Lowell. Open evenings till 9. Phone TW 7-8375. c34-36

**LAKE ODESSA LIVESTOCK SALE**  
There Will Be No Sale on Dec. 24  
Sale As Usual  
December 31

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**. cards, Bibles, Christmas books for children and adults, writing paper, novelties, corsages; 24-hour service, evenings and Saturdays, TW 7-7381, Frances VanderWeide. c33-36

**SHRINE CIRCUS** January 25-30. General admission tickets at Christiansen's Drug Store. For pickup and delivery of reserve seat tickets call UN 8-4431. Nov. c33-38

**TRUCKING EVERY THURSDAY** to Lake Odessa stock sale. Call George Francisco, TW 7-7381. c32-41

**FOR SALE—HORSE** Hay straw, grain; all kinds. Delivered. Ph. UN 8-4401. Amos Stierzik, Ada. c33-38

**17 JEWEL WATCHES**—\$139.95 up. Children's watches from \$37.75. One full year to pay. Avery's Jewelry and Gifts, Lowell, Open evenings till 9. Phone TW 7-8375. c34-36

**CUSTOM CUTTING**—Beet, no charge. Flies, \$3. Outing a 4 grinding 2 cents a pound. East Paris Pk. Co., 4200 East Paris Rd., S. E. Call MY 8-8407 or EM 1-6800 after 5 p. m. Richard Havgana. c49 ft

**New GMC trucks** for immediate delivery. Everything from 1/2 ton to 3 1/2 ton. See Doyle-Schneider Pontiac—GMC Sales & Service. c47 ft

**GRAVEL AND FILL DIRT** for sale. Delivered. Neil Denholtzen, Phone GL 1-0949. c15-37

**BOTTLED GAS**—Moving? Let us convert your present city gas stove to bottled gas and install FREE bottled gas equipment at your new home. Call CH 3-1822. Wolverine Shelane Service, 3738 South Division Ave., Grand Rapids. c47 ft

**ICE SKATES**—Man's size 9, ladies size 6, child's size 7 to 8 year old boy, \$3.50 per pair. TW 7-8844 or TW 7-9261. p34 ft

**BOOMS CEMENT STAVE SILOS**—The silo with extra, extra heavy air-tight inside glaze, hooped to A.C.I. specifications. Every silo is made and hooped to hold and keep moisture and high moisture corn. Order early, avoid 1 or 2 minute rush, save \$5, early order discount now in effect. Ori Greenenoom, R-1, Lowell, TW 7-7622. c34-36

**CEILING TILE, 5 SIZES**  
ONLY 8¢ PER SQ. FT.  
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**FOR SALE—TRUCK** or Home-trailer with tire, 750x15. Spdy, used less than 100 miles. John Long, Clarksville. p35-36

**SEELEY CONSTRUCTION**—Building and remodeling. Cement work, basements, blocks, chimneys and fireplaces. Houses, garages, additions and barns. All kinds of buildings. Experienced and guaranteed work. Ph. L. J. Seeley, TW 7-9164. c27 ft

**WEDDING INVITATIONS**—Napkins, gift-cards, stationery, baby service; open evenings. Free brides books, J. C. Keena, 635 Thomas, S. E., Grand Rapids, CH 3-1828. c35 ft

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
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**WEDDING INVITATIONS** in variety of styles and printing. Your wedding picture will be printed without charge in the paper. If you order your invitations here, orders processed in at least ten days. Lowell Ledger, TW 7-9261, Lowell. c27 ft

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**FOR SALE—APPLES**, Spies, Delicious, Cortland, Leonard R. Kerr, 10038 Bay Drive, N. E., Lowell, TW 7-7457. c34 ft

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# CHRISTMAS CAROL SING AND MESSAGE

## Christmas Morning - 10 O'clock

### City Hall

# CALVARY CHAPEL

EVERYONE WELCOME

## First Congregational Church

HUDSON AND BIRING STREETS  
Sunday School 9:45 - Worship 11 A. M.  
REV. DAVID H. DEBBINK, Minister  
REV. N. G. WOOD, Pastor Emeritus  
Sermon: "Same Old Inn, Still No Room"  
REV. D. H. DEBBINK, PREACHING  
CHRISTMAS EVE - 11:00 CYCLOCK CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We unite to worship God with freedom and respect for individual belief.  
Cordial invitation is extended to all. If transportation is needed phone TW 7-9284

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass.  
Sunday Service 11:00-11:15  
Lowell, Michigan  
125 S. Washington

## SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION

Revised farm plans have been made with Roy Truax on the Roy Ford farm in Vergennes Twp.; George Keech, Courtland Twp.; David Heasler and Harley Dryer on the Harold Kisson farm, Grant Twp.; Norman Bradford, Spar-tan Twp.; and Keats Rasmussen, Spencer Twp.; and Walter Schil-ents, Alpine Twp.

## Foreman Poultry Farm

Harley Dryer reports high crop yields from fields on the Kisson farm. Baryard manure and green manure crops have built up good supply of organic matter. Soil testing will be used to arrive at the most economical balanced commercial fertilizer needed.

Norm Bradford uses three crop rotations to fit their soil types along with minimum tillage. Rye grass has been used in place of Balboa rye as a cover crop. Corn, oats and one year of hay is grown on the flat, sandy beam fields.

Corn, oats and four years of hay is planted on the heavier, fairly level fields—the hay fields used for rotation pasture. Continuous hay, reseeded in oats or wheat is used on the hilly, rolling fields. Drainage already done on the Bradford farm includes 315 rods of open ditch and over five miles of tile.

Keats Rasmussen has 60 additional acres to be included in his plan. His revised conservation plan includes field strips, hedgerow removal, tree planting and a revised crop rotation.

Walter Schilents plans to install a pit pond for strawberry and raspberry irrigation.  
Dick Drullinger and I were pleased to present conservation farm planning information to the first session of the Cedar Springs Adult Farmer Class the evening of December 24.

Several younger farmers attended. Others in the group have new or revised soil and water conservation plans.  
John Coady and the Ag. teachers have been of real service to their community in their "Continuing Education" classes. Phillip Roberts, now the FFA Adviser, plans extensive conservation projects with his classes.

Pine plantations scattered over Kents Soil Conservation Districts show a striking green contrast to the winter scene whether or not snow is on the ground. The "Conservation Needs" survey shows that 20,000 more acres could be reforested. We find an increased interest also in conservation management of mixed hardwood wood lots.

HOW ABOUT A GLOBE?  
By the end of 1961 a motorist will be able to drive non-stop from Detroit to the Indiana state line on the I-94 (US-12) expressway without being exposed to traffic signals or traffic from intersecting roads.

## Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bergy to Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bergy, 11485 6th Street, Alto, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 3. Preparations are being made for an open house at the Bowne Center WACS Hall from 2 to 5 p. m. They are looking forward to meeting their friends and have requested that gifts be omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergy lived in the Bowne Center Community on the farm now occupied by their son and daughter-in-law, when they moved to their present home on 6th Street in Alto.

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## Miss Grace Moon Wed In Beal City Rectory

Miss Grace Moon and Miss Grace Moon of Beal City were married by Rev. F. Neubacker, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28, 1959 at 5 o'clock in the rectory at Beal City. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kolarik were their attendants.

## Servicesmen

Richard J. Cline, Specialist Four Richard J. Cline, 20, stepson of Richard Rly, Clarksville, Mich., is participating with the 3rd Infantry Division's 68th Armor in extensive Army training tests at the Hofenfeld (Germany) training area.

The training tests, designed to determine unit effectiveness under realistic combat conditions, were scheduled to be concluded Dec. 22. Specialist Cline, a tank crewman in Company D to the 88th Armor, entered the Army in August 1957 and was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., before arriving overseas in March 1958.

Cline is a 1957 graduate of Lake Odessa High School.

Collins J. Purchase, First Lt. Collins J. Purchase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert M. Purchase, Bowes Rd., Lowell, Mich., recently was graduated from the eight-week Sixth Army Instrument Flying School in Oakland, California.

Purchase entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

The 25-year-old soldier is a 1947 graduate of Lowell Public High School and a 1954 graduate of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Engagement Announced  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schaefer of Coopersville, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice June, to Terrance Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gage of Lowell. A June wedding is planned.

CARD OF THANKS  
This is the only way I have to greatly thank the ladies of the So. Lowell Aid Society for their annual Christmas box of fruit, candy and food. Also Walter Wieland for the air of honey.  
James Neeham

IONIA CO. POMONA GRANGE  
Ionia County Pomona Grange met Saturday, December 19, with Portland Grange. About seventy members and several guests were present for the dinner.

After the business meeting, Worthy lecturer, Marvel Neeb presented a program which included vocal duets by Dorene and Darlene Stahl of Clarksville, also Carol Rasmussen and Pam Smith of Ionia, and a vocal trio, Ross Kingstone, Paul Stuart and Bill Williams of Clarksville.

Readings were given by Hope Sargeant, Grace Willis, Belle Miller, Jane Nusbbaum and Pearl Miller.

The Ionia County Pomona Grange Drill team gave a demonstration of their work. Gifts were exchanged and popcorn and candy were passed.

The January meeting will be with Banner Grange and there will be a pie baking contest in charge of the Home Ec. Committee.

IN MEMORIAM  
In loving memory of our father, Lloyd Jones, who passed away December 25, 1959. Sadly missed by—  
The Children

CARD OF THANKS  
I wish to thank those who have been so kind to me and my family during this past month. Your gifts, cards and visits have been deeply appreciated.  
Margaret Hertz

CARD OF THANKS  
I wish to thank my many friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers, food and many acts of kindness which were so helpful during my stay in the hospital and long convalescence at home. Thanks for everything.  
Elsie V. Racine

CARD OF THANKS  
I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hemingsen and the Ford garage for the lovely plants sent me while in the hospital. A big thanks also to Mrs. Thelma Finckney and Mrs. Albert Smith for caring for my children, and our thanks to Jay Bolens.  
Delores Ellison

CARD OF THANKS  
We wish to thank everyone who helped or donated to the Lowell Moose Civics Affair, for Christmas baskets and toys and clothes for the needy.  
Civic Affairs Committee and Chairman, Louis Smit

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS  
Correspondents are asked to have their news in for the New Year's edition on Monday, December 28.

## STRAND THEATRE

LOWELL - MICH.  
CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE  
Friday and Saturday  
December 25 and 26  
"Best of Everything"  
Starring Hope Lang  
Cinemascope and Technicolor  
Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed.,  
Dec. 27, 28, 29, and 30  
"Hound Dog Man"  
Starring Fabian

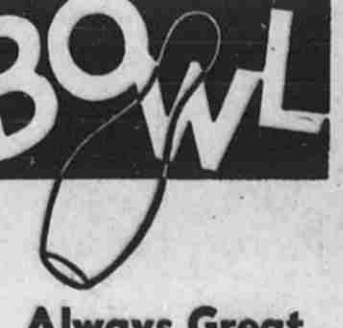
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Saturday 12 Noon - 12 Midnight  
Sunday 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
TO BOWL WELL - BOWL OFTEN  
Lowell Legion Lanes  
Hugh VanderVeen, Mgr. Ph. TW 7-7566

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## Lowell Social Briefs

MRS. CHARLES RADFORD - TW 7-9316  
Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Dewey from New Haven, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Althaus, Jr., of Mrs. Yerna Yetter, and the Herbert Swan family of Lowell, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Speersta and Mrs. Rosella Yetter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Roth entertained at their home Sunday with a carry-in pre-Christmas dinner for the Kott families. They were 53 present from Coral Gables, Fla., Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Ionia, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Hastings, Lowell, Michigan.  
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Porritt of Grand Rapids were guests at a birthday dinner at the Schmelzbank Restaurant, Grand Rapids, Saturday evening, given by Mr. and Mrs. Byron Weeks.

## Good Wishes



Our thanks and best wishes for a very happy holiday season to all of you whose patronage we value so highly.  
OWEN ELLIS

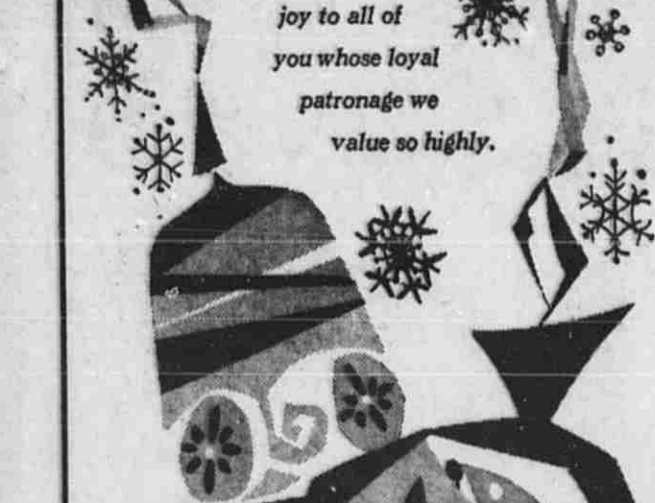


## THE SPIRIT OF Christmas

In the true spirit of the glorious Holiday Season we extend our sincere wishes for the good health and happiness of all our devoted friends and neighbors.

## Rittenger Insurance

## All Best Wishes



We'd like to chime in with many thanks and good wishes for holiday joy to all of you whose loyal patronage we value so highly.

Root-Lowell Mfg. Co.

## Deadline Monday For The New Year's Edition

The deadline for news items as well as ad copy for our New Year's Edition of the Ledger next week, will be Monday, December 28 at noon, since the New Year's holiday falls on Friday.  
It is planned to have the Ledger in the mail Wednesday morning since the New Year's holiday will have the paper a little ahead of time rather than a belated edition.  
Cooperation of all our advertisers and writing staff will be appreciated. May all enjoy a prosperous and Happy New Year!

## A Case in Point

By Chuck Carly  
The sign on the porch read: "Room For Rent." The landlady greeted each guest with a very warm and welcome smile. She had operated the rooming house for a number of years. Although some of the guests remained with her for long periods, other stayed only briefly.  
Several months ago death came to the little landlady unexpectedly. People who knew her thought it might have resulted from an overworked and tired heart. The medical report, however, revealed what there is no way to check those none suspected-tuberculosis. Yes, far advanced and active tuberculosis.  
Those who lived in the rooming house to this incident, were shocked to run its course.  
Often times, as illustrated by this case of a Kent County landlady, tuberculosis in Michigan is reported for the first time on death certificates. This is unfortunate. Her untimely death could have been averted had she invested a few minutes for a TB test and a chest X-ray.

## ROUND & SQUARE DANCES

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT  
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**GREETINGS**

To all our friends we extend our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas, one filled with good cheer and many pleasant surprises.

**Molly, Beverly and Lloyd Wepman**

**Greetings**

It's the season of rejoicing, of peace on earth, good will to men. May Christmas bring you complete happiness.

**Doyle-Schneider Pontiac**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Days may come and days may go, but Christmas Day has a special magic and wonder all its own. May it be for you the very merriest of holidays!

**Bernie Bedell**

**NOEL**

Now as in the days of old, may the story of His birth bring you great comfort and enduring joy.

**Radio Service Co.**

**Home and Office Drinking on Rise A Growing Cause of Auto Accidents**

Teenage automobile drinking parties, tipping at home parties, and over-imbibing at office parties during the December holiday season are a growing cause of highway accidents and fatalities.

James M. Hare, Chairman of the State Safety Commission, has pointed out that the common belief that people who die as the result of alcohol have done their drinking at bars and taverns is now in line with the facts.

Hare said, "During late December and early January when the hours of daylight are the shortest in the year and home and office parties are more frequently held, we know that the toll of deaths among drinking pedestrians and drinking drivers will rise again."

**Intoxicated Pedestrians**

Recent Department of State studies show that 42 percent of all pedestrians and drivers who are killed in Michigan, die as the result of alcohol. As the total number of imbibing drivers and intoxicated pedestrians rises during these gray winter days the number of fatalities is bound to rise.

While collecting evidence on fatalities among drinking drivers and drinking pedestrians, State Department investigators found that an ever-increasing number had been taking one drink too many at home parties, had been drinking while parked in their cars, or have left office party conviviality influence their better judgment. Teenagers, too, who cannot legally buy in bars, often find ways of getting a six-pack of beer or a bottle of wine which they drink in car parties.

**Gifts for his car**

If his car is the apple of his eye, gifts of auto accessories will make fine presents for a man. Consider compasses, searchlights, safety jacks, tools and even a new set of tires.

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Even the best poetry, if read with a muted voice accompanied by soft music, makes me a little sick.

**To wish you Holiday Cheer**

At this festive season, we look back upon a year of meeting old friends and making new ones. To all go our hearty thanks and happiest greetings. May each and every one of you have the merriest holiday ever.

**Finger's Lowell Bakery**

**NOEL**

Christmas is giving... Christmas is receiving... Christmas is a spirit of abiding good will. May all these be yours in abundance at this holiday season.

**Greenville Finance Co.**

**GREETINGS**

What's a happy holiday made of? Tinsel and holly, music and merry-making, love and laughter... we wish you an abundance of all these and more throughout this most festive and inspiring of all the seasons in the year.

**Paul Kellogg Vinegar Co.**

**Pagan Ritual Helped Start Christmas Custom**

The celebration of Christmas brought back the birthday party. To the early Christians, it was unthinkable to celebrate one's birthday—much less the birthday of Christ. Birth meant the assumption of original sin and frequently the beginning of a life of persecution and perhaps martyrdom.

Birthday festivities, moreover, were a pagan custom. The Pharaoh of Egypt and Herod celebrated their birthdays, as the Bible relates. But it was sacrilege even to suggest that a Divine Being had a birthday.

In the 300's however, this attitude was beginning to change. In the year 354 the Bishop of Rome declared December 25 to be the anniversary of the birth of Christ. But it took another pagan ritual to help establish Christmas. The ancient peoples of Europe had been accustomed to celebrating the winter solstice, when the sun seems to return to the Northern Hemisphere, in late December. The pagan feast commemorating the victory of light over darkness was simply replaced by the Christian festival honoring the "Light of Life."

Unless you are the victim, nothing is funnier than kids mimicking their elders.

**Greetings**

To you and yours, we extend warmest wishes for a holiday season that finds you all wreathed in happy smiles.

**The Rollins Agency**

**Greetings**

We hear the wonderful music of Christmas carols and our holiday joy grows and deepens. We want to share it with all our friends, and to wish them a truly happy season.

**Showboat Restaurant Tony Zoovas**

**NOEL**

To each and every valued friend, we wish good fortune without end. Here's to your happiness, health and good cheer, at this joyous season and throughout the New Year. May your holiday time be merry and bright, and may all your dearest wishes turn out just right.

**Roth's Complete Home Furnishings**

All good wishes to you for a holiday full of fun and festivity.

**Season's Greetings**

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**Roth Funeral Home**

**Christmas Greetings**

For all our friends and neighbors we send this Yuletide wish. May the joy of Christmas meet and mingle with the happiness in your heart. May the spirit of Christmas ever dwell with you.

**The Dalstra's Lowell Rest Home**

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**

To you, from us... Merry Christmas and a happy Holiday Season. May your blessings multiply and your days be full of the wonder and joy of living!

**Superior Furniture Co.**

**A Message for Christmas**

May the heartlifting happiness of this joyous season shine brightly in your memory for a long, long time to come.

**Hahn Hardware**

**Greetings**

We're singing out our warmest wishes to you for a Holiday richly rewarding in good cheer and happiness.

**Clark Plumbing & Heating**

**SINCERE CHRISTMAS WISHES**

Oh, holy, peaceful Christmas! Let every heart rejoice in the spiritual inspiration and blessings of the season.

**Al & Myrtle Hermans The Gamble Store**

**OLD-FASHIONED Christmas Wishes**

We're old-fashioned enough to get sentimental about Christmas... to conjure up visions of happy reunions, stockings hung by the hearth, tinsel hung on the tree. In this hearty spirit, we wish you the season's best!

**Curtis Laundry & Dry Cleaners**

**My Neighbors**

"Now think, Hartwig, is this the time to ask for a raise?"

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Let us rejoice in the glad message of the sacred story—to treasure the blessings of peace and good will to all.

**Gee's Hardware**

**Merry Christmas**

It is our sincere wish that the spiritual beauty and festive joy of the Christmas season light up your days with bright hope and happiness.

**McQueen Motor Co.**

**A Merry Christmas**

May your Christmas shine brightly with good cheer and good fellowship...abounding in all the happy sights and sounds of this festive season. That's our sincere wish to you and yours, as we sing out "Merry Christmas!"

**Christiansen Drug Co.**

**Practical, Unusual**

aided only so seasonings. Mary Morr, of the foods and nutrition department at Michigan State University, suggests serving onions as a creamed or sautéed vegetable.

A lonely man will do better if he talks to the bartender instead of the B-girl.

**Last Minute Tax Program by Legislature Only Stop-Gap Measure, We Hope**

By Frank G. Morris

Bleeding and battered by their 11 month tree-for-all, legislators and Gov. Williams staggered to their feet for another round and suddenly heard car bells ring an ancient promise of peace on earth and good will to men.

They could not betray the Spirit of Christmas by kicking Santa Claus in the teeth.

So for this merry Christmas, Michigan has a new tax package tied with solid old string instead of bright ribbon—but welcome nonetheless.

In this year of political cut-throats, the pink-checked gentlemen in the red coat and white beard turned out to be Senator Frank Beadle, of St. Clair, chairman of the Republican caucus.

Because of the faith shining in his eyes and the longing hope in his voice, Beadle caught both Republicans and Democrats by their hearts.

Beadle talked with Gov. Williams while hymns of peace rang through Lansing from loud speakers at the top of the National Bank tower.

The GOP leader then went individually to Republican Senators who have been accused of stubbornness because they were fighting desperately for a principle in which they sincerely believed.

He pleaded next with Democrats in the corridors and in committee rooms and found them willing to listen.

So the break came on an evening that was exactly seven evenings removed from the glowing night when the promise of brotherhood is renewed throughout all Christendom.

It could not have come earlier. The legislators of both political parties had fought too long and at too great a cost in prestige to have surrendered before the final hour when there was no alternative except disgrace for all.

The lawmakers had finally reached the point of no return.

No one is proud of the temporary

The new tax on cigarettes, cigars and tobacco will be repealed.

The levy on whiskey could be justified if it produces a little more temperance.

But the three percent telephone tax will cost the people another \$2 million more than many can ill afford.

Selling the \$50 million worth of U. S. Government bonds for \$40 million will anger war veterans.

And the \$13 million-a-year boost in the corporation privilege fee is a blow for industries already staggered by high state taxes.

But the big point of the compromise, transcending all of the annoyances and grumbling that the new taxes will produce, is that Michigan is not being burdened with an income tax.

After 11 years of battling, Gov. Williams lost the main objective of his career—the levy that was intended to shift most of the cost of government to the corporations that already are struggling to survive in this state of sky-rocketing labor costs.

Yet corporations are being hit hard by the new tax legislation this year. This point has not been made clear.

An increase in the Business Activities Tax, passed last August, will cost industry another \$8 million annually.

The final package included a \$13 million boost in the privilege fee.

This \$21 million blow hit corporations on the very day when businessmen filled the municipal court room in Battle Creek to testify to the Senate Tax Committee that the cost of operating in Michigan has reached the breaking point.

They blamed the high state levies (now going higher) and the pyramiding production costs forced on them by the UAW.

Senator Carlton H. Morris, of Kalamazoo, chairman of the committee investigating job opportunities, and Senator Clyde Geerlings, of Holland, chairman of the tax committee, were so impressed by the testimony they would not listen to Senator Beadle in his role of peace-maker.

Both voted against the corporation privilege fee increase.

And next day Dr. Dwight Yates, Hope College economist who has spent two years comparing Michigan business taxes with the levies in other industrial states, reported that the tax load here is double that in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

His inquiry was completed before the legislature added another \$21 million in business levies.

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**Christmas Cheer**

As another Christmas dawns, may its good cheer pervade every home, lighten every heart, brighten every life. Especially may you and yours partake in full measure of all the joys and blessings of the Day. Merry Christmas, all!

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We take a gift of words, wrap it with good cheer, adorn it with a friendly smile, and send it on its way to you and yours. What is it? It's our package of holiday wishes, warmly felt, heartily said. May your Yuletide season be merry and bright...filled with lasting contentment.

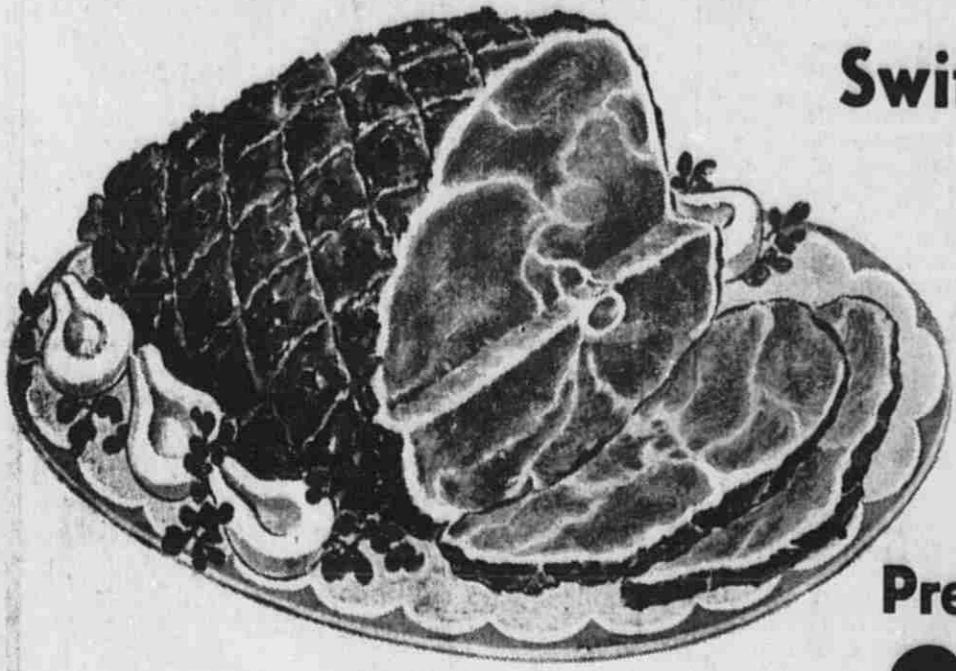
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