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## RECORD OF 1926

### THE WORLD OVER

#### Noteworthy Event of Past Year in This Country and Other Lands.

By Edward W. Pickard.

Unprecedented progress of industries in the United States, Germany's re-admission to the family of great powers, Mussolini's establishment of the complete Fascist state in Italy, inauguration of the contest between the Mexican government and the Roman Catholic church in that republic, the great headway made by the Cantonese armies in their effort to control all of China, the double conquest of the North pole by air, and the severe reverses sustained by the Republican party of this country in the fall elections—such may be considered the outstanding features of the year 1926. Other events of considerable importance were the coup by which Marshal Pilsudski made himself the master of Poland; the disastrous attempt of British organized labor to aid the striking miners by a general strike; the negotiations of Briand and Stresemann to restore friendly relations between France and Germany; threats of a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico over the Mexican land and oil laws; the decision of the imperial conference that the British dominions shall hereafter be autonomous and equal communities within the empire; the breakdown of the efforts to settle the Tacna-Arica dispute between Peru and Chile by a plebiscite and the devising of a more hopeful plan; the terrific tornado that swept across southern Florida; and the tour of Queen Marie of Rumania through the United States and Canada.

Germany's admission to membership in the League of Nations at the September session, with a permanent seat in the council, generally recognized as a necessity in the regeneration of Europe, was not accomplished without bitter wrangling and resulted in the loss to the league of Spain and Brazil. Those nations and Poland had demanded that the council be enlarged and that they, too, be given permanent seats. This Great Britain would not permit, but Poland was pacified by the device of creating "semi-permanent" seats, one of which was given her. Spain and Brazil both gave formal notice of their withdrawal from the league. In the election of members of the council there were some surprises. Poland, Chile and Rumania were given the three-year seats and Poland was declared re-eligible. Colombia, Holland and China were elected for two years, and single-year seats given to Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Salvador. Uruguay had been considered a certain choice, but six Central American states combined against her and her candidacy was withdrawn. The application of Turkey for membership in the league was received but action was postponed for a year.

A special meeting of the league was held in March for the purpose of receiving Germany's application, but the fight over the constitution of the council was so determined that the whole matter was postponed until the regular meeting. After it had been settled as related above, Foreign Ministers Briand and Stresemann slipped away to the village of Thoiry and began important negotiations for the restoration of full amity between France and Germany. Briand's peace policy was later attacked in the French chamber, but he had a majority behind him and carried it forward with good prospects of success. All this time Stresemann was pressing for an early and complete evacuation of the Rhineland by the allies and he also demanded that the allied commission for the control of German armament turn over its duties to the League of Nations.

On January 27 the United States senate voted for American adherence to the World court, but with five reservations. The forty-eight nations members of the court were notified and during the summer seven of the smallest accepted the reservations. But a conference of the members was called to meet in Geneva September 1, the United States declining to participate, and strong opposition developed to this fifth reservation. A committee studied the question and recommended that all the reservations be accepted, but put upon the fifth an interpretation that President Coolidge declared did not meet the requirement of the senate.

Among the treaties signed were those between Germany and Russia, Italy and Spain, France and Rumania, and an agreement between Great Britain and Turkey ending their dispute over the Mosul oil region by compromise. Despite these pacts and the conciliatory efforts of Briand, Stresemann and others, the prospects for the complete restoration of amity among the nations of Europe were none too bright when the council of the League of Nations assembled for its December meeting. France was still insisting on security against German aggression on her and her allies to the East as a condition for evacuation of the Rhineland and the surren-

der of allied control of German armaments; and Germany was equally insistent that, since she had been admitted to the League of Nations, she must be given full confidence and independence. A compromise was reached whereby the interallied control of German armaments will be transferred to a League of Nations committee on February 1.

Refunding agreements with all our debtors were completed except with France. M. Berenger, sent to Washington as ambassador to negotiate a settlement, succeeded so far as the United States was concerned, but the French government was halted in every effort to have the very liberal terms accepted by the parliament. Meanwhile France arranged a settlement of her debt to Great Britain. Throughout the year there was an increasing though unofficial demand in France that the United States cancel the French debt.

Abd-el-Krim, the leader of the Rifians, continued his warfare against the French and Spanish in Morocco until near the end of May when, his headquarters at Targuist having been turned to page 6.

## MARRIAGES LESS IN TUSCOLA IN 1926

### Divorce Decrees Granted During Year in County Reached Thirty.

The number of marriage licenses issued in Tuscola county in 1926 is considerably less than the previous year, according to the records of County Clerk Wm. G. Hurley. In 1925 the number was 231. On Wednesday, Dec. 29, the records showed that thus far in 1926 the number of licenses stood at 190.

Divorce petitions filed and divorce decrees granted show about the same number for the two periods. During the ten month period—from Feb. 9, 1925, until Dec. 1, 1925—there were 38 petitions for divorce filed at the county clerk's office, 26 divorce decrees granted and 42 cases were pending at the close of that period. For the period of one year—from Dec. 1, 1925 to Dec. 6, 1926—there were 44 divorce petitions filed, 30 divorce decrees granted and there are now 66 divorce bills pending in the county.

Alimony paid through the clerk's office reached \$7,268.11 in 1925 and \$7,612.03 in 1926.

## Tuscola Co. Swine Breeders' Day Jan. 6

The fourth annual Tuscola County Swine Breeders' Day will be held at the court house, Caro, at 1:30 p. m. on Thursday, Jan. 6th. This annual get-together of swine breeders of the county is becoming more popular each year. This year it is planned to have the producers of the ton litters in the county to present and give remarks concerning how they handled their pigs and it will be remembered that Tuscola county farmers produced six of the 23 ton litters produced in the state of Michigan, this last year. The County Duroc-Jersey Breeders' Ass'n and the county Chester White Breeders' Ass'n will hold their annual meetings on the same afternoon following the general swine meeting. Both of these organizations will award their cups which they give for the best pig club member having pigs of the respective breeds, on that afternoon. V. A. Freeman, extension specialist from the Michigan State College will also be present and give an address on general problems. The litter contest is becoming more and more popular in this county as time goes on and it is expected that an even better record will be made by the farmers of the county next year than was made this past year.

## Thumb Shorthorn Breeders to Meet

The Thumb Shorthorn Breeders' Association will hold their annual meeting at the Hotel Montague, Caro, on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 5th, at 1:30 o'clock. V. A. Freeman, extension specialist from East Lansing will be present to talk on "Beef Cattle Production" and David Woodman, County Agt. from Huron County will talk on the Junior Livestock Show at Cleveland. The Thumb Breeders' Ass'n has been quite active in promoting club work in the Thumb area since their organization about three years ago. Jas. Kirk of Vassar is the present president and John McClellan of Cass City, the secretary. Anyone interested are invited to be present by the Ass'n officers to hear the discussion of these two subjects.

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## Signing Off

STATION ONE-NINE-TWO-SIX NOW SIGNING OFF WISHING YOU A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



## SHERIFF McELDOWNEY NAMES FIVE DEPUTIES

### Six County Officers in Tuscola Will End Tenure of Office Tonight.

Six county officers in Tuscola county will end their tenure of office tonight and have made arrangements for turning over their offices to the newly elected incumbents the first of the year.

Sheriff Jay A. Colling has completed his fourth year as sheriff and under the law he was limited to the two successive terms. He will be succeeded by L. S. McEldowney, well known throughout the county as an auctioneer. Mr. McEldowney has made the following appointments: Undersheriff, James Kirk of Juniata township; court deputy, David Arnold of Caro; deputy sheriffs, John A. Caldwell of Cass City, Irvin Rief of Denmark township, and Wm. Atkins of Vassar. Mr. McEldowney says additional deputies may be appointed later if he thinks that a larger force is necessary.

Orlo J. McDurmon succeeds Mrs. Burden Hoover as county treasurer. Roland J. Kern was elected prosecuting attorney in place of Theron W. Atwood and Conrad Mueller succeeds W. B. Hicks as county drain commissioner. W. J. Spears was elected circuit court commissioner, a position held last year by Jas. D. Brooker, and Geo. D. Sutton was elected coroner. County officials elected in November to succeed themselves are: E. C. Brainerd, representative; W. G. Hurley, county clerk; Stanley Osburn, register of deeds; W. S. Wixson, circuit court commissioner; Chas. N. Race, coroner; Geo. B. Felton, surveyor.

## League Functions Slowly but Safely

Those who attended the union service at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening were privileged to hear a clear and logical presentation of the activities of the League of Nations, and were told how that body functions and what benefits the world may expect to derive by its activities. The speaker, Frederick Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, spent six weeks in Geneva during the past year. Half of this period he listened to representatives of the league who explained the inner workings of its several departments, and the other three weeks Mr. Libby spent in listening to the deliberations of the league in session.

Mr. Libby, once opposed to the league, is now heartily in favor of it. He says it can best be likened to a clearing house, a town meeting and an executive board. The league functions slowly but safely. All actions must be by common consent and no sovereign state can be coerced.

The league has already prevented a war between Greece and Bulgaria and accomplished something new in the annals of history in that the aggressor paid the damages. The league provides the machinery for world peace and world peace is a possibility when a few more of the larger

nations become members of the league and aid in that body functioning properly. Fifty-six nations are now in the league. Within two years, Mr. Libby expects to see Russia and Turkey members of that body and the United States taking similar steps within four years.

## ANNUAL FAIR MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac District Fair Association, better known as the Cass City Fair, will be held at the high school building at Cass City on Tuesday, January 4, at 8:00 p. m. Two directors are to be elected and other business transacted. The interest of the community in a fair may be demonstrated by the attendance at this meeting.

## THUMB DISTRICT NEWS PARAGRAPHS

### Items Gleaned from Newspaper Exchanges and Other Sources.

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. is asking of the state public utilities commission the approval of the Bell Co.'s purchase of the Consolidated Telephone Co. which operates in Huron and Sanilac counties and operates exchanges at Bad Axe, Sandusky, Ubly, Snover, Crosswell, Peck and Lexington. The purchase price was given as \$180,000. The state commission will hold a hearing Dec. 31.

The Brown City Oil & Gas Co. filling station on Brown City's main street and tanks and other equipment along the P. M. tracks will become the property of the Standard Oil Company on January 1. The property was sold for \$14,000.00, exclusive of accessories.

Sanilac county is better equipped this year than ever before to keep Old King Winter from tying up traffic. Seven heavy duty truck plows, a giant tractor plow and two additional truck plows are among the snow removal equipment and within an hour a plow can be dispatched to any given point where conditions are reported to be bad.

Wm. Kelley of Novesta and Frank Stout of Dayton have been appointed deputies by Conrad Mueller, recently elected drain commissioner of Tuscola county, who will take up the duties of that office. Both Messrs. Kelley and Stout have been connected with the drain office for years.

Charles Hogan, 88, well known Huron county farmer, was instantly killed Christmas morning when the car in which he and his son, Francis, were riding slewed on the ice 3½ miles southeast of Kinde and turned over into the ditch. The two men were pinned under the automobile for more than 30 minutes, when passing motorists found them. The younger man was not seriously injured.

The Huron Milling Company at Harbor Beach suffered thousands of dollars damage Thursday morning, when fire broke out at ten o'clock in the paste grinding room of their wheat starch plant. An alarm brought the city department to the scene in short order, but, by the time they arrived the three story building at the

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## CHURCHES WILL UNITE IN WEEK OF PRAYER

### Devotional Program Is One to Be Used in Over Fifty Countries.

Cass City churches will unite in the observance of the "Universal Week of Prayer" at the opening of the new year. The devotional program which will be presented is one which will not only be circulated throughout all English-speaking lands, but will be translated for use in over fifty countries.

The union services commence on Monday night and will continue through the week, closing on Friday night. Monday evening's service will be held at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening at the M. E. church, Thursday evening at the Evangelical church, and Friday evening at the Presbyterian church. The services will embrace subjects as follows:

Monday, Jan. 3.  
Thanksgiving and humiliation.  
"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (Psalm 95: 2, 6.)  
Thanksgiving—For the goodness and mercy of the past year, for the long suffering of God toward us; that now is our salvation nearer than when we began.

## DAIRY MEETING ON NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### Comedy Sketch Will Take Place of Lecture at Cass City.

"We are assured of the dairy meeting we have been expecting for some weeks," said Roy Taylor this morning. "The meeting is being billed for Jan. 5th."

The correspondence which Mr. Taylor has had with Mr. H. C. Weghorst of St. Louis, informs him that in place of the contemplated lecture there will be substituted a play, "Joe Guess Wins \$1,000." The purpose of the play is identical with that of a lecture, namely, to arouse an interest in better feeding methods among the farmers and dairymen and to show each dairyman how he can produce milk at a lower rate per gallon. But the facts are dressed into an interesting form with plenty of sketches of comedy, to make it really an evening of entertainment as well as information.

Mr. Weghorst will take the part of Bob Profit, the leading character in the play. The other characters are Joe Guess, Bill Know and Mr. Shaw, the Banker. Joe Guess, the dairyman who does not believe in better dairy methods, is the chief comedian with his laughable comments each time Know and Profit attempt to show him better methods.

The play is given here under the management of the Elkland Roller Mills. Orchestra music will be furnished before show and between acts. The performance is free.—Adv. 1

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## COLE-GOODALL

John Goodall, son of Mrs. Alfred E. Goodall, and Miss Eva Cole, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Cole, were quietly married Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. Allured officiating. The bride was beautifully gowned in blue silk. The couple were unattended.

Mr. Goodall is employed as a milk tester at Lake City while Mrs. Goodall was a clerk in the P. S. Rice Grocery store. Both are graduates of the Cass City high school, Mr. Goodall graduating in 1924 and Mrs. Goodall in 1926. They left immediately for a short wedding trip.

## ELKLAND PIONEER ANSWERS SUMMONS

### Mrs. Geo. Kitchin Came from Canada to Cass City 59 Years Ago.

Mrs. George Kitchin passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arminta, Fleenor, in Cass City on Friday morning, Dec. 24, at the age of 87 years. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church on Sunday afternoon.

Oliver Matilda Karr was born in Ohio, July 12, 1839. She was second child in the family of eight of Julius Karr. When a small child her parents moved to Canada where she spent her girlhood days.

On Oct. 4, 1860, she was married to Abraham Lazier. To this union, one child, Emma Philberta, was born. After but three years of married life, Mr. Lazier died and less than a year after this little Emma also was taken.

On Nov. 21, 1865, she was married to Geo. Kitchin and to them were born four children. Fifty-nine years ago when Cass City consisted of one building, they came here from Canada, settling on a piece of land 1½ miles east and ½ mile north of town. Here they pioneered, cleared up the farm and built a home.

Wishing to obtain more land so that all the boys might be given a start in life, they purchased 80 acres of land in Evergreen township the fall after the big fire. In 1886 they moved onto this place and the pioneer's work of building a home and clearing up a farm was re-acted. The buildings were the work of their own hands and those built in Evergreen are still the homes of two of the sons.

Mr. Kitchin died in 1907, and while Mrs. Kitchin's health has not been good for a number of years, there have been but few days that she has not been up for at least part of the day and engaged in a quiet ministry to others. Her death occurred early on Friday morning at the age of 87 years, five months, 12 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure, one brother, Norman Karr, who is now in California; three sons, John and Albert of Evergreen and Norman of Pontiac; one daughter, Mrs. Arminta Fleenor of Cass City, with whom she has made her home for some years; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Kitchin was converted early in life and her life has been so spent that those who are left mourn not as those that have no hope. One of her daughter's fondest memories is the sound of the voice so oft repeated the 23rd psalm and singing the old hymns.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kitchin, Dr. Neafie, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cheal, all of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fleenor of Three Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Agar of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Bower Connell of Grant, Mrs. Wm. Messner of Detroit, and Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Surbrook of Snover.

## State Bank Is Opened at Akron

Organization has been completed of a state bank at Akron to handle the banking business of that community. The new bank, known as the Akron State Bank, opened for business Monday in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Akron operation.

The new bank is capitalized at \$20,000 divided among 20 stockholders. Its officers are as follows: President, Franklin Kolb; vice president, John Roberts; cashier, Charles W. Stacy; assistant cashier, Ruby Hamilton. Directors in addition to the first two officers named are Tolbert Fritz, Samuel Elliott and Samuel Park. Mr. Stacy was managing partner of the old Bank of Akron.

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## MARRIED 50 YEARS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

### Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schwaderer Celebrated Golden Wedding Anniversary.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schwaderer on Christmas Day, the event being their golden wedding anniversary. Four of the children, with their families, were present for the dinner which was served to the bride and groom on the first table they had when they began housekeeping 50 years ago. The table linen used was the Irish linen brought from Europe by their son, Eugene, while yellow candles and baskets of chrysanthemums and marigolds decorated the dining room.

The living room, which was bright with Christmas colors and with a large tree as center of interest for the younger members of the families, was the scene of an informal reception in the afternoon. A large number of relatives and friends called to congratulate the couple and wish them many more years of happiness. Punch, wedding cake and wafers were served to the guests in the dining room. Many beautiful gifts including a number of gold pieces were received in memory of the happy occasion.

## Judge Hill Officiates at Marriage Ceremony

Judge of Probate Guy G. Hill was called upon Wednesday morning to officiate at the marriage ceremony which united Lenhart Miklovich of Detroit and Alice Hanzek of Akron. The ceremony took place in the office of the county clerk.

County Clerk W. G. Hurley has issued the following marriage licenses in the past week: Kenneth David Allen, 27, Caro; Marcella Irene Collier, 27, Flint; Lenhart Miklovich, 25, Detroit; Alice Hanzek, 17, Akron.

Henry Siebel, 26, Gagetown; Adell Radoff, 20, Gagetown; Frank Tavernier, 32, Fairgrove; Pearl Streeter, 30, Akron.

Paul Orto, 21, Detroit; Mary Voss, 16, Cass City.

Ben Kennard, 22, Vassar; Zelpha E. Beardsley, 18, Vassar.

Timothy Lyle Lowthian, 21, Unionville; Leona D. Graf, 22, Unionville.

## Radio Concert Saturday Night

A radio concert will be given at the Presbyterian church at Cass City on Saturday night, Jan. 1, to which the admission is free.

John McCormack, with other of the best Victor artists, will be on the air, and radio and loud speaker are being loaned that night in order that school children and young people may hear some of the best music as accurately reproduced as it is given in the microphone, barring certain atmospheric conditions. The concert begins at 8:00 p. m. and all are invited.

## VOSS-ORTO.

Paul Orto of Detroit and Miss Mary Voss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Voss of Elkland township, were united in marriage at St. Columbkil church in Sheridan Sunday morning, Dec. 27, at nine o'clock. Witnesses were Joseph Voss and Miss Helen Fagus of Gagetown and Geo. Beyette of Caro and Miss Mary Orto of Detroit.

Sunday evening, a reception was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Orto. This continued until the early hours in the morning. A chicken dinner was served and farewell speeches were given by Dan Olajher and Joseph Voss, father of the bride.

The newly weds will reside in Detroit where the groom is employed.

## CAN YOU START 1927 OUT OF DEBT?

Maybe—and maybe not. But if you can, it will help every one with whom you do business.

Many stores start each new year out of debt and an increasing number of individuals pay their December accounts before the end of the month.

If you can do it, the stores will be helped greatly and as Cartoonist Briggs says, "It's a grand and glorious feeling." Why not try?—Ex.

Levi Bardwell of Cass City and Miss Isabelle A. Marshall of Los Angeles, California, were quietly married Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Lansing by Rev. W. W. Edwards, former pastor of the Cass City Presbyterian church. Mrs. Bardwell is well known to Cass City people, having lived near Cass City until she went to California 12 years ago.



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KINGSTON-NOVESTA  
TOWN LINE.

Foster VanBlaricom of Detroit spent a couple of days of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanBlaricom.

Robert Horner came home to spend Christmas with his family and does not expect to return to Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Retherford were at Kingston Tuesday and called to see Sam Walker, who is very ill. He has been in poor health for some time.

Frank Nemeth and daughter, Mary, spent the week end in Detroit.

Emery Cones of Deford sacked potatoes at H. Retherford's Monday and took them to Bay City by truck on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Martin returned home from Detroit Monday and called on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gooden at Clawson. Mr. Gooden is very ill, being confined to his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth and daughter were Cass City callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Retherford have purchased a piano. Had it brought from Perry by truck Monday.

Miss Miriam Horner is spending the holiday vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Martin will spend New Year's Day at Crosswell with the latter's mother, Mrs. A. W. Campfield.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Retherford will go to Caro one day this week to visit Mrs. Retherford's sister, Mrs. Chas. Parsons, who is seriously ill.

Thursday, Jan. 6, the W. C. T. U. will observe the day of prayer at the home of Mrs. Charles Kilgore. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Courliss will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on New Year's day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Funk. They expect to have all their daughters present with them, Mrs. Ella Stephens of Birmingham, Mrs. Emma McCracken of Highland Park, and Mrs. Maud Collins of Novesta Corners, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. It is also the birthday of Mr. Courliss, who will be 81 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Retherford and son, Arleon, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith and daughter of Detroit spent Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gibbs at Caro.

## OWENDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McGregor spent Christmas in Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duffy and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perckett were Christmas guests at the Alfred Fischer home.

Miss Stella Bushchlen of Detroit is spending the week with her mother.

A number of young people from Gagetown came and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perckett last Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served and a delightful evening spent. Mrs. Perckett was formerly Miss Florence Fischer of Gagetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wallace of Grant entertained C. M. Wallace and family and father, T. H. Wallace, of Owendale for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Duffy spent the week-end in Detroit.

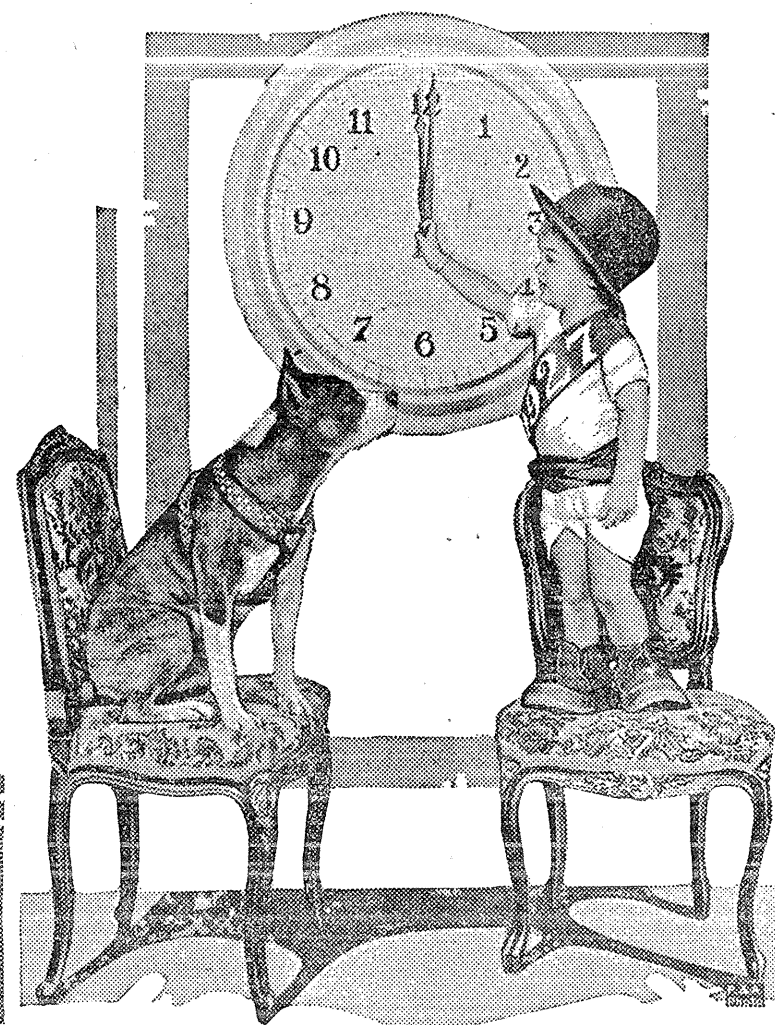
Miss Helen High and Harold Hobart of Gagetown spent Sunday at the Perckett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schnepf and family of Owendale were Christmas guests of the latter's parents at St. Charles.

There were a number of beautiful Christmas trees in Owendale last week at the different churches and a large crowd attended the services.

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**Not to the Proprietor**  
Time isn't money when it is at that a woman spends in a store.

Starting  
the New YearWATCHING  
THE OLD  
YEAR OUT

Florence Harris Wells

AS JACK wired bridge lamps for the salesroom below his mind was on other more personal matters than wiring lamps for wholesale houses. Saidie, who made shades in another department for these same lamps, had refused to dance the New Year in with him. In fact this was the second time this holiday season she had refused to go to a dance with him. This time she had given no reason, but had been so sweet about it Jack was more puzzled than if she had done it ungraciously.

Saidie with her dark eyes, and golden curls that no bob on earth could make lie down in any sort of respectable fashion, looked anything but the industrious little worker she had proved to be.

No girl in the department could begin to make shades as fast or as beautiful as Saidie. No one got checks anywhere near the size of Saidie's at the end of the week; yet, while the other girls envied her skill, they all liked her, too—so did every one for that matter. Jack would have adored her if she hadn't been able to make but one shade a week. She had always been ready to laugh and joke and go to parties with him until now. Still, Jack reasoned, she was just the same as always about everything but the parties.

The queer part of it was, to Jack's thinking, that he had called on Saidie last night and her mother had said she was out on an errand, but she hadn't said where, neither had she asked him

to come in and wait for her. They didn't usually treat him that way.

Jack wasn't easily downed. He wouldn't let Saidie's refusal upset him so. He'd do something different from just going to an ordinary dance—something he could tell Saidie about afterward. He decided to go to a gay cabaret where the wealthy people went, and there he'd watch the old year out. He could afford to spend what it would have cost him to take Saidie to the dance, and he wouldn't have to spend so much all alone. It would be a new experience in his life of ordinary routine. He'd forget Saidie if he could. Jack was quite thrilled with his idea.

When night came, into the popular resort he sauntered and seated himself in a far corner where he could watch the gay throng, unmolested. For some time Jack watched the festive scene without signaling out individuals; suddenly through the crowd he saw the golden curls of Saidie.

Jack could scarcely believe his eyes. Strange thoughts flew through his mind. This was why she was refusing him—coming here with some wealthy guy. It couldn't be possible, Jack told himself; yet, after all, it was Saidie. He could just see the top of her head, now here, now there.

Jack wished he hadn't come. He felt it would be easier not to know it; then the crowd between them parted and he saw her distinctly as she came nearer, swaying gracefully in and out among the tables. A red lacquered tray laden with bright-colored packages and gift boxes swung from her white shoulders by red velvet ribbons, in keeping with the holiday season.

She opened her lips and through shut teeth offered:

"Cigarettes! Cigarettes!"

So close was she Jack reached out his hand and caught her, relieved that it wasn't a man that brought her there; withal startled at her self-imposed task after her hard day's work. Surprised, Saidie wavered a moment, then stopped beside him.

"What does it mean?" Jack demanded suddenly, feeling he must protect her from herself.

And Saidie whispered:

"It's the tips I get that count. Jack, I've been doing it during the holiday season. A few more hours of this holiday generosity and I'll have the fee for the specialist and little brother will be well. I thought you might not like it. I didn't want you to know until I was through. It'll soon be over now. You'll wait for me won't you?"

She hastened on calling blithely:

"Cigarettes! Cigarettes!"

"Wait for her?" Jack repeated softly to himself, "I'll say I will!"

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She opened her lips and through shut teeth offered:

"Cigarettes! Cigarettes!"

So close was she Jack reached out his hand and caught her, relieved that it wasn't a man that brought her there; withal startled at her self-imposed task after her hard day's work. Surprised, Saidie wavered a moment, then stopped beside him.

"What does it mean?" Jack demanded suddenly, feeling he must protect her from herself.

And Saidie whispered:

"It's the tips I get that count. Jack, I've been doing it during the holiday season. A few more hours of this holiday generosity and I'll have the fee for the specialist and little brother will be well. I thought you might not like it. I didn't want you to know until I was through. It'll soon be over now. You'll wait for me won't you?"

She hastened on calling blithely:

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to come in and wait for her. They didn't usually treat him that way.

Jack wasn't easily downed. He wouldn't let Saidie's refusal upset him so. He'd do something different from just going to an ordinary dance—something he could tell Saidie about afterward. He decided to go to a gay cabaret where the wealthy people went, and there he'd watch the old year out. He could afford to spend what it would have cost him to take Saidie to the dance, and he wouldn't have to spend so much all alone. It would be a new experience in his life of ordinary routine. He'd forget Saidie if he could. Jack was quite thrilled with his idea.

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CHURCHES WILL UNITE  
IN WEEK OF PRAYER

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We first believed; that despite our past failures and unfaithfulness God still sets before us an open door for service.

Confession—Our unbelief, our half-hearted service, our secret sins, our sins remembered and forgotten, our lives of ease, our neglect of prayer and of the Word of God.

Prayer and Redemption—"Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85: 6.)

Scripture Readings—Psalm 95, Psalm 103. Acts 1: 1-8. Gal. 5: 16-26.

Tuesday, January 4.

The universal Church—"The Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20: 28)

Thanksgiving—For Christ's love to his church and for the gracious purposes for which he called it into being, for the quickened desire after unity among the members of his body, for the increase of brotherhood and for an awakened social conscience among believers.

Confession—Our need of greater personal holiness that Christ may be magnified in our bodies, our lack of love for souls, our unreadiness to serve and to bear witness, our unworthy timidity and pride.

Prayer—For all ministers, preachers, church workers and members, for all who are discouraged and joyless in their work, for lapsed members that they may be restored, for a fresh renewal by the Holy Ghost. "Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation."

Scripture Readings—Psalm 133, John 3: 25-36. 2 Cor. 5: 14-21. Eph. 2: 13-22. Rev. 1: 10-20.

Wednesday, January 5.

Nations and Governments—"He made of one every nation \* \* \* that they should seek God." (Acts 17: 26-27)

Let us in a few moments of silence seek definitely to realize the presence of the Lord Jesus who makes us one in him with our brethren of every nation.

Let Us Give Thanks—For all efforts to promote better understanding and more kindly relationships between nations, for a quickened sense of international brotherhood, for that measure of success which the League of Nations has met with in promoting peace and good-will.

Let Us Pray—For peace in our time, national, international and industrial; that the nations may be delivered from materialism and defective moral standards by their recognition of Christ and his teaching; that rulers and governments may submit themselves to the guidance of God as they seek to discharge their great tasks and responsibilities; that the present spirit of lawlessness may be restrained and replaced by the heavenly wisdom which is pure and peaceable; that the evils of impurity, intemperance and gambling may be overcome through the preaching of the gospel; that especially in lands long privileged with the knowledge of Christ, the Lord's day may be rightly regarded and observed.

Scripture Readings—Deut. 6: 1-15, Psalm 87. 1 Tim. 2: 1-6. Rev. 7: 9-17.

Thursday, January 6.

Missions—"All the World \* \* \* every creature" (Mark. 16: 15)

Thanksgiving—That there are no frontiers in the Redeemer's kingdom, no "home" and "foreign" fields, for "the field is the world"; that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son to save it, and calls upon his church to bear witness to Jesus and his great salvation; for the response to that call made by the church during the past year, for all devoted missionary service, and for the blessing with which God has sealed it.

Prayer—That the gospel may be fully preached to the ends of the earth; that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into the ripened fields; that the church may ever keep in mind that its first duty is to evangelize the world; that native converts may be faithful witnesses to their unevangelized neighbors; for the work of all Bible societies, for missionaries in special difficulty at this time of unrest in China and elsewhere.

Scripture Readings—Psalm 145, Isaiah 60. Matt. 8: 5-13. Acts 10: 34-48. Rev. 21: 1-4 and Rev. 21: 22-22: 5.

Friday, January 7.

The Home Base.

Let Us Give Thanks—For the ever-growing realization that Jesus Christ is the moral judge of the world, and that nothing is right which he would disapprove, for the response of men and the leadership of the church in all appeals for help for human need, for the work of the church in all its agencies to establish Christianity as the supreme power in the life of the nations.

Let Us Confess—Our want of brotherly love and of inter-racial and industrial good-will, our prejudice against other races and our negligence in seeking to win them to Christ.

Let Us Pray—That the church at home may be so pure in faith, so rich in benevolence, so faithful in duty that none of its enterprises at home or abroad may suffer for want of men or support; that all races may realize that the solution of the race problem is in Christ; that Christians may be delivered from the love of rapidly growing wealth into a love like that of Jesus; that the Bible, the Lord's

day and the sacraments, the gracious wealth of Christian worship, may be loved and preserved.

Scripture Readings—Rom. 10; Psalm 94; 1 Cor. 16: 1-9; 2 Cor. 9.

## WICKWARE.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

A baby boy came Christmas eve to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lindeman.

Miss Marguerite McTavish is spending a few days with relatives at Colling.

Mrs. Mark Bond and sons, Darcy and Harland, called at Chas. Bond's last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hiller and children, Floyd and Irene, spent Christmas Day at Grant McConnell's.

The Chronicle was presented with several specimens of beautiful apples by Hiram Keyser on Dec. 23. The fruit was large, well formed and especially finely colored. The Keyser orchards produced large quantities of choice fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Craig entertained Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donahue and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Agar and son of Colling and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Durkee and family on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Angerbrandt and family of Port Huron were Christmas guests at the home of Barney Shagena.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnot Marshall entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and Mrs. Reamer and daughter, Helen, of Wilmet and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Durkee on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson were Christmas guests at the home of Milford Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicol and Miss Gladys Nicol attended a reunion at the home of Mrs. Hugh Jordan of Grant on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Keyser and Hiram Keyser of Wickware entertained on Christmas the following: Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn Keyser, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Williams, Vincent Keyser, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Keyser, Misses Roselyn, Mildred and Edith Keyser, all of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Sterle Spencer and children of Cass City, Leslie and Earlan Keyser of Wickware and Mrs. Theo Keyser of Pontiac, and in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson of Wickware and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Flint. Cards and music were enjoyed by all.

Word was received Sunday morning of the death of Hiram Keyser's brother, Joe Keyser, aged 83, of Adelaide, Ontario.

## Papal Vestments

The pope's vestments include: Amice, alb, cincture, maniple, stole, tunicle, dalmatic, chasuble, surplice, cape, sandals, stockings (or buskins), gloves, miter, pallium, succinctorium and fanon.

## Day of Opportunity

In this day, opportunity not only knocks at your door but is playing an anvil chorus on every man's door, and then lays for the owner around the corner with a club.—Elbert Hubbard.

## Crowded London District

There is only one acre of open space to every 14,000 inhabitants of the Southwark district of London—and there is no chance of remedying the deficiency.

## GRIST SCREENINGS

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We will be closed all day New Year's Day.

Another year coming around the bend!

We wish we could tell all you people how much we appreciate the kindnesses you have shown us during the past year. But we can't begin to express it. You have been good to us, possibly better than we deserve, but we have tried hard to merit your patronage and we sincerely hope we have pleased you.

Running a milling business isn't all sunshine and roses. We have our troubles just the same as anybody else, and sometimes we think we have more than anybody else. But we can look back over the past year and recall a lot of mighty pleasant associations that more than compensate for the troubles we have had.

As we approach the New Year, we wish you all the joy and happiness in the world. We hope Prosperity will tag around after you like a friendly dog and that 1927 will bring you 365 days of genuine happiness and contentment.

We have faith to believe that the coming year will be a prosperous one in this particular section of the country. We don't believe there is any community that offers greater opportunities for success than right here in Cass City. It's simply up to us to find these opportunities and develop them.

So, let's make it a big year for everybody.

We're going to help all we possibly can by giving a better flour mill service than we've ever given before.

## The Elkland Roller Mills

Phone 15  
CASS CITY, MICH.

Other merchants in Cass City are making similar resolutions. We know because we've talked to them.

Let's make the old town hum. What do you say?

Jim Palmer is feeding Cow Chow and Calf Chow and likes them.

Can you afford to feed milk to your calves when a nickel's worth of Calf Chow will take the place of a gallon of whole milk? Ask Joe Lapeer or Jim Palmer what they think about Calf Chow.

Be sure and see "Joe Guess" at the Opera House Jan. 5 at eight o'clock. Everything free. If you don't believe in laughing, don't come, but we would like to see everyone who owns a cow there.

Joe Lapeer and Frank McCauley each bought 30 bags of Cow Chow last week. Both parties fed it last winter and have been real boosters for Cow Chow.

Remember  
we have these feeds at a  
very low price

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Cottonseed      | 43% protein |
| Oil Meal        | 34% protein |
| Milk Maker      | 24% protein |
| Amco Supplement | 32% protein |
| Parofax         | 14% protein |

We now have in stock River Dale Product Co. Steam Bone Meal, recommended by Michigan State College.

## The Farm Produce Co.

CASS CITY

## Build on Thrift

There are many ways to practice thrift, but to our mind thrift does not mean being miserly—denying yourself necessary comforts of life. It means among other things, "Share with Others"—spending your money wisely where you get the most value for it. Patronize the Curb Gas Dealers, who, in turn, share with you by contributing much toward the development of the community in which you live!

## ASK FOR ONE OF OUR CALENDARS

A. B. C. Sales and Service,  
Cass City  
John McLellan, Cass City  
Willy Bros., Cass City  
G. A. Striffler, Cass City  
Shabbona Hardware  
Walter Hyatt, Shabbona

IT PAYS  
TO BUY  
WHITE  
STAR GAS  
AT THE  
CURB

F. M. Howe, Elmwood  
Myron Karr, Rescue  
R. E. Johnson, Deford  
E. V. Evans, Wilmet  
W. J. Eckensweller, Argyle  
Jesse Hawksworth, Cumber  
J. C. Waltmire, Caro

## Cass City Oil &amp; Gas Company

Robert Warner, Manager.



# RADIO



An Early Broadcast Station.

## SIMPLICITY OF RADIO

By POWEL CROSLY, JR.

Although radio communication has been an accomplished fact since the nineties, it is only since broadcasting came into use that the great wave of radio popularity has converted the American public into an army of radio fans. Some eight or ten years ago the first broadcast programs went "on the air." They were a vastly different kind of entertainment than that which is tuned-in by the radio listener today.

A phonograph was rigged up in front of a microphone, and shrill, screechy sounds poured forth, intermixed with cat-calls and thunderous crashes as something went wrong with the apparatus, or the microphone was jarred by the sudden movement of the operator in changing a phonograph record.

The few weary ship operators who picked up these concerts came out of their lethargy with a sudden snap, and sat up, pressing the receivers to their ears. The air of savor-faire quickly faded from their faces, and their eyes popped forth in surprise. They could not quite make out whether it was the voices of angels to which they were listening, or a spell cast over them by the devil. Even the ship's cat pricked up his ears, believing that he recognized Mirrie's voice purring forth from the receivers, and jumped up onto the table to investigate.

As these concerts went on from night to night, however, they came to be welcomed, despite their imperfections, by the ship operators as a pleasing interlude in the monotony of regular duties. Amateur operators, here and there, impressed their families with the marvels of radio by inviting them to hear the canned music, and the general public, hearing rumors of the wonderful feats performed by the new art, began to be suspicious that it was missing something—that something was being kept from it which it had a right to know about.

The more inquisitive individuals bought or built crystal sets, and as the audience grew, the performers widened their scope of activities, introducing, by way of variation, such novelties as the electric piano, or the old ladies' choir from the corner church.

But matters went from bad to better, instead of bad to worse, and when the public awoke in 1921 to a sudden realization of the possibilities that radio held forth in the way of entertainment, radio broadcasting was transformed from a crude experiment to a national service of high standards almost overnight. Thus in outlining the how and why of radio as it is known today, we must study a weed which has grown to maturity in the short space of five years, or rather, a flower which has bloomed overnight.

three volts. Power tubes of this type also have been produced.

Attempts have been made at elimination of the filament lighting battery providing direct current by the designs of a tube operating from alternating current through a voltage stepdown transformer. There has appeared an improved "A C" tube operating at eight volts announced as a big step over an earlier model which required four. Use of alternating current as the heating element required a considerable change in the tube design.

Tube construction has been extended so as to include parts of other units used in set construction.

### Material Improvement in New Loud Speakers

This season brings wide popularity for the cone speaker as a means toward perfect reproduction. However, there are a number of excellent horn-type loud speakers that give splendid reproduction.

The general design of loud speakers has certainly been improved during the last year and one with a good radio set and one of the new speakers should get tone quality that approximates naturalness.

With the coming of the excellent loud speakers the public must take one important point into consideration before buying. That point is—Does the radio set have the material and design to give good reproduction with a good speaker? This point must be considered for the simple reason that if a good loud speaker is connected to a set that is not giving good quality, the result will be a mess of noises that will not approach your present reproduction.

The 1927 loud speakers are remarkably well designed and are made to cover the entire musical scale and are also sensitive. The new speakers are so sensitive to frequency response that if a radio set has defects in the audio amplifier they will immediately show it up.

### When Testing Batteries

It is important that batteries be tested when connected to radio sets and with the tubes turned on. Many fans make the mistake of testing batteries when they are disconnected from all circuits. This does not show their true condition, as they show a greater charge when unconnected than when under their usual load.

### Shielding for Selectivity

Shielding of sensitive sets increases selectivity. Line the cabinet with copper or brass sheeting to keep unwanted energy from coils, but then keep the shield out of the field of the radio frequency instruments.

# LIVE STOCK

## FEED FOR PROFIT IN FEEDING HOGS

Hogs may be fed so that only a small profit may be made or they may be given such a balanced ration that they will return a maximum profit. There is no magic in producing the highest gains per pig and a resulting high profit. It all depends on how the animals are fed.

"For example," says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at the North Carolina State college, "we may take two men, each of whom owns ten 50-pound pigs. They feed those pigs through a period of 70 days. The first man is of an economical trend of mind, so he feeds his pigs a half ration which amounts to 1,300 pounds, costing, at \$2 per hundred, \$26. His pigs gain 100 pounds on each 275 pounds of feed given them. This feed costs \$5.50 and the pigs gain a total of 473 pounds, worth, at 14 cents per pound, \$66.22. Deducting the cost of the feed, the grower has left \$40.22, or a profit per pig of \$4.02."

"Now, the second man is out for the greatest profit that he can get out of his pigs. He full feeds his ten pigs with the result that during the 70-day period they eat 2,500 pounds of feed, costing \$52. During that time and with that feed they gain 800 pounds, worth, at 14 cents per pound, \$112. The second farmer thus makes a total profit of \$60 above cost of feed, or a profit of \$6 per pig."

Mr. Shay states that this greater profit would be received even though the feed consumption per hundred pounds gain in the case of the second farmer's pigs was 325 pounds, or 50 pounds more than the first owner's pigs, and the cost of 100 pounds gain was \$6.50, which is one dollar more than the first farmer's cost. More feed might have been withheld by the first grower and the profit eliminated entirely, but there would be nothing new in that, as Mr. Shay has found many farmers practicing such a system for several years. Even today, after the value of the feeding demonstration has been amply proven, there are still men who seem to feel that it is better for a hog to pay a profit of \$4 in a given length of time than for it to pay a profit of \$8 in the same time. It all depends on the feed.

## Badger Stockmen Favor Shipping Associations

Nearly half of Wisconsin's live stock takes the co-operative route to market.

Approximately 45 per cent of all the stock shipped in the state is handled by co-operative shipping associations, according to Marvin A. Schaars of the economics staff at the Wisconsin College of Agriculture. Stockmen are partial to this method of shipping for several reasons.

First, he pointed out, it brings a greater net return to the farmers. In 1923, stockmen received nearly 20 per cent more for stock sold through their association than from the local buyers. At the same time, the co-operatives undoubtedly raised the prices paid by local buyers.

Other advantages of the co-operative associations that Schaars enumerated included the fact that farmers are paid according to the quality of their stock. Shrinkage is kept at a minimum and assembling costs have been reduced. Farmers have been kept in contact with the market and have as a result attempted to feed the type of stock that brings the best price at the packing plants.

The average marketing cost, according to Schaars, is 45 cents a hundred-weight for cattle, 55 cents for hogs, and 75 cents for calves and sheep.

## Live Stock Notes

The horse, while not working, has more time to thoroughly masticate his feed, insuring better digestion.

Salt should be given horses separately from their feed, and they should be able to get it at all times.

With cheap feed and high priced pork, the wise farmer will push his spring pigs.

Sheep frequently suffer for want of water. A sheep needs one to six quarts daily, depending on the feed received, the condition of the pasture and the weather.

Soy-bean pastures are fine for fattening hogs. Hogs, however, will not do well on soy-bean pastures alone. Some corn—and a little tankage or fish meal—should always accompany the soy-bean pasture.

Pregnant ewes, well-fed, are generally healthy, free from disease, and in vigorous physical condition to perform the function of reproduction.

Poorly nourished ewes are not only subject to winter ailments, but under-nourish their unborn young, and ultimately produce weak, puny lambs.

Do not expect pregnant ewes to do well on timothy hay and overripe corn stover. It is better to feed a roughage ration containing a liberal amount of protein.

## GAGETOWN

A Christmas love offering for foreign missions was taken at the Nazarene church and amounted to \$30.00.

Ruth Wolfe of Pontiac was a guest at Mr. and Mrs. M. Karr Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Turbush and daughter, Lucile, were callers in Cass City Friday.

Mrs. Marian Conley is spending a few weeks with her son, Merriell Conley, of Caro.

The high school students are editing a paper.

School begins Jan. 2. Only a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burdon and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Munro spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Calley.

Myrtle Munro closed her school in Bach with a program Friday. Only one week's vacation.

Miss Violet Hurd of Detroit is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hurd.

Miss M. E. Burleigh spent last week with relatives in Royal Oak.

Miss Maxine Livingston entertained a company of girl friends on Monday at six o'clock dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burdon were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Munro.

Miss E. E. Miller spent Christmas and the week-end with relatives in Detroit.

Misses May and Julia Toohey spent Christmas and the following week with their mother, Mrs. M. Toohey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson of Owendale spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Anna Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Howell entertained for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Eber Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clara spent Christmas with relatives in Uby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clara entertained last week Tuesday a company of friends at 500. A six o'clock dinner was served.

Prin. Wilber is spending Christmas vacation at his parental home at Royal Oak.

Mrs. Wm. Profit was a caller here Tuesday of last week and attended the Christmas program of Gifford Chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Laurie and family, Mrs. M. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre and two sons of Bad Axe will have New Years dinner with Mrs. Christina Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Burdon and family had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Art Freeman.

P. T. A. meeting Jan. 6. Mr. Murry of Saginaw will give a 30-minute talk on Safety. Don't miss this. No admission.

Alex McIntyre of Plymouth, Mich., spent Christmas with his family here.

E. Guza transacted business in Bad Axe Monday.

Pauline Hunter spent Christmas with her parents here.

Mrs. N. C. Maynard entertained the teachers of the public school at a six o'clock dinner last week Wednesday. Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. F. D. Hemerick met her son, Frederick, in Detroit last week Monday, returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bowen spent Christmas with relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. N. C. Maynard did shopping in Bay City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Poole and baby daughter spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clara entertained for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clara and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clara and two sons and Martha and Belle Clara.

Mrs. Maynard and Barbara spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maynard of Ann Arbor.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Tamblin of Pittsburg, Pa., spent Christmas and the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. T. Tamblin.

Harold Hobert and Preston Purdy were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening of last week at Harry McGinn's.

Mrs. Jos. Emmerton and daughter of Bay Port were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Ottaway Tuesday of last week.

Preston Fournier spent Tuesday evening with Ray Ottaway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Davenport were in Owendale Friday.

Mrs. A. J. Palmer and Preston Purdy were Sunday guests of relatives in Akron.

Clifford Denton and Jos. McCrea were callers here Sunday.

Preston Purdy, Harold Hobert and Carolyn Purdy were dinner guests of Miss Esther Tamblin Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turbush were in Caro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Karr's little daughters have been ill with colds.

Gifford Chapter held their annual Christmas social evening Tuesday, Dec. 21, with a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. The officers responded at roll call with Biblical quotations, giving the story of the Christ Child and the choir chanted Christmas carols. This date being the 25th wedding anniversary of W. P. Merdock Hughes and A. C. Nora Hughes, the program committee in short order adorned the couple. Blanche Maynard played the wedding march. Ralph Clara, acted as clergyman, wearing a

Prince Albert coat, satin vest and derby, worn by the late Samuel Seekings 65 years ago when a young man in England. E. J. Calley presented the re-weds with a cut glass bowl. They were given a hearty congratulation in a very formal manner. The bride carried red roses and looked charming in her veil, (lace curtain). In conclusion a two-course oyster supper was served in the dining hall.

## SHABBONA.

(Delayed Letter).

Roy Severance of East Lansing is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Severance.

Mrs. Andrew Hoagg assisted at W. C. Hyatt's store Saturday.

Gordon Hamilton spent the week-end with his family near here.

Miss Margaret McNiven of Mt. Pleasant is spending her vacation at her parental home.

Ray Brown is threshing beans in this vicinity.

Otto Dorland lost a horse last week. Harry Mitchell went to Detroit Sunday to see his mother, who is seriously ill in a hospital.

Alex Hamilton of Detroit is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. McGregory, who have been quite sick with chicken-pox, is some better.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church has been re-organized and scheduled their first meeting for Sunday evening, Dec. 26, at 7:30.

## CENTRAL GREENLEAF.

A Happy New Year to all. Earl Ballagh of Rochester visited old friends here on Friday.

McConnell school starts on Jan. 3. The men are still working on the fill on M-53.

Those who ate Christmas dinner at Fred McCaslin's were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartwick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Seeger, Donald, Rhea and Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCaslin, Ray and Ward McCaslin, and Ada McCaslin of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and family spent Christmas with Mrs. W's sisters at Sandusky. Ila remained there, going to Port Huron Sunday.

Word was received that Clarence Hartwick of Pinconning, the son of Thos. Hartwick, is very low at this writing.

Ray and Ward McCaslin ate Sunday dinner with Wm. Flint.

About 30 neighbors and friends gathered at the home of John Fulcher Monday evening to bid them farewell before they left for Florida. Games were the pleasure of the evening. Lunch was served and a collection was given them.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robinson spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Hazel Patterson, at Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. James Knight spent Christmas with their daughter in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Souden family and John Souden spent Christmas at John Battle's.

## WILMOT.

Happy New Year to all the readers.

D. J. Franklin left Monday and visited with friends in Canada.

Miss Phyllis Penfold is spending a few days with her brother, Lee, and family in Kinde.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moulton were callers in Caro Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Morton is sick with the grip.

Mrs. Clarence Bearts has been on the sick list the last few days.

Mrs. Clarence Barrett is entertaining company from Pontiac.

Thomas Ashcroft and son, George, were Caro callers Monday.

Ira Berry and family ate Christmas dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Tallman.

Mrs. Wm. Hoffman is some better at this writing.

Mina Clark had an auction sale and expects to move his family to Pontiac soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are entertaining their daughter and husband from Royal Oak over the holidays.

Mrs. Atfield, who has been quite sick with the grip, is some better.

Advertise it in the Chronicle.

## How Much Better It Is

to have a pair of perfect fitting glasses with all the comforts they bring, than to suffer from eye-strain and headaches.

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## Not Always Best Plan

Compromise is but the sacrifice of one right or good in the hope of retaining another—too often ending in the loss of both.—Edwards.

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# Notice to Owners of Dogs

Dog Licenses for 1927 should be paid on or before January 10th, 1927, at Township, or County Treasurer's Office, as provided in ACT No. 322, Sec. 6, of Mich. Public Acts of 1925, which reads as follows: "The owner of any dog four months old or over shall apply to the County Treasurer in writing for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him. Such application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of such dog, and the name and address of the last previous owner and shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for each male dog, four dollars for each female dog, and two dollars for each unsexed dog: PROVIDED, that a penalty fee of two dollars be charged for each license applied for after Jan. 10th for any dog four months old or over on that date." Tags will be mailed to applicants upon receipt of remittance if inconvenient to appear in person.

Orlo J. McDurmon,  
COUNTY TREASURER  
Caro, Mich.



# LOCAL NEWS



Wm. Shay of Clifford spent the last of the week with friends in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fisher of Detroit spent Friday at the Herman Doerr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher of Akron were Sunday guests of Mrs. Della Lauderbach.

Mrs. Celia Edgerton is spending the week with her son, Dr. A. C. Edgerton, at Clio.

Mrs. Harriett Dodge left Saturday to spend the week with relatives in Detroit and Osego.

Harold Cole of Ypsilanti spent from Friday until Monday with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Cole.

Kenneth Striffler of Detroit is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Striffler.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kenney and son, Jack, were visitors of relatives in Detroit Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marchon and daughter, Harriet, were guests of relatives in Saginaw over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Graham and children spent Christmas and several days the first of the week with relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tindale entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day and children, Miss Virginia and John, at Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Corpron and daughter, Miss Eleanor, were guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. Corpron's parents at Pinnebog.

Carl Zinnecker returned Sunday to Pontiac, where he is employed, after spending the week at his parental home in Novesta township.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Loft and Delbert Landon, all of Detroit, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Landon.

Miss Helen Turner, teacher in the Reed City schools, came Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reagh had as guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper, Miss Alma and Dean Cooper and Mrs. Clara Folkert and son, Glenn.

Wesley McBurney of Flint and Morton McBurney of Rochester spent Christmas and the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McBurney.

Dr. C. A. Neafe and Wallace Zinnecker of Pontiac and Mrs. Wm. Messner of Detroit were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zinnecker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henry entertained at dinner Sunday, Mrs. Clara Cridland and daughter, Miss Kathryn, Raymond Smith and Mr. and Mrs. M. Schommiller.

Miss Mary Newberry of Hubbardston and Miss Ellen Newberry of Applegate came Friday and are spending the week with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Retherford of Royal Oak spent Christmas and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Retherford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner. Herbert Wager returned to Royal Oak with them and will spend the week there.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Sturm and Miss Mary Striffler, all of Detroit, came Saturday to visit at the W. D. Striffler home and also relatives at Pigeon. Dr. and Mrs. Sturm returned to Detroit Monday. Miss Striffler remained until Wednesday.

Mrs. I. K. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen and son, Merritt, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dillman and children, Robert and Esther, all of Cass City, and Glen Reid of Detroit enjoyed a dinner Sunday at the home of Mrs. Harriett Boyes.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fulcher and two children, Orsel and Alfreda, motored to Port Huron on Tuesday and Thursday morning they continued their trip to Ft. Pierce, Florida. The Fulcher family expect to make their permanent home in some part of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Phetteplace of Dearborn came Saturday to visit at the Dan Urquhart home. Mr. Phetteplace returned to his home Sunday. Leonard Urquhart accompanied him and will spend the week at Dearborn, while Mrs. Phetteplace will spend the week in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwaderer had for their guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. James Schwaderer and two children of Caro, Mrs. Aaron Cornell of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schwaderer and children of Kingston, Mrs. Ben Clement of Wilmot, Fred Schwaderer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schwaderer and daughter, Mrs. Alice Nettleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Seed and two children of Cass City.

The J. H. Striffler family held a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nique at Decker on Christmas Day. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smiley of Ewart, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Weaver and son, Douglas, of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Striffler, Mrs. J. H. Striffler and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ricker. The same company were dinner guests at the A. A. Ricker home in Cass City Sunday.

Merrill Karr of Detroit is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Karr.

W. O. Root left Friday to spend a few days with relatives at Novi and Walled Lake.

Donald Seed of Pontiac spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Seed.

Harding Ferguson of Detroit is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Ferguson.

Herbert Lepla of Detroit came on Friday to spend the week with his aunt, Mrs. S. Bardwell.

Wm. Donnelly of Durand is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Donnelly.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Freeman of Gagetown were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Giles and children of Caro spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan McClorey.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meredith and son, Paul, of Caro were visitors at the Sam Robinson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hall spent Christmas and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Sam Vyse, at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey and children of Caro were Saturday visitors at the home of Mrs. Kate Hall.

Mrs. Alice Moore left Tuesday morning for New Port Richie, Florida, where she will spend the winter.

R. J. Striffler of North Fairfield, Ohio, arrived Monday evening to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Striffler.

Miss Alma Cooper returned to Pontiac Monday after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper.

Mrs. Edw. Hoener and two children, Virginia and Earl, of Detroit came Friday to spend a week at the F. E. Kelsey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips of Port Huron were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McConkey, Jr., Sunday.

W. O. Stafford and son, Lloyd, and Mrs. Zuleika Stafford and children were visitors at the T. H. Wallace home in Owendale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lauderbach and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Moore and children visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eckfeld near Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall entertained for Christmas dinner, Mrs. John McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. John McGrath, Jr., and children and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Spaven and children.

Mrs. Lavina Mallory had for guests on Christmas, Delbert Giles of Detroit, Ben Schrader of Rochester, Mrs. Sarah Burse, Mrs. Hannah Giles and Mr. and Mrs. James Malory and family of Cass City.

J. W. Thiel and children, Miss Betty, Florence and Junior, and Miss Louise Zinnecker of Gary, Indiana, spent several days the first of the week with relatives in Cass City and Caro.

The high school department of the Methodist Sunday school was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Cargo. Games, new and old, took up the evening. Frappe and nabiscoes were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sharrard of Hay Creek had for their guests on Christmas, Phillip Sharrard, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Sharrard and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sharrard and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lorentzen and children.

A family reunion was enjoyed Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donnelly entertained, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Donnelly of Saginaw, Will Donnelly of Durand, Lloyd Donnelly and children, Junior and Patricia, Mrs. Ethel Ruhl and son, Billy, of Cass City.

The teachers and superintendent of the Junior Department at the Methodist Sunday school gave a party on Monday evening for the pupils of their department, in the Sunday school rooms. The evening was spent in playing games. Light refreshments were served.

The Live Wire Bible class of the Evangelical Sunday school will hold a social and business meeting tonight (Friday) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Greenleaf. A pot luck lunch will be served. A good attendance is desired as there is important business to be considered.

Mrs. Blanche Ferguson and daughters, Misses Adella and Belva, Vernon Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stewart and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton in Detroit. The Misses Ferguson remained to spend several days. The others returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wentworth and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wentworth at Dryden. Sunday, they motored to Pontiac, returning to Cass City Monday evening. Miss Gladys Wentworth remained in Pontiac to spend the week at the home of her uncle, Elmer Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cragg had for their guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Montague and Mr. and Mrs. C. Montague, all of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. George Roblin of Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Phane of Colling, Blake Cragg of Greenbank, Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ottaway of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Smith had the pleasure of having their family with them for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Smith and daughter, Elaine, of Detroit and Mrs. C. L. Stoner of Flint. Among their many presents, their son installed a radio for his parents' enjoyment which was much appreciated.

G. E. Allen spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Saginaw.

Lester Bailey and J. W. Thiel were Pigeon callers Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sandham and daughters, Deloris and Johanna, were Caro visitors Monday.

A large number from Cass City attended the Christmas party at Sandusky Saturday night.

Mrs. Emily Brotherton and Mrs. John Mark are spending the week with relatives in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Middleton of Crosswell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Middleton.

Mrs. Mary M. Moore left Wednesday to spend several days with relatives in Pontiac and Detroit.

Mrs. Margaret Black and son, Martin, enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Mary Gemmill.

George McIntyre left Wednesday morning to spend several days with relatives at Alvinston, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Guyette of Metamora spent from Thursday until Monday at the Wm. Paul home.

Miss Christie McRae of Lansing spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. McRae.

The Bethel Sunday school enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Profit Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Matilda Pierce of Caro spent from Friday until Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Warner.

Miss Velma Warner of Greenville is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tyo spent Christmas and the week-end with their sons and a daughter in Detroit.

Miss Helen McGregory of Detroit is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. McGregory.

Mrs. Hannah Giles, Mrs. Sarah Burse and Mrs. Lavina Malory and son, Ellis, were callers in Sebawaing Sunday.

Miss Alice and Earl Ballagh of Rochester came Thursday and spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dan McClorey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parrish and two daughters, Minnie and Jaunita, spent Christmas Day at the O. E. Niles farm home.

Mrs. Chas. Moore and daughter, Marion, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Milne.

Miss Meryl Rowley and Wm. D. Meyn of Detroit spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Rowley's mother, Mrs. Etta Rowley.

Mrs. Henry Wager and daughters, Misses Fern and Betty, Mrs. Oakley Phetteplace, and Miss Helen Bardwell were Saginaw callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Kennedy and family and Mrs. Hannah McKim were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heemer at Sandusky for Christmas.

H. Lee Pocklington and children, Harold and Dorothea, of Algonac visited Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lenzner and other relatives here Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Hester Cathcart entertained several young ladies at dinner Saturday evening. The company attended the Christmas party at Sandusky in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner and children, Harold and Charlotte, spent Christmas with Mrs. Warner's sisters, Mrs. Carrie Brown and Mrs. Sarah McKinnon at Bay City.

The Butzbach Missionary Circle met Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaus. A business meeting was held after which the evening was spent in games.

"Will you please change the address of our paper to Zephyr Hills, Fla.," writes John Retherford from Detroit under date of Dec. 27. "We leave here today for the south."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dewar and Mrs. Catherine McLean, all of Detroit, and Mrs. O. D. McKenzie of Pontiac were Sunday and Monday guests at the Claud Karr and Alfred Karr homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Striffler and Miss Marian Reagh went to Detroit Friday where they will spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Striffler and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Striffler.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ball and family, Geo. Ball and daughter, Florence, Mat Gillies, Mrs. Mary Palmer and family were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Ball.

Burt Law, Kenneth Higgins, Kenneth Striffler and Clark Knapp and the Misses Annabelle McRae, Edna Jackson and Kathryn Cridland attended the Charity Ball at Bad Axe Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weaver and son, Douglas, of Flint spent Sunday and Monday at the A. A. Ricker home and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smiley of Ewart came Saturday and spent several days the first of the week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brooks and three daughters, Phyllis, Doris and Ardis, spent Christmas with Mrs. Brooks' sister, Mrs. Wesley Northrup, near Marlette. The Misses Doris and Ardis remained to spend the week at Marlette.

Mrs. Cameron Wallace entertained at bridge Monday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Caroline Hurley of Detroit, who is spending the holidays with relatives here. Guests from out of town were Mrs. Herl Wood of Flint, Mrs. Fred Smiley of Ewart, Miss Beatrice Koefgen of Lansing, Miss Helen McGregory of Detroit and the Misses Nina and Gertrude McWebb of Cleveland.

George Milne, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

Charles Ballard of North Branch spent Tuesday with friends in town.

Henry Rottell is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Geo. Milne. Archie Walker of Ubyly spent Monday and Tuesday at the Geo. McIntyre home.

Quite a number of young people attended a party at Caro Tuesday evening.

Miss Gertrude Striffler spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Sandusky.

Miss Neva Stafford left Monday to spend a few days with friends in Bay City.

Floyd Johnson of Detroit will be a week-end guest at the John Gallagher home.

Wm. Tillima of Pontiac spent from Thursday until Saturday at the Geo. Milne home.

Robert Edgerton is spending the week with his uncle, Dr. A. C. Edgerton, at Clio.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Kenyon were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wickware.

Edward Kosanke left Sunday evening to spend a few days in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Garrison Moore returned Monday evening from a week's visit in Pontiac and Detroit.

Mrs. Jane Gordon left Tuesday morning to spend some time with friends at Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith of Detroit are spending the week at the Dr. I. A. Fritz home.

Geo. Campbell of Greenleaf was entertained for Sunday dinner at the Francis Kennedy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Croft and daughter, Marjorie, spent Christmas with relatives in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Come of Lansing were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dillman Monday.

Mrs. Anna McDonald spent a few days the first of the week with friends and relatives in town.

Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis of Park Hill, Ontario, came Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harold Murphy.

Mrs. Jessie Pettit and Miss Anna Pettit were guests of relatives in Bad Axe Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnhart of Tyre spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kosanke.

Mrs. Gertrude Carson of Palo Alto, California, spent Christmas and the week-end with Mrs. Maude Wilsey.

Miss Lena Gallagher of Detroit came Thursday and is spending the week with her father, John Gallagher.

Mrs. Alma Schenck and daughter, Ruth, left Wednesday morning for a business and pleasure trip to Detroit.

Miss Dorothy Fox of Saginaw and Miss Inez Maurer of Reese were guests of Miss Dorothy Tindale Tuesday.

The Misses Nina and Gertrude McWebb of Cleveland are spending the week with their mother, Mrs. Sarah McWebb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wilson and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, all of Lansing were week-end guests of Mrs. Wilson's father, Levi Bardwell.

Clark Knapp was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clark at Bad Axe Monday evening and attended the charity ball in the evening.

Miss Myrtle Orr of Plymouth came Monday evening to visit her brothers, Morton Orr at Cass City and Robert H. Orr at Pigeon, for the week.

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet Thursday, Jan. 6, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Cathcart with Mrs. Cathcart and Mrs. Allured as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Kercher and sons, Robert and Harold, of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kercher of Elkton visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kercher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Schwaderer are staying at the J. H. Holcomb home while Mrs. Holcomb and daughter, Dorothy, are spending the week in Ann Arbor, Hudson and Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jones and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Striffler and daughter, Marjorie, of Caro were callers at the Dr. I. A. Fritz home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McIntyre of Deford entertained for Sunday dinner, Mrs. George McIntyre, Miss Mary McIntyre, D. C. McIntyre, Mrs. E. Hunter and son, Caswell and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Schwaderer.

Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Fritz and sons, Francis and Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, Mrs. C. D. Keough, Mrs. A. C. Edgerton and son, Andrew, and Mrs. Catherine Crobar were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Fritz at Caro Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herl Wood of Flint came Saturday evening to visit Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLarty. Mr. Wood returned to Flint Sunday evening. Mrs. Wood accompanied by Miss Virginia Day left Tuesday morning. Miss Day will spend the week with her aunt in Flint.

Mrs. S. B. Young entertained the Misses Lorena Wilson, Erma and Vera Flint, Bernice Hitchcock, Florabel Urquhart and Annabelle McRae at dinner Thursday evening. Favors had been numbered and hidden. Each young lady was given a number and found her favor by finding the number corresponding to the one she held, causing a great deal of fun. All report an excellent time.

Mrs. Geo. Milne motored to Wahjamega Friday evening.

Chas. McCaslin returned Tuesday from a brief stay in Florida.

Miss Pauline Thurlow spent Christmas at her home in Freeland.

Miss Esther McRae spent Christmas with her grandmother at Gagetown.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Katz are living in the Mrs. Jane Gordon home on North Seeger Street.

Thos. A. Kelly underwent an operation for removal of tonsils on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bigelow and daughter, Eleanor, and Mrs. Charles Penn were business callers in Bay City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenny and daughter, Irene, of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spurgeon on Christmas Day.

Miss Helen Corkins of Detroit is spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Corkins. She spent Tuesday as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. H. Muck, at Colwood.

Miss Kathryn Cridland, who teaches at Ferndale, and little Raymond Smith of Detroit accompanied Mrs. Clara Cridland to her home here on Sunday and will spend the week here.

The neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gallagher surprised them at their home west of town last Thursday evening and presented them with a beautiful water set and tray.

Frederick Pinney, D. W. Benkelman, C. M. Wallace and Colon McRae attended the University of Michigan opera, "Front Page Stuff," at Saginaw Thursday night and pronounced it well worth while the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hewens and baby of Capac were guests at the J. C. Corkins home from Friday until Tuesday evening. On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Hewens and Mrs. Corkins and son, Jack, visited in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McArthur have been spending some time at the Wm. Schwaderer home so that Mr. McArthur, who underwent an operation at Pleasant Home hospital a few weeks ago, might be near a doctor. They spent from Friday until Sunday at their home at Wilmot.

Dr. I. D. McCoy has installed into his home a Brunswick panatope radiola, a combination radio and phonograph. The owner says it is the last word in radio and if he had to give up his best automobile or the new radio, the auto would go—and that's saying a lot for his latest acquisition.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitley McLean on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. James Delong and three children and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Willis, all of Pontiac, Mrs. Ora Delong, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Delong and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Otis and two children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pinney entertained Monday evening at bridge. Honors were won by M. B. Auten and Mrs. Cameron Wallace. Dainty refreshments were served. Guests from out of town were Mrs. Gertrude Carson of Palo Alto, Cal., Miss Alice Libby of Oberlin, Ohio, Mrs. C. D. Keough of Tonopah, Nevada, Mrs. Edward Smith of Detroit and Mrs. C. E. Edgerton of Clio.

G. A. Striffler's Oakland sedan skidded on the icy road west of Deford on Monday and turned over into a shallow ditch at the roadside. Irvine Striffler was driving, and while he and the passengers were shaken up considerably, no one was injured to any extent. All are congratulating themselves on their narrow escape. The running board and fenders bent and a window broken sums up the most of the damages to the automobile.

Mrs. Harry Pinney was found dead in her bed at her home in Seattle, Washington, on the morning of Dec. 23. Mrs. Pinney had been ill about ten days with influenza, but had so far recovered that the nurse had been discharged and the family expected her recovery within a short time. Her death came as a terrible shock to her husband and four children. Mrs. Pinney, previous to her marriage, was a member of the teaching staff of the Cass City high school. Her maiden name was Alice Joy.

A change was made necessary in the program of the Woman's Study Club's "Men's Night" at the Presbyterian church parlors on Tuesday evening when the speaker, Frederick Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, found it necessary to leave Cass City Monday morning, being called to Washington, D. C., on an important conference regarding the Mexican situation. The club was fortunate in being able to secure as a substitute speaker Mr. Libby's sister, Miss Alice Libby, professor of English Literature at Western College, Oxford, Ohio. Miss Libby's recent trip to Italy made her conversant with the activities of Mussolini and the Fascist movement and she gave a splendid address on that subject. Numbers by local talent were made a part of the evening's delightful program. Mrs. I. D. McCoy contributed a piano solo, G. W. Landon a bass solo, Miss Johanna Sandham a reading and G. W. Landon and Ray Yakes a vocal duet. All responded with encores. Mrs. A. J. Knapp presided as chairman and light refreshments were served at the close of the program. The function was in charge of the reception committee of the Woman's Study Club, Mesdames A. A. Ricker, G. W. Landon, Angus McPhail and J. E. Seed.

## NEW YEAR GUESTS.

Mrs. Agnes Cooley will entertain Mrs. Fanny Maier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ottaway will have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ottaway at Gagetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr and children of Pigeon will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Asher will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Frank Asher of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Asher of Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wentworth and family will spend New Year's Day with Mrs. Wentworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Collins at Novesta.

Mrs. Isabelle Whale and Mr. and Mrs. John Whale and daughter, Edna, will spend New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Geister at Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corkins and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kercher and family, all of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham and son of Caro will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Joos.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Spaven will entertain Mrs. John McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. John A. McGrath and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Randall and children.

Mrs. Hannah Giles, Mrs. Sarah Burse and Mrs. Lavina Malory and son, Ellis, expect to attend the birthday dinner of an aunt, Mrs. Nancy Rosy, at Sebawaing on New Years.

Mrs. I. K. Reid will have as guests Mr. and Mrs. John Dillman and children, Robert and Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen and son, Merritt, and Mrs. Harriett Boyes and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Summers will have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bingham and daughter, Mattie, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Terbush, all of Gagetown, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall and children of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Elliott will entertain John Gallagher and daughters, Miss Lena and Miss Addie, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Krapf and Floyd Johnson.

Guests at the A. J. Knapp home will be Mr. and Mrs. Harry LaBell of Kalamazoo, Miss Jennie and Wm. McIntyre and Miss Jennie McKichean, all of Argyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Davis of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Elliott will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Buehrly, Miss Elsie and Laurence Buehrly







## RECORD OF 1926 THE WORLD OVER

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captured, he surrendered to the French, by whom he was later sent into exile.

Maj. Gen. William Lassiter took over in January the ungrateful position of president of Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission, and was no more successful than his predecessor, General Pershing, in settling the old controversy between Peru and Chile. So in June the whole plebiscite plan was abandoned. Secretary of State Kellogg late in November offered another scheme that seemed more promising. This was for Chile and Peru to cede the disputed provinces to Bolivia for certain monetary considerations and with the condition that they be maintained forever as a demilitarized zone with the city of Arica a free port.

Relations between Washington and Mexico City were not very friendly during the year, owing to our government's repeated protests against the retroactive features of the Mexican land and oil laws which were due to go into effect on January 1, 1927. President Calles' government was firm in its refusal to modify the laws and Secretary Kellogg warned it on October 30 that diplomatic relations would be severed if American properties should be confiscated.

The aeronautical conquest of the North pole should be classed as an international event. On May 7 the Italian-built dirigible Norge reached Spitzbergen ready to carry Captain Amundsen and his expedition over the pole. But two days later, before it started, Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd, U. S. N., and Floyd Bennett hopped off from Spitzbergen in an airplane and flew to the top of the world. They landed the pole but, finding no landing place, circled about it thrice and returned. On May 11 the Norge started, next day it passed over the pole, and on May 13 it landed safely at Teller, Alaska. With Amundsen were Lincoln Ellsworth of the United States, who helped finance the expedition, and Col. Umberto Nobile of Italy, pilot of the dirigible.

The Nobel peace prize for 1926 was awarded to Vice-President Charles G. Dawes and Sir Austen Chamberlain; that for 1925 was divided between Aristide Briand and Gustav Stresemann.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Progress toward economic normality in Great Britain was sadly interrupted by the general strike of organized labor, undertaken in behalf of the striking coal miners who had quit work on May 1 rather than accept reduced wages. At midnight, May 3, nearly three million skilled workmen obeyed the order to strike. Immediately the government put into operation the elaborate organization which it had prepared for the emergency to carry on the services essential to the life and health of the people and to preserve the peace. Prime Minister Baldwin declared the general strike was a challenge to the constitutional rights and freedom of the nation and he would consider no compromise. Thousands of volunteers assisted in the distribution of food and fuel in the cities, which were most affected, and troops and warships were stationed at critical points. Of course industry in general was paralyzed, but the British people "carried on" and the labor leaders soon realized that they were beaten. On May 12 the Trade Union Council terminated the general strike with the problems of the coal industry as far as ever from solution. Not only did the strike cost the nation huge sums, but the new trade agreements that followed its collapse were on the whole advantageous to the employers; and it was demonstrated that even if a general strike were not illegal, as was contended by eminent authorities, it was a futile and even dangerous weapon for the unions to use.

Though no settlement of the miners' strike was reached, thousands of the men, unable longer to endure the unemployment, returned to the pits under separate wage agreements.

An ancillary effect of the great strike was the crisis in the Liberal party with the exchange of bitter statements by those old rivals, Lloyd George and Lord Oxford and Asquith. This led to the resignation of Asquith from the leadership of the party, which position he had held since 1908.

## Overdoing?

**Hurry, Worry and Overwork Bring Heavy Strain.**

MODERN life throws a heavy burden on our bodily machinery. The eliminative organs, especially the kidneys, are apt to become sluggish. Retention of excess uric acid and other poisonous waste often gives rise to a dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches and headaches. That the kidneys are not functioning perfectly is often shown by burning or scanty passage of secretions. More and more people are learning to assist their kidneys by the occasional use of **Doan's Pills**—a stimulant diuretic. Ask your neighbor!

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The ninth Imperial conference, which opened in London on October 19 and lasted six weeks, was epochal in its deliberations and decisions, especially in its declaration that henceforth the dominions are in theory as well as in fact autonomous units of the empire, equal in all respects. Discussions of national defense revealed that the dominions, while ready to do their part in the matter of land forces, were not willing to share the expenses of the navy; and in particular they declined to help pay for the creation of the great naval base planned for Singapore. The dominions hereafter will make their own treaties with foreign nations, and those that desire it will have their own diplomatic representatives abroad. Canada already has named Vincent Massey its minister to Washington.

Mackenzie King's liberal government in Canada resigned in June because Governor General Byng would not dissolve parliament, and Arthur Meighen, Conservative, headed the new cabinet. The parliament was then dissolved and on September 14 general elections were held which resulted in a crushing defeat for the Liberals and the return of Mr. King to power. Baron Byng was succeeded by Lord Willingdon as governor general.

On December 1 the province of Ontario voted overwhelmingly in favor of abandoning its prohibition law and substituting a system of liquor sales under government control. This left New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the only dry Canadian provinces.

France had her usual succession of governments during the year, each trying to settle the country's financial and economic problems and most of them being the victims of political scheming. Briand tried several times, Herriot once, and finally Raymond Poincaré was made premier in July and formed a cabinet containing six ex-premiers and with strong parliamentary backing. He put through legislation for raising funds by additional taxes and the sale of government monopolies and parliament, sitting as a national assembly, passed constitutional amendments embodying his project for a sinking fund to redeem the floating debt. He also inaugurated national economic measures, beginning with food restrictions.

Late in the year France named as her ambassador to Washington her most distinguished living man of letters, Paul Louis Charles Clandet, who also is an accomplished diplomat.

Germany made considerable progress in climbing back to her old economic position, but was disturbed continually by political disputes. The Royalists being especially troublesome. Dr. Hans Luther, who was re-appointed chancellor in January, resigned in May because he was censured by the reichstag on a minor issue. Dr. Wilhelm Marx succeeded him and carried on his policies. On December 17, the Marx cabinet, being unable to maintain its majority in the reichstag, resigned but continued to function temporarily.

The military and Catholic parties of Lithuania overthrew the Socialist government on December 17, and two days later Antanas Smetona was sworn in as President.

Premier Mussolini for another year kept himself and Italy largely in the public eye, and the strongest opponents of his theories and policies could not deny that the country was prospering under his regime, at least for the time being. He completed the suppression of the Mafia in Sicily, he put through a law forbidding strikes and giving the Fascist labor unions a monopoly, he decreed a nine-hour working day and prohibited various luxuries, he abolished the election of municipal officials, and finally on May 19 he proclaimed the inauguration of the complete Fascist syndicalist form of government for Italy. He quarreled with Germany over the Tyrol, with France because anti-Fascist plotters did their plotting there, and stopped other Balkan nations from helping revolutionists in Albania by signing a treaty with Achmed Zog's government and issuing a "hands off" warning. Between times the duce was attacked several times by assassins but suffered no injury save a slight wound in the nose.

Though the young republic of Poland was making undoubted economic progress under Premier Skrzynski, he was forced to resign in May because he proposed to reduce the military establishment and the personnel on the state railways. Witos became premier but announced no change of policies. Theaupon Marshal Pilsudski with the aid of part of the army staged a coup d'état and occupied Warsaw and the government offices after a three-day battle. Rataj became acting president and Bartel premier, but the marshal was the actual dictator. Moscicki was elected president soon after. In September the parliament cut down the government budget, so the cabinet stepped out and Pilsudski took the premiership.

Gen. T. H. Pangalos proclaimed himself dictator of Greece on January 3 and was elected president three months later, but in August the Liberals, under the leadership of General Condylis, overthrew him. In September a military revolt against the Condylis regime was suppressed after a sanguinary battle. After the elections in November Alexander Zaimis was appointed premier. Dictator de Rivera and the royal dynasty of Spain survived several plots for their destruction, the most serious of which was planned also for the establishment of an independent Catalonian state and was exposed by the French police. Portugal had her share of attempted revolts, too. Commander Cabecadas took control in May, President Machado resigning. On June 19 Gen. Gomes da

Costa declared himself head of the government, and on July 9 he was supplanted by General Carmona, who assumed the presidency late in November.

Rumania was in the limelight several times in the year. Early in January the four-year-old Prince Michael was proclaimed heir apparent in place of his father, Prince Carol, the latter having abandoned his wife, renounced his rights and gone to Paris with another woman. A regency was named to serve in the event of King Ferdinand's death. The whole incident was replete with romance and sensationalism, centering on Carol's love affairs and political quarrels with Premier Bratianu. In October Queen Marie made an extended tour through the United States and Canada, bringing Prince Nicolas and Princess Ileana with her. Reports of the king's serious illness reaching her, she hurried home to forestall a rumored plot to put Carol on the throne.

The struggle between state and church in Mexico, which has been going on since the middle of the last century, reached a critical stage with the determination of President Calles to put into full effect the clauses of the constitution relating to priests and property held by the Catholic church. The former were required to register, and the latter, normally the property of the state, was taken over by civil officials. All foreign clergymen were required to cease their ministrations, and all discussion of the controversy in print and criticism of the fundamental law were forbidden. There were many arrests, some deportations and occasional riots, but in general the church deplored any violence on the part of its supporters. Catholics the world over, from the pope down, joined in denouncing Calles' policy but he continued unmoved. The whole subject is too complicated and too controversial for discussion in limited space. The religious clauses of the constitution apply to all religions, but as the vast majority of the people are Catholics, that church alone is seriously affected.

Nicaragua had a revolution that lasted through most of the year. In January Solorzano quit the presidency and Chamorro took over the office. The Liberals began a revolt against him in May and by September the fighting had become so serious that United States Charge d'Affaires Dennis and Admiral Latimer undertook to restore peace. Chamorro was persuaded to resign and Adolfo Diaz was elected president by congress, but the rebels would have none of him and continued their struggle under the leadership of Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, their candidate. They had been receiving help from Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica. Our government by its part in the affair did not increase its prestige in Latin America.

There is not much to be said about China's civil war except that it continued unceasingly through the twelfth month with the "Red" armies of Canton steadily pushing to the north and toward Shanghai. Toward the end of the year the northern commanders were getting together for a great effort to stop the Cantonese.

### DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

Prosperity of American industries and economies of government so filled up the national treasury that congress in February cut down taxes \$387,811,000. Besides the usual appropriation bills, \$10,000,000 was voted for embassy buildings in foreign capitals. Congress also passed the bill abolishing the railway labor board and creating means for settlement of rail disputes by arbitration; the measures providing for assistant secretaries in charge of aviation in three departments, and a bill carrying \$75,000,000 for federal aid road construction. In March the senate unseated Brookhart of Iowa in favor of Steck, Democrat, and in June Brookhart was nominated by the Republicans of his state to succeed Cummins.

Farmers, most of the wheat and corn belts and of the cotton states, continued their demand for relief legislation, but the economic doctors could not agree on either the diagnosis or the remedy, so nothing of moment was done for agriculture by congress. The subject was thus a chief issue in the fall elections, sharing prominence with prohibition enforcement and modification. As the result of the balloting the Republicans almost lost control of the senate of the Seventieth congress and their majority in the house was much reduced. Their hold on the upper house was retained only by the election on November 29 of Gould in Maine to succeed Fernald, deceased, and the expected adhesion of Shipstead of Minnesota, whose Farmer-Labor party had dissolved.

The primary campaign for Vare in Pennsylvania and Smith in Illinois had created such a scandal that a senatorial committee headed by Reed of Missouri spent much time investigating the charges of corruption and slush funds, and the Democrats promised to try to keep Vare and Smith from taking their seats when the new congress should assemble.

Both wets and dries claimed victories in the election. The question of prohibition, in the form of a referendum, was on the ballots in eight states, the question varying. In New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nevada and Montana the wets won. In Missouri, Colorado and California the referendum proposals were defeated. Al Smith was re-elected governor of New York and thereby made good his position as a potential Democratic nominee for the Presidency in 1928.

Congress opened its short session on December 6 and next day President Coolidge's message was read to it.

Conceding that there would be time for little more than the necessary appropriation legislation, he yet made many recommendations. The more important were: Tax relief by reduction of income tax payments due in March and June, 1927; relief for the farmers, without attempting to fix prices; early transfer of the Philippines from the military to the civil branch of the government; branch banking legislation; putting radio control under Department of Commerce; enactment of such prohibition enforcement legislation as the treasury might ask; and consideration of reclamation projects, Muscle Shoals, rivers and harbors generally and a Lakes-to-the-Sea waterway; railway consolidation and coal control legislation.

Democratic members of congress undertook to introduce a measure for general tax reduction, but the majority of the house ways and means committee decided that there should be no tax legislation whatever during the short session. The first bill passed by the house was the senate measure increasing the salaries of all federal judges. The house also passed promptly the treasury and post office bill carrying \$380,854,248. The impeachment proceedings against Federal Judge G. W. English of Illinois were dropped because he had resigned.

On December 16 Governor Small of Illinois appointed Senator-elect Frank L. Smith to fill out the unexpired term of Senator W. R. McKinley. Steps were taken at once to exclude Smith because of the primary expenditure scandal in Illinois.

Congress adjourned on December 22 for the holiday recess. President Coolidge and his family spent the summer vacation at a camp in the Adirondacks. He delivered public addresses July 5 at the Sesqui-centennial exposition in Philadelphia, at the Red Cross convention in October and in Kansas City on Armistice day. In March his father, Col. John C. Coolidge, died.

The American Legion held its convention in Philadelphia, elected Howard P. Savage of Chicago commander in chief and decided to have its 1927 session in France. The national encampment of the G. A. R. was held in Des Moines, Iowa, Frank A. Walsh of Milwaukee being chosen commander in chief. Of all the great gatherings of the year, the most spectacular was the Eucharistic congress held in Chicago in June and attended by Catholic prelates from all parts of the world.

Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the Interior, and Edward L. Doheny, oil magnate, were tried in the Supreme court of the District of Columbia on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the naval oil field at Elk Hills, Calif. After hearing a great mass of testimony and deliberating many hours, the jury on December 16 brought in a verdict of not guilty.

In November Italian naval aviators came to Norfolk and captured the Schneider trophy for seaplanes, De Bernard setting world's records for speed in planes of that type.

### INDUSTRIAL

Anthracite miners and operators settled their differences in February and the strike of the miners ended with the signing of a five-year contract, wages not being raised and no mention being made of the disputed check-off system. There were other strikes of organized labor in the United States from time to time, but none general or long continued except in the textile mills. The A. F. of L. held its convention in Detroit in October. It decided to organize the automobile industry, denounced both Fascism and sovietism, declared in favor of citizens' military training camps, and re-elected all its officers.

The interstate commerce commission rejected the Van Sweringen plan for a merger of the Nickle Plate, Chesapeake & Ohio, Erie, Hocking Valley and Pere Marquette railroads, and late in the year the Van Sweringens devised another merger plan that was more promising.

### DISASTERS

Prophets who foretold grave convulsions of nature during 1926 were right. Storms, floods, and earthquakes were numerous and terribly destructive of life and property, and weather conditions were abnormal in most countries. Most disastrous of all in the United States was the tropical tornado that swept across southern Florida on September 17-18. About 300 persons were killed, thousands injured and a property loss of more than \$100,000,000 sustained. Relief measures were swiftly taken and restoration of that part of the country's winter playground was begun at once. Other disasters were:

In January: Great floods in Mexico and western Europe; coal mine explosion near Wilburton, Okla., 91 killed; mine explosion, Helena, Mont., 27 killed. In February: Fire, South Bend, Ind., \$1,200,000 loss; 16 killed by mine explosion at Horning, Pa.; snowslide near Bingham, Utah, killed 70; tornado swept Arkansas and Mississippi. In March: 30 burned to death in Siberian motion picture house; Shakespeare Memorial at Stratford-on-Avon burned; furnace explosion at Birmingham, Ala., killed 22. In April: \$18,000,000 fire in oil tank fields at Oilspoo and Brea, Calif.; 40 killed by explosion on tank cars at New Orleans and 25 at Port Arthur, Texas. In May: Cyclone and tidal wave in Burma fatal to 1,200. In June: Great storms and floods in Illinois, Iowa, Mexico and Germany; earthquake in Sumatra killed 283. In July: U. S. naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, N. J., struck by lightning and destroyed, 21 men killed

and property loss of \$100,000,000; another Sumatran earthquake fatal to about 400. In August: 3,000 drowned by floods in Hupeh province, China; storm in Louisiana killed 25; mine explosion in Clymer, Pa., fatal to 44; earthquake in the Azores, 24 killed. In September: Destructive floods in Middle Western states; train wreck near Leadville, Colo., 27 dead; hurricane at Encarnacion, Paraguay, 150 dead; Vera Cruz, Mexico, swept by hurricane. In October: Mine explosions at Rockwood, Tenn., killed 28 and at Durban, South Africa, 119; hurricane in Cuba killed 600 and did vast damage to property; earthquake in Armenia destroyed several towns and took about 800 lives. In November: Cave-in of iron mine at Ishpeming, Mich., fatal to 51 men; typhoon in the Philippines killed several hundred natives; storm took 15 lives at La Plata, Md., and about 80 in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. In December: Mine explosion at Princeton, Ind., fatal to 29 men.

### NECROLOGY

Of Americans taken by death during the year perhaps the best known were Joseph G. Cannon of Danville, Ill., former speaker of the house; Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa; Joseph Pennell, artist; Alton B. Parker of New York; John W. Weeks, former secretary of war; and Dr. Charles V. Eliot, "grand old man" of Harvard. Other notable persons who died were:

In January: Maj. Gen. W. H. Hart, U. S. A.; Queen Mother Margherita of Italy; Martin Behraan, mayor of New Orleans; Representative John E. Baker of California; Cardinal Mercier of Belgium; Rev. Admiral Albert Ross; Bishop J. S. Glass of Salt Lake City; Viscount Kat, premier of Japan; W. L. George, English author; Barbara La Marr, screen star; George V. Hobart, musical comedy writer.

In February: V. M. Wood, woolen manufacturer; W. J. Mapother, president Louisville & Nashville railway; Brig. Gen. E. J. McClelland; W. C. Bobbs, Indianapolis publisher; Henry Holt, New York publisher and author; Cardinal Gibbons, primate of Poland; George Fiddleton, veteran theater man; Archbishop Roy of Quebec.

In March: Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright; Leopold Schepp, financier and philanthropist of New York; H. S. Boutell, diplomat; Edward S. Scripps, publisher; W. H. Finley, ex-president Chicago & Northwestern railway; Dowager Queen Louise of Denmark; Prof. Alton W. Small of Chicago university; Dr. G. S. Isham, noted Chicago surgeon; Bishop E. D. Kelly of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Louis Philippe, duke of Orleans; Budd Doble, pioneer of the mass turki; Jacob P. Adler, Jewish tragedian.

In April: August Thyssen, German steel magnate; Earl L. Miller, actor; Luther Burbank, famous horticulturist; Ogden T. McClurg, Chicago publisher; Eileen Key, Swedish author; Jeffreys Lewis, actress.

In May: Oscar J. Straus, former ambassador to Turkey; Prince Victor Napoleon, Bonapartist pretender to throne of France; B.B. Odell, former governor of New York; Mohammed VI, ex-sultan of Turkey; A. R. Metcalfe, whist author; Percival Gibbon, English author.

In June: John D. Spreckles, California capitalist; Louis Sherry, restaurateur; Sanford B. Die of Honolulu; Mary Cassatt, American artist; Dr. John Howland of Baltimore; Kate Jordan, author; Cleveand H. Dodge of New York, capitalist and philanthropist; C. W. Rap of Chicago, noted theater architect.

In July: Emile Cipe of France; E. R. Thomas, New York publisher; Lincoln J. Carter, playwright; W. A. Roebbing, builder of Brooklyn bridge; Robert Todd Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln; George Inness, Jr., American artist.

In August: Israel Zangwill, Jewish author; George A. Glynn, New York journalist and political leader; Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, federal judge; Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt; H. H. Harjes, Paris banker; Stuart Pratt Sherman, literary critic; Rudolph Valentino, screen star; Senator Bert M. Fernald of Maine; Commander John Rodgers, U. S. N.

In September: Ben Welch, comedian; Prof. R. C. Eucken, German philosopher; Maj. Gen. R. L. Howze, U. S. A.; Tom Thumb, famous midget; Dr. W. J. Tucker, president emeritus of Dartmouth.

In October: Arthur Jale Goodman, artist; H. L. Fuqua, governor of Louisiana; D. P. Davis, noted Florida real estate man; Cleveland Moffett, author and journalist; Commissioner Thomas Estill of Salvation Army; Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader; Thomas Mott Osborne, prison reformer; John G. Sheed, Chicago financier; Charles M. Russell, artist; Maj. Gen. George Bell, Jr., U. S. A.; Harry Houdini, magician; Charles E. Fox, eminent Chicago architect.

In November: Annie Oakley, famous marksman; James K. Hackett, actor; Lafayette Young, publisher of Des Moines, Iowa; Clement Shorter, English author; Joseph McKenna, former justice of U. S. Supreme court; Mrs. Herman Oelrichs of New York; Leonid Krassin, Russian statesman; Jean M. Browning, inventor of fire arms; Carl E. Akeley, naturalist.

In December: Bishop J. J. Davis of Davenport, Iowa; Charles Ringling, famous circus owner; Claude Monet, French painter; Senator Wm. B. McKinley of Illinois; Nikola Pachitch, Serbian statesman; Jean Richepin, French poet and playwright; Joan L. Whitman, penologist; Jean Worth, noted Paris dressmaker.

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## In Memory Park

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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DOREEN looked wistfully at the lovely face reflected in her mirror and wished with all her faithful heart that she might be going to meet the sweetheart she had lost in the war. Instead she was going to Memory park to meet his spirit and join in the little kind of loving service that was held often in the small park that was a memorial to the men of the town who had found their great cross on the battlefield.

"Mother," she said as she drew on her gloves, "I can't understand why my trees won't grow. This makes the sixth I have planted in memory of Bob; and now it is dying. There's not another tree in the park that has been so unlucky."

"It certainly is strange, dear—I don't understand, either. You have put in firs, silver birch, and that lovely tulip tree—it isn't as if you hadn't tried all kinds. Perhaps—" but Mrs. Lorne refrained from expressing what was in her mind. She kissed her daughter with added warmth. "I do wish, dearie, you could love again—it will be so lonely for you."

But Doreen shook her head. "There never could be another man in my life, mother mine. I loved Bob with all my soul and body."

Doreen went along to Memory park, which was perhaps as lovely a memorial to heroes as any the world could show.

The mayor of the town and his wife had given the two acres in memory of their boy, others a fine hedge. There was nothing in the beautiful park that did not bear a small tablet and yet so inconspicuously done as to call for close inspection.

Doreen alone seemed to have failed. Each year at planting time she had put in a tree and each one had died, either slowly or at once.

"I will have to put in a carved stone bench," she told herself as she saw that her latest tree had browned and withered. She turned from the dying tree with tears in her eyes to meet Captain Dingle who had come to talk with the group of townspeople gathered there. Every six months they held a little circle in the park in the artistic rustic pavilion which was dedicated to twin brothers who had fallen. And each time an ex-service man came to talk to them about the aftermath of war and the many interesting occupations and lives carrying on so bravely.

"Captain Dingle," said Doreen softly, "I suppose many of our boys are far better off having passed on than some of those who are trying to earn a living under stress of weakened nerves and maimed bodies."

"Very much better," he told her, and his eyes shadowed. "It took a deal of courage to face the guns, but it has taken a great deal more to face the world as it is and strive for a living. In England," he continued, "I met men who should be wearing the Victoria Cross and all other decorations for sheer pluck in fighting tragic odds. There is one American chap—I shall never forget him, who has been blinded. He was reported killed—and has let it go at that."

"That boy," said Captain Dingle, "was reported killed and all I could say to him, every persuasion known to mankind has failed to unseal his lips. In the set of his lips and the very curious light that at times sweeps over his face—I know—well, Miss Lorne—I know that the light of the world has been taken from him—not the eyes—but," Captain Dingle faltered in trying to express himself to this beautiful girl.

"Captain Dingle," said Doreen breathlessly, "take me to the sandy-haired boy—he's my boy—my own Bob—I know it. Please take me to him."

The journey was arranged swiftly and Doreen arrived in London as if on the wings of dawn. She knew now why her trees would not grow. They were telling her that Bob was not dead, but living.

Captain Dingle took her to the big workshop where the man who called himself John Wade was handling tools with an efficiency and surety that belied his sightless eyes. When the door opened he turned toward the sound and his tools dropped from him and he stood up.

"Doreen! Doreen!" "Bobby—Bobby—oh, my precious," she flung across the room and into his arms. A great sob shook her as his lips went down against her neck.

Captain Dingle closed the door softly behind him and choked down the great hard lump in his throat. As he went along the corridor he tried to whistle a tune.

And inside the room Doreen had slipped down on her knees and was clinging to the only man she would ever love.

"It's the only selfish thing you ever did to me, Bobby," she said, when she could summon a voice. "You're coming right back to America with me and you'll have to love me enough to make up for these six years that you have robbed me of—six long years that we might have had together."

The man, however, was not listening to the exact words his loved one was saying, but from his lips came a whisper of awe and intense gratitude. "The light that shineth in darkness—I thank Thee for this Thy greatest light."

Instinct Strong in Weasel

Instances are on record of a weasel having killed and buried half a dozen birds, but, although it goes to the trouble of storing food like its gizzard ancestors did, it seldom goes back to the store. It is just carrying out a habit that has been handed down through the ages.

### Success in Business

Behind every business that keeps up with the times is somebody who keeps ahead of them. Successful business is not a mere happenstance, but the product of brains, enterprise, courage, even risk. It indicates a big man whose success it is.—Grit.

### Odd Creature Is Man

A man is peculiar sometimes. He will drive ten miles in a closed car to play 18 holes of golf in a cold drizzle in the name of outdoor exercise.—Dayton News.

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## RESCUE.

A Happy New Year to one and all. Guy Putman and son, Kenneth, of Flint and George Putman of Davison visited at the Jesse Putman home on Saturday afternoon to see their mother, Mrs. Anna Alderson.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacCallum and sons ate Christmas dinner with a number of relatives at the John Hinton home, west of Canboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Mellendorf and children were entertained for Christmas dinner at the Henry Mellendorf home, east of Canboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashmore and three children were Sunday guests at the Ralph Herrington home near Owendale.

Howard and Clifford Martin had their corn shredded last week.

Mrs. John MacCallum and son, William, and daughter, Miss Vera, were Pigeon callers Friday.

Cletus and Freida Parker of West Grant were visitors at the Jos. Mellendorf home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Karr and son, Lewis, ate Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Karr's mother, Mrs. Abbe, in Northeast Grant.

The Christmas programs at the schoolhouse and at the church were certainly fine and were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Parker, Jr., and daughters spent Christmas at the Martin Hartsell home.

Wm. MacCallum and Wesley Parker of Pontiac and Alex MacCallum of Detroit visited relatives around here a few days, returning home again Monday accompanied by Howard MacCallum.

Christmas guests at the Burdette Webster home were Mr. and Mrs. John Parker and children of Brookfield, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and children of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Webster and children of Orion and Mrs. and Mrs. Earl Webster of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartsell entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Ricker and Alva Ricker and Beryl Ricker, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ricker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ricker and son at Christmas dinner.

## CANBORO.

Wedding bells.

A happy New Year to all.

Mrs. James Uptogrove entertained at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jarvis and children, Mr. and

Mrs. Wm. Rolph and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rolph and children of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mellendorf and sons visited at the John Mellendorf home in Sebawaing Sunday.

John Graves and children spent Christmas with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Severn and daughter, Genevieve, of Flint spent Christmas at the Geo. Parker home.

Glen Carver, wife and baby of Flint visited Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carver.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kivel entertained company from Port Huron on Sunday evening.

Robert Jarvis of Owendale called at Lewis Jarvis Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Severn and daughter of Flint called on Wm. Parker, sr., Sunday.

Guy Putman and son, Kenneth, and George Putman of Flint were callers in these parts Saturday.

The Christmas program at the L. D. S. church was very good and a large number attended.

Some from here attended the program in Elkton at the Evangelical church Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mellendorf entertained Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Mellendorf and children of Rescue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jarvis and daughter, Ardis, were callers in Cass City Monday.

## Happiness in Labor

The joy, that comes to us in the knowledge that we can labor, that we can fill a niche in this busy world, is enough to compensate us for the effort. On our ability to labor depends our existence, contentment, and happiness.—Grit.

## Addendum to Proverb

"Youth will be served," but if youth doesn't watch its step a summons may be served and then time will be served—if deserved.—Boston Transcript.

## Delicious Draughts

"Love is like a well," sings a poet Can he mean it is a dangerous thing to fall into?—Boston Transcript.

## The Way Out

Too many marriages are mere marriages, but merely efforts to escape the monotony of staying single.—Arkansas Democrat.

## Tactful Thomas

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
by  
Christopher G. Hazard

IT WAS with smiling resolution, but also with invincible vanity, that Mr. Thomas Spriggs greeted the sunshine of a New Year's morning. He had determined to be socially active and pleasant, but he had failed to reckon with himself. In assuming that everybody would be glad to see him he had forgotten that his previous faithfulness to calling lists had not always seemed to hit the mark. If some kind friend could have advised and convinced him about his faculty of getting into situations wrong and his ability for saying the things he did not mean to say, he might have profited by counsel, but, as the case was, his powers in these directions were unimpaired. He was still unaware of the fact that he was ironically known as Tactful Thomas.

Thus it was that the day opened characteristically as he shook hands with old man Young and, after the usual New Year wish, stepped on his favorite corn by an unfortunate comparison. Mr. Young was on the other side of seventy, but fond of imagining himself as young as ever, and a mutual acquaintance of the two was this side of that meridian, but with the looks of Methuselah. "How old do you think our friend Smithers is?" asked Young. "Well, I should say about sixty," replied Mr. Spriggs, "but he looks as old as you do!" The conversation was then abruptly ended.

Nothing daunted by Mr. Young's failure to appreciate his wit, Mr. Spriggs proceeded to find his next victim, gayly wishing himself a happy New Year. On his way to Miss Bump's reception he fell in with Mr. Ignatius Friendly, his pastor for many years, and still holding the office. But he presently fell out with Mr. Friendly as follows: "I see," says Spriggs, "I see that the other church is about to lose its pastor. He's been in our town only about three years and now has a call to Bigville. They don't keep a good man long in Bliss-ton!"

Arriving at the Bump homestead just in time to be rather late, Mr. Spriggs again distinguished himself in his anxiety to promote social fellowship by introducing a young lady friend of some forty winters to one of the literary lions present. Unfortun-



"It Won't Be Long Now."

ately he forgot the name of the lady, so he escaped from his dilemma and fell into a new difficulty by saying, "Professor Fox, let me make you acquainted with—with Miss—with one of our old standbys!"

After this, Spriggs, all unabated, presented himself at the Gladys in time to say to Judge Upright, who was approaching the age limit set upon his office, "It won't be long now, Judge, before you will have to go 'way back and sit down."

Perhaps the most interesting adventure of this colorful day occurred at the Robinson party. There he grew increasingly careless, until he finally took his leave with a crowning bon mot. As Mrs. Robinson kept her upstairs room during the festivities, on account of a rather severe indisposition, her daughter, Miss Allura, had done the honors, and to her he made his adieu: "Give my best regards to your mother, Miss Robinson," he said, "and tell her that I hope that she will soon be down and out!"

Talking with his landlady that evening, Mr. Spriggs heard from her that there are many queer people in the world. When he replied that this would undoubtedly continue to be the case after they both had left it, the good lady overlooked the implication and wished him good night.

Nothing interfered with the stumblers of Mr. Spriggs. No ghostly consciousness of an imperfect New Year's day seemed to stand accusingly about his bed. He awoke the next morning to put on the magnifying glasses of conceit with fresh assurance. He will fare forth on January 1, 1927, to commit new depredations upon the conventionalities of society. But people will wish him a happy New Year just the same. They know that he means well with it all and they take his mistakes as contributions to the merriment with which we all desire to enter upon new and promising eras. Some day he will laugh at himself, and, although that would deprive us of amusement, it will do him good. If we could see ourselves as others see us, who would dare to be funny? And if we are queer it avoids monotony and gives us of that variety which has been called the spice of life.

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## DEFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Case of Detroit spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Alice Curtis.

Alvah Spencer and Mrs. Sarah Hillaker of Marlette spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warner and baby, Harriet, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter.

Albert Curtis of Detroit came Friday night to spend Christmas with his family here.

Neil Martin entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodruff

Order for Publication—Appointment of Administrator.—State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Caro in said County, on the 20th day of December A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. Guy G. Hill, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jannette Barnes, Deceased.

Elsie L. Klinkman, having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to M. B. Auten or to some other suitable person,

It Is Ordered, That the 20th day of January A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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Order for Publication—Appointment of Administrator.—State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Caro in said County, on the 11th day of December A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. Guy G. Hill, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary A. Crafts, Deceased.

A. J. Crafts having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Clarence Quick or to some other suitable person,

It Is Ordered, That the 17th day of January A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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Order for Publication—Probate of Will.—State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Caro in said County, on the 11th day of December A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. Guy G. Hill, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Hugh W. Cooper, Deceased.

Minnie Cooper, having filed her petition, praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration of said estate be granted to Audley H. Kinnaird or some other suitable person.

It Is Ordered, That the 17th day of January A. D. 1927 at ten A. M., at said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GUY G. HILL,

Judge of Probate.

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Order for Publication—Annual Administration Account.—State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Caro, in said County, on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. Guy G. Hill, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elijah H. Pinney, Deceased.

The Northern Title & Trust Co. having filed in said court their annual administration account, and their petition praying for the allowance thereof

It Is Ordered, That the 25th day of January A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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and children from Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cokalin, Bert Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. George Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spencer and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Palmateer and family spent Christmas with Mrs. P's father, J. W. Spencer, and son of Pontiac spent Sunday at J. W. Spencer's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Spencer entertained at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray White and four children of Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Nickless, Dolores and Palmare Spencer and Mrs. Thompson of Fairgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Spencer and daughters, Helen and Wanda, and Bert Curtis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lock are the proud parents of a baby girl, who came on Christmas afternoon. Mother and baby are doing finely.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Vanderkooy spent Christmas at her parental home at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Colwell of Gaylord came Thursday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Colwell of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gage of Wilmot and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gage and Bernice spent Christmas at the Robert Agar, sr., home in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Colwell of Gaylord were supper guests of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Ben Gage, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark entertained at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. George Huffman of Almont, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Agar of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farver of Colling called on R. D. Lewis on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Vanderkooy and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Vanderkooy's sister, Mrs. Archie Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Hicks entertained on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicks and J. D. Hicks of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Koppelerberger of Kingston called on her brother, R. D. Lewis, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gage spent Christmas and Sunday visiting the former's sister, Mrs. George Sloan.

Alvah Spencer of Pontiac came on Dec. 21 to visit a week at his parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Spencer and daughter, Verda, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Freeman and little son, Robert, all of Pontiac, spent Christmas with J. W. Spencer.

Mrs. Mary Parks spent the holiday week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alvah Nichols, at Caseville.

Mrs. Forest and Mrs. Wm. Snider of Detroit are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hacks.

Alvah Spencer returned to Pontiac on Thursday after visiting a week at

the home of Geo. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Case of Detroit spent from Friday until Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. A. Curtis.

Albert Curtis of Detroit is visiting this week with his family here.

## NOVESTA CORNERS.

Mrs. C. E. Wentworth and Laurence of Dryden spent Thursday at the Ben Wentworth home.

Miss Avis Sangster of Saginaw and Miss Olive Sangster of Sandusky are spending their holidays at their parental home here.

Lewis O'Rourke and family of Pontiac spent over the week-end with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patch, Jr., and children and Harry, Dorothy and Lucile Wentworth spent Christmas at the C. E. Wentworth home at Dryden.

John Moshier is spending a few days in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Esley Burgum of Detroit spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry. Mrs. Perry accompanied them home for a two weeks' visit.

A. E. Bartlett of Cass City was a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hicks, Friday.

George Collins and family, Wm. Collins and family, Lewis O'Rourke and family, Mrs. Emily Warner and Mrs. Mabel Burgum were entertained Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Warner.

Wm. Hicks and family and Elmer Collins and family were entertained for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks at Deford.

Lew O'Rourke and family of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Collins and children spent Sunday at the Wm. Collins home.

Ruby Palmateer of Cass City spent from Sunday until Tuesday at the Ben Wentworth and Wm. Patch, Jr., homes.

Dorothy Wentworth is spending a few days with her uncle, C. E. Wentworth, in Dryden.

E. Biddle and family spent Tuesday at the home of Wm. Patch, Jr., while their home was being fumigated. They were shut in for several weeks with diphtheria.

The F. W. B. Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Elmer Collins for dinner Tuesday, January 4. All come and welcome.

## ELLINGTON AND NOVESTA.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little spent Sunday with her parents, in Almer.

Floyd Van Steinburg is home from Detroit to enjoy the holidays with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little, Sr., entertained their children and families

Christmas eve and Christmas day.

Miss Aleta Milner of Almer spent part of this week with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Little.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hyke and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McConnell spent Christmas at the home of Chas. McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little were guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Metcalf, in Ellington on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hyke came on Thursday night from St. Johns to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McConnell and family. They left for Detroit Sunday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kolb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. May and family of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Lue Keilitz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McConnell and little son spent Sunday at the home of Fred Keilitz, Sr.

Hunters have been gunning for an Arctic owl which has been seen in this vicinity, but as yet it has proved too wise for them.

Jake Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Spencer and children spent Christmas with Earl Spencer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lue Keilitz entertained on Christmas eve Mr. and Mrs. James Stapleton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Steinberg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McConnell and son, also Fred Keilitz, sr., and Jack Phillips. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Earl McConnell's luck at trapping is still holding good, having caught, lately, a badger that weighed thirty-five pounds and a raccoon that weighed seventeen and one-half pounds.

## China Enjoys Firecrackers

China consumes more firecrackers in a year than any other nation. They are used in connection with social, religious and military functions, as well as births and funerals and peace demonstrations after quarrels.

## Why Congregation Tittered

English Vicar (making announcement)—Next Sunday being egg day, on behalf of our cottage hospital, will the congregation lay their eggs in the font as they come into the church?—New Haven Register.

## Obvious Name

Africa's Khartoum section sends us a "shoebill stork." Every fond papa will understand the name. The relation between the stork and the shoe bill is glaring in its obviousness.

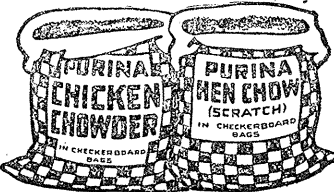
## Count the Fence Posts!

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## Have We Reached The Danger Line in Taxation?

AMERICAN railroad taxes are mounting to new Alpine heights this year, the latest estimate for 1926, being that they will aggregate somewhere between \$400,000,000 and \$420,000,000, which may be expressed in various ways, although





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What human being does not love a mystery story? Especially one of those affairs in which a puzzling crime suddenly disturbs the lives of a group of people who have been going along in a normal way, doing their daily tasks and with no thought of anything more terrifying than the ordinary problems of existence. All at once a deed of malevolence is committed which turns their placid little world topsy turvy. No one knows the perpetrator of the crime, but circumstances are such that any one of the apparently honest, sincere members of the group may come under suspicion. New angles of the affair and new mysteries develop, and a period of the most wringing suspense exists for all.

In this case there is no super-detective with his mathematics, his chemicals, his measuring devices and his methods of deduction to trap the criminal and, by the very completeness of the case against him, force him to a confession. No one but a few confused civilians and a couple of fairly astute law officers, both of the latter working in different directions and by the variance of their theories obstructing rather than aiding a solution. It was one of those crimes which seemed likely to remain a mystery unless some accident occurred to clear it up. And the accident did occur; one of the strangest accidents ever written into a mystery plot, and so terrifying in its effects that it brought a voluntary and quite unexpected confession from the guilty party. And then the reader gets another surprise, a real and satisfying surprise, but it would spoil the pleasure of the story to reveal it here.

Geraldine Bonner has written many clever stories and established herself as a master of thrill fiction with her famous tale, "The Girl at Central." In "The Leading Lady" she has produced an even more compelling novel and one in which she makes a blend of romance and mystery that is highly agreeable.

## PROLOGUE

One of the morning trains that tap the little towns along the sound ran into the Grand Central depot. The passengers, few in number—for it was midsummer and people were going out of town, not coming in—filed stragglingly up the long platform to the exit. One of them was a girl, fair and young, with those distinctive attributes of good looks and style that drew men's eyes to her face and women's to her clothes.

People watched her, noting the lithe grace of her movements, her delicate slenderness, the froth of blonde hair that curled out under the brim of her hat. She appeared oblivious to the interests she aroused and this indifference had once been natural, for to be looked at and admired had been her normal right and become a stale experience. Now it was assumed, an armor under which she sought protection, hid herself from morbid curiosity and eagerly observing eyes. To be pointed out as Sybil Saunders, the actress, was a very different thing from being pointed out as Sybil Saunders, the fiancée of James Dallas of the Dallas-Parkinson case.

The Dallas-Parkinson case had been a sensation three months back. James Dallas, a well known actor, had killed Homer Parkinson during a quarrel in a men's club, and fled before the horrified onlookers could collect their senses. Dallas, a man of excellent character, had had many friends who claimed mitigating circumstances—Parkinson, drunk and brutal, had provoked the assault. But the Parkinson clan, new-rich oil people, breathing vengeance, had risen to the cause of their kinsman, poured out money in an effort to bring the fugitive to justice, and offered a reward of ten thousand dollars for his arrest. Of course Sybil Saunders had figured in the investigation, she was the betrothed of the murderer, her marriage had been at hand. She had gone through hours of questioning, relentless grilling, and had steadily maintained her ignorance of Dallas' whereabouts; from the night of his disappearance she had heard nothing from him and knew nothing of him. The Parkinsons did not believe her statement, the police were uncertain.

Her taxi rolled out into the sweltering heat, incandescent streets roaring under the blinding glare of the sun. Her destination was the office of Stroud and Walberg, theatrical managers. Mr. Walberg offered her a friendly hand and a chair. Mr. Walberg, a kindly Hebrew, was kinder than ever to this particular visitor. He was sorry for her—as who in his profession was not—and wanted to help her along and here was his proposition:

A committee of ladies, a high society bunch summing up in Maine, to give a play for charity. N. Driscoll, the spool-cotton was in California, had his place up there—Gull, the name—for an outdoor play. The ladies had wanted which Mr. Walberg opined, seeing the show was for ad-people could stand being a worthy object. Twelfth as the play they had selected. dies had placed the matter in Walberg's hands, and he had at of Sybil Saunders for

Viola. She was in his opinion the ideal person. Compensation was not so munificent, but then Miss Saunders was not yet in the star cast, and all expenses would be covered, including a week at Gull Island.

He had no need for further persuasion, for Miss Saunders accepted at once. She was grateful to him and said so and looked as if she meant it. So, in a glow of mutual satisfaction, they walked to the door, Mr. Walberg telling over such members of the cast as had already been engaged: Sylvanus Grey for the Duke, Isabel Cornell for Maria, John Gordon Trevor for Sir Toby—no one could beat him, had the old English tradition—and Anne Tracy for Olivia. At that name Miss Saunders had exclaimed in evident pleasure. Anne Tracy would be perfect, and it would be so lovely having her, they were such friends.

"And I'm going to give you my best director, Hugh Bassett. If with you and him they don't pull off a success the Maine public's dumber than I thought."

Her business accomplished, Miss Saunders went home. She lived in one of those mid-town blocks of old brownstone houses divided into flats. Letting herself in with a latchkey she ascended the two flights at a rapid run, unlocked her door and entered upon the hot empty quietude of her own domain. She threw her hat on a chair, and falling upon the divan opened the paper that she had carried since she left the Grand Central station.

She folded the pages back at the personal column and settled over it, bent, motionless, her eyes traveling down its length. Suddenly they stopped, focused on a paragraph. She took a pad and pencil from the desk, drew a small table up to the divan, spread the newspaper on it, and copied the paragraph onto the pad. It ran as follows:

"Sister Carrie:  
"Edmund Stoney broke but Albert able to help him. Think we ought to chip in. Can a date be arranged for discussing his affairs?"

"Sam and Lewis."

She studied it for some time, the pencil suspended. Then it descended, crossing out letter after letter, till three words remained—"Edmonton, Alberta, Canada." The signature she guessed as the name he went by.

She burned the written paper, grinding it to powder in the ash tray. The newspaper she threw into the wastebasket where Luella, the mulatto woman who "did up" for her, would find it in the morning. She felt certain



Now He Had Grown Bolder, Telling Her Where He Was.

Luella was paid to watch her. But she had continued to keep the evil-eyed creature, fearful that her dismissal would make them more than ever wary, strengthen their suspicion that Sybil Saunders was in communication with her lover.

The deadly danger of it was cold at her heart. She had heard directly from him once, a letter the day after he had fled; the only one that even he, reckless in his despair, had dared to send. In that he had told her to watch the personal column in a certain paper and had given her the names by which she could identify the paragraphs. She had watched and twice found the veiled message and twice waited in sickening fear for discovery. It had not happened. Now he had grown bolder, telling her where he was—it was as if his hand beckoned her to come. She could write to him at last, do it this evening and take it out after dark. Lying very still, her hands clasped behind her head, she ran over in her mind letter boxes, post offices where she might mail it. Were

the ones in crowded districts or those in secluded byways, the safest? It was like walking through grasses where live wires were hidden.

A ring at the bell made her leap to her feet with wild visions of detectives. But it was only Anne Tracy, come in to see if she was back from her visit on the sound. It was a comfort to see Anne, she always acted as if things were just as they had been and never asked disturbing questions.

She was Sybil's best friend, was to have been her bridesmaid. But she knew no more of Sybil's secrets since Jim Dallas had disappeared than anyone else. And she never sought to know—that was why the friendship held.

They had a great deal to talk about, but chiefly the "Twelfth Night" affair. Anne was immensely pleased that Sybil had agreed to play. She did not say this—she avoided any allusions to Sybil's recent conducting of her life—but her enthusiasm about it all was irresistible. It warmed the sad-eyed girl into interest; the Viola costume was brought from its cupboard, the golden wig tried on. When Anne took her departure late in the day, she felt much relieved about her friend—she was "coming back," coming alive again.

Anne occupied another little flat on another of the mid-town streets in another of the brownstone houses. Hers was one room larger, for her brother, Joe Tracy, lived with her when not pursuing his profession on the road. There were hiatuses in Joe's pursuit during which he inhabited a small bedroom in the rear and caused Anne a great deal of worry and expense. Joe apparently did not worry, certainly not about the expense. Absence of work wore on his temper not because Anne had to carry the flat alone, but because he had no spending money.

They said it was his temper that stood in his way. Something did, for he was an excellent actor with that power of transforming himself into an empty receptacle to be filled by the character he portrayed. But directors who had had experience of him, talked about his "natural meanness" and shook their heads. People who tried to be sympathetic with Anne about him got little satisfaction. All the most persistent ever extracted was an admission that Joe was "difficult." Hugh Bassett had boosted and helped and lectured him. And not for love of Joe, for in his heart Bassett thought him a pretty hopeless proposition.

That evening, alone in her parlor, Anne was thinking about him. He had no engagement and no expectation of one, and it was not wise to leave him alone in the flat without occupation. She went to the window and leaned out. The air rose from the street, breathless and dead, the heated exhalation of walls and pavements baked all day by the merciless sun. To leave Joe to this while she was basking in the delights of Gull Island—apart from anything he might do—it wasn't fair. And then suddenly the expression of her face changed and she drew in from the window—Hugh Bassett was coming down the street.

The bell rang, she pushed the button and presently he was at the door saying he was passing and thought he'd drop in for a minute. He was a big thick-set man with a quiet reposeful quality unshaken even by the heat. He had dropped in a great deal this summer and as the droppings in became more frequent Anne's outside engagements became less. They always simulated a mutual surprise, giving them time to get over that somewhat breathless moment of meeting.

They achieved it rather better than usual tonight for their minds were full of the same subject. Bassett had come to impart the good news about Sybil, and Anne had seen her and heard all about it. Finally when they had thrashed out all the matters of first importance Bassett said:

"Did you tell her that Walberg wanted Aleck Stokes for the Duke?"  
"No, I didn't say a word about it. What was the use? It would only have upset her and you'd put a stop to it."

"You can always be relied on, Anne, to do the tactful thing. Walberg was set on it. Stokes can't be beaten in that part, and he's at liberty. But I wasn't going to take any chances of her refusing, and if Stokes was in the company I was afraid she might."

"I don't know whether she'd have gone that far, but it would have spoiled everything for her and for the rest of us, too. It's all plain sailing now except for one thing"—she stopped and then in answer to his questioning look—"about the police. If they have her under surveillance, as people say, what'll they do about it up there?"

The big man shrugged:

"Camp in the village on the mainland—they certainly can't come on the island. We've special instructions about it—no one but the company to be allowed there till the performance. Did she speak to you about that?"

"No, she hardly ever alludes to the subject. But they would keep a watch on her, wouldn't they?"

He nodded, frowning a little at a complication new in his experience:  
"I should think so—a woman in her position. Men under sentence of death have been unable to keep away from the girl they were in love with. And then she may know where he is, be in communication with him."

"Oh, I don't think that," Anne breathed in alarm. "She'd never take such a risk."

A slight grating noise came from the hall. Anne held up a quick cautioning hand.

"Take care," she murmured. "Here's Joe."

Joe came in, his Panama hat low on his brow. He gave no sign of greeting till he saw Bassett, then he emitted

an abrupt "Hello" and snatched off his hat:

"Little Anne's got a call. How'd, Bassett! How's things?"

He was like Anne, the same delicate features, the same long eyebrows and the same trick of raising them till they curved high on his forehead. But his face had an elfish, almost malign quality lacking in hers, and the brown eyes, brilliant and hard, were set too close to his nose.

He launched forth with a suggestion of pouncing eagerness on the "Twelfth Night" performance. He had heard this and that, and Anne had told him the other. His interest surprised Anne, he hadn't shown much to her; only a few laconic questions. And she was wondering what was in his mind, as she so often wondered when Joe held the floor, when a question enlightened her:

"Have you got anybody to play Sebastian yet?"

"No. I wanted that boy who played with her on the southern tour last year, but he's in England. He gave a first-rate performance and he surely did look like her."

"That was a lucky chance. You'll search the whole profession before you get anyone that looks like Sybil's twin brother. Why, Mrs. Gawtre, the English actress, when she was over here, had a boy to play Sebastian who looked as much like her—well, not as much as I look like Sybil."

Bassett had seen his object as Anne had and was considering. He had been looking forward to the week at Gull Island with Anne, it loomed in his imagination as a festival. There would be a pleasant, companionable group of people, friendly, working well together. But Joe among them—

The boy, looking down at his feet, said slowly:

"What's the matter with letting me do it?"

"Nothing's the matter. I've no doubt you could, but you and she have about as much resemblance as chalk and cheese."

Joe wheeled and gathering his coat neatly about his waist walked across the room with a mincing imitation of Sybil's gait. It was so well done that Bassett could not contain his laughter. Encouraged, the boy assumed a combative attitude, his face aflame with startled anger, and striking out, at imaginary opponents, shouted: "Why, there's for thee, and there and there and there. Are all the people mad?" Then as suddenly melted to a lover's tone and looking ardently at Anne said: "If it be thus to dream then let me sleep."

"Oh, he could play it," she exclaimed, and Bassett weakened before the pleading in her eyes.

He understood how to manage Joe, he could keep him in order. The boy was afraid of him anyway, and by this time knew that his future lay pretty well in Bassett's hands. If there was anything Anne wanted that was within his gift there could be no question about its being hers.

She was very sweet, murmuring her thanks as she went with him to the door and assurances that Joe would acquit himself well. Bassett hardly heard what she said, looking into her dark eyes, feeling the soft farewell pressure of her hand.

Joe had left the sitting room when she went back there and she supposed he had gone to bed. But presently he came in, his hat on again and said he was going out. She was surprised, it was past eleven, but he was going out looking for his cane, saying it was too hot to sleep. She tried to detain him with remarks about the new work. He answered shortly as was his wont with her, treating it as a small matter, nothing to get excited about—also a familiar pose. But she noticed under his nonchalance a repressed satisfaction, the glow of an inner elation in his eyes.

## CHAPTER I

The performance was over and the audience was dispersing. Some of them had gone into the house, taken the chance to have a look at it—when the Driscolls were "in residence" you couldn't so much as put your foot on the rocks round the shore. Others lingered, having a farewell word with the actors, congratulating them—it was the right thing to do and they deserved it. The committee was very affable, shaking hands with Mr. Bassett the director and Miss Saunders the star, who, in her page's dress with the paint still on her face, looked tired, poor girl, but was so sweet and unassuming.

The fleet of boats, rocking gently on the narrow channel that separated Gull Island from the mainland, took on their freight and darted off. They started in groups, then broke apart. The launches skimmed, light-winged, the white flurry of their wakes like threads that stretched back to the island.

Part of the flotilla carried the Hayworth villagers—all-year residents of the little town on the mainland. Some of the more solid citizens were in the launch that old Gabriel Harvey owned, which had been used by the actors in their week's stay. Hayworth had gathered a great deal of information about these spectacular visitors, some from Gabriel and some from Sara Pinkney who was Mr. Driscoll's housekeeper. Every day she came over to Hayworth for supplies and had to appease the local curiosity, which she did grudgingly, feeling her power.

Now at last the Hayworth people had had a first-hand view of the actors—the whole company, dressed up and performing—and they fitted Sara Pinkney's description to them. Olivia, that was Miss Tracy, the one she said was so refined and pleasant spoken. And

the Duke was Alexander Stokes. And the woman who stood round and "tended on" Olivia was his wife. Sara hadn't said much about her. Well, she wasn't of much importance anyhow or she'd have had more acting to do. But that boy who was Viola's twin, he was Miss Tracy's brother, and Sara had said he and Miss Saunders didn't get on well, she could see it though they didn't say much. And here piped up the butcher's wife who was more interested in the play than in personalities:

"I don't see how Olivia took him for the page she was in love with. He didn't look like Viola in the face. She was real pretty, but he'd a queer sly mug on him, that boy."

"I guess she was meant to be blinded by love. And him dressed the same, hair and all, might lead her astray."

"I don't see how you could have 'em look just alike unless they'd get an actress who had a real twin brother, and maybe you'd go the whole country over and not find that."

"He ain't like her no way," growled old Gabriel from the wheel, "I seen 'em both when they wasn't acting and he's an ugly pup, that one."

Then the boat grating on the Hayworth wharf, Gabriel urged them off. He hadn't got through yet, got to go back for part of the company who were calculating to get the main line at Spencer, and after that back again for the Tracy boy.

The swaying throng of boats emptied their cargoes and the thick-pressed crowd, moving to the end of the wharf, separated into streams and groups. Farewells, last commending comments, rose on the limpid sea-scented air. The waiting line of motors absorbed the summer visitors, wheeled off and purged away past the white cottages under the New England elms. The matrons sank gratefully upon the yielding cushions, rolling by the dusty buggies, the battered autos, the lines of bicycle riders, into the quiet serene country where the shadows were lying long and clear. Yes, it had been a great success; from first to last there hadn't been a hitch.

There was one outsider left on the island, Wally Shine, the photographer sent by the Universal syndicate to take pictures of what was a "notable society event" in a place of which the public had heard much and seen nothing. But, unlike the other outsiders, his impressions extending over a longer period had not been so agreeable. He had seen the actors at close range, in their habits as they lived, lunched with them, watched the last rehearsal, taken a lot of pictures of Miss Saunders in the house and garden. And he had sensed an electric disturbance in the atmosphere, and come upon evidences of internal discord.

That was at the last rehearsal, when the poetic Viola had lost her temper like an ordinary woman and jumped on the Tracy boy—something about the place he stood in—nothing, as far as Shine could see, to get mad about. And the boy had answered in kind, like the spitting of an angry cat. An ugly scene that the director had to stop.

Then the man Stokes who played the Duke, a handsome, romantic looking chap—something was the matter with him. He had a haunted sort of look, as if his mind was disturbed, especially when he'd turn his eyes on Miss Saunders. His wife—the woman they called Flora—was on to him. Shine saw her watching him, sidelong from under her eyelids, the way you watch a person when you don't want them to see it.

The photographer was sensitive to emotional stress and he felt it here—below the surface—and was moved to curiosity.

The photographs were finished and the group broke up. Miss Saunders and Miss Tracy linked arms and moved off toward the headlands. Receding in the amber light they were like a



Like a Picture From Some Antique Romance.

picture from some antique romance—the noble lady and her page. One in narrow casings of crimson brocade, the other in short swinging kilt and braided jacket of more sober gray. Shine, fascinated, watched them pacing slowly over the burnished grass. He turned to go and saw that Stokes was watching them, too, intent like a hungry dog, the hand that held a stalk of feathered grass against his lips, trembling.

The photographer shouldered his camera and went toward the house. He skirted the side balcony, the wide

fung doors giving a glimpse of an entrance hall, and turning the corner emerged upon the land front of the long capacious building. Hayworth showed across the channel in a clustering of gray roofs from which smoke steamed straight into the suave rose-washed sky. The water rushed between, a swollen tide, threads of white dimpled eddies, telling of its racing speed.

The door on this side of the house opened directly into the living room. No hall within or porch without interfered with the view; the path ended unceremoniously at the foot of two broad steps that led to the threshold. On the lower of these steps Shine found a lady sitting smoking a cigarette. This was the Maria of the cast, Mrs. Cornell in private life. Shine had found her as easy as himself, good humoredly loquacious and not involved in the prevailing discord. An admirable person to clear up mysteries. He sank down beside her on the step and took the cigarette box she flipped toward him.

"Wouldn't you think," she said, "a man as rich as this Driscoll would fix up round here better?"

Shine, who had artistic responses, had long learned not to intrude them on the uninitiated.

"I guess he liked it wild," he suggested, and lit a cigarette.

Shine had been in the grove of pines, a growth of stunted trees filling in a hollow. He had followed the path through it, up the slope to the summer house and beyond to where the bluff dropped away in a sheer cliff to the channel. They called the place "The Point" as it projected beyond the shore line in a rocky outthrust shoulder, gulls circling about it, water seething below. He looked there now, let his glance slip along the curve of headlands till it reached the two girls, perched on a boulder like a pair of bright-plumaged birds. He was thinking how to approach the matter in his mind, when Mrs. Cornell went on:

"I don't see what anyone wanted to build a house here for—cut off this way. It's too lonesome. With the tide at the full as it is now you can't get ashore without a motor boat. You know that current's something fierce."

He looked down at it, its rushing corded surface purple dark:

"Looks to be some current."

"It would carry you out and 'Good night' to you. Gabriel who runs the launch told me. Set's right out to sea some way. And the rise and fall to it—I couldn't tell you how many feet it is, but you'll see for yourself tonight if you're awake—all the channel bare,

nothing but rocks and mud. And across the middle of it to Hayworth, a causeway. That's the only way you can get ashore at low tide. High or low you're pretty well marooned. It's seclusion, all right, if that's what you're after."

Shine was after information and with the talk running on tides and causeways he saw no chance of getting it. So he tried to divert the garrulous lady:

"That's Miss Saunders and Miss Tracy out there looking at the sunset."

Mrs. Cornell answered with emphasis:

"Yes, they're friends."

"Aren't you all?"

"Some of us knew each other before we came here," was her cryptic reply. Then she added pensively: "Six months ago you'd never have found Sybil Saunders looking at a sunset. She was the brightest thing!"

"Awful misfortune that what happened to her."

She gave a derisive sound at the inadequacy of the word:

"Bah—awful! Took the heart right out of her. If you ever saw a girl in love it was she—bound up in him. Everything ready, the wedding day set, the trousseau made." Tears rose in her eyes and she dove into her tight-fitting bodice for a handkerchief. "Never to be worn, Mr. Shine—that's life."

Shine gave forth sympathetic murmurs and Mrs. Cornell, dabbing at her eyes, furnished data between the dabs: "Two men drinking too much and then a fight, and before anybody knew, murder. If there hadn't been a brass candlestick near Jim Dallas' hand it would never have happened. Honest to God, Mr. Shine, there was nothing evil in that young man. But the Parkinson family are camped on his trail. The evil's in them, if you ask me, with their rewards and detectives."

"I wonder if she knows where he is."

"I guess there's more than one wondering that," the lady murmured.

Shine looked at the page's figure on the rock. She carried the thing stamped on her face. He had noticed it particularly where he had taken the photographs of her in the living room. Once or twice the mask had been dropped and he had seen the drooping lines, the weariness, and something like fear on the delicate features.

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