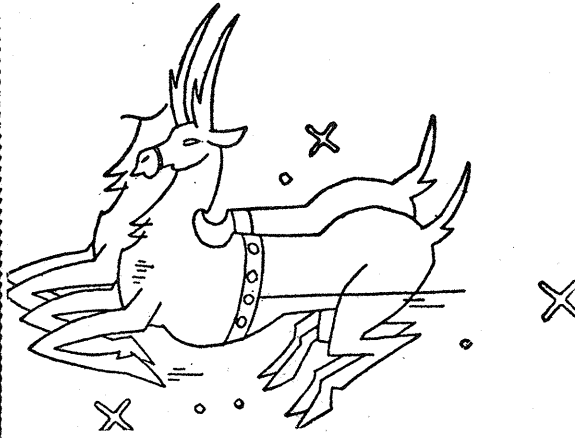
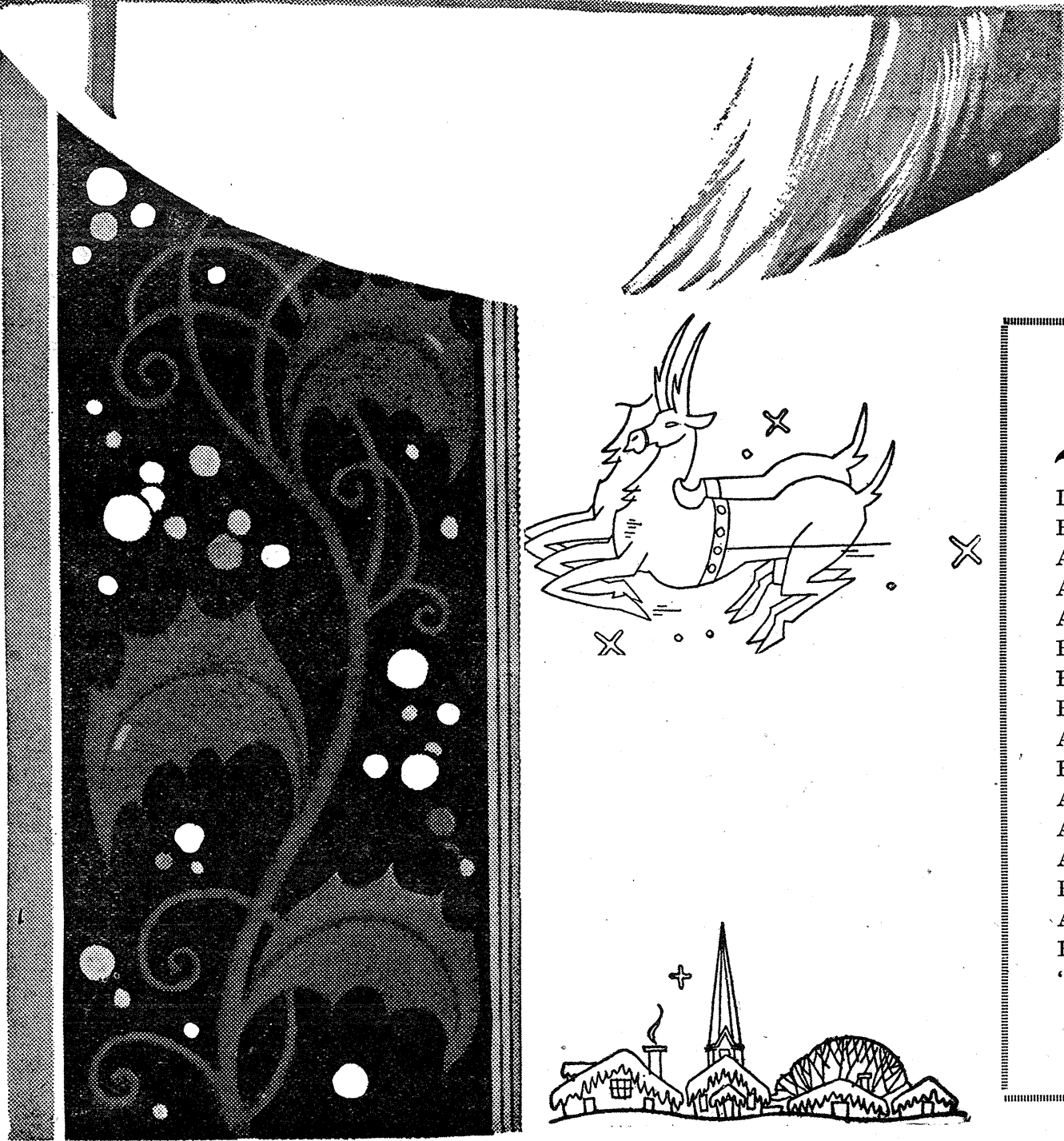
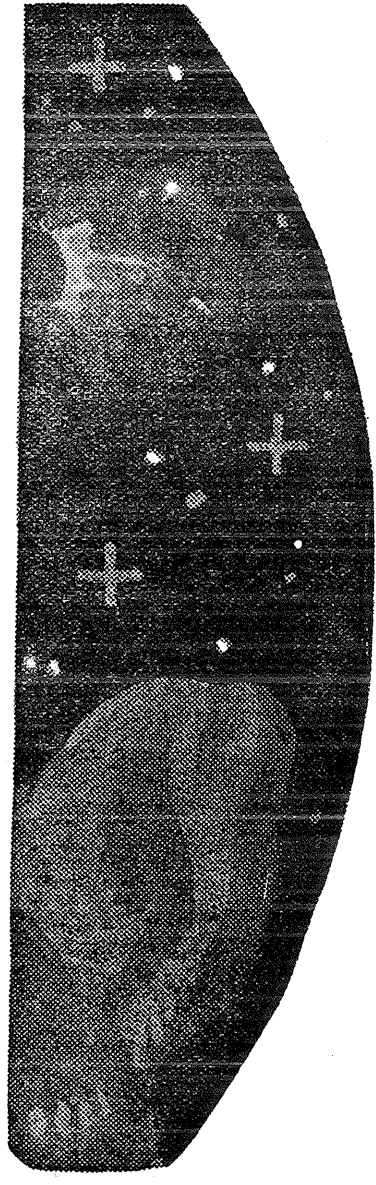




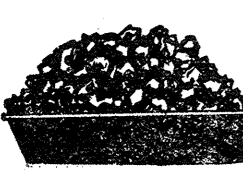
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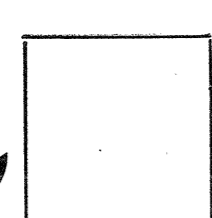
AND then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in furs, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
 His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples how merry:
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly, old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose:
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

From, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by
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LOCALS

Claud Wheeler of Kalamazoo was a Cass City visitor Sunday.

Dan Bolla of Detroit spent Sunday night at his home here.

Julius Haskell of Lapeer was a business caller in Cass City Monday.

Mrs. Willis Campbell spent from Tuesday until Thursday afternoon in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doerr and Mrs. Andrew N. Bigelow spent Monday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spurgeon and Mrs. Douglas Stilson were Saginaw visitors Friday.

Bonnie Mark and Beverly Wooley were guests of Betty Hower, in Novesta, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. Hunter and Clayton Hamilton visited Caswell Hunter, who is a patient in Harper hospital, Detroit, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hendrick and daughter, Miss Morgia, of Kingston were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bigelow.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, visited at the Charles Wood home in Charlotte one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bigelow entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner Friday evening at their home on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Orr and daughter, Thelma Marie, of Caro were dinner guests of Mrs. Orr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Doerr and Gler Reid left Sunday to visit relatives and friends in Royal Oak and Detroit and Monday left for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles Kleinschmidt spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Detroit. On Sunday, she was a guest at a birthday dinner in honor of her sister, Mrs. Walter Wisniewski.

G. A. Tindale spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Warr Jackson, in Detroit. Mrs. Tindale, who had spent ten days there, returned home with him Sunday evening.

Herbert Bigham and son, Vernon, spent Sunday with relatives in Pontiac. Basil Bigham, who had spent two weeks in Pontiac, returned home with his father and brother on Sunday evening.

John Kercher, Mr. and Mrs. William Joos and son, Maurice, and daughter, Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kercher and son, Gerald, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham at Caro Sunday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church will hold their December meeting on Friday, the twentieth, at the home of Mrs. William Schwegler, with Miss Martha Striffler as program leader. Members are urged to attend as there is to be election of officers.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church met Thursday, Dec. 12, at the home of Mrs. I. A. Fritz, with Mrs. M. D. Hart as assistant hostess. A Christmas program was given with Mrs. A. A. Schmidt as leader. The ladies of the Grant auxiliary were guests.

Rev. Paul J. Allured gave an interesting talk on the different types of missionary work—evangelistic, medical and educational—in the Evangelical Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening. He illustrated it with some of his own experiences in missionary work in China. Miss Katherine Joos ably led the discussion on the topic.

Mrs. William Edwards of Harbor Beach is spending some time in Cass City.

A son was born Friday, Dec. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle DeLong of Deckerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McComb and son, Fay, spent Sunday with Mrs. McComb's mother, Mrs. John Fay, in Grant.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Campbell of Saginaw were visitors at the home of the former's brother, Willis Campbell, Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Consia, who has spent some time with her mother, Mrs. H. O. Greenleaf, returned to her home in Painsville, Ohio, Saturday.

Mrs. R. H. Orr and daughter, Marjorie, of Pigeon and Mrs. Geo. Southworth and daughter, Doris, of Elkton spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Striffler, parents of Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Southworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Syfarth of Silverwood were callers at the home of Mrs. Ella Vance Wednesday.

After a two weeks' visit with relatives in Detroit, Mrs. Elizabeth Carolan returned to her home here Friday.

Mrs. Irma Wells and daughters, Dorothy and Shirley, of Deford were week-end guests of Mrs. Earl Chisholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper of Marlette came Sunday to spend some time at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Schell. Mrs. Cooper, who has been very ill, is slowly improving.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Thursday, Dec. 19, at the home of Mrs. Harold Reed. Mrs. Frank Burgess will be in charge of the program. There will be election of officers.

George Cole spent the week-end with friends in Detroit.

Miss Mary Dailey is quite ill at her home on Houghton street.

Glenn Folkert and Leslie Karr spent several days last week at Traverse City.

William Messner, a former Cass City resident, who has been quite ill at his home in Detroit, is reported some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cummings of Flint spent Sunday night and Monday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Willis Campbell.

Mrs. William J. Martus and Mrs. Dan Hennessey of Cass City attended the tri-county luncheon meeting of the League of Catholic Women at Reese Tuesday. Mrs. Edward A. Shae, Bloomfield Hills, president of the Diocesan league, was guest speaker.

Leslie Brown of Marcellus spent from Friday until Monday morning with his mother, Mrs. Selina Brown, and brother, C. U. Brown.

The Cass City Ladies' Band gave a concert Sunday afternoon at the regular church services at the Sunshine church in Elmwood township.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Caro were Cass City visitors Sunday. Mrs. Howard Lauderbach, who had spent two weeks with her brother, Mr. Campbell, at Caro, returned to her home here with them.

Mrs. Chris Krug and family have returned to the farm northeast of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Holcomb have moved from their farm on M-53 to the rooms in part of the Wheeler house, just vacated by the Krugs.

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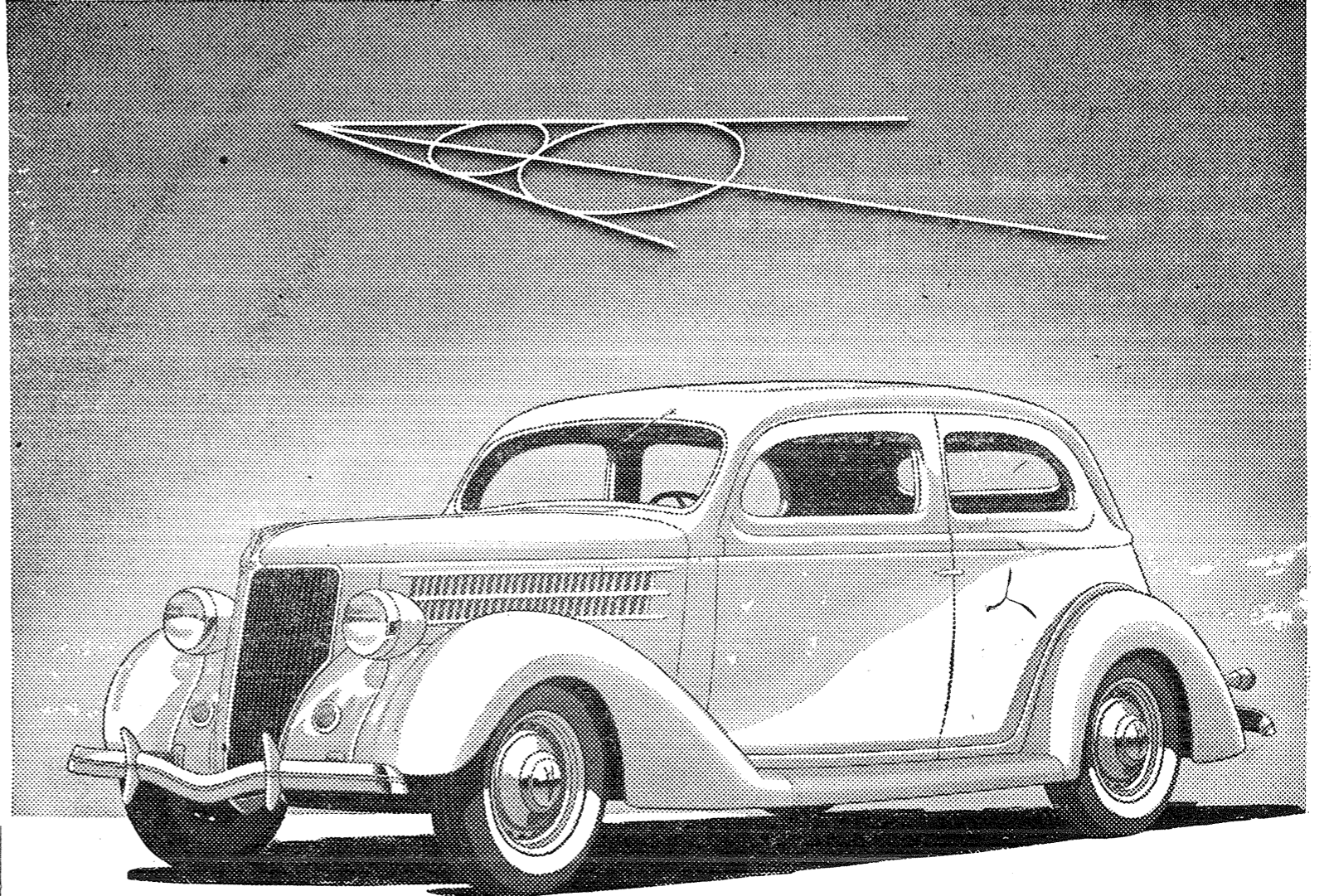
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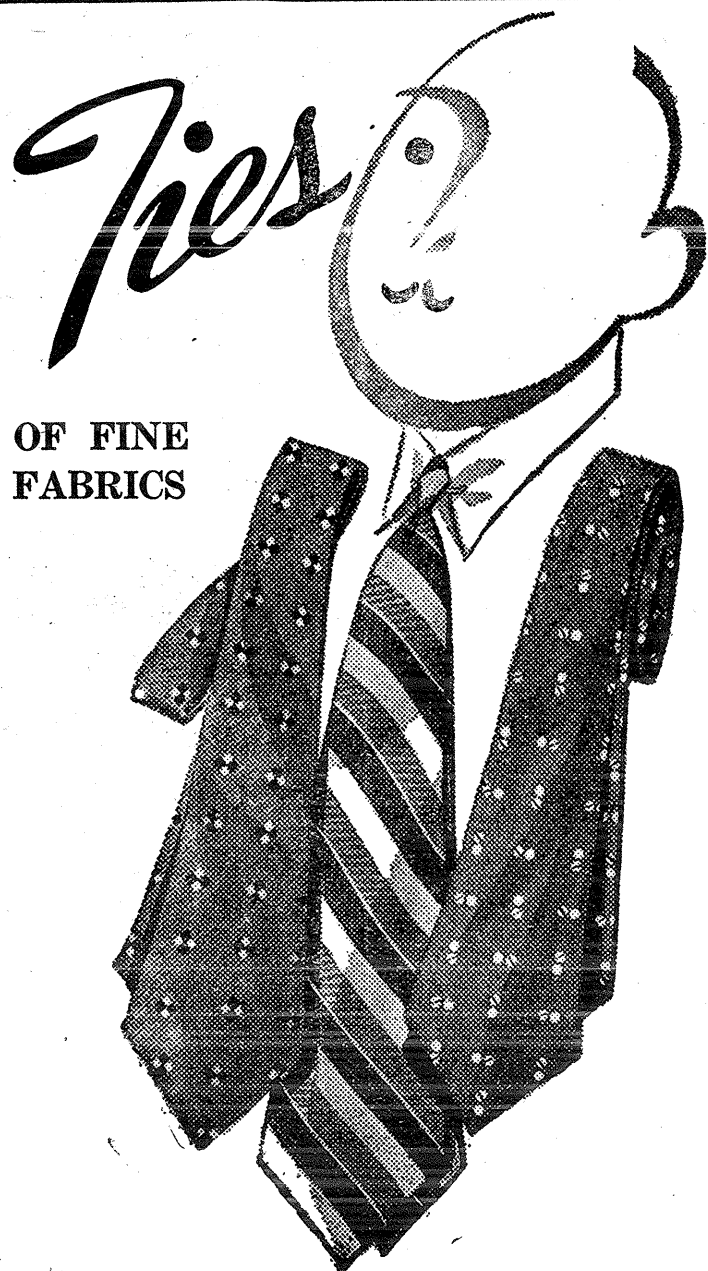
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Local Happenings

Dr. and Mrs. I. D. McCoy spent several days last week in Detroit. Mrs. Donald Lorentzen of Hemans visited Cass City relatives Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Ball spent Wednesday in Bay City and Saginaw.

Mrs. Sam Benkelman and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman spent Tuesday in Saginaw.

Mrs. John Lorentzen has returned after spending three weeks nursing near Bay Port.

Miss Dora Krapf entertained Miss Isabelle Livingston of Detroit at dinner Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Freeman of Gageton were callers at the Wallie Ball home Friday evening.

Andrew Schmidt had the misfortune to slip on an icy sidewalk last week and cracked two ribs in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ward, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Krug and Mrs. James McMahon spent Monday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodall and little daughter of Clio are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Partridge.

Miss Irene Freiburger returned Sunday night from a week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Harold Vollmer, in Detroit.

Division No. 3 of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Angus McPhail to tie a comforter.

A Christmas program will be presented by pupils of the Paul school in Novesta township on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:45 p. m.

Dr. F. L. Wurtzsmith and Miss Ruth Mark, R. N., both of Detroit, were Sunday guests of Miss Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mark.

Samuel Champion and daughter, Mrs. Lyle Bardwell, returned Monday after a visit of several days with relatives in London and Watford, Ontario.

Dr. Carrie Edwards of San Diego, California, a former resident of Cass City, expects to leave Dec. 15 for a six weeks' tour through Florida and the Indies.

Mrs. James Parsons of Caro, who has been a patient at Pleasant Home hospital, was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clifton Champion, Wednesday.

Improvements on a large scale have been made at Pleasant Home hospital. The exterior has been repainted a light fawn and a number of the rooms, halls and offices have been redecorated.

G. A. Striffler spent from Tuesday until today (Friday) in Lansing where he attended a meeting of the Michigan Implement Dealers' association. Meetings were held at the Michigan State College and at Hotel Olds.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hitchcock that they are nicely located at San Diego, Calif., and enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James Moore. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Ella Bader.

Rev. Fr. Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Ball and daughters, Marjorie and Priscilla, and Dan Hennessey spent Sunday afternoon and evening in Detroit and Mt. Clemens. At Mt. Clemens, they visited Fr. Werm, who is a patient in the hospital there.

In honor of the sixth birthday of her niece, Florence Hillman, Mrs. Earl Chisholm entertained twelve little friends Monday afternoon. A series of games were played and luncheon was served. A very pretty birthday cake, holding six lighted candles, was a delight to the little guests.

The Queen Esthers were hostesses at the Methodist high school party Monday evening held in the local Methodist church. Forty-three young people were served a seven o'clock dinner at tables delightful with Christmas appointments. The Misses Eunice Schell, Betty Hunt and Loraine Hoffman were the committee in charge of the dinner. Miss Olive Hegler was in charge of the program and Miss Virginia Rawson of games.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whale, Mrs. Stanley Fike and Miss Charlotte Fike of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. VanVliet of Decker attended the funeral of John Lee, 53, at Flint Friday. Mr. Lee, a member of the Flint police force, passed away suddenly Tuesday night. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lee and family lived for a number of years on a farm one-half mile east of the Leek school house.

Mrs. Della Lauderbach was much surprised Sunday when she attended a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher near Akron to find that the dinner was in honor of her 72nd birthday. Three other members of the family had birthdays in December. A delicious chicken dinner was served after which the honor guest was invited to a room where she found a tree laden with lovely gifts. Twenty relatives were present from Akron, Columbia, Pontiac and Cass City.

Miss Margaret McKenzie of Kalamazoo visited her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Knapp, over the week-end.

Mrs. Hugh McBurney, in company with Mrs. Edd Rose of Argyle, spent Tuesday in Flint.

Mrs. John Pincomb of Lake Orion was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Frank Benedict the past week.

Frank Striffler of Detroit visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Striffler, Saturday night and Sunday.

Victor Dupuis of Standish was the guest of his brother, G. B. Dupuis, a few days the last of last week.

Mrs. Albert Gallagher, Mrs. Angus McPhail and son, Albert, and Miss Olive Hegler spent Friday in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Donivan Kingsfort of Fremont spent from Tuesday until Friday with the latter's aunt, Mrs. Hannah McKim.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Cluff and baby of Caro were Sunday guests of Mrs. Cluff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McBurney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whale and daughter, Miss Edna, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Geister at Decker Sunday.

Miss Isabelle Livingston of Detroit, who is a guest at the A. J. Knapp home, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Frank Hemerick at Gageton.

Dorus Benkelman spent Monday and Tuesday in Detroit where he visited his sister, Mrs. James Cole, of Pigeon who is a patient in Ford hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Seyforth and Mr. and Mrs. William Cowles, all of Silverwood, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benedict Friday evening.

Mrs. A. Martin is moving from the farm, north of Cass City, to rooms in the front of Mrs. Hiram Lewis' house, on the corner of Houghton and Ale streets.

Sunday guests entertained at dinner at the home of Mrs. A. D. Gillies were Mrs. William Edwards of Harbor Beach, Miss Isabelle Livingston of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knapp and son, Clark.

The Bethel Family night which had been postponed for one week was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Profit. A social time was enjoyed and plans were made for the Christmas program.

WILMOT.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Atfield and Mrs. Cora Atfield spent Saturday in Caro.

Mrs. Stella Martin is in Detroit seeking employment.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Crandell left Monday morning for a few days at Maple Ridge.

Miss Greta Chapin of Caro spent the week-end at her parental home.

The Y. P. M. S. of the Free Methodist church met at the home of Harold Chapin last Friday evening. They held their business meeting and enjoyed the evening in games. Potluck was served to thirty-five.

The Free Methodist church will hold their Christmas program on the evening of Dec. 22 at eight o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerstner of Marlette spent Sunday at the Walter McArthur home.

Forty friends and relatives gathered at the John Roberts farm home Wednesday evening and gave a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cox of Marlette, formerly of this place. They received many fine gifts. Later in the evening a potluck lunch was served. Those from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. William Forse and two children, Mrs. Draper and daughter of Vassar, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McRobbie and children of Marlette, and some from Caro and Deford.

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Moisson, a French chemist, was one of the first to produce synthetic diamonds. He mixed pure carbon and iron and subjected the mixture to the heat of an electric furnace. After being kept at a temperature of about 4,000 degrees Centigrade for a short time the solution was plunged into cold water.

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ALL FLAVORS Jello pkg. **5c**

Jewel COFFEE lb. **17c**

Salada Black TEA 1/2 lb. **33c**

Maxwell House COFFEE lb. **24c**

Chase & Sanborn COFFEE lb. **23c**

Country Club Honey Milk BREAD 1 1/2 lb. loaf **10c**

Cinnamon DOUGHNUTS 2 doz. **25c**

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Turning Back the Pages

Items from the files of Cass City Chronicle of 1900 and 1910.

Thirty-five Years Ago. Dec. 14, 1900.

Charles Hall manufactured 270,000, and the Cass City Brick and Tile Co. have turned out over 325,000 brick during the past season.

Robert G. Orr, after an illness of more than one year, passed away Tuesday morning. He came to this township in 1864.

Dr. McClinton of Crosswell is in town this week greeting old friends. After spending a few days in Bad Axe, the doctor and his wife will leave for Florida to spend the winter.

James Armstrong is doing an extensive business in the sale of rubber collars and cuffs.

Charles Herr has pursued a wise course. He has taken unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Reba Meredith.

Pinney & Matzen received a second consignment of Belgian hares from W. W. Wood of Edwinstoe, England.

There was an unusual amount of cull apples in all orchards this season and most of them were converted into cider and apple butter.

Twenty-five Years Ago. Dec. 16, 1910.

The Woman's Study Club has secured an option on the brick building, owned by M. Sheridan, between The Model Clothing and Shoe Co.'s store and the Central Meat Market.

The gold medal contest held Friday in the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. was well attended. The following contestants competed for the prize: Florence Smith and Mr. Martin of Kingston, and Seva Withey, Cora Schwaderer and Marie Akerman of Cass City.

Edwin Pettit, 66, passed away at his home here Thursday morning, Dec. 15.

Don't dump your ashes in the street. They look bad and cause profanity among horsemen.

J. D. Brooker spent Wednesday in Caro. On his return trip in the evening, his train was snowbound between Vassar and Clifford and he did not reach home until Thursday noon.

Mrs. M. M. Schwegler entertained her Sunday School class of eight young boys at a six o'clock supper Saturday evening. William Blen, Dan Striffler, Alvin Benkelman, Edward Buehrly, George Klump, Roy Striffler, Calvin Lauderdale and Harold Benkelman are members of the class.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Wright School.

Teacher, Hazel Hower. Reporter, Gordon Anthes.

We are working hard on our Christmas program. Don't forget the date, Monday evening, Dec. 23. One day last week we drew names for Christmas.

Already we have sold quite a number of Christmas seals. We hope to sell more. The Northern

Route is leading the Southern Route in the contest.

We have some Christmas trimmings up in our room. On our windows are Christmas lanterns.

The third grade is reading "How Fire Came to the Indians." The fourth grade are reading "The Maid of Orleans."

In language, the fifth grade have been writing descriptions.

We have enjoyed playing in the snow. We have had three sleds at school.

Sand Valley School.

Teacher, Lucile Anthes. Reporter, Lila Nowland.

There is a great improvement in our school room with the new window shades. We enjoy our new swing. We wish to thank the school board for building our stage.

Our Christmas program will be Dec. 20. Everybody welcome.

Kenneth Robinson's side has sold the most stamps which is \$1.70 worth. Lila Nowland's side has sold 70 cents worth.

We thank Mrs. Windy for washing our curtains.

We have our school room decorated with Christmas pictures.

The seventh grade are working hard on their work books.

The fourth grade are beginning to study United States for geography.

The sixth grade are beginning decimals in arithmetic.

Rescue School.

Teacher, Miss Catherine McLachlan. Reporter, Marguerite Cummins.

We wrote our examinations this week.

The seventh and eighth graders are taking turns in reading and reporting on "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London.

The seventh graders are studying about "The World's Grazing Lands" for geography.

The sixth grade are studying about Europe for geography.

The eighth grade are studying "County Government" for civics.

We have many interesting current events on our bulletin board.

We are all kept busy now selling Christmas seals.

Winton School.

Teacher, Miss Beatrice Martin.

We are practicing for our Christmas program which will be given Monday night, December 23.

Wanda Karr was absent last Thursday and Friday on account of the illness of her mother.

The fourth and fifth grades have started the study of the New England states for geography.

For language the first three

grades have been learning their parts for the Christmas program.

The seventh and eighth grades are studying phrases and prepositions for language.

We have started to make our school room decorations for Christmas. We made several Santa Claus carrying their packs.

Velma Muntz is ahead in the reading contest with only one more star than Lewis Langenburg. Francis Butler is ahead in the spelling contest with only one more star than Wanda Karr.

The girls are ahead in the selling of the Christmas seals. Joan Muntz has sold the most of any one in school, the number being 60. She has taken 30 more to try to sell.

Rowboats Used as "Tugs"

Before tugboats were used, sailing ships were sometimes brought into pier by the seamen, lowering small rowboats or lifeboats and towing the vessel in. In some cases the vessels were anchored in deep water and smaller boats used to transport passengers and cargo to and from the vessel.

The Word "Bead"

The word "bead" is derived from the Saxon verb biddan, to pray. Originally associated with the beads on a rosary, it has been extended to mean almost any pierced object that can be strung.

Can't Believe All

Jud Tunkins says you can't believe all the music you hear. One of the prettiest tunes his daughter plays on the piano is entitled "The Happy Farmer."—Washington Star.

"Time of Full Market"

Having no system of dividing the day into hours, in early times the Greek used phrases like "the time of full market," which meant mid-forenoon.

Chain System Used to Circulate Books

Madison, Wis.—A chain idea started more than 15 years ago by John L. Meyer, secretary of the Inland Press association, is perpetuated monthly when he purchases a new book and starts one traveling from his library.

With each book he sends a note saying: "Please accept this with my compliments. Some time please pass it along to someone else you think will be interested in it."

He sends his books to friends and acquaintances who are in newspaper work, but does not specify that they must be relayed to persons similarly occupied.

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One hay load may weigh the same as another. And a ton of coal is a ton of coal. But full weight doesn't mean full value in either.

When you specify Cavalier you're sure of getting a full ton of coal — and — a full ton of heating satisfaction. Cavalier comes to you from the Elkhorn District of Eastern Kentucky — a rich coal from a rich field. You'll like its slow-burning qualities when dampered. And its immediate, leaping response when you want quick heat.

Cavalier has less than 3% ash — and is more than 95% pure heat! Try it. You'll have ample, trouble-free heat this winter, for sure!

Elkland Roller Mills

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

CONSOLIDATION CAVALIER coal

A Christmas and New Year's Gift for You and Your Car

MUSIC WHEREVER YOU GO

Stewart-Warner Radio

We carry fine models for your home in a large range of styles and prices

GIFTS IN WHICH THE WHOLE FAMILY DELIGHTS

A gift to a car owner or driver is one in which the whole family delights and profits. Particularly for winter driving will a selection from the following list add to the comfort and convenience of the automobile driver and his passengers.

A Snappy Car Battery
A New Set of Tires
A Set of Auto Chains

New Spark Plugs
Hot Water Heater
A New Floor Mat

Come in and get your calendar.

Cass City Oil and Gas Co.

STANLEY ASHER, Manager

PHONE 25.



Maroon and Grey

CASS CITY SCHOOLS

All freshmen and junior English classes are making an intensive study of punctuation.

The Christmas vacation begins Friday, Dec. 20, instead of Dec. 24 as previously announced.

The first basketball game of the 1935-36 season is tonight (Friday) with Fairgrove at Fairgrove.

A fine display of one hundred plates of fifty-five varieties of apples occupy part of the first floor show cases. They represent work of the agricultural department.

A group of nine Hawaiian guitar players from the Owendale high school gave a short concert at the high school assembly last week. A similar orchestra will be organized at the local high school.

The tenth grade English classes recognized National Book Week in November with artistic posters, dramatizations, and exhibits in the first floor show cases. All projects emphasized the slogan "Reading for Fun." The exhibits are still on display.

Hester Kitchin, a French II student, wrote a letter in French to a girl in France some time ago. She received a letter in reply written in English a few days ago. This proved so interesting that several other French students are planning similar projects.

The serving of a hot dish each noon has proved to be a practical enterprise. Approximately eighty students take advantage of the hot dish which is prepared by various groups of the Home Ec. II class. Other members of the class are working on Christmas gifts.

A one-act play entitled, "Spreading of the News," was presented in the general assembly last Thursday by the public speaking class. It was a comedy which portrayed the spreading of a bit of news until it was entirely different than when first told. Jean Wallace and Martin Moore had the leading roles.

Cass City and Kingston debaters met in a practice debate last Thursday evening at the local high school. No decision was given. Kingston represented the affirmative side of the munitions question while Cass City upheld the negative. Cass City's second debate of the elimination series was held last evening (Thursday). Admission was free.

George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and many other long-ago famous men came to life in school last week when the American history class dramatized the Constitutional Convention. Each student represented a particular man who attended the convention in 1787 when the constitution of the United States was formed. Realistic de-

bates were held over the questions such as representation in Congress and the selection of a national executive.

GAGETOWN

Death of Mrs. Paul Hool—
Mrs. Paul Hool died at her home in Gagetown Dec. 5 of cerebral hemorrhage after a 16-hour illness. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fr. McCullough Dec. 7 at 9:00 a. m. in St. Agatha's church with burial in St. Agatha's cemetery.

Mrs. Hool had reached the age of 62 years. She was born in Bay City and moved to Tuscola county as a small child. She was married May 9, 1897, to Paul Hool who died June 22, 1929. She was formerly Miss Lena Young.

The deceased is survived by three children, Mrs. Raymond Langlois and Mrs. William McKeon of Detroit and Harry Hool of Gagetown; her aged mother, Mrs. Lena Young; two brothers, Frank of Dearborn and Edward of Detroit; three sisters, Sr. M. Depozzi of Detroit, Mrs. Walter Howell of Detroit, and Mrs. Frank Wright of Marshall; and six grandchildren.

Relatives and friends from a distance in attendance at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langlois, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKeon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howell and Sr. M. Depozzi, all of Detroit.

came Monday for a few days' visit with relatives.

C. P. Hunter and Carroll were in Detroit Monday visiting Mrs. Jane FitzStevens.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. McRae entertained at dinner Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fischer and Joy, Mrs. Mildred Helmbold and son, Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clara and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Russell.

Howard Loomis spent Sunday in Pinnebog visiting friends.

Mrs. Margaret Crawford, after spending a few days with relatives in Detroit, returned Monday.

Plants Make Home Much More Cheerful

Most homemakers greatly enjoy beautiful plants but the belief that it is difficult to grow them to have them indoors prevents many homes from having these natural decorations, according to the horticultural department at Michigan State College.

Plants have certain natural requirements which are more difficult to supply indoors than outside but many plants can be grown successfully in the house. All plants re-

quire light, heat, moisture, and air, and the amounts needed vary with the different species of plants. All flowering plants need more sunlight than do the foliage plants.

Geraniums, begonias, and roses thrive best in a south window but ferns, vines, or palms make the best growth in an east or west window. North windows admit too little light for the best results with house plants.

Lack of moisture in the air is one of the chief difficulties of growing plants in a dwelling house. The moisture can be supplied by spraying the foliage of the plants twice daily with water. Shallow metal trays in which the flower pots are placed on a layer of pebbles covered with water also aid in supplying additional water. The soil around the plant should never be allowed to become thoroughly dry.

Too much water around the plant roots prevents the absorption of air and slowly kills the plant. Some plants, such as cactus and euphorbia, require very little water, but ferns need a great deal.

Provision must be made for the draining of the excess water in pots or plant boxes. Water evaporates faster from earthen containers than from wooden boxes. Rain

water is better than well water for plants. Plants should be watered when the surface of the soil becomes dry and enough water should be used so that water drains from the bottom of the container.

Most common plants will thrive in temperatures ranging from 50 degrees Fahrenheit at night to 68 degrees in the day time. The primrose, cineraria, hydrangea, and cyclamen grow best at lower temperatures. Plants placed near windows must be protected on cold nights by drawing the curtains or by coverings of paper.

The best container for house plants is the common, porous clay pot. Painted or glazed earthenware is impervious to air. Pots which are too large usually retain enough excess water so the soil becomes sour. Yellow foliage on a plant is often an indication that the container is so small that the roots are crowded and are not able to develop properly. Such plants should be transferred to a larger pot.

Just No Chance at All
"Dar ain' any mo' chance," said Uncle Eben, "of a man gittin' enough money to satisfy him dan dar is of a small boy winnin' all de marbles he wants"

Obituary

Richard Porter Lowe, 83, one of Sanilac county's pioneer citizens, passed on to his reward at his home, 10 miles east of Cass City early Sunday morning, Dec. 8.

He was born in Tedford England, Aug. 8, 1852. He came to America in 1871 and settled in Austin township where he has since resided.

He was united in marriage with Charlotte Elizabeth Smith over 50 years ago. Although he had no children of his own he reared a family of five.

He gave his heart to the Lord at an early age and has been a faithful follower all through the years. He was a kind and loving husband and a friend to all who knew him.

Besides his loving companion, he leaves three brothers, Charles of Austin township, John of Argyle, and Joseph of Santiago, Calif., also a host of other relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held at the house Tuesday at 1:00 p. m. Rev. Charles Bayless officiated and the remains were laid to rest in Elkland cemetery.

Auction Sale

As I must leave the farm, will hold an auction sale of the following personal property on the farm 1 mile west and ¼ mile north of Colling, or 2 miles east and 2¼ miles south of Unionville, on

Wednesday, December 18

COMMENCING AT ONE O'CLOCK

- HORSES**
Bay mare, 11 years, wt. 1500
Black mare, 9 years, wt. 1400
Black mare colt, 20 months
Black mare colt, 9 months old
Black colt, 8 months old
- CATTLE**
Holstein cow, 7 years old, due June 2
Holstein cow, 5 years old, due May 26
Holstein heifer, 2 years old, due June 25
Holstein heifer, 2 years old, due May 20
Holstein calf, 3 months old
- SWINE**
7 pigs, 3 months old, about 50 pounds each
- POULTRY**
About 50 young Leghorn chickens
- IMPLEMENTS**
Deering binder, good shape
McCormick-Deering mower, good
Superior grain drill
Land roller
Single disc
4-section spring-tooth drag
3-section spike-tooth drag
Bean puller
- BEET LIFTER**
- FEED, HAY, ETC.**
Some cull beans
Bean straw
12 tons mixed timothy and alfalfa hay
- HOUSEHOLD GOODS**
Kitchen cabinet
Victrola and records
Florence heater, good
Bedstead and springs
Library table
2 rocking chairs
Gasoline iron, new
- 1-horse, 2-row cultivator**
2-horse corn cultivator
2 1-horse, 1-row cultivators
Potato hiller Wagon
Low-wheeled wagon
David Bradley walking plow, 14-in.
Rock Island sulky plow, 16-in.
Hay rack
115 feet of hay rope
3 sets hay slings
Hay car
Set double work harness
Single harness
Horse collars
Barrel churn Gas drums
Wire stretcher Milk can
Wheelbarrow
- Other articles too numerous to mention

TERMS — CASH

CHARLIE MADAY, Prop.

WORTHY TAIT, Auctioneer CHAS. STACY, Clerk

Gift Suggestions....

At UHLMAN'S, Caro

You will find Uhlman's an ideal place to do your Christmas shopping. Here you can find something for everybody. You will save both time and money because our selections are in fine shape at this time.

- Ladies' Coats**
All our new fall and winter coats are very specially priced for holiday selling.
\$29.50 richly fur trimmed dress coats at \$24.95
\$25.00 fur trimmed coats now going at \$21.95
All other coats priced from \$9.77 to \$16.65.
- Girls' Coats**
All children's coats ages 2 to 16 go at reduced prices.
- Ladies' Dresses**
Three very special groups. Higher priced dresses now marked to sell at 69c. \$2. \$4.
Other groups priced at \$2.98 to \$7.90.
- Ladies' Silk Hose**
Beautiful pure silk chiffon or service weight. Kayser hose—individually boxed at 85c and \$1. Other numbers in all silk hose—boxed at 49c, 69c, 79c.
- Twin Sweaters**
This is another item that is very popular this season and it certainly is a practical outfit, come in brushed wool and also fine stitch all sizes for girls and ladies—priced from \$1.48 to \$2.98 the set.

- Silk Lingerie**
Silk night gowns, slips, dance-sets, bloomers, panties, etc.; silk and wool snuggies and all rayon garments, priced to meet anybody's budget from 19c to \$2.49 each.
- Handkerchiefs**
for every member of the family—priced individually at 5c to 49c—boxed three to a box, per box at 25c to 75c.
- House Slippers**
For men, women and children, come in all felt comfies, felt uppers and leather soles, or all leather, priced from 29c the pair to \$2.00.
- Snow Suits**
Snow suits for youngsters are ideal garments for winter. Here you find a splendid selection in all ages 2 to 16, come all cotton suede cloth at \$1.29 the suit and wool suits from \$2.98 to \$5.98. Ski pants all wool from \$2.48 to \$5.50.



Save AT THE CHRISTMAS SALE

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Bankrupt stock from Detroit goes on sale

10c and 15c Cards.....now 5c
5c Cards.....now 3 for 5c
25c to 75c Cards, now **10c**

New Mufflers For Christmas Gifts

All Colors and Patterns
59c to \$1.00

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

Large Assortment of Patterns and Sizes
79c to \$1.49

Men's Silk Neckties

Large Assortment
25c and 49c

MEN'S SPATS

Make Ideal Gifts
69c and 89c

Large Assortment of **BOOKS**

Bankrupt stock from Detroit
Books that sold from \$1.00 to \$3.50 each, now **25c each**

New Merchandise Goes on Sale Saturday...

One Group of **Second-hand Books** that sold to \$2.50
Now, each **10c**

One Group of 10c **Books for Children**
Now **5c**

Ladies' Silk Dresses
Values to \$7.95
All sizes, now **\$3.88 and \$4.88**

One Group of **Ladies' Wool Dresses**
Sizes 14 to 20—Close Out
Values to \$4.95, now **Now \$1.50**

One Group of **Children's Games**
that sold up to 59c
Now **19c**
Basement

Beautiful Christmas Cards
12 Cards and Envelopes in package
15c package

Ladies' Full Fashioned Hose

Humming Bird, No Mend and Others
All New Shades
Service and Chiffon Weights
49c to \$1.00 pair

Ladies' Fancy Knit

All Wool Gloves and Mitts
39c to 59c

BOXED KERCHIEFS
Large Assortment to Choose From
15c box to \$1.00 box

Ladies' Fur Trimmed **WINTER COATS**
Values to \$19.95
Now **\$8.88 and \$13.88**

Folkert's Dept. Store
Cass City, Michigan.

LOCAL CLUB SHOWS THREE CHAMPIONS

Two in Buffalo on Sheep and Reserve Champ Steer at Detroit.

When representatives of the Cass City Livestock Club returned from the shows at Buffalo and Detroit held this week, they brought home three championships out of the possibility of six such awards.

At Buffalo, on Dec. 9 and 10, they won the grand champion on their lead of 26 lambs and Harry Crandell, Jr., exhibited the reserve champion pen of lambs.

One thousand one hundred twenty-five sheep were exhibited at Buffalo.

At the Junior Livestock Show in Detroit on Dec. 10, 11 and 12, Lynn Spencer exhibited the reserve champion steer. His sister, Alma Spencer, won 8th and Jack Loney 9th position on their Hereford steers. Thirty-one animals were shown in this class.

Thomas Hennessey won 6th on his Shorthorn and Clayton and Carson O'Dell 8th and 11th awards respectively on their Angus steer exhibits.

The Cass City club won 3rd position on their group of three steers, as a county exhibit.

Willis Campbell, club adviser, and Harry Crandell, Jr., Grant Hutchinson, Harland O'Dell and Arlington Hoffman, members of the club, attended the Buffalo exposition and then drove to Detroit for the junior show.

In the sheep exhibit, Donald Koepfing was first in Hampshire and Oxford classes; Stephen Dodge, Jr., second. In Cheviot and Southdown classes, Bernard O'Dell, second and Grant Hutchinson, third.

Unsuccessful for three years with cattle exhibits, Doris Monte, 19, of Fairgrove, turned sheep raiser and exhibited a Southdown lamb this year that won the reserve grand championship.

Cass City and Caro Schools Are Now in Class B

At a meeting held in Ann Arbor Saturday, several changes were made in basketball rules for this year. One of the most important is the 3 second rule which will do away with most of the old type of pivot play on the foul line, and will tend to speed up the game to a marked degree. The other rule changes the handling of the ball after a free throw has been made by a team. In previous years, this has always been a jump ball back at center, now it will go, immediately to the opposing team out of bounds and will again speed up the game greatly.

The other rules will not affect the game from the spectator's standpoint.

Official announcement has not been received yet from the State Department of Athletics, but Coach Kelly has been informed by director of state athletics, Mr. Forsythe, that Cass City, Caro and Lapeer, along with several other large Class C schools, under the new ruling will have to compete in Class B this season.

All schools having an enrollment of 300 or more in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades are now grouped with Class B schools. Cass City's high school enrollment is 306.

Ladies' Aids Elect Officers

Ladies' Aid societies of two churches elected officers Wednesday afternoon.

The Baptist society, meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Landon, chose the following officers to succeed themselves: President, Mrs. G. W. Landon; first vice president, Mrs. E. A. Livingston; second vice president, Mrs. C. U. Brown; secretary, Mrs. Harry Young; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Hall. At the close of the business session, tea and wafers were served.

The annual election of officers of the Evangelical Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Buehrly when the following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. Homer Hower; vice president, Mrs. William Joos; secretary, Mrs. E. W. Kercher; treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Helwig. The last two named succeeded themselves. Mrs. Kercher has served as secretary for the past eight years and Mrs. Helwig has been treasurer for seven years. The election was part of an all-day meeting at the Buehrly home. Thirty-six partook of a sumptuous dinner at noon. The women tied two comforters during the day.

COMING AUCTIONS.

Louis C. Fry will have an auction sale of live stock and machinery, 1 mile north and 2 1/2 miles west of Deford today (Friday) commencing at 1:00 p. m. Worthy Tait is the auctioneer and the Cass City State Bank clerk. Full particulars were printed in the Chronicle last week.

Charlie Maday will have a farm sale 1 mile west and 3/4 mile north of Colling on Wednesday, Dec. 13, with Worthy Tait as auctioneer and Charles Stacy clerk. A list of the property is printed on page 6.

C. E. Rutledge, rural letter carrier on Route 1, Colling, has been transferred to the Reese post office commencing Jan. 1, and has rented his farm, 1 mile east and 1/4 mile north of Colwood. He will have an auction sale of live stock, tools, machinery and feed on Thursday, Dec. 19, with Worthy Tait as auctioneer and the Cass City State Bank clerk. Full particulars are printed on page 7. The rural route out of Colling will be discontinued Jan. 1 and rural patrons of that office will be served by letter carriers from the Unionville office. A postoffice will be maintained at Colling for residents of that place.

OFFER NEW CONTRACTS FOR CORN AND HOGS

Signers May Produce Normal Amount of Pork but Corn Acreage Is Adjusted.

The terms of the contracts offered by Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture to Michigan farmers for the adjustment of the production of corn and hogs in 1936-37 are explained in a statement sent to R. J. Baldwin, administrator for the AAA in Michigan.

Farmers are not required to make any reduction in the number of hogs from their base allotment, which is the average number of hogs marketed in the past years. The base which farmers have had under the present contract may be changed by action of the local committees with the consent of the State Control Board. Signers of hog contracts must produce at least 50 per cent of their allotments and may produce 100 per cent.

Corn growers may reduce their acreage as much as 75 per cent but they receive no adjustment payments for any decreases beyond 30 per cent. Payments are made on the basis of the amount of reduction up to 30 per cent. The adjustment payment is 35 cents per bushel on the estimated yield of the adjustment acres.

Payments on hogs will be \$1.25 per head for the farmer's base number. It makes no difference if he produces 50 per cent of the base number or 100 per cent. Farmers who are allotted 20 hogs will receive an adjustment payment of \$25 if they meet the terms of the contract by producing for market between 50 and 100 per cent of the base number. Deductions are made for under production as well as for too high production.

Farmers with an allotment of 20 acres of corn may receive payments on from 10 to 30 per cent of this acreage, depending on the actual acreage planted. At least two acres must be designated as adjustment acres and six acres may be so designated. Payments will be made on the estimated yield of the acres taken out, up to six, for the farmer with a corn allotment of 20 acres. Michigan corn yields average 30 bushels per acre and the payment is 35 cents per bushel. Good land will yield more than 30 bushels so the payments will be higher per acre on such soil.

The purpose of making no request for reduction in hog numbers and in adjusting the acreage is to restore a normal balance between livestock numbers and corn available for feeding. Production of too much corn always results in a multiplication of hog numbers because farmers must find some way to dispose of surplus corn. The final result is an over production of both hogs and corn.

The 1936-37 corn-hog contracts will be explained by committeemen in Michigan at local meetings. Participation in this adjustment program is entirely voluntary. Farmers should attend the meetings, hear the contracts explained, and then decide whether it will be more profitable to follow their own dictates on planting corn or raising hogs or to cooperate with farmers in this and other states to adjust production to the amounts needed for food and export.

STOP SIGNS.

Two stop signs have been placed on Seeger Street near its intersection with Main Street as a step towards avoiding accidents on this busy corner.

THREE YOUNG MEN PUT ON PROBATION

Alex Stewart Gets 2 to 15-Year Sentence in State Prison.

Of four men who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering in the night time in the Tuscola county circuit court on Dec. 2, three were placed on probation for two years each when they appeared before Judge Louis C. Cramton for sentence on Friday. The fourth, Alex Stewart, was sentenced to spend 2 to 15 years in the state prison at Jackson, with the recommendation of the lesser period of time.

Edwin Reed, Virgil Wagner and Florian Stewart, who were placed on probation, are each to pay a \$75.00 fine and \$25.00 costs from money earned by the defendants. Reed and Stewart are to make restitution to the amount of \$10.00 each and Wagner to the amount of \$20.00. Wagner is not to own or operate an automobile without the consent of the probation officer.

The State Savings Bank of Caro entered suit in the Tuscola county circuit court to determine the ownership of a deposit of \$499.09 which was claimed by both the Caro Beet Growers' Association, a voluntary association, with Arthur Tonkin as secretary-treasurer, and the Caro Sugar Beet Growers, Inc., a corporation. A settlement was agreed upon in which outstanding bills of \$104.87 were paid, \$35 were given to the bank, \$166.00 to three attorneys, representing the two associations and \$94.50 each to the two societies of sugar beet growers.

Divorce decrees were granted in three cases on Monday as follows: Ada Palmer vs. George Palmer; William H. Lawrence vs. Lydia M. Lawrence; Alice Huffman vs. Kenneth Huffman.

FARMS WILL ESCAPE IF LEFT UNGUARDED

Erosion by Wind or Water Ruins Soils in Many Sections of This State.

Preventing land from blowing away, traveling down to the sea, or from becoming so badly gullied that it can not be tilled, is the task facing farmers in Michigan and all other parts of the United States.

The problem is not so acute here as in sections where freezing weather does not lock the soil in place during the winter, but Michigan has many areas where water and wind damage soils seriously in the growing season. Most of this loss in Michigan can be prevented by inexpensive methods if they are adopted in time.

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County Engineer Talks on Brazil

Rotary club members enjoyed an interesting talk at their Tuesday luncheon at the Gordon Tavern when James Schwaderer, a graduate of Cass City high school in 1900, and now highway engineer of Tuscola county, told of his experiences in Brazil 27 years ago.

Mr. Schwaderer was a member of an engineering party engaged in the survey and construction of a railroad 250 miles long through the jungles of Brazil. He left New York City in April, 1908, and traveled 1,200 miles up the Amazon river and a like distance up the Maderia, one of the Amazon's tributaries, to reach the scene of railroad building. He was in Brazil 18 months.

Co. Electricians to Meet Dec. 17

Public Act 288 of 1935 which is now in effect, provides for the inspection of all electrical installations made by contractors and also requires that all contractors, electricians and journeymen engaged in the business of installing electrical equipment and wiring in the State of Michigan be licensed.

Before any electrical work is done, a permit must be obtained from the local inspection authority and when complete shall pass inspection. This is an important provision in the law and will be adhered to strictly.

L. R. Landon of Akron has received the appointment of electrical inspector for Tuscola county and will conduct a meeting on Dec. 17, at 8:30 p. m., at the court house for a get-together of all electrical contractors and journeymen.

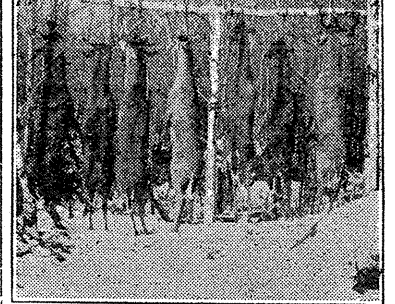
Dan Cupid Busy in Tuscola County

It looks very much as though Dan Cupid will have a greater number of marriages in Tuscola county to his credit this year than in 1934 when the total reached 280. To date, 297 applications for marriage licenses have been made in 1935. Occasionally an application is made and the license is not called for after the five-day wait necessary under the Michigan law, but those occasions are rare. Marriages in Tuscola county in 1935 will be near the 300 mark in the opinion of Mrs. Guy Ormes, deputy county clerk.

Two licenses were issued from the office of County Clerk Morrison recently. The couples are: Earl Woodward, 20, Silverwood; Sarah Toscanini, 19, Silverwood. Orville Miller, 19, Vassar; Dorothy Stein, 17, Gilford township.

Advertise it in the Chronicle.

PARTY OF SEVEN HUNTERS BAG SEVEN DEER



A deer for each hunter in a party of seven is a record which the above halftone portrays. The activity took place near Trout Lake in Chipewewa county, the period covered nine days and members of the party were Wm. Day, Alvin Beach and Frank Streeter of the Cass City and Gageton community, Ed and Harry Whipple and Milton Arnold of Caro and Ray Streeter of Clio.

The group camped in a tent and found the expedition an inexpensive outing, each man paying \$6.57 which covered everything except their licenses and ammunition.

Wm. Day snapped several kodak pictures of the hunters and their game of which the above is one.

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This Paper Guide for Holiday Shopper

Less than two weeks now until Christmas.

This issue of the Chronicle is largely devoted, aside from the usual quota of things interesting to all classes of readers, to many columns of Christmas advertising of Cass City merchants. Herein the merchants announce what they have brought to town for the benefit of the holiday shoppers in the way of gifts appropriate to the celebration of Christmas. In these, their advertisements, is a most complete catalog and guide for the Christmas buyers. All the way from Christmas candy and cards to stoves and automobiles, Cass City merchants offer a selection of goods that makes it easy to choose gifts for relatives and friends.

Clothing, dry goods, fancy articles, and notions are on display so shoppers can find what they want with little trouble. Radios and electric goods, auto accessories and other articles suitable for gifts are in the stores, while food merchants are offering holiday specials in provisions.

Considerable time and careful planning have made window displays attractive, each giving a splendid idea of the goods on sale within the store.

Independents Win First Game on Wed.

In their first basketball game of the season Wednesday night, the Cass City Independents defeated the Kingston group by a score of 29-17.

The Cass City team is scheduled to play the following games this winter:

Dec. 18, Bay Port at Cass City.
Dec. 27, Cass City at Pigeon.
Jan. 2, Bad Axe at Cass City.
Jan. 8, Gageton at Cass City.
Jan. 15, Kingston at Cass City.
Jan. 22, Cass City at Owendale.
Jan. 29, Wahjamega at Cass City.
Feb. 5, Pigeon at Cass City.
Feb. 11, Cass City at Bad Axe.
Feb. 19, Gageton at Cass City.
Feb. 26, Cass City at Bay Port.
March 3, Owendale at Cass City.
March 11, Cass City at Wahjamega.

NOTED BASEBALL UMPIRE IS SPEAKER

Geo. Moriarty to Be Guest at C. C. C. C. Banquet Next Tuesday Night.

An authority on baseball, George Moriarty, of Chicago, will be the speaker at the December meeting of the Cass City Community Club next Tuesday evening at the school auditorium. Mr. Moriarty has officiated as umpire in the American League and was formerly manager of the Detroit Tigers, and members of the football squad, who will be guests of the Community Club, are anticipating an address to their liking at this meeting.

Two members of the high school faculty will contribute numbers on the evening's program. Daniel Kroll will play violin selections and Arthur Holmberg will give vocal solos. Several students will give a number during the dinner hour.

The school group, with Robert L. Keppen as chairman, is sponsoring the program. Ladies of the Bethel church will serve the banquet.

PORT HOPE GROUP AT HOUSE WARMING HERE

Thirty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kettlewell from Port Hope held a house warming Thursday evening at the Kettlewell home, on South Seeger street, when an oyster supper was enjoyed and the evening spent in playing cards. Prizes in cards were won by Earl Doyle and Miss Lucy Hubbard.

World Wide Guild Met Here Friday

Young ladies from Port Huron, Harbor Beach, North Branch, Deckerville and Cass City were present Friday evening when the World Wide Guild of the Baptist church met in the local Baptist church for a 6:30 o'clock banquet and rally. The theme of the rally was "The Open Gate to the King's Highway." Mrs. A. D. Shay of Port Huron, director of the Huron association, was present. The dining room was very pretty with its Christmas tree and tables decorated in the Guild colors of blue and white.

Group singing led by Miss Anstead of Harbor Beach was followed by prayer. A number of two minute talks were given. Miss Nora VanSickle, Deckerville, spoke on "Devotions"; Miss Erma Wentworth, North Branch, "Education"; Miss Thelma Cook, Cass City, "Social"; and Miss Phyrss McCullough, Harbor Beach, "Service." Several musical selections were given. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. C. E. Vasbinder, wife of the pastor of the South Park Baptist church in Port Huron, who took for her subject, "The African Girl on the King's Highway." Mrs. Vasbinder was born and lived in Africa until she was thirteen years of age. Her parents were missionaries there. With the aid of a map, Mrs. Vasbinder took her listeners on a trip through Africa. She also exhibited a number of curios.

Rare Bibles on Display Here Sunday

In observance of the nation-wide celebration of the 400th anniversary of the first printed English Bible, the Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian and Evangelical churches united in a Sunday evening service at the Evangelical church on Dec. 8.

Mrs. Libbie Supernois, a returned missionary from China and now pastor of the Nazarene church at Cass City, read a Scripture passage from a Chinese Bible and Dr. Chas. Brokenshire, professor of English Bible at Alma college, gave a most instructive address on "The Pedigree of the English Bible." The church choir sang a special selection.

Rare editions of Bibles were exhibited on tables at the front of the church. Four languages were represented—English, Chinese, German and Spanish.

The oldest Bible—Martin Luther's translation into the German language, printed in 1699—is the property of Solomon Striffler. His grandfather purchased the book when on a trip to Switzerland.

A Bible originally purchased by George Strange, an uncle of Mrs. P. J. Allured, was dated 1804 and used the old form of the letter "s." Annie McDonald is the owner of a Bible printed in 1866 and Mrs. J. D. Brooker is the possessor of an Oxford Bible printed in 1874 in "double pica" type which makes it remarkably easy to read.

Many other Bibles were on ex-

ELMWOOD EXTENSION GROUP MEETS

The Elmwood group of Home Extension workers met at the home of Mrs. Harold Evans, on Friday, Dec. 6, for the second lesson of the series on Home Furnishing which was Block Printing Fabrics.

After the business meeting, Mrs. Lloyd Reagh gave a review of the first lesson, Recognizing Suitable Furnishings. Mrs. Fred Palmer then gave the lesson on Block Printing. The leaders had on display, luncheon sets, dresser scarfs, pillows, curtains, towels, handkerchiefs and Christmas cards.

Everyone seemed very much interested and some very clever ideas were shown in cutting out blocks on linoleum and soap as well as in articles made.

The next lesson, which will be on Using Decorative Accessories, will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Bearns on Jan. 16. This all-day meeting will have a potluck lunch at noon.

LOCALS OPEN THEIR BASKETBALL SEASON

Followers Will See Entirely New Line-up Representing the Maroon and Grey.

Cass City's green squad will open its season at Fairgrove today (Friday) with only a small chance for victory. The starting line-up will probably see Davidson and Grant Reagh as forwards, Hulbert at center, with Arnold Reagh and Clement, Hunter or Grant Ball as guards. Substitutes most likely to get into the contest include Vaden, center; L. Doerr and Profit, forwards; and Quick, guard.

The first home game will be played here Tuesday, January 7, against Schwaing. The "Dutchmen" are expected to become rivals in basketball, as well as in the other sports, now that they have completed their fine new gymnasium. The completed schedule is as follows:

Dec. 13, Fairgrove, there.
Jan. 7, Sebewaing, here.
Jan. 10, Caro, there.
Jan. 14, Sandusky, here.
Jan. 17, Vassar, there.
Jan. 24, Bad Axe, here.
Jan. 31, Brown City, here.
Feb. 4, Sandusky, there.
Feb. 7, Caro, here.
Feb. 11, Sebewaing, there.
Feb. 18, Harbor Beach, here.
Feb. 21, Bad Axe, there.

To Discuss Methods of Treating Horses

On December 19 and 20, Dr. B. J. Killham, extension specialist in Animal Pathology, Michigan State College, will again be in Tuscola county to discuss importance and methods of treating horses for internal parasite control.

Approximately 40,000 Michigan horses were treated for removal of these internal parasites during the 1934-1935 season. An earnest effort has been made to determine the results of treatment of horses for this purpose. The vast majority of reports indicate satisfaction with less than 1% returning unfavorable reports.

The schedule for Dr. Killham for the two days are to be as follows at which time it is hoped that horse owners will attend to the best of their ability:

Dec. 19, 10 o'clock, Unionville high school gymnasium.
Dec. 19, 1 o'clock, Juniata Farmers' Club at Lewis Gunsell farm.
Dec. 19, 3 o'clock, Rudolph Bauer's upstairs hall at Richville.
Dec. 19, 8 o'clock, Millington high school.
Dec. 20, 10 o'clock, Kingston high school.
Dec. 20, 1 o'clock, Novesta Farmers' Club, at Walter Kelley farm.
Dec. 20, 3 o'clock, Gageton town hall.

ART CLUB TO PREPARE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Art Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, December 13, with Mrs. Sam Vyse at Bethel. Members will bring packages to put in baskets which will later be given to needy families.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, Christmas parties will be held in the grade rooms of the Cass City school. Parents are invited to witness the happiness of the children amid the holiday decorations.

JAS. COLTSON FOUND DEAD ON ROADSIDE

A. G. Zanders of Caro Is Held for Questioning on Accident.

James Coltson, 75, prominent citizen of the Kingston community, was found dead on M-46, three miles east of Kingston late Tuesday night, evidently having been hit by an automobile traveling west. He suffered a fractured skull and a fractured right leg.

That same night, Sheriff George Jeffrey apprehended A. G. Zanders of Caro, employed by a company erecting power lines at Marlette, for investigation. Zanders had stopped at a Kingston garage that evening with the front of his car damaged stating that he had hit something which he thought might have been a mail box on the road or other object. It was snowing very hard at the time and obstructed his vision, Zanders told the officer, but he had no idea he might have struck a man on the highway. He stopped within a short distance, he said, but seeing nothing, he continued on into Kingston.

Inspection of the Zander car showed the radiator bent in the middle, the glass in the right headlight broken and some blood on an axle of the car.

A coroner's investigation of the accident was scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Coltson left his farm, 3 1/2 miles east of Kingston, where his son, Earl, resided at seven o'clock Tuesday evening for his own farm home 1/2 mile west. When he did not arrive later in the evening, his wife was alarmed and telephoned her son regarding her husband's absence. Earl Coltson and Earl Spears started on a search and found James Coltson's body on the highway between the two farms.

Mr. Coltson is survived by his wife and several children.

Resettlement Administration to Buy Farms Here

According to information recently received, the Resettlement Administration is considering the purchase of a limited number of farms in this locality for resettlement purposes. While it is not the intention to buy out established farmers, it is proposed that every owner wishing to sell may have an equal opportunity in offering his or her property for sale. Selection will be on a basis of appraisal and offering price.

While offers will be accepted up to and including December 31, 1935, it is likely that owners wishing to offer their farms for sale would do well by not delaying too long before contacting the county rehabilitation supervisor and county agricultural agent for full particulars and the filing of their full legal description and price.

Within a few days E. L. Benton and L. E. Dorman will have the forms on hand for acceptance of offers of sale of farms in Tuscola county.

Three Hurt in Auto Accident

Caswell Hunter is a patient with a broken knee cap in Harper hospital at Detroit as the result of an automobile accident in which his Ford car which he was driving Thursday night, Dec. 5, went into a dredge ditch about nine feet deep near Caro.

Glenn McCullough had a gash cut in his forehead, both eyes blackened and both knees and an elbow bruised in the accident and Clayton Hamilton, the most fortunate of the three, escaped with bruises on a knee.

The front end of the car was smashed in its trip into the ditch.

Fostoria Beer Retailer Fined

Sheriff Geo. Jeffrey of Tuscola county and Troopers White and Miller of the Bay City State Police Post were in Fostoria early Sunday morning, and while they found the front door of the Jay Kern Tavern locked, the side door was not, and the officers found customers drinking at 1:30 a. m., a half hour after the legal closing hour.

The proprietor of the beer garden, at his hearing before the state liquor commission at Saginaw, was given his choice between paying a \$25.00 fine and having his beer license revoked. He paid.

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Local Happenings

Conrad Willy underwent a second operation Dec. 4 at the government hospital at Dayton, Ohio, and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Robert Milligan, Mrs. C. E. Randall and Miss Agnes Milligan spent Tuesday afternoon and evening in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hendrick and son, Carl, of Wickware were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Root Sunday.

The Christmas Guild party will be held Monday evening, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. M. B. Auten with Mrs. Delmar Youngs and Mrs. Walter Mann as assistant hostesses. Members are asked to bring gifts for the Christmas box.

Christmas Programs At the Churches

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will have their tree with gifts for the children on Monday evening, December 23. A miscellaneous program with a number of short plays is being planned with special Christmas music. At the Sunday School hour, Dec. 22, a special service will be held when the members bring their gifts of clothing, toys or money for the Methodist Children's Village at Redford.

The Christmas program at the Bethel Methodist church will be held on Christmas Eve. A fine program with a tree is being planned.

A pageant, "The Christmas Story," special music and recitations and exercises by the children will be on the program at the Evangelical church on Christmas Eve. There will be a tree with treats for the children.

A fireplace and small trees will form the decorations for a Christmas program of a miscellaneous character to be given by the Presbyterian Sunday School on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, at eight o'clock.

The Baptist Sunday School is preparing a miscellaneous program. There will be a tree and gifts for the children. The evening has not been decided upon.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, the children of the Nazarene Sunday School will appear in a program of songs, recitations and exercises. A Christmas tree will be in evidence.

Flood Area of Mississippi Valley

The flood plain of the Mississippi river varies greatly in width. North of Cape Girardeau, Mo., the lands which are subject to overflow are comparatively narrow, from three to five miles wide. The broad alluvial valley south of that point is some 50 miles wide, although it is almost never inundated to this width. In the lower Mississippi valley protecting levees exist and are planned to provide a width of from 10 to 25 miles. In the immediate vicinity of Vicksburg, Miss., the river is not subject to overflow on the Mississippi side because of the high bluff, 350 feet above sea level, on which Vicksburg is built.

Hair Superstitions Hit

According to a scalp specialist: Singeing doesn't make the hair healthier. Shaving the scalp or cutting doesn't cause faster growth. Worry or shock cannot turn the hair white. When a white hair is pulled out two will not grow in its place. Baldness is not hereditary. Brain work is not a cause of baldness. Blonds are more apt to become bald. Cases of people being "scared baldheaded" are mythical. Hats do not cause hair loss. Red hair doesn't indicate quick temper. The hair doesn't grow after death. A hair cut will not weaken a small child. The hair is entirely dependent on the scalp for growth and health.

Kosher, Plus

A true orthodox Jew not only eats and drinks kosher food and wine but also uses kosher shaving cream which contains no animal matter, and wears kosher clothes which are made of one material only, in conformity with a law of the Talmud that forbids the mixture of different kinds of textiles. —Anita Witzman, Minneapolis, Minn., in Collier's Weekly.



By Marika B. Thomas

O BED wore a striped tunic of orange and white somewhat ragged and dirty, though his mother, Lara, washed clothes for other families in order to keep herself and ten-year-old son from starving. Yet you seldom noticed Obed's ragged tunic because of his vivid face. His skin was smooth olive, his lips were red, and his dark eyes were the color of pools at midnight. Obed sang a great deal. If he heard a tune whistled on the street he ran home singing it all the way. If he heard music strummed in the bazaars, he'd linger near until he remembered every note of it.

But the whole world was a song for Obed. The sweet twitter of birds on dewy mornings. The sound



of water lapping over sand, the very rumble of cart wheels over the cobblestones thundered out its own rough music for the pleasure of his ears.

"What help are you to a poor mother . . . be gone with you!" scolded Lara day after day. Obed laughed, never meaning to be thoughtless or disobedient, having ears only for the music about him.

One evening late in December the longing for the shepherd's songs overcame him, and he slipped away at dusk. He was gone all night and in the morning he looked a different boy. His cheeks were pale. His lips did not smile, but there was a new and somber light shining in his dark eyes. This time his mother gazed at him in sorrow. He saw how worn she was, and he kissed her. "I cannot say I'm sorry," he hesitated, "Not even now can I tell you." His tunic was worn and stained. He wore a ragged sheep skin about his shoulders. On this he sank down in his own corner and went to sleep. When he woke his face was flushed and rosy. He knelt on the floor and looked at the busy street below. Then he opened his lips and a song of such joy and purity flowed out on the air as to make everyone stop and listen. Up and up soared the rapturous notes, seeming to possess a visible radiance of their own. Obed sang no words, but the music charmed every ear that heard it.

His mother stood behind him, her hands for once idle at their task. The tired lines on her face melted into peace. Her eyes looked far away. Clearer and clearer the exquisite melody continued, and died on a faint sweet note of ecstasy.

People listening below shook their heads and moved on as if awakened from a dream.

"Where, my son, did you hear that song?" Lara spoke in a whisper.

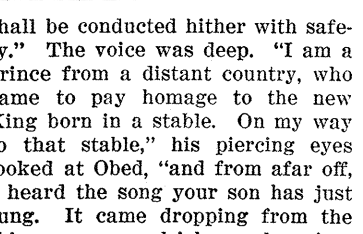
"In the skies, my mother. It came with wings and trumpets." "Do not tell falsehoods about such divine melody."

Obed's eyes shone, but he would say no more. He hoarded the song in his heart. One evening, however, when the sky was clear and the stars shone like jewels, the boy was moved to sing again the beautiful, nameless music. When it was finished a knock came at the door. Lara opened it to a black servant who bowed low. "My master, the Prince, desires to know who sang that song."

Lara, trembling with fear, pointed to Obed who stood near an open window.

A tall figure dressed in rich furs and embroidered tunic pushed his servant aside.

"If the singer and his mother will honor my court with a visit, they



shall be conducted hither with safety." The voice was deep. "I am a prince from a distant country, who came to pay homage to the new King born in a stable. On my way to that stable," his piercing eyes looked at Obed, "and from afar off, I heard the song your son has just sung. It came dropping from the skies . . . angels' heavenly voices and trumpets. If my people could hear that music," his voice softened, "I'm sure they would all become faithful followers of the Babe Jesus. I promise you comfort, both of you, for all your years."

So Lara and Obed quickly prepared for the journey, and Obed sang the angels' song, as he remembered it, in the court of the prince, so that he and his kingdom became thereafter faithful followers of the Babe Jesus.

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FARMS WILL ESCAPE IF LEFT UNGUARDED

Concluded from first page. areas where trees are not wanted. Properly selected trees will not only stop the blowing of sand but will provide an additional income from Christmas trees or woodlot products within a few years after the plantings are made.

Owners of muck soils in Michigan have had crops entirely ruined by high winds just after planting time. The addition of organic material to muck by plowing down green manure crops lessens liability of damage besides protecting the muck during the time the soiling crop is growing. Small fields may be protected by board fences four or six feet high erected in the side toward the prevailing winds. Wire fences covered with sacking serve the purpose temporarily.

Most of the grain crops, sown in strips have been used successfully to protect crops on muck soils. Rye and barley are the grains most commonly used; winter wheat is not suitable because it winterkills on muck. Fall-sown rye should be planted early so that it will make a rapid growth in the spring. The strips are usually three and one-half feet wide, are planted 50 feet apart, and should run north and south.

When oats or barley is used, a row of grain is sown between every third or sixth row of the planted crop. The grain is cut off with a wheel hoe after the main crop has grown large enough to be safe from wind injury and before the grain shades the crop which is being protected.

The trees most often used as wind-break plantings on muck soils are white cedar, box elder, willow, Norway spruce, and Carolina poplar. Combining one row of box elder or willow with one row of white cedar or Norway spruce makes a very good windbreak. Willow and box elder grow rapidly and furnish protection until the cedar or spruce is large enough. The evergreens have branches growing close to the ground and also prevent damage in fall and early spring when the willow or elder lack foliage.

Tree plantings are almost the only successful way of protecting sandy or light soils from wind erosion or from the action of water on slopes. Several Michigan communities have been able to stop the movement of sand dunes by proper plantings.

The first planting on inland sand acres is usually willow or poplar. Both these species can survive partial burying after they have obtained a start. When the sand movement has been stopped, conifers are planted for permanent protection. Jack pine, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, red pine, white pine, and western yellow pine are most suitable in Michigan.

Stopping the movement of dunes until trees can be grown on them is a more difficult problem. Rye is sometimes planted, with the rows running at right angles to the prevailing winds. It is sometimes necessary to seed rye twice before the soil is stable enough to permit the growth of native grasses. Brush can be scattered over the sand to protect it from wind action. Cuttings of willow or poplar can then be planted as on the inland sand areas, and the conifers should be used later.

MILLIONS LOST TO BONDHOLDER RING

Receiverships Said to Bring Huge Returns.

Washington.—Evidence disclosing the existence of so-called "chain committees" of bondholders centered in Chicago and New York and controlling millions of dollars' worth of defaulted realty bonds was made public by Congressman A. J. Sabath, chairman of the house committee investigating receiverships.

Evidence concerning the operations of the committees and their affiliates is continuing to be uncovered with the result that prosecution may be requested for violation of a number of federal and state laws, Sabath declared.

The chain committees, he declared, control from a few issues up to as many as 400 issues of realty bonds aggregating in par amount from a few million upward of \$200,000,000.

The chain committees, the congressman said, form but one aspect of a "national racket" through which 20,000,000 citizens have been affected. Nearly \$3,000,000,000 of outstanding realty bonds are in default, he reported.

Control or administration of the chain committees is nationwide, the congressman reported.

Sabath said he had found instances where the so-called "protective" committee destroyed the value and income of the property involved to enable the house of issue to purchase back the bonds "for a song." He added:

"We have discovered instances where committees have taken bonds sent to them and posted them as collateral for loans to pay expenses and big fees—5 per cent to the protective committee, 5 per cent to a management committee, 5 per cent to the lawyers, and so on down the line.

Community Santa Claus
By Alice B. Palmer



THE gigantic Christmas tree in Fountain square was ablaze with colored lights and decorations. Christmas eve had arrived and the snowy atmosphere was beautifully depositing the finishing touches to the grand and wonderful community tree.

Mirth, happiness and laughter fairly abounded through the joyous Christmas crowds as they thronged the streets blinking through the snowflakes and hurrying on to celebrations. They seemed to take the community tree for granted until the illustrious sound of sleighbells was heard in the distance. Sleighbells on Christmas eve—how delightful! All eyes were turned in the direction from which they came.

Soon the object of the delightful disturbance came into sight. A bright red sleigh drawn by six horses, cleverly decorated to represent reindeer, turned the corner and headed toward Fountain square. All traffic was stopped instantly as



the children made a frantic rush to meet their Santa—the real Santa Claus from the North Pole!

Midst wild shouts of merriment Santa, himself, in his bright red and white costume and long white beard, alighted from the sleigh with a jovial, good-natured, "Merry Christmas, merry Christmas to you all!" The children swarmed about him in uncontrollable confusion as he joyously dragged forth pack after pack bulging with bright colored toys and dolls.

What could it mean? Who was this strange real Santa Claus with sleigh and reindeer from the North pole? The people marvelled! The children were boisterous and completely out of control. Everyone forgot his own particular celebration and lingered on to see what it was all about.

Then jolly old St. Nick, his beard flowing in the breezes, began digging down into his packs and passing out the toys to the youngsters. "Oh, boy!" shouted one, "see what I got—an airplane." Then two little girls cried out, joyously, as they unwrapped golden-haired dolls.

On and on Santa continued as the crowd became greater and greater and the snowstorm grew heavier and heavier. Santa's packs seemed to be endless. Soon gay colored balloons, drums, harmonicas and gold and silver horns were in evidence on all sides, adding to the gayety of the Christmas party.

There was a lull as Santa Claus dug down into still another pack. This time he began hurling large oranges and sacks of candy into the crowd and they were catching them amidst much laughter and excitement.

Santa himself was having the time of his life. Even more so than the happy crowd about him. For he was chuckling within, because he had been reminded by a Christmas messenger of love to do this very thing and to become the community Santa Claus.

Finally the crowd became impatient to learn who their strange, chuckling Santa really was. Who could it be, who had given so generously and impartially, to all? But before they had time to speak, the jolly old fellow was jostling past people, snow and traffic until he scrambled into his sleigh.

"Get up, reindeer!" he shouted. With a jerk the sleigh bounded forward with Santa wildly shouting,



"Merry Christmas, folks, merry Christmas to all!"

But he wasn't to get away so easily for the next moment a strong north wind, whistling around the corner, tore off whiskers, mask and all, and Santa Claus stood revealed in all his embarrassment!

A hushed silence at first and then a wild shout of joy and surprise rang through the Christmas atmosphere. 'Twas "Indian Peter," the town's most confirmed miser. Never in all their lives had they seen such a glorious smile on his face, as he gazed out from his Christmas regalia and offered his hand in friendly greeting to all.

"Indian Pete" (so named because of his love for the outdoor life), had given without thought of receiving; and had incidentally received more than he ever could have received materially—the respect and adoration of the whole town.

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Chronicle Liners

RATES—Liner of 25 words or less, 25 cents each insertion. Over 25 words, one cent a word for each insertion.

TAX NOTICE—I will be at the Pinney State Bank every Friday during the tax season to receive the taxes of Elkland township. John M. Reagh, Twp. Treas. 12-6-1f.

MR. FARMER—I am in the market to buy anything you have to sell in the line of livestock. Clifford Secord, Cass City, Mich. Phone 68-F-3. 4-5-1f

A FEW close-out rug samples at Bigelow's. 12-13-1

FOR DELIVERED prices on Unionville coal, see or call John F. Fournier, Gageton. Lump, egg or slack. Phone 39. Reverse charges. 9-20-1f

TAX NOTICE—I will be at Cass City State Bank Dec. 21 and 28 to receive Greenleaf township taxes. Wm. Gracey, Twp. Treas. 12-13-3

IF YOU HAVE calves, cattle or hogs for sale, phone Grant Patterson, Cass City. Phone 32. 3-16-1f.

BRING IN your furs. Will pay as much as any man in Michigan and more than the state of Missouri pays. George Hitchcock. 12-6-2.

CALL AT G. A. Striffler's implement store and see my De Laval cream separator which I will sell or trade. I also have two fine Bronze gobblers to sell. Orville Karr, Cass City, Ri. 12-6-2p

THE SENSATION of modern oil ranges is revealed in the Quick Meal displayed at Bigelow's. 12-13-1.

HOLSTEIN COWS for sale, fresh and due to freshen soon. Battle Bros., 1 east, 3 north, 2 east of Cass City. 12-13-1p

HORSES AND MULES—Several extra well matched teams, weight 2800 to 3200 lbs. Single horses, mares, mares in foal and colts. Free delivery. Terms, bankable interest. Deal with a responsible firm. Baxter & VanWelt Horse Market. Phone 8223 Pontiac. Office, 53 1/2 W. Huron St., Pontiac. Barn, 3380 Airport Road. 11-15-6

BIBLES and Testaments—good assortment at Burke's Drug Store.

FOR CHRISTMAS give a Singer sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, hand cleaner or automatic iron. A life time gift. Singer Shop, 219 So. State St., Caro, home owned store. Repairs, hemstitching. 12-6-3

"IT BEATS as it sweeps as it cleans" was not truly spoken of any other cleaner than the Hoover. See the new \$49.75 at Bigelow's. 12-13-1

FOR SALE—Beech and hard maple wood; also timber. Five miles west and 1 mile north of Cass City. Roy Schweigert and Emory Jones. 12-13-2

COTY and Yardley compacts and shaving sets at Burke's Drug Store.

FOR SALE—Holstein cow, 6 years old, fresh, with calf by side; also grey mare in foal, 8 years old, weight 1750 pounds. J. Linderman, 5 miles east, 1 mile south, 1/2 mile east of Cass City. 12-13-1

FANCY BOXES of cigars and candy at Burke's Drug Store.

TWO YEARS AGO, today, Dec. 23, we lost our boy, Mark. The call was sudden, the shock severe. We little thought that death was near.

Only those who have lost can tell the pain of parting without farewell. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCaslin and Family.

HOW ONE determined man unmasked and disarmed a vicious political machine is revealed in a stirring, new serial by Erie Stanley Gardner. Be sure to read "The Frame-Up" starting in This Week, the magazine with next Sunday's Detroit News.

160 ACRES, 7 miles north and 1 mile west of Cass City, for sale. Well fenced, good buildings, gravel pit, wood lot, good soil. Minnie Rice, Gageton. 12-13-1p.

STRAYED to my farm, yearling silver. Owner may have same by paying expenses. C. J. Striffler, Cass City. 12-13-3p

MAN WANTED for Raleigh route of 800 families. Good profits for hustler. We train and help you. Write today. Raleigh Co., Dept. MCL-64-SA2, Freeport, Illinois. 12-13-ew.

FOUNTAIN PENS and stationery, all prices at Burke's Drug Store.

25 USED PIANOS have been sold by Gunsell's this fall. Next year used pianos will be scarce. Buy now. \$20 to \$65. Tuned and delivered. W. H. Gunsell, Caro. 12-13-1.

ATTENTION gift buyers—Canaries make ideal Christmas gifts. Prices are low. Mrs. Frank E. Hall, West Main street. Phone 46-F-3. 12-6-2p

12 AND 16-gauge Smokeless Powder shells to close out at 69c per box at Bigelow's. 12-13-1

FOR SALE—Novesta F. W. B. church shed, 44x60 feet, 4 miles east of Deford, all enclosed. Leave sealed bids with William Patch, 4 1/4 miles east of Deford not later than December 17. The church reserves the right to reject all bids if necessary. 12-6-2

GIVE AUNT Mary an Aladdin lamp to pay her for all those Sunday dinners. Bigelow has them. 12-13-1

SINCLAIR Opaline motor oil is guaranteed 100% to give proper lubrication at low temperatures. We also offer the best in anti-freeze or alcohol if preferred. At Bigelow's Gas Station. 11-8-1f

FLASH LIGHTS, harmonicas, jew's harps and other novelties at Burke's Drug Store.

CASH PAID for cream at Kenney's, Cass City.

FOR SALE—Roan cow 5 years old, heifer 8 months old, 2 wagons and rack, Model T Ford in good condition. Wm. Musall, 2 south, 1 west, 1/4 mile north of Gageton. 12-6-3p

EXCEPTIONAL variety in clocks at Bigelow's. 12-13-1

FOR SALE—Comb honey at 10c a pound, while it lasts. Inquire at Bigelow's gas station. 12-6-3

FURS—I will be at J. A. Cole's garage, Saturday of each week to buy furs. Charles Ohmer. 12-6-4p.

CUSTOM BUTCHERING of all kinds; also sausage made as you like it. Earl Streeter, Cass City. 12-13-1.

WANTED—150 old horses for fox feed. Must be alive. Otto Monteil, Fairgrove. Caro Phone 954-R-5. 11-8-1f

BIGELOW'S Christmas tree lights start at 49c. 12-13-1

FOR SALE—Pigs, six weeks old. Two miles south, 1 1/4 miles east. John Sovey. Phone 138-F-2. 12-13-1p.

FOR SALE—Popcorn, 75c per bu. Carrots, 35c. A few onions left for 75c per bu. Dennis O'Connor, Third street, Cass City. 12-13-1p.

BAZAAR and chicken fricassee supper Friday night, Dec. 13, at the Deford church, six o'clock until all are served. Adults, 25c; children under 12 years, 15c. 12-13-1p.

GIBSON cards and wrappings at Burke's Drug Store.

WANTED—Old and disabled horses and cattle for fox feed. We pay \$5 a head for horses, \$2.50 for cattle at your farm. Telephone 1-F-12, or write Michigan Fur Farms, Peck, Mich. 12-13-1f

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WANTED—Three young brood sows. Must be coarse boned and big framed. Also a boar. Prefer white ones. Ed Frederick, R2, Decker, Mich. 12-13-1p

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FOR SALE—One Jersey, two yrs., fresh; one Durham cow and heifer coming in; one 4 year Guernsey due soon; 4 Guernsey heifers, 1 year old. J. E. Bukowski, 1/2 mile east of Ubly. 12-13-1

REGULAR ANNUAL meeting of Tyler Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M., Friday evening, Dec. 13. Election and installation of officers. Alex Henry, Sec. 12-13-1

PARTIES DESIRING cesspools and cisterns cleaned, see Alex Brian, Cass City. 12-13-4

FOR SALE—Twenty white pullets, ready to begin laying. S. J. Mitchell. Phone 130-F-42. 12-13-1p

SPECIALS FOR Saturday—Portable electric sewing machine, cabinet New Home sewing machine, light double harness, Spring Portland cutter, oil tank, spring wagon, 50-gallon barrel, grain bags. Chas. D. Striffler. 12-13-1p.

AT ORCHARD HILLS, handpicked and windfall apples, 25c per bushel and up. Red Delicious, Northern Spies, Baldwin, and other varieties. R. L. Hill, one mile east of Watrouville on M-81. 12-13-1f

ATTENTION TRAPPERS—If you want to get better prices for your furs and hides, see us first. No matter where you live, it will pay you to sell your furs and hides to Caro Auto Parts Co. at Caro. Located across from Moore Telephone Co. on Montague Ave. Phone 305. 12-13-3

I WISH to thank my friends and neighbors who so kindly remembered me with cards, visits, and flowers during my stay at the hospital, also Dr. Donahue and the nurses. Arthur B. Craig.

FOR SALE—Property of the C. J. Malcolm estate in the village of Deford. A good location, lights, and water in the house. H. D. Malcolm, administrator, will show property or receive bids for same at any time. 12-13-3p

WANTED—Turkeys on Dec. 17. Will pay above Detroit market prices for No. 1 turkeys. Joe Molnar, Cass City. 12-13-1p

GIRL WANTED for general housework. Mrs. John Seeger, one block south of Ford garage, Cass City. 12-13-1f

I WILL PAY no bills contracted by anyone but myself. Roy Wilson, R3, Cass City. 12-13-3

FOR SALE—Live Oak Jewel heater, United washer and pulley, John Deere gas engine 1 1/2 h. p., and John Deere two-row cultivator. Three miles west and 3 north of Cass City. Elmer Simmons. 12-13-2p

EVERY YEAR more people are taking advantage of our "delivered off car" price on Cavalier coal. Another car about Dec 16 (next Monday). Elkland Roller Mills. 12-13-1

THRIFTY purebred little O. I. C. pigs for sale. George Robinson, 9 1/2 east of Cass

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DEFORD

New Year Program—

A New Year program will be given on New Year's eve at the M. E. church beginning at eight o'clock and extending until twelve o'clock to greet the New Year 1936.

Funeral Service—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cuer attended the burial service of Mrs. Cuer's

sister, Mrs. George Roberts, held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at two o'clock at Spring Hill cemetery, one mile from the home where she was born on June 23, 79 years ago.

Stock Up for Christmas...

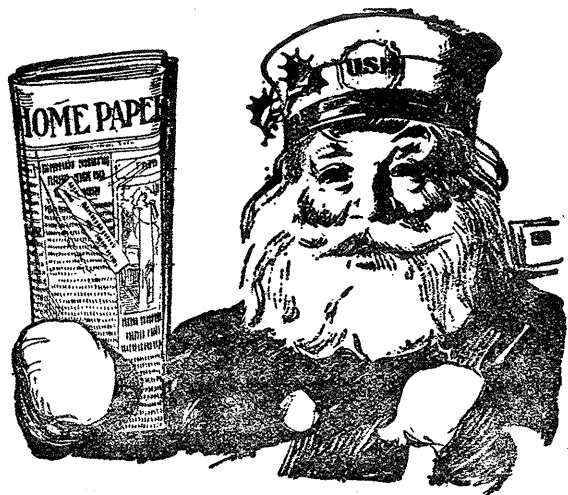
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Rockwood at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Hers was a consistent Christian life, and we remember her as a teacher of the young people's class, for a number of years while at Deford.

Christmas Program—

The school is preparing a program to be given on Christmas eve at the school building.

Supper and Bazaar—

At the church Friday (tonight) Dec. 13. See particulars elsewhere in Chronicle.

Fred Campfield of Shonovan, Saskatchewan, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. G. A. Martin.

Max Johnson of Saginaw spent Monday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. West attended the funeral service of the latter's cousin, John Lee, on Friday at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Spencer were visitors on Tuesday at Bad Axe and Harbor Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cox of Marlette were Tuesday visitors at their parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Retherford entertained on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Retherford of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. John Prining of Saginaw, and Mrs. Bertha Lewis, Ruth Janks, Wm. Janks, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Putman of Caro.

Mrs. Florence Sherwood and daughter, Rosalind, were visitors at Saginaw Tuesday to Thursday.

Mrs. R. E. Johnson spent the week-end with friends at Bay City.

Miss Florence Gallagher is spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. David Gelbert, at Flint.

John Klein visited his sons on Friday at Dryden.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer spent Sunday at Bad Axe with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Spencer.

Elisha Randall his a winter's job near Wolverine.

William Randall says he is surprised how time passes. He will be 80 years of age Dec. 22.

Several of the young friends of Roy Courless spent Friday evening at his home. The occasion was his 16th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Funk were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Osburn at Lamotte.

Mrs. Cecil Lester spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester, at Kingston.

Mrs. Bessie Mathison of Farmington was a guest Saturday and Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Lester.

Mrs. Clara Bird of Rio Vista, California, is at home for awhile and was a visitor of her father, William Randall.

JUSTICE COURT

Harvey Sherman of Millington, arrested by George Hall, conservation officer, on a charge of illegal trapping and possession of furs, was assessed a fine of \$100 and costs of \$7.50 by Justice Frank St. Mary.

James Henry and James Howell, both of Bay City, arrested by Sheriff George Jeffrey and Conservation Officer Hall on charges of game law violations, were assessed costs of \$22.90 each by Justice Frank St. Mary on Dec. 5.

Jim Mallory of Cass City, arrested by Deputy Sheriff Caldwell on a drunk and disorderly charge on Dec. 8, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs of \$15.30.

Gene Willis of Muskegon was arrested on a driving while drunk charge by State Police Officers White and Miller on Dec. 7 and Justice St. Mary ordered him to pay fine and costs of \$58.90.

Deputy Sheriff Erb arrested Paul Jones on a drunk and disorderly charge on Dec. 9. Justice St. Mary gave him his choice between a \$15 fine with costs of \$11.30, and 90 days in the county jail.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. James Parsons of Caro was admitted Friday for medical care.

Mrs. Peter Heronemus of Snover entered the hospital Friday and submitted to an operation the same night.

Emery Lounsbury, Albert Anthes and Rev. W. R. Curtis of Cass City and Arthur Tonkins of Fairgrove were admitted Tuesday of last week and underwent tonsil operations.

Bert Clara of Gagetown was admitted Saturday evening, Nov. 30, with knee injuries. He was discharged to his home Tuesday.

Willard Fader of Colling received medical care at the hospital Saturday and Sunday.

Three Greatest Canals

The three greatest canals in the world are the Suez, the Panama, and the Soo, the last named forming the connecting channel between Lake Superior on the west and Lakes Huron and Michigan on the east.



Mother's Christmas Story

By Alice B. Palmer

'T WAS Christmas eve and the children had gathered about the snow white Christmas tree, a shimmering mass of iridescent lights and icicles, to listen to that long-promised story of the Prince and Princess.

"Once upon a time," began Mother, "there was a tall handsome prince who loved a beautiful princess. They were to be married on Christmas eve—another Christmas eve, long ago.

"The gorgeous castle on the hillside was ablaze with Christmas lights. The Yule log was burning and crackling delightfully and the huge Christmas tree was sparkling gaily.

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A Yuletide Escapade

by Helen Gaisford

TOOTS reigned supreme in the Martin household. Except at Christmas time. Then Toots was ordered from his favorite corners, and expressed his displeasure by a switch of his tail.

Toots was a big black persian, with long silky fur and wide yellow eyes. It was pleasant under the kitchen stove, where delicious odors of suet and fowl mingled in the warm air.

Toots arched his back and withdrew to the parlor. "Never lose your temper," was his attitude. "Never sputter and scratch; express your displeasure in dignity and disdain."

"Why, of course they did," shouted Danny, indignantly. "Only a story," pondered Mother. "Would that I, too, could be made to believe that 'twas only a story."

"The prince!" wildly shouted the children, as a tall man stood in the doorway. They felt sure they had found the real prince as they clamored for explanation.

"The tree went down with a swish, and was ablaze in a moment. Toots was surprised and terrified. He clawed at the door, and howled to heaven.

His noise brought the family, and the blaze was soon put out, but not before considerable damage had been done. The tree was a heap of smoldering blackened limbs.

"Toots, darling," cried Betty, "you're a hero!" and squeezed him impulsively. "Just think, if we hadn't heard him crying, we might have been burned out of house and home! And Toots, you shall have a Christmas present."

The parlor was locked up, and Toots' stool and cushion moved to the kitchen underneath the table. Cook was bustling the turkey. A plate of goodies was offered him, but Toots only sniffed. He was tired. He found his place under the table and clawed the pillow into shape. He twisted and scratched. He licked his fur into place. He settled down.

At peace with the world, Toots lay on his very own pillow and slept. From under one paw dangled a piece of red ribbon.



'The Prince!' Shouted the Children. A Tall Man in the Doorway.

"Oh, look, Mo'her!" cried Rosebud. "Look what the prince brought—toys and dolls and everything—and—and a gold cake trimmed with silver with bells on it, too, just like the one in the story."

"Oh, boy," shouted Danny. "This is the best Christmas we ever had. Isn't it, Mother?"

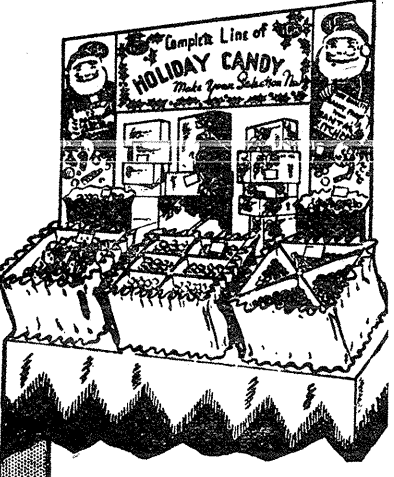
Mother whispered, "Yes, dear," and then rushed into the outstretched arms of her loving husband, the really true prince who was waiting with a great big Christmas kiss. "And they all lived happily forever after," whispered Mother, through tears of Christmas joy.

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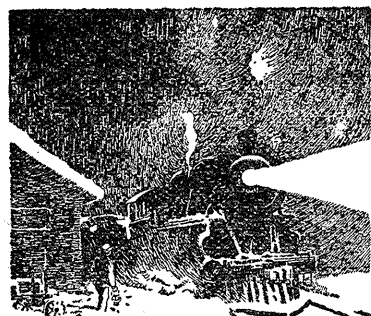
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The Unposted Christmas Letter

by Jocile Webb Pearson

THE gray day was settling into a gray night. A white mist obscured the pine covered hills and spread itself over the valley like a vast curtain shutting out familiar objects. The shriek of a locomotive sounded ghostly and unreal, as its glaring headlights penciled the darkness for a moment and disappeared. The doorway of the little railway station was outlined in a blaze of light as the attendant entered swinging his lantern, then thick gray darkness again.

Despite the chilling blanket of mist a campfire a few hundred yards down the track crackled and glowed cheerily, bringing into sharp relief the figures of a man and boy. The latter seated on a log gazed moodily into the fire as the pine boughs rapidly consumed. His beardless face had the healthy tan of the open road, his clothing showed its neglect.

"Sit up, Jimmy! Ye must be starved after the day's tramp. Walkin' the rails is hard work, but we're



A Campfire Brought Into Sharp Relief the Figures of a Man and a Boy.

not ones for stealing rides, we pay like gentleman or walk, eh, lad?" The boy started from his reverie. "Hitch hiking beats walking for rapid transit if you're in a hurry, Tim," Jimmy grinned. "Gee, that bacon smells great. I'm as hungry as a camp robber."

They ate in silence, each busy with his own thoughts. When the meal was finished, the man produced a short-stemmed pipe from an inner pocket of his heavy woollen coat, filled it, crowding the tobacco in with his thumb; then stooping he scooped a live coal from the fire and puffed a moment in quiet satisfaction; watching the boy from under his shaggy eyebrows as he added fresh fagots to the blaze.

The boy, with hands thrust deep in his pockets continued to move restlessly about. "Gee, Tim, this weather is getting on my nerves. We've had days of it. I'm beginning to want to see the sun again." The old man laid aside his pipe. "Now, lad, suppose ye tell Tim all about it. What's botherin' ye—I've missed that whistle of yourn. What's on yer mind?"

Jimmy resumed his seat on the log. "Oh, nothing much, Tim. I guess I'm sort of cuckoo tonight, just thinking—oh shucks! It's nothing, anyway."

"Go on, lad, I'm listenin'." A slow color mounted to the boy's face. "It's thinking of Christmas, Tim. It's only three days off, and—and I've never been away before. It doesn't matter, forget it." He hastily threw a pine bough into the fire.

"Three days, ye say, lad? an me forgettin' it. Now where'd ye say ye come from?"

"Iowa, Tim."

"Now, do tell. I been in Iowa meself, lad, but it's a long time ago—a long time. Ye're from a farm, mebbe?"

"No, dad's no farmer. He's a carpenter, and got along fine till hard times struck—you know how things went."

"Sure I do," Tim supplemented. "An there wasn't much work."

"That's right, Tim, and I wasn't keen on school. I wrote a note tellin' Mom and Dad not to worry about me—they have three more to look out for—and I hit the trail for the great Northwest."

Tim gave him a reassuring pat. "I see, lad. An ye're fed up an' sort of disapated an' homesick?"

"I guess that's right, Tim. But, gosh, it was thinking of Christmas that got under my skin. They'll all be there but me. Nobody to get the tree—that was my job. We always had one, even in the hardest times. Mom's a corker to manage. Doesn't Christmas get you, too, Tim? Haven't ye folks somewhere you'd like to see?"

"Mebbe, lad, an' mebbe I'd be gladder to see them, than they me. Now this town, 'Podunk,' did you say it was?"

"No. It's Moberly, and the dandest town—not so hot for size, but

It has about everything a fellow needs there, and the best grid team in the county. Gee, Tim you ought to see them huskies go after that ball and smash the line—and the crowd roaring like mad, rooting for their teams." The eager look faded—he rose abruptly.

"Guess I'll be turning in. See you later."

"Sure, lad." Tim ignored the break in the conversation. "Better bank them pine boughs under that shed over there. This drizzle will likely be snow by mornin'." I've an errand of me own to do, but I'll be back in no time. Git yer rest whilst ye kin."

An hour later the boy was awakened by a hand on his shoulder, and Tim's voice calling: "Wake up, Jimmy, I want to talk to ye."

Jimmy sat up, rubbing his eyes. "Okay, Tim what's on your mind? Shoot."

Tim fumbled in his pocket and produced a bit of paper. First, I want to say: "Merry Christmas from Timothy Ryan to Mr. James Madden of Moberly, Iowa. Here it is—a ticket to ye're old home town. An' the fast train will pick ye up in exactly forty minutes. We got to get goin' lad."

"But Tim," Jimmy blinked the last bit of sleep from his eyes. He turned the paper over and over until he was convinced it was genuine. "I—I don't understand, Tim. How did you get this and where?"

"Tim laughed merrily. "One at a time, lad. First: I got it over you at the little railway station where they sell tickets. Second, I paid fer it with money, earned money I laid by when work was good."

"That's fine of you Tim, but I can't take your money. You need it for yourself."

"Sure ye kin, lad, an' there's enough left fer me—an' yer welcome to it. Ye see, Jimmy I sort of tuk to ye the day ye walked inter the loggin camp jest as they were closin' down fer the winter an' we tuk the trail together. An' when ye talked of Christmas, an sich, ye set me thinkin'. The gift is not fer you alone, but fer yer folks who misses ye more than ye know. Old Tim's made many a mistake, I says to myself, but this 'aint one, an mebbe it will help square some of the others."

He laid a gnarled hand on the boy's shoulder. "There's only one thing I'm askin', lad, an that is: ye'll stay off the road. It's not fer the likes of ye. Go home an finish yer schoolin'."

"You're right, Tim," Jimmy replied soberly. "I've come to realize that. You've helped me to see things differently, Tim. I've got a dandy idea." His face glowed with eagerness. "Go home with me. Mom and dad would make you welcome; and you say you have money." But the old man shook his head. "No, no lad, I bin on the road too long. I know yer folks wud be grand to me; much obliged to ye fer thinkin' of it—I'll be gettin' along where ther's housin' quarters, an mebbe a bit of work."

The eastbound train came to a stop. As the slender youth was climbing aboard, with a last hand clasp, old Tim pressed a crumpled bill into his hand. "Ye must eat, lad, an' don't lose yer ticket. Don't ferget ye're ridin' like a gentleman." The old man laughed, but there was an undertone of wistfulness.

Jimmy took the money. "I hadn't thought of eatin', Tim. It is just that I'm going home. Home, Tim."



Tim Fumbled in His Pocket and Produced a Bit of Paper.

and I owe it to you. I'll pay it back some day—I'll tell mom and dad what a good pal you've been—and you promised to write. I'll be thinking of you Christmas."

"Thankee, lad, thankee. Tell yer folks howdy, an' merry Christmas, fer me."

The train roared away in the white fog. Old Tim watched till the red light disappeared and the rumble grew faint in the distance. He rubbed a moist hand across his brow. "An' he called me pal. 'Tis a fine lad he is, an' I'll be missin' him. Three days to Christmas; he'll make it." By the dim light from the station window, he pulled a worn purse from his pocket and emptied the few remaining coins into his hand. He shook his head slowly. Reaching into an inner pocket he drew forth a letter addressed to a small town in Iowa; slowly he read:

"Dear Tom, I been hankerin' to see ye an the old home agin. I'll be comin' fer Christmas. Yer brother 'Tim."

He tore the letter into bits. "He's worth it," he said. The lad will be home fer Christmas."

Old Tim smiled happily as he trudged back to camp.

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Santa Explains



Mrs. Durkee's Christmas Gander

By Martha B. Thomas

MRS. DURKEE had a gander, a fine strong bird with fine strong wings. Whenever Mrs. Durkee went the gander went, too.

Some years ago a goose egg had been given to Mrs. Durkee. It was a very large egg and ready to hatch, but a fox had killed the mother goose. It should make, when hatched and grown up, a fine Christmas dinner! Just as Mrs. Durkee prepared a nest for it, the shell cracked and out popped a head with very surprised eyes.

From that moment the gosling and Mrs. Durkee became friends. She no more thought of him in terms of roasting than she would think of a neighbor in that unkind manner.

The widow lived alone and as the gander grew to manhood (so to speak), she depended more and more on him. Sometimes at night she would rouse him and he would untuck his head from his wing and escort her forth under a wintry moon.

And now, at the Christmas season, Gander was in full plumage and of a stern temper.

Christmas eve she sat alone by her kitchen fire, and there came a knock at the door. A man stood there and before she could speak pushed his way in. Seeing no one about, he ordered her to bring him bread and coffee and meat. She brought the man what he asked, and when he had eaten he said, "Now, give me all your money and I'll go with no trouble."

"No," said Mrs. Durkee, "I will not!"

Out came his fist and she just escaped a hard cuff on the head. She was angry enough to fight but instead went to her pantry. "I keep money in a jug here," she said and jingled some coins. At the same time she softly raised the window and whistled.

"Hey come on with cash! I'm in a hurry!"

The man shoved out his foot as if to kick him. In a moment, hissing and hissing, the great bird seemed to surround the man with heavy beating wings. The harder the unwelcome guest tried to escape the harder he was beaten back. At last, crouching and fending off the blows, he fled through the door . . . scattering coins all the way. The wad of bills had merely been a piece of make-believe.

The door slammed and the lonely widow sat down in a chair and laughed and laughed and laughed. The gander stood beside her, looking dignified and preening his ruffled feathers.

"I'd rather have you for a friend," cried Mrs. Durkee, "than all the roast ducks, turkeys and geese in the world. Merry Christmas . . . I and I'll give you some fresh lettuce this minute."

The gander's bright eyes loved about the room, and he followed Mrs. Durkee into the pantry.

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Mary Pines for Her Pines

(A Christmas Story)

By Luella B. Lyons

MARY MINTER left her home from south of the Mason-Dixon line to marry Jack Howard. That's how she happened to be hating her new home in the North—hating the snow and cold and the fireworks she knew she was missing down home that Christmas day. Gazing out of the window all she could see were pine trees from four inches to sixty feet in height. Cedars! Pines! Spruces! She hated the words, even.

"How about a Christmas tree in the house, honey? Maybe that would help cheer you, do you suppose? I know you're eating your heart out with lonesomeness for home this, your first Christmas away." Jack offered, but Mary spurned his sympathy.

"A tree, a tree, did you say? Ha ha," she laughed bitterly, "go out there and on up the ridge and look at those trees there by the hundreds and thousands. Imagine they are all Christmas trees if you like." Jack gave up trying to placate her but he understood—she was at that stage of homesickness.

About noon there came a phone call from their nearest neighbor, Milt Spears. His wife was in the city hospital, 40 miles away, and he had promised to visit her there, taking the two youngsters, but about an hour ago Milt had sprained an ankle and now—would Mary and Jack take the kids and go in his place?

What difference did it make if it was nearly nightfall when the pair and the two youngsters reached



They Reached Ann Spear's Hospital Room and Made Explanations.

Ann Spear's hospital room and made the explanations and witnessed the relief that was so evident on the anxious wife's face.

"But where did you find such a novel tree arrangement, Mrs. Howard?" Ann's doctor wanted to know the moment he sighted the midget Christmas tree Mary had fixed up at a moment's notice. "Why, they are the nicest things I've ever seen yet, and I'd like to buy a dozen of them."

A strip of painted tin that was bent to hang over the head of a bed into the shape of a shelf or bracket formed the foundation. A tiny cedar seedling about eight inches high formed the tree. Mary had striped a wealth of tube roses she had been growing, to tie the blossoms all over that midget village tree. Fitting into a slot on that little tin bracket, it smiled its blessing upon the gathering.

Any Yuletide you might stop by the Howard Midget Christmas Tree Farm to find Mary and Jack getting a bit of rest from their labors, another glorious selling campaign over for another year.

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Elkland and Elmwood Townline.

Mr. and Mrs. George Seeley entertained the Sunshine Ladies' Aid last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Habicht and daughter, Janet, of Plymouth spent the week-end at the E. A. Livingston home.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLean of Cass City spent Tuesday at the A. Anthes home.

Orville Karr fell out of a tree Tuesday and is nursing some broken ribs.

Thomas Laurie and Floyd Dodge left Tuesday for Detroit to attend the Junior Livestock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Karr and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons spent Sunday at the Elmer Simmons home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Livingston were Caro callers Monday.

Henry Anker is numbered with the sick.

A new hog house is being erected on the Stanley Turner farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anthes and family spent Sunday at the A. Anthes home.

The Elmwood Mission Circle met with Mrs. E. Bardsley Friday evening.

Albert Anthes had his tonsils removed last week.

The Home Management club met with Mrs. Harold Evans last week. Welma Terbush is sick with scarlet fever.

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walker.

Mrs. Archie Gillies spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Archie McLachlan, in Grant.

A little son, born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hempton, will answer to the name of Charles Andrew.

Ternes Brothers are driving a new Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garety are moving onto the James Walker farm in Sheridan township.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gingrich attended the funeral of the former's uncle in Bad Axe this week.

There is no school in the Greenleaf school on account of the illness of Mr. Collins.

NOVESTA.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Binder of Detroit visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Luella Deneen. Mrs. Binder, Mrs. Deneen and daughter, Amy, visited the ladies' mother, Mrs. W. J. Sprague, at Bay City and found her little improved in health.

Mrs. Sarah Leek of Saginaw visited from Saturday until Wednesday at the home of her brother, Robert F. Horner, and family.

Mrs. Archie Hicks is in very poor health, and was taken on Wednesday to a Detroit hospital for an operation.

The ladies of the F. W. B. church gave their monthly dinner at the C. J. Crawford home. About sixty dinners were served. The ladies

tied off a quilt and elected officers for the ensuing year. It was voted to meet in January with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sole for potluck dinner. Albert Bartlett, who was 88 years young on the 10th inst., was among the ones who had dinner with the ladies aid on that day. Mr. Bartlett, who is living with his daughter, Mrs. William Hicks, is in very good health.

CASS CITY MARKETS.

Dec. 12, 1935.

Buying price—

Wheat, No. 2, mixed, bu.....	.79
Oats, bushel .....	.22
Rye, bushel .....	.45
Beans, cwt.	1.75
Light Red Kidney Beans, cwt.	3.75
Dark Red Kidney Beans, cwt.	4.50
Spartan Barley, cwt. ....	.90
Six-row barley, cwt.	1.25
Buckwheat, cwt. ....	.85
Peas, cwt.	1.50
Butterfat, pound .....	.34
Butter, pound .....	.30
Eggs, dozen .....	.32
Cattle pound .....	.04
Calves, pound .....	.10
Hogs, pound .....	.09
Hens, pound .....	.12
Broilers, pound .....	.13
White Ducks, 4 1/2 pounds.....	.15
Colored Ducks, pound.....	.12
Turkeys, pound .....	.22
Geese, pound .....	.11

Romance in Every Life
There is romance in every life, if we had but the eyes to see it and the heart to understand.

ELKLAND.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Bird school on Friday evening, Dec. 20. Miss Roller and pupils extend a cordial invitation to all.

Angus MacDonald called on friends in this vicinity Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Profit and Berniece spent the week-end in Detroit.

Wanner & Matthews are installing a furnace in the Delbert Profit home this week.

Miss Ethel Reader is spending some time at the A. H. Maharg home.

The Bethel family group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Profit on Tuesday evening.

A Christmas tree with program will be held at the Bethel church Tuesday evening, Dec. 24. Come and bring your friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldie Connell and son, Alfred, of Detroit spent a few days this week at the J. E. Crawford home.

Orville Karr was seriously injured Monday afternoon while installing a radio in his home. Mr. Karr fell from a ladder as he was trying to adjust an aerial. He was taken to Pleasant Home hospital for treatment.

Clayton Root recently purchased a new Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLachlan were Wednesday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hunt of Cass City.

Thomas Murphy, who has spent some time in the north deer hunting, is spending some time at the David Murphy home.

GREENLEAF.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McEachern visited Mr. and Mrs. James Whitaker and family in Marlette last Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Brown, who has spent the past two weeks in Detroit, returned to the McKay farm last Sunday. She was accompanied by Mr. Millar of Detroit. Mrs. Millar, who has been here for some time, returned to Detroit with Mr. Millar Sunday evening.

Miss Luella Walker of Pinconning spent the week-end at the

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In the Cass City High School Auditorium
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GEORGE DILLMAN'S
SUNSET BEACH ORCHESTRA
furnishing those irresistible rhythms.
The Time—9:00 o'clock
The Place—C. C. H. S. Auditorium
The Date—Friday, Dec. 27, 1935
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Admission, 50c a person

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