

# GOBLES NEWS

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## We and Our Advertisers Wish You a Very Merry Christmas

### LOCAL BREVITIES

Fred Niles is on the sick list.  
Edith Wise is recovering from the flu.  
Basket ball here tomorrow night. See ad.  
Masonic installation and degree work, Dec. 27.  
Free movie Saturday and Monday evenings.  
Fay White was detained at home with the flu last week.  
Estus Leversee and Glenn Smith were kept home Monday by illness.  
Christmas program and tree at Community church Sunday evening at seven.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will meet in the church basement on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

To accommodate Christmas shoppers our stores will be open evenings until Christmas.

Christmas page, camera news and a good story, also the weather forecast on inside pages of this issue.

Free moving picture Saturday night at L. & C. Chevrolet sales room at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock. Good comedy and local views. Also Monday evening.

Christmas next Tuesday. As this is our busy day in getting out the News the same may be delayed a day in reaching you. So do not worry if it does not reach you in time.

J. V. Wise has sold his building to S. R. Powers and he is preparing it for occupancy. Sure glad that this last business building will be filled and we hope they will help bring more trade to Gobles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Messinger announce the marriage of their daughter Ethel to Geo. L. Pearson of Marcellus, Dec. 10, 1928. Mr. Pearson is with Mr. Oscar Romig in the undertaking business.

Vern Hudson had his automobile stolen while at church in Paw Paw Sunday. The car was found abandoned Monday with an empty gas tank. Some one had the use of a full tank and Vern does not care to have the experience repeated.

Oh, boy! but we are proud of our stores and few towns many times as large have as large and well selected stocks as ours. All home owned too and we hope they may ever be. Do you appreciate the advantage of these stores in our midst?

Our independent basketballers are showing some speed and have already won from Hopkins and the fast Otsego team. Captain Walker promises a game or two on the home floor during the holidays and if you want to get thrilled right off your feet don't miss these games.

Many of you read about the prize fat steer selling for \$7 per pound, but Al Wauchek, our prize leghorn breeder has an imported rooster for which he paid \$12 per pound at the head of his flock. By the way he has the most home sales ever already booked and mostly from farmers who have tried others first. Speaks well for this Gobles industry which is no longer an experiment.

The Mattawan-Gobles game last Friday night started pretty slow with both teams apparently afraid of each other, with a 6 to 6 tie at the end of the half. However Coach Ojala must have said a few words for the last half developed a real game with some real playing, the locals finally winning with a 19 to 11 score. Our boys show some real training when they wake up and we are sure they will be awake in the future. Attendance good and full of pep.

### Community Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Morning service at 11 a. m.  
We welcome any who desire to worship with us.  
Rev. Mark Penoyer

Just as we go to press Wednesday word comes of the death of Judge Killefer at his home in Paw Paw. This news will be learned with deepest regret by all our readers.

The Rebekah lodge entertained the Past Noble Grands to the number of nineteen. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Beals, the response by Mrs. Messinger. The evening talks were given by Dr. and Mrs. Foelsch, with very chosen words. Three little girls dressed in pink and green presented the pins, which was a pleasing feature. The evening closed with games and an oyster supper.

Frank Phillips sold the 80-acres where he lives to a Mr. Schultz of Chicago. This farm is well located on the west side of M-40, near town and a good produce market, has been well cared for with modern conveniences, making it a most desirable farm home. Mr. Schultz also takes five good cows from Mr. Phillips herd so he will start right and we think he will be well satisfied. He plans to move here in February.

The Junior play proved another pleasing production for our theater going public and those who missed it, missed an evening of pleasure well worth the price of admission. We are justly proud of these players and we believe that these plays are a feature of school life that should be encouraged. They are a change from the regular school work and give the pupils one more chance to appear in public, which must react to their benefit. While movies and other things have a tendency to detract from the attendance we feel that they should not. The welfare of the community demands that we attend everything possible in the way of entertainment by our schools and other home talent and we have yet to see a Gobles home talent entertainment that was not worth the price of admission and of few other things can we say as much.

### WAGERTOWN

Orange Thursday evening. Everybody brings for the grab bag.  
Wager school will have a Christmas tree and program Friday evening at Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Woodruff spent Friday and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wm Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Enos spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs.

Jean Eastman of Chicago spent the week end with her grandmother, Ethel Eastman.

Mrs. George Bell visited two days last week in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Haven spent Tuesday with her daughter, Blanche Healy.

### Christmas Day in 1928

By Arthur Nash

I am old Santa Claus so they say,  
I have reindeers and a sleigh  
And every year about this time  
I clean them up and make them shine;  
I polish the runners so they make no noise,  
And then I visit the girls and boys.  
Big and little, old and young,  
And I just have the most'est fun,  
Climbing chimneys with this big pack,  
You would naturally think it would break my back;  
But I don't mind, you see, my boys,  
For they are light, these Christmas toys.  
Our duty today is give and forgive,  
Our motto should always be—live and let live,  
For little deeds of kindness done  
Shine in our souls like dew in the sun.  
Years and years I've made this trip  
I want you boys to take this tip—  
When I have fallen by the way,  
Just grab the reins and drive the sleigh,  
And I'll be on the other shore.  
Goodbye St. Nicholas forever more.

### Gobles Wins

Congratulations to the coach and basketball team for winning the first association game from Mattawan last Friday night. There isn't much to say about the first period. Generally speaking it was poorly played. The lack of timing in passing and fumbling of the ball, as well as the complete lack of drive seemed responsible for the score of 6 and 6 as the whistle blew ending the half. However, the second period was a different story. The boys hit their real stride and played a brand of basketball which made us forget all about the first half. While there is still a great deal of room for improvement we believe that the team stands a good chance for the Class D Championship, if they will only keep the drive they had during that second period. The work of James Clement at forward was responsible—in no small degree for the outcome. The brilliant come back of Carpenter in the second period was a surprise, but it was surely welcomed by everyone. Mattawan had a good team and every point had to be earned.

### Methodist Church

Sunday School, 10:00 o'clock  
Morning Worship, 11:00  
Epworth League 6:00  
Evening Services, 7:00  
All services on central time.  
A welcome to all  
Rev. S. W. Hayes.

### Tax Notice

Will be at Gobles Bank every Friday and Bloomingdale Bank every Saturday until January 10 to collect Bloomingdale township taxes, after that four per cent will be collected.

John Daines, Treas.

### Sweetness Found in Life's Little Things

It is as great a mistake to expect too little of life as to expect too much. No one is immune from trouble and no one has a monopoly of it, even if self-pity—a most insidious form of mental indulgence—sometimes appears to suggest it.  
So many of the sweetest things of life come almost unnoticed. We look forward, says the London Chronicle, all the year to our holidays, but often despite the hours of leisure which, perhaps, are really more important to our well-being.  
Retrospection will sometimes make clear how much quiet pleasure a single day has brought—a letter by the morning's post, a word of encouragement which has formed an undertone of harmony to the melody of toll, a child's gratitude for some trifle, even the welcome of our dog "with the soul in the shining eyes of him."  
There are, of course, days when duties call, when friends seem to fall off, when we grow weary of ourselves.

### Throughout

An Indianapolis family was moving to a new location and the father in describing the house he had rented, among other things, said it had "hardwood floors throughout."  
Five-year-old Paul repeated the description to a neighbor, but ended by saying: "I guess we will have to wait till we move there to see what kind of floors we will have because dad says they had all the hardwood floors 'threw out.'" — Indianapolis News.

### Army's Staple Food

The common field pea, which was one of the mainstays of the Southern people, was known as "speckled Jack" in Civil War days. General Lee is said to have called it "the Confederacy's best friend."

### Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan, the name borne by the great river which rises in the Rockies in Alberta and flows through Saskatchewan and Manitoba into Lake Winnipeg, is an Indian word meaning "rapid" or "swift-flowing."

### Derivation of "Ambition"

The word "ambition" comes from the Latin ambitio, which meant a going around, especially of candidates for office in Rome, to solicit votes. Hence, a desire for office or honor.

### Rock Classification

Sedimentary rocks, one of the main petrographic divisions, comprise all those rocks that are of secondary origin and have accumulated by the action of water or of the wind.

### Mortgage Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Anna Blanchard DeFriest, sole survivor of James K. Blanchard and Anna Blanchard of Pine Grove township, Van Buren County, Michigan to Elbert I. Barker, of the same place, dated the 10th day of August, A. D. 1925, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Van Buren and State of Michigan on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1925 in Liber 122 of mortgages, on page 367 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, taxes and insurance paid the sum of One Thousand Two and 32/100 (\$1002.32) dollars, and an attorney's fee of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is Hereby Given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Monday, the 24th day of December, A. D. 1928, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the North Front Door of the Court House in the Village of Paw Paw, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Van Buren is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter all on Section Number 21, Township Number 1 South and Range 13 West; also the North 26 acres of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 21, containing 146 acres of land, more or less.

Cassius T. Barker,  
Frank W. Barker,  
Administrators of the Estate of Elbert I. Barker, Dec'd, Mortgagee.  
Earl L. Burhans, Attorney for Mortgagee and Admrs. of said Estate.  
Business Address: Paw Paw, Michigan.

### Tax Notice

will be at Kendall Fridays and Gobles Bank Wednesdays to collect Pine Grove township taxes.  
David Gilbert, Treas.

### School Notes

Miss Hughes' room banked 100 % for the first time this year. Congratulations! Mrs. Lugar's boys and girls turned in the usual 100 per cent, and Mrs. Niles' lacked only one of being 100 per cent. Mrs. Niles' room is usually in the 100 per cent column. In other words all but one banked money last Friday. This is a record to be proud of, and we hope that it will be 100 per cent all the way through this week.

Quite a number of students have been out this week with the flu. We hope that this unwelcome visitor will soon pass from our midst and will cause no serious damage.

The Junior play, "The Arrival of Kitty" was a complete success. All played their parts well and each put so much action into their part that the audience was kept laughing the biggest share of the time. The Junior class can well feel proud of the outcome and rest assured that the hard work necessary in putting on a play was justified. A large crowd turned out to see the play.

Six new chairs have been bought for the school.

Our Christmas vacation is from December 22 to January 7. We wish all a very Merry Christmas.

We would suggest that everyone plan on reading at least one good book during the vacation period.

The Tuesday night game with Lawton was postponed due to the fact that the Lawton schools are closed.

### Notice of Hearing Claims

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah E. Coffey, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that four months from the 10th day of December A. D. 1928, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of Paw Paw in said county, on or before the 15th day of April, A. D. 1929, and that said claims will be heard by said court, on Monday the 15th day of April, A. D. 1929 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.  
Dated Dec. 10th, A. D. 1928.

WM. KILLEFER,  
Judge of Probate.

### Business Locals

Veal calves wanted. See or phone Lester Woodruff.  
Indian relics wanted. See Van Ryno.

Buy Miller tires at Dorgan's filling station.  
Hunting licenses at News office.  
J. E. Twitchell—Decorating.

For good taxi service. Call S. W. Hayes.

Registered Duroc Jersey stock hog for service. A. C. Blakeman.  
Albert Keller will install a saw mill at Clement yards in the spring. Bring your logs any time.

Tire chains, alcohol and car heaters at Gamboe's.

Fur Wanted—Let me price it before you sell. Will call. See or phone Will Pullin, licensed buyer.

About 50 white leghorn yearling hens and pullets for sale. Guy Lindsley, first house east of North Point church. 2t

Registered Guernsey bull for service. See Harley Graham. 13-5t

2 good cows, one fresh, for sale. Robert Klachek, mile east of Gobles, by Turkey lake. 2t

Buy Goodyear tires at Gamboe's.

Dry cook stove wood for sale, \$3.50 cord, at I. Coffinger house in Gobles. See or phone Bert Coffinger. 1t

Get your Christmas candy at Beals store. We have all kinds of fancy dishes, towels, stockings and fancy socks for men.

Few onions cheap at Nursery.  
Will F. Young, registered optometrist of Detroit, will be in Gobles Dec. 23 and 24 at Al Wauchek's. Eyes examined free. Special rates to school children. Phone Al Wauchek for appointment.

### Notice of Mortgage Sale

Whereas, Maxwell M. Benton and Carrie A. Benton, husband and wife, made and executed a certain mortgage bearing date the 29th day of October, 1923, to Mrs. Carrie L. Benton, which was recorded in the office of the register of deeds, Van Buren county, Michigan, on the 31st day of October, 1923, in Liber 128 of Mortgages on page 358, and whereas the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of eight hundred and forty eight dollars and eleven cents and no suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby or any part thereof and whereas default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by said mortgage whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance thereof and of the statute in such case made and provided the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the north front door of the courthouse, at the Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren county, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court, within the said county of Van Buren, on the 2nd day of March 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon (central standard time) the description of said premises contained in said mortgage is as follows:

The following described land and premises situated in the village of Gobles, county of Van Buren, State of Michigan, viz: commencing forty-five rods, fourteen and one-half feet East and thirteen rods South of the Northwest corner of section thirty, town one south, range thirteen west; thence south twelve and one-half rods; thence East forty feet; thence North twelve and one-half rods; thence west forty feet to place of beginning.

Dated November 19, 1928.  
MRS. CARRIE L. BENTON,  
Mortgagee.

Carleton W. Benton,  
Attorney for Mortgagee.  
Business Address, Lawton, Mich.

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Goblesville Milling Company will be held in the directors' room of the Gobles Bank, Tuesday, January 15, 1929, from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.  
Wm. J. Davis, Sec.  
Dated Dec. 19, 1928.

We are ready for your job work. Bring it in today.

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Obituaries, 25 lines free; all over 25 lines 5c per line will be charged.  
Cards of Thanks, 50 cents.

Copy for advertising must reach this office not later than Tuesday noon. All that comes in later can be held one week until the issue of the following week.  
Copies of the paper, 5c each. Copies of the paper are not included in obituaries or cards of thanks.  
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FREE BATTERY charging and radio repair work. Luther Howard  
Ivo Radiator Glycerine and Alcohol. Dixie Service Station.  
Ordered fruit trees yet? If not better see me for best quality stock. Albert Hosner.

Dry cleaning and pressing. Will call for and deliver. Call Max Brown.

Have prospects for good farms in this locality. Write description of yours and I will see you personally. C. L. Richardson, Jr., P. O. Box 39, Gobles, Michigan.

Model A Ford Tudor, and truck for sale at Gamboe's.

O. I. C. stock hog for service. Lester Clark.

Time to order that new Remington Portable for Christmas. Any color at News office.

10 Gobles grown apple with spirea \$1 bought now. Nursery. 11-10t

Washings, Mrs. C. Lamphere, Pine Grove Corners. 2t

If you are planning on an Auction Sale, will be pleased to cry it for you. Rates reasonable. Glenn E. Woodruff, Gobles, R. I.

Ford battery \$8.00 and your old battery. J. C. Gamboe.

Fire Insurance—I have the agency for the Dowagiac City and Village Mutual and will be glad to care for your needs in fire insurance. Charles S. Howard.

Alemting service for all makes of cars. J. C. Gamboe.

Doing a bigger and better business than ever. Quality goods at Lowest Prices possible. See us for prices before buying. The Quality Store, J. M. Gilbert, Pine Grove.

Two good stock hogs for sale. Leslie Ayres, Gobles.

Old New England mince meat for sale. Mrs. H. E. Smith. 2t

Few onions cheap at Nursery.

1927 Ford roadster with 1929 license for sale at Gamboe's.

Full blood Jersey bull 1 1/2 years old for sale. See Charley Leversee on J. B. Russell farm north of Kendall. 2t

FOR SALE—Violin, 2 saxophones, player piano, 7-tube Atwater Kent 1 dial control, \$65 complete installed. Luther Howard, phone.

3 lots in Gobles, north of Community church for sale. Bert Coffinger. 1t

Horses, cows and hay for sale. See or phone Sage Bros. 14-5t

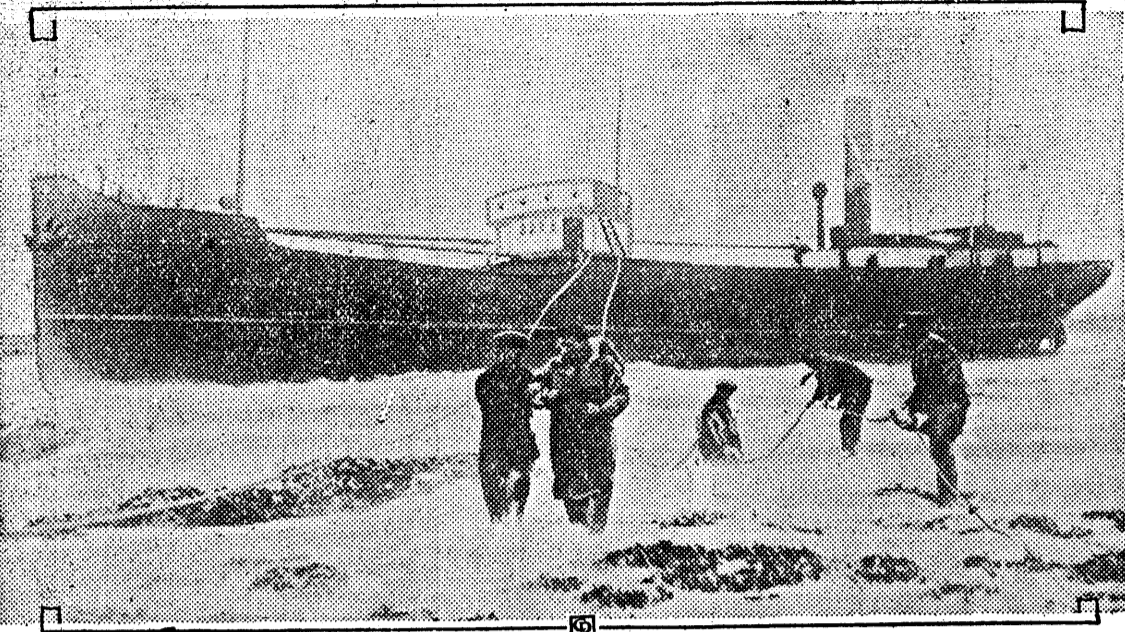
Load of good corn and reed baby carriage in fine condition for sale. Warren Sanford.

For Sale or Trade for live stock or poultry: Ford ton truck with stake body in good running condition and tires, Ford roadster with box in good condition, Ford coupe in running condition, Overland touring in good condition, Ford touring in running condition, Chevrolet touring in running condition.

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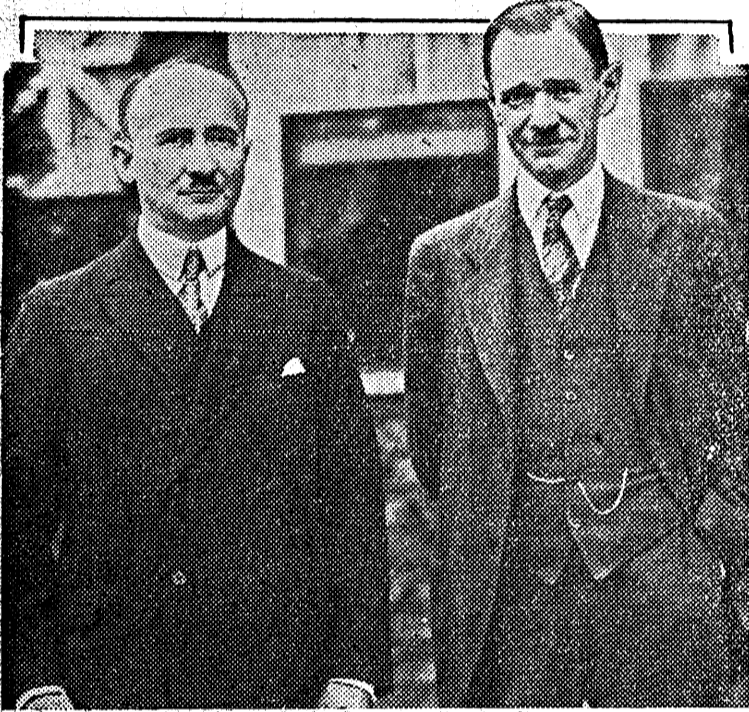
# CAMERA NEWS

## Breeches Buoy Rescues Sailors From Stormy Seas



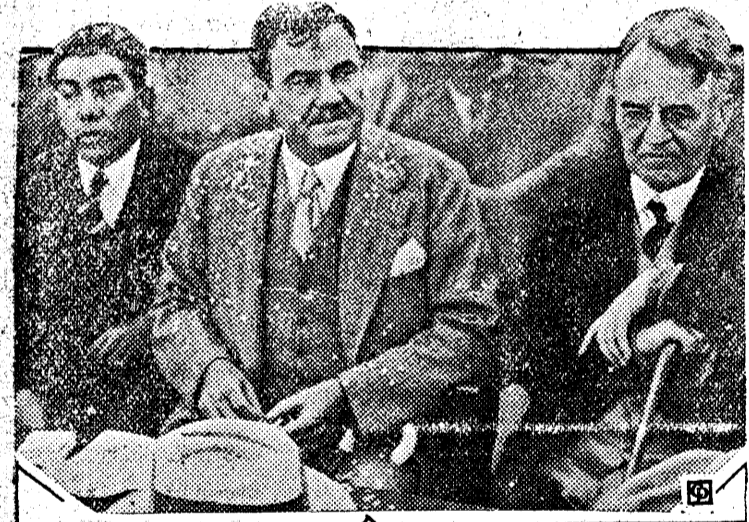
An unexpected "shore leave" holds no joys for these sailors of the steamer Kentish Coast, disabled near Plymouth Sound, England, as storms swept northern Europe. Above, they are being taken to land with the aid of a breeches buoy.

## Plan German U. S. Steel Merger



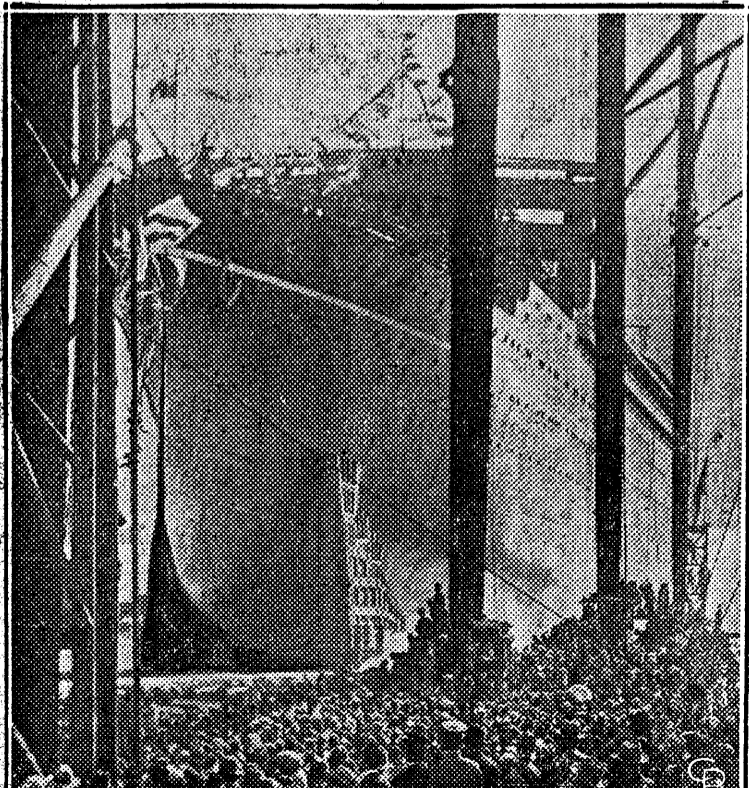
A steel-producing combine of international proportions with assets of more than \$250,000,000 may result from negotiations being carried on by officials of the Fried-Krupp steel works of Germany and those of the Ludlum Steel Company of Watervliet, N. Y. Dr. Benno Strauss, left, above, chief of research for the Krupp works, and Dr. Henry DeFries, right, who came to the United States to complete arrangements, have awaited the decision of U. S. Attorney General Sargent, regarding the anti-trust laws before completing the merger. They are shown at Albany, N. Y.

## As Calles Nears Retirement



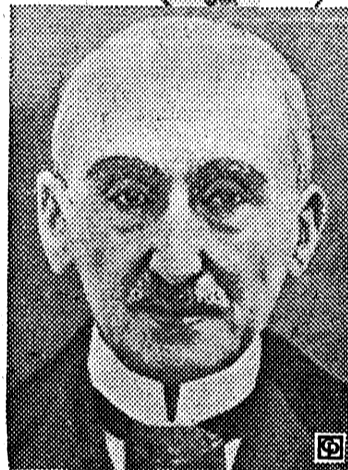
This photo was taken as Plutarco Elias Calles performed one of his last duties as president of Mexico, the opening of an agricultural school at Tenebria. At his left is Ambassador Dwight B. Morrow, and at his right, Luis Leon, secretary of agriculture.

## Launch Big Japanese Steamer



The largest ship built in Japan, the Asama Maru, has just been launched at Nagasaki, for use in the California-Oriental service. Ancient Shinto rites were combined with the modern bottle-breaking ceremonial at the Mitsubishi dockyard as the big ship left the ways, above.

## Noble Prize Winners



Among the recent Nobel prize winners are Prof. Heirich Wieland, top, of Berlin, Germany, awarded the chemistry prize for 1928 for his work with gall acids, and Henri Bergson, below, French philosopher, who won the 1927 prize for literature.

## Ileana Dresses Up



This is the most recent photo of Princess Ileana of Roumania in the uniform of a naval captain.

## A Taft Honored



Walbridge S. Taft, nephew of William H. Taft, chief justice of the supreme court, a Berlin, Germany, lawyer, has been elected president of the American Club of Berlin, succeeding the late Lincoln Eyre.

## Holstein Bulls Sell for \$135

Ten purebred Holstein bulls averaging eight months old, sold for an average price of \$135 in the second annual bull sale held recently at the Armada fairgrounds by the Macomb County Holstein association. Four of the bulls went to St. Clair county, two to Huron and the rest stayed in Macomb. The top price bull, consigned to Gabel Creamery Farms of Washington, sold for \$215 to John W. Card of Goodells. According to Clare Shue, secretary of the Macomb County Holstein association, it is planned to continue the bull sale as an annual affair. The sale offers a chance for the discriminating buyer to secure a bull selected on a basis of good type and record backing. Donald Dove, Goodells, from George E. Bench, Armada, \$110. Eugene Ames, Romeo, from Ervin Burman, Armada, \$145. Priehs Bros., St. Clair, from Detroit Creamery Farms, Mt. Clemens, \$210. Austin A. Haley, Bad Axe, from Detroit Creamery Farms, Mt. Clemens, \$125. John W. Card, Goodells, from Gabel Creamery Farms, Washington, \$215. Henry Siglow, Romeo, from E. A. Hardy, Rochester, \$75. J. J. Brackenberry Bad Axe from Arthur Plagens, Armada, \$130. Joseph Neal, Jr., St. Clair, from William Schoof, Washington, \$130. J. G. Isbister, Memphis, from Chas. Themm & Sons, Armada, \$95. C. H. Wondero, Mt. Clemens, from August Zienert, Mt. Clemens, \$125.

## Preparing Bees for Winter

Now is the time to prepare your bees for the rigors of the coming cold weather. In Michigan the problem of protection is not one of winter alone, but includes fall and spring as well, and during fall and spring bees actually need more protection than during winter itself. It is this fact that makes it advisable for bee men to attend to their colonies promptly in the fall. The first essential for successfully wintering bees is that they be healthy. If any colony is badly diseased, the safest procedure is to burn the hive and its contents in order to eliminate danger of contaminating other colonies. Colonies not badly diseased should be treated. Weak colonies should be united with strong, queen-right colonies, as it is impossible to successfully winter them alone. Colonies which may well be united are those light in bees, colonies not having sufficient stores, queenless colonies, colonies with undesirable queens and colonies in a one-story eight or ten frame hive which should be in two hive bodies to insure room and stores for spring. Sufficient stores to last the bees through cold weather must be supplied. No colony can be given enough stores in one hive body to go through the winter and build up during the following spring, except where the large hive is used. Either a shallow super of honey called the food chamber, or better, a hive body of sealed honey should be given to every colony. It is possible to make up a deficiency by giving the bees a syrup made up from a good grade of white sugar in the proportion of six parts of sugar to four parts of water.

## Crop and Gizzard Wanted by State

Duck hunters are being asked to forward to the department of conservation, game division, the crop and gizzards of the birds which they shoot. The contents of these organs will be examined in connection with the duck-food survey which the game division is making and will help answer the question, "What do wild ducks eat in Michigan?" When this question is answered, real progress can be made in the planting of suitable vegetation to increase the supply of duck food in countless lakes and marshes. Sportsmen sending in such crops and gizzards are asked to keep them chilled until they can be sent by parcel post. Stomachs of the different duck species should be kept together and should be labeled so as to show the species, and where, when and by whom the ducks were shot. If hunters are in doubt as to the correct name of any of the ducks which they shoot, and if they will send in a wing of the unknown bird, it will be identified by the game division, department of conservation, Lansing.

## Demand for Bulbs Exceed Supply In Holland

Holland should inaugurate its first tulip week next year most auspiciously. The consignment of 250,000 tulip bulbs imported from The Netherlands has been sold to gardeners and most of them have been set in beds of various shapes to make them more attractive when in bloom. Fifty thousand bulbs have been planted in the city parks and the rest have been set in beds on curbs and front lawns. Park Superintendent John VanBragt states the demand exceeded the supply.

## Sunflower Seed Crop Is Larger This Year

Sunflower seed production is expected to be slightly larger than last year, according to the United States bureau of agricultural economics. The carryover in all sections was reported as smaller than usual.

## ALMA SUGAR FACTORY RUN IS SHORT

Slicing operations at the Michigan sugar factory at Alma ceased after one of the shortest runs in the history of the plant, 30 days. In this period 42,000 tons of beets were sliced. Last year the plant sliced 65,000 tons. The sugar content this year has been found better, on the whole than is usually the case. The average is 16 and the purity has been good. All of the Michigan sugar plants close this week with the exception of the Owosso plant, which will handle the balance of the beets. The Alma plant of the Michigan sugar plant employs 365 men during the campaign and aids the community greatly through the wage money distributed by them.

## Strychnine Tested on Birds

The bureau of biological survey, department of agriculture, as the result of an investigation of strychnine-poisoned baits to control rodent pests has concluded that the form of poisoning is not injurious to quail and other game birds. The full text of the department's statement follows: Complaint is frequently made that quail and certain other game birds may be injured by the exposure of baits poisoned with strychnine, which are used in the control of injurious rodents and other mammals. Investigations made by members of the Biological Survey of the United States department of agriculture and other interested organizations have shown that such destruction is unlikely to occur. It has been definitely established that gallinaceous birds as a group possess a certain immunity from strychnine poison. This group of birds includes grouse, partridges, quail, ptarmigan, prairie hens, sage hens, pheasants, wild turkeys and domestic fowl. Quail in California have been observed to feed to a large extent on strychnine-poisoned baits exposed for ground squirrels, and, so far as known, not a single individual has been killed. Prairie chickens have been known to eat without ill effects enough poisoned grain to kill 100 ground squirrels. A sharp-tailed grouse in Montana ate 400 kernels of strychnine-poisoned wheat without any of the strychnine symptoms developing. Experiences such as these indicate that complaints regarding the destruction of gallinaceous game birds by strychnine-poisoned baits are founded upon suspicion rather than upon facts.

## To Trap Surplus Beaver Alive

Beaver are increasing so rapidly in some sections of the state that Director George R. Hogarth and P. S. Lovejoy, head of the game division, have decided to hire several skilled trappers to take the beaver alive and either transport them to state-owned lands where their dam building operations will not become a public nuisance or to establish a state beaver farm where the surplus will be taken and from there sold to beaver farmers. Hunters going into the woods this fall found many old roads they have been accustomed to travel under water as the result of beaver operations. Township officers report the beaver are greatly increasing the cost of the maintenance of township roads in many sections of the state and are appealing to the state in increasing numbers for relief. The trapping of the surplus beaver will begin shortly and will continue until the experiment has been well tested.

## Michigan State Student May Get Eaton Post

Don Shepard of Kalama township is being considered, it is said, for the appointment of county agent to succeed Clair C. Taylor, who loses his position at the end of the year because of the failure of the board of supervisors to grant an appropriation for the county agricultural extension work. Shepard is a young man, now a student at Michigan State college, but has won the highest marks in any types of club and group work.

## Sell Ewes with Bad Teeth, Poor Udders

Although recent good prices for lambs and mutton are incentives for Michigan farmers to increase their flocks as rapidly as possible, there is no profit in keeping ewes which have bad teeth or defective udders, according to animal husbandry specialists at Michigan State college.

## Open Fruit Belt Fowl Show January 10

Plans for the annual show of the Fruit Belt Poultry association was completed at a meeting in Hartford recently. Appropriations for prizes were made and a judge selected. The annual exhibition will be held January 10, 11, 12. The show will be supported by the Hartford Commercial-Farmers' Club. An exhibition of pets will be included this year.

## Poultry

### SOME REMEDIES FOR WORMS IN TURKEYS

One of our subscribers wants to know of a good method of treatment for tapeworms in a flock of turkeys. There are numerous recipes and suggestions given for the treatment for worm in poultry, turkeys included, but the first thing to notice is that worm troubles is due to dirty premises. That is, there is not much use in attempting to stop losses in a flock through worms unless care is taken to clean up the premises regularly, disinfect them and clean out the droppings from the roosting place to a portion of the farm that is not frequented by the flock.

A flock treatment which has been advocated by the Kansas Experiment station and which has been tried with success and without danger, consists of feeding a cooked mash of one pint wheat, one pint oats, and one teaspoonful of lye. Use enough water to cover the mixture and cook it for two hours. This should be fed to the flock in the morning followed by Epsom salts at the rate of one-half to three-quarters of a pound for every 100 full grown birds.

The California Experiment station has suggested a simple remedy for the control of worms, consisting of two pounds of tobacco dust mixed with 100 pounds of ordinary dry mash feed. They say that it should be fed once daily for three weeks, then it should be discontinued for three weeks, following which it should be used for a second period of three weeks. After the first week of feeding and again after each period of feeding it Epsom salts should be administered at the rate given previously.

Individual treatment of infected birds is sometimes practical sometimes they are fed with a teaspoon, but there is difficulty in doing this well. A glass tube 15 inches long and about 3/8 inch in diameter, which can be purchased at a drug store, will hold about three teaspoonful of the mixture to be used. One end of the tube should be rounded by heating to a red heat so as to prevent cutting the inside of the bird's mouth or throat. For the individual treatment the Kansas Experiment station has recommended one part each of turpentine and olive oil at the rate of one-half to one teaspoonful in the morning to each bird, after they have been shut up all night. An ordinary mash may be fed to them two or three hours afterwards containing one-half pound Epsom salts per 100 full grown birds.

### FEEDING WITH NEW CORN

Where there is a shortage of corn that is dry enough to grind, a mash that will serve quite well for a short period of feeding can be made up of the following ingredients: 100 pounds of ground oats, 10 pounds tankage or meat scraps and one pound of salt. If barley is available, 50 pounds barley and 50 pounds of oats are better than using oats alone.

This mash should not be fed as a permanent laying ration, however, but just as an emergency ration while the new corn crop is drying enough to be ground for feed. New corn can be fed in the ear if the birds are started on it gradually, with the amount increased from day to day. Even after the birds are accustomed to the new corn, old shelled corn should be fed once a day if it is possible to secure it.

Moving pullets from the range to the laying house is delicate work in so far as the pullets are concerned. Remember that they are going into strange quarters and will receive new management from now on. Sudden changes are often disastrous to egg production. Move slowly about the laying house as quick movements startle them—they are accustomed to running wild on the range.

### Frozen Milk May Now Be Avoided

When the milkman leaves the bottles of milk and cream early on a winter morning, all too often the contents are frozen hard and the bottles cracked when the householder goes to bring them in.

To prevent this, an electrically heated container has been developed which it is said, operates successfully on a small amount of current. The box of the container is similar to a fireless cooker, being heavily insulated to hold heat. In it is a small resistance coil which is put in circuit when the bottles are placed in the container. When the interior heat reaches a point at which the milk and cream will be kept from freezing, a thermostat closes a switch and cuts off current.

### Gas Engine Heats Water For Washing Milk Cans

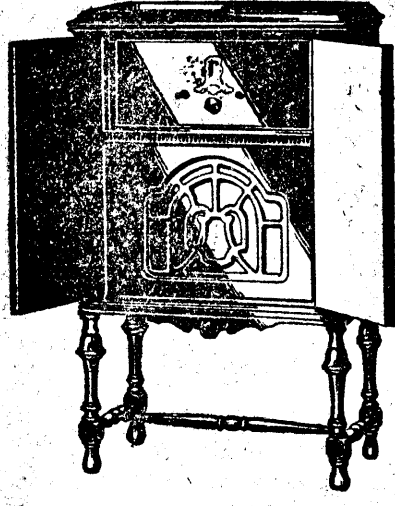
Water for washing milking machines and other dairy utensils can be heated cheaply and easily by means of a new water heater attachment for gas engines. This attachment, which holds between three and four gallons of water, and fits practically any engine, is designed to utilize the heat of waste gases from the exhaust. A device of this kind is particularly helpful on farms where water heating facilities are limited. Frequent use of hot water helps to keep milking machine, pails and cans free from visible dirt and bacteria, aiding in the production of clean, high quality milk.



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### Soot Settles on Cities

Enough soot and dirt float over American cities in one year to bury every street on Manhattan island to a depth of 21 feet, according to estimates published in Popular Mechanics Magazine. Or, if dumped in one pile, it would make a pyramid 1,500 feet high and five miles across at the base.

### Ethiopian Decoration

The decoration of the Order of the Seal of Solomon is an Abyssinian order with two classes, founded by King John in 1874. The decoration is a six-pointed star, formed by two engaged triangles, bearing a jeweled cross and surmounted by the crown of Ethiopia.

### The "Thunder"

In London (England) on January 1, 1785, John Walter started a newspaper entitled the Daily Universal Register at 2 1/2 d. a copy. The subtitle of the Times later supplanted this name and is the present title of the journal issued from Printing House Square since 1788.

### First Lead Pencils

The earliest mention of what are known today as lead pencils appears in records dating back to 1565. This was shortly after the discovery of the noted graphite mine at Borrowdale, England, which furnished the material for the first pencils.

### Tramp as Man of Leisure

A tramp is the American equivalent for the English "sturdy beggar." He is commonly defined as an able-bodied man without visible means of support, wandering aimlessly, begging and refusing work, kindling fires and camping.

### Left Name in History

One of the most brilliant statesmen of the Western continent, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the island of Nevis, West Indies, January 11, 1757. When he was appointed to the staff of Washington his rivalry with Aaron Burr began.

### Umbrella Reverenced

The natives of India regard the umbrella or "gamp" as being a powerful mascot. This is because it came from the canopy of state, the symbol of power and good fortune.

### Safety in Distrust

There is one safeguard known generally to the wise, which is an advantage and security to all, but especially to democracies as against despots. What is it? Distrust.—Demosthenes.

### Women Favored Secession

"Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama" says that in 1861 the women were well informed in all questions of the day "and especially in the burning sectional issues that affected them so closely. They were strongly in favor of the secession after the event, if not before; they were even more unanimous than the men, feeling that they were more directly concerned in questions of interference with social institutions in the South."

### Wasps in Wood Leg

A wooden leg now resting in the Natural History museum in London, England, has a queer history. It was worn by a wounded soldier. It began to irritate him. At last he took it off—and out came a dozen wasps. Analytical-minded experts discovered that eggs, from which the wasps hatched, lay in the wood before it was made into an artificial limb.

### Early Sealing Wax

Common beeswax was first used as a sealing wax, being mixed with earthy materials to give it consistency. The Venetians brought the Indian sealing wax to Europe. The Indian wax was made only of shellac, colored with vermilion or some other pigment, and this has been found superior to all other materials.

### Time Measure in Music

There is no difference between common time and four-four time. Common time is the old name. Four-four is a more specific way of expressing the same thing. We have so many species of time in modern music and four-four is more in keeping with the other forms.

### Merely a Belief

The public health service says that the popular idea that a drowning person rises to the surface three times is apparently incorrect. Some persons never come to the surface at all while some struggle to the surface many times.

### Genius

Genius is intensity of life; an overflowing vitality which floods and fertilizes a continent or a hemisphere of being; which makes a nature manifold and whole, while most men remain partial and fragmentary.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

### Name of Scottish Clan

It is not possible to say who was the first person named Jones. Jones is a Scottish clan name. It is derived from the Christian name, John, which is of Hebrew derivation and means "Grace of the Lord."

## A Trimming for Three

By PAULINE DELMAY

"SHE seems to be the unhappiest girl!" remarked Mrs. Deems, the minister's wife. "She would be very pretty, if she didn't frown so much and if she was a little plumper and knew how to dress herself. She lets the village dressmaker build all of her things! Why, as poor as we are, I do manage to have one smart dress a year, and I make the rest of my clothes to sort of harmonize with that dress from a smart shop in town! I am very fond of Nan Marsh, but sometimes she does get on my nerves!" She smiled ruefully as she let herself out of the parish house door. Miss Lethbridge followed her. They were both thinking about poor Nan Marsh—whose father was the richest man in the village—while Nan herself sat on a stool in the basement library of the parish house, working over the Sunday school books returned the day before, which she had not had time to record. She was sitting opposite the little dumbwaiter shaft which carried books up and down to and from the Sunday school room upstairs, and she had heard every word of Mrs. Deems' discourse.

Now, Nan was crying as she finished up the books. She picked up her hat, jammed it down on her brown hair and in ten minutes she was home again.

Mrs. Deems had spoken as though all Nan Marsh had to do was to spend some money, exercise some taste, to be good looking. Nan ran upstairs and immediately gave her expensive felt sports hat to Susan, the second servant girl.

Finding that she still had an hour before dinner, Nan took a bath, put on a simple little white frock, brushed her bright brown hair until it gleamed and then twisted it around her small head. "A coronet braid," she murmured softly. Then she went down to dinner, where her mother sat at one end of the long table, Mr. Marsh sat at the other and Nan between them. They talked like people who led dull lives. It was Mrs. Marsh who threw the first bombshell.

"James," she said complainingly, "I have had so many of these terrible headaches that I believe that I should have my hair cut off."

"What did your mother and your grandmother do when they had headaches?" inquired Mr. Marsh.

"They suffered! But I am not going to, James Marsh, I shall have my hair trimmed."

"Then I had better have my beard shaved off," declared ultraconservative Mr. Marsh.

"I have often told you that you would be a very handsome man if you only would, James," said Mrs. Marsh. Then Nan spoke.

"I thought it would be nice, mother, if I could go to town with you. I want to buy something new—all my things look so dowdy and so much out-of-date."

"Perhaps Nan contemplates having her hair bobbed," remarked Mr. Marsh, regarding his daughter with softened eyes.

"Would you mind very much, father?" asked Nan, turning toward her father.

"Anything to make you happy, my dear. Of course, you couldn't be prettier in my eyes."

"You deserve a kiss for that, sir!" And Nan got up and kissed him on the cheek like a dutiful little daughter.

The next morning when Mr. Marsh signed a check for their day in town, he added fifty dollars to the sum that his wife had asked for. "That Mar- cia," he said with a twinkle in his eyes, "is for you to spend the night in town if you miss the train. Or, in case the servants do not recognize either of you, you can stop at the Wellmouth Inn right here in the village!"

That day in New York was the most glorious day Nan had ever spent in town. First they went to a famous hairdresser's and, when Mrs. Marsh came out looking like a full blown rose, with her gray hair cut short and with a permanent wave to beautify it, little Nan was shorn of her bright brown hair, and what was left curled delightfully about her small head. They were to send, the lovely mass of her long hair home to her. Then they went to the shops and spent all their money, and madly planned to come again and buy more things. And then, while they lunched in a smart hotel, who should come up and speak to them but Ralph Weed, who spent his summers in the village. His fine gray eyes rested on Nan's charming face under its smart little hat, and they lingered there, and came back again and again, as if he found what he had been searching for in the cool quiet of his charming girl's contented face.

"I hope you will not object if I come soon—and often," he whispered in Nan's pink ear.

"I do feel so free," sighed Mrs. Marsh as the train rumbled on its way.

What Nan thought no one knew, but she was smiling happily all the way, and when they reached the home and discovered that Mr. Marsh had had his beard shaved off, they looked at each other amazedly.

"We are rather a good looking family after all," said Mr. Marsh cheerfully, but Nan, upon whom both parents gazed adoringly, was lost in dreams of Ralph!

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## SKIPPY: On the Christmas Seal



## BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

### When Health Is Play



Health truths, when taught by "Cheerio from Laughterland" and her talking and acting puppets, are not only pleasant but have far more permanent value than the cut and dried facts of physiology books, say teachers and pupils who have witnessed the puppet show "Know-Naught, the Witch of Ignorance."

The puppets and their mistress have appeared before thousands of Michigan children within the last few months, under the auspices of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. A portion of the funds raised in its sale of Christmas seals is devoted by the M. T. A. to educational work of this nature.

The tale of how the witch Know-Naught, her children Thoughtless and Careless, and her pet dragon Tee-bee are vanquished by the School Nurse, aided by boys and girls who observe the rules of right living, holds never ending interest for the school children before whom the show appears.

The mission of the Christmas seal is to spread the doctrine that tuberculosis is preventable and that, provided it is discovered early and treated properly, it is curable.

### Radio Solves Problem

"De radio has brought happiness in de home," said Uncle Eben, "by settlin' de competition 'bout who's ginetter be recognized as de loud speaker."—Washington Star.

### Business Hint

Make up your mind that your goods will have to be sold this year—they won't sell themselves.—Forbes Magazine.

### Hep! Hep!

Most folks never take the trouble to find out which is their best foot so they can put it forward.—American Magazine.

### Proof of the Pudding

If you think women better qualified than men to pick the best candidates, look what they marry.—Memphis News-Schmitzer.

### Heavy Meal, We Call It

Maine paper—Master Talbot H. Crane recently celebrated his sixth birthday by a luncheon of seven boys and girls.—Boston Transcript.

### Flour Absorbs Odors

Flour quickly absorbs the odor of kerosene. It is, therefore, wise to keep kerosene where it will not come in contact with foods.

### Reader's Troubles

"We read much," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "and are troubled chiefly in deciding what to forget."—Washington Star.

### Financial Note

Problem is to make money first and then to make it last.—Wall Street Journal.

### Need An Examination?



Young people between the ages of 14 and 40 are the objects of special attention at the free chest clinics of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. Statistics show that tuberculosis is still the chief killer in this age group in Michigan, although the "White Plague" has been driven from first down to fourth place as a cause of death for all ages.

Chest clinics, supported by funds raised in the sale of penny Christmas seals, were conducted by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association last year in 41 counties. Of the 1811 patients examined at these clinics, 207 were found to have active cases of tuberculosis and 328 were diagnosed as suspicious cases.

### She Teaches Health

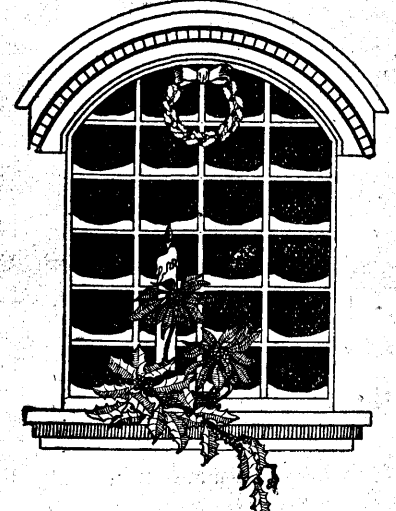


"And now I hope you will remember to bathe often, eat wholesome food, sleep long hours in fresh air, and play out of doors as the Indians did, so that your bodies will be safe-guarded against the dangers of disease."

That is the advice Princess Watassa gives to her school child listeners when she has related to them the last of her Indian health legends. Watassa, whose name translated into English means "Bearer of Happiness," visits Michigan schools to tell the children the value of good living habits.

Princess Watassa is a member of the staff of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. Her health education work is made possible by the sale of Christmas seals.





### Mistletoe as Aid To Santa Claus

Mistletoe season is at hand once more. The mistletoe area of the southwest, which, roughly speaking, forms a circle some 600 miles in circumference about Austin, Texas, has begun shipping great crates of the festive parasite to northern and eastern cities to supply the demands of holiday markets.

In the southwest the shrub blossoms in early October and the white berries are ripe by or shortly before December 1.

Altogether, there are some eighty varieties of mistletoe in America. While the southwest is its principle home it is found in forests along the Pacific coast, in New Mexico and Arizona, and occasionally on the Atlantic coast.

Generally speaking, however, the northern limits for mistletoe in the United States are New Jersey, southern Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and eastern Oklahoma, according to Dr. C. C. Buchholz, professor of botany at the University of Texas and nationally known authority on parasitic plants.

Dr. Buchholz says that the spread of mistletoe through a given area is generally considered to be due to the bird life of that vicinity. Wherever mistletoe grows abundantly, birds are also likely to be found in plenty. The white berries, which contain the seeds of the mistletoe, are covered with a sticky pulp. The birds eat the berries and subsequently distribute the seeds to other trees, frequently through their efforts to wipe the adhesive pulp from their beaks.

This sticky substance, in turn, pastes the seeds to the tree limbs, where they remain throughout the winter and germinate the following spring. If the seed happens to have been pasted in a wound in the tree bark, or to have been situated where root sinkers might readily be sent into soft sap wood, there appears, in due time, a sprig of mistletoe.

Climate agreeable, mistletoe once started is hard to check. If its branches be broken off, new branches fully as hardy will appear next season. If the sprig be scraped to the very limb, new sprigs will crop out in several places along the branch.

So plentiful does mistletoe grow about Austin, where it is but rarely checked by cold weather, that it is looked on as a pest. When once thoroughly implanted in a tree, it is likely eventually to suck the very life from that tree. Back in 1910 the plant became such a menace to the trees of Texas that a government investigation was made.

Farther north, in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, where mistletoe is no real menace to the trees, where winter winds shake the tops of the tallest oaks and elms and defy any undue spread of the life-sucking shrub, people have occasion only to think of mistletoe in connection with Christmas and St. Nicholas, and spicy holidays and pretty girls.

Long ago, in the dark world of ancient Brittany, before the Angles and Norsemen had touched the isles, when the Druids held their worship beneath dark English oaks, priests used mistletoe in their rites of celebration of the New Year. Too, mistletoe filled ceremonial uses across in the brighter lands of Greece and Rome. Later in England, some four hundred years ago, the winter shrub was

### Carol Singing Will Be Revived in Calumet

The delightful old custom of carol singing at Christmas time will be in vogue again this year at Calumet, according to members of the Cornish Carol club, which has been holding regular rehearsals in the Thomas building on Fifth Street. The club includes fifty Cornishmen, most of them natives of Cornwall, the home of carolling, where every man is a singer.

The program of the Yuletide singing has been completed and the community is assured rare entertainment. The club recently received a complete assortment of carol music from a well known Cornish publishing house and will render these numbers. The club has been training under the direction of Arthur Williams.

prohibited from being hung in church buildings. But it was never ousted from the homes, and the mistletoe tradition has grown until today it holds a part in the Christmas festivities of almost every household.

In rich old England, the saying went that if a maiden stand beneath a sprig of mistletoe and not be kissed by some nearby man, she must live out the whole of the ensuing year without marriage.

The tradition has held and girls continue being pretty and men continue being men.

### Christmas All the Year

Shake dried cones and needles from Christmas tree into paper or cloth, put in old cans or cartons, put upon shelf out of way. Use all along through year to refresh and give spicy tang to air in your house. After cooking onions or cabbage, shake few needles into old pan, pour little bit of vinegar in and put over flame to boil while you dry dishes or, if vinegar is absent, simply burn dry.

Adding a bit of spices helps the fragrant odor. This year's spicy needles will last till New Year's again.

### Narrow Escape

The superintendent of a western railway had issued strict orders instructing station masters along the line to report all accidents or near accidents immediately. The very next day he received the following telegram:

"Superintendent's Office—Man fell from platform in front of speeding engine. Will wire details later."

Five minutes ticked by. Then: "Superintendent's Office—Everything O. K. Nobody hurt. Engine was going backwards."

### A Glimpse of Santa

Four small pajama-ed forms crept down the stair,

Tom and the twins and small Sue in the rear,

Shivering in the dawn with hope and fear,

To see if Santa Claus had yet been there.

The street lamp shone in on the Christmas tree

And touched the round glass balls with spots of light.

The four, as one, turned back again to flee,

Scrambling past one another in mad flight.

"Don't anyone go down!" Tom panted, "Santa's there!"

His heart was beating in his small throat.

"We saw him plainly, coming down the stair— We saw the buttons shining on his coat!"



### Christmas in the Barn

Only two more days and Christmas would be here! It had been snowing hard, and Johnny was standing at the window, looking at the soft, white snow which covered the ground half a foot deep. Presently he heard the noise of wheels coming up the road, and a wagon turned in at the gate and came past the window. Johnny was very curious to know what the wagon could be bringing. He pressed his little nose close to the cold window pane, and, to his great surprise, he saw two large Christmas trees. Johnny wondered why there were two trees, and turned quickly to run and tell Mamma all about it; but then remembered that Mamma was not at home. She had gone to the city to buy some Christmas presents and would not return until quite late. Johnny began to feel that his toes and fingers had grown quite cold from standing at the window so long; so he drew his own little chair up to the cheerful grate fire and sat there quietly thinking. Fussy, who had been curled up like a little bundle of wool in the very warmest corner, jumped up, and, going to Johnny, rubbed her head against his knees to attract his attention. He patted her gently and began to talk to her about what was in his thoughts.

He had been puzzling over the two trees which had come, and at last had made up his mind about them. "I know now, Pussy," said he, "why there are two trees. This morning when I kissed Papa good-bye at the gate he said he was going to buy one for me, and Mamma, who was busy in the house, did not hear him say so; and I am sure she must have bought the other. But what shall we do with two Christmas trees?"

"Pussy jumped into his lap and purred and purred. A plan suddenly flashed into Johnny's mind. "Would you like to have one, Pussy?" Pussy purred more loudly and it seemed almost as though she had said yes.

"Oh I will, I will! If Mamma will let me, I'll have a Christmas tree out in the barn for you, Pussy, and for all the pets; and then you'll all be as happy as I shall be with my tree in the parlor."

By this time it had grown quite late. There was a ring at the door bell; and quick as a flash Johnny ran with a happy, smiling face to meet Papa and Mamma and gave them each a loving kiss. During the evening he told them all what he had done that day and also about the two big trees which the man had brought. It was just as Johnny had thought. Papa and Mamma had each bought one, and as it was so near Christmas they thought they would not send either of them back. Johnny was very glad of this, and told them of the happy plan he had made and asked if he might have the extra tree. Papa and Mamma smiled a little as Johnny explained his plan, but they said he might have the tree, and Johnny went to bed feeling very happy.

That night his papa fastened the tree into a block of wood so that it would stand firmly, and then set it in the middle of the barn floor. The next day, when Johnny had finished his lessons, he went to the kitchen, and asked Annie, the cook, if she would save the bones and potato parings and all other leavings from the day's meals and give them to him the following morning. He also begged her to give him several cupfuls of salt and corn meal, which she did, putting them in paper bags for him. Then she gave him the dishes he asked for—a few chipped ones not good enough to be used at table—and an old wooden bowl. Annie wanted to know what Johnny intended to do with all these things, but he only said: "Wait until tomorrow, then you shall see." He gathered up all the things which the cook had given him and carried them to the barn, placing them on a shelf in one corner, where he was sure no one would touch them and where they would be all ready for him to use the next morning.

Christmas morning came, and, as soon as he could, Johnny hurried out to the barn, where stood the Christmas tree which he was going to trim for all his pets. The first thing he did was to get a paper bag of oats; this he tied to one of the branches of the tree, for Brownie, the mare. Then he made up several bundles of hay and tied these on the other side of the tree, not quite so high up, where White Face, the cow, could reach them; and on the lowest branches some more hay for Spotty, the calf.

Next Johnny hurried to the kitchen to get the things Annie had promised to save for him. She had plenty to give. With his arms and hands full he went back to the barn. He found three "lovely" bones with plenty of meat on them; these he tied together to another branch of the tree, for Rover, his big black dog. Under the tree he placed the big wooden bowl, and filled it well with potato parings, rice and meat, left from yesterday's dinner; this was the "full and tempting trough" for Piggywig. Near this he placed a bowl of milk for Pussy, on one plate the salt for the pet lamb, and on another the cornmeal for the dear little chickens. On the top of the tree he tied a basket of nuts; these were for his pet squirrel; and I had almost forgotten to tell you of the bunch of carrots tied very low down where soft white Bunny could reach them.

When all was done, Johnny stood on a little way to look at this wonderful Christmas tree. Clapping his hand with delight, he ran to call Papa

### A Message to Santa Claus



### Only Five National Holidays in America

Although individual states observe many holidays every year there are only five days a year which are celebrated everywhere in the United States and its possessions, explains Grace Robinson, in an article in Liberty.

"These holidays are New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas," Miss Robinson points out.

Some of the more important holidays which are not celebrated by all the states, the writer explains, are: Labor Day which is kept by 46 states; Election Day, by 43; Memorial Day, by 38; Columbus Day, by 35; Lincoln's Birthday, by 26; and Armistice Day, by 23. In the South the birthdays of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee are still observed by ten and nine states, respectively, and four states celebrate April 26 as Confederate Memorial Day.

and Mamma and Annie, and they laughed aloud when they saw what he had done. It was the funniest Christmas tree they had ever seen. They were sure the pets would like the presents Johnny had chosen.

Then there was a busy time in the barn. Papa and Mamma and Annie, helped about bringing in the animals, and before long Brownie, White Face, Spotty, Rover, Piggywig, Pussy, Lambkin, the chickens, the squirrel and Bunny the rabbit, had been led each to his own Christmas breakfast on and under the tree. What a funny sight it was to see them all standing around looking happy and contented, eating and drinking with such an appetite!

While watching them Johnny had another thought, and he ran quickly to the house and brought out the new trumpet which Papa had given him for Christmas. By this time the animals had all finished their breakfast,

### Christmas Cards

The problem of what to do with beautiful Christmas cards that one receives is going to solve itself to some extent this year. The 1928 styles are such that many of the cards that will go from one friend to another will be gifts in themselves, suitable for framing, for use as decorations on waste baskets, boxes or lamp shades, or even for making into scrap-books for the children.

More and more do Christmas cards emphasize the picture value of their design, and less and less the importance of saying "Merry Christmas" all across the front of the card. Folders are more popular than cards these days, with the message and the name of the sender appearing inside the fold, leaving the front free for picture-ization. And these pictures may be anything from a cunning puppy to a snowy street scene, leaving the time-honored Christmas symbols out of the design entirely, and making the card appropriate for all-year-round use in some clever way.

Etchings and the beautiful madonnas reproduced on some of the best cards are especially suitable for framing. Good taste sponsors the uncolored etchings, but the beautiful colors obtained by the new processes of hand-work, and the use of parchment, which lends itself well to rich color effects, have made the colored etchings very lovely and very popular this season.

and Johnny gave a little toot on his rump as a signal that the tree festival was over. Brownie went, neighing and prancing, to her stall; White Face walked demurely off with a bel-low, which Spotty the calf, running at her heels, tried to imitate; the little lamb skipped bleating away; Piggywig walked off with a grunt; Pussy jumped on the fence with a mew; the squirrel still sat up in the tree cracking her nuts; Bunny hopped to her snug little quarters; while Rover, barking loudly,

### Christmas Suggestions

Tiny wool sweater sets, little more than cunning balls of fluff, for the baby of the family. Leggings, sweater cap and mittens, in delicate baby colors, come to us from England for this purpose. And she sends sturdy English golf hose for the boys and girls.

A midget umbrella for the traveler, that folds up into a convenient compact little roll, yet is an adequate rain protector. The cover is pure silk and there's a ribbed gilt frame and a tasseled handle, yet it fits unobtrusively into either coat pocket or handbag.

A formal hostess gown, a negligee, or a pajama suit, for the lady of the family. They are to be had, all three, in exquisite stuffs including lame, crepe satin, velvet and brocade, and they are trimmed with luxurious furs, with marabou, or with sheer of metal laces.

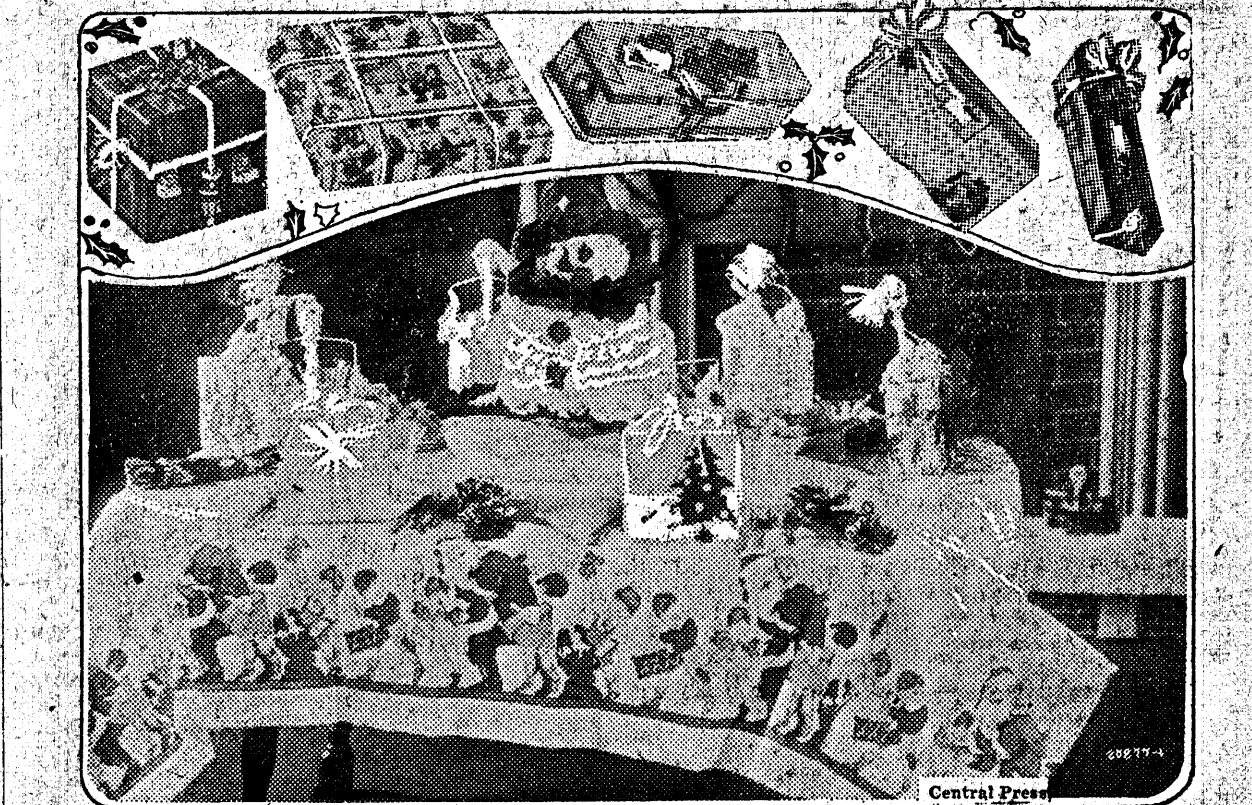
One of the new ensemble sets of flat furs for either mother or daughter, even grandma! It may be a fur beret and a scarf, or it may be a scarf and muff ensemble, recalling the fashions of long ago. They come in black, white, gray, beige and brown furs.

Something for the neck, since neckwear has returned, for any one of the feminine names on the Christmas list. Panels with cuffs to match, of alencon and venise laces, collars of eyelet georgette with cut-work medallions, also with cuffs, these are typical.

chased the chickens back to their coop. Such a hubbub of noises! Mamma said it sounded as if they were trying to say, "Merry Christmas to you, Johnny! Merry Christmas to all."

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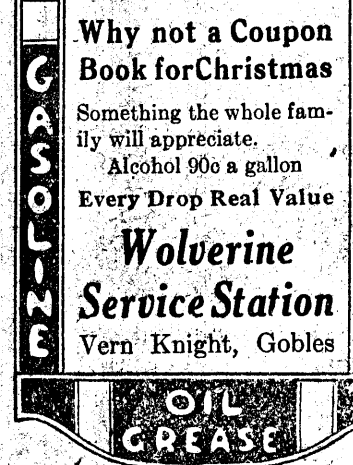
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