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## MUNICIPAL TREE TYPIFIES YULETIDE

Brief Exercises and Appearance of  
Santa With Sweets Brought  
Happiness to Children

Waterliet's municipal tree was erected and lighted last Saturday at the usual location on Main street. It presents a beautiful appearance at night. This is the fifth year that this city has participated to the extent of furnishing and decorating a tree in observance of the Yuletide season. It will remain lighted until after New Year's Day.

A brief Christmas service was held at the tree Monday evening. Barney Dwigins officiated as master of ceremonies and led in community singing of Christmas carols. Rev. G. R. Parker gave a short talk appropriate to the occasion and this was followed by the arrival of Santa Claus with the boxes of candy and oranges prepared by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary. There was one of these gifts for each child present, the fund for the purchase having been provided by the business concerns of the city.

Isaac Pettit officiated as Santa and he was assisted by Lloyd McKee and Boy Scouts in the distribution of the gifts.

Members of the Mayor's Christmas committee who co-operated so heartily in making the affair a success are: Christmas Tree—Stanley Monroe, C. E. Shepard, Doris Hawks, Orange Stinemann.

Christmas Fund—Mrs. F. W. Brown and Mrs. Leslie Smith. Gifts and Program—Mrs. Harold Harter, president of the Auxiliary, and her committee—Mrs. Frank McNitt, Mrs. Barney Dwigins, Mrs. Martha Brunson.

In the face of the blizzard that raged last Friday Lewis Willis drove his truck out into the Toquira road and brought in the tree to replace the one destroyed by the windstorm.

Those in the city who were unfortunate in not having provision for Christmas cheer, were in most instances provided for generously, if their situation was known.

### APPRECIATION

To the members of the several committees who assisted in the municipal Christmas tree observance, to those who contributed to the funds and to Rev. G. R. Parker for his co-operation in the services, I express the appreciation and thanks of the city administration.

LEON D. CASE, Mayor.

## GOLF COURSE ROAD INJUNCTION DISMISSED

Through Inability of Plaintiff To Be  
In Court Says Mr. Bowyer

An Injunction obtained by L. F. Bowyer, president of the Paw Paw Lake Golf course, restraining the township board of Waterliet township, from keeping open a road to the plat of Port Hope on Paw Paw Lake, was dismissed by Judge White when the matter came up for a hearing in the circuit court several weeks ago.

Mr. Bowyer, who is now touring Europe, read the account of the vacating of the court order in 'The Record' and says the article as it appeared in this newspaper conveyed a wrong impression and he writes us from Paris. We print herewith his statement regarding this litigation.

Hotel Royal Haussmann,  
Paris, France.  
December 6, 1929.

Dear Mr. Case:

With reference to the Port Hope road, platted in 1899, which would pass over the golf property. The account in 'The Record' on November 15, last, does not reflect the true situation. Before leaving Michigan the expectation was to have the case set for trial next spring. Not until a day or two before sailing from New York, was I advised that the case would come up earlier. I could not turn back, and I sent a letter saying that I did not object to a dissolution of the injunction, pro tem, under the circumstances, as no one could possibly use the road anyway, and that there was not much likelihood of the Township spending any more money on it.

This is to show that there was no decision on the road matter, on its merits. The injunction was dissolved as a matter of course, owing to my inability to be in court as plaintiff.

Very sincerely,  
L. F. BOWYER.

### Lumber Dealers See Good Year In 1930

B. C. Beverley of the Rosenberg & Forbes company, Waterliet, and Jas. Kibler of the Michigan Shore Lumber & Supply company, Coloma, motored to Kalamazoo last Thursday night where they attended the regular monthly meeting for district number 17 of the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' Association. The meeting was held at the Columbia hotel and a turkey dinner was served.

Because of the storm only 14 of the 57 lumber firms were represented. However, Mr. Beverley says those present were in an optimistic frame of mind regarding building conditions for 1930. The discussion brought forth the opinion that money was easier and collections fair.

## PAPER CO. SANTA TO ITS EMPLOYEES

Special Christmas Dividend To Stockholders and Cash to Employees

The Waterliet Paper company played Santa Claus in a very substantial manner to its stockholders and employees. To the former the company paid a special Christmas dividend of one-half of one per cent on the stock and to each one of its 425 employees it presented a gift check the Saturday before Christmas. Accompanying the checks to the employees was a letter from the company's president, George K. Ferguson.

The Waterliet industry is closing a very successful year with a twelve-month record of practically full time operation. It is the first full year since the company's expansion program was completed and with both paper machines in continuous operation.

At a meeting of the board of directors last week Wednesday an optimistic sentiment it is said prevailed regarding the paper industry for the coming year.

### PIONEER WATERVLIET WOMAN DIED DECEMBER 21

Mrs. Anna Emerson's Residence Here  
Dates Back 65 Years

Funeral rites were conducted at the Waterliet Congregational church Monday afternoon for Mrs. Anna Emerson, one of the early residents of Waterliet township. Mrs. Emerson died early Saturday morning at the home of her son, City Commissioner F. W. Emerson, with whom she had made her home for the past two years.

Coming to Waterliet in the days of her young womanhood, Mrs. Emerson had a part in the development of a comparatively new country and her influence in the community was ever for the best in all that the word implies. With the husband and other members of her family, she was for many years active in church work and she ever took a keen interest in other civic affairs.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. G. R. Parker. Mrs. Frank Geisler sang, "The Hour of Trial" and "Lead Kindly Light." Burial was in Waterliet cemetery.

Anna Haller was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1842, and died at the home of her son, F. W. Emerson, in this city, December 21, 1929, aged 87 years, 6 months and 25 days. She was the oldest of a family of seven, only one of whom, Mrs. Adele Potts of Kendallville, Indiana, who was with her at the time of her passing, survives.

When she was but ten years of age the family moved to Wolcottville, Ind., where the father operated a flour mill for years. There were but few railroads in those days and the entire journey to the new home in the west was made with a one-horse wagon, except for two days spent on an Ohio river boat between Pittsburg and Cincinnati.

On the 21st of March, 1861, she was married to Benjamin F. Emerson. To this union four children were born, two daughters and two sons. Only the youngest of the four survives her.

In March 1865, Mrs. Emerson, with her husband and two small daughters, moved to Waterliet township and settled on the farm three miles north of Waterliet where the Stickney school house now stands. The country was very new and much of the distance between their house and the village of Waterliet was a dense wilderness. The following spring the family moved to the old homestead east of Waterliet. Here the older son, Wilbur, died May 2, 1873. Here, September 22, 1901, her husband died after a lingering illness.

November 28, 1919, her oldest daughter, Myrtle, wife of Amos Hammet, of Hartford, passed away and December 29, 1927, she bade farewell to her younger daughter, Belle.

Mrs. Emerson was a person of robust constitution and enjoyed a comfortable degree of health up to a few years ago when the infirmities of age began to make themselves felt. Her mind was clear and active even after stricken with her final illness and at her advanced age she took a lively interest in everything that was transpiring about her.

She was a consistent and a devoted wife, a kind and indulgent mother and a faithful friend and neighbor. She loved children and to a large circle of nieces and nephews she was always known as "Aunt Anna."

Besides her son and sister already mentioned, she leaves three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and a host of more distant relatives.

### Alumni Of M. S. C. To Hold Annual Supper and Dance

The Alumni of Michigan State College are putting on a big pot luck supper and dance at the Memorial Hall in St. Joseph on Saturday night, December 28th. This is the annual holiday get-together of the East Lansing Alumni and a big turnout is expected. Dr. Austin, head of the education department of Michigan State, will speak at the dinner and singing will follow with music by Ruth Higbee Wilson's orchestra. Alumni are inviting friends for the dance.

### Berrien Guernsey Breeders Will Meet At Eau Claire

The annual business meeting of the Berrien County Guernsey Breeders' Association will be held in the Community hall of Eau Claire, Monday, December 30. Business session will start at 10 a. m., and dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Prof. Anthony, head of the dairy department of the Michigan State College, and W. D. Burrington, field secretary of the Michigan Guernsey Breeders' Association, will be the afternoon speakers. The public is invited to hear this interesting program.

## HIGH SCHOOL SHOWS POWER IN DEFEATING BERRIEN SPRINGS

Consistent Play Gives Maroons Victory  
35-28

W. H. S. defeated Berrien Springs on the local floor last Saturday night before a large crowd that braved the drifts and cold to see the game. Both teams were seeking their fourth victory of the season and a fast game was the result. Berrien, local forward, made twenty-two points to lead the scoring.

The game started with Berrien shooting over their heads with one-handed hook shots. Enough of these counted to give the visitors a 9-8 lead at the quarter. Waterliet took the lead early in the second quarter and had a five point lead at half-time. Berrien failed to score in this period which ended 14-9.

The last play of the first half continued throughout the remainder of the game, with Waterliet holding the lead that was set up in the second quarter. Berrien made frequent substitutions in the closing minutes of the game.

The visitors won the reserve game 16-14 after trailing most of the way. French made twelve points for Berrien and shared the honor of the game with "Red" Bunnell, who sank the winning basket late in the fourth quarter.

Friday night will be an All-Waterliet in the local gym with the Alumni meeting the high school. Twenty basketball stars of former years will appear with the strong Alumni team. Several of the graduates will warm up for the big game by taking on the high school reserves in a 7:30 preliminary.

### SPEARING THROUGH THE ICE PERMITTED FOR CERTAIN FISH

New Law Allows Spearfishing While  
Lakes Are Frozen Over

The winter fishing season is now on in Michigan and soon many of the inland lakes will be dotted with the shanties of fishermen, equipped with hand spears.

Paw Paw Lake has always been popular for fishing through the ice and many local fishermen are arranging to set their shanties as soon as the ice is thick enough to hold the houses up safely.

Choosing to abide by the sentiment of the State Legislature which adopted the 1929 inland fishing bill and which declared all inland lakes of Michigan open to spearfishing of certain species of fish, during the period in which these waters were frozen over, the conservation commission at its last regular meeting refused to grant numerous petitions seeking the closing of local waters to spearfishing.

The section of the new inland fishing law referring to spearfishing on inland waters says that it shall be unlawful to "spear with or without the use of hook or artificial light, which may be used from April one to May thirty-one for taking non-game fish in the rivers and streams of this state; provided, however, that it shall be unlawful to use a spear in any trout stream in this state; provided further, that nothing in this act shall prevent the spearfishing of pickerel, suckers, mullet and red horse during the time when the lakes are frozen over."

### W. J. LANG CO. WILL BUILD NEW PAW PAW RIVER HIGHWAY

Big Improvement Will Be Made on  
Road Leading to Riverside

A contract for the construction of two and one-quarter miles of highway on the Riverside road was awarded to the W. J. Lang Construction company at a cost of \$81,167. This company was given the contract on a bid over \$6,000 below its nearest competitor.

The new stretch of highway will lead from the Van Camp crossing of the Pere Marquette railway to the Hagar Shore road. The old highway will be torn out and the regular road bed will be used for the base in the center of the new highway. New concrete base will be laid to a sufficient width to make a 20-foot highway, with a concrete foundation and an asphalt top. Work will be started on the improvement as early in the spring as possible.

## WATERVLIET HARDWARE

Phone 49 We Deliver

## Cold Weather Needs

Axes..... \$1.50 to \$2.45  
Bucksaws..... \$1.25 and \$1.50  
Crosscut Saws..... \$4.50 to \$6.50  
Hotblast Heaters..... \$14.75 & \$17.50  
Snow Shovels..... 50¢  
Furnace Scoops.....  
Charcoal, sack.....  
Soot Destroyer.....

### New Year

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## \$1,000 FIRE LOSS AT IVAN RYNO HOME

Explosion of Kerosene in Radiator  
Hose Started Blaze

The explosion of kerosene in a radiator hose caused a fire at the Ivan Ryno farm one mile southeast of Coloma, Saturday evening, December 21st, when his garage, 24x30 feet, an Overland car and a number of relics were consumed. The building, which was lately remodeled, with a new roof and other improvements, was originally a blacksmith shop at the home of the present owner's grandfather, John Boise Ryno. Many relics stored in the garage were destroyed, including an old anvil and forge, bellows, oxen shoes, cake griddle and many other keepsakes. The winter's supply of hard coal, which was stored in the garage, was partially saved. The loss is estimated at \$1,000 with no insurance.

### PRISON SENTENCES GIVEN TO SEVEN

Embezzlers, Burglars and Others Will  
Spend Christmas in Prison

It was not a very pleasant duty that Circuit Judge Charles E. White was called upon to perform when he was confronted with the sentencing of eight prisoners who had been found guilty of various offenses. At the Christmas season when the spirit of good cheer should prevail, even the Judge found it necessary to give the prisoners sentences that will keep most of them in their cells for some time to come.

Clarence Pullens, Benton Harbor expressman who pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement in connection with the robbing of express packages, nearly collapsed when Judge White pronounced his sentence. Pullens pleaded mercy for the sake of his wife and three children when he was sentenced to serve from four to five years at Jackson.

William Polk, Benton Harbor, was sentenced to serve two to five years at Jackson for stealing and wrecking an automobile owned by Louis Landsman.

The stiffest "trap" of the day was handed Joe Charepki, a Fort Wayne, Indiana, youth who was found guilty of burglary. He was charged with robbing the Robinson garage on Paw Paw avenue in Benton Harbor last October. Joe was the boy who escaped from Deputy Sheriff Charles H. Andrews when he was taken to the office of Dr. Dean Tomeller in Benton Harbor to have a tooth extracted. He was later captured when he started a fight at the home of his former pal. The Judge ordered him to spend seven and one-half to 15 years at Jackson.

Bert Woodruff, of Niles, who was found guilty of indecent exposure, received a sentence of six months to a year at Lonia.

Fred Maybro, Sodus township, found guilty of rape, was given a sentence of five to 10 years at Jackson.

William Ehrman, charged with receiving stolen property, received a six months to five years sentence at Lonia.

Jimmie Genovesi, Benton Harbor Italian, charged with violation of the liquor laws, was given a one to three-year term at Jackson.

Harold Seel, of Bainbridge township, arrested several times on charges of passing bad checks, was placed on probation for two years and ordered to pay costs of \$100.

### COUNTY LINE TRAGEDY CAUSED BY ACCIDENT

That is Most Logical Conclusion of  
Burning of Hupp Barn and Death of  
The Owner

That the tragic death of Cyrus Hupp in the fire that destroyed his barn together with horses, cattle, sheep and other contents Wednesday morning of last week was caused by some unknown accident is the logical conclusion of officers and friends following the investigation and inquest by a coroner's jury last Thursday.

The formal finding of the coroner's jury was that the death of the well known and successful Hartford farmer was due to "fire of unknown origin." There was no evidence or any circumstances connected with the affair to indicate the possibility that Mr. Hupp had been murdered and the barn fired. There is likewise little to support a suicide theory and that Mr. Hupp was the victim of some accident is the only remaining solution and the most plausible one.

Mr. Hupp was a smoker and while it is unusual for a farmer to smoke in the barn, he might have done so and thus started a fire that later trapped him in the hay loft. Various other possibilities are associated with the accident theory.

Mr. Hupp was not financially embarrassed and there was apparently little brought forth at the inquest to support self destruction. It is true that he had been somewhat upset over a large ditch tax assessed against his farm, but it was not so large, but that he could meet the payment without trouble.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday at the Hartford home.

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## HERE AND THERE

Senator Hastings of Delaware made a very able address over the radio the other night on the rejection of William Vare as senator from the state of Pennsylvania. The writer was not tuning in to hear this speech, but casually caught a phrase of the senator's talk that appealed to him as coming from a man who had a wonderful command of the English language and we listened to him through. It was a masterful argument against the presumption of a majority of the senate in deciding to reject a sovereign state whom they should send to represent them in that body. Senator Hastings admitted that Vare may have been the boss of a discredited political machine in the city of Philadelphia and that an excessive sum of money might have been expended in securing the nomination for Vare, but he held that inasmuch as Vare received a large majority of the vote cast at the subsequent election the senate was establishing a precedent dangerous to the perpetuity of a democratic form of government in rejecting a duly accredited representative from any state. Whether agreeing with the Delaware senator or not, he is evidently a master of logic, an orator of skill, with a profound knowledge of our government and its functions.

### STORM HALTED HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

The week before Christmas, 1929, will long be remembered by the citizens of Michigan and all the central states because of the severe and heavy snow storm which completely demoralized Christmas shopping to a considerable extent.

On Wednesday of last week the storm broke over this community and continued without any let-up until during the night Friday, December 20th. Every highway in the state was filled with snow, which drifted to the greatest depth in many places that the citizens can remember in many years. The weather was not extremely severe except for the strong wind that carried the snow into huge piles. The lowest that the mercury dropped in Berrien county during those days was about 10 degrees above zero.

The railways had difficulty in operating their trains, some of which were many hours late; the bus lines did not even attempt to operate on Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday only operated on a partial schedule. The state and county highway departments put on all the available men and equipment that they could muster to open up the main arteries of traffic and by Saturday morning motorists could travel with safety on the trunk line highways, while the side roads were still in a most deplorable condition.

Tuesday night a large state highway department truck scraped the snow from the center of U. S. 31 through this city toward the curbs, making automobile driving through town good. Today the city has three trucks and a half dozen shovellers at work removing some of the piled up snow from the business section, in an effort to make the parking of cars less difficult.

All state trunkline highways and the county highways in this section are reported in good condition for travel, with the exception of a stretch south of this city on the Waterliet-Niles road. It is reported had near the Cribbs corners, but passable.

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### CHRISTMAS DAY WEDDING

A very quiet, but pretty wedding, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Betz on Christmas Day, when their daughter, Lucy Rose, became the bride of Everett Howard Lape of Hammond, Indiana. Promptly at 4:00 o'clock the bridal couple took their places, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Parker, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church of this city, who read the single ring service. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Betz of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, brother and sister-in-law of the bride.

The bride was beautifully gowned in orchid, with uneven hem and tight bodice, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and baby's breath and she wore silver slippers. The only ornament, besides a string of pearls, was an old brooch handed down to her from Civil War days. The bridesmaid wore tan georgette. Besides the immediate family, there were several guests present.

The bride has been a resident of Watervliet practically all her life, coming here as a very small child, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lape of Hammond. The young couple left on Thursday for Hammond, where they will reside, and in the spring they plan to take an extended wedding trip.

Mrs. A. H. Cutler, daughter of the late O. G. Hungerford, died at the family home in Iowa City, Iowa, on December 19, only 12 days after her father's death. Funeral services were held in Hartford last Sunday. She was buried beside her father in the Maple Hill cemetery. For many years the family had spent the summers at Fairview Beach, Paw Paw Lake.

### Road Conditions Held Up Movie Films

Owing to the bad condition of the roads this last week, our films for Friday and Saturday, which come by truck from Detroit, did not arrive, and consequently we had to disappoint our friends and patrons with a dark house.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE, Watervliet, Mich.

Old newspapers for sale at Record Office.

### Best New Year's Wishes

THE WATERVLIET RECORD

### BREVITIES

Don't put it off, put it on—Paints, Varnishes, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Shellac, Alabastines, Brushes, etc. "Lac"—dries in less than thirty minutes. Nu-Way Shop.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olson spent Christmas with relatives in Kalamazoo. B. C. Hope is here from Grand Rapids to spend Christmas with his family.

Arden Stickney is spending the holiday vacation here with his uncle, H. E. Stickney.

George Goldfuss has closed his home at Edgewater and is in Chicago for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Haskell spent Christmas with the Arch Thompson family at Comstock.

Mrs. Lillian Baumbach of Chicago is spending Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frahn.

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Leamon spent Christmas Day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Miller at Coloma.

Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn Disbrow and baby spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Disbrow's sister, in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Runyan are the parents of a baby girl, born December 14. She has been named Betty Lou.

George Burr is expected over from Chicago to spend New Year's Day at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thos. Carmody.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Merrifield of Chicago are spending Christmas with relatives here and in Hartford. Robert Merrifield was home from South Bend to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krieger spent Christmas with relatives in Hartford. J. C. Widmeyer and daughters spent Christmas with relatives in Kalamazoo.

Miss Catherine Allen of Chicago spent Christmas Day at the John Crumb home.

Mr. and Mrs. Coral Abel were down from Grand Rapids to spend Christmas with home folks.

Elmer Muth was home from Chicago to spend Christmas day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Muth.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Tillson spent Sunday in Chicago with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Johnson.

Miss Emily Sweeting and Miss Ruth Sweeting drove to Union City Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Elliot.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Platt of Kalamazoo spent Christmas here at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Sophia Carmody.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alfing of Battle Creek spent Christmas Day here at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Brooks.

Glenn and Grace Lyman, Mrs. T. J. O'Malley and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kin-sella of Chicago spent Christmas at the A. J. Lyman home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker of Lansing, father and mother of Rev. G. R. Parker of this city, are at St. Cloud, Florida, for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Fennel and four children left here Monday to drive to Butler, Pennsylvania, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Scherer and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Scherer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wiles, in Southwest Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanselmann of South Bend spent Christmas here at the home of the latter's father and brother, Kelber Abel and Arthur Abel.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. H. Hillard, St. Joseph street, on Friday, January 3. Each lady bring her own work.

Mrs. N. Dufor of Muskegon visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Steve Schwab. Mrs. Schwab accompanied her mother home and is spending the week there.

Edwin Whitman spent Christmas here with his father, Chas. Whitman, and other relatives. After the first of the year he goes to Cortland, New York, with the sales department of a large manufacturing concern.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Leonard of Paw Paw avenue, on Christmas Day. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cline and four children of this city and Miss Mary Leonard of Hartford.

Lawrence Kuehn of Bowe's Landing, Paw Paw Lake, is spending Christmas week in Maywood, Illinois. He may decide to go to Florida. He reported that Mr. and Mrs. George Wood were expected to return from Orlando, Florida, to spend the holidays in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Abbott motored to Detroit Sunday where they spent Christmas with their daughter, Maurine, and other relatives in that city. They picked their son Cornelius up at Ann Arbor and he accompanied them to Detroit. Miss Maurine is taking a nurse's training course at the Ford hospital.

J. H. Leverton, Watervliet I. G. A. merchant, has been called to South Haven several times this week on account of the critical illness of his father, a well known resident of that city. The elder Mr. Leverton has been in ill health since July 4, and a few days ago he suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

J. B. Willmington is announcing a public sale of farm personal at the Willmington farm, just east of the Griggs Corners, three miles south of Watervliet, for Monday afternoon, December 30. The sale list includes horses, cattle, feed and farm tools, and full particulars will be found in his advertisement on another page of this paper.

Miss Evelyn Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Brown of this city and Sam Wagner of Kalamazoo arrived here last Saturday night from Coudersport, Pennsylvania, where both are teaching in the public schools of that city. They drove all night and all day in covering 600 miles. They encountered no snow drifts until they reached Toledo.

Miss Effie Price of Detroit spent Christmas Eve here at the home of her brother, O. D. Price, and family. She came here from Benton Harbor, where she had spent a few days with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Slenker. Christmas Day she accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Price and family to Allegan, where they spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beld and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney entertained the following at a Christmas Day dinner at their home on Crescent street: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tracy and children of Huntington, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosenberg and children of Benton Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. Clair Shepard and daughter, Watervliet; Miss Pauline Whitney, Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenberg, Watervliet. There was a family Christmas tree and a Santa Claus for the children.

Those home to spend the Christmas holidays include: Miss Retha Chambers, Ionia; Miss Mary Woodruff, Otsego; Richard Herrick, Valparaiso; Sidney Van Natter, Elkhart; Robert Shire, Eugene McKean, Norma Price, Arabell Ray, Kalamazoo; Helen Parker, Olivet; Irene Ray, Comstock; Ethel Callard, Union City; Milton Scherer, Muskegon; Frances Carmody, Toledo; Lucile Lewis, Grand Rapids; Pauline Whitney, Chicago; Mildred Price, Chicago; Lotta Rogers, Albion; Louisa Rogers, Clare; Mrs. Margaret Carter, Lansing.

While distributing milk to workers in the paper mill last Friday morning, Clark Shimer, Watervliet milk dealer, met with an accident in which he narrowly escaped serious results. Mr. Shimer was using an elevator to go from the basement to the first floor in the coating mill. He attempted to step from the elevator platform to the floor without stopping the elevator. He slipped and fell back onto the elevator as it continued to ascend and was caught by the descending gate. He called for help and a workman came to his rescue and stopped the elevator. Shimer escaped with some bruises and torn clothes.

### Card of Thanks

To the many neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us and demonstrated their sympathy by so many kindly acts during the hours of our sorrow and bereavement we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude. F. W. EMERSON and FAMILY.

Miss Nelle Smith entertained at a family gathering Christmas Day.

Miss Lucile Soule was home from South Bend to spend Christmas Day.

A family gathering was held at the C. W. Lewis home on Lewis street Christmas Day.

Misses Mildred and Georgia Howard were home from Chicago to spend Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Betz of Fort Wayne, Indiana, spent part of the holiday vacation at the Wm. Betz home.

Mrs. Orange Stinemann returned home today from Ohio where she has been for several weeks helping care for a sister, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Appleby motored here from Niles Tuesday to spend the Christmas holiday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hammel.

Mrs. A. J. Clark and sons, Arthur and Robert, and her father, A. J. Kelly, spent Christmas in Kalamazoo. Mr. Clark will be home from Grayling for a few days.

Mrs. H. E. Dill and Mrs. Porter of Fairview Beach left here last Thursday to drive through to St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Porter plans to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida. Mrs. Dill did not plan to remain long there.

Ellis B. Lepper, 75, former resident of this city and for many years of Hartford, is at a Kalamazoo hospital suffering from injuries sustained when he sprang from his bed and leaped through a second story window while dreaming that the house was on fire. Since the death of his wife a few weeks ago he has been living with his son and family.

Miss Verne Harris and Miss Berry Wood, teachers in the Muskegon schools, spent Christmas here at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris. The girls are leaving Grand Rapids today for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the holiday vacation with Mrs. Wood's mother, who is there for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Corliss Blackman and son Cornelius motored through Tuesday from Berea, Ohio, and are spending the Christmas week end with relatives and friends here. They made the journey of 300 miles in 12 hours. Mr. Blackman says business conditions in and around Cleveland have been slow for the past six months, but that better times are predicted.

Among the many attractive holiday greeting cards received by local people, were two distinctive ones from summer residents at Paw Paw Lake. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Teschemacher of Chicago sent greetings to friends on a very artistic folder with a picture of their beautiful home, the "Avalon," at Beechwood Point. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Raven greeted their friends with an equally attractive folder with a beautiful view of the Country Club House at Paw Paw Lake. This was very appropriate, inasmuch as Mr. Raven is the president of the Club for the coming summer months and will be very ably assisted by his charming wife.

Owing to the series of evangelistic services which were held here for three weeks, closing December 15th, only a short time was afforded for the preparation of a Christmas program at the Methodist church, but members of the Primary Department of the Sunday School gave several recitations and songs appropriate to the Yuletide season and the Young People's Choir furnished special music, so that a very nice program was enjoyed by the large crowd present. A special feature of the Christmas season is the annual White Gift offering which goes toward the support of the Methodist Children's Home at Detroit, and a very fine offering was received, for which the church is truly grateful. At the close of the program, Old Santa, himself, driving a reindeer, appeared, and making his way to the front of the auditorium, left a huge basket filled with boxes of candy and nuts which were afterwards distributed to the children. Special Christmas decorations included evergreens sent here from Washington state by a son of Mrs. Stover.

Masonic Lodge Two Install Officers Friday Night.

The recently elected officers of Henry Chamberlain Lodge 308 F. & A. M. of this city are to be installed Friday night. The elected officers are: Adolph Vandrasek, W. M.; Wm. Stenback, Jr., S. W.; Elliot Spreen, J. W.; E. P. Young, treasurer; C. E. Shepard, secretary. Pastmaster Doris Hawks will officiate as installing officer and Leon D. Case as marshal.

### Desirable Immigrant

The first chrysanthemums were imported from China into England in 1790, and soon made their way to other parts of the world.

### Land of Beekeepers

One family in every 25 in Switzerland keeps bees. More than 300,000 hives were counted in a recent census.

### All's Fair

Lying has always been accounted a legitimate weapon in war and politics. —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### One Point of View

All wants, beyond those which a very moderate income will supply, are purely imaginary.

### A Lesson

A day begun with hope should end with achievement.

MARCIA CAMPBELL STROUSE

June 7, 1899. Dec. 21, 1925.

In loving remembrance of our darling wife and mother who passed away four years ago. Gone but never to be forgotten.

HUSBAND & SON.

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Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Wednesday, January 1st ARMORY-BENTON HARBOR 3:30 P. M.

MAIN GO—LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT JOHNNY HOEKSTRA—of Niles

—VS.— CHIEF ELKHART—of Chicago 10 3-Minute Rounds

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