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# HOLLAND CITY NEWS

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1918

NUMBER SIX



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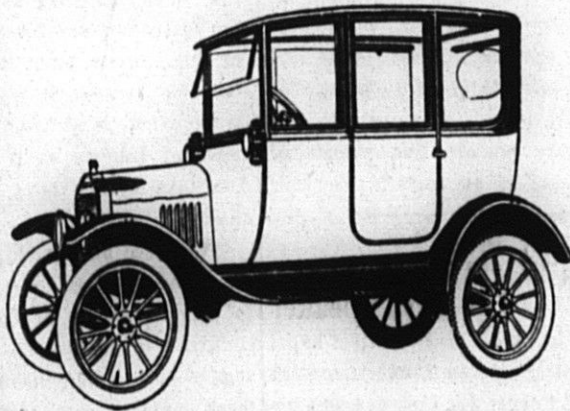
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President Wilson says  
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ANOTHER BIG ONE

Monday Only Matinee and Night

"Gods Country and the Woman"  
in 9 Reels

The biggest we have shown yet. Also Vaudeville.  
Prices 10, 20, and 30 cents

NEW PRICES NEXT WEEK

Entire lower floor 20c. Balcony 10c.

Beat These Prices And Show If You Can

### ONE MILLION DOLLARS PAID FOR SUGAR BEETS

HOLLAND-ST. LOUIS SUGAR CO.  
MAKE 24,000,000 POUNDS  
OF SUGAR

Pays Farmer for 110,000 Tons of Sugar  
(Beets At Their Three  
Factories)

To show the magnitude of the business over which Mr. C. M. McLean of this city has supervision is self-evident when the amount of business transacted the past year is gone into.

The three factories, one at Holland, one at St. Louis, Michigan, one at Decatur, Ind., show that 110,000 tons of beets were purchased from the farmers at an average of \$8.16 1/2 per ton or a grand total of \$898,150 it is estimated that freight, weighing station operations and state field men expenses will bring this price \$2 a ton higher, which would bring the grand total up to \$1,018,150.00 that the company is paying for beets.

If the crop for 1918 is as large as the one of 1917 \$110,000 can be added to this amount because the sugar company has added \$1.00 per ton to the price of beets, and judging from the many contracts that are being signed because of the raise the crop will be much larger if the weather conditions are in any way favorable.

From this tremendous amount of beets 24,000,000 pounds of sugar were made. Not quite a fourth of a pound for each man, woman and child in the United States, which in itself goes to show the possibility of the sugar industry in this country.

It took 25,000 tons of coal to operate these factories. It took 5,000 tons of lime-stone, 1,000 tons of coke all used in converting the beets into sugar. Of course there are an endless list of other necessities that make up the requirements in the running of a sugar factory, but a few of these figures will show what a stupendous job our local manager has been undertaking successfully for several years.

It also shows the tremendous amount of capital required to swing a business of the Holland and St. Louis Sugar Company.

### Man Walks from Douglas to Holland to buy Chicken Feed

Dr. L. E. Heasley braved the storms and cold of Monday when the thermometer was registering 18 below zero and walked from Douglas to Holland through unbroken roads a distance of sixteen miles. The interurban tracks were blocked for several days and going by horse and cutter was next to impossible.

Mr. Heasley who is the manager of the Shorewood farm, a large poultry establishment found that the feed was getting mighty low to keep a few thousand chickens well fed. There was none to be had in either Douglas or Saugatuck and with no interurbans going it was up to the doctor to hot-foot or cold foot it as the case may be, to Holland. He started at 8 o'clock in the morning and reached this city at 2 o'clock in the afternoon but he was very much disappointed to find that Holland also had a chicken feed famine and it was only after staying another day that he succeeded in skinning up enough feed so that his stock could be properly fed for at least a few days and until the interurban cars are again running regularly.

### HOLLAND BUSINESS MEN ASKED TO SELL THRIFT STAMPS

EACH WILL GET CIRCULAR FROM  
GOVERNMENT ASKING THEIR  
SUPPORT TO AID THE  
BUYING ON OF THE WAR

The United States Government has established one million Thrift Stamp Selling Agencies in the country. Michigan's allotment is 35,000, and Holland will have as many agencies as there are business men in the city.

The matter of establishing these agencies is also being taken up before the government. Over 30,000 circulars are being sent out to the reliable business houses of the state and no doubt the merchants of Holland are already receiving some of them.

The committee in charge of the campaign in Ottawa county of which Con De Pree is the chairman, urge that no patriotic citizen refuse the request of the government to act as sales-agent. It entails no obligation on their part to purchase these stamps except at their own pleasure. It will however be to their own interest to have these stamps on sale for their customers.

Don't fire your application in the waste basket, but do your bit, along with the thrift stamp lines.

## AMERICAN TRANSPORT SUNK; 267 MISSING MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN TROOPS NOT ON BOARD

Washington, Feb. 7.—With 2,179 American troops aboard the Cunard liner Tuscania conveyed by British warships, has been torpedoed and sunk off the north coast of Ireland.

Nineteen hundred and twelve officers and men, according to the state department dispatches from London, have been landed and officials today anxiously awaiting further details of the first disaster to the American soldiers en route to France, believe that most of the 267 missing have been saved.

First news of the sinking came in a report to the war department early on Wednesday night announcing that 1,100 survivors had been landed at Buncrana and Larne, two widely separated Irish ports. This was made public at about 10 o'clock, and until the arrival of the state department dispatches two hours later it was feared that more than 1,400, including the Cunard's crew had perished.

The state department message said 2,173 troops were aboard the Tuscania. No mention of the fate of the crew was made in the state department al-

vices, nor were the landing points of the rescued American troops indicated but the war department's message saying that 1,100 survivors had been put ashore at Buncrana and Larne, indicated that the convoy vessels got alongside the sinking transports very quickly and relief ships made the scene of the disaster within a few hours.

Lansing, Feb. 7.—Gen Bersey at state military headquarters, Lansing, announced late Wednesday night that Michigan National Guard units of the 32nd division were not involved in the Tuscania disaster. The units comprising the old 31st (Detroit) regiment and the old 32nd (Grand Rapids and Western Michigan) and 33rd regiments are still in camp in New Jersey, he stated. No units of the old Michigan National Guard have yet embarked, except the 107th engineers from the upper peninsula. The 107th engineers—not to be confused with the 107th engineers train, which is largely from Wisconsin—are no longer in camp, but were not mentioned as having been aboard the Tuscania.

### HAMILTON MAN CATCHES BABY DROPPED FROM 3RD STORY

THREE-YEAR-OLD BOY ALSO DESCENDING BY AIR ROUTE, IS ALSO CAUGHT.

The Hamilton correspondent relates news relative to a youth from the village located southeast of Holland, named Gerrit Hinnen, who figured in quite an exciting episode in Grand Rapids. He had left for a visit to the city for the purpose of seeing his best girl and while on the way from the Holland interurban depot to the home of the young lady he heard screams of terror coming from a house near by. He noticed smoke and flames issuing from the roof and windows of the place and immediately ran into the yard to see if he could be of some assistance. He reached the house just in time to see a woman in a frenzy dropping a three-year-old boy from the third story to the snow below. Gerrit Hinnen caught the lad just in time and deposited him in a snow bank, when he saw sailing to earth another package thickly bundled up, which proved to be a two-months-old baby. The mother climbed down as far as she could and dropped into a snow bank below uninjured. Two young ladies having rooms in the building then came rushing from the burning house clad in nothing but their night dresses. Gerrit certainly had excitement enough for one day with experiences so different from the monotone of staid old Hamilton. When his services were no longer needed he left the balance for the firemen to take care of, and wended his way to the home of his lady love.

Hinnen is to be a soldier and is now attending the signal corps wireless school at the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A.

### EIGHT DIE IN TWO WEEKS OVER SEVENTY YEARS

OLDEST IS 90 YEARS OF AGE AND  
THE YOUNGEST IS JUST  
SEVENTY.

John S. Dykstra, the local undertaker tells of quite a coincidence that has been brought about by the grim reaper, death.

No doubt the rigorous weather of the last two weeks has been unusually severe upon the aged. His records show that within the last two weeks eight persons have died over the age of 70 years. The oldest being 90 and the youngest a little over 70.

The persons all live in Holland and vicinity and their names and ages follow:

Eliza Dempster, 90; Joseph Beaumont, 73; George Ohlman, 84; John F. Henry, 83; Willis S. Bryan, 70; John F. Baker, 74; H. Boone, 77; Sarah Greenlees, 77.

The track to Grand Haven has not been open since Saturday. In fact a snow plow and an engine are now stalled at Harlem. Holland citizens going to the County seat must either go by the way of Grand Rapids or take the air route.

### P. M. ROAD HAS WRECK DIFFICULTIES

EIGHT CARS ARE DERAILED;  
THREE ARE BURNED AT  
FENNVILLE

One Man Was Slightly Injured In  
Jumping to a Place of  
Safety.

The Pere Marquette R. R. is certainly having its troubles these days. The snow situation seems to have hit this road just a little harder than any other in the state. The railroad has also been very unfortunate owing to the many wrecks brought about by snow conditions.

Scarcely had the wrecking crew finished clearing away a large wreck at Michigan City, when another took place at Fennville.

Last night two freights followed one another going south; one helped the other thru bad snow-filled cuts and steep grades and when the freight reached Fennville the one ahead stopped for water.

A flagman was sent down the track to signal the second freight, but it is said that the heavy snow and mist prevented the engineer piloting the rear freight from seeing the signal. The result was a rear end collision resulting in derailment of seven cars and the burning of three more. Fireman Komple of Grand Rapids in jumping hurt his knee but aside from this minor accident no one was hurt.

The wreck was already cleared away by seven o'clock this morning. No. 2 left Holland at 8 o'clock for Chicago. The road is doing its best to cope with a very difficult and trying situation.

### MOUSE SETS THE HOUSE ON FIRE

SMOKE AWAKENS FAMILY; FIRE  
EXTINGUISHED

A. K. Prins and family had a narrow escape from being burned to death at their farm home on Route 9, one-half mile south on State street.

Mrs. Prins was awakened by the dense smoke that filled the house and the family was quickly aroused from their slumber and an investigation started. Smoke was seen curling from the cracks of a bureau drawer and when Mr. Prins pulled it open flames shot from the bureau and started fire to other parts of the house.

A bucket brigade was started and the fire was soon under control. When the contents of the bureau drawer was inspected they found a fried mouse laying beside a very much nibbled match-box. The little rodent had been playful with the matches, ignited one and the flames soon spread through the flimsy finery.

It is estimated that the loss will total \$75.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Whelan and daughter Rose and son Nicholas Jr., arrived last night from Eau Claire, Wis., called by the death of Mrs. Whelan's father, Mr. C. Blom, Sr.

### RAISE RATE OR SHUT PLANT DOWN WAS ALTERNATIVE

TO AVOID LATTER, COUNCIL  
MAKES PRICE OF GAS \$1.25  
FLAT TEMPORARILY

New Rate To Be In Force Until City's  
Case Can Be Settled In  
Court.

A dollar and twenty-five cent gas, flat rate!

That is what was decided upon by the Common Council last night when it passed a resolution which for the time being, until the legal controversy with the Holland City Gas Company can be settled, allows the Grand Rapids Trust Co., the receivers in the bankruptcy proceedings, to charge \$1.25 per thousand feet, net, with no discounts for prompt payments, bills payable on the fifteenth of the month as before.

It was a case of that rate or an immediate shutting down of the gas plant. Since it was estimated that of the 1,800 customers of the company in Holland at least three-fourths have no other means of cooking their meals and would have to buy expensive cook stoves if the plant were shut down today, the aldermen decided to raise the rate, being assured that the case against the gas company will come up for hearing within a few weeks. The new rate will be in effect only until that case can be settled in court. And if the city can prove that the Holland City Gas Company is the property of the American Utilities Company, as the city believes it will be able to do, then the extra 35 cents paid for gas in the meantime will be refunded.

The city in granting the raise last night was not dealing with the Holland City Gas Company. If it had been there is not the slightest question but that the raise would not have been granted. The council was dealing with the United States Court, a disinterested third party. Judge Sessions in effect put the following alternatives before the aldermen:

(1) Either pay \$1.25 for gas, covering only barely the actual operating expenses, not covering interest, depreciation or anything else;

(2) Or, the plant will have to be closed. The receiver cannot be expected to operate the plant at a loss.

The council, after deliberating for fully two hours and after hearing the statements from several attorneys, decided to grant the raise by a vote of 7 to 3, the three voting against it being Prins, Dobbin and Dykstra.

This is the way the revenue and the expenses of the Holland City Gas Co. stack up, under present condition, according to Hugh Wilson, president of the Grand Rapids Trust Co., the receiver:

Expenses Per Month	
Coal, labor, office expenses, clerk hire, etc.,	\$5,922
Revenue	
Gas	\$3,000
Coke	\$1,300
Tar	\$175

Total.....\$4,475

Loss per month in operating expenses alone, \$1,447.

Mr. Wilson gave this as a sample month. It would not always be the same. But the estimate he gave was the loss per month under present conditions was in the neighborhood of \$1,200. Since the total amount of gas manufactured is about 36,000,000 feet, it was estimated that an increase in rate to \$1.25 would just barely cover the actual operating expense, and therefore this rate was decided upon.

This is figuring coal at \$8 a ton. If coal conditions should improve and the company could get it at a lower price, the council will be allowed to appeal to the court for a proportionate lowering of the rate.

The increase in rate does not in any way effect the city's suit against the gas company. That is expressly stipulated in the resolution. Because the company has gone into the hands of a receiver the company's franchise from the city is temporarily suspended, and it is not in any way affected by the present arrangement. In proposing the present arrangement to the council the court was not in any way dealing with the question under dispute between the city and the company. It was merely giving the city an opportunity to avoid the closing of the gas plant until the real controversy can be brought into court for a hearing and decided upon.

That is what would have happened if the gas company had not been a public utility concern. But by reason

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## GOSSIP OF OUR CORRESPONDENTS

THAT MAY OR MAY NOT INTEREST YOU

### ZEELAND

Rev. C. DeJonge of this city has returned from Three Oaks where he assisted in the installation of Rev. A. Te Paske as pastor of the Reformed church there. Rev. TePaske formerly was pastor of the Beaverdam Reformed church and has resided in Zeeland the past year.

Mrs. G. De Jonge has returned from Beaverdam where she visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huizenga.

Miss Marion Pactard returned to Grand Rapids Wednesday after spending a brief visit at the home of Miss Catherine Volkers.

During the course of the week Henry Looker, local plumber, moved from the Kuite building on Main St., to the old postoffice building which he has purchased of Peter Vanden Bosch.

H. J. Steinenga, of Argos, Ind., returned home this week after spending an extended visit at the home of his parents in Boreulo.

Theological Student Steininga of Boreulo has returned to Grand Rapids to resume his studies at Calvin College.

Martin Languis who is receiving treatments at Ann Arbor returned to that city Wednesday after spending a few days' visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Paul De Groot of Boreulo is visiting at the home of Mrs. Arie De Groot who is confined to her home on West Main street with illness.

Mrs. P. Brouwer is confined to her home south of the city with illness.

Donald De Jonge of Grand Rapids is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bareman north of the city.

Mrs. C. Beukema of Grand Rapids is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Diepenhorst who resides just north of the city limits.

Rev. E. J. Smittter of Oostburg, Wis., is spending a brief visit with friends here. Rev. Smittter was formerly the pastor of the North Street Christian Reformed church at Zeeland.

The fire department was called out Wednesday morning to extinguish a blaze which originated on the roof of the residence occupied by John Olsen on Elm street. The fire was caused by a defective chimney and the damage was slight, the blaze being put out with the aid of chemicals.

Rev. D. R. Drukker of Kalamazoo returned home after spending a few days here. Rev. Drukker conducted the services at the Third Christian Reformed church Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Loon a daughter.

Mrs. Clyde Scott and daughters, Geneva and Elizabeth of Grand Rapids, returned to that city after spending a few days' visit at the home of Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Arie De Groot, who is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Gerrit Verens is seriously ill at his home on North Elm street.

Company No. 40 of the Michigan State Troops have resumed their regular drills under the supervision of Capt. William Fueher.

The school located at Boreulo was forced to close because of the fuel shortage. The Misses Elizabeth Nykamp and Hattie Brummel who are engaged as instructors at the school are spending the week with relatives here.

Miss Lillian Smith who has been employed at Pullman, Mich., is visiting at the home of her parents here.

Roy Fritchie of Grand Rapids, formerly city engineer of this city has returned after spending a few days renewing acquaintances in this city.

The Zeeland schools are closed for at least an additional week.

Burt Pruim who left last week for Lansing where he has accepted a position as manager of the furniture department of the Arbaugh store returned to this city for a few days' stay prior to moving his family to Lansing.

John Ten Have and George De Jonge of Camp Custer returned to the cantonment after spending a brief furlough at the homes of their parents here.

### GRAAFSCHAP

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jacobs visited her father H. M. Timmer who is very ill with erysipelas at the Holland Home in Grand Rapids.

Benj. Spruk of Kansas has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mannes of East Saugatuck visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Koeman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Koeman are the happy parents of a baby girl.

### DRENTHE

Roy Boeskoel of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Boeskoel.

Thos. Daining made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wentzel of Gr. Rapids visited at the home of Henry Wever the past Sunday. Their intentions were to spend the day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Van Spyker but owing to the severe cold wave and the blocked roads they were unable to reach this village.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the

barn of E. Van Spyker at 4:30 last week Thursday morning. Dr. A. J. Brower was the first to notice the fire and he gave the alarm immediately and called Van Spyker and his family who were sound asleep. Everything was destroyed except some soft coal. The building was partly insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ter Haar and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ter Haar were guests of Henry Van Dam and family one day last week.

Dick R. Hunderman made a trip to Camp Custer last Friday and on his way back called on relatives in Grand Rapids.

Gerrit Wissink of Zeeland has employed Gerrit Brouwer as hired help on his farm for a few weeks.

Our creamery had only a five days' supply of coal at hand when they succeeded in getting a carload again. Our school which has been closed for a week is open again as they have coal for three or four weeks now.

Ed Schuitman spent a day recently with his relatives in Grand Rapids.

Miss Marie Ver Huist and Miss Lucy Nyenhuis were Zeeland visitors last week Wednesday.

Laurence Nyland of Graafschap was a weekend visitor at the home of Mrs. R. Hunderman and family.

John Vanden Kolk and George Van Rhee formerly from here and who are now living in Hamilton have sold their lively barn. The former has purchased a large truck and will deliver milk from there to Holland while the latter has put in an application for a position as mail carrier.

Miss Bertha Ter Haar who was taken ill with the grippie is improving.

Ben Lanning of Fremont spent Sunday with his parents here.

Harm Van Spyker spent a few days with his relatives in Grand Rapids.

### ALLEGAN FRUIT MEN JOIN

They Become Members of Western Michigan Federation.

A dozen southern Michigan fruit packing concerns have merged into a federation to obtain better packing, marketing and standardization of fruit from this section. The combination which will be known as the Michigan Fruit Packers' association, includes the following: Millburg association, Bridgman association, the Berrien county association of Coloma, Friday Bros. exchange, the Berrien Center Fruit association from Bangor, Pennville, Saugatuck, South Haven, Hartford, Covert and Paw Paw.

### ZEELAND MAN GOES TO LANSING

BURT PRUIM TO MANAGE FURNITURE STORE THERE.

Burt Pruim, manager of the furniture department of the Wm. De Pree Hardware and Furniture store at Zeeland has severed his connections with that firm and is now employed in Lansing where he is manager of the furniture department of the Arbaugh Department store of that city. Mr. Pruim has been employed at DePree's store for the past thirteen years and has considerable experience in the furniture line. Mr. Pruim will return to Zeeland next week and as soon as shipping facilities improve he will move to Lansing with his family, where his mother, Mrs. J. Prum, also resides.

### Zeeland Merchants in Crusade Against Unnecessary Delivery

The retailers of Zeeland met at the council rooms and a retailers association was organized. Wm. Bareman was elected president and Ed Van Zoeren secretary-treasurer. At this meeting credit matters were discussed and a credit bureau was established denoting the limit to which credit will be allowed to run. They have also decided to do away with delivering small orders. Some of the residents of that city have been abusing the accommodation to the extent of having one or two articles ordered for delivery from each of the different retail stores in one day. This will be dispensed with and a price of 3 cents will be charged a customer for a delivery order amounting to one dollar and fifty cents purchase or less.

### Holland Not the Only Town Having Their Gas Troubles

Lansing faces a serious gas situation, and one not due to the fuel famine. Last night representatives of the Lansing Fuel and Gas company were ready to tell the city council that the company was ready to give back its franchise and let the city run the plant, if it wanted to. The company claims it is compelled by the terms of its franchise to furnish gas at 80 cents, net, it will go broke. Under the contract, made many years ago, the price was to be cut from 90 cents to 80 cents at Jan. 1, 1918. War conditions, including the rise in the price of coal and high wages, have made such a price impossible and experts have testified that the cost of the gas to manufacture is over 83 cents.

Unless the council takes steps to relieve the company in some way by next week the offer to quit will be made. It was stopped last night by the failure of eastern attorneys to arrive in time for the council meeting.

D. Derks who has been seriously ill is rapidly recovering.

G. J. Diekema was in Grand Rapids legal business Friday.

### OVEN GUILTY ON CHARGE OF CRUELTY

CASE IS APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT BY ATTORNEY VAN DUREN

Wm. Ovens of Olive who was charged with cruelty to his stock was found guilty by a jury of six men after deliberating over the case for a half hour.

Complaint has been made before Justice Van Schelven alleging that forty head of cattle were found on this farm in terrible condition.

Humane Agent Randolph and Deputy Sheriff Lou Bouwman were called to investigate the case and they claim that they never saw anything like it before. They allege that the stock was underfed and that they were wallowing around in dirt and slime up to their stomachs. The cattle looked very poor and one horse in particular should have been shot, it is alleged. The animal was nothing but skin and bones, had sore hips and could not be used for any purpose.

Humane Agent Randolph of Grand Rapids claims that in his 26 years of holding that office he has never come across such a condition before.

The defense had several witnesses that were introduced by his attorney Arthur Van Duren. The main witness was his father, John Ovens, well known in Holland and a very prominent man in his community and also at the Republican county and state conventions.

Mr. Ovens, who is 73 years old, was nearly heart-broken that such charges should be made against his son.

Both Mr. Ovens and the accused son stated on the witness stand that the stalls were always kept clean and sanitary, but on this particular occasion the heavy storm came and it was impossible to clean out the stables and draw it away owing to the severe and cold wind that would blow in upon the cattle by the storm, thru the open door.

Says Mr. Ovens trembling: "I want nothing but the truth. I've never been a witness in a case, or have never been in a court before. I always helped my boy do his work, but my wife was taken ill suddenly and I could not come to aid him on this occasion, as my wife needed me most. I am a christian man and love God and I could not be this and let cattle starve or allow my son to neglect them."

"I love my neighbor, my township, and my country and because the president asks us to take good care of our cattle that we may win the war, is the reason we are trying to follow his directions.

"Our crop was a failure on the low land and our supply of food has not been so abundant as in other years and while we have not fed heavy we have not starved our cattle by any manner of means," said Mr. Ovens.

The Ovens' farm adjoins and comprises some 251 acres and contains 40 head of cattle.

The jury who pronounced Wm. Ovens guilty of the charge were: Fred Kamferbeck, Peter Notier, Cornie Schaap, Arthur Gumer, Frank Brieve and Peter Kopenaal.

Attorney Arthur Van Duren appealed the case to the circuit court immediately and defendant gave bonds for his appearance.

One coincidence was the fact that Prosecutor F. T. Miles was a close friend of the Ovens' family; had board there for two years while teaching school in Olive. Mr. Ovens referred to this fact in his testimony. Mr. Miles admitted that this was so and spoke highly of John Ovens, but while this friendship existed, Mr. Miles told the jury that his duty was plain and that this should have no bearing on the case nor on their decision. The old gentleman, John Ovens, is considered a highly respectable citizen in Olive township having been a leading man in that community for many years. He is well thought of by his neighbors.

### Veteran Jeweler Is Full of Life at Eighty-Eight

Though he was 88 years old Saturday, Henry Wykhuizen, Holland's Veteran jeweler, is still as hale and hearty as many another man a score of years his junior. Mr. Wykhuizen braved the atmosphere of the coldest day of the year Friday morning to walk from his home on College avenue to the office of the Sentinel to show that he still is full of life and vitality. In October Mr. Wykhuizen submitted to a serious operation at Holland Hospital, but so strong was his constitution, that in spite of his advanced age, he passed thru the ordeal successfully and the wound was completely healed the twelfth day after the operation. It was the first operation performed in Holland hospital. And so well has the old gentleman recovered that Friday declared he feels much stronger and better than he has for the two years before the operation.

Peter Phernambucq went to Benton Harbor Thursday morning on business.

Louis Padnos was in Hartford Tuesday on business.

### OTTAWA FARM BUREAU HOLD A CONVENTION

TWO DAY SESSION OF THIS BODY BEGAN FRIDAY IN COOPERSVILLE

Coopersville for many years the banner farmers' institute town of Ottawa county, again comes into its own, and held a two-days' farm rally devoted to the interests of the farmers of this and adjoining vicinities under the auspices of the Ottawa county farm bureau, in the Odd Fellows hall, Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2.

The Farm Bureau Rally is the outgrowth of the old "Farmers' Institute" which for many years was conducted by the Agricultural College. This year that department at the College has been abolished and the complete responsibility of successfully conducting the work is given over to the county agricultural agents. They in turn are selecting competent officers and committee men from among those men whom they know to be capable. By their help, an attempt is being made to conduct in each two day meets full of encouragement, inspiration and education especially adapted to the needs of the people.

The officers of the Ottawa county farm bureau rally association are as follows: President, D. L. McMillan, Coopersville; secretary and treasurer, W. Glerum, Zeeland; county director, D. L. Hagerman, county agricultural agent, Grand Haven; Home Demonstration agent, Miss Grace Hitchcock, Grand Haven; vice president or local chairman appointed in 18 communities where rallies will be held.

A new feature of the rallies this year and one of special interest to farm women was the talks and demonstrations given by Miss Grace Hitchcock, home demonstration agent for Ottawa county.

Miss Hitchcock's services are provided by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and her expenses paid by the Ottawa County Bankers' Association. Her work is in every way practical and prepared to meet the needs of present home conditions.

### 24 BELOW ZERO THURSDAY NIGHT

JANUARY GIVES HOLLAND A PARTING KICK

What proved to be the coldest night thus far this winter was when January slid over into February and gave Holland a parting kick. Twenty-four below zero was the sledge-hammer blow that was delivered on this city's solar-plexus Thursday night. Holland shivered under this onslaught, woke up and blinked Friday morning, to loop upon a beautiful February first with its promise of warmer weather.

The thermometer at the Water Works registered 24° below; Fire Station No. 2, 17° below, at 7 A. M.; at Vaupeil & Aldworth's store at 7:30 A. M., 12° below.

### BLOM AGAIN WINS THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

HE COMES OUT VICTORIOUS IN BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

Will Blom, who some years ago won the city billiard championship and who held that title for many years, again won the city title Thursday night when he defeated Jappinga in the last game at the Palace Billiard Parlors. The score of the final game was 115 to 98. Blom is thus the winner of the silver cup offered by the Palace.

The game this evening will be between Jappinga and Johnson and it will be played for the second prize, a fancy billiard cue.

### ZEELAND HAS TWO SMALL POX CASES

MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO PREVENT SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

Two cases of small-pox in Zeeland have been reported to the health officer there and are under strict quarantine. A child of Mrs. Jacob Shoemaker was taken down with the dreaded disease but is now improving. A few days later the mother became ill and later on showed symptoms of small pox. Another case developed at the home of Anthony Elenbaas on W. Washington Street, where Mrs. Elenbaas was taken down with it. None of the cases are reported as very severe and the patients are not suffering to a great extent. Measures to prevent spread were

### Etiquette.

There is an ancient saying that "One should never speak of a rope to a man whose father was hanged," and there is a great deal implied in those few words. In effect, it means that subjects of conversation should be carefully introduced where persons present are not known to a certain extent; that is, that nothing untoward has happened, publicly, at least, that would make any unusual subject apply too openly to anyone especially.

### "WAR FLOUR" TO BE DARKER IN COLOR

MORE OF THE KERNEL OF THE WHEAT WILL BE USED IN ITS MANUFACTURE.

There is to be a radical change in the manufacture of flour, and it is to be known as "war" or "strait" flour. Hereafter the flour will be of a darker color because now practically all of the kernel of the wheat goes into its manufacture, whereas under the so-called patent process some of the ingredients of the wheat were removed to give the flour a white appearance. Millers say the new flour will be a good wholesome article for family use, and while a little darker it will not be unhealthful. In making it twenty-one pounds less of wheat will be used to each barrel. To be exact, 264 pounds of wheat will be allowed for each barrel of flour. The government's ruling is a food conservation measure, and it will be unlawful to make any other grade than that specified.

### COUNTY FOOD CHIEF ISSUES NEW ORDER

CLARKSTON N. ROLLINS GIVES REGULATIONS ABOUT FLOUR

Ottawa Co. Food Admr. Rollins corn starch, corn flour, hominy, corn Sentinal, gave the following regulation as to the purchase of flour in this county:

"To Sellers and Buyers of Wheat Flour: Upon the federal ruling of the U. S. Food Administration, approved by the President of the United States, the following regulation will take effect at once: Retailers are to sell wheat flour only with an equal weight of the following cereals—corn meal, Graham flour and whole wheat flour are grist, barley flour, rice flour, oat meal, rolled oats, buckwheat and potato flour. Graham flour and whole wheat flour are not considered substitutes and cannot be included as an offset of white flour." (Signed)—Clarkston N. Rollins, County Food Administrator.

At the same time regulations go into effect governing the use of flour by bakers, according to dispatches from Washington. According to these regulations bakers of bread and rolls will be limited in their wheat flour purchase 80 per cent of their requirements up to July 30, and bakers of other products, including crackers, biscuits, cookies, cakes, pies, fried cakes, pastry and sweet yeast doughs, to 70 per cent for same period.

After February 3 bakers of bread and rolls must use 5 per cent of wheat flour substitutes and the amount must be increased until they are using 20% February 24.

State Food Administrator Prescott announces that in response to a special request made by him, the federal food administration has modified for Michigan its order on the sale of wheat flour. This modification is temporary until grocers and wholesalers have a chance to stock up on substitutes.

Here is the modified order as applying to grocers:

"For every 100 pounds of wheat flour your customer must take 25 pounds of substitute; for every 50 pounds, 12½ pounds of substitute; for every twenty pounds, five pounds of substitute and so on down."

### Christianity Must Turn World Right Side Up, Says Speaker

The service held in Winants Chapel Thursday afternoon in connection with the Day of Prayer for Colleges was attended by a large audience of students and friends of Hope. Dr. Vennema presided and Dr. Henry Hoppers of Western Theological Seminary gave the invocation. Addresses were delivered by Dr. John E. Kuizenga of the Seminary and the Rev. William J. Van Kersen of the Board of Foreign Missions, R. C. A. "The world is upside down," asserted Dr. Kuizenga. "It must be turned right side up and we are the boys to do it." The speaker contended that not until all nations come under the influence of the Christ will the chaos cease.

"Democracy," said Mr. Van Kersen, "must be made safe for the world, and to make it safe we need christianity. That christianity must be a religion of service. The Kingdom of God will not continue to live 'in a house by the side of the road.' They must take part in the activities of life."

A quartet consisting of Misses Strick and Hoppers, and Messrs. DeJong and Ramaker rendered music.

With the mercury breaking all records in the speed with which it ascended in the tube during the last 24 hours Holland awoke Wednesday to find itself warmer than for many a day. At 7 o'clock the temperature was just 32 above zero. 49 degrees warmer than at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

### Born Together.

Boldness and power are such inseparable companions that they appear to be born together; and when once divided, they both decay and die at the same time.—Henry Vann.

### THANKS GIVEN TO PUPIL SAND PUBLIC

CIVIC HEALTH COMMITTEE IS GRATEFUL FOR AID IN SEAL SALE

The Civic Health Committee of the Woman's Literary Club closed up its records for the Christmas Seal sale that was held in Holland during the closing weeks of 1917, and the chairman, Mrs. A. Leenhouts, took occasion to thank the pupils of the schools and the general public for the generous support given to this cause so that the sale was the most successful ever held in Holland.

The total number of seals sold, the record shows, was 32,115. Of this total the children of the schools sold 17,024, and the balance were sold by the members of the Civic Health committee to the general public.

The records of the various schools are as follows: Washington school, 5,014; Froebel, 2,892; Lincoln, 2,339; Longfellow, 1,792; Van Raalte, 1,759; Christian School, 1,619; Junior High, 1,600.

Because of the fact that the schools are closed now it has not been possible to deliver the silver pins to those pupils who won them because they sold more than 200 seals each. The pupils nine in number, can have their pins by calling at the office of Dr. Leenhouts for them, where the pins are waiting for them now. The winners are: Jeanette Van Haften, Gertrude Galentine, Clyde Geerlings, Edw. Oudemolen, Ruth Van Kersen, Carl Van Raalte, Richard Raf, Bill Telling and John Rutgers.

Three pupils won gold pins for selling more than five dollars worth of seals each. The winners are Louis Bradford, John Telling and Lazell Wall.

The money realized from the seal sale in Holland will be used for the Free Dispensary.

### COMMUNICATION

Farmers Help Win the War  
Mr. Editor, will you please publish the following:

"In a time of national stress like the present time, commonplace things, which in peaceful times were scarcely noticed and their production taken as a matter of course, assume a tremendously important place.

"Wheat, meat sugar: the great basis of the vital war needs for the sustaining of the armies of Liberty.

"Whatever else may be a pleasing or beneficial addition to the diet of an Allied soldier or an American civilian, it is absolutely necessary that he have these three vital foods. The truth of this is so self-evident that no further proof is needed. The nation then must bend its agricultural energy to the production of these essential food products, and cannot afford, in the face of the alarming shortage of sugar during the past two months to let the crops of less value interfere with the growing of sugar beets wherever this crop can be produced.

"The Michigan farmer living near a sugar beet factory and having land suitable for growing sugar beets, but who instead of using a part of his land for this purpose, plant it to a non-essential crop because it may bring him a larger profit, is as truly aiding the enemies of Liberty as if he fought our American soldier boys with a gun in hands.

"We need all our ships to carry soldiers and supplies. We can spare none to carry sugar to us from far distant countries in the Orient. We must have sugar—our soldiers need it. You, farmers, many of you, have boys in the trenches of France: your neighbors have also; many thousands more will go. Will you now stand back, failing to do your part in feeding these boys? The nation looks to you in its need. It knows you will not fail to rise to the need. You will, as a patriot, abandon non-essential crops and concentrate on the great three—Wheat, Meat and Sugar.

"Michigan can help in relieving the sugar shortage. It has thousands of additional acres fit to raise sugar beets lying within reach of a Sugar Factory. Let it not be said to the shame of the Michigan farmer, that he let Profit blind Patriotism and refused to grow sugar beets in this national emergency."

### PATRIOTISM.

### HOPE COLLEGE REMEMBERED IN TWO WILLS

Hope College has received notice that the will of the late Annie Ayerigg Fuller of Passaic, N. J., and that of the late Mary E. Marvin, of Port Jervis, N. Y., have been admitted to probate. In each of these wills a bequest of \$1,000 is made to the endowment fund of the local institution. Both Mrs. Fuller and Miss Marvin were members of Reformed churches of which Dr. Vennema was pastor.

The college has also received a letter from Corpus Christi, Texas, dated December 25, 1917, containing a check of \$1,000 from E. C. and Florence E. Westervelt "to be loaned to worthy girls to help them get an education."



## ADMIT PART IN ATTEMPT TO HOLD-UP

JOE VICTOR AND MILO OOSTERBAAN MAKE WHAT AMOUNTS TO CONFESSION.

Would-Be Hold-Up Men Were Trapped Because of Gratitude of "Stool Pigeon."

What is believed would have been a hold-up in broad daylight of unexampled daring in the history of local crime was frustrated this noon thru the prompt action of Attorney T. N. Robinson who quickly notified the officials of the Cappon-Bertsch Leather Co., that he had obtained information pointing to a crime of this nature.

If the hold-up had been pulled off as it is alleged to have been planned the tannery company would have lost some \$9,000 in cash, representing the pay that was handed out to the employees at the North Side tannery. Tuesday noon. It is customary for the paymaster of the North Side tannery to go to the south side tannery at 11:30 on pay day, returning with the money in a tin box, arriving at the northside institution about twelve.

Mr. Robinson uncovered a tip that a plot had been hatched to hold up the tannery men near the tracks on the north side along the new cement road. He immediately called up the tannery asking if the money was to be transferred to the north side and was told that the plan was exactly as the alleged would-be robbers had hoped it out. Thereupon Chief Van Ry was called and officers were hurriedly placed in ambush. At the tannery the pay-box was stuffed with paper instead of money.

J. J. Good and R. M. Bosworth of the tannery left the South Side tannery at about 11:30 as per schedule in a rig for the north side. A little later Officers O'Conner and Dick Homkes halted a rig at the P. M. tracks on River avenue driven by M. Oosterbaan. Mr. Robinson who soon appeared on the scene searched the rig and discovered a 32-caliber gun under a blanket on the seat on which Oosterbaan had been sitting.

Oosterbaan was the only occupant of the rig, although according to the information which Mr. Robinson had uncovered there was to be another in the alleged attempt to hold up the tannery men. Later Joe Victor was also arrested.

Both Oosterbaan and Victor were taken into custody and are being held on a charge of conspiracy. They were placed in the local jail.

Joe Victor and Milo Oosterbaan, the two young men who were arrested Tuesday noon in connection with an alleged attempt to hold up the tannery pay men, gave what practically amounted to a confession later in the afternoon. Victor, arraigned before Justice Robinson, soon weakened and admitted his part in the plot. Oosterbaan, brought before Justice Kooyers, at first refused to make any admissions but when confronted with the practical confession of Victor he also weakened. Both men waived examination and were bound over to circuit court on the charge of conspiracy. They were released under bonds.

The two young men are both 26 years old and they are brothers-in-law. Victor had worked at the North Side tannery for six years and he was fully familiar with the system of paying the employees. It is alleged that the young men had been planning the job for the past two weeks. They offered to take into partnership with them a "stool pigeon," according to the latter's story who has himself been in trouble before. Because of a previous favor shown him in connection with other troubles by Justice Robinson, the "stool pigeon" revealed the plot to Mr. Robinson and was told to go ahead and pretend that he was hand-in-glove with the plotters.

At 11:15 Tuesday Victor and Oosterbaan are said to have gone into a saloon to stiffen their courage with a swig of whiskey. Then Victor went to change his clothes so he wouldn't be recognized, and Oosterbaan went for the rig. Mr. Robinson and the police were in touch with the situation, unknown to the actors in the little drama, and were trying to time things so that the job would be pulled off as scheduled. Because of the fact however that the telephone didn't work at a critical moment, the tannery rig got ahead of the plotter's rig. Apparently smelling a rat, Victor did not join Oosterbaan in the rig but dove into an alley. The officers were hidden in the watchman's shanty at the P. M. track and seeing that something had miscarried they stopped Oosterbaan then and there, although the plan had been to let him go ahead to the north side road where the job was to have been pulled off.

The pistol found in Oosterbaan's rig was one that he had been in the habit of using to shoot cattle with during his string butcher days. Oosterbaan also had with him handkerchiefs which it is alleged he was planning to use for the purpose of disguise.

## PERE MARQUETTE STILL HAVING SNOW TROUBLE

SHOVELERS HAD TO DIG THRU LONG STRETCH TEN FEET DEEP.

Engines Derailed At Michigan City Holding Up Traffic for Many Hours.

Though milder weather has arrived, the difficulties of the railroads are by no means over. Traffic on the Pere Marquette was still considerably tied up yesterday. On the early morning train from Chicago was detained at Michigan City for many hours because two engines were off the track there. A detour had to be made from Porter to Laporte.

No. 4, which was stalled in the heavy snow drifts at Vriesland most of Tuesday, got away in the evening, leaving Holland for Chicago at 11:45 Tuesday night, altho it was supposed to leave here at 1:12 at noon.

Numbers 4 and 5 have been taken off indefinitely.

Few freight trains moved thru Holland Tuesday. There was some freight going through the city Tuesday night, among them being a full train of oil cars going north.

But perhaps the most spectacular fight with the snow on the Pere Marquette in this section of the state was at Harlem. There the big snow plow was stuck in the snow. Large gangs of men with shovels were dispatched to the scene of the trouble and they dug valiantly all day. But Tuesday night they were still three-fourths of a mile away from the snow plow.

An idea of the magnitude of their task can be gained from the fact that the trench they then still had to dig through the snow for three-fourths of a mile was ten feet deep nearly the whole distance.

## GAS CO. GOES INTO HANDS OF RECEIVER

VOLUNTARY PETITION OF BANKRUPTCY FILED IN DISTRICT COURT.

The Holland Gas Company has gone into the hands of a receiver. Friday it filed a voluntary petition in the U. S. District Court in Grand Rapids to be adjudged a bankrupt and asking for the appointment of a receivership to conserve its property.

The Grand Rapids Trust company, appointed by Judge Sessions as the receiver, immediately got into communication with E. P. Davis, the local manager, and asked him to continue as manager under the receivership. Mr. Davis accepted the appointment at least temporarily, on condition that he be supplied with fuel and material so that he can give the patrons of the company good service. The friction between the city and the company has never been friction between Mr. Davis and the city, and his continuance in his present position will be welcomed.

The petition sets forth assets estimated at \$310,000 and liabilities \$326,000. The creditors are the American Public Utilities company, Kelsey, Brewer & Co. and the Elkhart Gas and Fuel company, and consented to the appointment of a receiver. The petition was filed by Diekema, Kollen & Ten Cate.

The Holland City Gas company is a subsidiary of the American Public Utilities company, which owns substantially all of its bonds and stock.

It is set forth in the petition that the company has been operating at a loss for several years owing to low rates fixed in its franchise, and these losses have been so greatly increased in recent months owing to higher prices announced Saturday.

For the present the company will continue to be operated as before, it was paid for coal and labor that the company is not able to earn its running expenses. Recently after notifying the city authorities at Holland that it could not continue to operate unless its revenues were increased, the petition continues, the company attempted to establish higher rates. The city authorities immediately enjoined the collecting of the proposed rates. It is stated by officers of the American Public Utilities company that the Holland company has never contributed anything to its earnings and has been a source of loss.

Under the receiver the plant will continue operations without interruption. The question of rates will now become a matter for future judicial determination.

Mr. Cornel VanZanten and Theodore of Holland visited with D. C. Ver Hage and B. Kroodema a few days.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Van Zoeren and Marvin from Zeeland and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Van Zoeren and Anna Ruth from Holland were over Sunday visitors at the home of H. Van Zoeren.—Vriesland Cor.

Miss Cora Klooster of Holland, has been visiting with different relatives in this locality during the past two weeks. Miss Klooster is a teacher in one of the Public schools of Holland, and as these were closed for a time to conserve the supply of fuel, she is enjoying an enforced vacation.—Forest Grove Cor.

## C. BLOM, Sr. PASSED AWAY TUESDAY NIGHT

WAS ONCE THE MARSHAL OF HOLLAND; ALSO STAGE DRIVER TO GRAND RAPIDS

Drove Mule Team Along Erie Canal When a Boy; Run Away to Be a Soldier at 16.

Cornelius Blom, sr., living at 174 N. River Av. died at midnight Tuesday aged 73 years. Mr. Blom has been in failing health for some time, but the severe weather of the past winter told on his physical condition at his age.

Mr. Blom came to this country from the Netherlands in 1847 at the age of two years. His father had charge of one of the canal boats on the old Erie canal, and the son, as a lad, drove the mules that towed the boat along this artificial water way. In the latter part of the '50s the Bloms came to live in Holland and before railroads were built in this city, Mr. Blom drove the stage twice a week from the colony to Grand Rapids and return.

When the war of the rebellion broke out Mr. Blom was so eager to go that he ran away from home for the purpose enlisting, but his father followed him to Grand Rapids and took the young man, who was only 15, back home. Two of the brothers had already enlisted, namely George and William, and the parents considered that two were enough from one household.

Mr. Blom was deputy sheriff under Sheriff Arie Woltman and was afterwards appointed City Marshal when Mr. Woltman, who was marshal of Holland at that time, was elected sheriff. He was appointed on the Relief Board in 1871 when fire practically destroyed Holland and when the needs of our citizens who were left destitute, were great.

Mr. Blom retired from active business ten years ago.

He married Miss Jeanette Mieras, 52 years ago. This is the first death in the family consisting of a wife and nine children. The survivors are: four sons, Cornelius, Jr., David, John and William; five daughters, Miss Martha at home, Mrs. Wm. Witt, Mrs. Edward T. Bertsch both of Holland, Mrs. N. J. Whelan of Eau Claire, Wis., and Mrs. John Wendell of Cadillac.

It is a coincidence that the funeral should be held on the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Blom, who will be 70 years old on Friday.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at 174 N. River avenue and friends will have the privilege of viewing the remains between ten and one o'clock. Burial will take place in the family lot in Pilgrim's home cemetery. Services will be in charge of the Masonic Order.

## AUDIENCE IS PLEASED BY OLD PLAY

"PALACE OF TRUTH" WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR "MERCHANT OF VENICE"

Though the Hope College Lecture Course management found it necessary to make important last-minute changes in regard to the Ben Greet performance Thursday night the patrons were not losers by the changes. Until late in the afternoon it was planned to hold the entertainment in Carnegie Hall but it was found that the building could not be properly heated and so Winants chapel had to be used for the performance.

And this made it impossible for the company to present "The Merchant of Venice," as advertised, the stage in the chapel not being large enough. So "The Palace of Truth" was substituted, and it proved to be a strong production.

The Ben Greet Players are a company of stars, and the delicious comedy of the old play was ably brought out. The audience showed its appreciation by generous applause and it is doubtful if many regretted the substitution of "The Palace of Truth," for the Shakespeare play.

The palace of truth in the play is an enchanted palace in which all who enter must speak the literal truth. The courtiers in this enchanted palace wish to flatter insincerely as usual but instead they are forced to speak what they actually think. The comic situations that result from such unaccustomed truth-speaking are many, and the play was provided with a dramatic climax that fully made up for the lack of action in the piece.

## ZEELAND SOCIETY ELECTS

The annual election of officers of the Young Peoples Society of the First Reformed church of Zeeland was held at the chapel. The following officers were chosen: President, Ralph De Haan; vice-president, Milan Huyser; secretary, Nellie Leenhouts; treasurer, Henry Middlehook. Harry Derks who was formerly vice-president of the society, has recently left for Washington where he enlisted in the forestry department. ly.

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS WILL BE FEATURED

\$125,000 MILITARY AEROPLANE ONE OF BIG ATTRACTIONS AT COMING AUTO SHOW

All plans for the ninth annual Automobile show to be held Feb. 18-23, under the auspices of the Grand Rapids Automobile Business association are now practically completed and dealers are very enthusiastic regarding the coming event.

The various dealers promise a showing of cars that will come as a distinct surprise, as probably greater strides have been made in the automobile industry this year than the public really credits it with.

The exhibition of the passenger cars will far exceed the showing of previous years, while the commercial car exhibit will be the largest ever staged in this section of the state. A large section of the floor space has been arranged exclusively for these cars and the many different models and various weight carrying sizes will readily show the development of the motor truck in the commercial world.

There will also be many chassis, working parts and special paint jobs, while the accessory dealers will offer a wider variety of novelties than in years previous.

One of the big features that is certain to attract a lot of interest will be the exhibition of a \$125,000 military hydro-aeroplane, a product of the Grand Rapids workmen, loaned the Automobile show through the courtesy of the Michigan Aircraft company.

There is every indication from the standpoint of the spectator that the 1918 Automobile show will be the greatest motor car festival ever offered in these parts.

Dr. J. C. Floyd, superintendent of the Grand Rapids District of the M. E. church was in Holland Friday night and held the second quarterly conference of the local church.

A. Bekker was in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

## SPORTING GOSSIP

### HOLLAND Y DEFEATED BY CAMP CUSTER OFFICERS

Camp Custer Officers quintet, team of Wisconsin University Stars, easily defeated Holland "Y" Saturday evening 36 to 19. Local basket ball fans had the chance of seeing one of the best quintets in the country in action Saturday. At the start of the game, the local boys had a case of stage fright and the husky officers thru the Capt. Thompson soon had rung up 13 points. From that on the local boys fought. The first half ended with Holland on the short end of a 17 to 5 score. The second half the "Y" quintet did their work and made the officers fight for all their points. Nederveld, Van Putten, Van Zoren and Bouwman each registered a field basket for the "Y", the second, half.

The work of Captain Thompson, who played center for the army team was the best ever seen on a Holland floor. He was all over, his dribbling fooling the locals most of the time. Thompson scored 24 of the 36 points made by his team. Camp Custer has been beaten but once this year. Detroit Rayles doing the trick by two points. But they are booked at Battle Creek and the officers expect revenge. The army quintet are to play the Great Lakes team, University of Chicago, and Marquette the coming week.

Saturday evening, Feb. 9, Holland "Y" will meet the Grand Rapids "Y" team at the High school Gym. This will be the first time that the two "Y" associations ever met. Holland is expecting to trim the Furniture City quintet and a big crowd is expected at the game.

### HIGH SCHOOL BEATS WESTERN STATE NORMAL

In a fast and exciting contest the high school basketball quintet defeated the Kazoo Normal five 35-13. The large score does not give a good idea of the ability of the Kazoo team. Their playing from the outset was fast and clean. Fisher, Kazoo center was the star of the game. Time and again this lanky center caged goals from difficult angles of the floor. The Holland team certainly showed itself to be a scoring machine, as well as a team that knows how to work together. The passing of the local team was superb and fast. Kazoo outplayed Holland during the first ten minutes of play, but when Holland finally settled down to work, Kazoo was outclassed entirely.

The defense of the Holland team was great, always there at the right moment. South High plays here Friday day night.

The Hope Prep. team and the H. S. Reserves played a game following the main contest, in which the Preps were defeated 21-13.

## HOPE BEATEN BY G. R. "Y" FRIDAY NIGHT

Coach Cash and his cash-boys from the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. cashed in at Carnegie Gymnasium Friday night and when the doors of the big establishment closed for the day it was found that the visitors were able to leave town with a net balance on their side of the ledger. The game was a wild, weird exhibition of basket ball in which Grand Rapids managed to win out, 24-23.

The first half was a victory for Hope the score being 17-11. Throughout the period the local boys appeared to far better advantage than the Furniture City five. The first play of the game worked to perfection, Heemstra caging Fouls by Heemstra and Klomparsen enabled Hooker to tie the score with free throws. Heemstra then registered two field goals, one of them being a long shot from the center of the floor. With the score 17-7 against his team, Haines the tall Grand Rapids center, undertook to act as adding machine for the invaders and the half ended with the score 17-11 in favor of Hope.

The second period was a hair-raising one, the fans going thru every conceivable stunt as the Hope players cavorted around on the hard-wood court vainly endeavoring to stem the ever-rising tide of Grand Rapids counters. It was evident soon after the half began that it was anybody's game. Willard, who was substituted for Haines, put up a stellar exhibition, his entrance into the fray strengthening the visiting team immeasurably.

The home boys appeared to be decidedly rattled by the sudden rush of their opponents and traveled from one end of the floor to the other displaying neither team-work nor individual excellence. With eight minutes left to play, Willard, Hooker, Cook and Willard, rang up in quick succession, placing the "Y" in the lead, 23-20.

At this point of the game Referee Olds removed Hooker of Grand Rapids and Van Hazel of Hope from the floor for "fighting". The fans howled their disapproval but Olds was obdurate. It was perhaps the most unpopular decision the popular official has ever made in this city. Van Hazel is one of the cleanest players that ever walked on two feet and his removal was questionable, to say the least. Hooker, on the other hand, has a state-wide reputation as a shady player.

After the substitution of Knowlton the game went on but the visitors were never headed, the final score being 24-23. The consensus of opinion among the unprejudiced observers is that "the best team won."

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## LOCAL NEWS



There are two legal holidays in February. February 12, which this year falls on Tuesday, is Lincoln's birthday, and February 22, which arrives on Friday, is Washington's birthday. If the Garfield holidays are continued for the Mondays of February, we will have in February six workless days, a whole week.

Little Helen Graham who has been quite ill with bronchial pneumonia is out of danger and nearly well.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Evans of the North Side—a son.

The Ladies Aid society of Pine Creek a branch of the Lakeshore church, has donated \$11.50 to the Ottawa County Red Cross. This society had planned to meet for work during the winter but the state of the roads prevented it. As soon as the weather permits they will organize and meet regularly.

The Young Men's and Young Women's societies of the Central Avenue Christian Reformed church surprised their pastor, the Rev. B. H. Einink, Thursday evening and presented him with a beautiful rocker. Mrs. Einink was presented with a basket of flowers. A fine program was rendered.

The Robekah lodge has donated the following articles to the local Red Cross: one quilt, seven woolen dresses, two petticoats, one underwaist and one cap. These articles were not only made by the lodge but the material was donated by them also.

Muskegon harbor, open winters for years through the tri-weekly trips of the Goodrich steamer Alabama, will be closed for the first time in a decade until the breaking up of the ice next spring because of the recent breakdown of the steamer.

Practically all of the farmers throughout this section say that the present heavy snowfall is a lifesaver to the wheat crop, which has suffered some damage because of the extreme cold weather without much snow on the ground. The snow covering in most fields now is sufficient to protect the wheat from any further damage, and the prospects for an average crop, so far as this section of the state is concerned, are materially brighter than they were before the big blizzard.

Service on the Allegan branch of the Pere Marquette was restored Friday when three engines and a snow plow opened the line which had been blocked since Saturday. A derailed engine on the main line near New Richmond blocked traffic for 12 hours Friday and the midnight train to Grand Rapids backed up to the Holland station at 10 o'clock so as to give the hungry passengers breakfast.

Miss Marie Knapp who, has been seriously ill for the past two months with typhoid fever and pneumonia is now rapidly recovering.

The Century Club will meet next Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lokker.

Babe Woldring, the star Holland base ball artist, froze his face while loading lumber at Waverly Monday.

Marius Mulder had his nose frozen while going home from work Monday.

Private Benjamin Laman, student at Hope college, now at Camp Custer, has been advanced to corporal in the Engineer's corps.

A widow, at Allegan, named Sawyer lost five of her fattest Plymouth Rock hens last meatless day. The robbers no doubt were Hoovering.

The Standard Grocery & Milling Co. has received a telegram from Clarkson Rollins, County food administrator, announcing that for the present rye flour will be counted in as one of the substitutes for wheat flour, and that retailers may for the present sell flour on the following basis: four pounds of flour to one pound of substitutes.

The Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter D. A. R. will hold its regular February meeting Thursday afternoon, February 14, instead of on February 7 as announced in the year book. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. F. J. Congleton, West 14th St.

According to advices from the west, Ben Richardson, a former resident of Allegan county, narrowly escaped death because of the explosion of a boiler in a shingle mill. He was blown through a roof into the river and his fellow workman was killed.

The offices of the Farmers' Mutual fire insurance company of Allegan and Ottawa counties, located in the First National bank block at Allegan, are undergoing extensive repairs and redecoration and the business was just about suspended for the week.

Mr. Stanley Deacon announced by wire to Prof. Nykerk Tuesday that he will not be able to meet his classes in music at Hope college this week. Mr. Deacon cannot get here on account of the railroad tieup. He expects to be here next week.

The Wayland condensary was forced to shut down recently for lack of cars in which to ship their product. They make a carload per day. In December this company paid milk producers \$59,274.37.

The war department has assigned Capt. James Ossewaarde, formerly of Zeeland as army chaplain to the 21st Infantry at San Diego, Calif.

Neil Van Putten, alias Patrick McCoy, of the British-Canadian recruiting mission spoke at the noonday lunch meeting of the Builders' and Traders' exchange in the A. of C. building at Grand Rapids yesterday.

Mr. G. J. Mulder of the Holland Furnace Company is the representative in Allegan county for that prosperous concern. He last week established his office in the read of the Value newspaper in Allegan.

Every pullet and young hen sold for food this winter means a reduction of from five to twelve dozen eggs in the potential egg supply of next spring and summer.

Some thermometers in Holland registered as low as 24° below zero Monday night, are the reports handed in Tuesday.

Chester Van Tongeren, son of H. Van Tongeren, is now in Florida. He enlisted some time ago in the Quartermaster's department.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pruim entertained at their home in Zeeland Monday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pruim, who will make their home in Lansing, where Mr. Pruim has accepted the management of the furniture department of the Arbaugh Dept. store.

Invitations were issued Tuesday by G. J. Diekema to the marriage of his daughter Marguerite to Mr. John Manly Rodger of Chicago. The marriage is to take place on Saturday evening, Feb. 23, at 8:30 o'clock at Hope church.

This unprecedented winter may have as phenomenal a closing as it had a beginning; for a sudden thawing of the snow, with rain, would make excessive floods which would be all the more disastrous because of the heavy ice that would be borne down stream against bridges, dams and flumes. This has already been the experience of dwellers along the Ohio river. The floods from the West Virginia and Kentucky mountains have caused some loss of life and severe loss of property. The line of danger extends from Pittsburg to Cairo.

The marriage at Grand Haven of Miss Ruth Wintermute and Clarence B. Hutty took place Saturday evening at St. John's chapel, the Rev. John Ferling officiating. The bride is instructor of domestic science at Akeley hall. Mr. Hutty is the eldest son of the late F. A. Hutty, ex-postmaster of Grand Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Hutty went to Grand Rapids on their honeymoon and where Mr. Hutty enlisted in the government school of telegraphy. Mrs. Hutty will return to her duties at Akeley Hall.

Plans for rearranging the Hotel Pantlind at Grand Rapids preparatory to May 1, are being considered. It is probable that the cafeteria on Lyon Street side will be expanded to take in the present bar room and an ice cream and soft drink parlor will be established. Apparently the hotel proprietors have little hope that the new liquor fight, scheduled for this fall will prove successful.

Herman De Boer of Grand Rapids, well known in Holland, died Sunday morning at his home in Gr. Rapids as a result of heart failure. He was district manager of the Eureka Coffee Co. of New York and often visited Holland in the interests of this concern. He was 43 years old. The funeral was held Wednesday at two o'clock at the home, 835 Fremont Ave., Grand Rapids.

Allegan realstate transfers record the transferring of a ten acre farm of Henry Valkema, near Fennville to G. J. Diekema, George E. Kollen & Daniel Ten Cate for \$1 and other considerations. Also a ten acre farm from Burton Harrington of Fennville to Henry Valkema for \$1 and other considerations; also a farm of Arthur W. Jackson to Gerrit Kooiker at Fennville for \$5,000.

There were 585 persons in Michigan who died of tuberculosis during December; pneumonia took 404 and cancer 184. These are the three dreaded diseases causing more fatalities than all the rest taken together. There were in the state 34 suicides; 13 murders; 14 deaths from street car; 19 auto and 26 railroad deaths. Seven persons died from drowning in December.

The furniture men of Grand Rapids are planning to buy a coal mine jointly to prevent any future coal shortages for their respective plants. It seems that the joint purchase of a rail road to the mine is also a very essential consideration. The plan is to supply 8 cars of fuel in the winter and five in the summer daily.

The Michigan Agricultural college forestry department is preparing for its annual sale of tree and shrubbery. The varieties offered will be chiefly Norway jack and yellow pine, Norway and western spruce, silver maple, white ash, butternut, walnut, red oak, yellow popular, box elder, hackberry and bow willows.

Although petitions for city offices do not have to be in before 4 o'clock on Tuesday, February 26, Fred Wise is already filing one for the office of constable of the Fifth ward and Alderman Dobben for re-election as alderman of the same ward.

The Ground Hog saw its shadow at 4 minutes to 9 Saturday morning. Six weeks more of winter. Don't be discouraged for it will take more than six weeks for nature to get rid of this pack of snow.

Holland isn't in it on weather. Paul Van Vulpen, living at Central Park found that his thermometer had registered 30° below zero Friday. This was in the wind off Black lake.

Diek Heeringa received a telegram Friday from San Francisco announcing that his son, Gerrit Heeringa, had died in that city. No detailed report has yet been received.

Miss Beatrice and William Scideman entertained forty of their friends Saturday night at a dancing party in the ball room of their home. Favors and buffet luncheon helped make the evening one of gaiety and pleasure.

The W. R. C. tea that was to have been held on February 6 at the home of Mrs. Nick Hofsteen, 158 West 14th street has been postponed until Feb. 20th owing to other meetings that will interfere.

Elder Day pastor of the Wesleyan church, is very seriously ill.

The members of the W. R. C. and of A. C. Van Raalte Post declared Saturday that they wish publicly to thank the manager of the Knickerbocker for his hospitality. Recently the members of these two organization were invited guests of Mr. Ogden at a Knickerbocker performance.

Mrs. Arthur A. Vischer, Miss Wilhelmina Van Raalte, B. D. Keppel, Gertrude C. Keppel and Mrs. B. J. De Vries, of Holland, were visitors on January 31st at the big exhibit of Southern California products maintained free to the public in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. They also attended the lectures and moving pictures that are a part of the daily program. The exhibit is the largest of any in the country maintained by a commercial organization. Before returning home they expect to visit several of the many other places of interest in Southern California.—Bulletin of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Ex-Mayor Henry Brusse is home from a four weeks' Eastern trip in the interests of his firm. He attended Monday night's meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners and as it happened, all the members of the Board, the council committee and both chiefs of Police and Fire departments were present, not a member, whose duty it is to be there, was absent.

Star of Bethlehem, Chapter No. O. E. S. will hold their regular meeting in the Chapter rooms Thursday evening. All members are urged to be present.

The Knights of Pythias will meet Thursday evening. The third rank will be conferred and all members are requested to be present.

Relatives in Holland have received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival in France of James De Kraker of this city.

The Holland Y. M. C. A. will meet the Grand Rapids Y team here Saturday night at 8:30 in the High school gymnasium. Every one who saw the Hope quintet play Grand Rapids Y knows the kind of a team they have. Come out and see a real basket ball game, after work.

## Personal Items



Ronald Rosy and Harry Orr of the Star Auto Co. left Thursday night for Chicago where they will take in the Auto show. From there they will go to Racine Wis., to visit the Horse Shoe company plant and later will visit the packard plant at Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook went to Muskegon Thursday morning.

Miss Angie Westvelt, with the law firm of Vischer & Robinson, spent Monday with her parents at Fennville. Mrs. John Luxen of Muskegon was a week end visitor with friends in this city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bloemendal of Orange City, Ia., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. B. Huizenga and family in this city.

Herbert Stanaway of the second draft district of Ottawa Co., left Tuesday to become a member of the signal corps at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Benj. Hamm and Wm. Wagner left Monday for Saginaw where they will attend a convention of the ice cream manufacturers of the state. In the same building a convention of the dairy men will be held. Both have large displays.

G. Duthle and son Derk of Grand Rapids were the guests of Mr. R. Zeerip Monday. Mr. Zeerip is confined to his home on account of illness.

Mae Niewold and Bertha Huizenga returned Saturday from Grand Rapids where they visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. Oom. Mrs. Oom was formerly Miss Lucy Brouwer of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kappenga of 87 East 17th street, who have spent the week in Zeeland with relatives returned home Saturday.

Miss Irene VanZanten of Holland is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. DeKoster.—Zeeland Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Regenmorter who have been visiting in Iowa for a few weeks have returned home.

Andrew Klomparsens of the Holland Furnace Co. was in Grand Haven on business Friday.

Miss Jeanette Westveer is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. J. Hekhuis at Wau-pun, Wis., who is very ill.

Mayor Vandersluis was in Grand Rapids Wednesday on business connected with the fuel situation.

Attorney Charles H. McBride was in Grand Rapids Wednesday on business.

Mrs. August Heuer of this city returned from a southern trip where she visited her son in Jacksonville, Fla. She also visited West Palm Beach and called on Mrs. J. A. Vander Veen and daughter Kathryn.

## FOUR REGISTRARS DIE IN OFFICE

There seems to be a singular fatality among the holders of the office of register of deeds of Allegan county. Within the past twenty-five years four men holding the place have died in office. They were Messrs. Nahum Gilbert, Edward Eggleston, Solomon S. Fox, and now Mr. S. L. Conrad. With-in the past forty years these are the only men who have died during their official incumbency, with the exception George R. Smith, who died soon after becoming sheriff. It is within the power of the board of supervisors to meet and fill this vacancy; but no one will be inclined to ask them to do so, and the board certainly would averse to taking such action. Mr. Conrad had named his wife as his deputy. She can legally performed the duties of the office to the end of the term for which her husband was elected; that is, to the end of the present year. Mr. Conrad would have been subject to renomination this year. Therefore the office will be open to competition by candidates at the September primaries.

## FOUR CARS OF COAL CONFISCATED

H. P. ZWEMER LOSES TWO IN INDIANA AND TWO IN MICHIGAN

There seem to be other communities that need coal even more than Holland, according to H. P. Zwemer, local coal dealer. Mr. Zwemer received word Wednesday announcing that two cars of coal that were on the way to his yards here have been confiscated at Gibson, Indiana, by the Indiana Harbor Belt line, and two other cars of Zwemer's coal have been taken at Benton Harbor by the fuel administration.

While regretting the loss of the coal, Mr. Zwemer took it philosophically "It seems they need it more than we do," he smiled; "at least nobody has confiscation of coal shows again that local dealers are doing their best to get fuel to Holland but are having their suffered actual want here yet." The full share of difficulties.

## JAN. 1918 HIT CLOSE TO RECORD MARK

DATA FURNISHED BY BUREAU SHOWS FIRST MONTH THREATENED RECORDS

Far Below Normal; More Snow on the Ground Than Ever Before.

January came near establishing itself as the coldest January in the history of the U. S. Weather Bureau station at Grand Haven, which covers a period of 47 years. The month just closed just missed the record, having been surpassed in frigid temperature by January, 1912. There will, however, be no serious disappointment in this fact and it will be pretty generally agreed by people in the middle states that it has been cold enough for all purposes.

W. J. Schaubusch observer in charge of the Grand Haven weather bureau, has compiled his statistics for the month of January, 1917, at that station.

The mean temperature for the month was but 13 degrees as compared to 23 degrees in January, 1917. The total precipitation for January was 2.99 ins. as compared to 1.35 ins. in January, 1917. The month was a cloudy one also and the record shows but five clear days in January, six partly cloudy days and 20 cloudy days.

The total snow fall for the month amounted 36.3 inches, which is also nearly a record. January, 1893 had a total of 36.5 inches. The greatest average depth of the snow on the earth at any time during the month was 25.4 inches on the 28th. This is the greatest average depth of snow the records of the local office show on the ground at one time, since available, beginning in 1890.

During the past month, in fact since December 24, 1917, the temperature has been below normal every single day which is most unusual so far as steady and prolonged low temperatures are concerned.

December, 1917, and the month just passed taken together created a total deficiency in temperature of 632 degrees which is an average of 10.2 degrees per day below normal which is unusual.

By months, January, 1918, is the tenth consecutive month that the temperature has been below normal, and the highest temperature recorded during the entire month was only 32.5 degrees on the morning of the 25th. The lowest temperature was 11 below zero which is also within 3 degrees of the absolute lowest for January.

## RIFLE CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Holland Rifle club will be held this evening in the board of trade rooms in the city hall for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year. There will be considerable other business transacted at this meeting and all the sixty members of the club are expected to be on hand for the purpose of taking part in the discussions. This evening's meeting may depend the general policy of the club during the coming months.

The United States government has taken a new interest in these local rifle clubs throughout the country. In the early rush of war preparations the rifle clubs were compelled to give up most of their rifles because the government needed them in the training of the troops that flooded to the colors when the call to arms came. But now that things have gotten into their stride in war preparations, many of the rifles will be released. The prospects are that during the coming months the local club will be well supplied by the government.

During the past year the local club has been doing splendid work. Few of the members when they joined knew much of anything about shooting, but at the close of the season many of them held records that did credit to veterans in the art.

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## WILLIAM ARENDS

General Agent.

CONKLIN, MICH.

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of twenty and it now has 60 members. The aim is to secure one hundred for the coming season. Membership can be taken out at the meeting to-night.

## REGISTRATION OF WOMEN IS BIG TASK

WILL BE ONE OF FIRST JOBS OF NEW HOLLAND ORGANIZATION

Registration Throughout State of Michigan Will Begin On March 18.

One of the first big tasks that will confront the Holland chapter of the Woman's Committee, Michigan Division, Council of National Defense, organized here Saturday will be the registration of the women of Holland. This registration will begin thru-out

Michigan on March 18. In many states it has already taken place. The Michigan Division for several weeks past has been extremely busy getting the state organized so completely that the registration can be carried on without a hitch as soon as it begins.

For the use of the women who thru-out the state of Michigan are to act as registrars when the women of this state register for war service, a complete and comprehensive manual for the registrars has been printed by the Women's Defense Committee under whose auspices the registration is to be made. The manual gives explicit instructions to registrars together with apt illustrations. These manuals are being sent out to the chairmen of the registration of the various units to be distributed by them among the women who are to act as registrars. It is real



## The Girl Who Had No God

By  
Mary Roberts Rinehart

Author of "K," "The Man in Lower Ten," etc.

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### SYNOPSIS.

**CHAPTER I**—Old Hilary Kingston, starting with Socialism, drifts into anarchy, and gathers round him a band above the village of Woffingham a hall of accomplished desperadoes who rob the rich, incite seditions and arm the rebellious. His motherless daughter, Elinor, is raised to fine living and wrong thinking, to no law and no Christ.

**CHAPTER II**—In an attack on the Agrarian bank means the death of Hilary, killed, but is not suspected of complicity. Boroday brings the body home to the hall.

**CHAPTER III**—Ward, assistant rector of St. Jude's, makes a call of condolence on Elinor, who consents to have her father buried from St. Jude's in the odor of sanctity. The chief of police recognizes Boroday and is suspicious.

**CHAPTER IV**—After the funeral the band meet at the hall and agree to go on as before. Elinor acting in her father's stead. Huff asks Elinor to marry him and she consents, though she does not love him. Boroday is arrested and threatened.

### CHAPTER VI.

So great had the urgency of Boroday's position become that the band met at the hall on Thursday of the week after the country-club affair. Lethbridge was to get his instructions; Talbot wished to discuss his prospect.

After dinner, the night being warm, they had their coffee on the terrace. A summer storm had come up. All at once a flash threatened Saint Jude's.

Huff leaped to his feet. "I've got it!" he said. "What is it they call the big building back of the church?"

None of the men knew. It was, as a matter of fact, the parish house. Lethbridge, however, knew its function. "Fine prospect that!" he drawled. "That's where the Sunday school is held, and where they keep the plated knives and forks for the church suppers."

"It's a darned fine building," said Huff. "What would they do if it burned down?"

They were too unfamiliar with church affairs to hazard a guess. Elinor, who had been sitting silent, suddenly voiced an objection to Huff's unspoken plan.

"There must be some other way," she said. "The children—they have sewing classes and entertainments for the children there. It's the parish house."

"If lightning struck the parish house tonight!" Huff said quite eagerly. "This is Thursday. By Sunday morning they would be taking up a whacking big collection to rebuild it."

The idea had taken hold of his imagination. Even the suggestion that a large part of the offertory might be in checks mattered not. But Elinor was obdurate.

"You can do it some place else," she said. "Not here. They struggled very hard to build the church and they need money now. Mr. Ward told me—"

Huff turned on her jealously. "Ward—that's the preacher chap?"

"He is the assistant rector," Elinor replied with dignity.

"He's been coming here, then?"

"Twice. Once when father died, and once to warn me against all of you." Not that she had forgotten that few minutes in the garden, under the moon; but that had been an accident—hardly a call.

Talbot chuckled. But Huff was thinking hard. Elinor had been different lately, a little softer. Ward represented all that the men Elinor knew were not—law to their violence, order to their disorder. There was almost a snarl in his voice.

"He'd better stay down in his valley with his old women," he said, "and leave you alone. You don't need him."

"I'm not so sure of that," Elinor replied quietly, and left him staring. . . . Huff burned the parish house the next night. He did it himself, without the assistance of the band. Into it he put not only the devilish ingenuity of long experience, but his new hatred of Ward.

Church property is always easy of access. It was the work of five minutes to crawl through a basement window and of half an hour to make his preparations.

He looked at his watch when he had finished. It was just midnight. In two hours, or before the fire began, he would be back in the city, establishing his alibi.

The fire-whistles in the village awakened Elinor at something after three o'clock. All of her room was filled with the red glare of the burning parish house. Old Henriette knocked at her door.

"The church is burning down in the valley," she called. "It's a grand sight."

Elinor was throwing on her clothing. She must see Ward. She would sell her pearls. She would build a new parish house. She said this over and over to herself as she struggled down the hill.

A new parish house, better than the old, with plenty of room for the children to play in! At least it was night, and the children safe in their beds; thank God for that! She was too dis-

turbed to notice that she had thanked the God in whom she did not believe.

The fire had gained too much headway to be checked. All the efforts of the volunteer department and the small engine were directed toward saving the church. For a time it seemed as if Saint Jude's must go.

Elinor watched the destruction. It seemed as though a band had fastened itself around her chest. Then she saw Ward. He was on the ridge-pole of the church roof with a hatchet. The ridge-pole was burning slowly. She could see him chopping.

From that time she never took her eyes away from him. Other men were there. She did not see them. She saw only Ward battling on the ridge-pole, and high above on the steeply the sturdy cross of his faith.

Once the men on the street below turned the full force of the hose on him. She saw him reel, saw him recover himself by a miracle.

The fire glare died into the dawn. Saint Jude's was saved. Behind it in its park the charred skeleton of the parish house showed how thoroughly young Huff had done his work. Not until Ward had descended safely to the street did Elinor relax.

Ward found her sitting in one of the chairs along the pavement, her hair still in its long braid, her feet thrust into slippers, her eyes red from long staring.

The fire engine was being dragged away. The crowd had dispersed.

Ward, blackened and depressed, was surveying the ruins with a heavy heart. He turned and saw the girl.

Just at first he was not sure of her. He was always seeing her, mentally. Then he went toward her, his hand out.

"You see," he said, "what an hour may bring forth!" And then, "You reckless child, here in slippers!"

"I saw you on the roof," said Elinor, barely able to articulate. "Once I thought you had fallen."

"They nearly got me. It's rather sad, isn't it?" He stood, bareheaded in the cool dawn, and surveyed the ruin.

People meet great crises simply. She tried to find some word of sympathy to say, but what was there, poor child? She knew the true inwardness of that disastrous night. So, with pathetic eyes, she turned away.

"I'll go home now," she said. "I saw the glare—I—" Quite suddenly her lips trembled. "I should like to help you with the new building."

"Fine!" said Ward heartily. "We'll get to that before long."

"If you had fallen—"

He was not listening. It came to her then how far apart they were. To her his falling would have been an end of all things; to him, it would have meant the beginning of a useful eternity.

"If you wait a little, I'll run around and get my car and take you up."

She sat down again, obediently. She was glad to be with him a little longer. Until recently, the work of the band had always seemed a vague abstraction. Now one of its results lay before her. And there were other things fresh in her mind—old Hilary, dead of his revolt against law, and lying in state before an altar erected to a God he had not recognized. And Ward, watching her windows and thinking her the embodiment of what a woman should be.

Over her bitterness rose a hot wave of anger against Walter Huff. She had forbidden this thing and he had done it.

### CHAPTER VII.

Ward brought her a cup of coffee, and stood by with satisfaction while she drank it. In his eyes there was a mixture of depression and joy. The parish house was gone, and this girl before him was to marry another man. But they would build another parish house, and who knew—

He drove her up the hill in his small car. At the top of a rise he stopped

tal problem to worry out, of walking up and down a room and lighting one cigarette after another. I am reckless with matches."

Then perhaps, after all, Walter had not done it!

The car climbed slowly. Ward kept his eyes straight ahead. Elinor cast little shy glances at his profile.

"You said you had something to worry out?"

He drew a long breath. "I have had an offer to go to New York to a big church. It's rather a wonderful opportunity."

Elinor made no sign except to clutch her hands as they lay ungloved in her lap.

"Then you will be leaving—us?"

"No," he said. "I shall not be leaving you."

"You like it here?"

"Very much." He turned and looked down at her. It was unwise. He realized that at once. So frail she looked, so softly, tenderly feminine! And because he knew that, after the night, he had not yet got control over himself, the merest hand-clasp as she got out of the machine was all he dared. But at the top of the steps Elinor turned.

"You will never know just how sorry I am," she said, and went through her garden to the house.

From that Friday morning until the evening of the following day Elinor was quite alone.

Hour after hour she spent pacing the terrace, looking down into the valley. On Friday night, unable to sleep, she threw a negligee over her shoulders and went down to her garden. The village slept quietly, but there was a light in Ward's small window near the church. She remained on the terrace until the light was extinguished.

At dinner that Saturday Boroday's empty place cast a gloom over the meal. Walter Huff came a little late. Under the ease of his greeting there was a touch of uneasiness as he met Elinor's eyes. When the servants left the room, Talbot leaned forward to Walter.

"Now tell us about it," he said. Huff was frankly triumphant, but he still avoided Elinor's eyes.

"It's working out exactly as I knew it would," he explained. "Having once had a parish house they cannot do without it. The vestry carried only about a third enough insurance. And there's another point in our favor—the rector's away. He's got rheumatism. They are going to take up an additional purse to send him to Baden-Baden."

"When?"

"Tomorrow morning. And tomorrow being Sunday, the assistant rector, Elinor's friend, will have it in charge until Monday morning."

"I shall warn him," said Elinor suddenly. There was silence for a moment. Talbot smiled. Lethbridge looked astounded. Huff, bending forward with his arms out before him on the table, confronted Elinor squarely.

"That's it, is it?" he said.

"I asked you not to do what you have done. The children used it all the time. They played basketball there. Besides, my wish should mean something to you."

Huff shrugged his shoulders. "If I had burned a tenement full of people—"

"A man was nearly killed. He was on the ridge-pole of the church and they turned the full strength of the water on him. I saw it. I—almost fainted."

"You saw it?"

"I was there," said Elinor quietly. Huff rose angrily.

"You were there! And who was it who almost fell off the roof? Your parson, I suppose."

Talbot silenced the boy. It was Lethbridge who took up the argument. He understood her position and sympathized, he said. The fire was a mistake. But now that it was done—He spoke of Boroday's critical condition, of their safety that depended on his, and finding her attitude to be unyielding, took refuge in her father's memory.

"If anything comes out, it will all come out," he reminded her. "It seems to me, Elinor, that you owe it to your father not to interfere. This isn't a new plan. Four or five years ago when the parish house was first built we talked it over here. And it isn't as though we mean to hurt this fellow Ward. It will be three to one; he'll make no resistance."

"Yes," she said. "Three to one. That is the way we fight. Oh, I'm one of you, I know that—but it sickens me, sometimes."

The men were astounded, frankly uncomfortable.

The conference got nowhere. Elinor acknowledged their duty to the Russian, offered all her jewels, in fact, for his defense. But she stubbornly refused to countenance the attack on Mr. Ward. Huff lapsed into sullen silence, his eyes on her. The other men found every argument met by silence, except for one passionate outburst.

"He is my friend," she cried. "I have never had any friends, except once, years ago, a girl. It was Boroday then who used my friendship for her. It was the Rutherford matter. Walter would not remember, but the rest of you—I tell you, I won't do this thing."

Talbot tried a new method. "It's a wealthy congregation," he explained. "It is not much for them, and it's safety for us. If we let Boroday go up, and he thinks what he will about us, he can make it bad for all of us."

Elinor turned on him. "I don't care a rap for the congregation. Do you think he will let that money go without a struggle? The moment it goes into the offertory it ceases to be money and becomes a divine trust to him. He'll fight and—somebody will be killed."

It dawned even on Talbot after a time that her solicitude was for none of them. When he realized it, at last, he sat back with folded arms and frowning brows. Here was mockery, for sure; old Hilary's daughter, reared on pure violence, and in love with a parson!—old Hilary's daughter and successor, defying the band in its hour of need, and quoting a divine trust, in extenuation!

In view of her attitude, there seemed to be nothing to do.

"We'll give it up, of course," said Lethbridge, after a pause.

There had never been any drinking in old Hilary's house. Only abstainers were ever taken into the band. But it was the custom of the two older men to remain at the table over their cigars, giving Walter and Elinor a half-hour together. That night, when Elinor rose from the table, Huff, although he rose with the others, made no move to follow her. She looked back from the doorway, a slim, almost childish figure, with beseeching eyes.

"You must all try to think kindly of me," she said wistfully. "I care for you as much as I ever did. You are all I have, you three. It is only that I—have been thinking."

For the first time since the organization of the band, there was quarreling that night in old Hilary's paneled library. At the end of an hour Walter Huff lunged out of the door, white with fury. He stumbled through the garden toward the garage, muttering as he went. In the rose alley he met Elinor.

"I was waiting for you," she said simply.

Huff stood before her, and the anger left his face.

"You're the one thing in all the world I felt sure of." His voice was heavy with despair.

"I've been thinking about Boroday—"

"Elinor, how far have things gone between you and this man at St. Jude's?"

She recoiled.

"I hardly know him."

"You think about him."

She looked down into the valley. "I think of the things he stands for. It just seems to me that, when a man like that, not a dreamer at all, but human and—keen, when he believes all that he does—"

"It was Ward on the ridge-pole, the one who nearly fell?"

"Yes."

"And you were frightened?"

"It made me sick. I—"

Quite suddenly he crushed her to him. It was as if he meant to drive away this barrier between them by sheer force of his love for her. But, although she held up her face for his kiss, he released her as suddenly, without it.

"You're crazy about him," he said thickly. "I'm not blind. I'll get him for this!"

### FOR FREEDOM

Our allies all agree  
All nations must be free  
From guns death reign.  
And while the might holds sway,  
Our country boys obey  
And rush to arms today  
Freedom to gain.

The foe who fights for space  
Shall have no more a place  
In our domain.  
Our allies flag shall wave  
In triumph o'er the grave  
O'er German soldier slave  
Peace to maintain.

The submarine goodby  
Your power all crumble lie  
In deep blue sea.  
All people then will fare  
With freedom everywhere  
With Kaiser in the snare  
Glory to Thee.

And when our boys return  
Liberty's light will burn  
In every land.  
And they who fought for right  
To exterminate the might  
Say to the world good-night  
We rest again. —Wm. Woldring.

WANTED—Span of work horses, between 5 and 8 years old. Myrtle Wrightman Fennville, Route No. 1 Michigan.

### Gas Resolution, Passed By the Council Last Night

WHEREAS the Holland City Gas Company has lately filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division, and on February 1st, last, was adjudicated a bankrupt and its franchise temporarily suspended by said proceedings, and

WHEREAS the Grand Rapids Trust Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been appointed receiver for the Holland City Gas Company, and the said receiver has represented to the court that it is absolutely impossible under the prevailing conditions to operate the plant at a manufacturing cost to the consumer, exclusive of interest and the expenses and the receivership and trustship for a rate less than \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet, and

WHEREAS it is necessary for said receiver either to close the plant and cease operations or to obtain a revenue sufficient to meet actual operation expenses, and

WHEREAS the Hon. C. W. Sessions, judge of said court, has this day called before him all of the interested parties in conference and has requested all parties concerned to continue the operation of the plant in order to avoid hardship to the consumers in the present emergency, and has suggested that the Common Council of the City of Holland shall, without prejudice to their rights in the pending litigation, pass a resolution authorizing the receiver to charge and collect a rate for gas consumed which shall not be in excess of the actual manufacturing cost and which has been fixed for the purpose of this resolution at \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet; Therefore

RESOLVED that the Grand Rapids Trust Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the receiver for the Holland City Gas Company, adjudicated a bankrupt and its successor the trustee in bankruptcy if elected, shall be and hereby is permitted and authorized to manufacture and distribute gas for fuel and light in and from the plant of the Holland City Gas Company during the present emergency, and charge the consumers of gas in the city of Holland at a flat rate of \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet net thereof, which shall be payable on the 15th of each month until this resolution is rescinded after thirty days' notice to the Receiver or Trustee, or the further order of the court; Provided that this resolution, or the permission hereunder granted, shall not be in anywise construed as a waiver of the rights of the consumers of the Holland City Gas Company or the rights of the city of Holland in the present or any future litigation relating to the franchise of the Holland City Gas Company or the duties and obligations of any person, firm or corporation in relation thereto.

## RAISE RATE OR SHUT PLANT DOWN WAS ALTERNATIVE

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of the fact that a whole city would be inconvenienced by the closing down of the plant, the court was reluctant to take this step, preferring rather to give the people of Holland an opportunity to pay for the time being a higher rate and have gas instead of sticking to the lower rate and be without gas.

There was no chance to delay the matter because the coal situation is such that in order to keep supplied it is necessary to keep after it. The trustees were unwilling to go to expense of buying a large supply of coal at a high price that would not be used. And if they did not get a supply now there was grave danger that the company would run out of coal, since there is only about a week's supply on hand. So the decision had to be made last night one way or another.

Mayor Vandersluis, the city attorney, Mr. Diekema for the Gas company, E. P. Stephan and other interested parties were invited to Grand Rapids yesterday by Judge Sessions to talk the situation over informally. They spent most of the day going into the question and decided on the action presented to the council last night.

Hugh Wilson, of the Grand Rapids Trust Co., was present last night at the meeting and he sketched the situation in a comprehensive review for the benefit of the aldermen. The receiver he declared, was merely acting as custodian of the property under the direction of the court. This custodian having no interest one way or another in the controversy between the city and the gas company, could not be expected to take money out of its own pockets by manufacturing gas for the city of Holland at a loss. Hence, under the direction of the court, the custodian, he said, would either close the plant or it would continue to operate at such a rate as would pay for the actual operating expenses.

City Attorney Mc Bride went into the legal phases of the situation, assuring the aldermen that its case against the gas company would in no wise be prejudiced by raising the rates temporarily. He said the gas company is entirely out of the present arrangement, and that the court has given the assurance that the raise in rate will establish no principle or precedent on which the gas company can at any time in the future establish a claim to a higher price for gas.

Attorney C. E. Ward of Grand Rapids, associated with the city in its case against the gas company, reiterated some of the points made by Mr. Mc Bride. He also assured the aldermen that its case with the company would in no wise be affected by the present arrangement. He further declared that Judge Sessions had given the assurance that the case between the gas company and the city would not be allowed to drag along. It would be only a matter of weeks when it would be decided one way or another, and the new price holds good only until that has been done. If the city proves that the American Utilities Company owns the Holland Gas Company, he said, then that company, which is not in any sense a bankrupt but is flourishing, will be compelled to carry out the terms of the franchise and furnish Holland with 90 cent gas.

E. P. Stephan, interested in the matter by reason of the fact that it was while he was mayor that the controversy with the gas company started, gave a brief talk declaring that since it is a case of immediate shut-down or paying \$1.25, he believed there was only one thing to do.

G. J. Diekema spoke in the double capacity of attorney for the Holland City Gas company and as a citizen of Holland. His firm has been the legal

advisor of the gas company for many years, he said, but at the same time he was as much interested as anyone in seeing the gas service in Holland continued. He cited manufacturing companies in Holland that depend almost entirely on gas for keeping their concerns going, and he pointed out that hundreds of people would be thrown out of work if the gas company should be shut down, to say nothing of the inconvenience it would cause in the homes of Holland.

Ald. Prins declared he was afraid that the arrangement was a scheme on the part of the gas company to get what it wanted. It was answered that Judge Sessions is representing the city fully as much as the gas company and that he would not be a party to any scheme as suggested; moreover that the present arrangement was not suggested by the gas company and that that company had nothing to do with it. Mr. Prins still objected that he was afraid to set the franchise aside.

But it was replied that the council was not doing that since the franchise had already been set aside temporarily and that for the time being, there is no franchise, the company being operated under court order.

Ald. Dykstra objected that to him it looked like taking advantage of an emergency to establish the fact that gas cannot be manufactured at less than \$1.25 and that later it would give the company a leverage whereby they could show that if the receiver could not make it for less the company could not be expected to do so. Mr. Dykstra's argument was that conditions are abnormal now, because of the coal situation, and he did not wish to give moral strength to the company's contention. The assurance of the court was merely repeated that the raise would in no way be allowed to prejudice the city's case.

After some more discussion the resolution granting the raise was made by Alderman Lawrence and seconded by Ald. Vander List. It passed by exactly enough votes, namely seven.

### SEE THE AUTOMOBILE SHOW

FEBRUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 23

You owe it to yourself to keep in touch with automobile progress.

Straight thinking men realize that today the automobile is absolutely essential to business and domestic life.

As one prominent manufacturer has said: "Take the telephone, the wireless and the automobile out of our lives and we retrograde 50 years."

Without a car you are at an economic disadvantage—you are overlooking one of the most vital utilities in modern life. Hundreds of western Michigan people will be buying cars every day.

You can follow their lead without the least handicapping the government or interfering with the praiseworthy tendency towards conservation.

Even in these days when thrift is patriotism, you can conscientiously own a car. It is a mistaken idea of economy that would prevent you to defer buying one.

The ingenuity of the inventor has brought the automobile right in line with the temper of all true Americans. Economy of operation is the keynote of this year's great improvements.

A visit to the automobile show in the Klingman building the week of Feb. 18-23 is essential to a knowledge of the new developments in automobile construction and design.

The show is promoted for the benefit of Grand Rapids and western Michigan by Grand Rapids dealers.

Make a Point of Seeing It.

### Different Methods.

Many women get a red nose from shedding too many tears over a man who got a red nose from taking too many "smiles."—Farm Life.

Make The

**SOLDIERS  
HAPPY**  
With Pictures  
Of  
Home Folks

SITTINGS DAY OR NIGHT

**The Lacey Studio**

19 E. 8th St. Up Stairs



The Car Climbed Slowly.

the car and looked back. The night's devastation showed clearly, a black wound in the smiling heart of the valley.

Elinor watched him. "It means a great deal to you, doesn't it?"

"It's rather a facer— Of course we will build again, but there are things that could not be replaced. That isn't what troubles me. The fact is, I am afraid I'm responsible."

"I was there last night, alone. I have a bad habit, when I have a men-



WHAT YOU SAW IN THIS PAPER  
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Married—In this city, on Tuesday, January 30, 1883, by Rev. Thomas Walker Jones, at the residence of the bride, William D. Stearns to Gertrude B. Hazen.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

Mrs. Hufferuiter died yesterday morning after a brief illness, aged 80 years.

The ground-hog failed to see its shadow last Thursday and we consequently may expect pleasant weather for the next six weeks.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Married at the residence of the bride's parents south of the city by Rev. J. Van Houten, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, Gerard Cook of this city and Gertrude Hidding.

A difference between a boy and a girl—A girl always looks in the glass after she has washed her face, while a boy looks at the dirt on the towel.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mrs. Alice Allison died at her home on Eighth street Monday evening, aged 57 years.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Molenaar & De Goede have sold their grocery stock at the corner of Seventh and River streets to A. Hidding who previously managed a grocery business at the place. Mr. Hidding is a popular business man.

## TEN YEARS AGO

Arthur Vischer, son of Arend Vischer and Otto Kahn of the Sugar Co. will leave the latter part of this month for a three months' trip through Europe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Kirkhof, Friday—a daughter.

Wilhelm Butkan, a resident of this city for many years, died at six o'clock Friday morning at his home on East Eighth street. He served as alderman of the second ward from 1878 to 1882, and also held several other positions. The deceased was 78 years of age.

ITEM GIVES  
CITY FATHERS  
BLACK EYE

PRESS ARTICLE SAID LOCAL GOVERNMENT WANTED SUNDAY THEATER

But It Was Not Holland But Grand Haven That Was Referred To.

The Grand Rapids Press erroneously stated in its issue of Friday that the Holland council is asking an opinion from Attorney General Groesbeck for the purpose of submitting the question of Sunday theaters to the people of the city.

The article in the Press follows: "Michigan cities, even though they have home rule, have no right, even by use of the initiative and referendum, to make city ordinances which nullify state law."

"This was an important ruling Friday by Attorney General Groesbeck's department."

"The question was raised at Holland where the city council has been asked to submit to the voters of the city the question of legalizing motion picture shows on Sunday."

"As operating such amusements on Sunday is in direct conflict with the state law the city attorney there sought an opinion from the attorney general's department. The ruling which was signed Friday, holds that no city has the right to make ordinances which nullify laws of the commonwealth."

The facts of the case are that neither is the Holland council asking to have such a question submitted nor have Holland citizens nor the theater owners made such a request.

The question has never even been that of in this city, nor are there any demands along this line.

Grand Haven, however is trying to put this matter before the voters of the county seat, in fact the theater owners have submitted a large petition asking that the question be submitted to a referendum vote. Public meetings were held and attended by the ministers and theater men of Grand Haven at which each present gave reasons why it should or should not be left to voters. Grand Haven is no doubt meant and not Holland.

LADIES' ORATORICAL  
CONTEST IS HELD

MISS GERTRUDE SCHUURMAN WINS WITH "UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE."

The annual ladies oratorical contest was held in the council room of Hope College Friday afternoon, there being two contestants. Both orations were of high grade and were well delivered. Miss Joan Potts spoke on the subject "By the Side of the Road," and Miss Gertrude Schuurman on "Unto the Least of These." Miss Schuurman was awarded first place and will therefore represent the college in the state contest March 1. The judges were Miss Elizabeth A. Hunt, Miss Christine C. Van Raalte, Prof. John B. Nykerk, Prof. John J. De Boer and Prof. A. H. Heusinkveld.

G. P. O. de Mauiac of the Bush & Lane Piano Co. was in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

LOCAL CHAPTER OF W.  
C. N. D. FORMED HERE

HOLLAND'S WOMEN JOIN NATIONAL-WIDE DEFENSE MOVEMENT

A step into line with what promises to be one of the most important movements of the war measures, so far as women are concerned, was taken last Saturday afternoon when about twenty ladies met in the office of the Ottawa County Building Loan Association and formed the beginning of a local chapter of the Woman's Council of National Defense.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. L. M. Thurber; Honorary Chairmen, Mrs. C. H. Mc Bride, Mrs. G. E. Kollen; Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. R. B. Champion, Mrs. W. J. Garrod; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Olive; Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. De Pree; Chairman of Publicity, Mrs. J. G. Sutphen; chairman of registration for service, Mrs. W. J. Olive; Chairman of Home Relief, Mrs. J. C. Post; Chairman of Allied Relief, Mrs. G. J. Van Duren; Chairman of Health and Recreation, Mrs. A. Leenhouts; Chairman of Social Service, Mrs. C. V. R. Gilmore; Chairman of Child Welfare, Mrs. G. E. Kollen; chairman of Food Conservation, Mrs. R. Van der Haar; Chairman of Liberty Loans, Mrs. R. B. Champion.

Monday afternoon a few of the officers went to Grand Rapids to attend one of the registration classes at the headquarters of the Grand Rapids chapter, and spent a most instructive and inspiring afternoon. The Building and Loan Association have kindly offered one of their rooms in the First State Bank building, as the local headquarters for Holland, and the committee will very soon be appointed and the chapter put in working order. It is hoped that every woman in Holland will interest herself personally in this great movement which lines up the patriotic womanhood of America to "Back up" the boys.

SAN-TOX NURSE  
PAINTED BY FAMOUS ILLUSTRATOR

Last week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post again contains a full page advertisement of the San-Tox articles manufactured by the De Pree Chemical Company. While this company has frequently advertised in the Post and other magazines with a nationwide circulation, the present advertisement is notable in that the San-Tox nurse in it was painted by Neysa McMein.

Miss McMein during the past year or two has taken first rank as a magazine illustrator. Her work has probably appeared on the covers of more magazines during recent months than that of any other single illustrator. She enjoyed the distinction of having Ring Lardner, the humorist, write a funny poem about her recently published in one of the popular magazines.

ADDRESS OF  
HOLLAND MEN  
ARE PRINTED

PAPERS OF G. J. DIEKEMA AND G. VAN SCHELVEN APPEAR IN PAMPHLET FORM

A neatly printed pamphlet was issued Saturday containing addresses by Hon. G. J. Diekema and by G. Van Schelven. The pamphlet is of considerable historical value, containing as it does information about the Holland settlement in Western Michigan that has been collected painstakingly by the authors.

The two papers were originally read before the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, and they appeared in the October (1917) number of the Michigan Historical Magazine, which is a magazine published quarterly by the Michigan Historical Commission at Lansing.

Mr. Diekema's paper is entitled, "Holland Emigration to Michigan: Its Causes and Results," and the article of Mr. Van Schelven bears the title, "Michigan and the Holland Immigration in 1847."

The little pamphlet carries two half-tone cuts, one of Dr. A. C. Van Raalte as he looked in the prime of his life, and the other a reproduction of an inscription. The plate contains an outline drawing of the first log church built by the Holland settlers in 1847 and under it appear the following words: "This boulder, with the four white markers, designate the site of the first church erected by the Holland colonists in 1847, the year of the settlement. It was 35x60 feet and did service until 1856. Erected by the board of parks and cemetery trustees, 1917."

The pamphlet contains 37 pages and it makes a neat little booklet.

REV. BEETS RETURNS  
FROM SOUTHERN TRIP

Rev. Henry Beets, pastor of Burton Heights Christian Reformed church at Grand Rapids, has returned from an extended investigation of the Negro in the south. He was sent as a committee to take up the matter of the industrial and educational matters of the southern Negroes and will give a full report before his church in the near future.

MORE SPRUCE  
CUTTERS SENT

LOCAL BOARD ENLISTS THREE MORE MEN FOR THE JOB.

Three more men were sent by the local draft board to serve as spruce cutters in the forests of western Canada for the government's airplane manufacturing service. The new spruce cutting recruits are Jacob P. Elenbaas, Edward Post and John Greulink. They left Monday for Vancouver Barracks, British Columbia.

The demand of this government is for 11,000,000 feet of lumber each month. At this time the work has fallen far below the required amount and there is great need for men in this branch of the service.

ZEELAND MAN  
ARRIVES IN FRANCE

JOHN BEEGHORST WRITES TO PARENTS FROM ACROSS OCEAN.

Another Zeeland boy has arrived safely on the other side of the pond and has notified his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. A. Berghorst have received word from their son, John, that he was well and had arrived safely in France. John left last September with the first draft quota for Camp Custer. Later he was transferred to the ship building department and left for Washington, D. C. From there he sailed for a foreign port and no word had been received from him for some time.

DRAFT EXAMINATIONS  
ARE CANCELLED

The physical examinations under the new questionnaire system that were to have begun in the city hall Monday did not come off. A late announcement from Washington received Monday by the local board said that the examinations would be postponed until further notice. Thirty-four young men had already been summoned to appear Tuesday and Wednesday but the examination of these also were cancelled. No reason for the change has been given to the local board.

Austrians Need Not Register  
Announces Chief Van Ry

The registration of alien enemies at the city hall and at the postoffice began Monday and will continue all this week. A considerable number of persons came in Monday to present themselves for the registration. The registration has been so well advertised that it is expected nearly all the alien enemies from this district will appear the present week.

Among those who appeared Monday were a number of Austrians. The report has been widespread that Austrians would have to register as well as Germans. How this report originated is not known, but it was not well founded. The Austrians who came to Holland Monday came in vain. Only Germans need to register, Chief Van Ry announced Tuesday. This information is given on the authority of U. S. Marshal O'Connor, and Ottawa Austrians need not take the trouble to present themselves here for registration.

FRENCH ORATOR TO  
VISIT OTTAWA

The tour of the "Back from the Trenches" string of oratorical headliners through Michigan, February 10 to 16, is practically completed. Upwards of thirty-five Michigan cities will be visited by the three teams assigned to this state.

Team A, headed by Edward F. Trefz, publicist, of Chicago, will be in Ottawa county on the afternoon of February 14 and deliver a message direct from the battle lines at Coopersville. His message is strong and thrilling, giving a graphic picture of France, and England and a clear good argument throwing the entire responsibility for winning this war upon the America people.

Michigan is one of the first states to secure the privilege of hearing these first handed messages from abroad and Coopersville citizens can congratulate themselves that their town was so fortunate as to be placed on the Michigan itinerary, as it is the only place in Ottawa county the team will visit.

These men were members of a commission sent to Europe by Herbert Hoover to ascertain actual food conditions at the front and behind the lines and to bring an unprejudiced report to the American people.

## PARTNERSHIP IS DISSOLVED

Peter Vanden Bosch of Zeeland has dissolved partnership with Wm. Baroman and bought the farm of T. Niemeyer, situated eight miles north and one mile west of Zeeland. Mr. Vanden Bosch will move his family to the country as soon as Mr. Niemeyer vacates. Consideration was \$5000 taking in part payment the property owned by Mr. Vanden Bosch in that city. Mr. Niemeyer expects to make his home in Grand Rapids.

WIDOW WINS CASE  
AGAINST WOODMEN

MRS. LIZZIE JAPPINGA IS GIVEN JUDGMENT IN CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of Lizzie Jappinga against the Modern Woodmen of America was on trial in the Ottawa County Circuit Court at Grand Haven on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Ike Jappinga, a former employee of the Michigan Railway Company, was crushed between two cars at the Holland boat dock on April 17th, 1917, and died immediately.

He held a certificate in the Modern Woodmen of America, payable to his wife. The Company, however refused to pay, claiming that he was engaged in a hazardous and prohibited employment, which exempted the company from liability. Suit was thereupon commenced by the widow which resulted in a judgment in her favor Wednesday.

The widow was represented by G. J. Diekema of the firm of Diekema, Kollen & Ten Cate and the defendant was represented by Brown, Kelly & Seely of Lansing and Lillie, Lillie & Lillie of Grand Haven.

Many legal points were involved which were argued at length before Judge Cross. The defendant moved to have the court instruct the jury to find a verdict of no cause of action. The Judge denied the motion, holding that it was a case which should be submitted to the jury, whereupon the defendant offered to settle and consented that a judgment might be entered against the company and in favor of Mrs. Jappinga.

## CHANGES MADE AT PEOPLES STATE BANK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDES ON THREE PROMOTIONS MONDAY.

John G. Rutgers Named Acting Vice-President, Henry Winter, Cashier, Alex Van Zanten, Asst. Cashier.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Peoples State Bank held Monday a number of changes were made that constitute a promotion all around for the officials in charge of the bank.

John G. Rutgers, until now cashier of the bank, has been promoted to the position of Acting Vice-President.

Henry Winter, who has held the position of Assistant Cashier, has been named as cashier.

Alex Van Zanten has been promoted to the position of assistant cashier, taking the place vacated through the promotion of Mr. Winter.

Mr. Rutgers will assume all the duties usually assumed in other banks by the Acting Vice-President. He has been with the local bank since it was organized in 1905.

Mr. Winter has also been with the bank since that institution took its place among the business concerns of Holland and he has for many years occupied many positions of trust in Holland in connection with various public movements of one kind or another.

Though the youngest of Holland's banks, the Peoples State Bank has had a flourishing business career. It has during the years since it was established filled a definite need in Holland's commercial life and has won a firm place for itself in this city. The board of directors decided on the promotions by a unanimous vote. It is believed that they will mark the beginning of a new period of growth for an institution that already has fully won its assured place in the community.

Class Continues Policy of  
Long-Term Officers

The annual meeting of the Men's Bible class of the First Reformed church was held Monday evening at the home of Al Bosch, 68 West 17th street. At this meeting the policy was affirmed of having officers serve more than one year. A spirited debate was held on the subject, some members holding that officers should serve only one year. But other were of the opposite opinion. The judges decided in favor of the latter.

Officers chosen Monday night are: President, Al Kleis; Vice-president, H. P. Zwemer; secretary, Bert Slagh; assistant secretary, Jacob Lokker; treasurer, Wm. Dinkeloo; assistant treasurer, Wm. Mokma; chorister, Fred Van Lente. All these were re-elections with the exception of William Mokma who took the place of Gerrit Nevenzel, Mr. Nevenzel having been transferred to the Sunday School.

Twenty resolutions were propounded for the pastor, Rev. H. J. Veldman to answer, showing why he should not accept the call of the Vriesland church, to which he responded. Refreshments were served.

Grandma Nagelkerk and daughter, Mrs. C. S. Bullen, Jr., and baby Jeanne are visiting Holland for a few days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arie Vander Hill on West 17th street.—Creston (Grand Rapids) News.

CAN SPEAR FISH  
THROUGH THE ICE

FEW RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON THAT SPORT

A number of fishermen are spearing fish through the ice, it being permissible to spear all kinds of fish except trout and black bass thru the ice during the months of January and February. Below we give extracts from the law pertaining to fishing in winter.

Ice lines—Defined to be a single line with a single hook attached and five such lines may be used by one person during December, January and February for taking all kinds of fish, except the different kinds of trout (including Mackinaw or lake trout) and bass through the ice.

Spearing and dip netting—suckers, mullet, redskins, and grass pike can be taken in the streams and rivers by his means without artificial light during March and April in the lower peninsula of Michigan. All kinds of fish except black bass and brook trout may be speared through the ice during January and February in each year.

ANOTHER LIQUOR  
FEEDER JUGGED

DICK HESSELINK GIVES BLACK-LISTER BOOZE

Dick Hesselink was rounded up by the police force Friday morning and charged with furnishing liquor to Wm. Depledge who is a "black-lister."

Hesselink admitted his guilt to Chief Van Ry and was taken to Grand Haven to be brought before Judge Cross.

This is the second violation of this kind within the last month. The proprietor of the Gem restaurant on the east end is now serving sixty days in the county jail and also paid a fine of \$100, for a similar offense.

H. P. ZWEMER AND SON  
TAKE REPUBLIC AGENCY

POPULAR TRUCKS ARE SOLD TO THREE HOLLAND CONCERNS

H. P. Zwemer & Son are now agents for the popular Republic Motor truck and for territory have been given by the company, Holland vicinity and Saugatuck.

The H. P. Zwemer Company have already sold three new trucks in this city. Besides taking one themselves, they have also sold one to the Van Eyck-Weurding Milling Co., and one to the Holland Canning Co.

"Don" Zwemer will be in charge of the truck end of the business and will devote most of his time to the sale of the Republic.

PRESENTS STANDARDS  
DEMAND AUTOMOBILE

Could the American people get along without the automobile? Undoubtedly they could, but no easier than they could get along without the typewriter, telegraph, telephone, street car and elevator. It is necessary in order to maintain present standards of human efficiency. It is one of the things that has made us great in achievement, because it has kept us in closer touch with others. It has reduced miles to yards, hours to minutes.

There is therefore a feeling in official as well as in civic circles, that after the automobile plants have fulfilled their obligations and handed over to the government whatever facilities are necessary for the manufacture of munitions, they can best fulfill their duty to help win the war by building plenty of cars.

Thus this year will see many of our factories busy all night and day supplying the boys "over there" with their requirements and the folks left behind with theirs.

In both these duties—to the soldier and to the civilian—the automobile industry will be helping materially to route the enemy. Just as physical fitness in the soldier is the prime essential on the battlefield so it is equally important that there be at hand every aid to prompt an energetic action on the part of those at home.

There is scarcely a phase or feature of business life which the automobile has not entered with beneficial results. It carries thousands where railroads and street cars cannot penetrate. It is ready at call.

These facts are more generally realized than ever since we entered the war. People have ceased to think of the automobile in terms of pleasure only. They know by proof of eye and personal experience that it is a great and indispensable utility. There will not be the usual output of cars this year—that is impossible. It is therefore good advice to order early if early delivery is desired, for all signs point to a great demand of cars.

Percy Reed and Wm. Gohlke of the Limbert Furniture company have left on a business trip to New York, and other eastern cities. Mrs. Golke has gone to Chicago to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Pieters and daughter, Miss Margaret returned to Kalamazoo Tuesday. They were called here by the death of Mrs. Pieters' father, H. Boone, Sr.,

FREEZES OVER FIRST  
TIME IN MANY YEARS

KALAMAZOO RIVER IS COMPLETELY COVERED WITH ICE

It has been many years since the Kalamazoo river was frozen all the way across. Every year ice forms near the banks of the stream but the current like running water in faucets, keeps the middle of the stream from freezing. This is an exceptional winter, however, and anywhere, except for about a mile below the dam, where the water runs fastest, the river is frozen over entirely and no water appears in the level, snow-covered surface where the river "used to be". The ice is so thick that Wm. Collins felled a tree on it this week and then went out on the ice and cut up the tree. That is something that is not tried often. He went through into the river once when he struck a soft spot in the ice but it was of sufficient thickness to hold the big tree. When the swift-running Kalamazoo freezes like that the weather not only had been severe but it has been steadily so.

Carroll Van Ark left Monday for Big Rapids where he will take a short course at Ferris Institute to prepare himself for government examinations that are required from those who wish to enter West Point. Mr. Van Ark has been granted an extended furlough.

## Letters From the Front

Letter from Red Cross Nurse  
I wrote to Anna and George last week and this week it is your turn. There are a number of nurses sick or nearly sick at the present time, but up to now I have escaped with the exception of a severe cold several weeks ago. It is quite wintry here. The ground is covered with snow and the weather is pretty damp and cold.

Last evening Capt. Breakey from Ann Arbor gave a talk in the Y room on his experiences at the front. He is a member of our unit and returned a few days ago. He traveled the battlefield of the Somme, an area covering from 20 to 30 miles of the devastation and destruction of which was inconceivable. Little white crosses marked the graves which seemed innumerable, scattered as they were over the whole region—thousand upon thousands of them. He was stationed at one of the casualty clearing stations where the operating room was in constant use day and night. This was near Cambrai, where the fighting is thickest at the moment. He had a taste of the real stuff and is quite happy to be "home" again.

A few days ago another nurse and I went on a tour thru the slums and tenement districts here. We distributed the invitations (to the 23 families whose names were given us by the commissioner of charities) to come to the Christmas party we are getting up for them. The poverty and qualor was worse than any I had ever seen before. It is too bad that we cannot do something permanent for these people. We will have a tree for the children, give them a warm lunch, a few toys and something in the line of wearing apparel—such as stockings, aprons, etc. Expect to have one hundred and eighty to look after.

A few weeks ago we were threatened with an air raid here. The city's lights were turned off and we were compelled to use candles or go without light the remainder of the evening. It was the second time this occurred. Attacks of any kind are always made under cover of darkness even the big land drives are carried on at night. I wish it were all over and we were getting ready to go back. Often wonder how much longer it is going to last.

Goodbye,  
Augusta Niewsmas.

## Letter from Soldier

Camp Grant, Ill. 1-29-18  
Editor, Sentinel—  
Just a few lines to tell you "we" are all well, except a few minor sickness in camp which cannot be helped in winter time.

It was interesting to read that Red Cross Nurse's letter—only she dared not write what she would have liked to have written. It is very disappointing to me, as I am very much interested in things that are going on "over there."

Tonight the whole city of Rockford is pitch dark—no shows or any kind of amusements at all so I will write a few letters which I am behind.

I have been very busy lately here, as we have had quite a lot of epidemics, and it is rumored that the whole camp is liable to be quarantined to the sorrow of the fair sex in Rockford, as it has fallen on the soldiers' shoulders entirely to keep the girls company.

Had quite an accident on the Illinois Central yesterday, three persons killed,—none soldiers.

Best regards to friends in Holland, I am,  
Frank Chervensky.



**FOOD HOARDING  
DENOUNCED BY  
M. E. PASTOR****REV. J. F. BOWERMAN MAKES  
DISCLOSURES IN SUNDAY  
SERMON.****Made Personal Investigations and  
Tells His Audience About  
Them.**

"Are the people of Holland patriotic? Oh, yes, in a general way—but when it hurts a little, a lot of them are not," dramatically declared the Rev. J. F. Bowerman of the M. E. church at the conclusion of his sermon Sunday morning. The disclosure, bristled with startling facts which aroused the real Americans in the congregation to a high pitch of patriotic indignation.

After tracing the evolution of government and social life and declaring that "no Christian can be an anarchist and no anarchist can be a Christian because Christianity avows itself to the utmost sympathy with the order of things, namely, of government," the speaker vigorously denounced the principle of special privilege and asserted that the man who infringes upon the rights of his fellows is on a level with the common thief.

Mr. Bowerman then took up the question of the patriotic duty of the citizens of Holland in relation to the food shortage. "There is danger of food shortage," said he, "and some men who recognize the fact are laying up for themselves. Such men have no right to recognition in modern society. Do you think there is a spark of true patriotism in the hearts of men of their caliber?"

At this point in his sermon Mr. Bowerman disclosed the facts he has been gathering for some time thru personal investigation. He said that one of the most prominent grocers in the city had told him that a family of but two persons had recently ordered a barrel of flour when a 25-pound sack will last them from three to four weeks. As his second disclosure Mr. Bowerman cited the instance of a family of two people that recently ordered two sacks of flour for storage purposes. "And these two persons," said the speaker ironically, "are among the most prominent patriotic people in the city. When there's a patriotic movement on foot they're right in the forefront!"

Proceeding with his indictment, Mr. Bowerman charged that one man in Holland who has a wife but no children, and who is also prominent in patriotic movements, has half a ton of sugar and many barrels of flour stored up to be used while the shortage of sugar and flour continues.

Mr. Bowerman questioned the grocers of the city as to what percentage of the citizens of Holland observed wheatless day and among replies received were the following: "Not ten per cent, judging from my sales of wheat bread." "I was going to say, 'Not any'." "Well, I guess there are about five folks among my customers who buy wheatless bread." "The same thing is true regarding meat," said the preacher.

Concluding his sermon, Mr. Bowerman said that it seemed to him that the idea prevailed in Holland regarding patriotism runs something like this: "Patriotism is a fine thing to practice, providing my neighbor does the practicing."

**HOLLAND-SOUTH HIGH TO  
CLASH ON FRIDAY**

South high of Grand Rapids will meet Holland high at the high school Friday instead of Saturday evening, Coach Churm announced Monday. This game was originally billed for the South gym Saturday, but was later switched to the Lake city for the week end. Now comes word that the clash will take place Friday. Latest reports from St. Joe are to the effect that that school has no shot of canceling its tilt with the Churm tossers. A game is now pending between the South and Holland reserves to be played as a preliminary to the South-Holland main go Friday. A game with Rockford is also in the air for the scrubs.—G. R. Herald.

**INVALID WOMAN IS  
CARRIED TO SAFETY IN  
COOPERSVILLE BLAZE**

Mr. and Mrs. George Haas of Coopersville narrowly escaped cremation Friday when fire caused by an over-heated stove and defective chimney destroyed their home. Both are past 65 years of age, and at the time of the fire Mrs. Haas was seriously ill in bed. She was carried to safety, but the house and contents were practically all destroyed.

**ZEELAND MAN COMMISSIONED**

Dr. Richard Boonstra of Detroit, a brother of D. F. Boonstra, secretary of the local draft board, has received his commission as 1st Lieutenant and is stationed at Detroit. This is the second representative of the Boonstra family in their country's service. Benjamin has entered the navy some time past and is stationed at the Great Lakes training camp.

**ICE FISHING IS POOR-  
EST IN YEARS****MONDAY A PARTY OF SOME 25  
ANGLERS CAUGHT ONLY  
EIGHT PERCH****Theories Advanced For Poor Fish Crop,  
But No Explanation Really  
Explains.**

Without exception this is considered the poorest winter for fishing thru the ice that the fishermen of the present generation can remember. Everything else being abnormal this winter, including weather, the fish in the lake seem to have gone in for a strike too, and he is a lucky man who catches as many as a scant baker's dozen of the members of the finny tribe in the course of a half-day's fishing.

Monday there were some 25 or 30 persons from Holland who took advantage of the heatless Monday to go to the lake and spend the day in the fish shanties angling for perch. Among the party were even three women who braved the bitter atmosphere and the biting wind in order to catch a mess of fish. But at the end of the forenoon the party gathered at the station near the car barn and took stock of their catch, when it was found that the whole party had only eight little perch to show for their work. These were collected and donated to L. Schoon who is ill.

Even the most experienced fishermen are puzzled about the failure of the season's fish crop. Scores of theories are advanced but they are nothing more than theories, as the propounders of them readily admit. The abnormal darkness in the water, because of the unusual depth of snow on the ice is said by some to be responsible, but this theory is laughed at by others. Some say that there are an unusually large number of minnows in the water and that for that reason the perch have too much to eat to be hungry for more.

There are other reasons advanced but it is freely admitted that none of the explanations really explain. But the fact remains that fishing thru the ice is too poor to make a trip to the lake worth while.

**TRAINS ON P. M.  
WERE CANCELLED****MONDAY THEY WENT THROUGH  
TWENTY FOOT SNOW  
BANKS.****Thermometer at Waterworks Registered  
Seventeen Degrees Below Tues-  
day Mornng.**

So severe was the blow in Southern Michigan Monday and Monday night that the P. M. morning Chicago train was cancelled and the mid-night train from Grand Rapids was also taken off.

Monday the Chicago train on the P. M. plowed thru twenty foot snowbanks in Indiana and lower Michigan and encountered most difficult going all along the line.

Freight No. 2 was stuck at Vriesland holding up a passenger going south and train and shovel crews from Grand Rapids and Holland went down to dig the stalled trains out.

The Holland Interurban as usual is open and doing business. It is living up to its reputation of keeping a clean right-of-way, and while the cars are a little late, the service is excellent considering the difficulties the company has to cope with.

The water works indicator registered 5 degrees below zero most of Monday and Tuesday morning at seven o'clock the thermometer registered 17 below, while at noon it was still two below.

Arie Noble of Jenison vouches for the information that it is so cold at the mouth of Holland harbor that the ice is frozen 18 feet thick. We look upon this report very skeptically but the fact that there is no fishing in Black lake give rise to the theory held by some local fishermen that the mouth of the harbor is choked with ice bergs that are thicker than 18 feet, preventing the fish from coming in or going out of the bay.

**OTTAWA CO. FARM  
AGENT MORE AID****BROTHER B. O. HAGERMAN TO BE  
PERMANENTLY EMPLOYED  
AS ASSISTANT**

In connection with the addition of Department of Home Economics to the office of the county agricultural agent, the Department at Washington, working thru the state leader, Dr. Mumford has arranged to appoint a permanent assistant to D. L. Hagerman, county agricultural agent for Ottawa County. This is one of the few counties in the State to receive this support. The volume of work accomplished and the excellent cooperation offered by the people of the county in taking up with the agricultural agent's work have proven to the authorities that much greater benefit might be secured if assisted further and as a result arranged.

Bernard Hakken, of Hope College left for Chicago Tuesday morning to take the examination for air service under Uncle Sam's wing.

ments have been made whereby the present agent will have a permanent assistant for the coming year.

The man appointed to this work is B. O. Hagerman, a brother of D. L. Hagerman, the present agent. The new assistant has had three years' training at the Agricultural College, also three years' work on a large stock farm in the southern part of the state. In connection with this he has had one season's work on the College's Experimental Farm.

In this county the work which he will assume will be effecting a permanent organization of the Boys' Working Reserve, a movement now being recommended by the government to secure all available help for the farmers of the county, since war conditions have so lowered the available supply of efficient help. In connection with this he will assume charge of the employment bureau and conduct the coming season an office of authority to supply the local needs with farm help. Among other things that of boys and girls club work will be encouraged and definite charge of demonstration work thru the farmers' clubs, granges and gleaner orders.

During the year 1917, 14,717 circular letters, 3,544 personal letters were mailed from the office of the agent. 386 public meetings were held and over one hundred demonstrations conducted. All of which has had a decided influence in encouraging interest and stimulating cooperation among the farming people and with the new assistant it is expected that even this record will be surpassed.

7882—Expires Feb. 16

**STATE OF MICHIGAN—THE Probate Court for the County of Ottawa**

At a session of said Court, held at Probate Office in the City of Grand Haven in said County, on the 23rd day of Jan., A. D. 1918.

Present, Hon. James J. Danhof, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Siegmund Guthmann, Deceased.

Fred T. Miles having filed his petition praying that an instrument, duly admitted to Probate in the State of Illinois, be admitted to and Recorded in Michigan and that administration of said estate be granted to George E. Kollen or some other suitable person. And having filed all exemplified copies required by Statute.

It is Ordered, That the 25th day of Feb., A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

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

JAMES J. DANHOF,  
A true copy. Judge of Probate.  
CORA VANDE WATER  
Acting Register of Probate

7884—Expires Feb. 16

**STATE OF MICHIGAN—THE Probate Court for the County of Ottawa**

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grand Haven, in said County, on the 26th day of Jan., A. D. 1918.

Present, Hon. James J. Danhof, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Teunis Prins, Deceased.

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

It is Ordered, That the 25th day of Feb. A. D., 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

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

JAMES J. DANHOF,  
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate  
CORA VANDE WATER  
Acting Register of Probate

7850—Expires Feb. 16

**STATE OF MICHIGAN—THE Probate Court for the County of Ottawa**

In the Matter of the Estate of Frances Oosting, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 26th of Jan. A. D., 1918, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court of 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 City of Grand Haven, in said County, on or before the 26th day of May A. D. 1918, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 27th day of May, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated January, 26 A. D. 1918.  
JAMES J. DANHOF,  
Judge of Probate.

**PORTY ACRE FARM FOR SALE—**  
Either with or without stock and tools, sickness reason for selling. Inquire M. Batjes, R. F. D. No. 11, City.**WANTED—A Holland and American-speaking saleslady for store in Iowa town of 1500. Must be capable of taking charge of dry goods dept. Send full information and references first letter. Ans. care of Holland City News.**

No. 6648

Expires Jan. 26

**STATE OF MICHIGAN****The Probate Court for the County of Ottawa**

In the matter of the estate of Jan Lobbezoo, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 4th day of January, A. D. 1918, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court of 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 City of Grand Haven, in said County, on or before the 4th day of May A. D. 1918 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 6th day of May A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated January 4th, A. D. 1918.  
JAMES J. DANHOF,  
Judge of Probate.

Expires April 6, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by a mortgage dated the 12th day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred ninety-one, executed by Teunis VanDenBerge, of Holland, Michigan, party of the first part, to Wilson Harrington, of the Township of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, as party of the second part, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 21st day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred ninety-one, in Liber Sixteen (16) of Mortgages, on page Six Hundred Thirty-one (311), and which mortgage was duly assigned by an assignment in writing made and executed by said Wilson Harrington, mortgagee of Holland, township, Ottawa County, Michigan, to the First State Bank of Holland, a corporation, which said assignment is dated the 24th day of November, one thousand eight hundred ninety-one, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 12th day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred ninety-seven, in Liber fifty-one (51) of Mortgages on page one hundred Twenty-five (125) and

WHEREAS the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative by reason of the nonpayment of the moneys thereon and no suit or proceeding having been commenced, either in law or in equity to collect the amount due on said mortgage, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS the amount now due thereon consists of three hundred fifty-four and sixty-eight hundredths (\$354.68), together with costs of foreclosure and sale including an attorney fee, provided for in said mortgage and the statute in such case, and

NOW THEREFORE notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in said mortgage described, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, in said County of Ottawa, on Tuesday the 9th day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Said premises are described in said mortgage, as follows: A lot of land situated in the Township of Holland, in the County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, and described, as follows, to-wit: The east half of the west half of the southeast quarter, and the west half of the east half of the southeast quarter, both in Section thirty-three, east quarter, Township Six, north of range sixteen west, containing eighty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1918.

FIRST STATE BANK OF HOLLAND,  
Mortgagee.

Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Michigan.

(Expires Mar. 30, 1918)

**MORTGAGE SALE**

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Ann V. Osborne of Olive Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, mortgagee, to the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, a corporation, of Holland City, Michigan, mortgagee, as a lien upon the following described premises situated in the city of Holland, County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan: Lots Seventeen (17) and twenty-six (26), in Stewart's Addition to the City of Holland, and according to the recorded plat thereof.

Said mortgage is dated the 10th day of May, 1912, and was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ottawa and State Michigan, on the 16th day of May, 1912, in Liber 108 of Mortgages, on page 15, and contains the usual power of sale in case of default, and no proceeding at law or in equity having been commenced to collect the amount due on said mortgage or any part thereof, and the amount now due on said mortgage, for principal and interest, to date, being two hundred and six and 90-100 (\$206.90) dollars;

Notice is Therefore Hereby Given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the above described premises to the highest bidder at the north front door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Ottawa, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1918, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, together with interest, costs and expenses of foreclosure allowed by law. Said lots will be separately sold inasmuch as they are separate and distinct parcels.

Dated, this 31st day of Dec. A. D. 1917.

First State Bank of Holland,  
Mortgagee.

Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Michigan.

Expires March 29, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

Whereas default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 9th day of December, A. D. 1912, executed by Derk J. TeBoller, of the City of Holland, County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, parties of the first part, to The Ottawa County Building & Loan Association of Holland, Michigan, a corporation, and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Michigan, parties of the second part, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1912, in Liber 62 of Mortgages, on page 482, and

Whereas said mortgage contains a provision that should any default be made in the payment of any of the installments thereof or principal or interest on said mortgage, the same shall remain unpaid and in arrears for the space of six months, then and in that case

after the lapse of six months, together with interest thereon shall at the option of the mortgagee, become due and payable immediately thereafter, and

Whereas the parties of the first part have failed and neglected to pay the assessments as the same became due and payable, and are now in arrears for more than six months last past and the second part has exercised its option and has declared said mortgage, and every part of it due and payable, and there is in effect a default in said mortgage at the date of this notice, the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty-Six and forty hundredths (\$866.40) Dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars, as an attorney fee, provided by Statute and in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding have been instituted by law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said Power of Sale and in pursuance of the Statute in such cases made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the north front door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, in said County of Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day. Said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: A parcel of land situated in the Township of Holland, County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, and described as follows: to-wit:—Commencing at a point fifty (50) rods north of the corner stake of the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section thirty-Six (36) in Town Five (5) North of Range Sixteen (16) West, thence East sixty-six and sixty-three one-hundredths (66 and 63-100) rods thence North thirty-two and thirty-two one-hundredths (32 and 32-100) feet thence West Sixty-six and sixty-three one-hundredths (66 and 63-100) rods thence South Eighty and forty-five hundredths (80 and 45-100) feet to place of beginning, including to convey two (2) acres of land, more or less.

Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1917.

The Ottawa County Building & Loan Association,  
Mortgagee.

Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Mich.

Expires Feb. 16, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by a mortgage, dated July 10th, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, executed by Jacob Walcke Sr., and Hubertha Walcke, his wife, of the Township of Holland, County of Ottawa, Michigan, to the Council of Hope College, a corporation of Holland, Michigan, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 12th day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, at eight o'clock, A. M. in Liber 108 of Mortgages on page 86, and

WHEREAS the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of twelve hundred twelve and ninety-seven hundredths (\$1212.97) dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of twenty-seven and forty-hundredths (\$27.40) dollars, taxes paid by said mortgagee, as an attorney fee, provided for by statute, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative,

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said Power of Sale and in pursuance of the Statute in such cases made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the north front door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, in said County of Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 18th day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows:

The north forty-two (42) feet of lots fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) in Walcke's Addition to the City of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan.

Dated, Nov. 22nd, A. D. 1917.  
Council of Hope College, Mortgagee.  
Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Michigan.

Expires March 9, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

WHEREAS Default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by a mortgage dated the 16th day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, executed by Johannes Vliet and his wife, of the City of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, as parties of the first part, to Tobias Koffers of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, as party of the second part, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred eighty-seven, at eight o'clock, in the forenoon, in Liber 16 of Mortgages on page 430; and

WHEREAS said mortgage was duly assigned by an assignment in writing made and executed by the said Tobias Koffers of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 11th day of August, one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine, assigning and transferring said mortgage to Bertha Vugteveen, of the Township of Overisel, Allegan County, Michigan, and which assignment was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 16th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at 8 o'clock, in the forenoon, in Liber 51 of Mortgages on page 578, and

WHEREAS said mortgage was duly assigned by an assignment in writing made and executed by the said Bertha Vugteveen, of the Township of Overisel, Allegan County, Michigan, on the 1st day of November, one thousand nine hundred and six, assigning and transferring said mortgage to Peter Maas, of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, and which assignment was recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 5th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in Liber 79 of Mortgages on page 417, and

WHEREAS the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of two hundred thirty-two and thirty-two one-hundredths (\$232.32) dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of fifteen (\$15) dollars, as an attorney fee, provided for by the statute and in said mortgage, and which is the whole amount claimed due and unpaid on said mortgage at this time;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale in said mortgage contained and fully set forth and in pursuance of the statutes of this state in such cases made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the north front door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, in said County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 18th day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: "A parcel of land situated in the Township of Holland, in the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, and described as follows: to-wit:—Lot numbered eighty-two (82) in 'Lugers' Addition to the city of Holland, according to the recorded plat thereof."

Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1917.

The Ottawa County Building & Loan Association,  
Mortgagee.

Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Mich.

Expires Feb. 16, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by a mortgage, dated the 21st day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, executed by Jacob Walcke, and Hubertha Walcke, his wife, of the City of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, to the Council of Hope College, a corporation of Holland, Michigan, and which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 22nd day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, at one o'clock, A. M. in Liber 102 of Mortgages, on page 137, and

WHEREAS the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the time of this notice is three hundred sixty-five and thirty-four hundredths (\$365.34) dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of fourteen and six hundredths (\$14.06) dollars, taxes paid by said mortgagee, and the further sum of fifteen (\$15) dollars, as an attorney fee provided for by statute, which is the whole amount claimed to be due on said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage; nor any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

NOW, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said Power of Sale and in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the Court House, in the City of Grand Haven, in said County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the eighteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage, as follows:

Lot seventeen (17) of Stokette Brothers Addition to the City of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan.

Also all that part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section thirty-two (32) in Township five (5) North of Range fifteen (15) west, which is bounded on the north side by the south margin line of Seventeenth street; on the south side by a line running parallel therewith, situated at a distance of one hundred and thirty feet from the south margin line of College Avenue, and bounded on the west side, by the east boundary line of lot twenty-four (24) of Vandenberg's Addition Number one, to Vandenberg's plat, said situated at a distance of one hundred and thirty feet from the south margin line of College Avenue, and County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan.

Dated, Nov. 22nd, A. D. 1917.  
Council of Hope College, Mortgagee.  
Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Michigan.

Expires March 23, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

Whereas default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 12th day of November, A. D. 1912, executed by Derk J. TeBoller and Anna Te Roller, his wife, of the City of Holland, County of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, parties of the first part, to The Ottawa County Building and Loan Association of Holland, Michigan, a corporation duly organized and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Michigan, parties of the second part, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1912, in Liber 62 of Mortgages, on page 478, and

Whereas said mortgage contains a provision that should any default be made in the payment of any of the installments thereof or principal or interest on any day whereupon the same is payable, and should the same remain unpaid and in arrears for the space of six months, then and in that case, after the lapse of six months, the principal sum of said mortgage, together with interest thereon shall at the option of second party, become due and payable immediately thereafter, and

Whereas the parties of the first part have failed and neglected to pay the assessments as the same became due and payable, and are now in arrears for more than six months last past, and the second party has exercised its option and has declared said mortgage, and every part of it due and payable, and there is now due on said mortgage at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Seventy-nine and seventy-hundredths (\$679.70) Dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of Twenty-eight and eighty-two one-hundredths (\$28.82) dollars, as an attorney fee provided by Statute and in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted by law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said Power of Sale and in pursuance of the Statute in such cases made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the north front door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, in said County of Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day. Said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: "A parcel of land situated in the Township of Holland, in the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, and described as follows: to-wit:—Lot numbered eighty-two (82) in 'Lugers' Addition to the city of Holland, according to the recorded plat thereof."

Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1917.

The Ottawa County Building & Loan Association,  
Mortgagee.

Dickema, Kollen & Ten Cate,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Business Address: Holland, Mich.

Expires Feb. 16, 1918

**MORTGAGE SALE**

WHEREAS default has been



## HOLLAND MARKETS

Beach Milling Co.	
(Buying Prices of Grain)	
Wheat, white No. 1	2.04
Wheat, white No. 2	2.01
Wheat, white No. 3	1.98
Wheat, red No. 1	2.09
Wheat, red No. 2	2.06
Wheat, red No. 3	2.03
Oats	1.80
Oats, per bushel	.92
Corn	2.08

(Feed in Ton Lots)	
St. Car Feed	75.00
No. 1 Feed	75.00
Cracked Corn	79.00
Corn Meal	79.03
Bran	43.00
Middlings	50.00
Screenings	48.00
Hog Feed	68.00
Badger Dairy Feed	52.09
Badger Horse Feed	62.00
Hominy	70.00
C-Er-Lay Scratch feed with grit	79.00
C-Er-Lay Scratch " without grit	82.00
Low Grade	77.00
Kraus Hi-Protein dairy food	64.00
Oil Meal	64.00
Cotton Seed Meal	60.00

Thomas Klomparsen & Co.	
Hay, loose	22.00
Hay, baled	24.00
Straw	10.00

Molenaar & De Goede	
Butter, creamery	.50
Butter, dairy	.45
Eggs	.50
Pork	.21
Mutton	.18
Veal	.14
Beef	.13
Spring Chicken	.18

## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Rena Bouwman has accepted a position with the Donnelly-Kelley Co.

Harris Bertsch of Big Rapids was called to Holland by the death of his grandfather, Mr. C. Blom, sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tardiff have left for Chicago, having received a telegram regarding the serious illness of Mr. Tardiff's mother, living in that city.

The extension department of the Western State Normal at Kalamazoo announces that Prof. J. C. Hoekje's class in educational sociology will meet at the Ryerson library, Grand Rapids, Thursday evening at 7:30.

Birth of a nation Coming Soon. God's

The Michigan Railway company reports very heavy loss owing to the snow and recent storms. Damage to equipment, \$12,000; miscellaneous expenses of handling the snow, \$15,000; and loss of business, \$50,000; a total of \$77,000.

Dr. Mieras of Grand Haven has been very unfortunate within the last few years caused by death in the family. A few years ago he lost his father and mother within a few weeks, and became an orphan. Today he buried his aunt, Mrs. J. Ball of Grand Haven and tomorrow he will be here to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. C. Blom, sr.

Henry Geerlings who is on the program to speak at a state Sunday school banquet at Benton Harbor wired that he could not come owing to the fact that no trains were running. Another prominent speaker from Chicago wired the banquet committee that he could not leave Chicago for Benton Harbor owing to a big wreck at Michigan City. No doubt if the banquet was pulled off it must have been a speechless affair.

The annual meeting of the S. S. class of the 3rd Reformed church which Mrs. G. H. Dubbiak is teacher was held at the home of Mrs. B. Wierwille. The officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mrs. W. Eby; vice president, Mrs. Joe Kardux; secretary, Mrs. Harry Kardux; and treasurer, Cora Boda. After the business meeting a social time was enjoyed by all.

SIDEWALK CLEANING  
COST CITY \$816.29

MOST OF THIS STILL HAS TO BE PAID BY PROPERTY OWNERS.

The sidewalk cleaning bee that was engaged in recently by the squads of laboring men cost \$816.29. This fact was brought out last night when the committee on claims and accounts brot in its bill. Although the money is to be paid by the private individuals whose walks have been cleaned, the city had to advance the money because the laboring men naturally could not wait for it. The result was that the claims reported by the committee this time were abnormally high. But most of the extra \$816.29 will be refunded to the city.

Of the amount \$100 has been paid in while a little over \$700 is still due. People who have not yet paid for the service are requested to do so by calling at the office of the city engineer in the city hall. It is expected that the money will be in within a few days now, and it is anticipated that only a very few will refuse to pay it as a just claim.

An Immense Diamond.  
A big diamond has been found in a mine in Griqualand West (South Africa). The stone is amber colored, and weighs four hundred and forty carats—about a quarter of a pound. Although this is not a record as regards weight, it is the finest that has ever been found in that section of the country.

## POOL ROOMS

ARE TO BE  
BONE DRY

## AT LEAST SO PLANS THE COUNCIL IN A PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

No Soft Drinks or Refreshments of Any Kind To Be Sold There Is Plan.

The Common Council last night decided to be forehanded as far as the liquor situation in Holland after the closing of saloons on May 1 is concerned. At the next meeting of the council the city's ordinance governing pool rooms, billiard halls, bowling alleys and similar places will be up for revision. The change that has been made by the ordinance committee will be designed to meet the new conditions that will obtain when Michigan goes dry.

With the saloons closed the aldermen anticipate that there will be a great demand for privileges to sell near-beer and other beverages. They anticipate further that it will be the proprietors of such places as are named in the ordinance who would be the most likely to apply for such privileges. Thinking that the sale of near-beer in such places would serve to accentuate whatever rowdism there may be in such places, the aldermen decided to get ahead of trouble by prohibiting the furnishing of refreshments or beverages there.

Only a phrase or two will be changed in the old ordinance governing such places now. But these slight changes, if passed by the council, will effectually prevent the places affected from attracting anyone because of the chance to get wet goods that are at least an imitation of the brands they were used to before May 31st.

## SKUNKS TO BE RAISED IN HOLLAND

RABBIT FARMS ARE ALSO BECOMING VERY POPULAR NOW.

Meeting Held Tuesday Evening Was Attended By Many; Name Of Poultry Association Changed

A great many interested persons attended the meeting of the Holland Poultry Association held Tuesday evening at the secretary's office in the Vander Veen block. The report of the secretary, Edward Brouwer, showed that the receipts for the year 1917 were \$265.19 while the disbursements total \$171.61 leaving a comfortable balance of \$93.49. It was shown that fifteen new members have joined the association and other departures, besides poultry may be added to the list of things that will interest the association and its members.

For instance, Uncle Sam is urging the raising of rabbits, as another avenue of meat supply for the nation. England today is making bids in this country for 400,000 bunnies per month with which to feed the soldiers. Breeding odorless skunk, as a fur bearing animal is also contemplated. In fact there are already small skunk farms in both Holland and Zeeland and possibly the reason that it is not generally known is that the new variety and not the old is being raised.

Ed Brouwer, the secretary of the association, has already quite a rabbit farm started. The first pair of rabbits from fancy stock cost him in the neighborhood of \$30 and it said that Mr. Brouwer has twenty-five pairs bred from this stock and expects to have five hundred by next fall.

A large organization of rabbit breeders has been started in Grand Rapids and no less a man than Alvah Brown, who was some years ago noted for his piggery, just outside of the limits of the Furniture City has gone into this business on a large scale. He has discarded pigs and has adopted cotton-tails. He has interested men of Grand Rapids with capital to go into the cold storage and the breeding of rabbits on a large scale.

Because of these new departures that are being taken up with the Holland Poultry Association the organization thought it wise to change the name of the association and in the future it will be called the Holland Poultry & Pet Stock association.

Outside lecturers on poultry and pet stock will be brot to Holland from time to time, and the men back of the movement are urging interested citizens to join at a fee of \$1 per year. The knowledge derived from the lectures and the exchange of thoughts and experiences between the members will far out-weigh the joining price.

## NOW IS THE BEST TIME FOR THE LOCAL BUYER TO SELECT HIS CAR

That the present is a good time for the prospective purchaser to get busy and pick out his car at the show is the opinion of local dealers who are giving the subject of curtailed production in many of the big automobile

plants their serious consideration.

In the Ford plant alone the working day has been reduced from the 24-hour to the 9-hour schedule. Figuring the former production of 3,000 cars a day down to the 9-hour day schedule it means a curtailment in production of at least two-thirds. Local car buyers will be best served at the present time or just as soon as the roads are broken enough to permit the driving of cars overland. With the proximity of Holland to Detroit this city has an advantage in car delivery which cannot be denied.

## LETTER FROM A FLYER IN ITALY

NED LACEY SENDS PARENTS AN INTERESTING LETTER

The following interesting letter was received from Ned Lacey who is now in Italy with the American flying squad.

Campo d'Arazione, Toggia, Jan. 2, 1918

Dearest Ones at Home:—

Just finished a wonderful day with the birds and altho I nearly had my instructor wild, had a fine lesson. We had a new machine and it insisted on climbing in a very abnormal fashion also when I would use the ailerons to pull my left wing down when we hit the rough spots the nose would be starting skyward. Old Dellepiane would shake his head frantically until the nose was in place again. Many is the time that I have thanked heaven that I was in an Italian school. Flying is no more dangerous than driving a car. Accidents happen usually where the pilots get reckless and do not show Old Man Gravity proper consideration. Dellepiane reminds me much of Dad. If you have a good day or a poor one he says very little. Many of the Italian instructors, pat their students on the back and curse violently in turn, some even go as far as to bang the would-be pilots on the head for questionable moves. But not so old Dellepiane, he has a silence that is stronger than words and the shake of his head is more than a dictionary of words. In consequence, he is considered one of the best instructors in Italy and his pupils have been a success. While you have no wagons and lamp post to lodge the feeling is much the same as that in an automobile when you are learning to drive. You have direction to control with the feet. The elevation and ailerons (the latter is to correct the tendency of the machine to make an

excessive bank on turns and to furnish a means to control the rolling motion of the machine and the atmospheric conditions that causes the wings to go up and down from a level position to a glancing position, are connected to the same control apparatus. This together with the pressure gauge, tachometer, gas lever or gun to handle furnish just as much excitement to the novice as shifting gears and dodging other vehicles and on a windy day much more.

Although we have had a great many bags of mail in camp, have received no word since the 21st. The Christmas packages are still coming in. You don't know how good it seems to open them. I have not had a chance as yet but helped on several. New Years day we had a dinner down town, six of us and one of the lads had received a regular American fruit cake from home and brought it down. It was the best part of the meal. Am hoping I am going to get some tobacco for my pipe from home before what I have gives out. Also Mother if you can send me some heavy woolen socks—a pair or so occasionally they are fine big ones. Mittens too can always be used, not fancy ones just plain one to put inside as altitude work is very cold and on's hands and get pretty cold in spite of most anything that you can do.

Every day work isn't bad at all and the Mackinaw helps wonderfully, really all I need until I am issued my leather togs on the Brevet line. I am going to have fur lined shoes made.

Guess you think this is just a letter of wants, but it is very hard to beg things here. I paid three Lira for things in town last night (60c) that I could have purchased in Woolworth's at home for 25c.

Sent Sarah a couple of Naples' cards the other day and as I was very busy did not write as much as I wanted to. Hope they reach you. Was talking to a Canadian officer on the boat coming over and he said it was very hard for him to write home as there was so little news that he wanted or had in mind to write that would pass censorship. I see it myself. Guess my mail that was sent from England was treated pretty harshly.

Love to you all,  
Your son,  
Ned Lacey.

Mrs. U. Terpstra of Zeeland has been the guest of Mrs. George Tilma, of Alpine avenue and of Mr. and Mrs. Arie Brok of Crosby street.—Grand Rapids news.

## Country and Woman Next Monday at the Knickerbocker Theater.

The Knickerbocker has several big pictures booked to be shown in the near future. Another big one is booked for next Monday, the 11th. A 9-reel one "God's Country and the Woman" featuring Nell Shipman and Wm. Duncan. It will be on Monday only, both matinee and night.

A change in prices go into effect after next Monday, the entire lower floor will be 20 cents and the entire balcony at ten cents. Holland is certainly getting big shows for little money. The class of pictures shown at the Knickerbocker are way above the ordinary and the music alone is worth the admission. Manager Ogden is running the theater in city style and is meeting with big success. A good crowd is on hand nearly every night.

## BIDS WANTED

The Village Board of the Village of Saugatuck, Michigan, will receive bids until 4 o'clock p. m., Feb. 18, 1918, for the following quantity of salt-glazed tile, F. O. B. Saugatuck; Michigan, to be delivered on or before March 1, 1918:

2170 feet of 6 inch salt glazed tile  
1574 feet 8 inch salt glazed tile  
396 feet 10 inch salt glazed tile  
446 feet 12 inch salt glazed tile  
1 12"x12"x10" salt glazed tee  
1 12"x12"x 8" salt glazed tee

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$100, sealed and marked on the outside "Bid on tile for the Village of Saugatuck, Mich."

Owing to the unfavorable conditions caused by the weather the opening of the bids was postponed until Feb. 18, 1918 and the clerk will continue to receive bids until that date.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Address all bids to the Village Clerk, Saugatuck, Michigan.

L. R. BRADY,  
Village Clerk



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