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## DENTAL RATING OF CHILDREN IN OTTAWA HIGHER

Reputation for Greatest  
Tooth Losses in State  
Is Erased

Review Shows Influenza  
Only Major Outbreak  
During Year

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Improved condition since 1935 have dealt a blow to Ottawa county's reputation of having more tooth decay than any county in the state, according to Dr. Ralph Ten Have, county health commissioner.

When the dental clinic was opened in October, 1935, as a contribution of the Children's fund of Michigan, every third child visiting the clinic had a permanent tooth extracted. Now, Dr. Ten Have pointed out, only every eighth child loses a permanent tooth as the clinic not only cares for tooth decay but teaches children to prevent loss of permanent teeth by proper care and cleanliness.

In his review of health conditions in 1939, Dr. Ten Have said there were no major outbreaks of contagions, except influenza, and that the tuberculosis death rate has dropped from 19.8 per cent in 1931 to 13.2 per cent in 1939.

"The lower tuberculosis rate, however, does not mean that our number of cases has dropped proportionately, because at the present time we have 58 active cases of tuberculosis, of which 19 are in the sanatorium. It still continues to be a serious problem. We try to find tuberculosis in its early stages and one of the chief methods of case finding is tuberculin testing followed by x-rays of positive reactors. During the past year, 90 per cent of the junior and senior high school students of Holland were given the tuberculin skin test. All positive reactors were followed by an x-ray, conducted and partly financed by the Michigan Tuberculosis association."

Of influenza and other diseases, he stated:  
"Influenza, which occurred during the early part of 1939, involved chiefly high school students. During 1939 there were one case of smallpox and two cases of infantile paralysis. During the past few years we have seldom heard of typhoid fever, but this year one case occurred in a child, aged six. The aged grandmother who had been making her home with the family, was found upon history and examination to be the carrier of the germs that cause typhoid fever."

"Ottawa county, as well as the whole state, had a serious outbreak of rabies and it was necessary for the state department of agriculture to establish a dog quarantine in many areas. At least 20 cases of rabies have occurred in Ottawa county since March 11, which required about 30 individuals to be given the Pasteur treatment for rabies. Because it is expensive and dangerous, efforts should be made by every individual to control rabies, and we feel that if dogs are kept under control for two years, it will solve the rabies problem."

"It is felt that the most effective time for children to receive their protection from diphtheria, smallpox and whooping cough is during the first year of life. Records in our county show little of this preventive work is being done before the children reach school age."

"To show any improvements we feel the public must increase its interest in public health if better personal and community health is to be acquired."

"It is our aim to give every preschool child in the county a physical examination so they can enter school free from physical handicaps and protected against whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox."

"During 1939 as in past years, the health department has attempted to carry out a generalized program, each member of the staff being responsible to the director, who in turn is responsible to the county, state and federal governments for the formulating of plans which make for better health."

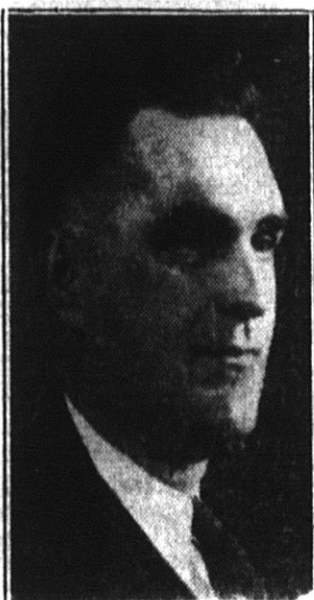
With Dr. Ten Have as commissioner, the county health department is composed of Misses Madge Bresnahan, Martha Allen, Winifred Fisher and Leone Britton, nurses; Miss Bertha Groth, a nurse who was loaned to the county for a year by the state health department; Dr. Carl H. Frost, Children's fund dentist; S. P. Nelson, sanitary engineer; and Albertine Vander Laan, clerk.

Two nurses have been placed on the staffs of the Holland and Grand Haven city health departments to replace Miss Florence Dykhuis and Mrs. John Wolfert, who resigned. They are Mrs. Celestine Bolt in Grand Haven and Miss Esther Rothrock in Holland.

Mrs. Minnie Rotman of West 20th St. was released from Holland hospital after a treatment for a blood vessel which ruptured in the nose.

## Hope College Will Honor Dutch Envoy With Degree

BROOKS IS NAMED IN  
FDR BIRTHDAY FETE



Ernest C. Brooks, 659 State St., has been notified of his appointment as Ottawa county chairman to direct plans for county participation in the nation-wide celebration of the President's 58th birthday Tuesday, Jan. 30, to aid the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mr. Brooks was named by Keith Morgan of New York city, national chairman of the celebration. The Holland Lions club again will sponsor the annual celebration in this city.

## BOTTJE MAKES YEAR'S REPORT

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Frank J. Bottje, Ottawa county register of deeds, in an annual report covering 1939 from Jan. 1 to Dec. 15, reveals that 14,695 conveyances have been handled by his office, with fees totaling \$10,895.10.

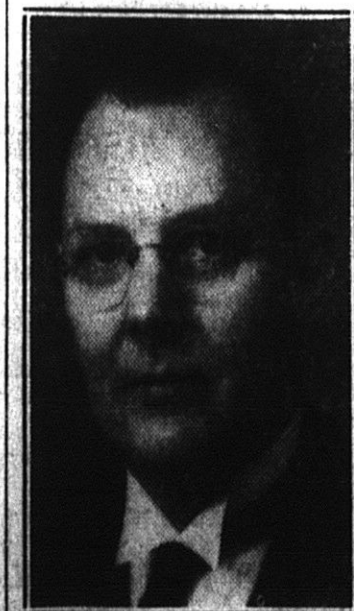
His report shows 2,030 deeds passed through his office to net \$2,081.10; 770 mortgages, \$1,357.70; 234 assignment of mortgages, \$172.05; 587 discharge of mortgages, \$322.35; 60 part releases of mortgages, \$21.50; 379 probate papers, \$480.70; 18 leases, \$27.55; three assignment of leases, \$2.70; 26 decrees, \$42.40; 236 rights of way, \$222.45; 23 power of attorney, \$18.65; 11 patents, \$9.90.

Two plats, \$2; 34 land contracts, \$68.50; 1,391 oil and gas leases, \$2,815.50; 625 assignment oil and gas leases, \$698.15; 214 discharge oil and gas leases, \$153.90; 38 sheriff deeds, \$152; 341 miscellaneous papers, \$276.25; 11 levies, \$6.50; nine lis pendens, \$4.50; 13 liens, \$9.20; two discharge liens, \$5 cents; 6,618 chattel mortgages, \$1,656.75; 837 discharge chattel mortgages, \$209; 14 bills of sale, \$3.50; 126 chattel mortgage abstracts, \$37.20; 35 renewal of chattel mortgages, \$8.75 and six assignment of chattel mortgages, \$1.50.

## Services for Burt Fant Will Be Held Saturday

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Funeral services for Burt Fant, 1214 Columbus St., who died suddenly Wednesday of a heart attack, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the home and from the Methodist church at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Clemons officiating. Burial will be in Lake Forest cemetery.

## Local Pastor Accepts Call to Eastern Church



The Rev. Nicholas J. Monsma, pastor of the Ninth Street Christian Reformed church, announced to his congregation Sunday morning that he had accepted a call to the Second Christian Reformed church of Paterson, N. J. Rev. Monsma, who came to the local church from Orange City, Ia., in August, 1929, has made no immediate plans for his departure. Arrangements will have to be made with the two consistories before the date for assuming the new pastorate is set, he stated today.

## Loudon, New Minister, to Come Here Soon for Special Rites

The Honorable A. Loudon, Netherlands minister to the United States, will be granted the degree of doctor of law at a special convocation in Hope Memorial chapel at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, President Wynand Wichers announced this morning.

The present minister is the successor of Dr. H. W. van Haersma de With who was given the same degree by Hope college in 1935. Mr. Loudon was appointed a few months ago.

The Netherlands Pioneer and Historical foundation is making arrangements for a reception in the Warm Friend tavern and other entertainment during the diplomat's stay here.

The public is invited to the convocation, President Wichers said.

## CAR WRECKED; DRIVER UNHURT

## Auto Skids on Ice Near Tulip Farm, Crashes Into Tree

A car driven by John Van Raalte, 33, 194 West 18th St., was completely demolished Saturday afternoon when it crashed into a tree east of the Nelis Tulip farm. According to police, Van Raalte was traveling about 70 miles per hour when the car skidded on a small patch of ice. Although the car was a complete wreck, police said, Van Raalte suffered only a small cut on the hand.

A car driven by Marvin Dyke, 375 Central Ave., collided with one driven by Peter H. Walters, R. R. 1, Zeeland, when the latter traveling south on Central Ave., attempted a left turn into a driveway without signaling. The accident happened Monday about 7:20 p.m.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. H. MILLER

Zeeland, Dec. 28 (Special)—Mrs. Herman Miller, 68, died at her home, 214 East Central Ave., Wednesday afternoon after a brief illness.

She is survived by the husband; four daughters, Mrs. Henry Krombe of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Dick J. De Pree of Zeeland, Mrs. H. C. Kling of Niles, Mich., and Mrs. S. Harvey-Smith of Montreal, Canada; two sons, Howard C. of Zeeland and Earl K. of Holland; 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild; five brothers, Paul and Roy Green of Grand Rapids, Cornelius of Glendale, Calif., John and Peter of Holland; a sister, Mrs. Grace Jacobus of Holland.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the home with the Rev. J. Laning officiating. Burial will be in Zeeland cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had lived in Zeeland many years. They observed their golden wedding anniversary just a few weeks ago.

## Fillmore Resident Will Face Statutory Charge

Martin E. Nienhuis, 32, of Fillmore was bound over to Ottawa circuit court on a statutory charge Thursday, Dec. 21, by Justice of Peace Raymond L. Smith following a hearing in which the court found probable cause to hold Nienhuis to circuit court.

He was released under \$500 for his appearance in court Feb. 19.

## Kaiser Services to Be Held Here Saturday

Funeral services for William Kaiser, 78, of Montello park, who died Wednesday at his home, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Dykstra funeral home, with the Rev. William Van't Hof, pastor of Third Reformed church, officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home cemetery.

The body may be seen Friday afternoon and night in the Dykstra funeral home.

## Spring Lake Township Resident Succumbs

Grand Haven, Dec. 28—Louis A. Wachter, 64, farmer, and lifelong resident of Spring Lake township, died of heart attack Friday noon. He was born in the township July 18, 1875. Surviving are the widow; two sons, William and Joseph; three daughters, Mrs. Russell Volmer of Spring Lake and Mrs. Ivan Wickham and Mrs. Carl Berg of Grand Haven; and several brothers and sisters.

## TWO OTHERS IN G.R. WILL SEEK CONGRESS POST

Paul O. Strawhecker and  
Harvey Clay Become  
Candidates

Peterson Sets Deadline for  
Voters' Registration  
in Holland

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28—Paul O. Strawhecker, an attorney, and Harvey E. Clay, former industrial executive now in the real estate business, are in the race for the nomination as Republican candidate for the fifth congressional seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Carl E. Mapes, R., Grand Rapids.

They joined Bartel J. Jonkman, former Kent county prosecutor, and State Rep. Nelson A. Miles of Holland in the contest to be climaxed at a primary election Jan. 25. At least one other Republican and several Democrats were expected to announce next week their candidacies for congressman, who will be chosen at a special election Feb. 19.

Those who definitely announced Friday they will not seek the Republican nomination were State Sen. Earl W. Tunshaw and John Heikman, both of whom had been considered in the light of strong contenders should they decide to make the race.

Rumor was persistent that Judge John Dalton also will be completely demolished Saturday afternoon when it crashed into a tree east of the Nelis Tulip farm. According to police, Van Raalte was traveling about 70 miles per hour when the car skidded on a small patch of ice. Although the car was a complete wreck, police said, Van Raalte suffered only a small cut on the hand.

Raymond W. Starr, former attorney general, and J. Neal Lamoreaux, former state senator, both frequently mentioned as possible Democratic candidates, said they probably would announce their decisions early next week. Garrett Heyns, former Ionia reformatory warden; Tunis Johnson, former mayor; Atty. William R. McCaslin, and Ernest C. Brooks of Holland also have been mentioned as possible candidates on the Democratic ticket.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28—With four candidates already entered in the race for the congressional seat made vacant by the death of Carl E. Mapes, the names of at least four other possible candidates were mentioned.

All those definitely announced thus far are Republicans. Three of those most recently suggested are Democrats. They were the Rev. James W. Hailwood, who barely lost the Democratic nomination to Tunis Johnson in 1938; Harry Hart, an instructor in Grand Rapids Junior college; and Joseph E. Arsulowicz, The fourth, who would seek the Republican nomination if he runs, was George Geldman, former Grand Rapids commissioner.

In connection with the special fifth district primary to be held in Kent and Ottawa county Thursday, Jan. 25, to nominate party candidates for representative in congress as a successor to the late R. Carl E. Mapes of Grand Rapids, City Clerk Oscar Peterson said that the deadline for registration of Holland voters will be Saturday, Jan. 6.

This date, he said, is in keeping with provisions of the city charter which sets the third Saturday before the date of an election as the deadline for registration of voters. Since registration is permanent, only those voters who have not registered previously or have moved to new locations since the last election will have to ascertain whether their registrations are in order.

## G.H. RIVER PROJECT IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Notice has been received by Lieut. Col. George L. Olsen, chairman of the harbor commission, and City Manager Seymour Justema from Lieut. Col. W. H. Holcombe of the engineering office in Milwaukee, Wis., that approval has been given by the rivers and harbor commission of the house of representatives for widening of the Grand Trunk railroad bridge to a minimum width of 300 feet, for a distance of about one and one-half miles.

The minimum depth will be 21 feet. Also approved was a 600-foot turning basin with a depth of 18 feet. The request that the south channel be included in the project was rejected, on the claim that this should be maintained by private interests.

## Fire in Crib Causes Only Delay in Service

Candles placed under a crib of straw at the Christmas eve services in Third Reformed church started a minor fire about 8 p.m. About 700 people were present at the services which were continued after the fire had been extinguished. The Rev. William Van't Hof, pastor of the church, said.

## Church Window Is Theme of Local Pageant



Christmas eve services Sunday night in the Methodist church featured the presentation of the pageant, "The Christmas Window," in which the characters in the church window came to life in the Nativity scene and spoke to the "modern and troubled souls."

Sown in the above picture (left to right) are those who took part in the pageant, Clarence Harris, Robert Goodwin, Raymond Lamb (rear), Charleen McCormick,

## DUTCH GROUP TO ROSE BOWL

Five in Costume to Give  
Holland Greetings  
in West

Jeanne and Ruth Cramer, 89 West Eighth St., left here Tuesday by automobile to represent Holland in Pasadena's Tournament of Roses. They will be joined in Pasadena by Lorraine Wilde, Lillian Remelts, and Anna Ruth Veining, all former residents of this city. The five "meisjes" dressed in white lace caps, petticoats and wooden shoes will present greetings from the Tulip Time committee to the management of the tournament.

## GEO. MERRILL DIES IN SOUTH

Word was received Wednesday of the sudden death in St. Petersburg, Fla., earlier in the day of George E. Merrill, 68, of Montello park.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill left in September to spend the winter in the south.

Mr. Merrill was born in Muskegon. He was first married to Miss Minnie Vegter who died about 15 years ago.

Survivors are his second wife and one sister, Mrs. Fred Fritch of Grand Rapids, former Holland resident.

Mr. Merrill, a sign painter, was adept at stage decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill erected and leased several residences in Montello park.

## Saugatuck Man Serving Five Days in G.H. Jail

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Herbert Kaat, 41, of Saugatuck, is serving five days in the county jail in lieu of payment of costs of \$4.85 on a drunk and disorderly conduct charge. He was arrested by state police in a Ferrysburg tavern Wednesday afternoon and was arraigned before Justice George V. Hoffer today.

## Pays Fine as Drunk After Christmas Night in Jail

Henry Buursma, 301 East 7th St., pleaded guilty before Justice Raymond L. Smith on Tuesday on a charge of drunkenness. Fine and costs of \$10 were paid. He was arrested Christmas night and spent the night in jail.

## Record Crowds Attend Carol Services in City

The largest crowd ever to attend a carol sing in Centennial park since the custom was established by the local D. A. R. chapter more than 20 years ago, gathered Saturday night to sing under the direction of the veteran choir leader, John Vandersluijs.

Ideal weather and several new features contributed to the success of the annual event. The crowd, numbering several thousands and persons, filled the central part of the park, where a platform had been erected near the lighted fountain, a new feature this year. A brass quartet and vibra-harp assisted Mr. Vandersluijs.

Hope Memorial chapel was practically filled Sunday night for the third annual Christmas eve carol service which marked the coming of Christmas in an impressive observance of the birth of Christ.

This service, in which the Holland High school A Cappella choir, augmented by young people of the city, took part, was sponsored by Hope college. Arrangements for the event were made by Mrs. M. C. Snow, with Miss Trixie Moore, Eugene F. Heeter, and the Rev. E. P. McLean, assisting.

Pageants, Christmas programs and cantatas in many of the churches marked Sunday afternoon and evening services. A number of programs also were given last night in observance of the holiday.

## Youth Fined Here for Leaving Crash Scene

Jerome Essink, 16, Overisel, today paid fine and costs of \$5 after pleading guilty on arraignment before Justice Nicholas Hoffman to a charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

The accident occurred Friday noon when his car and one belonging to A. J. Westerhof, 385 College Ave., collided.

## WOMAN PASSES AT SON'S HOME

Mrs. Alice Van Vulpen, 59, died at 9:30 Wednesday at the home of her son, Walter, at 34 East 17th St. She had been ill for several weeks. Surviving are the son, Walter; two grandchildren, Geraldine and Roy Van Vulpen; and a sister, Mrs. Richard Wiegink of Holland.

Private funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the Walter Van Vulpen home and at 2 p.m. from the Nibbelink-Notker chapel. Dr. Charles Fields of Chicago will officiate. Burial will be in the Graafschap cemetery.

Friends may call at the home of the son Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Van Vulpen, husband of the deceased, died last May.

## Peter Kalkman to Build New Residence in City

Peter Kalkman filed application for a building permit with City Clerk Oscar Peterson Wednesday to erect a new home at 377 West 22nd St. at an estimated cost of \$12,000.

The application also calls for construction of a single garage, 12 by 16 feet, \$100. The home will be one story, of frame construction and with asphalt roofing.

Mrs. Margaret Van Dort, 95 East 15th St., also filed application for a permit to remodel a single garage into a double garage at a cost of \$100.

## Rumsey Oil Truck in Crash North of Here

The tank portion of a semi-trailer truck of the Rumsey Trucking Co. of Holland turned over on its side in an accident about midnight Tuesday on the reverse curve of US-31 at the north edge of Holland.

Francis Wilber, 25, route 1, Holland, escaped injuries. He was driving the oil truck south on the highway when the accident occurred. Deputy Sheriff William Van Etta, who investigated, reported the trailer torn down several mail boxes before overturning.

## ELEVEN ABOVE SEASON'S LOW

Minimum for Michigan Is  
Five Degrees in Sault  
Ste. Marie

Holland citizens shivered this morning when the temperature dropped to 11 degrees above zero, the lowest mark for the winter season. At 11 a.m. today, the temperature here was 18.

The lowest recorded morning temperature for the state was the five-degree reading in Sault Ste. Marie.

Lower Michigan generally was not expected to be quite so cold tonight and Friday.

Grand Rapids temperatures dipped to 10 degrees during the night. Frankfort reported a low of nine, but came up four degrees by 7 a.m. Snow was reported in Chicago, but none was recorded in Michigan.

## FIVE IN FERRYSBURG BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—The Ottawa county health department reports that five children in Ferrysburg were bitten last week by a dog found to have rabies. The department is unable to ascertain how many dogs have been bitten by this dog.

A thorough investigation is believed to have located all the children who were bitten.

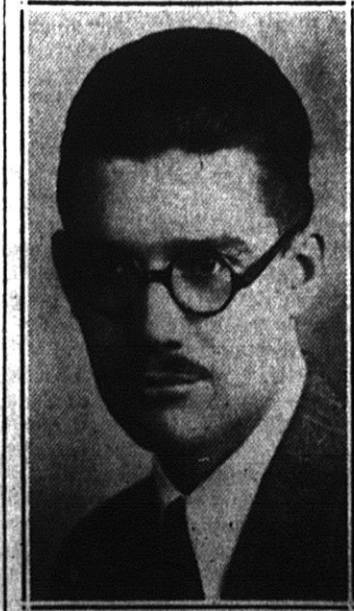
The dog was killed by the sheriff's department and arrangements have been made whereby this particular area in Ferrysburg will be patrolled for the next two months and all stray dogs will be picked up in that vicinity.

## Miles Is Selected as Observance Chairman

Grand Rapids, Dec. 28—Frederick T. Miles of Saugatuck has been named Allegan county chairman for the "Know Michigan Tourist Week" observance April 14 to 21. Mr. Miles, the son of Judge Fred T. Miles of Holland, is a former Holland resident.

J. J. Bachanus of Sodus, is general chairman for the week's observance. Others on the general committee are Tony Bolthouse of Muskegon, Don C. Weeks of Traverse City and Knowles B. Smith of Cadillac.

## Renamed



Teunis Vergeer, professor of biology of Hope college, Holland, today was reappointed to the state board of examiners in basic sciences by Governor Dickinson. His term will end Oct. 29, 1945.

## KUIPER OBTAINS LOCAL TEMPLE AS INVESTMENT

To Remodel and Lease Big  
Structure on Tenth  
Street

Museum Is Preparing to  
Move to New Home in  
City Building

Preservation of the former Masonic temple on Tenth St. was assured today with an announcement that Raymond J. Kuiper, 130 East 20th St., has purchased the building from the Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids.

The building, which the Michigan Trust Co. had planned to raze, will be remodeled and put into use, Mr. Kuiper, well known businessman here, said.

He explained he purchased the structure as an investment and will not use it for his own business. It has not been determined to whom the building will be leased.

Peter Elzinga, architect of Holland, is assisting in plans for fundamental remodeling. Detailed changes will be arranged when the future occupant and his needs have been determined.

The purchase was completed after a month of negotiations, with Henry Costing, local realtor, handling the deal. The land included in the transaction has 82½-foot front and is 132 feet long.

Most recently used by The Netherlands museum, the large building has been one of Holland's principal structures since its completion in 1923. Work on the building, which has four full floors and a basement, was started May 16, 1922. The temple was used by the Masons for about 13 years before it was taken over by the trust company.

Unofficial estimates placed the original cost of the building at about \$170,000. The trust company recently offered to sell it to the city for \$25,000.

After a survey, the city abandoned a proposal to obtain the property for use of the museum and the city library. The museum is now preparing to move to the city-owned building at the corner of Central Ave. and 12th St.

## W. H. TIMMER IS DEAD HERE

William H. Timmer, 76, died Wednesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Kleis, on route 5.

He is survived by four children, Henry W. Timmer of route 5, Albert W. Timmer of route 2, Mrs. Kleis of route 5 and Martin Timmer of Kalamazoo, route 4; seven grandchildren; a brother, Albert N. Timmer of Rehoboth, N.M.; three sisters, Mrs. Bert Hop, Mrs. Maurice Luidens and Mrs. John Vander Zwaag, all of Holland route 2.

Mr. Timmer resided north of Holland in Olive township but was taken to the home of his daughter when he was taken ill last March. He lived on the old homestead for 52 years.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. from the James Kleis home, private, and at 2 p.m. from the South Olive Christian Reformed church. The Rev. P. D. Van Vliet will officiate. Burial will be in North Holland cemetery. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

## ATTACK FATAL TO GRAND HAVEN MAN

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Burt Fant, 54, 1216 Columbus St., died Wednesday morning of a heart attack. He had been ailing for some time, but his death was unexpected.

He was born in Grand Haven, Oct. 18, 1885, to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fant. He recently organized the Tri-Cities Motor service, was manager of the Grand Haven Miller baseball club for the past two years and for a number of years was associated as manager of basketball teams and other athletic organizations. He formerly was a barber.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Ella Fant; two children, Mrs. June Scott of Grand Rapids and Arthur Fant of Chicago; one grandchild; one brother, William Fant of Grand Haven; and two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Correll and Mrs. Hans Dykhuis of Grand Haven.

## Girl Is Injured When Struck by Automobile

Lulu Woldan, eight years old, was reported by Deputy Sheriff William Van Etta to have suffered minor cuts about 3:15 p.m. Friday when she was struck on US-31 about 1,500 feet north of Lake Shore drive by a car, driven by Frank Lighthart, 32, 38 East 21st St. The officer said he was informed the child was playing on the highway.



## FORMER CITY EMPLOYE DIES

### John Zitek Succumbs in His Home Near New Richmond

Fennville, Dec. 28 — John Zitek, 56, formerly employed by the board of public works in Holland as sewage disposal plant attendant, died Tuesday at 3 p.m. in his home near New Richmond after an illness of three years.

Mr. Zitek was born in Chicago May 16, 1883, and received his education in the public schools of that city. For 17½ years he was employed as conductor by the Chicago Surface Lines.

In 1920, the family moved to New Richmond to live on a farm. He was employed by the Douglas Basket Co. for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Zitek moved to Holland in 1928 when he became attendant at the sewage disposal plant, a position he held until Jan. 4, 1937.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. John Zitek; three brothers, William and Charles of Chicago and Edward of Gaultport, Miss.; one sister, Mrs. Hermine Drabek of Maywood, Ill.; one stepson, Harry Schilcock; and two step-grandchildren, Harry Schilcock, Jr., and Mrs. Mercedes Martin of Cincinnati, O.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. Thursday from the Burch funeral home under auspices of the Damascus lodge, F. and A. M. of which he was a member. Burial will be in Manlius cemetery at New Richmond.

### Miss Juella Ver Beek Honored at Showers

Allice Van Dam, Julia Boeskoel and Eunice Hulst entertained a group of Oakland girls Thursday Dec. 21, at the home of Mrs. Bert Ver Beek in honor of Juella Ver Beek, whose marriage to Earl Poll will take place in the near future.

Games were played and prizes were awarded. A two-course lunch was served by Mesdames Bert Ver Beek, Louis Poll, Harm Ver Beek, Gerrit Ver Beek and John H. Ver Beek.

Those present included Misses Mary Arendsen, Gladys and Goldie Brouwer, Gertrude and Margaret Schutter, Fenna, Alona and Alvin Nykamp, Fannie Wolters, Myrtle, Catharine and Irene Winkels, Linda and Rosanna Weaver, Henrietta Masselink, Harriet and Eunice Hulst, Alice, Angeline and Wilma Van Dam, Mable, Marjorie and Myrtle Doezeman.

Winnie Timmer, Esther Hoeve, Ruth Kuipers, Viola Redder, Lenora and June Van Omen, Sylvia Kruthoff, Wilma and Florence Compagner, Julia Schipper, Evelyn Branderhorst, Gladys and Jeannette Ver Beek and Mesdames Gerald Brouwer, Preston Cook, Harm Ver Beek, Bert Ver Beek, Gerrit Ver Beek, John H. Ver Beek and Louis Poll.

Miss Ver Beek was honored at another shower Monday Dec. 18 with Gladys and Joyce Ver Beek entertaining in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ver Beek. Games were played and prizes were awarded. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Bert Ver Beek, Harry Boerman and Henry Ter Haar.

Those present were cousins and friends of Miss Ver Beek including Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ter Haar, Lois and Joan Ter Haar, Mr. and Mrs. John Watrous, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Schutter of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. George Schaaf, Esther and Clifford Schutter and Marvin Elders of Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bremer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hulst, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nykamp, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ver Beek, Clarence Boerman, Jay Van Dam, Jerald and Joyce Ver Beek, Ada Compagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ver Beek, Gladys, Jeannette and Kenneth Ver Beek, all of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoeve of Vriesland, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Timmer of Drenthe, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boerman, Sylvia and June Boerman of East Holland, Chester and Burnette Boerman of East Overisel, Juella and Gela Freye of Overisel, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Poll and John Peels of Holland, Earl Poll of Fannilton.

### Immanuel S.S. Class Has Holiday Party

The annual Christmas party of the Young Married Peoples' class of Immanuel church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Leenhouts on Friday evening. Various games were played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. Weener, Mr. and Mrs. D. Pierstma, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bos, Mr. and Mrs. G. de Ridder, Mr. and Mrs. O. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. J. de Bree, Mr. and Mrs. H. Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hopp, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beertshuis, Mr. and Mrs. E. van Dorst, Mr. and Mrs. J. Terpema, J. Kruijthoff, Mr. and Mrs. E. Groten, Mrs. Henry Bos, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leenhouts.

Henry Weyenberg is teacher of the class.

### Police Report Ice Is Not Thick Enough for Skaters

The Holland police department has requested parents to warn their children that the ice on Lake Macatawa is not thick enough for skaters.

Police reported having warned numerous children Tuesday about the dangerous ice and requested them to leave. Two boys were seen riding their bicycles on the ice off Kollen park although the ice was only about one and one-half inches thick.

## ILLNESS FATAL TO LOCAL MAN

William Kaiser, 78, died Wednesday at his home in Montello park following an illness of complications.

He was born Jan. 8, 1861, in Switzerland to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaiser. His wife died in March, 1938. A son, Clifford, was drowned several years ago in Lake Macatawa while attempting to rescue a man from the lake.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

### Allendale News

Henry Van Til who recently returned from a year's study at the Free University of Amsterdam conducted the Sunday evening service at the local Christian Reformed church. Mr. Van Til, a graduate of Calvin college, was compelled to give up his studies in the Netherlands because of war conditions in Europe. His sojourn in that country has provided him with a great deal of information on affairs abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Staal and family who recently moved into the Scott residence have left for Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dekker of Muskegon spent Christmas day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Holboorn.

George Oppenheer was taken to a Grand Rapids hospital after sustaining injuries in an automobile accident recently on A-10 near Pearlina.

The Christian school presented its annual Christmas program last Thursday night in the township hall before a large audience. Pageants were given by both the higher and lower rooms. The principal, Mr. Keegstra, is spending his holiday vacation with Rev. and Mrs. M. Arnoys and family of Iowa while Miss Winters is enjoying her stay with her parents in Muskegon.

A large and appreciative audience heard the program of the Christian Reformed Sunday school Christmas night. Dialogues, musical selections, vocal numbers and recitations were presented. After the program gifts and oranges were distributed. Ben Loterman as superintendent was in charge and also was the announcer.

Mrs. Verna Ulberg had charge of the meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Reformed church. Mrs. Grace Smith acted as hostess.

The Ladies Aid of the Reformed church held its sale on Friday in the church basement.

John Dyke is confined to Buterworth hospital in Grand Rapids after suffering an attack of appendicitis. Later reports state his condition as favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keegstra and son were guests at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Keegstra on Christmas day.

An error was made in the Gemmen birth announcement last week. It should read "in Coopersville General hospital."

### North Holland

The Christmas bells rang merrily over North Holland this past week bringing cheer and good will to all.

A Christmas party was held at the home of Miss Martha Bosch Wednesday evening. Games were played and a lunch served. Presents were given to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kraai, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kraai and family James Bosch and Martha Bosch.

Mrs. John Nienhuis had a Christmas party for her Sunday school class last Wednesday evening. Games were played, presents distributed and lunch served.

The local school closed for the holidays Friday. The primary and intermediate rooms gave a short program on Friday afternoon for the parents who were the guests of Miss Rogers and Mr. Dyksterhouse. Carol singing was in charge of Miss Lewis. After the program the pupils exchanged presents and the parents enjoyed a light lunch served by the seventh grade pupils.

Previous to the afternoon program the boys and girls of the high school room and the intermediate room had a bountiful Christmas dinner. In the intermediate room the dinner arrangements were in charge of the seventh grade pupils, in the high school room arrangements were in charge of a committee with Glenna Lohman as chairman. Carol Sas was chairman of the game committee and Stanley Niebor of the program and the presentation of gifts.

Preparatory services were held in the Reformed church last Sunday. The Van Den Bosch girls of Zeeland favored with a few selections. Christmas services were held Monday morning. The Sunday school had a Christmas program in the church Monday evening. This was followed by a contact by local talent.

The Girls League for Service sang Christmas carols in various homes Thursday evening.

## PANORAMA AT LIBRARY HERE

A panorama of Dr. A. C. Van Kralte, returning thanks for divine guidance in the selection of a site for the city of Holland in 1847, was placed on display in the Holland library and is one of a series of panoramas which will be constructed by NYA workers for exhibition in The Netherlands museum after it has been moved at a future date to its location in the old hospital building at 12th St. and Central Ave.

In giving a history of the significance of the panorama, Willard C. Wichers, museum curator, said that in 1847 a small band of immigrants from The Netherlands, led by Dr. Van Raalte, founded new homes on the shores of Black Lake (now Lake Macatawa) and gave an impetus to the second great colonization movement from The Netherlands to America. Just 200 years after Director General Pieter Stuyvesant arrived at his post on Manhattan Island and assumed an arbitrary control of the Dutch settlement there.

On Sept. 14, 1846, Rev. Van Raalte's party of 51 Hollanders embarked from Rotterdam, arriving in New York 47 days later. By river steamer the party proceeded to Albany, transferring to railroad for Buffalo where they boarded a lake steamer for Detroit.

Van Raalte secured work for the men in the shipyards at St. Clair and came on to face the winter wilderness of west Michigan alone. From Allegan he traveled by ox cart to the shores of Black Lake, and the log home of the Rev. George N. Smith, Protestant missionary to the Ottawa Indians.

From this refuge he conducted hazardous scouting trips deep into the unfamiliar forest, accompanied by Rev. Smith, Isaac Fairbanks, a government agent to the Ottawa Indians, and Indian guides.

The final selection of a site was made early in January, and Rev. Van Raalte dropped to his knees in the deep snow and humbly returned thanks for divine guidance in the undertaking that involved the lives and future welfare of his followers. With him on this occasion were Rev. Smith, carrying a roll of hand drawn maps, and an Ottawa Indian guide.

### Hamilton Group is Entertained

Miss Janet Brink entertained the girls of the egg and the poultry departments of the Hamilton Farm bureau with a Christmas party last Thursday night. A two-course lunch was served. After an exchange of gifts the group presented a gift to Miss Juella Ver Beek, whose marriage to Earl Poll will take place in the near future.

Those present were the Misses Dorothy Bloss, Sophia Schipper, Juella Ver Beek, Agnes Folkert, Janet Tienstra, Ione Johnson, Myrtle Klokert, Catherine Folkert, Doris Oldebekking, Lillian Boerigher, Paul Bartels, Angeline Dubbink, Eileen Nyhuis, Frieda Lampen, Juella Eding, Mildred Lugtiste, Sarah Glupker, Alma Meiste, Etta Haverdink, Gladys Ver Beek, Ethel Folkert, Doris Ende, Florence Roelofs, Jennie De Boer, Helen Sale, Hilda Rantkens, Florence Bolks, Juella Maatman, Grace Brink, Esther Bartels, Hazel Maatman, and the hostess, Hattie Timmer was unable to attend.

### Christmas Program Given in Fourth

A beautiful and inspiring program was given at Fourth Reformed church Saturday evening by the children and grown-ups of the Sunday school. After recitations and exercises by the younger children, a pageant, "When the Light Shone" was given. Following the pageant, the various classes presented their White Christmas money, a total of \$163 being brought in.

The general program was under the supervision of Miss Nelia De Groot, primary superintendent. Mrs. H. Newhouse, Mrs. H. Van Dyke and Mrs. B. Molenaar assisted in the pageant work. The lighting effect was provided by Mr. Nick Klunge. Decorations were in charge of A. Kammeraad.

### Dear Family Has Reunion Here

The George W. Deur family held its reunion on Christmas day at the home of Will De Mols, 17th St. and Central Ave.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vonk of Grand Rapids, Mr. De Mols, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George W. Deur and daughters, Arlene, Genevieve, Deloris and Elaine.

Following the Christmas dinner gifts were presented. During the dinner a telegram was received from Howard Deur who for the past month has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Deur and family in Los Angeles, Calif. Howard expects to return to his home here this week.

### Zion Walther League Enjoys Party

The Zion Walther League of Zion Lutheran church held its Christmas party Friday evening in the basement of the parsonage. The room was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season.

Various games were played and prizes awarded to winners. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by Betty Smith and Virginia Range. The singing of Christmas carols was enjoyed by the group. About 20 were present.

## Folkert-De Witt Vows Exchanged in Home

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Folkert are established in their farm home near Overisel following their wedding which took place last Thursday in the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Augustine De Witt on route 5. Mrs. Folkert is the former Myrtle De Witt. Mr. Folkert is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mannes Folkert of route 3.

The Rev. J. F. Schortinghuis, pastor of the Ebenezer Reformed church, officiated at the double ring service, assisted by the Rev. H. W. Pyle, pastor of the Overisel Reformed church.

For wedding music, Miss Evelyn Folkert played "Chanson," Friml; "Narcissus," Nevin; and "Armour Coquet," Friml, before the ceremony. Miss Folkert also accompanied Jerrold Kleinheksel of Fillmore who sang "I Love You Truly," Bond, and "Because," d'Harlelot. The Lohengrin wedding march was played as the bridal party assembled.

The bride wore a formal wedding gown of white satin, fashioned on princess lines with white velvet trim. She wore a fingertip veil of illusion tulle and carried a bouquet of white roses, mums, baby breath and ferns.

As bridesmaid, Miss Alma Jean Naber wore an aqua blue mink taffeta formal and carried a bouquet of pink roses, chrysanthemums and baby breath. Bonnie Joyce Daining, cousin of the bride, as flower girl, wore a short dress of peach silk with a skirt of butterfly pleats and a tiny bolero. She carried a white basket filled with chrysanthemums, baby breath and ferns. Jay Folkert of Ann Arbor attended his brother as best man.

Miss Dorothy Langeland and Morris Folkert acted as master and mistress of ceremonies and Miss Lois Mae Kronmeyer was in charge of the gift room.

A reception for 70 guests followed the ceremony. The wedding repast was served by Misses Sena and Verna De Witt, Marjorie and Lois Koopman, Viola and Marie Folkert, Janet Kollen and Sylvia Daining. Caterers were Miss Marie De Witt and Mrs. J. E. Naber.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Folkert are graduates of Holland high school. Mrs. Folkert was engaged as a piano teacher.

### Entertainment Is Given at Mission

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Holland city mission was presented Monday evening. Supt. George Trotter opened the program which included numbers by the primary department. Individuals taking part included Jeannette Smith, Helen Stille, Billy Stille, Mark Ann Tibma, Bonnie Lee Sora, Vaughn Jensen, and Joan Van Den Brink. Mrs. Tom Potts and Mrs. Nick Ver Hey were in charge of this part of the program.

Others on the program included Ana May Smith, Evangeline Gilford, Ethel Hemple, Anna Belle Bruijschart, Marian Vande Lunde, Joyce Baker, Edgar Mosher, Dale Kruijthoff, Maxine Potts, Elaine Crispell, Kaleen Berry, Don Van Omen, Norine Potts, Marian Vande Lunde, Anna Belle Bruijschart, Phyllis Hulstbos, Mrs. Tim Smith and Mrs. Herman Books. A pageant directed by Mrs. William Modders, assisted by Mrs. Helen Labardie, was presented by Leslie Hill, Mrs. Roy Harper, Lucile Bruijschart, Harold Ver Hey, Leslie Wolman, Mrs. John Vander Vliet, Nick Ver Hey, Herm Stekeler, Leo Slighter, Don Ver Hey, Gerrit Barendse and Arie Vuuren.

### Group Gathers for Christmas Party

A Christmas party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boersma, 352 West 18th St., Saturday evening. Gifts were exchanged and a two course lunch was served.

Those attending were their children and grand children including Mr. and Mrs. Jake A. Boersma and daughter, Sandra Joy of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCampbell of Chicago, Ill., Dave Gordon and Helen Debrovsky of Holland, George Johnson, Jr., of Grand Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Vanden Brink of Holland and Frank, Fay, Nancy, Joyce and Phyllis Boersma. Gertrude Yvonne, their other grandchild, was unable to attend.

### Miss Visscher Extends Hospitality to Friends

Miss Anna G. Visscher was hostess to a number of her friends at two attractively appointed "at homes" Wednesday and Thursday last week, in her home on East 26th St. The rooms were decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Assisting in the dining room were her nieces, Misses Dorothy Visscher and Jane Ann Visscher.

### Class Is Entertained in Topp Residence

Mrs. Marjorie Topp entertained her Sunday school class of Ninth Street church Thursday, Dec. 21, at her home. Games were played and prizes were awarded to Bernice Kjaansen, Hester Van Dyke, Gladys De Vries, Martha Havings and Lorraine Knoll.

Others present were Elaine Prins, Emma Jipping, Lucille Dams, Genevieve Talsma and Pearl Venhuizen. Gifts were exchanged and a gift was presented to the teacher.

## Personals

(From Tuesday's Sentinel)

Albert E. Van Andel, son of Mr. John G. Van Andel, 177 West Eighth St., has been promoted from private special second class to Staff Sergeant at his Fort George Wright, Washington post.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCampbell of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Jake A. Boersma of Grand Rapids and daughter, Sandra Joy, have returned to their homes Monday evening after spending three days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boersma.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard C. Wichers will entertain tonight in honor of Mrs. Wichers' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Deane of Plymouth, who are observing their third wedding anniversary. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Remien, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Allden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherk, all of Grand Rapids.

Miss Marian Tyse, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Gerrit Tyse, underwent an appendectomy at Holland hospital on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman spent the Christmas holidays with their parents at Goshen, Ind.

Dr. and Mrs. Albertus Pieters and Miss Jennie Pieters, 44 East 15th St., are spending the holiday season in Chicago with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koehane. Mrs. Koehane was formerly Miss Mary Pieters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman have as their guests this week Miss Jayne Maley and Miss Virginia Rohrer of Goshen, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. William Peeks and Arthur Peeks were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cook and family of Jackson over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Overway and family had as their guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. John Overway, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Overway and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Whitefleet and son. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Overway were unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Charter and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Essenburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin B. Charter, 182 West Ninth St., on Christmas day.

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter, Susan Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pott of Ann Arbor, in University hospital, Dec. 15. Mrs. Pott formerly was Miss Margaret Woode of this city.

Dr. and Mrs. James Molenaar and son, James E. Jr., of Lansing, Ill., are to arrive on Dec. 28 to celebrate New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Laning. They also plan to attend the wedding of Miss Lucille Barnes and Harvey Laning.

Mrs. Bruce Mac Farlane of New York city is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. C. Snow, 21 East 12th St. She will return to Chicago tomorrow, where she is visiting relatives.

Mrs. Maybelle McKerver, R.N., who has been attending Miss Henrietta Van Zoeren at Holland hospital, has returned to her home in Detroit. Miss Van Zoeren's condition is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kramer entertained at a family dinner Saturday evening in their home on West 12th St. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bird and daughter of Pinconning, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kramer of Jackson. Guests from Holland were Mrs. Florence Boot, Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer, Mr. Minnie Jones, Mrs. Rose Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kramer and son, Billy.

The Rev. and Mrs. George Dibble of Bloomington, who several weeks ago conducted evangelistic meetings at the City mission here, will return to Holland for another evangelistic meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble also will be here.

Supt. E. E. Fell announced today that the public schools will resume classes Tuesday, Jan. 9, instead of Jan. 8 as was printed in a story in The Sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jackson and family of 72 East 22nd St., spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. Jackson's family in Midland. His mother, Mrs. Nellie Jackson, returned here with them to remain until New Year's. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Jackson of Midland also will spend the New Years holiday with the Jackson family here.

Three boys were born in Holland hospital on Christmas day. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sprick, 300½ West 17th St., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barnard, 258 West 16th St., and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Norlin, of Vicksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Keely of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. A. Vander Veine and family of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Souter and son, Arthur, of Holland spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Souter.

(From Wednesday's Sentinel) Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buurma and family entertained Mrs. Buurma's family on Christmas day. Beside the father and brothers and sisters of Holland, there were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nyboer and daughter Jacqueline Beryl, and Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of Grand City, Ill.

Edward Heneveld of Chicago spent the Christmas week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Heneveld of route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gieblin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klomparsen spent Christmas day with their son and brother in Grand Rapids at a family gathering.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Heneveld

of Detroit, spent Christmas holidays with Mr. Heneveld's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Heneveld of route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Muyskens of Alton, Iowa, are spending a vacation with their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Muyskens of West 12th St.

Miss Frances Koeman, student nurse of Grand Rapids, spent the week-end at her home on route 6. Mr. and Mrs. M. Raffensud spent Christmas day with Mrs. Raffensud's family in Chicago.

Mrs. Beuna Henshaw, teacher in local public schools, and her brother, George Bosworth, are on a vacation trip to Florida. They made the trip south by way of Washington, D. C.

Miss Marian Van Dyke submitted to a minor operation at Holland hospital Friday and is now recuperating at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Straatsma of Lansing spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Straatsma on East Eighth St.

Prof. G. Mennenga of Western Theological seminary was guest speaker at meetings in Central college, Pella, Ia., last week in connection with Religious Emphasis Week. Prof. Mennenga left Central college two years ago after 11 years of service to prepare himself for his present position in the seminary. Prof. Mennenga addressed chapel exercises in the mornings and conducted conferences on young people's problems in the afternoons and evenings.

Mrs. B. Huizenga, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Streur are in Michigan City visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Lena Van Den Berg, who underwent an operation in a hospital there.

Miss Alice Clark, a teacher in Monroe public schools, and Raymond Clark of Kalamazoo, student at Western State Teachers college, are spending the holidays with their brother, Dr. Nelson H. Clark and family of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mulder, 249 West 17th St., had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Flight and Miss Marian Mulder of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guthrie of Peoria, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dalman of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert De Weerd and daughter, Barbara, of Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Vander Poel and Mrs. J. M. Daubenspeck of Rochelle, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vander Poel over the Christmas holidays.

Patrick Collins of Kelly Field, Tex., where he has enlisted in the army air corps is spending the Christmas vacation with relatives here. He expects to return the latter part of the week.

Fielder Smith arrived from Baltimore by plane Tuesday afternoon to spend the holiday vacation with his cousins, Paul, Clinton and Tim Harrison at the J. J. Riemersma home. Smith is a senior in the McDowell military school near Baltimore, Md.

### Junior Red Cross Has Busy Holiday Meeting

Eleven baskets of food were packed and delivered at the regular council meeting of the Junior Red Cross held at the city hall, Saturday Dec. 23. These were contributions from Washington, Longfellow, Van Raalte, Lincoln, Froebel and East Junior High schools. After delivery of the baskets, each council member received a Christmas box of candy.

Plans were made for a party to be held Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. in the city hall, and Gretchen Jellema was appointed chairman of the program and refreshments.

Four hundred decorated napkins were packed and sent to the Veteran's administration at Camp Custer, and 50 Braille story books were bound and sent to the state school for the blind by the council.

### Saugatuck Church to Observe Anniversary

Saugatuck, Dec. 28 — Plans are being made here by the Saugatuck Congregational church to celebrate its 80th anniversary in 1940.

In the late fall of 1859 plans were made to establish a church with 16 members signing the charter, among them being the late F. B. Wallin and his wife Ornelia, who later moved to Grand Rapids.

In 1860 the church was built, a plain, high barnlike structure. As it was the first public building constructed, in it were held all Civil war meetings. School also was kept there for awhile. The old structure now has been remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bird, who were among the early members of 1868, are still attendants, as well as their children and grandchildren.

### Pneumonia Is Fatal to Daughter of G.H. Couple

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special) —Funeral services for Karen Linnea, two-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Traeger, who died in Municipal hospital at 1 a.m. today of pneumonia, were held in Racine, Wis., Sunday. Mr. Traeger is engineer of the E. W. Hill's tug, Harry H., which is operating in Grand Haven.

### Announce Engagement of Miss Bomgaars

Mrs. William Bomgaars, 215 East Eighth St., announces the engagement of her daughter, Kay, to Chester Dart of Comstock Park, Grand Rapids. The wedding will take place some time in June.

### Wheat Loans Extended for Ottawa Farmers

Farmers in Ottawa county who wish to apply for a government loan on their 1939 wheat have until Saturday to complete their applications. Glenn E. Taylor, Ottawa county AAA chairman, announced this week.

C. L. McNitt, of Conklin, crop insurance supervisor, is in charge of wheat loans in Ottawa with offices in the court house, Grand Haven.

All loans on wheat will mature April 30, 1940. Previously the loans matured seven months from the date they were made, or April 30, whichever was earlier. On this basis the loans would begin to mature about Feb. 1.

Farmers who kept within their wheat acreage allotments under the 1939 agricultural conservation program may secure loans of 69¢ per bushel on eligible wheat. The interest rate is 3 per cent.

## Crisp News

A group of girls of the Sunday school class of Mrs. I. W. Nienhuis enjoyed a Christmas party at her home Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. Games were played, and a short program was given by members of the class. Gifts were exchanged, and carols were also sung by the girls. A two course lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Henry Koop, Jr., and Anna Jean Nienhuis.

Those present were, Nelva Schutt, Constance Nienhuis, Arlene Slagh, Pauline Stegenga, Salinda Raak, Jerene Slagh



## Fears Added Hardships for Missioners in China

Miss De Jong, in Holland on furlough, tells of Jap bombings

"Unless conditions improve, missionaries in the interior of China may be meeting with much hardship these coming months," Miss Nettie De Jong, for over 25 years a representative of the American Presbyterian mission in Chanteh, Hunan Province, said in an interview here.

Her arrival in Holland Dec. 13 rather surprised her friends here who expected her on furlough in 1940, but because of war conditions and the severe nervous strain caused by frequent bombings and almost daily air-raid alarms, permission was given to ante-date that furlough.

Changteh city has been bombed 20 times, and only one-fifth of the population of 250,000 remains, she stated. Almost everyone has moved west or is living in nearby country districts, but a few of the poorer people remain.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Caswell, Canadian Holiness missionaries, met death June 23 in a fire caused by incendiary bombs in Changteh. Mrs. Caswell was a former Michigan woman.

It is not possible to have bomb shelters in the city, Miss De Jong explained, because water lies near the surface of the ground and fills any hole dug for that purpose.

Miss De Jong left her station alone on Oct. 4 when the Japanese armies were so active in Hunan that the Chinese began to tear up all bus roads in the neighborhood of Changteh and Changsha. She traveled through west China via Kunming by bus, through French Indo-China by rail to Haiphong, and by British steamer to Hongkong. She landed in Los Angeles aboard the American ship President Coolidge, after a ship strike prevented the expected landing in San Francisco.

Describing traveling conditions in foreign countries, Miss De Jong said, "The buses were rickety, hills were high, roads were dangerous, gas and oil were scarce, and drivers poor." The usual 30 day trip this time took 70, she commented.

On the way home, she experienced blackouts and bombing raids, and at one time waited 12 days because of a baggage delay. Very little luggage was allowed, she pointed out.

Changteh is still in free China as the invading armies have been driven almost out of Hunan Province. Three male missionaries are still working in the city, the women having temporarily moved to places of a greater safety.

The city is 1,000 miles in the interior of China and the roads to the coast are now almost all closed so there is great difficulty in securing provisions and other necessities. Before this present outbreak, Miss De Jong received her weekly copy of the Holland City News which she read from front to back, including all the ads, she commented.

The electric light plant has been destroyed and now no kerosene oil can be obtained, so the primitive vegetable oil lamps are used for lighting in many homes. Radios went out of order, too.

Miss De Jong is a graduate of Hope college. While here she is residing at the home of her brother, Peter De Jong, 75 West Tenth St. She stated that she has no plans for the furlough besides getting a good rest.

### GHOST BAGS WOLF

Fairbanks, Alaska. Because a wolf sneaked into his cache and gorged itself on caribou meat, Tex Blair, trapper, wrapped himself in a bed sheet and pillow case and crawled over a mile in snow to within 200 yards of the wolf. He dropped it with one shot.

### MORTGAGE SALE

The power of sale therein having become operative by virtue of default in payment of certain mortgage executed by East End Theater Corporation, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and having the principal office in the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, as Mortgagee, to Grand Rapids Trust Company, a Michigan corporation of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated November 1, 1928 and duly recorded November 1, 1928 in Liber 149 of Mortgages on Page 322 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Ottawa County, Michigan; and

No suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt which, with interest to the date hereof, is claimed by the mortgagee to be due in the sum of \$24,651.50;

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 26th of February, 1940, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, by virtue of said power of sale and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest at 6 1/2% per annum and the costs and charges of said sale, including an attorney fee, and any taxes now due or to become due before date of said sale, and paid by mortgagee, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public auction to the highest bidder at the North Front Door of the Court House in the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan; The premises are described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the west three-fifths (3/5) of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-one (21), Town eight (8) north, Range sixteen (16) west, containing at the southeast corner of the above described parcel and on the north boundary line of Washington Street and the east line of Perry Street, thence running north along the east line of Perry Street one hundred thirty-two (132) feet, thence north fifty (50) feet, thence south to the north line of Washington Street, thence west fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning.

Dated: November 28, 1939.

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## ROTARY HEARS CHOIR OF HHS

The Holland high school a cappella choir under the direction of Miss Trixie Moore presented an unusually fine Christmas concert at last Thursday's Rotary club luncheon in the Warm Friend tavern.

The program included three songs by Christiansen, "Christmas Starlight," "From Heaven Above," and a cradle hymn. The choir also presented two French carols, "The First Noel," and "Shepherd Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep." Rotarians gave a rising vote of thanks after the choir sang "Silent Night."

Rotary President O. Vander Velde, in expressing appreciation for the choir's fine work, said, "The Rotary club has heard a number of choirs, but I am sure this is the best one of all."

### Junior C.E. Society Has Yale Party

Fifty children gathered around tables for the Christmas party of the Junior C. E. of Fourth Reformed church Wednesday, Dec. 20. For devotions the children repeated the Lord's Prayer, and then a dinner was served by Miss Marian Dyke and Miss Nell Elenbaas.

Under the direction of the junior superintendents, Miss Necla De Groot and Mrs. H. Van Dyke.

After the meal, the children enjoyed group singing. An informal program was given by some volunteers. Officers for the coming year were appointed as follows: president, Ila Kiemel; vice president, Jane Mary Visscher; secretary, Donna Speet; treasurer, Howard Meyer; assistant secretary, Billy De Witt; and assistant treasurer, Ada Pauwe.

Christmas gifts were exchanged, and prizes were given to the members of the winning team, headed by Eugene Van Dyke. Members of the other teams were also presented with a small gift. The meeting was dismissed by the C. E. benediction.

### Entertain Employees at Christmas Party

Twenty-five employees of the local A and P super market and their wives and husbands were guests at a chicken dinner at Boone's Country Kitchen Wednesday Dec. 20. The occasion was the second annual Christmas dinner given by the store manager and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Jekel.

The festivities, directed by the host, got under way with a brief talk by the manager after which gifts were exchanged. Roy Young and Peenie Daily, local magicians, entertained with sleight of hand tricks and other acts of cunning art.

During the social hour, Jud Hoffman, assistant manager, on behalf of the employees expressed appreciation to the hosts and presented them with a floor lamp. Carols were sung.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jekel, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vande Vusse, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Slenk, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Prins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young, Peenie Daily, Fred Brugnia, Elmer Van Dyke, Clarence Prince, Dan Schierins, John Den Herder, Howard Vande Vusse, Howard Teusink, Willard Velling, Miss Frances De Pree, Miss Anne Berentschot, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scheerhorn, Paul Jekel, Raymond Vande Vusse, Raymond Teusink, Bob Goodwin, Beryl Salisbury and Miss Lorraine Strong.

### Birthday Party Held in Oudemolen Home

A birthday party was held Thursday, Dec. 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Oudemolen, 129 West 29th St., on the occasion of Mr. Oudemolen's birthday anniversary.

An enjoyable evening was spent. Carols were sung and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Oudemolen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sloothaak and son, Bob, Mrs. Gerry Viseh and daughter, Dolores, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Oudemolen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oudemolen, Mr. and Mrs. George Oudemolen, John Oudemolen, Gerit Oudemolen, Miss Alyce Oudemolen and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Oudemolen and children, Elmer William, Hilbert, Franklin, Leona and Howard.

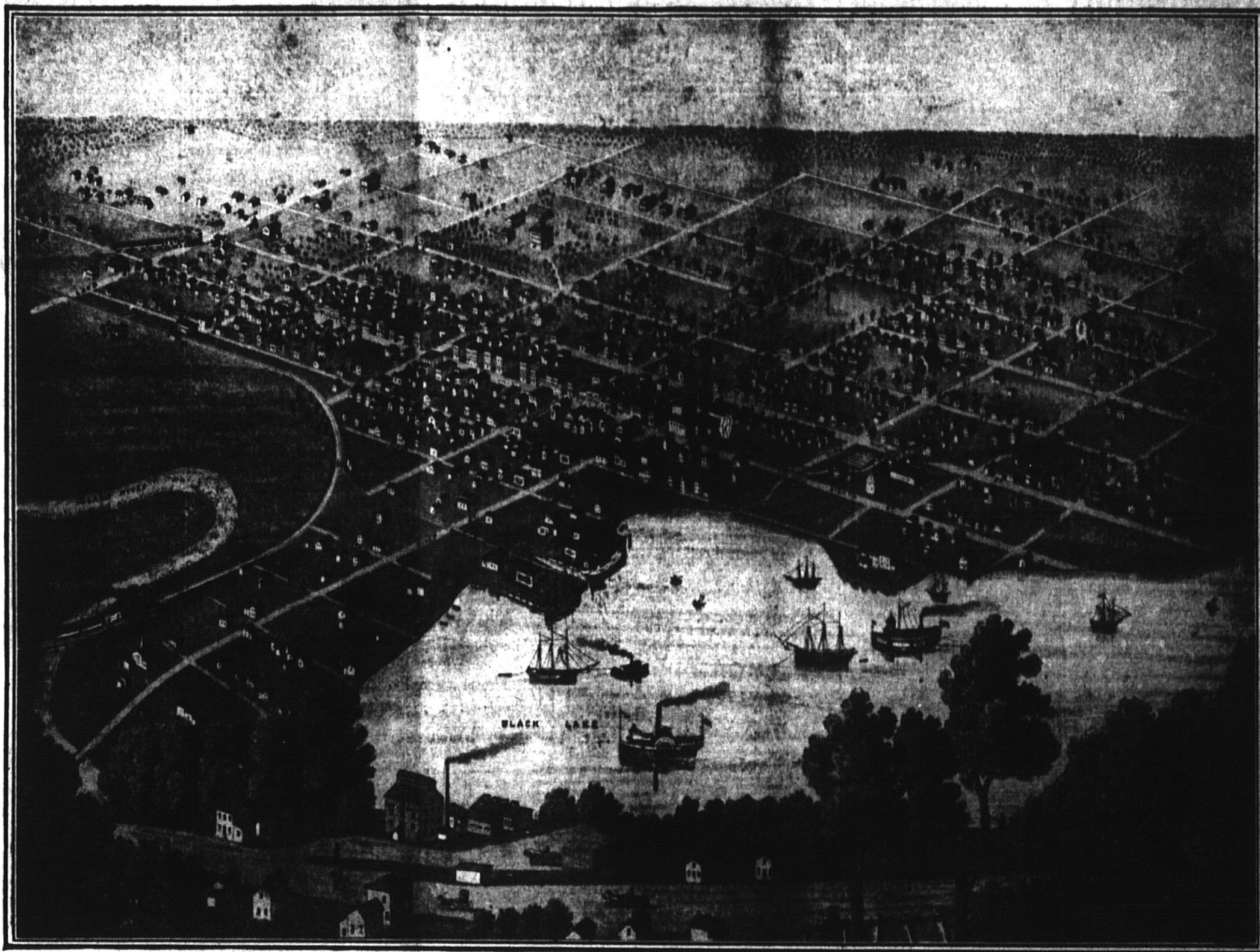
### VFW Children's Party Held in City Hall

The Henry Walters post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, entertained at a Christmas party for the children of the members Thursday, Dec. 21, in the G. A. R. rooms of the city hall. Songs were sung by Eleanor Slagh, Norma Huyser, August Overway and Patty Overway. Eleanor Slagh played two piano selections and Miriam Slagh sang. Carols were sung by the group.

The older children participated in games while the smaller children enjoyed peanut scrambles and other games. Billy Slagh was Santa Claus. The center of attraction was a Christmas tree. Supper was served with Nell Klomparens as general chairman. About 50 were present.

Vitamin G is now made artificially, leaving only one vitamin which cannot be produced.

## Birds-eye View of Holland Before Era of Airplanes Emphasizes City's Progress



By Ben Mulder

This, you will find, is an unusual picture, for it depicts a birds-eye view of the city of Holland before the airplane was ever thought of.

When this picture was painted, it was also called a birds-eye view, but in reality it was such through the imaginative mind and eye of a picture painter of the old school. Although not photographed from an airplane or balloon, it nevertheless is a very interesting production.

In the early days there were picture painters of this type who went from city to city drawing their first prospectus from which they solicited sales after the picture was completed. The Mulder family had one of these pictures painted four years after the "big fire of '71." It was painted by a prominent artist of Chicago who, judging from this reproduction, seemed to lack somewhat a sense of proportion, for in this he has gone awry in a least a few instances. The little houses representing the dwellings of the city look more like the type of painted replicas found among our Christmas presents of the "Noah's Ark" variety, made of wood and highly colored.

In the foreground of this picture there are wagons and teams which show up as large as the buildings themselves; however, we assure you that the equines were no more gigantic in those days than today. Who ever remembers so many ships packed away in the bay at the foot of Fifth St., which before the "island" project could scarcely float a skiff? There are sawmills, too, and one ship resembling "Solomon's floating and hanging garden" of Biblical history. The manufacturing establishment in the foreground was the Metz tannery located on the same spot which the Armour Leather Co. now occupies on the Northside. Of course, the present tannery is ever so much larger. I remember that the Metz tannery was especially conspicuous from the south side of the bay because of a tremendous brick stack which stood as a sentry on the shores of the bay. Later the Metz tannery was purchased by the Cappon-Bertsch Leather Co., where sole leather was made, and many years ago this local company founded by the late Isaac Cappon and John Bertsch was purchased by the Armour Co.

The painting indeed shows one thing—that Holland has gone through some favorable developments since this picture was created. We must bear in mind that most of this city was of frame construction, and most of these buildings represented have long since been supplanted by more modern buildings of stone, brick, or wood; in fact, in the business district there are but few old frame buildings left, leftovers of yesteryear.

Twelfth St. was about the last street south, and that was only a winding sand road. Today Thirty-Second St. is supposed to be the boundary line, although there has been an overflow of building going on far beyond that of the last street and into Allegan county. First Ave., now Washington Blvd., had only a few homes to show. Today this street is well within the city limits; in fact, it could be said that building has gone so far west that from Washington Blvd. to Montello park the intervening space has been literally filled with homes and business places; in fact, building did not stop there but continued on to beyond Central park, toward Macatawa. To the east, Land St., now Lincoln Ave., was the boundary line. If building up

in the suburbs is any criterion, then the Holland Country club could easily be included. To the north the building area that one could call "Greater Holland" could include Lakewood Blvd. north and Pine lodge west, in which the densely populated Beechwood is included. Building east on the Northside continues nearly to Waverly.

Holland's population has been curtailed considerably since the limits all around are the same limits that existed a half century ago and today a sizeable proportion of what one might call "Greater Holland" extends far beyond the limit circle.

In this picture you will note Public square with the flag staff, engine house, council rooms, jail and cannon house, on the north-west corner. That is all changed now; the Public square or market place is now Centennial park. There is no fence, no dilapidated buildings, nor sand and sand burrs and June grass and a runway for cows and horses, as in the olden days, but a beautiful park, the hub of the city and the envy of cities larger than Holland.

Old Van Vleck hall, in the picture, looms up rather alone on Hope campus. It was the only brick building the rest were worn-out, wooden buildings. Some were later destroyed by fire.

In the early days the Grand Haven-Muskegon train came into Holland over a long, curved bridge, not far from River Ave. Instead of going via Waverly, there was no Waverly then, but Waverly was built later because Holland objected to having the railroad yards in the city, which in the early days extended from Eighth St. south to 14th St. The objection was that the train-switching forth and back, scared the horses, and farmers avoided the city. The railroad company for many years never got over the fact that they had to move to Waverly.

The Grand Haven-Muskegon train, when it reached the depot, stopped its trains along the north side of the depot with the train east and west. The Grand Rapids trains continued as now to pull into the depot north and south. After Waverly was built, the curved bridge you see in the picture over Black river was abandoned and torn away. The Grand Rapids Cannon Ball train for Chicago is shown in the picture steaming into the depot, then located between Ninth and Tenth

Sts. In the early days the main street to the depot was 10th St. Not so many years later the depot was moved to the present site, where many depots have stood since. The last depot, before the substantial brick structure we now have was built, was moved into Holland on flat cars from Oakland park, Grand Rapids—and what a howl went up from the citizens when the promised new depot came and was found to be an old antiquated affair from Grand Rapids; and remember, Grand Rapids and Holland were not any too friendly in those days. Anyway, some 15 years ago the Pere Marquette made good with the substantial structure we now have.

But coming back to the picture in question, it is a relic from the old days when pictures were made from imagination rather than from the actual subject at hand. The key to this picture undoubtedly would be better understood by the "old timers," who remember buildings and locations, since they have lived through those days. If you can make out the numbers and follow them out here is the key—1. Public school; 2. Hope college; 3. First Reformed church; 4. Second Reformed church; 5. Third Reformed church; 6. True Dutch Reformed church; 7. Episcopal church; 8. Methodist church; 9. Pluggers Lumber and Flour mills; 10. City Flour mill; 11. Stave factory; 12. Cappon & Bertsch Leather Co.; 13. Brewery; 14. Saw mill; 15. Phoenix mill; 16. Sash, Doors and Agr. shops; 17. Carriage factory; 18. Engine rooms; 19. Ship yards; 20. City hotel; 21. M.L.S. depot; 22. C.M.&L. depot; 23. Post office; 24. Soap factory.

The stream going through the Cappon & Bertsch Leather Co. yards, and the "feathery" looking streak southwest is supposed to be Tannery creek, quite a pretentious creek in those days. Today it is somewhat changed its course, along Maple Ave., through the estate of former Mayor Bosch, through the culvert under the Catholic school playgrounds; then through the Post and Mrs. Martha Kollen estates on 13th St., continuing through culverts under 14th St. and from there it takes a strange course. It runs under the north sidewalk of 15th St. to River Ave. turning south under the east sidewalk of River Ave. until it becomes an open creek again, near 21st St. and undoubtedly finds its origin in the

water shed in the hills on which Holland hospital is located.

In a recent article, it will be remembered, that the writer described the tannery bog at the foot of Hospital hill, over which a log road had to be built to the heights in order to admit patrons from Fillmore and Graafschap to come to the city to trade. It was also then stated that it was in this dried up swamp that embers from woods fires fell which touched off the spark which burned the city. Hospital hill extends far east beyond the Holland Furnace Co., and for many years and until an adequate storm and lateral sewer system was installed in Holland, few buildings were built in that lowland north of the hill towards Holland, which extended as far north as 15th St. and River. Water in the cellar in those early days during certain periods of the year was a foregone conclusion. All this has been changed and today this lower ground is solidly built with pretentious homes, small business centers and paved streets. No one would ever think that at one time a skating pond extended from Market St., now Central Ave., nearly to the Chicago and West Michigan railway, now Pere Marquette. That was at the time when there were plenty of stumps existing, the remains of stately trees that filled the spot some time earlier.

The picture also shows that forebears designated its streets through the names of trees, Maple and Pine still exist, but Cedar St., now Collage Ave., is only a memory. Market St. was so named by Dr. Van Raalte because he planned that the Public square was to be a market place eventually, which did not work out in America as in The Netherlands. By the same token Fish St., now Columbia Ave., led to the Fish market on the present baseball park. With water all around, the founder also thought that a fish market could be created same as the herring market in Netherlands cities, and of course there were no herring, but instead perch and trout in Lake Michigan, and plenty of pan fish in the inner lake but not in marketable quantities. Land St. really had no significance, and many years ago the writer suggested that it be called Lincoln Ave., honoring the emancipator and within a very short time the citizens along that street requested the change, and the martyred president was duly honored for some years back now.

Holland, it is evident even from the birds-eye view, is built on the square. There are no diverging thoroughfares except in the triangle upon which the Christian high school is built, and where Michigan Ave. and State St. fork. Most of this land in the early days was devoted to truck gardening by Mr. A. Westerhof and his family. He was a fine old gentleman, and with the milk cans in the morning, his load was augmented with all sorts of vegetables in season.

This at some length gives you a word picture of a birds-eye view of Holland some four years after the city had been rebuilt following the disastrous conflagration.

## Junior High Christmas Pageant is Presented

The eighth performance of the Christmas pageant of the Holland Junior High school was presented to an attentive audience Thursday Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Holland High school auditorium.

An instrumental prelude of Christmas carols played by Robert Hall, William Ten Brink, Margaret Hartman, Eleanor Reed, Myra Kleis, Angeline Beyer, Patricia Haskins and Glendora Loew, provided the atmosphere for the vivid panorama of scenes from the birth of the Christ child which followed.

As the living pictures were presented on the stage, a choir of 60 girls furnished a musical accompaniment appropriate for each. The prologue of the pageant, "Tell me the old, old story," was enacted by Ruth Hamelink and Mary Mulder. The need of the world for a savior was revealed by symbolic figures: Pharisees, publicans, a thief, a taskmaster, and a leper, passing before them.

In the announcement scene, Zdena Bilek represented Mary, Blanch Remels, the angel. The scene of the Wise Men, was acted and sung by Marvin Gebben, Marvin Javling and Kenneth Kammeraad.

Appearing in the shepherd scene were Harvey Busscher, Robert Graboski, Lloyd Heneveld, Robert Jacobs, Donald Ver Beek and Frederick Van Wieren. The angel chorus was represented by Maxine Chrisspell, Gladys Dyke, Marian Gebben, Charbelie Gerritsen, Hazel Meusen, Phyllis Overway, Luella Pyle and Ruth Walters.

In the Nativity scene, Zdena Bilek represented Mary, and Jack

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Kammeraad, Joseph, Miss Moore as soloist, sang "Birthday of a King." Julius Priesser also assisted by playing the part of the prophet Isalah. Narrators were Lucile Jonkman and Donald Thurman.

The pageant was also presented at Junior High school assembly Friday morning.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Sentinel Printing Co., will be held at the General Offices of the company located at 54-56 West 8th Street, Holland, Michigan, the third Wednesday in January that being January 17th, 1940 at 2 p.m. Sentinel Printing Co., Signed: W. A. Butler, Secretary.

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## A RUNAWAY EXPRESS?

The news commentator of one  
of the radio networks, stationed in  
London, took time out the other  
night to develop a striking metaphor.  
In lieu of issuing genuine  
news bulletins (there was no  
news), he said:

"I get the feeling sometimes  
these days as I sit here in the office,  
at the very center of the  
radio web, or when I go about the  
streets of London gathering information  
or color for the network of the air,  
that all Europe—perhaps the whole of western  
civilization—is on an express train.  
The train is madly careening along  
the track, at 90 miles an hour, or  
rather at an unknown speed. It is  
lurching and swaying, and sometimes  
persons leaning out the window  
a little too carelessly are  
catapulted into space.

"The express train of European  
civilization has lately dashed into  
a dark tunnel. We who are on  
the train don't know very clearly  
how many curves there are in the  
tunnel, how sharp they are, or  
whether there may not have been  
rock slides on the track. About all  
we know is that there has been a  
sudden blackout, and we merely  
hope against hope that the tunnel  
will come to an end some time.

"But worst of all, as I sit here  
in the office gathering facts about  
Europe, I get the terrifying feeling  
sometimes that there is no  
engineer on the train's locomotive.  
I seem to have the feeling that  
that train is hurtling along  
its track with no hand guiding it;  
that it's staying right side up  
on the track until now is purely  
a matter of chance. Is the express  
train that is Europe in for a  
smash that will bury all of us on  
it into a heap of mangled bodies?"

So much for the commentator's  
analogy. An analogy does not  
of course prove anything, but it  
sometimes reflects a truth that is  
beyond mere fact. That commentator  
is not the only one who has  
recently begun to feel that Europe  
is essentially a runaway  
express train. The war is not  
responding to the neat laws of military  
action that the military mind  
often sees; it is rapidly running  
away from those who hoped to  
gain through it. No one seems to  
be controlling much of anything,  
certainly no one seems to be  
controlling the situation as a  
whole. Will it presently end in  
universal revolution, in the so-called  
democracies as well as in  
Germany, Russia and the other  
countries? Such an outcome is no  
longer completely improbable.

Whether the analogy represents  
the truth or not, it seems quite  
clear that America does not want  
to climb aboard a wild express  
train that is so much as suspected  
of having no engineer.

Vander Ploeg Home  
Scene of Party

Mrs. John F. Vander Ploeg entertained on Wednesday, Dec. 20,  
her son, Earl Jay, who celebrated  
his eighteenth birthday anniversary.  
A two-course lunch was served  
around a lighted Christmas tree.  
Games were played and prizes  
were awarded to Roger Knoll, Alvin  
Vander Ploeg and Laverne  
Vander Ploeg.

Those present were Alvin Paul,  
and Laverne Vander Ploeg, Earl,  
Dale and Edward Carl Dykema,  
Roger Knoll, Paul Wiggers, Donnie  
Knoll, Vernon Zuverink, Paul  
Blukamp, Andrew Kragt and  
Joyce, Earl and Davy Vander  
Ploeg.

Farewell Dinner  
Held in Tavern

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mac Cleary  
of Grand Rapids entertained with  
an attractively appointed dinner  
in the Warm Friend tavern Thursday,  
Dec. 21. The affair arranged  
as a farewell to a number of  
their Holland friends before their  
departure Saturday to take up  
their residence in Albany, N. Y.

Guests at the dinner included  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cheff, Mr.  
and Mrs. Paul Cholette of Grand  
Rapids, Mrs. Louise Landwehr,  
Mrs. and Mrs. Larry Kolb, Mr. and  
Mrs. P. T. Cheff, Mr. and Mrs.  
Edgar Landwehr and Howard Lillard.

Sunday School  
Lesson

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 31, 1939

Friends and Foes of the Kingdom

Matthew 13: 54; 14: 15; 29-31

Henry Geerlings

That man never lived, if he stood  
for anything worth while, who did  
not have both friends and foes.  
Jesus was no exception. His ministry  
was uniquely one of mercy  
and compassion. But he made it  
very clear all along the course  
of his life that he was against all  
evil no matter what the form in  
which it manifested itself. When  
we speak of the friends and the  
foes of the kingdom we are in  
reality speaking of the friends and  
foes of Jesus, for he stood at the  
center of the kingdom and all  
that it represented. And it did not  
seem to disturb him in the least  
that his foes were always on his  
heels. He did not take very much  
account of them, for his attention  
was riveted on those who were  
more or less sympathetic to the  
work he was carrying.

Jesus had many friends. He was  
a normal individual. Wherever he  
went he endeared himself to people.  
His friendship was sincere.  
Throughout his ministry he came  
in contact with a great many  
people and his great aim was to  
help them. He made his friends  
by being kind to them. He was  
natural for him to be so. He realized  
that there was something in  
every human being that could be  
developed into a strong trait of  
character. Whether the people  
were rich or poor, educated or  
ignorant, men or women, he saw  
good in them and he sought to  
bring it out. He made friends by  
teaching people how to get the  
most out of life. Every day he  
must have met those who did not  
care what became of them. Many  
were in straightened circumstances.  
They saw nothing in their future.  
Dark clouds were rolling over  
them and they could see no light  
in the darkness. Jesus helped  
them in their distress. He always  
spoke the helpful word. He showed  
them that in spite of all the  
difficulties life was worth  
living and that there were rich  
rewards in being faithful.

He made friends by encouraging  
them to face the difficulties and to  
overcome them. He put courage  
into many a man's heart. When  
they themselves could see no happiness  
ahead of them, he gave them  
a word of cheer and bade them  
to be hopeful.

He made friends by pointing  
them to the future. There was a  
life beyond. They might go  
through a vale of tears now but  
some day they would participate in  
the joys of heaven if they believed  
in him, and trusted him. He  
pictured heaven in such a way as  
to make people wanting to reach  
it at the end of their earthly  
existence.

Jesus had foes as well as friends.  
This is not strange. A great character  
or personality always awakens  
antagonisms. He always sees  
deeper and knows more than his  
foes and therefore must differ  
from them. He must condemn  
their shortsightedness and reveal  
their weaknesses and nobody likes  
that kind of thing. We like people  
who praise us. Jesus was not slow  
to point out the inconsistencies  
and the hypocrisies of the Pharisees.  
Their formalities were as empty  
as a barrel and as resounding.  
They stressed the non-essentials  
of religion and overlooked the  
essentials, the things that mattered  
most. They were as unresponsive  
to the great challenge of God as  
a deaf man is to music. The fires  
of real religion had never warmed  
their hearts. They were  
religionists without being genuinely  
religious. They were very  
careful without being sensibly  
thoughtful. They were burden-  
bearers instead of burden-lifters  
and burden-bearers. They called  
themselves leaders and yet they  
blocked the way to truth. They  
professed to have the key to knowledge  
and yet they locked the door  
to the kingdom of God. Jesus was  
weary of their fussiness and formalities  
and failures and he scathingly  
rebuked them. As a consequence  
they hated him.

The scribes also were against  
him. They knew better than they  
did. They understood the essential  
things of the law but they did not  
take pains to obey them. Their  
chief aim was to keep in favor  
with the priests and the ruling  
classes of the church. Judged by  
actions they seemed to be sincere,  
but Jesus had a way of looking  
back of their actions to the motive,  
and by this skill of his was able  
to analyze their characters and  
expose their frauds. With a  
bitterness of language that makes  
us wonder, He condemned their  
evil ways. His holy nature rebelled  
against their ways of looking  
at and practicing religion. He  
was against them because they  
were against him, and would not  
be helped to see the right course.

Oakland Group Has  
Christmas Party

Forty members of the Helping  
Hand society of the Oakland  
Christian Reformed church gathered  
at the home of Mrs. Steve  
Walters Wednesday, Dec. 20, for a  
Christmas party. Mrs. Walters  
led devotions after which a short  
Christmas program was presented  
by members.

Mrs. Walters was presented  
with a gift from the members. A  
social time was enjoyed, games  
were played, refreshments were  
served and gifts were exchanged.  
The meeting closed with the singing  
of "Blest Be the Tie That  
Binds" and prayer.

ADVANCE WORK  
ON STORE SITEThat Other Construction  
Will Use Holland Motif  
Is Sligh's Hope

With a hope that its construction  
will result in a subsequent  
program to erect other commercial  
buildings in Holland, featuring  
typical Dutch architecture, Charles  
R. Sligh, Jr., former president  
of the Holland Chamber of Commerce,  
is building a modern store  
building of this type on a lot on  
the west side of River Ave., south  
of Ninth St.

Originally it had been the plan  
of the property's owners, Mr. and  
Mrs. Sligh, to construct "just a  
building" until they decided on the  
idea of using Dutch architecture.

"Holland has a definite background  
for Dutch history and architecture  
but so far the people of  
Holland have failed to capitalize  
on it, except in the construction  
of the Michigan Bell Telephone  
Co. building, the Warm  
Friend tavern and a couple of  
gasoline service stations. We carry  
on many activities to advertise  
Holland and her Tulip Time  
festival but when visitors arrive  
here they find the same kind of  
buildings that they see in almost  
any city," Mr. Sligh said today.

The new fireproof building will  
be located on the south half of  
the lot which Mr. and Mrs. Sligh  
own. It is their plan, if and when  
the time comes, to construct a  
Dutch type of building on the  
north half of the lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Sligh purchased  
the property recently from the  
Roest estate and construction work  
on the site has been in progress  
for the past several weeks. The  
building is scheduled for completion  
early in February.

Ruben Nyenhuis is the general  
contractor and plans for the new  
building were drawn by Pete Elzinga,  
local architect. Its estimated  
cost is \$17,000.

The entire first floor will be  
occupied by a super-market of the  
Kroger Grocery and Baking Co.  
Mr. Sligh said the second-floor  
office space will be occupied by  
Henry Oosting, local real estate  
man; Mr. Elzinga, architect; and  
Mr. Nyenhuis, general contractor.

He said that if the demand  
for office space warrants, the  
second story will be erected to  
extend the full length of the building.

At the present time, the second  
story will extend only 33 feet  
back while the building proper  
will be 105 feet deep. It will extend  
50 feet along River Ave.

The exterior of the building is  
typical Dutch architecture with  
walls on the two street sides Flemish  
bond masonry of variegated colors.  
It will have a Dutch gable  
effect and the gables will be of  
step-up style.

There will be three dormers  
on the second story and all dormer  
roofs and roof valleys will be of  
copper construction. The Flemish  
masonry will be trimmed with Indian  
limestone of different patterns  
and designs which are used in  
The Netherlands.

The windows will be of leaded  
glass and ornamented transoms  
will be constructed. Some of the  
windows will have the typical  
Dutch hour glass shutters which  
are used extensively in Holland.  
This hour-glass style is regarded  
as a "fad" in The Netherlands but  
they have remained popular for  
many years.

The building also will be decorated  
with wrought iron work for  
which the Dutch people are famous.  
A shield and emblem will be  
encased in the stone gables.

The roof will be of colored tile  
construction.

The Coliseum, famous London  
music hall, gave its first performance  
on Christmas Eve of 1904.

Paris is the only city in the  
world where tourists are taken  
on sightseeing trips through the  
sewers.

## Personals

(From Saturday's Sentinel)  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sprick left  
this afternoon for Prairie View,  
Kan., called there by the death of  
Mr. Sprick's father, John Sprick.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews  
of 149 East 15th St., left for Philadelphia  
by bus Friday night to visit  
Mr. Andrews' mother whom he  
has not seen for sometime. They  
will return Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kroll, Mr.  
and Mrs. Henry Kroll and Hazel  
Anne and Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
Diepenhorst spent Sunday in  
Grand Rapids with Mr. and Mrs.  
Don Stoepker and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brondyke  
of Iowa announce the birth of a  
daughter, Ruth Anne, Tuesday,  
Dec. 19. Mrs. Brondyke was formerly  
Lucille Boeve of Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sooter and  
son, Jack, left Friday for two  
weeks' vacation in Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Lowry have  
as their guests for the holidays,  
Mrs. Lowry's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Philip Huguenin of Wilmette, Ill.

Because of the holidays, the  
baby clinics will be held Tuesday  
afternoon instead of Monday  
for the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kummer  
of Chicago will arrive tonight to  
spend Christmas with the J. W.  
Kummer family, 83 East 25th St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold White and  
son James of Central Park are  
leaving for Detroit this afternoon  
where they will visit Mrs. White's  
sister, Mrs. Vincent Goetz and  
family.

Dr. Milton J. Hoffman, professor  
of church history in the New  
Brunswick seminary, is visiting  
his mother, Mrs. John Hoffman,  
144 East 13th St., over the weekend.

H. H. Boeve, residing on route  
5, had a new kind of respect today  
for a thief who stole a pound of  
butter from his car while he was  
shopping downtown Friday. While  
canvassing for the Red Cross  
among the Fillmore township  
schools, he stopped at the Fillmore  
creamery and purchased five  
pounds of butter. One of the  
pounds was missing after his trip  
to Holland. The Red Cross drive  
completed. A total of \$84 has been  
collected to date.

Jacob Lievens, 30, of 171 East  
15th St., will be arraigned next  
week before Justice Raymond  
Smith on a charge of assault and  
battery upon Paul Thorp, 8-year-old  
son of Aaron Thorp, 175 East  
15th St.

(From Friday's Sentinel)  
Miss Phyllis A. Tiesinga, senior  
at Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio,  
returned to Holland Wednesday  
night to spend the holidays with  
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal  
Tiesinga, 337 College Ave.

A daughter, Marcia Anne, was  
born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vol-  
kema of Jenison park December  
18.

James R. Moody, sophomore at  
Central college in Pella, Ia., will  
arrive home this week to spend  
the holiday vacation with his  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Moody.

Charles Fogarty of 341 West  
20th St. is confined to Holland  
hospital where he was taken Monday  
evening because of serious illness.

Mrs. H. Maas and T. Kuiper  
were called to Platte, S. D., because  
of the death of their brother.

Mrs. Henry Dokter, Mrs. Lloyd  
Maatman and Mrs. Benjamin  
Zuverink motored to Grand Rapids  
Thursday.

Bill Arendshorst, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. William Arendshorst, and  
Calvin Vander Werf, son of the  
Rev. and Mrs. Seth Vanderwerf,  
have arrived home from Ohio  
State university for the Christmas  
holidays.

Mrs. Peter N. Prins entertained  
a few friends informally Thursday  
afternoon in her home on West  
12th St., for her sister, Mill  
Nella Meyer of New York city,  
who is spending the holidays here  
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
A. Meyer.

Mrs. Retta Orr left Thursday  
morning for Bartow, Fla., to spend  
the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nyland and

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beuwkes left  
Holland this noon for Detroit  
where they will attend the wedding  
of Dr. L. E. Beuwkes, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Beuwkes, to Miss  
Hilda M. Smith tonight at 8 o'clock  
in a Detroit church.

Thirty children attended a party  
in the Royal Neighbors hall Thursday  
night, sponsored by the lodge.  
Arrangements were in charge of  
Millie Thorpe, Harriet Horn and  
Dorene Maatman. Several of the  
children took part in a program,  
and each child received a stocking  
filled with candy, nuts and oranges.  
Next week Thursday will be a  
regular business meeting and  
Christmas party for the adults.

HEINZ BANQUET  
IS SCHEDULED

Holland employees of the H. J.  
Heinz Co. and invited guests will  
gather Thursday night, Dec. 28,  
in the North Shore Community  
club building at Waukazoo for a  
dinner meeting to observe the 70th  
anniversary of the founding of the  
organization.

Twenty-five thousand miles of  
wire will be brought into one circuit  
under the control of 385 operators  
and engineers that night when  
Howard Heinz uses a telephone  
broadcast hookup to address all  
employees of the Heinz Co. Mr. Heinz  
is president of the company,  
founded by his father.

Mr. Heinz's audience will be  
assembled at 70 banquets, including  
the one here, in cities from the  
Atlantic to the Pacific at each of  
which the same menu will be  
served. He will speak from Pittsburgh  
where 3,000 will dine in  
Heinz Employees' auditorium and  
Service building.

ORIGINAL PROGRAM  
PRESENTED IN HHS

The annual Christmas program  
in Holland high school Friday  
afternoon was featured by a play,  
"Dust of the Road," which showed  
the transformation of a selfish  
man and his wife into a cheerful,  
generous couple. Taking part were  
Alice Houtman, Junior Pruis,  
Charles Knooihuizen and Murray  
Snow.

The presentation of Christmas  
baskets by the various wards  
formed a large part of the program.  
Mayor Ray Serier announced  
the donations as the students  
paraded down the middle aisle  
with their miniature floats. The  
presentations were original and  
entertaining.

Santa Claus, Charles Knooihuizen,  
presented gifts from the council  
and remembered the coaches,  
janitors, the office gals, several  
members of the faculty and a few  
Athletic Sisters and students with  
gifts.

The inventory list real by Santa  
included a large amount of groceries,  
hams, oranges and cracker  
jack bought by the council, 180  
gifts from the Girls' League and  
Voorhees hall, 157 cans of vegetables,  
113 cans of fruit and many  
groceries, toys and clothing  
brought by the students.

After the program, the members  
of the faculty and the aldermen  
sorted all the donations and  
delivered the baskets with a  
Christmas greeting to 18 needy  
families.

Teacher Entertains His  
Sunday School Class

J. Van Dyke entertained his  
Sunday school class of Bethel Reformed  
church at his home at 413  
Columbia Ave. Friday evening.  
Games were played and prizes  
were awarded. Gifts were exchanged  
and refreshments were served.  
The teacher awarded each  
pupil a Testament for learning  
their golden text.

Those present were Lester  
Swierenga, Andrew Connor, Corrie  
Johnson, Leonard Juries, Vernon  
Raterink, Dale Timmer and  
Gordon Burt.

Nothing so takes the heart out  
of a person as ingratitude.

News items taken from the files of  
HOLLAND CITY NEWS

sixty, fifty, forty, thirty,  
twenty and ten years  
ago today

COMMENTS BY  
BEN MULDER

## SIXTY YEARS AGO

We are informed that Hi Potts,  
editor and proprietor of the Ot-  
tawa County Courier of Spring  
Lake, will discontinue his paper.  
Note: Mr. Potts started several  
papers after that. He founded the  
Zeeland Expositor, after that the  
Zeeland Record, now owned by  
Adrian Van Koeveer. He was a  
"dry wit," a regular  
"Bill Nye," and was often engaged  
at Hope college giving one of the  
numbers in the lecture course. He  
left these parts many years ago,  
and is understood to have gone in-  
to real estate business in Florida.  
He died this year in that state at  
the age of 92. He was a good-  
hearted old Hi.

On every four corners throughout  
our farming region you can hear  
conversations about the im-  
mense wheat crop. For once the  
farmers have stopped complaining  
about a larger harvest than they  
expected. We hear of immense  
yields per acre. We are told that  
somebody in the township of  
Jamestown had 450 bushels of ex-  
tra wheat from 9 acres. Some are  
reported at an average of 52  
bushels. A great many at 40, 30,  
and 25. But we have one authenti-  
cated yield of 48 bushels average  
per acre: Mr. A. Wolma, at Graaf-  
schap, Mich., had 150 bushels of  
wheat from 3 1/4 acres of land.  
This was measured over twice by  
doubting individuals, and is a  
fact. However, there is no doubt  
but what the colony has harvested  
by far the largest and best crop  
of wheat she ever had, and this be-  
ing nominally three good crops in  
succession ought to explode the cry  
of "hard times" among the  
farmers at least.

The Star Hook and Ladder  
Co. got their new truck on Mon-  
day. It is light and handy, and the  
men are well pleased with it.  
Note: My father, Leendert Mulder,  
was one of the captains of this  
hook and ladder company, had a  
full uniform, big rubber helmet,  
a red shirt with blue stars, and  
large boots. It took longer to  
dress in these than it would to  
get to a fire today anywhere in the  
city. He also had a large blue  
trumpet with a red cord and tassels,  
and we "kids" would take  
delight in using it as a megaphone,  
although the word at that time  
wasn't in the dictionary.

At a meeting of the common  
council held Tuesday the ways and  
means committee consisting of R.  
H. Habberman, Jacob G. Van Put-  
ten, and A. J. Ward, reported the  
following estimates for the appropria-  
tion bill for the coming year:  
General fund, \$5,628; poor fund,  
\$2,700; library, \$200; parks, \$1,  
000; water, \$3,000; light, \$2,000;  
fire alarms, \$525; total, \$19,713.  
Note: The city marshal was then  
paid out of the general fund.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

John A. Peyster, one of Hol-  
land's oldest residents, and an elder  
in the Ninth Street Christian  
Reformed church, died at the age  
of 83 years. Mrs. John Van Lande-  
ghe, wife of a former mayor,  
was a daughter. Note: Mr. Peyster  
was a leader in the old Van Raalte  
church and was also one of the  
leaders in the secession that split  
the church over the question of  
secret orders.

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## THIRTY YEARS AGO

By invitation Jerry Arendt and  
J. C. Holmes of Hamilton took an  
automobile ride through the coun-  
try in Dr. Regterink's new auto.  
Note: That was sure when autos  
were new. Such an invitation  
would not be chronicled today.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Bonthuis who  
are leaving for China spent Sunday  
with Rev. and Mrs. G. Hek-  
huis, pastor of the Reformed  
church at Oversel.

The Star Furniture Co. of Zeeland  
has so many rush orders  
that the force is working over-  
time.

While playing with a pet cat,  
Katie the little daughter of John  
Huizer of Blendon was kicked in  
the face by the frisky animal and  
a doctor had to be called to attend  
her.

River Street has been better  
lighted for a year now with arches  
of electric glims. Now Eighth  
street merchants want the same  
thing and William Orr, the Cit-  
zens Telephone Co. head, is doing  
the installing. The accompanying  
picture shows how these arches  
looked lighted on River Ave. 30  
years ago.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

The steamer Puritan, formerly  
of the Graham and Morton line,  
built for the Holland-Chicago boat  
line and purchased by the govern-  
ment during the war, is again  
back to the Great Lakes and re-  
entered the passenger and freight  
business. It is now a portion of  
the Northern Transportation Co.  
Note: Some years ago the Puritan  
was completely wrecked on Lake  
Superior. She was purchased by  
the U. S. government for trans-  
port purposes. The steamer Puritan  
once sailed in the Pacific  
Ocean from Los Angeles to the  
Cataline Islands.

John Boda, partner of Nicodemus  
Bosch in the Western Ma-  
chine Tool Co., died suddenly at  
his home, 240 West Ninth St.

The Citizens Transfer Co. are  
to build an \$8,000 store house  
back of their place on West  
Eighth St. The building is to be  
built of concrete and steel and will  
be fireproof.

The U. S. Revenue Collector  
took in \$400 in government tax  
on concessions at the Allegan  
Fair. Just 2,166 automobiles  
passed into the Allegan fair  
grounds during the three days of  
the fair. Note: That would indi-  
cate that automobiles weren't as  
numerous as now.

## TEN YEARS AGO

Several Holland persons re-  
ceived letters Saturday which  
were carried on the Graaf Zep-  
pelin's world tour. The stamps  
showed the giant airship flying  
over part of the world. On the  
corner of the envelope was writ-  
ten "Around the world via Ger-  
mahy, Tokyo, Los Angeles, with  
Graaf Zeppelin."

Secretary of the Chamber of  
Commerce, Charles A. Gross, is  
planning a farewell reception for  
the Hon. G. J. Diekema, recently  
appointed minister to The Neth-  
erlands by President Hoover.  
Note: Holland surely turned out in  
force on that day. Business was at  
a standstill when the American  
Legion band escorted Mr. and Mrs.  
G. J. Diekema to the depot. It  
was a happy party, but a sad  
home-coming one year and two  
months later, which brought the  
remains of Holland's leading citi-  
zen—with his beloved wife who  
held home vigil on the trip back  
home across the ocean. The rites  
were held at Hope Memorial church  
with Dr. John Vander Meulen,  
Rev. Paul P. Cheff and Minister  
Arthur Vanden Berg delivering  
eulogies.

Betty Mae Van Tatenhove and  
Ervin Van Dyke, who were  
dressed in cute Dutch costumes,  
gave free samples of Holland  
Maid candy on Eighth St., a  
specialty put on by DuMez Bros.  
and manufactured by the local  
company.

Christmas Party Is  
Held in Tuls Home

Mrs. John Tuls entertained her  
Sunday school class of Maple Avenue  
Christian Reformed church  
Wednesday, Dec. 20, at a Christ-  
mas party in her home on East  
37th St.

The house was decorated in  
green and red with a Christmas  
tree as the center of attraction.  
Games were played and prizes  
were awarded to Loretta Bonza-  
laar, Elaine Beltman, Delores Deur  
and Ruthie Brightall. Gifts were  
presented and a two-course lunch  
was served.

Guests were Misses Elaine Belt-  
man, Margaret Boersma, Loretta  
Bonzaalaar, Ruth Brightall, De-  
lora Duer, Betty Schippers and  
Della Schipper.

## Welfare



## War Doesn't Mar Dutch Christmas Celebration

### Hollanders, Confident in Crisis, Refuse to Buy Gas Masks

By Sarah Williams Bosman  
Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 6 (Special by Mail).—Even with the war going on about her, Holland has celebrated St. Nicholas day, the fifth of December, with usual zest.

A week before St. Nicholas day, St. Nicholas made his official entry into Amsterdam. Traditionally he comes from Spain each year to celebrate his birthday by bringing gifts to the children. He comes by boat to Holland, bringing the white horse that he rides and his helpers, little blackamoor boys, all of whom are called Black Peter, and sacks and sacks of toys.

This year, instead of landing on the Ruyterkade and riding on horseback through the city as he usually does, St. Nicholas with his helpers and the heralds of Amsterdam, made a tour of the old canals by boat. In another boat a band played St. Nicholas songs. Thousands, old and young, lined the banks to see them pass. Ending his tour at the Carre theater, St. Nicholas distributed gifts to 2,000 poor children gathered there.

During his sojourn in Holland, St. Nicholas stood on the rooftops by the chimneys, and listened to the children. They placed their shoes by the fireplace each evening, and sang to St. Nicholas, or Sinter Klaas, asking him to put something in their shoes. Good children found something to eat in their shoes in the morning, but bad children had only a switch.

The night of Dec. 5, the shoes were set by the hearth for the last time, and Sinter Klaas filled them full. (Many children used father's shoe just as children in America hang up mother's) stocking for Santa Claus). Then, his work done, the Dutch St. Nicholas returned to Spain until he celebrates his next birthday.

For days before St. Nicholas the stores were crowded with St. Nicholas shoppers. In Holland one must do one's Christmas shopping early, because the nice things are sold out with St. Nicholas.

Garbed in flowing robes of red trimmed with gold, a bishop mitre on his head, staff in hand St. Nicholas came to visit us. He threw "strooigoed"—small candies and ginger snaps, on the floor for the children to scramble after and allowed the children to stroke his long white beard. He asked them to sing for him before he gave his presents. There were dolls, toy autos, a rattle, and the chocolate letters without which no St. Nicholas feast would be complete. And he did his best to visit the soldiers, sailors, aviators and marines wherever their posts "somewhere in Holland" with cigarettes, books, candy and other good things to eat.

One cannot but admire the Dutch for their coolness and courage and self-confidence in times of crisis. They live from day to day, confident in their ability to cope with a situation when need arises. A recent attempt to sell gas masks to civilians for the small sum of three and a half guilders brought only thirty-six responses in Amsterdam, a city with a population of 800,000. Instead of ordering gas masks on the specified day, the Amsterdamers stayed at home and shrugged as they commented "Matters aren't that bad."

American citizens in Europe are now being fingerprinted. New regulations provide that passports of American citizens abroad must be validated by an American consular officer before Jan. 1, 1940, and again every six months thereafter. The consul endorses the passport as valid for specified countries for a six months' period. In the absence of a ruling to the contrary, this endorsement on a page of the passport must bear the right thumbprint of the consul as well as his signature. The bearer of the passport must submit two recent photographs on which the consul must affix the bearer's thumbprint.

These regulations are probably aimed at repatriation of Americans who have no imperative reason for remaining in Europe and at making the use of false passports a virtual impossibility.

### Ottawa County Real Estate Transfers

Otto P. Kramer and wife to Henry W. Streur and wife, Lots 14 and 15 Harrington, Westerhof and Kramer's Add. No. 2, Village of Harrington, Holland.

Edward B. Scott et al to Charles H. Finch and wife, Lot 2 government Survey Sec. 20-5-15.

Albert Reddet et al to Henry Maat and wife, Pt. S1 N1 NE1 Sec. 28-6-15 Twp. Olive.

Nelson Brouwer and wife to Jennie Room, Pt. NW1 Sec. 20-5-13 Twp. Jamestown.

Albert Boone and wife to George Morey and wife, Pt. Lot 7 Village of Cedar Swamp, Twp. Holland.

F. C. Haft and wife Alta to Philo Gregory, Pt. S1 SW1 Sec. 1-5-13.

Rena Ronda to Arthur J. Nyland and wife, S1 Lot 14 Blk. 6, Boltwoods Add. Grand Haven.

Gerrit Van Zanten to Elizabeth Van Leuven, E1 Lot 4 Blk. H, West Add. Holland.

Walter Bird et al and Morris Huyser et al to Charles R. Sligh, Jr. and wife, Pt. Lot 1 and 2 Blk. 39, Holland.

Wm. E. Dunn and wife to Frank J. Marsden and wife, Pt.

## TWO JAILED IN MIRROR THEFT

### Chief Antles Grabs Pair From Ambush in Local Glass Firm

Christmas in jail for two Holland men was scheduled Saturday when they failed to provide bonds of \$1,000 each after being arrested Friday about 11 p.m. by Police Chief Ira Antles who said he found the boys "assorting mirrors" at the Donnelly-Kelley Glass Co. plant, 50 River Ave. after inventories showed mirrors had been missing for the last few weeks.

Arraigned on Saturday before Justice John Galien on charges of entering without breaking, Bernard Van Til, 22, and Egbert Kolean, 17, both residing on the north side, waived examination and were bound over to the February term of Ottawa circuit court. They were ordered committed to the Grand Haven jail.

Chief Antles said Kolean, an employee of the glass firm, confessed the theft of three 26-inch circular mirrors, and that he sold them to a third party by stating he was able to buy the mirrors at a reduced rate. Chief Antles reported no charge will be filed against the third party. The three mirrors have been recovered.

Chief Antles said that from previous investigations he suspected the boys gained admission through a side door, during the absence of the night watchman. Friday night, the chief secreted himself inside the building.

Later, Van Til and Kolean entered and proceeded to the rack where the mirrors were kept. Chief Antles said both young men were surprised when he asked them "How's Business?" Van Til ran from the building but stopped his flight when Antles threatened to shoot at him.

Justice Kolean said Van Til is on probation from circuit court and Kolean is on probation from probate court.

The average capacity of railroad freight cars has increased 8.11 tons, or nearly 20 per cent since 1918.

## Dekker-Tibbe Vows Spoken

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Westbroek, 94 West 18th St. was the scene of a wedding Friday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Margaret Tibbe, became the bride of Leonard Dekker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dekker of 233 West 12th St.

The Rev. William Van't Hof, pastor of Third Reformed church, officiated at the single ring ceremony which was performed at 5 o'clock. The couple was married before a setting of lighted Christmas trees and a white trelis decorated with evergreens and clusters of silver bells.

Before the ceremony Miss Lois Kuiken played a violin solo, "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Jennie Dekker who later played the Lohengrin wedding march as the bridal party assembled.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of aqua taffeta and carried a bouquet of briarcliff roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Ted Kragt, as matron of honor. Mrs. Kragt wore rose taffeta, floor length, and carried a bouquet of Johanna Hill roses. Richard Dekker attended his brother as best man.

A reception followed the wedding and a wedding supper was served the guests by Miss Helen Mills, Miss Carolyn Hilarides and Miss Ann Smeenge.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dekker were born in Holland and were graduated from Holland high school. Mr. Dekker was also graduated from Hope college where he was a member of the Emersonian society. He is employed as a salesman for General Shoe Corporation. Mrs. Dekker was employed in the office of the Holland Furnace Co. The couple left on a short wedding trip. They will be at their new home on route 6 about Feb. 1.

### Plainwell Employees Are Given Christmas Hams

Plainwell, Dec. 28 — As a Christmas gift from the company, all employees of the Michigan Paper Co. received a 10 to 12-pound ham with their pay checks last week. The firm also paid a 2 per cent dividend to all stockholders.

## MAPES WILL IS FILED IN COURT

Grand Rapids, Dec. 28 — The last will and testament of the late Rep. Carl E. Mapes of Grand Rapids fifth Michigan district representative in congress, who died recently of a heart attack in New Orleans, La., was filed in probate court here Friday by a son, Robert W. Mapes, of New York city.

The entire estate is left to the widow, Mrs. Julia P. Mapes. Value of the estate to be probated, exclusive of property held jointly with Mrs. Mapes and life insurance, was estimated at \$5,000 and upwards.

The will, a brief handwritten document, was signed in Grand Rapids by Mr. Mapes Nov. 10, 1928, in the presence of two witnesses, Ruth R. and H. B. Wagner.

### GREENVILLE THEATER BOUGHT BY CARLEY

Henry Carley, manager of the Holland and Colonial theaters, has announced that he has purchased the Silver theater building in Greenville which he has operated under lease for the past two years. The deal makes the theater part of the Carley Amusement Co., which is associated with Butterfield Theaters, Inc.

Bert C. E. Silver, former owner of the building is Michigan's oldest motion picture exhibitor and is widely known. He has been in the show business 74 years, appearing on the stage at the age of five as a singer and member of the Silver family act known as the "Swiss Bell Ringers."

He has been mayor of Greenville four times, manager of the Greenville Free Fair, and a member of the Montcalm county board of supervisors.

### NAMED AT ALLEGAN

Allegan, Dec. 28 (Special) — Miss Ruth Gordon, daughter of Mrs. Glenn Gordon of Allegan, was named last week to represent Allegan high school when state D.A.R. officials select a Michigan high school girl for the annual good citizenship trip to Washington, D.C.

## Woman's Club Scene of De Die-Buter Marriage

One of the loveliest weddings of the winter season took place Friday night in the Woman's Literary club when Miss Lucille Buter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buter, 69 East 16th St., became the bride of Clarence A. De Die of Grand Rapids, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian De Die of Rochester, N.Y.

Vows were spoken at 8 p.m. before a bank of evergreens in the club house auditorium, with lighted candelabra forming part of the effective decoration. The Rev. J. Blaauw of Grandville, officiated at the single ring service, assisted by the Rev. H. D. Terkerst of Trinity Reformed church.

Miss Marjorie Brouwer, accompanied by Miss Barbara Lampen, sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly," preceding the ceremony, and Miss Lampen played the Lohengrin wedding march as the bridal party took their places.

The bride, who approached the improvised altar on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, was attractive in a formal gown of white brocade satin with square neckline, fitted bodice and flared skirt. With it she wore a matching hip-length jacket with slightly puffed sleeves. Her finger-tip veil was caught in a Juliet cap of pearls, and she carried an arm bouquet of white roses.

Her sister, Miss Audrey Buter, was her only attendant, and as maid of honor wore a formal gown of aqua moire taffeta with puff sleeves and full skirt, trimmed with rose velvet streamers reaching from waist to hemline. She wore a tiara of rosebuds in her hair, and carried a bouquet of snapdragons to match the streamers on her dress.

Leon De Jongh of Holland served as best man, and Homer Stehauer and Herman Stehauer of Grand Rapids, seated the guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the tearoom of the club house, where the 90 guests were served a wedding supper at tables decorated with pine and evergreens, and lighted by tall white tapers in crystal holders. Supper music was furnished by Edgar Holkeboer, pianist. Assisting with the serving

were the Misses Ruth Den Uyl, Eleanor Dalman, Beth Michmerhuizen and Katharine Pieper, friends of the bride.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Buter of Grand Rapids. Their daughters, Pat and Jean, were in charge of the gift room. Miss Rose Vander Schel presided at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. De Die left this morning for Rochester, N.Y., where relatives of the groom have planned a Christmas celebration for them. Upon their return to Grand Rapids they will be at home at 1651 Alpine Ave. N.W. Mr. De Die is employed as draftsman and designer at the Dutch Cookie Machine company, and Mrs. De Die has been teaching in Lee High school in Grand Rapids. Both the bride and groom were graduated from Hope college. She was a member of Delphi society, and he was affiliated with Fraternal.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. De Die, parents of the groom, from Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Reaves of Denver, Colo.; James Van Ry of Keweenaw, Ill.; Richard Heine of Detroit; Miss Marianne Hop, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Douma, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sporde, Mr. and Mrs. John Pylman, Miss Alice Damkat, Mrs. Edward Gurd, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Scheerhorn, Miss Mary Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Buter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vande Velde, Mr. and Mrs. Bastin Van Ry, all of Grand Rapids.

### TO FACE G.H. TRIAL FOR DRUNK DRIVING

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special) — James Cheeseman, 54, Grand Haven, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated, when arraigned before Justice George V. Hoffer Friday morning.

Cheeseman was arrested about 2 a.m. Friday by Grand Haven police when he ran into a parked car belonging to Joe Zeimet, on Washington St.

The trial, by jury, has been set for Jan. 4 to 2 p.m. Bond of \$200 has not been furnished.

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## RECORD LOOKS BAD FOR MEN

### No Women in Ottawa and Allegan on Probation or in Prisons

Women have been behaving much better than the men, if statistics released by Circuit Judge Fred T. Miles are a precise barometer.

Ninety-eight men, but no women, are on probation in Judge Miles' circuit of Ottawa and Allegan counties. About 75 men of the two counties—and, again, no women—are serving sentences in the three state prisons.

"The men on probation are those who have committed crimes called 'felonies' for which they might have been sentenced to a state prison. While we are obliged to revoke a probation now and then, this is seldom required," Judge Miles said.

The judge pointed out that before any man is either sentenced to prison or placed on probation, the probation officer is required to prepare a complete report in triplicate, showing all information he has obtained about the convicted man. Then, in the presence of the judge, the prisoner is interviewed by the probation officer to discover whether there are any additions or explanations.

If the man is placed on probation, he is required to meet with the probation officer, not less than once a month, show his employment, his family condition, his compliance with the terms of probation. The probation officer then makes reports to the court.

Each probationer is required to pay costs to cover the expenses he has created for the county and part of this money is used to compensate the probation officer.

Judge Miles said he felt that "our probation officers are underpaid, despite the saving they provide the counties."

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# GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

## THE HOLLAND FURNACE CO. MANAGEMENT

takes this opportunity to wish A Happy and Prosperous New Year to citizens of Holland and vicinity and to its patrons throughout the nation.

Knowing that this enterprise had its inception three decades ago with a dozen men and no branches, the directors and staff feel gratified that today—30 years later—it can say that it has one large plant in Holland and two auxiliary plants in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois, respectively, and more than 400 branch offices in widely scattered territory. Collectively these employ 6,000 men and women, providing them with gainful employment. To them also we extend season's greetings.

## HOLLAND FURNACE COMPANY

### HOLLAND, MICH.



# Happy New Year

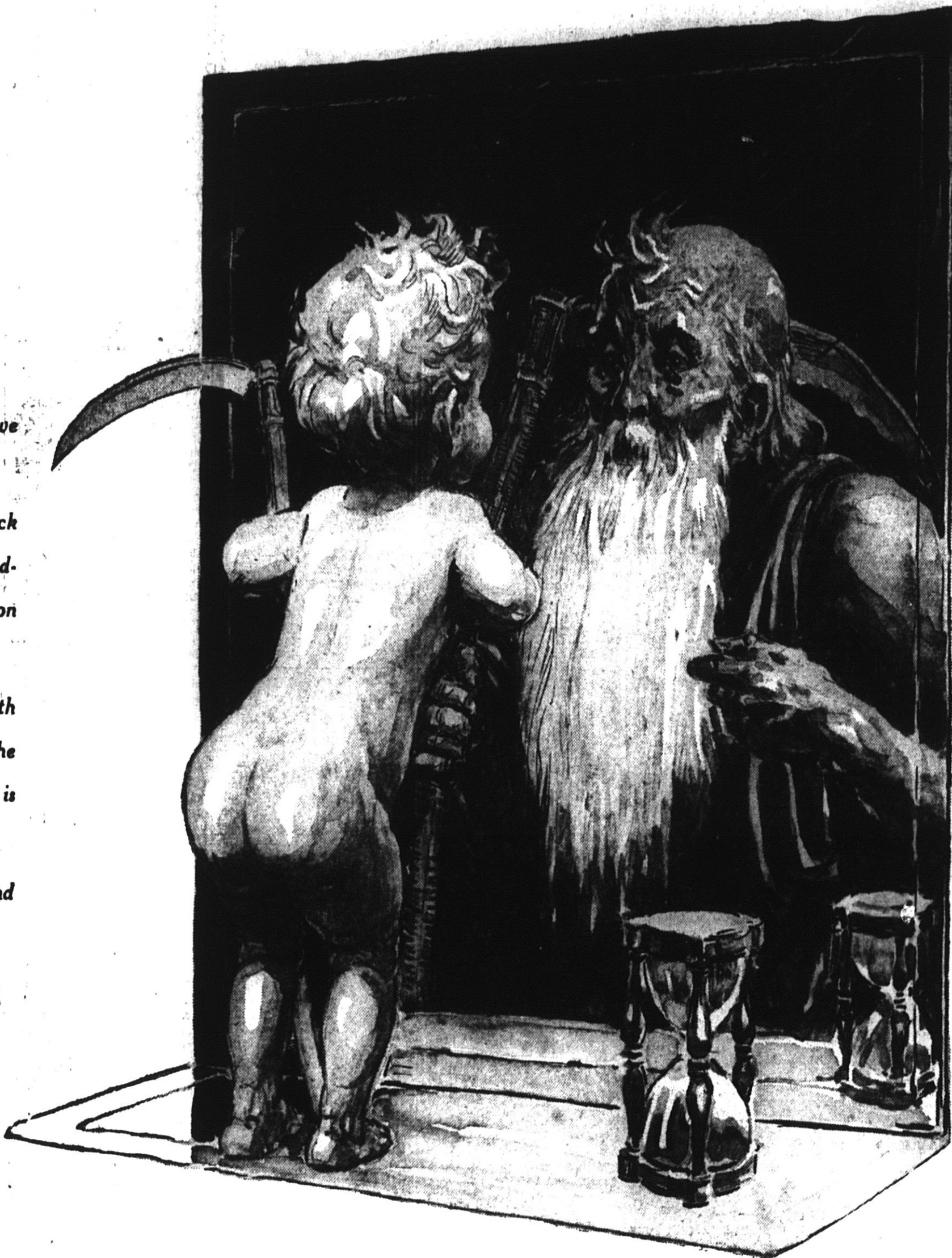
## WELCOME TO 1940

Father Time emerges and turns the page—and we find a New Year awaiting us.

As we come to the close of the year and look back we can recall new friends made and old friendships strengthened by our pleasant association during 1939.

Then we look forward — to a New Year with our old friends and to meeting new ones with the opportunity of serving all. We feel that life is really worthwhile.

May the New Year bring you Happiness and Success.



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## IOWANS ARRIVE FOR PLAY WITH HOPE'S QUINTET

Pella Cagers Drill Today for Tonight's Clash in Armory

Will Tangle With Calvin in Grand Rapids on Friday

The Central college five pulled into town Wednesday night after a 500-mile trip from Hope's sister college in Pella, Ia.

After a good night's rest at one of Hope's fraternity houses, the ten-man crew this morning began preparations for tonight's game with the local Dutchmen on the armory floor.

The Iowa Dutch were champions in 1938 in a conference in their state made up of 13 church-affiliated colleges. Of their three games this year, Central has lost one and that to Dubuque, 43-35.

Coach "Babe" Tysseling has lost his tall men since winning the Iowa conference crown. "Little" Ed Huibregtse, his tallest now, stands six feet.

The locals are undefeated after games with Ferris and Ypsil. Holland residents have heard much of this place called Pella and are anxious to know what each Dutch team will do in this first meeting. Tunis Prins, athletic director at Central, accompanied the outfit. Prins is a former Hopeite and has relatives and friends here as do many of the visiting crew.

Tysseling will start Loupee and Hulsman or Bonwell at forwards, Ed Huibregtse at center and D. Menning and Van Arkel at guards.

Hinga is scheduled to start Ken Vandenberg as a sharpshooter with Lokers as his running mate at forward, Brannock at center and Honholt and Slikkers at the guard positions.

The Central subs will accompany the regulars to Grand Rapids for the Calvin tilt Friday night. They include Leslie, Dalstrom, Luyms and R. Menning.

The Holland Furnace quint will be out to break its series of losses in the game with the Eagle-Ottawa Indians of Whitehall in the prelim at 7 p.m.

Spurgeon and Black of Kalamazoo will officiate.

## Jamestown News

Mrs. Fanny Rynbrandt entertained her children and grandchildren at her home on Christmas evening in the form of a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Palmbo and son spent Sunday and Christmas day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmbo.

The children and young folks are enjoying part of their vacation time by skating at Renkema's pond and Mud lake.

The executive and prayer meeting committees met at the home of their new president, Julius Zagers, Tuesday evening to select leaders for the next year.

On New Year's evening Jan. 1, 1940, a play entitled "The Honorable Mrs. Ling's Conversion," will be given at the local Y hall, by the young people of the Corinth Reformed church, under the auspices of the Girl's League for Service.

Rev. Lammers had charge of the Holland service at the Reformed church on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peuler are the happy parents of a baby girl born on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the Zeeland hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowman and Alma of Beaverdam visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bowman on Friday afternoon.

Bert Palmbo and daughter, Helen, of Conrad, Mont., who have been visiting with William Struik and family recently are now spending a few days at the home of his brother, A. Palmbo and family at Drenthe.

Several local folks attended the hymn sing at the Civic auditorium Sunday evening.

John Lammers called at the home of Rev. and Mrs. P. A. De Jong at Kalamazoo on Tuesday.

The Van Noord family enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Noord, Jr., on Monday evening.

The boilers at the Jamestown creamery are now equipped with oil burners.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Nieuwenhuis and son, Bruce, of Berne, Ind., visited their mother, Mrs. Anna Nieuwenhuis at the Rynbrandt home recently.

## Christmas Program Given in Central Park Church

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Central Park Sunday school was presented Dec. 21 to an appreciative audience. The opening number was an organ and piano duet, "Jesu Bambino" by Pietro Yon with Miss Mildred Schuppers at the organ and Mrs. Dick Vander Meer as the pianist. After the hymn by the audience and the invocation by the pastor, Rev. F. J. Van Dyk, the offering was received during the playing of another piano and organ duet, "O Holy Night" by Adams.

"In Quest of the King," a service of song and story, was presented under the direction of Mrs. Henry W. Helmink, who had dramatized the entire production. Dick Miles, Richard Streur and John Henry Teusink took the part

## Ottawa Conservation Work Aids 170 Farms



An example of severe erosion in the west Ottawa soil conservation district, is this acreage of John Dioxhari in section 16 of Crocker township.



Comparative development of shrubs, Norway spruce and Scotch pines, planted on "blowout" area 11 years ago, is shown here in Grand Haven Township.

Grand Haven, Dec. 28 (Special)—Aided by the establishment of a CCC camp here last July, the west Ottawa soil conservation district is bringing to a successful close a year in which 170 farms of about 15,000 acres have come under the project.

Farmers of the district planted nearly a million pine and spruce trees during the spring and fall planting seasons as a part of the

conservation program. To meet the need for young trees, a district nursery, including about a million seedlings, was started on Director Frank Garbrecht's farm near West Olive. Seed for two million more will be planted next spring. Seventy farmers and 4-H club members also had seed beds this year.

About 6,000 yards of marl have been dug of which 2,000 yards

has been spread on the sour soil of the district. If the land is "marled or limed," alfalfa and clover may be grown in the crop rotation schedule.

District directors are Hunter Hering, Crocker township; Clarence Reenders and Frank Hendrych, Grand Haven township; Mr. Garbrecht, Port Sheldon township; Albert Stegenga, Olive township; and County Agent L. R. Arnold, secretary.

## FENVILLE COUPLE REACHES FLORIDA

A clipping from a Sarasota, Fla., newspaper has been received here in which it tells of the arrival there of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Van Blois of Fennville who are also well known in Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Blois left for Florida about five weeks ago. The news item reported:

"Wonders will never cease! A housecar drove into camp yesterday and from all appearances that was all. On investigating, there was a miniature car inside. This is the only such outfit in the United States. The back of the housecar has a large door and the small car is rolled out. This belongs to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Van Blois who are spending their second winter in camp here but their eighth winter in the south.

"Mr. Van Blois built the entire outfit and the interior is more complete than many trailers and is of excellent workmanship. It really is a treat to see how that car fits in and how nice the interior is arranged after it is backed out.

## DECISION OF MILES UPHELD BY COURT

The state supreme court in Lansing on Dec. 20 upheld a decision of Judge Fred T. Miles in Ottawa circuit court by affirming the court's dismissal of the plaintiff's bill of complaint in the divorce suit of Mrs. Laretha E. Watson against Fred G. Watson.

The decision of the lower court was appealed to the higher court by Mrs. Watson who was represented by Attorney J. N. Clark of Zeeland. Daniel Ten Cate of Holland was Watson's attorney.

"We are impressed, as was the circuit judge, with the importance of maintaining the family ties of the parties and see no reason why the small amount of property they have been able to accumulate during their married life should be divided. We realize our inability to see the entire situation through the eyes of the trial judge and are governed by his conclusion," the opinion read.

In his decision, Judge Miles pointed out that Watson did not want a divorce and he felt Mrs. Watson would understand "that everything considered, it is best they return and rebuild their home together. Perhaps it was well that these parties came into court and testified regarding all the matters of which they complained as no doubt they now realize that their causes for complaint are not very strong."

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## Jenison News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whipple of Borculo road spent Christmas with Mrs. Ruth Freshour and family of Grandville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jandstra of Sand Hill road entertained Tuesday at 6:30 with a dinner for about 30 guests from Calvary Gospel Center church of Grand Rapids. Dr. De Haan of Detroit, Rev. R. Longman of Arena, Wis., and Rev. Peach of Grand Rapids, pastor of the church, were the guest speakers of the evening.

Mr. Harry Firzell of Jackson, Mich., spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Leonard Marquand and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hardy entertained the following guests at their home on Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Don Emelander and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stratton of Osego and Miss Sophia De Jonge of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Farowe and son, Dale, of Bauer spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. De Wendt.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Pitts and son, Junior, and daughter, Joyce Grace Pitts of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howell.

The Grangers gave a Christmas party Saturday at the hall with an oyster dinner and Christmas program in the afternoon. Gifts were exchanged. A pedro party was held in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowing leave the first of the year for Florida.

Lee Hardy who has been quite ill is on the gain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pitts and family of Grand Rapids, spent Friday afternoon with their mother, Mrs. Grace E. Howell.

## Rites Are Held Today for Chicago Woman

Allegan, Dec. 28—Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. today from Benson's funeral chapel for Mrs. Mary Young, 51, Valley township native, who dropped dead while cooking Christmas dinner at her home in Chicago. Burial will be in Millgrove cemetery.

Mrs. Young had been a resident of Allegan county until 1929 when her husband, Simon Young, succumbed. She is survived by one daughter and son, Miss Mary and Kenneth, both of Chicago.

## Tennis Courts Flooded for Local Ice Skating

For benefit of local ice skaters, the 21st St. tennis courts have been flooded. The cold weather has frozen the water into a perfect surface.

City Engineer Jacob Zuidema announced today that the courts are now in condition for ice skating. He anticipates that the tennis courts at 12th St. and Columbia Ave. will be in condition for skating by Friday.

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## SPEECH GIVEN BY DR. WICHERS

Grand Rapids, Dec. 28—Speaking at the annual meeting of the Grand Rapids Rehabilitation League in Fountain Street church here Thursday, Dec. 21, Dr. W. W. Wickers, president of Hope college, Holland, suggested Christmas eve, as a night of light and America's answer to the blackouts of Europe.

Upwards of 225 clients and supporters of the league heard Dr. Wickers' address in which he repeated a suggestion which had appeared earlier in a national magazine.

Dr. Wickers supplemented his suggestion with the thought that the light would have to be that light of the American spirit shining from every soul.

"After all," he said, "the American spirit can only inspire when it is seen in individual life. It is dependent upon three elements, faith in the individual and in human worth, faith in the improbability of the individual and the ability of individuals to work together for a common cause."

## Hamilton News

The Christmas program of the local school was held last Thursday evening in the Community auditorium. The pupils of the various rooms participated under direction of the visitors. Charles White, Marvin Smallegan, Miss Nathalie Nyhuis and Miss Ruth Meppelink. On Friday afternoon Christmas trees and exchange of gifts were enjoyed at the schoolhouse. The Misses Nyhuis and Meppelink departed for their respective homes at Mill Grove and Holland on Friday to spend the holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Hamelink and sons, Ronald and Jon, were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Bert Brower of Muskegon on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smidt, Jr., and children have moved to the house, formerly owned by L. Van Der Meer, which they recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klien, former occupants have moved to Holland.

Local Holland high school student spending the holiday vacation in the homes of their parents include, Paul Schrottenboer, Harold Brink, Don Morganstern, Hugh Van Order, Wilma Nyenhuys, Evelyn Lampen, Amy Koelker, Blanche Rigerink, Marcia Scholten and Alva Maatman.

Mrs. Marvin Kaper entertained a group of friends in her home at dinner last Friday evening. Christmas decorations were in evidence in the beautiful home, and after enjoying a delicious dinner this group spent a most delightful evening. Attending the affair were the Misses Florence Brinker, Mildred Strabbing, Clarice Brinker, Harriet Van Doornik, Geneva Timmerman, Mildred Kaper, Dorothy Strabbing and the hostess. One of the guests, Mildred Strabbing who expects to leave soon for Hanover, New Hampshire, was presented a gift.

Christmas was observed in the local churches by programs, presented in the American Reformed church on Sunday evening and in the First Reformed church on Monday afternoon.

Among local people attending the rendition of "The Messiah," at Hope Memorial chapel last week Tuesday evening were Mrs. H. D. Strabbing, Miss Mildred Strabbing, Miss Henrietta Brower and Miss Gladys Bultman. Local participants in the chorus numbers were Misses Fannie Bultman and Dorothy Strabbing, Alvin Schutmaat, a former resident of Hamilton, played the piano accompaniment for the rendition.

The Kings Daughters Missionary group met at the home of Viola Kronmeyer last week Tuesday evening for a Christmas meeting. After the devotional period conducted by the president, Miss Florence Bolks and response to roll call by giving a Christmas poem, the evening was spent in social fellowship, including games and exchange of gifts. Arrangements were in charge of Wilma Nyenhuys and Evelyn Lampen.

The Misses Della Van Der Kolk and Helen Kuite, instructors in the Muskegon school, Josephine Kuite, music supervisor at Paw Paw, and Fannie Bultman, instructor in the Holland schools are spending the holiday recess in their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elzinga and daughter Muriel attended the funeral of Mr. Elzinga's father, Lewis T. Elzinga at the home and in the Seventh Reformed church of Holland last Saturday afternoon. The death of Mr. Elzinga occurred very unexpectedly last Wednesday.

Mrs. B. Voorhorst entertained her children at her home on Christmas day evening.

The Ladies Adult Bible class of the American Reformed church met in the home of Mrs. M. Koelker last week Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dena Schutmaat and children of Holland were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Schutmaat the past week-end.

Miss Eunice Hagelskamp spent the past week-end and Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hagelskamp.

## Engagement of Local Couple Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wentzel of Route No. 4, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Arnold De Feyter son of Jacob De Feyter, also of Route No. 4. The marriage will take place next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helmus, 15 East 17th St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Helmus, to William Havers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Havers of Zeeland. The announcement was made at a Christmas party at the Helmus home last Thursday. The marriage will take place in the spring.

The world contains 200 distinct species of ducks. About 50 varieties are found in North America.

## Brouwer Heads Goodfellows



Rev. Paul E. Hinkamp



William J. Brouwer

William J. Brouwer was elected chairman of the Goodfellows' foundation of the Holland Exchange club at a meeting of the foundation Tuesday night in the home of the Rev. Paul E. Hinkamp, foundation secretary.

Mr. Brouwer succeeds Albert C. Keppel, who was chairman from the inception of the foundation here until his death last summer.

Rev. Hinkamp, who has considerable experience in the founda-

tion's work, was retained as secretary.

Peter Notier, recently elected to the foundation, met with the other members for the first time.

Rev. Hinkamp reported that late contributions to the annual child-health campaign had increased the total fund received from sales of the Goodfellow edition of The Sentinel Dec. 16 to \$767.21.

## Hoffman Set for Economy Fight at Nearing Session

Cong. Clare E. Hoffman of Allegan expects a "headache" for congress when it meets next Wednesday.

"What will congress do?" he asked this week. "Increase the taxes or continue to borrow? What we should do is to cut down the spending program; not only cut adding to the number of federal employees, but materially decrease the present number."

Commenting on the federal debt and the labor situation he continued:

"Every year, for more than seven years congress, listening to pressure groups and the persuasive voice in the White House, has plunged the country ever deeper into debt, in the seven years rolling up a national debt of more than \$20,000,000,000, until the interest charge on our total national debt amounts to more than a billion dollars a year."

"Twenty cents of every tax dollar must now be used to pay interest. Figuratively speaking, the nation has been dancing to jazz and jitterbug music and payday is coming on apace."

"Not only from factories needing skilled men but from farmers we hear the complaint that it is difficult to find the men necessary to do the work at hand, while in Cleveland and Toledo, corporations demand for larger relief funds. There must be a radical readjustment."

"Farm prices have been low in spite of war purchases. Industrial plants have been shut down by needless strikes. The next congress must not only get rid of the present labor board, repeal the Wagner law, but put on the books legislation which will make it possible for employers and employees to settle their differences without affording an opportunity to professional organizers to wreck one and levy tribute on the other."

"The results of the Chrysler strikes were not confined to Detroit by any means. Sales agencies, service men, oil stations, and many other allied industries throughout the nation suffered loss for which there is no excuse."

## Complete Plans for Christian Banquet

Thursday, Dec. 28 marks the annual meeting of the alumni of Christian High school, which will be in the form of a banquet at the Woman's Literary club. This is the tenth consecutive year that the banquet has been held during Christmas week, as this gives opportunity for many alumni who are ordinarily out of town, to attend the meeting.

Since the association is constantly growing by additions from graduating classes, indications are that this will be one of the largest gatherings of its kind to date.

R. Holwerda of the present Christian High faculty has been engaged as toastmaster, and E. Stuk, former instructor, now of Grand Rapids, will be the speaker for the evening. The Rev. C. M. Schoolland will lead the group singing. An interesting program has been arranged, and motion pictures dealing with the present European war also will be shown.

The association is contributing \$500 towards the local Christian school system, and at this meeting will decide for what purpose the fund should be used. Several new officers also will be elected.

Present board members are Harry Boer, president; Miss H. Hietbrink, vice-president; Miss J. Gerding, treasurer; M. J. Tinholt, secretary; J. Swets, advisor.

## Miss Theresa Helmus to Wed Zeeland Man

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## WANT-ADS

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TO THE TAXPAYERS of Park Township, I will be at the Peoples State Bank to collect taxes December 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10. At home December 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, January 5 and 6. Dick Nieuwma, Township Treasurer.

## Fillmore News

School children here are enjoying their holiday vacation, playing in the little snow there is and skating.

Families here have been busy recently attending school and church programs as well as many other Christmas parties.

Mrs. Will Nyhof has returned from the Zeeland hospital after a serious operation for gallstones.

Miss Sophia Van Der Kamp is spending her vacation with Rev. and Mrs. Donald Houseman of Raymond, Minn.

Mrs. Gerald Kleinhekel visited her sister, Miss Julia Maatman, at the Holland hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bouwa and sons spent Christmas with their parents, the Timmermans.

## Overisel News

On Friday evening at the John Poppen home the following people were entertained: Mr. and Mrs. Sander Wolters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Immink and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Poppen, Sherman and Lella of Muskegon; Mrs. Henry Poppen, Kenneth, Anna Ruth, and Buddy, of Holland; Mrs. A. B. Poppen, Lois and Ruth of Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Haak and family of Zeeland visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lampen last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Sena Schipper, Harvey Schipper, and Gloria Rigerink spent Christmas day in Drayton Plains with Prof. and Mrs. Nykelt and family. Mrs. Schipper plans to stay a week.

On Tuesday evening Miss Evelyn Folkert, Miss Lorian and Norma Pomp were dinner guests of Lois and Arlyne Voorhorst.

Ethel Folkert led the C.E. meeting Tuesday evening. The topic was "Glad Tidings of Great Joy." Special music was given by a boys' trio, Dale Voorhorst, Harvard Hoekje, and Wayne Folkert. Dale and Harvard played guitars while all sang "Star of the East."

On Christmas evening a party of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Voorhorst. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. John Wolterink of Forest Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolterink and John Paul of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wolterink of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Julia Voorhorst, Vivian, Mythelle Voorhorst and Junior Kleis of Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Voorhorst of Hudsonville, Harold Leestma of Grand Rapids, and Lois and Arlyne Voorhorst.

The Women's Missionary society received a gift of \$50 and a sewing machine from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Poelakker.

The Overisel Reformed church has two workers in the Fennville Baptist church. They are Martin Nienhuis and Floyd Folkert, Sunday school teachers. The following assisted with special music at the Christmas program in the Fennville church: Ruth Poppen who favored with a vocal solo and Earl and Harris Schipper who entertained with instrumental music accompanied by Robert Nienhuis.

The invitation of the third and fourth grade pupils to attend a program tea given in their honor Friday afternoon, Dec. 22. The pupils,



