

## To our many Friends and Patrons:

We wish to thank your for your past patronage and ask you for a continuance of our pleasant business relations.

Our wish to you all---

May good health and prosperity attend you through 1917.

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WITH a sincere appreciation of your patronage the past year and a desire for the same friendly business relations, we wish you a most happy and prosperous New Year.



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## A Happy New Year

WE wish to thank our many friends and patrons for the splendid business that we have been privileged to enjoy during the past year, and also to wish them a year of great Happiness and Prosperity during 1917.

## The Economy Shoe Store

"The Home of Good Shoes"

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

William Hill spent Christmas with his parents in Sheridan.  
Joseph Ford of Ithaca was an Alma visitor on Christmas Day.  
J. W. Blakley transacted business in Lansing last week Saturday.  
L. A. Sharp was in Detroit on business on Tuesday of this week.  
Rueben Root spent the week end visiting with friends in Mecosta.  
Walter Caple of Clare was an Alma visitor the latter part of last week.  
O. W. Swisher spent Christmas at the home of relatives in Dawagiac.  
Thomas Bates spent Christmas at the home of his parents in Portland.  
William Wylse spent Christmas in Grand Rapids at the home of relatives.  
Harry Stevens of Breckenridge was an Alma visitor on Saturday of last week.  
Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, Vermeulen block. Union phone 47--Ad.  
Wesley Muschitt of Breckenridge was an Alma visitor the latter part of last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson were Vestaburg visitors on Saturday of last week.  
Attorney J. D. Spinney was in Ithaca on legal business on Tuesday of this week.  
Paul Austin spent the week end and Christmas at the home of his parents in Monroe.  
Malcom Wilcox spent Christmas at Mancelona, a guest at the home of his mother.  
Attorney Romaine Clark of St. Louis was an Alma visitor the fore part of the week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ford Garrett spent Christmas at the home of the latter's parents near Detroit.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wheeler spent Christmas at the home of the latter's brother in Lansing.  
Attorney and Mrs. James A. Greene spent Christmas at the home of the latter's parents near Howell.  
Mrs. E. Brearley returned the latter part of last week from a visit with relatives and friends in Reed City.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Gallagher of Chelsea, former Alma residents, spent Christmas at the home of their son here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Pringle and daughter, Josephine, spent Christmas in Detroit, guests at the home of relatives.  
Renew or subscribe before January 1st. The Record goes to \$1.50 then. Office open Friday and Saturday evenings.

Sydney Cook of Detroit spent Christmas in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Cook.  
Mark Spinney of Detroit is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spinney.  
Miss Annie Hayes and Miss Genevieve Courtney spent Christmas in Port Huron, guests at the home of Miss Hayes' parents.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crisp of Hudson are spending the week end in Alma, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crisp.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clapp of North Star, spent Christmas in Alma, a guest at the home of their son, Earl Clapp and family.

Miss Maude Barber of Lansing visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. H. Glass, the fore part of the week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cleland of St. Johns spent Christmas in Alma, guests at the home of the latter's father, William Strong.  
C. L. Delevan of Ann Arbor was an Alma visitor the fore part of the week. He will be remembered as a former Alma business man.  
Roy Gulick, who is teaching at Fife Lake, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gulick.  
Clyde Creaser, who is teaching in the high school at Big Rapids, is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Creaser.  
Miss Ruth Cook, who is teaching in the public schools of Crosswell, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Albert P. Cook.  
Miss Edith Cook, who is teaching in Cleveland, Ohio, this year, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Albert P. Cook.  
Last Wednesday evening the Alma lodge F. & A. M. No. 344 and the Alma chapter R. A. M. held a joint installation of officers, after which refreshments were served.  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chadwick and daughter, Margorie, of Toledo, Ohio, spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chadwick.  
Albert Wood, coach of the Doane college, Nebraska, athletic team, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Wood.  
Alonzo Beshgetour, who is attending Purdue university at Lafayette, Indiana, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Beshgetour.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook of Glen Falls, New York, spent Christmas and the fore part of the week visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Francis King.

Less than a week now, January 1, 1917, the Alma Record goes to \$1.50 per year. Just Friday and Saturday in which to renew and save the half dollar. A half dollar saved is one earned, and you have just two days in which to save it.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Helman and daughter, Marie, spent the week end and Christmas in Flint, guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Helman, and Marie will spend the balance of the week there. Mr. Helman returned home on Tuesday, because of pressing business engagements.  
The Alma fire department was called to the old Montigel foundry and machine shop building early last Friday morning, where a small blaze had started in the roof of the structure. It was extinguished with very little loss. This alarm made is fourth fire in four days for the Alma fire department.  
The P. M. west bound train was wrecked near Stanton last week Saturday morning, every car but one going into the ditch. It was reported at first that a number were hurt, and because many Alma people were on the train, there was considerable excitement here for a few hours, until it was learned that not a person was injured.

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We Wish One And All A Happy New Year

May it be passed under prosperous and happy conditions, financially, mentally and physically.

We Thank You

for your patronage during the past year and shall endeavor to merit your favors during the year to come.

THE MODEL BAKERY

## Bring Your Job Printing to Us

# HAVE MORE MONEY NEXT CHRISTMAS

We would like YOU to be one of the BIG HAPPY THROG that will make up our CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB for 1917

No matter what your circumstances or conditions in life may be, you will be better off if you become a member. You will enjoy the spirit of Christmas the year round, and by your co-operation you will help yourself as well as others to have a much more enjoyable Christmas than would be possible otherwise

## Money is a Big Factor in Making Christmas Merry

If you have money to buy presents for those you love—if you can buy freely and without stint of inconvenience, you will enjoy CHRISTMAS to the fullest extent and will be happy in making others happy.

It provides a SURE, SATISFACTORY and EASY way to accumulate a sum sufficient for your needs by making SMALL WEEKLY DEPOSITS—and these deposits are so small and distributed in such a manner that you can keep them up without any particular effort.

### HERE IS THE PLAN—Enroll in One or More of the Following Classes

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| CLASS 1. Members depositing 1 cent the first week, 2 cents the second week, and increasing 1 cent each week for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$12.75</b> | CLASS 2. Members depositing 2 cents the first week, 4 cents the second week, and increasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$25.50</b> | CLASS 5. Members depositing 5 cents the first week, 10 cents the second week, and increasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$63.75</b> | CLASS 25 Fixed. Members depositing 25 cents each week fixed, for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$12.50</b> |
| CLASS 1A. Members depositing 10 cents the first week, 20 cents the second week, and decreasing 1 cent each week fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$12.75</b> | CLASS 2A. Members depositing \$1.00 the first week, 98 cents the second week, and decreasing 2 cents each week fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$25.50</b>    | CLASS 5A. Members depositing \$2.50 the first week, \$2.45 the second week, and decreasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$63.75</b>   | CLASS 50 Fixed. Members depositing 50 cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$25.00</b>    |
|   |   | CLASS 10 Fixed. Members depositing 10 cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$5.00</b>   | CLASS 100 Fixed. Members depositing \$1.00 a week fixed, for fifty weeks will get ..... <b>\$50.00</b>     |
|   |   |  | CLASS 200 Fixed. Members depositing \$2.00 a week fixed for fifty weeks, will get ..... <b>\$100.00</b>    |

Everybody is invited. Have Everyone in the Family Enroll—including the Baby. All You Have to do to Enroll is to Make the First Deposit. No Fees, Fines or Trouble.

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