

County Correspondence

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

RIVERDALE NEWS

By Special Correspondent

The Misses Ethel and Ruth Van Alstine entertained the Flinch club at their home on Wednesday evening.

Elmer Holland of the S. A. T. C. at Alma college has returned home.

Mrs. Wm. Webb, south of Elm Hill, spent Friday in Riverdale, a guest of Mrs. Nettie Rose.

Richard Hudson of Ithaca visited friends in town last Thursday and Friday.

Wm. Smith of Flint was in town several days last week on business.

Samuel Rhodes has been spending the past ten days in Detroit.

Mrs. James Black, who has been very ill with appendicitis, is improving nicely. She was operated upon at Grace hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Wm. LaPaugh of near Elwell spent several days last week with her son, George, and wife north of town.

Miss Lena Johnson is ill with the scarlet fever.

Wm. Harry was in Alma Tuesday on business.

Forest LaPaugh has returned home from the Great Lakes naval training school.

The Misses Iva and Leone Tallon of St. Louis were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradley.

Mrs. Wm. Holland and daughter, Mary, were in Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Ford Osborn and son, Theodore, are visiting relatives in Flint.

Miss Grace Guilds was in Alma Saturday.

Mrs. J. Cahoon of near Mt. Pleasant visited relatives in this vicinity for several days last week.

Mrs. Jasper Norton and daughter Dorothea, spent the week end in Edmore, guests of Mrs. S. Hews.

Allen Highfield of Alma spent Xmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Highfield.

Mrs. Alfred Looker and son, Fred, were Alma visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Julia Rice has been ill with influenza the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wiley and son, Donald, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wolfgang.

Jesse Guthrie has gone to Battle Creek to spend the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shong of Isabella county were Sunday guests of Mrs. Addie Wright.

Miss Iva Tallon of St. Louis spent Saturday with Mrs. Glen Rose.

Walter Harrison was in Clare last week on business.

Carl Abbott of Belding was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rudio.

Mr. and Mrs. David Manley of Vestaburg spent Monday at the home of John Davenport and family.

Carroll Hyde was in Alma Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurn Wilson have moved on the S. T. Parks farm south east of town.

Jack Moble was in Vestaburg Friday on business.

A very pleasant surprise party was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. G. Wilson last Friday afternoon. They were presented with a beautiful quilt by the members and friends of the M. E. church. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon spent by all.

There was no Christmas entertainment at the church or school house this year on account of so much illness in town and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nunn and children spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Thomas Croton southeast of town.

W. E. Swope and family spent Christmas with relatives near Wheel-er.

Mrs. Joel Britten has been seriously ill the past week.

The Misses Nina Green, Mildred Frisbie and Esther Horton of Alma spent Wednesday with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall spent Xmas at Ann Arbor, guests of their daughter, Mrs. Melvin Budge.

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Brownridge and daughter, Margaret, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brownridge north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams and Mr. Carroll were guests of Irvin Ditto and wife, southeast of town Christmas day.

Miss Genevieve LaMay spent Monday in Alma a guest of Mrs. Otis Wilbur.

Mrs. Ed. Ross and Mrs. Callie Foster are visiting relatives near Grand Rapids.

Mrs. David Heistand spent Monday with friends at Elwell.

Miss M. Hanson of Cedar Lake spent the first of the week with Miss Mary Holland.

Milo Langworthy spent Sunday with his grandparents in Elwell.

Walter Harrison was in Alma Monday on business.

Jack Johnson and son, Oris, were in Alma Monday on business.

Mrs. Sarah Heigerman died Monday, December 23rd, and was buried Tuesday, December 25th. She lived in St. Louis for over fifteen years, but for the past two years made her home with her son, Bert, north of Riverdale. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of their many relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carl Harry of Alma spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harry northwest of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes of Saginaw were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Dutt.

FOREST HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Richardson entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes and daughter, Miss Lola, of Alma the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Towersey are slowly recovering from their recent illness.

The I. A. S. met with Mrs. Ed. Medler Thursday afternoon.

L. L. and Frank Davison were in Greenville on business Tuesday.

R. O. Hunt and son are reported sick with the flu.

Christmas Plums

Christmas—co-operation, cheer!

It is a catching affair—this spirit of Christmas—and the nearer it approaches the more contagious it becomes.

Every time that Christmas comes around again we wonder why we haven't cultivated the Christmas spirit all the year.

Here's hoping that all our soldier boys, on land and sea, will have a few Christmas plums on the day of good will—even though this year they may be mostly in the pudding.

Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past—"Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."

We get most of the enjoyment of Christmas out of the dreams that come before and after. Oh, to dream of it before it comes, to enjoy it while it is here, and to appreciate it when it has gone!

At least we are reasonably sure of one thing—which is that no soldier will have to go without a good Christmas dinner. Well, this is as it should be, since to paraphrase our old friend, Mr. Dryden—surely the brave deserve the fare.

Not naming any names, we are willing to admit that there are folks in this world whose Christmas dinner doesn't interest us in the least—except that we hope they'll have plenty of food for reflection, and that after the meal is over they'll get their just desserts.

WRAPPING ADDS TO THE GIFT

Home Art Specialist Suggests Use of White Ribbon and Tissue Paper With Bits of Foliage.

The wrapping of a Christmas gift is an expression of the giver as much as the gift itself, asserts Miss Araminta Holman, instructor in home art in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"A pretty gift will lose much of its charm if it is wrapped carelessly," said Miss Holman. "As much care should be taken in the wrapping as in the selection of the gift."

The wrappings should be dainty and inconspicuous, and in harmony with the gift and the sentiment that the giver wishes to accompany the gift. White tissue paper folded with white ribbon with a bit of foliage for color, makes a prettier and neater wrapping than colored paper and colored ribbon. If the gift is to be sent through the mail, the outside wrappings must necessarily be of strong paper, but if tied neatly and securely with tinsel Christmas cord, the package will make an attractive appearance, and at the same time will protect the gift.

Personal touches, such as original sketches on the gift card or a spray of foliage from the region of the giver's home convey a deep sentiment and thoughtfulness on the part of the giver, according to Miss Holman. While holly and mistletoe are the emblematic Christmas foliage, a spray of hennock, hirtersweet, pepper bough, or any pretty native foliage may be used.

ROAST GOOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

How to Prepare Fowl Which for Hundreds of Years Has Been Conventional Holiday Dinner Dish.

For hundreds of years goose has been an important conventional Christmas dinner dish. Select a young, tender goose, for its palatability greatly depends on this, one weighing about eight or ten pounds, says an experienced home-keeper.

For the dressing take four cups of hot mashed potatoes, two and one-half tablespoons of finely chopped onions, one cupful of English walnut meats chopped moderately fine; one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one-half cupful of cream, two tablespoonfuls of butter and the yolks of four eggs and a teaspoonful of sage.

Stuff the body with the dressing and sew up the opening. Bring the legs and wings close to the body and tie with a white string, which must be removed just before serving.

Put the goose in the dripping pan with two cupfuls of boiling water and roast for nearly two hours, according to size of fowl, basting often and freely. Remove the goose to a hot platter, pour off the oil in the pan and make a gravy with flour that has been browned. Always serve apple sauce with roast goose.

Select juicy, tart apples and pare, slice and stew with just enough water to keep from burning. When done, rub them through a sieve and add sugar to taste.

The poor will many a care forget,
The debtor think not of his debt,
But, as they both enjoy their cheer,
Wish it were Christmas all the year.

—Thomas Miller.

Choose Your Work Carefully.

If possible, choose your work because you believe you are fitted for it not simply because it gives you the wherewithal to live. Be glad because you can do it well, not because it pays better than something else or brings you into association with people you admire.

Daily Thought.

Christ is like a rich mine, best set plain.—Bacon.

VESTABURG ITEMS

By Special Correspondent

Mrs. George Wood of Alma spent over Sunday at the home of her son, Myron.

Herman Smith returned from Detroit Sunday evening.

Mrs. Hazel Erskin of Alma is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sites.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest DeYoung and daughter of Alma spent over Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy and went to Crystal Saturday.

Ben Borden was in Edmore Saturday.

Orris Smith of Saginaw spent over Sunday at the home of his father-in-law, Sylvester Goldner.

George Peasley was in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Henry Tupper, son-in-law of Albert Bunker, who had lived in Vestaburg since childhood, moved to Lansing, Mich., last November and after a week's illness died on Monday, December 9, 1918. His remains were brought to Vestaburg for burial.

Frankie Hewitt of Alma spent Wednesday here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bradley.

October.

October is so called from being the eighth in the year, according to the old Latin calendar. It was styled "wisdom month" by our Saxon ancestors. The festival of the Rosary is celebrated Oct. 1 in honor of the Virgin, who is especially invoked in the devotions for success, believed to have been obtained through her intercession in the battle of Lepanto, in 1571, when the Turks were defeated.

A
Happy
New
Year



TO our friends and customers we extend the season's Greetings and hope the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for you all.

Economy Shoe Store

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Notice of Application to Railroad Commission

In accordance with the provisions of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1913, notice is hereby given that an application will be presented by the Michigan State Telephone Company to the Michigan Railroad Commission at the offices of the Commission in the Oakland Building, in the City of Lansing, Michigan, on the seventh day of January, 1919, at 10 A. M. of that day, for authority to alter, by standardizing and making more nearly adequate, the Schedule of Rates, Rentals and practices in effect in all the local exchanges of the Michigan State Telephone Company in the State of Michigan, other than the Detroit Exchange, by establishing a standard schedule throughout the State of Michigan, as set forth below, and said Commission will be then and there requested to fix a date of hearing of said application.

Proposed Standard Schedule Annual Rates:

Group Number	POPULATION RANGE	Type of Switchboard	BUSINESS SERVICE			RESIDENCE SERVICE			FARM LINE SERVICE				EXTENSION		
			1-p'ty	2-p'ty	4-p'ty	1-p'ty	2-p'ty	4-p'ty	Distance from Company Office	Within 5 Miles	Beyond 5 Miles	Bus.	Res.	Bus.	Res.
1	Up to 2000	Mg.	\$24.00	\$—	\$—	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$21.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$6.00
2	1501 to 4500	C. B.	30.00	—	—	24.00	21.00	18.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
3	3501 to 10000	C. B.	36.00	—	—	30.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00
4	8001 to 20000	C. B.	42.00	—	—	36.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00
5	15001 to 35000	C. B.	48.00	42.00	36.50	30.00	24.00	21.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	9.00	
X6	30001 and Over	C. B.	54.00	48.00	36.50	33.00	27.00	21.00	27.00	21.00	30.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	

NOTE: * Type of Switchboard. C. B.—Common Battery. Mg.—Magneto. 1—Coin Box Service.

No. 1 Type COMMERCIAL BRANCH EXCHANGE—Common to all Groups

SWITCHBOARD AND OPERATOR SET NON-MULTIPLE	TRUNK LINES	STATIONS Located not over 600 Feet from the Switchboard				
		First Ten	Next Forty	Next Fifty	All Others	
\$30.00	\$24.00 each	\$6.00 more than the 1-Party Business Rate	Rate for each \$15.00	Rate for each \$12.00	Rate for each \$9.00	Rate for each \$6.00

MULTIPLE SWITCHBOARDS, ORDER TABLES AND OTHER SPECIAL APPARATUS: Rate based on the installed cost of the apparatus and associated wiring.

MILEAGE: For branch exchange stations and extension stations, located more than 600 feet and less than 1320 feet from the switchboard or main station, an additional charge will be made of \$3.75 per annum, plus an additional \$3.75 per annum for each additional quarter mile or fraction thereof, except where it is necessary to use a cable pair in the Telephone Company's exchange cable, in which event the additional charge will be \$7.50 per annum per quarter mile or fraction thereof.

No. 2 Type—Common Battery Exchange

TRUNK LINES		STATIONS	
Business	Residence	Business	Residence
\$5.00 more than the 1-Party Business Rate	\$6.00 more than the 1-Party Residence Rate	\$24.00	\$18.00

EXCESS COST—Where local conditions are such that excessive construction or maintenance cost is involved, the subscriber will pay such excess cost.

X—This schedule, for which approval is to be asked, is the minimum for communities of over 30000 population in group number 6. Schedules above the minimum will be determined by the usual factors of population and special conditions.

The Alma Exchange

will be assigned to Group No. 3 Mg. 6 and standard schedule and the rates and practices specified in said schedule for said group will be requested to be authorized by said exchange and will supersede the rates now in effect as listed below.

Present Existing Schedule Annual Rates:

BUSINESS SERVICE			RESIDENCE SERVICE			FARM LINE SERVICE		EXTENSION		Commercial Branch Exchange		
Flat Rate			Flat Rate			Business	Residence	Business	Residence	Switchboard & Op. Set	Trunk Lines	Stations
1-p'ty	2-p'ty	4-p'ty	1-p'ty	2-p'ty	4-p'ty	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$12.00

COMMERCIAL BRANCH EXCHANGE TERMINAL MILEAGE: The rates quoted above are for stations located on the same premises as the switchboard. For stations not on the same premises add \$7.60 per annum per quarter mile or fraction thereof of extra circuit. Where the firm or individual occupies more than one building, all of the buildings being on the same premises, without intervening public streets or alleys, terminal stations may be installed in any one of the buildings located within 1300 feet of the switchboard without extra charge for mileage.

No. 2 Type

TRUNK LINES		STATIONS	
Business	Residence	Business	Residence
1-Party Business Rate	1-Party Residence Rate	\$18.00	\$15.00

CONCESSIONS: All concessions and special rates, such as to Charitable Institutions, Churches, Clergy and Employees will be discontinued.

Attention is directed to the fact that under the provisions of Act 206 the Michigan Railroad Commission will, upon receipt of application, fix the date of hearing which will not be more than twenty (20) days from the receipt of application.

MICHIGAN STATE TELEPHONE CO.
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