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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f
J. J. Osborn was in Ithaca on business Saturday.
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f-c
The Alma college Christmas vacation will close January 9.
Eat Model Bakery bread and pastry and be happy the whole year through. 76-4-c
J. J. Osborn and William E. Osborn are in Grand Rapids on business today.

Miss Barbara Wynne, who is teaching in Flint, is spending the holidays in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cagle of Mt. Pleasant were Alma visitors the first of the week.

W. W. Cagle of Clare was in Alma visiting with his father the first of the week.

The Alma fire department was called out early Wednesday morning by a false alarm.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f

Charles Hayward spent New Year's in Breckenridge, a guest at the home of his parents.

The offices and factories of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. were closed all day New Year's.

Marcus Pollasky left Monday for Washington, New York and Baltimore on a several days' business trip.

Mrs. E. C. Crandell spent New Year's in Gary, Indiana, a guest at the home of her daughter in that city.

Mrs. Ruth Bush of Bay City spent New Year's Day in Alma, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Osborn.

Miss Elizabeth Holmes is spending the week end at a house party with Miss Aletha Taylor of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crandell spent New Year's in Saginaw, guests at the home of the latter's parents.

Miss Blanche Dickinson, base hospital, Camp Cluster, spent a few days the first of the week visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kellogg of Detroit spent New Year's in this city, guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scattergood.

Very high grade violin for sale, or will exchange for vacant lot or equity. Inquire S. L. Bennett, insurance office, rooms 4 and 5, opera house block. 74-2-c

Julius Shoemaker, former employe of the Republic, who left the Alma concern to serve his country, is reported dead in France as a result of an operation.

Ernest Sanderhoff of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sanderhoff of Owosso spent New Year's in Alma guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sanderhoff.

Miss Alfreda Udelle, who is teaching this year in Benzonia, is spending the holiday vacation in Alma with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Udelle.

Mrs. Steve Kiesel of Isabella died at Brainerd hospital on December 26 of pneumonia. Burial took place on the following day, interment being made in Catholic Riverside cemetery.

I. O. F. Attention—Every member is requested to be present Monday evening, January 6. Business of importance and some good hot coffee. By order of the committee.

Ed. Moffett has returned to Saginaw after a few weeks in this city, to resume his work as Saginaw county manager for the X-Cel-Ail company of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller entertained a number of friends at a New Year's eve party. About twenty were present to enjoy the evening and greet the ushering in of the New Year. A splendid luncheon was served late in the evening.

A meeting of the Gratiot County Good Health society will be held in the directors' room at the First State Bank, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, January 8. All interested in good health try to be out.—adv.

Roy Perry of the U. S. S. Texas has secured a furlough of thirty days and arrived in Alma New Year's morning. He is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Perry. He has not yet entirely recovered from the injuries which he received during the last summer.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The Circle club dancing party given at the high school gymnasium on New Year's night, was attended by a large number of people from both the factory and the city, most of whom greatly enjoyed the event, which was the largest of its kind held in Alma in some years.

The officers of the club went out of their way to secure the best musical talent suitable for the dance and Fisher's orchestra of Kalamazoo was brought to Alma for the event. The splendid rendition of the various numbers was greatly appreciated by those who attended the affair.

"NOT GUILTY" THE VERDICT

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that his testimony was a lie. He also stated that every important witness on the prosecution for weeks after the crime had repeatedly denied all knowledge of it, until just a few hours after the reward was offered.

William M. Smith for the defense, derided five of the seven principal witnesses for the prosecution, claiming that none of them deserved one bit of credit. Beaudry came in for a lacing again from Smith, who he stated had been proven a perjurer and should be in state's prison.

Miles Purcell, Saginaw attorney, closed the arguments for the defense in which he objected strongly to the insinuations during the trial that Brennan had been involved with affairs with young girls at Midland, Marshall and Corunna, and then turned his thoughts to the witnesses of the prosecution, and again they were called perjured witnesses.

Kelly S. Searl, special prosecutor, closed the arguments with a strong plea to the jury, in which he declared that the evidence tending to prove an alibi for Brennan was fabricated, and then he pointed out a gap of two hours in the Brennan alibi given to show his movements the night of the murder, a period between 10:00 and 12:00 midnight, claiming that no proof had been shown that Brennan last seen at 10:00 had been in the Stewart tent and had lunch before midnight.

He told why it was not unnatural for Mrs. Gilson to withhold her knowledge for a time after the murder and why Beaudry had not couped the events at the Johnson home on the night of the murder with the actual murder until some weeks later.

ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the First Church of Christ, held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:

Elders, G. H. Carl, Mr. VanRench and A. W. Hartling; deacons, W. G. Davis, A. T. Scholty, W. Cooper, Mr. Leonard, E. W. Hughes, John Aldrich, W. Dusenbery, Mr. Mathis, Harry Markham and L. R. May; deaconesses, Mrs. W. Dusenbery, Mrs. A. Mann and Mrs. VanRench; trustee for three years, W. A. Dusenbery; clerk, Mrs. W. A. Boyd; treasurer, Mr. Mathis; pianist, Miss Treva Zinn; building committee, W. G. Davis, Heber Holmes, A. T. Scholty, A. Mann and W. A. Dusenbery.

Sunday school officers were elected as follows: Superintendent, A. N. Bartling; assistant supt., Mrs. J. S. Raum; secretary, Margaret Holmes; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Boyd.

Rev. J. S. Raum, who had been extended an invitation to return to the local church for another year, accepted the invitation.

BALLMAN DEAD

Manager of Republic Cafe Victim of Influenza Following Short Illness.

W. G. Ballman, manager of the cafeteria of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. died at his home here Wednesday night, following a week's illness of influenza.

Mr. Ballman came to Alma from Chicago about a year ago to take charge of the cafeteria, and quickly gained a wide circle of friends, not only at the factory but throughout the city.

It was stated at the undertaking parlors this morning that the arrangements for the funeral services had not been completed, so The Record is unable to state the time when the funeral services will take place or the place of burial.

SOUTHEAST COE

Will Beard is constructing a garage on the E. Leonard farm. He expects to move to the farm soon from St. Louis.

J. Myers has rented the Johnson farm and L. Inman has rented the Cook farm.

Grant Leonard and wife spent Christmas in Alma at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Oliver.

Willis Hopkins and wife, Albert Salter and family and Henry Bryant and family spent Christmas in St. Louis, guests at the home of Alva Hopkins.

G. B. PORTER

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Burge were Sunday visitors at the home of E. Leonard.

Mary, the sixteen-year-old daughter of John Myers, is dead from influenza and pneumonia. Remains were brought to Coe Monday and burial was made in Pleasant Ridge cemetery.

OBITUARY

Doris Barbara, daughter of Bert and Etta Murphy, was born in Belleville, Michigan, December 8, 1915, and died at Alma, Michigan, December 23, 1918, at the age of three years and fifteen days.

Go to thy rest fair child:
Go to thy dreamland bed,
Gentle and meek and mild,
With blessings on thy head,
Fresh roses in thy hand,
Buds on thy pillow laid,
Blaste from this labelled land
Where flowers so quickly fade,
Because thy smile was fair,
Thy lip and eye so bright,
Because thy daily care
Was such a fond delight,
Shall love with weak embrace
Thy heavenward flight detain?
No angel, seek thy place
Amid yon cherub train.

OBITUARY

Lucille Grover, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grover, was born May 14, 1917; departed this life December 16, 1918, aged one year, seven months and two days. Besides her parents, Lucille leaves one sister and one brother to mourn their loss besides a host of other relatives and friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness in the loss of our darling baby, Lucille.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grover.

ALMA SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N
The annual meeting of the members of the Alma Savings & Loan association will be held at the office of the secretary on Monday evening, January 13, 1919, for election of directors and transaction of business. 75-3-c

D. L. Johnson, Secretary.

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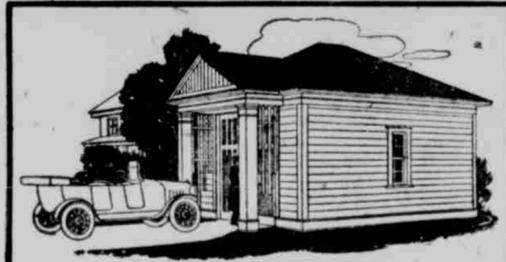
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