

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Three sleighloads of jolly school boys and girls—Seniors and Juniors—drove out to J. P. Jacoby's in Miriam last Friday night and enjoyed the hospitality of the Jacoby home.

Ed. D. Engemann has been confined to his home for the past week by illness.

Miss Winnie Wright entertained a bunch of young people at the home of her mother, Mrs. Della Wright, Monday night.

Will Peterson, who has been in the Belding hospital for some time, was removed to his home on the Hall farm in Ashley Wednesday.

Mrs. L. E. Green of Alpena has been visiting friends in the city a few days. She came here last week, stopping off on her way to Morley to visit Mr. Green's mother, who is quite ill, but on account of the railroad tie-up was unable to continue her journey until Wednesday.

Asa E. Dorr had a freeze-up of water pipes and drain during the low temperature. It was a fierce one, and he engaged Edgar Stanton with his crew of men and electric appliances last Sunday and when the electricity got under full play the trouble was soon overcome.

It is a big change in temperature from thirty below zero to thirty above in the short space of twenty-four hours. But Michigan weather is fresh and the people are getting so they do not mind a slight change like that.

Mrs. J. B. Luscombe, who has been sick for several weeks, is improving.

The annual banquet of the Good-fellowship club will be held in Hotel Belding Friday.

John Greenop is home from Big Rapids suffering from an attack of measles.

Sarah L. Spencer received a letter from her son, Henry Spencer, in Grand Rapids this week, stating that her granddaughter, Flossie Coyle, left with her uncle, Nelson Jenks, and daughter, Mrs. Bernice Lewis, for Omaha, Nebraska, last week.

The union meetings Sunday alternating in the churches are getting to be very popular and are drawing an excellent attendance. There was a large congregation present Sunday evening in the Baptist church and Rev. W. A. Biss preached a very excellent discourse from the text: "I will give unto you treasures from darkness."

A lot of wood is being hauled into the city but there is no glutting of the market. Every load is taken as soon as it heaves in sight.

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County Athletic Council At a meeting of the high school athletic council Friday Merrill Peterson and Ervin Hansen were elected to represent Belding High school at the regular meeting of the county athletic council in Ionia Saturday.

Eight schools were represented by about twenty-five representatives. Coach Reed was again elected on the athletic board. The date for the annual track meet was set for June 1. A committee on tennis was appointed. The county was divided and the tennis schedule was made out about the same as last year.

Two divisions were made of the county base ball season. The north division is composed of Belding, Ionia, Fewoma and Lyons; while the southern division is made up of Portland, Lake Odessa and Clarksville.

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School Life

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Senior-Junior Party On Friday evening at six o'clock the Seniors and Juniors left the schoolhouse for the home of Elma Jacoby. After a long, cold ride a warm reception was extended to all.

Many interesting and lively games were played. A mock trial afforded quite a little amusement and we all hope Glenn's feet have thawed out by now.

At an early hour (?) the two classes started for home. The Juniors proclaim the Seniors royal entertainers.

Freshman Party Promptly at five o'clock about thirty-six Freshmen, with Miss Underwood and Miss Walton as chaperons, assembled at the home of the class president to take a journey to the country.

About half an hour later the sleighs arrived and after much discussion as to who should ride in the hayrack they started. After a couple of hours of riding over very rough roads they arrived at the home of Ethel Woodridge, a cold but happy crowd. Supper was soon served as soon as everyone was warm.

Games were played which everyone enjoyed. Everything went beautifully until George Phillips and a couple of chairs had a slight accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Chickering recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan King spent Thursday with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Haskins, near Wood's Corners.

Miss Mayme Johnson spent over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dickerson of Fenwick spent one day last week with their father, John Curtis, sr., who is very feeble.

Charles Treat and family are moving into the Bert Post house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tooley and daughter, Beatrice, of Belding spent Saturday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith.

The Green school attended the lecture at Orleans school, given by the county nurse Wednesday.

Life is worth living except when the girl in the next apartment is practicing her piano lesson.

GRATTAN

"To be content with what is sufficient, is greatest wisdom; he who increases his riches, increases his cares."

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Partridge spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. Elaby of Rockford. Mrs. Partridge also visited Mrs. Maggie Partridge while Mr. Partridge was in Grand Rapids on business Thursday.

A sleigh load of young people from here attended the dance at Belding Friday evening and reported a good time.

There will be a special meeting of the P. & A. M. Saturday evening of the Seniors; the response by Ray Forman, president of the Juniors and two toasts by Alice Biss and Mr. Deming were given.

There was a good attendance at the O. E. S. meeting Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenks and Clarence Stanton were initiated into the order.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Booky entertained the following company Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Orley Emmons; Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenks and Mr. and Mrs. John Booky.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt Rowland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Partridge.

Cecile, Gertrude and Andrew Rowland visited from Saturday until Monday with their aunt, Mrs. Ida Matic.

Mrs. Frank Donovan spent Saturday with her son, James and wife.

A number from here attended the A. O. G. meeting held with Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward of Belding Saturday. All had a very enjoyable day.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held Thursday, February 14. It will be a day meeting on account of bad condition of the roads.

BRINK

Mrs. George Phillips was the recent guest of Mrs. Henry Dibble.

Mrs. George Hopkins of Greenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert a few days this week.

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Anti-Saloon League Sunday

Sunday the pulpits of the Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Church of Christ will be filled by speakers in the interest of the anti-saloon league.

In the evening a union meeting will be held in the Methodist church. Two of the speakers are A. C. Graham and W. V. Waltman. The former has been scheduled to speak in the Baptist church in the morning. There should be a large turnout to all the meetings.

Ducks Have Feeding Place A flock of 14 fish ducks have been making their home on the open water at the dam. These birds remain throughout the winter along the streams where open water can be found. Occasionally they take flight for a day, but return to their home at night.

Ladies' Literary Exchange Club On Thursday afternoon, January 31 the Ladies' Literary Exchange club met with Mrs. Lola Hockstad. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mary Smith. The regular business of the afternoon was taken up, followed by current events and a vocal solo by Mrs. Berry which was greatly enjoyed.

Then followed the regular program of the afternoon with Mrs. Lola Lambertson as leader. Mrs. Carrie Reed gave a paper on "Philosophy of Dress" and Mrs. Lydia Pinkham one on "Cruelties of Fashion." Both papers had many points of wisdom and wit and drew forth animated discussions.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hattie Little on Thursday afternoon, February 14.

A Correction.—In our last report we said that the Book Review, "The Bent Twig," read by Mrs. Lambertson, was written by Mrs. Sarah Wagner. It should have read: Written by Mrs. Ida Edwards. It was an especially good review and on account of the absence by illness of Mrs. Edwards, was read by Mrs. Lambertson. We are glad to make the correction on the principle of "Honor to Whom Honor is Due."

Gleaners Had Social Visit Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward entertained the Order of Grattan Gleaners at their home Saturday.

These meetings are a sort of an annual affair and beside the regular order of business the members have a social visit and a big dinner. There was a house full and the occasion was very enjoyable.

Internal Revenue Service It is the desire of the Government that all persons will pay their income taxes at the time of making and executing their returns if they can do so. This Governmental desire is not mandatory, but to make payment at such time is the voluntary patriotic act of a loyal citizen. The reason for the Government's wishes in this respect is self evident. The aggregate amount thus received in advance will expedite both naval and military operations and the time so gained must necessarily inure to the great advantage of the country. A blow struck today will be much more telling in its effect than if delayed for three months.

EMANUEL J. DOYLE, Collector.

Michigan State Fair The Michigan State Fair will be held in Detroit August 30 to September 8, 1918.

The premiums offered in all departments are very attractive this year. Livestock will be held six days, September 2-7.

All other exhibits (including poultry) will be held the full ten days. Michigan exhibitors of horses (breeding classes only), cattle, sheep and swine, will receive thirty per cent over the prizes offered in the premium list.

At no time has the Government needed our support in the producing of foodstuffs as much as now, and it is ready and willing to co-operate with us in every way.

Begin now and plan your exhibit. If you have any suggestions to offer for our 1918 fair, we shall be pleased to receive them.

G. W. Dickinson, secretary-manager, 502 Bowles Building, Detroit.

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GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATIVE FEATURE

Co-operating with the Government for the benefit of every man woman and child of the community the Banner is beginning this week a series of illustrated articles dealing with consistent savings and thrift. That Banner readers may be fully aware of this series of articles and their importance the first one is given a most prominent position on the first page. Every reader will be interested in this and future articles and should form the habit of reading them as soon as the Banner is received.

This week some practical suggestions to housewives is given. Read them and act for the help of "the boys over there."

FRENCH ARNOLD BUYS PLUMBING BUSINESS

An important business change has taken place this week whereby French Arnold has bought out the Guy M. Smith plumbing business on Bridge street. He took possession Monday and is already doing business. He also has taken over the plumbing department of the Belding Hardware company where he has been working for the past three years and will combine it with the Smith stock.

Mr. Arnold has been a resident of the city for many years and the people here know of his work and promptness in answering calls for his service.

Mr. Smith has conducted the business which he has now disposed of for the past four years and leaves it with a good record for efficient work. He intends soon to enter the employ of the Holland Furnace company as traveling salesman on the road.

The Poor Druggist A certain druggist in this city recently received the following curt and haughty note in a harsh feminine scrawl: "I do not want vasoline. I want gliserine. It that plain enough? I persome you can spell."

More than one man has been ruined because he could not get away from an advertising idea with which he fell in love.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CHILD BY PRAYER

An instance of a remarkable cure by prayer comes from Big Rapids to Belding, in which a local pastor and his wife are given credit for their earnest efforts and intercession for the working of divine power in behalf of the child.

The message from Big Rapids says: "It is stated by the parents of a four-year-old child here and by their friends that prayer saved her from undergoing an operation. Her name is Rovea Ingalls. She had undergone one operation at the Golden Rule hospital in Grand Rapids for the removal of gall stones, after she was brought home a second one was feared. Rev. and Mrs. J. Fred Ingalls, the Free Methodist pastor and his wife, of Belding, were sent for. They came to this city speedily and spent a day in earnest prayer. Today the child is able to eat and play. Two doctors pronounced her on the way to recovery after the long season of prayer."

Mortality of Michigan—December There were 3,709 deaths reported to the Department of State as having occurred in the State of Michigan during the month of December, 1917. This number corresponds to an annual death rate of 13.8 per 1,000 estimated population. In addition to the above there were 283 stillbirths returned as deaths.

By ages there were 546 deaths of infants under one year of age; 191 deaths of children aged 1 to 4 years, both inclusive; 1,172 deaths of elderly persons aged 65 years and over. The number of deaths of infants under one year of age shows an increase as compared with the month immediately preceding.

Important causes of death were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 546; other tuberculosis, 39; typhoid fever, 23; diphtheria and croup, 71; scarlet fever, 23; measles, 24; whooping cough, 39; pneumonia, 404; diarrhea, enteritis under two years, 63; meningitis, 29; influenza, 30; cancer, 184; violence, 256. In addition to the above there were two deaths returned from tetanus and one from small-pox. Among the deaths reported from violence were 26 from railroad; 14 from street car; 19 from auto; 34 suicides; 13 homicides and 7 from drowning.

Announcement We will now be glad to take care of your Plumbing and Heating business. By securing Mr. Boiem we have one of the Best Combination men in the state. If you want a first class job call 88. T. Frank Ireland Co. "We Never Sleep" Yellow Front

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REPAIR WEEK FEBRUARY 11th to 16th, 1918 Wake up MR. FARMER and bring in your repair order during the above week. We can get any repair for any machine made. BELDING MERCANTILE COMPANY

The Woman Behind the Man Yes—I grant they're the U. S. army Standing there three in a row; The man in the garb of the workshop, The soldier, the man with the hoe And L wouldn't belittle their service— All part of a splendid plan— But I want you to think a moment Of the woman behind the man. War! Ah, the word strikes terror To the heart of womankind. It hasn't a place in her scheme of life, Nor a chord of response in her mind. But look—she has squared her shoulders. "It has come—I must do what I can." And she finds her way—did she ever think? This woman behind the man? Not in the line of battle— Is that the one place for the brave? But just in back in the hospital shack Who has measured the service she gave? Tireless, sleepless, unflinching, Never heeding the risk she ran, Strength she spent—strength she gave; hers a passion to save, This woman behind the man. And back in the homes they are leaving— These boys fired with patriot's zeal— Linked so close to her life—sweet-heart, mother or wife— Can she answer her great appeal? Ah! What of the tireless sewers, Of the knitting needles that fly, Of the thought and the care, food to save and to spare? This is her most reply. Paint us another picture. Artist with thoughtful brow. Put them all three in the front—but see That she has a place there now. The soldier boy—how we love him! The farmer, the workman— But isn't there space—just some modest place— For the woman behind the man? —Lettie C. VanDerwee in Leslie's

Lend a Hand to Uncle Sam Give your heartiest co-operation to the Government. Help with volunteer work; help the Red Cross; put your savings in War Saving stamps and thrift stamps. We who stay at home must give a good account of ourselves. We must also fight—fight to eliminate waste and to conserve wheat, meat, fats, and sugar. Our soldiers and our Allies must be fed! The New Spring Gingham are Here Just freshly unpacked and put on display, these early spring arrivals are shown in an attractive variety of pleasing patterns and color combinations. The new plaid gingham are particularly interesting. They will be the dominating wash fabrics this season and so our assortments are plentiful. Choice selection is possible now—even better perhaps than later. In a season that calls for such liberal use of gingham, the "value giving" feature of our prices is of unusual advantage. E. C. LLOYD Promote Efficiency Shop Mornings Whenever possible do your shopping early in the day. That is one unit in the program for national efficiency, particularly now when the Monday Closing Order reduces your shopping days to five each week