

Jan. 1 - Ross Read appointed Rep. Co. chairman. Van Camp Creamery pays farmers of this section in full for milk.

Jan. 1 - New Pinckney school bids by J. J. Harrison & Son get contract for \$4,000. Mrs. Nellie Lynch, Mrs. Anna Henry and Mrs. John Martin pass away. Edward Parker leaves Clayton garage.

Jan. 10 - Hell freezes over when mercury falls. Citizens party nominate C. H. Kennedy for mayor. Union candidate is Wm. Dillaway.

Jan. 26 - 150 persons attend banquet in Masonic Hall given by Rebel Creamery to farmers and merchants. Lucius Wilson is toastmaster. Mr. Palmer of Detroit Board of Health is speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frost celebrate golden wedding.

March 4 - Rev. Lewis Dion transferred to Gaines. Rev. James Carolan of Durand comes here. Parent farm house burns. Mrs. Stella Sylwanski and Bodo Goch married.

March 11 - Mrs. Linda Blumgren favors party and purse of \$116. Eugene Citizens ticket elected in village election. 82 votes cast. Dr. C. L. Sigler's office wrecked by fire.

March 18 - Township tickets nominated. Hoisel, democrat nominee for supervisor and Norman Reason, Republican. Work on new school addition starts Monday with 12 men. 3 members of U. M. W. join. Howell, killed in auto wreck. Richard Clendinning arrested for drunken driving. James Ryan dies at New York.

March 25 - Excavating for new school finished. Francis Ledwidge and Roscoe Yirborough married.

April 1 - Large crowd attends annual pig masters banquet of Livingston Lodge, Supreme Court Justice and county. Up north, deer hunting, one year he vanished all contenders and took the state championship. On account of lack of opposition he has evidently got rusty, or he would not have yielded his title to a woman without any struggle. How long would it take you to get in first class condition again Norm?

April 5 - Democrats win all township offices here. Floyd Campbell and Lorraine Hill married. Livingston Lodge confers three third degrees at Stockbridge. Thursday night. Supreme Court rules Michigan sale of land for conservation. Mrs. M. J. Hoisel, Michael Rogers and Roy Dillingham appointed township committee for soil conservation.

April 12 - Ross Read Sons start rebuilding factory. Republican county convention takes resolution endorsing Wilbur Bricker for U. S. Senator.

April 22 - Four team soft ball league starts. Alfred Pfan appointed Howell postmaster. Dr. C. L. Sigler starts building new office building. Mrs. James Martin dies. Mayor Kennedy says all tramps must sweep pavement before getting free meals here.

April 29 - County conventions held. Republicans elect Ross Read, chairman, John McDonald, Sec. and Fred Cronenwett, Treas.; Democrats, Don Van Winkle, chairman, Ray Taylor, Sec., and Lee Lavey, Treas. Pinckney joins Tri-County Base Ball League. Dorothy Darrow and Mrs. Della Mandie start work on new school.

May 6 - A. F. Wegener found dead in Pinckney mill pond. Forey Budler found dead at Howell in pasted picture motion pictures start Saturday night.

May 13 - Pinckney beats Mendon 3 to 1 in Tri-County League. Captain Mario Haines allows but not let his team play.

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The hue and cry raised against the great number of traffic deaths in Christmas week from drunk drivers evidently had its effect for the number of fatalities was cut from 36, which occurred during the Christmas week and, to 12 during the New Years era. There was plenty of drinking out there who celebrated either walked or rode in taxi-cabs. In the nation the fatalities from auto accidents were cut from 700 deaths at Christmas time to about 300 at New Years.

Sheriff Irvin Kennedy took office at midnight on New Years eve. He and his force made only one arrest, that for a man who celebrated New Years by fighting his whole family. They had to intervene in another family row but made no arrests. The State Police brought two persons to the jail. One for drunken driving and the other for not having a driver's license. The first got 30 days and the second \$8.75 fine.

Pinckney was also very quiet. There were a few house parties here and at the lakes and someone ushered in the New Year by firing a shotgun around town. The Masons and Stars held an old time dancing party at their hall. A man named Lacey from Ann Arbor tipped over on the Howell road, north of Pinckney but was not injured, although his car was wrecked and had to be hauled in.

A number from here went to Lansing to help inaugurate Gov. Frank Murphy and the rest of the Democrat ticket. It has been many years since the Democrats elected their complete state ticket and their enthusiasm knew no bounds.

Lansing was filled to overflowing with Democrats New Years to witness the inauguration of Gov. Frank Murphy. Most of his speech followed the line of talk made by preceding governors in the past. One point, however, is significant. This point which seems to be ignored by the state press is as follows: "Public employees will be selected according to an approved merit system with the qualification that the system will not unduly interfere with the effective implementation of major political principles."

This will be all those who supported Gov. Landon last November.

WINS CHAMPIONSHIP AS AMERICA'S BIGGEST LIAR

Mrs. Barnhouse, of Fowlerville, has won a diamond studded emblem as the best liar in the middle west by the Liar's Association, of Wisconsin. Her fib concerned a mosquito which grew so big it attempted to swallow a mule, but was kicked to death in the act.

For years Pinckney claimed this title with apparently no contenders against her. Pinckney's champion won the village title, then the township and county. Up north, deer hunting, one year he vanished all contenders and took the state championship. On account of lack of opposition he has evidently got rusty, or he would not have yielded his title to a woman without any struggle. How long would it take you to get in first class condition again Norm?

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been made in this county for marriage licenses: Marjorie Smith, 21, Howell and Earl Kruger, 21, Pontiac; Howard Purcell, 28, Fenton and Cassel Dunn, 28, Fenton; Joe Tancred, 55, Brighton and Emma Schooley, 55, Brighton; Harold Sparc, 23, Howell and Charlotte Drogmiller, 15, Toledo; Barrow Moss, 49, Brighton and Ann Malley, 48, Brighton; Kenneth Eyer, 25, Brighton and Elsie Modkins, 21, Brighton; Homer Rickett, 24, Howell and Helen Duffy, 19, Jackson.

PINE SEEDLINGS AVAILABLE

To encourage private interest and activity in reforestation of burned or cut-over lands, the forestry division of the department of conservation will offer pine seedlings and transplants to individuals and organizations of Michigan for planting next spring. Only nominal charges will be made to cover cost of production, packing and delivery to common carriers.

The state forester will consider formal applications for seedlings and transplants during the next few months. He will also accept informal applications for seedlings and transplants during the next few months. He will also accept informal applications for seedlings and transplants during the next few months.



The Fur Industry In This County

Local Trappers Reap Biggest Harvest of Many Years. Fur is Plentiful This Year and Brings a Good Price.

We were informed by Game Warden Barrows that according to his information over one million dollars worth of fur was sold by trappers in Livingston county this fall. It is Mr. Barrows duty to visit trapping districts and the fur buyers and according to what information he gathered from them he thinks that amount of fur was sold in this county. It consisted mostly of muskrats, although there was some mink and skunk. W. C. Miller and son sold over \$500 worth of fur. One fur buyer says he bought over \$600 worth of fur in the vicinity of Portage Lake in one day.

Pinckney, being located in the vicinity of some 55 lakes is an ideal place for trapping as the majority of fur bearing animals invariably locate near water. Also there are swales and cat holes in this section suitable for the propagation of muskrats which formed the balance of the fur crop. Skunks were also numerous but failed to bring much of a price and on the account failed to find much favor with fur buyers.

There were many buyers in the field, Lucius Wilson of the local Frank Barrows, McClean, Gregory, Fowlerville, John Teiler and Raymond McIntyre of Howell are buying in this section. The Walled Lake Fur Co. seems to have ultimately got most of the fur caught here by buying it from the dealers.

We understand that one of the reasons for the big demand for fur is due to the coming British coronation in which many furs will be worn. If this is so we can't understand why Wallie Simpson's brief flurry did not cause the market to skid.

Catholic Church Service

Rev. James Carolan
Masses: 8:30 and 10:30.
Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Saturday at 7:00 P. M.
Confessions 7:30 P. M. Saturday.

Baptist Church
Don Patton
Supply Pastor
Services each Sunday
Morning worship 10:30
Special and separate services for the little folks.
Sunday School 11:45
Classes for all 7:00
Evening Worship 8:00
Thurs. evening prayer service 8:00

Congregational Church

Rev. C. H. Zuse, Minister
Mrs. F. E. Baughn, Organist
Sunday Services:
Morning Worship with sermon by the pastor 10:00 A. M.
Bible School session for all 11:00 A. M.
Prayer and Bible Study each Wednesday evening 7:00 P. M.
Studying the book of John.

CONSERVATION DEPT. NOTE

CCC workers are feeding 35 deer in the Cusino game refuge. They are fed browse, hay and grain to see on which they will best subsist.

Only 50 requests were received this year for low numbered deer hunting tags.

135 commercial minnow selling licenses were issued this year at \$3 each compared to the 886 issued in 1935.

Township airplane pictures of all of Grand Traverse county have been completed by the geology dept. of the conservation dept.

A new fish rearing pond of 20 acres has been constructed in Allegan County.

16 different species of pets were brought into state parks by tourists last year. They were as follows: dogs 5,901, cats 376, birds 133, donkeys 23. There were also skunks, rabbits, parrots, mice, monkeys, guinea pigs, gold fish, owls and porcupines.

In a few weeks, by procuring a license it will be legal to fish for smelt.

With navigation closed, 100 CCC workers who are cutting dead timber will be isolated at Chippewa Harbor.

Use of a short way radio in an airplane by the forestry dept. is expected to double the effectiveness of airplane patrol during the forest fire season.

There were 2,556 forest fires this year in which about 55,000 acres were burned over. Less than 19,000 acres of marketable timber was saved, the rest being grass and slash.

Tax lists of approximately 2,400,000 acres of state owned land on which the taxes will be paid to township and school districts by the state are being prepared. Under the Green Act the state must pay 10c per acre of land held.

Trapped deer are the easiest to trap according to CCC at the Cusino game refuge.

HOUSE PROPRIETOR

The Livingston circuit court convened here Monday when Charles Vincent, proprietor of the Four-mile House on U. S. 16 west of here went on trial for violation of the liquor law. The case will be heard by Judge Joseph Collins, a jury having been waived. Vincent is charged in the indictment with selling alcoholic liquors, namely beer, without a license, without permit and was arrested by state police, August 24.

Judge Collins expects to hear the case next week and will probably render his verdict by the end of the month.

Teacher's Pension

Following Letter from Chairman of the Michigan Teachers' Retirement Fund:

We are printing the following letter which appeared in the Springfield Signal in which it is proposed to change many of the provisions in the Teacher's Pension Law.

Mr. Shirley:

In your editorial column of Dec. 17 you speak of some of the injustices of the Teachers' Retirement Law. It may be of interest to teachers to know that plans are being made to revise this law at the next regular session of the Legislature. Gov. Murphy last fall expressed concern for the adequacy and stability of this fund and gave assurance of consideration should the matter be brought to the attention of the Legislature.

Following are some of the plans that are likely to be a part of changes, according to the committee drafting the new bill:

1. There are to be refunds to heirs of deceased teachers. In connection it has been proposed that if it is legal, the Retirement Fund be altered so as to include certain fixed death benefits. There will also be provisions whereby the teacher may designate his or her beneficiary.
2. The time limitation on refunds is to be extended considerably.
3. The refund provisions of the law are to be liberalized.
4. The state is to be asked to contribute enough funds annually to keep the reserve at a certain level. This is what is known as the Appropriation Reserve System. The advantage of this system is that it guarantees that there will always be a reserve sufficient to carry the Fund through any crisis and at the same time avoid the dangers connected with large reserves.
5. The new law will include increased teacher contributions. It is believed that the increased contributions of the teacher plus the additional provisions for a fixed annual contribution from the state will insure the successful operation of the fund and the confidence of all teachers.
6. Both the maximum and minimum annuities will be larger. Annuities of \$100 have been set as a minimum.
7. The new law will provide for the office of the state superintendent of public instruction or of a County School Commission.
8. There will also be an arrangement whereby teachers may receive an annuity on the basis of average salary for any five years rather than the average salary for years.

H. F. ... Springfield

Just why retiring

Just why retiring teachers think that it is more profitable to draw the pension than to work for a living is a question that has been asked many times. The answer is simple. The pension is a guaranteed income, while a living is uncertain. The pension is a fixed sum, while a living is subject to the fluctuations of the market. The pension is a sure thing, while a living is a gamble. The pension is a safety net, while a living is a tightrope walk. The pension is a comfort, while a living is a struggle. The pension is a reward, while a living is a punishment. The pension is a blessing, while a living is a curse. The pension is a gift, while a living is a curse. The pension is a reward, while a living is a punishment. The pension is a blessing, while a living is a curse. The pension is a gift, while a living is a curse.

RUTH HEYING AND ROBERT HUBBARD

Miss Ruth M. Heying and Mr. Robert Hubbard stole a march on their many friends here Monday by driving to Angola, Ind., where they were quietly married.

Both bride and groom are graduates of the Stockbridge High School, and the bride is a graduate of the Michigan State Normal College of Ypsilanti. Mrs. Hubbard is teaching in a school near Ann Arbor and the groom is linotype operator at the Brief-Sun office. For a time they will be at home to their friends at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hubbard.

The groom was also employed in the Dispatch office for a time, before last September, at the Stockbridge Brief-Sun.

DOG TAX SURPLUS

In Macomb county the county treasurer has a surplus in the dog tax fund. He collected \$1,666.66 and the expenses and claims against stock and poultry only amounted to \$6,015.00. Macomb is not a big sheep county and the losses of sheep and other counties have had to increase the dog tax in order to pay these claims.

NOTICE

Regular meeting of Pinckney township 145 O. E. S. will be held Jan. 8, 1937.

THE LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT

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Murder Masquerade

—BY—
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MONDAY—Continued

"I'll promise to do that," I agreed. "And what have you been doing, Hopeskill?"

"Oh—tennis, swimming," he answered, adding a little evasively, "a lot of things. Caro Prentiss is a swell kid, isn't she?"

"Yes. I like her better than any other young girl who's come to Satuit. She has a quality."

"And what a face!" Hopeskill added. "Figure—personality—charm—she's got everything. And such vitality and strength!"

"I'm glad you're enjoying her so much," I commented.

After luncheon the telephone rang. "It's Mrs. Thelford, Mrs. Avery," Sarah Darbe informed me.

I had never liked Brenda Thelford—Ace's cousin. But I knew that of course I must call upon her. I felt a little mortified that she was asking help of me before I volunteered it. "How do you do, Mrs. Thelford," I began. "I feel frightfully to think that you have had to telephone me. I had every intention of calling you as soon as I came back to normal. I've just crawled to the point where I could take a little walk this morning."

"Quite!" came Brenda Thelford's frigid, correct voice. "I perfectly understand. I wonder you are not a raving maniac. And of course I've been very busy myself."

"It must be a dreadful business for you," I murmured.

"It is. Fortunately with so many deaths in my own family, I've had some experience in this sort of thing. But I've called you up, Mrs. Avery, to ask a great favor of you. It wasn't until yesterday afternoon that it occurred to Sam Chess that we ought to notify Bruce Hexson of Ace's death. I told Sam to call him up on the telephone. He tried to get him at intervals all day. Then we gave it up. Sam felt that he knew what had happened. Bruce Hexson often takes his two servants—"

"I've forgotten their names—"

"Adah and Berry," I informed her.

"Yes. He often takes them up the river to Ace's island camp for the week-end. There's no telephone there. Sam thought they'd come back this morning. They did, but not until fifteen minutes ago. Somebody's got to break the news of Ace's death to Bruce Hexson. I'll be up to my ears in work, getting ready for the funeral. I cannot very well spare the time to drive over to the camp and I simply cannot bring myself to tell him over the telephone. I wondered if you—"

My heart sank. "Of course I will, Mrs. Thelford," I answered. "I'll go at once."

"Oh thank you, thank you," she answered, the stress of a great relief in her voice.

I had said yes quickly enough, for there was nothing else to do. But the moment I put the receiver back, cowardice enveloped me. It seemed a task too terrific for my over-wrought nerves. I said nothing to Hopeskill about my errand to Bruce Hexson; for I knew if I told him where I was going, he would insist on accompanying me. And for Bruce Hexson's sake, I did not want any onlookers at the scene. What I did say was, "Hopeskill, I think I'll take a little drive alone. I think it will do me good."

"I think it will be good medicine, Aunt Mary," he, to my great relief, approved.

I was glad that the road to camp did not go through the village. I did not feel like seeing people. At the cross-roads, I turned to the left and followed Bradford street.

A few cars, carrying friends, passed; a few pedestrians were sauntering along the earth side-walks. Familiar faces—swift as were the nods and glances we gave one another—showed me, more definitely than anything yet, what a pall lay over the town.

I was glad when the road, pulling away from the town, pulling away from the houses, pulling away even from the wine-glass elms which guarded it, became more and more rustic, more and more solitary.

After a few miles of this, I turned into a road, little more than a lane, which wound in a humpy, rusty curve off to the left and toward the ocean. It ended presently in a cleared space. I stopped the car and got out.

Ace's camp lay fully revealed as I crossed the expanse of stony meadow which surrounded it.

Ace had always known instinctively what beauty was. He had hired a pair of Maine guides to make the two-story log cabin—log-house, I should call it—which

we called the Camp. It is one of the most beautifully constructed log-houses I have ever seen. It consists of a big living-room, bedrooms and a kitchen; an ell at one side in which lived Adah and Berry. As I came around to the broad front piazza, I saw that Bruce was sitting out in front, reading his Bible.

Bruce sat at a big, broad, bare table. He wore one of the tow-colored smocks with the brown corduroy trousers in which he always dressed at camp. His folded arms were resting on the table and over them his absorbed eyes were reading from his big, worn, brown calf-covered Bible. That Bible accompanied Bruce wherever he went. Once I took it up and examined it; it had I think the most beautiful print I had ever seen. I stopped for an instant watching Bruce. As though there was something hypnotic in my gaze, suddenly he lifted his eyes from the book, turned them in my direction. I shall always remember what a pang went through me when his gaze, encompassing me, grew soft with affection.

"Well, Mary," he exclaimed, rising, "how glad I am to see you!" My heart began to flutter. I did not like the job before me. "What have you been reading, Bruce?" I asked.

"The Psalms. They are my comfort always. Let me read you!" Thereupon he read the Twenty-third Psalm.

Of course I know the Twenty-third Psalm. I know it by heart. I have read it numberless times. But that day, sitting on the



"How Glad I Am to See You!"

little rough porch of Ace's log cabin and looking off at the tranquil sea, I really heard it for the first time because it was the first time I ever saw it.

Bruce's voice always deep—what with emphasis and stress—grows sonorous when it touches Holy Writ. Somehow with that roll of the incoming waves below as a steady underlying accompaniment, the Biblical words seemed to take on a stupendous impressiveness. Perhaps all words are empty vessels; we fill them with whatever essence we have of mind, of heart, of soul. Bruce filled the words of the Twenty-third Psalm until they brimmed.

He closed the book. "It's too early for tea, Mary. Can Adah bring you a cool drink—a temperance drink," he reminded me.

I was not conscious of being thirsty but I had a cowardly desire to put off the fatal moment.

"Yes," I answered. "I'd like some of your delicious root beer." Bruce reached up toward the roof of the piazza, tugged at a hanging rope. Inside somewhere a bell rang. Presently Adah appeared. Bruce gave his order. Adah vanished and reappeared with a foaming Wedgewood pitcher. Moving with her noiseless speed, she filled a glass for me and one for Bruce. Presently Bruce put his glass down. He looked at me a little questioningly I thought.

"Bruce," I said, in a trembling voice, "I've come with bad news. I've got something dreadful and something heartbreakingly sad to tell you."

"My dear friend," he abjured me gently, "tell me!"

"Bruce—oh dear, dear Bruce, it's Ace. Ace is dead. It is more awful than that. He was murdered. He was murdered the night of Mattie Stow's masquerade. He wore a costume of a Roman soldier and he was found dead, stabbed to death by his own short sword, in my Spinney."

I could not look at Bruce Hexson. I closed my eyes for an instant. For that interval, there was complete silence. Then a strange sound pulled my eyelids up. I hope I never hear that sound again. I hope I never see that sight again.

Bruce Hexson had turned to the table, had dropped his head on his folded arms, was sobbing—the great hoarse, racking sobs of uncontrolled male agony.

TUESDAY

I slept a little that night. I got up at the regular hour, ate my breakfast with Hopeskill and Sylvia. Soon after breakfast, Hopeskill left for this morning game of tennis with Caro Prentiss.

With that sixth sense we all possess and which, in that strange interval of my life, seemed to have doubled on itself, I became aware presently of sounds from the Spinney. Presently Sarah Darbe came into the room. I said, "There's somebody in the Spinney, Sarah. Who do you suppose it is?"

"It's Mr. Hopeskill and Miss Prentiss, Mrs. Avery," Sarah answered. "They're there all the time. I suppose they're still hunting for clues."

"How's Bessie this morning?" I asked Sarah.

"I don't think she slept very well last night, Mrs. Avery."

"I'll go out and see her now," I said decisively.

Bessie was busy with breakfast dishes. Shocking as had her appearance seemed to me the day before, it was doubly shocking today. Had that gray, ironed face ever shown a sparkle, a dimple, a smile? "Bessie," I began at once, "you look tired to death." And then as though Sarah had said nothing to me, "Do you sleep well?"

"Not so very well, Mrs. Avery," Bessie answered.

"It's the shock, Bessie," I explained to her. "I feel better but I am by no means myself yet. So don't be surprised that you are so broken."

"No, Mrs. Avery," Bessie said stonily. "It doesn't surprise me."

"Bessie," I suggested, "would you like to go away for a week or two? I think a change would do you good."

Bessie's steely mask faded with panic. "Oh no, Mrs. Avery!" she remonstrated in a frightened voice. "Oh no! I don't want to go away from here. I can't go away from here. I can't—I can't!"

"You don't have to go, Bessie," I soothed, "if you don't want to go. But somehow, I thought you'd like a change."

Again panic flared in Bessie. "But I'm going to ask Doctor Geary to call today," I promised hastily. "He'll give you something that will make you sleep."

"I'd like that, Mrs. Avery," Bessie declared almost inaudibly.

I had scarcely finished telephoning the Geary house when the police car curved into the drive.

"Take me where we can talk alone, Mary," Patrick said. I led him to the piazza which looked toward the Spinney. "By God, Mary, I'm in a jam!" Patrick said as he seated himself in the broad Gloucester hammock. "I might have to arrest Margaret Fairweather. And anyway, I've got to put a watch on her house."

"Oh no!" burst from me involuntarily.

"That's the way I feel about it!" Patrick commented grimly.

"It would kill Flora if Margaret was arrested."

"That's the way I feel about it," Patrick repeated, more grimly still.

"Queer I never thought of her when Tony told me about the tall woman in dark clothes. You thought of her at once, didn't you?"

At first I did not reply. Then I said, "How did you know that?"

"Because later, when I thought of it myself, I could remember your face. I realized that you'd thought of it. Not that either of us said anything."

He paused for a moment. "Perhaps I could fix it to let Margaret stay in her own home for a while. I could detail a car to saunter up and down the cliff—without raising suspicion, I guess."

"But you haven't any real evidence on Margaret," I remonstrated.

"It is a little negative, I'll admit. But here you are. No woman left the masquerade until long after midnight—with the exception of Molly Eames—Molly Treadway, I mean. Molly left with Walter. No other woman came over to the Head that night. There was no other woman at home that night on the Head—except Flora and Margaret Fairweather and Hannah. One of my men called with his wife on Hannah last night. He called, of course, because I sent him, but Hannah doesn't know that. Naturally they talked about nothing but the murder. He established that Hannah spent the whole evening with Flora. Margaret slept, as she frequently does, downstairs on the porch. Hannah said that Margaret went to bed early because she was so tired. Hannah sleeps on the porch outside Flora's chamber. Now as soon as Hannah was asleep why couldn't Margaret have slipped out quietly from the piazza to meet Ace Blakie in the Spinney?"

"But what would she want to meet Ace for?" I queried mechanically.

Patrick did not answer me. But he looked at me. I made no comment. But I looked at him. Unsaid things began to whirl in the air about us. And then I heard an automobile crunching up the drive.

"Miss Fairweather is here, Mrs. Avery," Sarah Darbe announced from the doorway. "She says she would like to see you and Mr. O'Brien."

My thoughts began to spin. I made up my mind to say nothing about Hannah's nap.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Diet of Ostriches

The ostrich's diet is almost wholly vegetable, consisting of seeds, fruits and grasses. Eggs and insects are rarely eaten. They swallow small stones and gravel to aid digestion.

A Trio for the Younger Set



THREE more intriguing numbers than these would be hard to imagine—even in this day of rampant fashion and scintillating style! It's a trio that the younger set in The Sewing Circle will be enthusiastic about too, for first consideration is given them in—

Pattern 1996—This excellently styled jumper dress is one of the tot of six and the lass of fourteen will sing long and loud over it. It is a guaranteed delight for both mother and daughter because it's the simplest thing to sew and the most intriguing frock a child ever had. The puff of the sleeves and the flare of the skirt place a pretty accent on youth. Available in sizes: 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 1½ yards of 36 inch material for the jumper and 1½ yards for the blouse.

Pattern 1202—There's subtle loveliness about this new dress for all occasions. It makes a grand thing of simplicity—a brilliant success of the new silhouette. Buttons, bold shiny ones, add classic chic to the back. And in the matter of sleeves there's an opportunity to choose for oneself. Sheer wool, challis, taffeta or silk crepe will be a likely material for this dress. Designed for sizes: 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. (30 to 38 bust). Size 14 requires 2½ yards of 54 inch fabric. With long sleeves 2½ yards.

Pattern 1936—This is the season for smocks, although not the 'hunting season,' thanks to today's new model, pictured here. Imagine the fun of having a smock that reflects one's own taste in its every detail—yes, even to the size and color of the scarf and buttons. Designed in sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44. Size 34 requires 4½ yards of 39 inch material. The bow requires 1½ yards of ribbon.

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What Is Common Sense? Human nature is human nature; but is common sense human nature or a touch from the divine?

Distributing Word A word to the wise is a word to the sensitive; make an enemy for life.

FINER-TEXTURED CAKES!

Pattern 1997

Miss Five-to-Twelve will be snug, warm and proud in a hand-crocheted cap, scarf, and muff-set of plain crochet, with picot-stitch trim. Pattern 1997 contains directions for making the set in 5 through 12 year size (all given in one pattern); illustrations of it and of all stitches used; material requirements.

Send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) for this pattern to The Sewing Circle Needlecraft Dept., 22 Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y.

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A Purpose in Life

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CHECK THAT COUGH BEFORE IT GETS WORSE

Check it before it gets you down. Check it before it ruins your vacation. Check it with FOLEY'S HONEY & TAR. This double-acting compound gives quick relief and speeds recovery. Soothes raw, irritated throat; quickly silences hacking, spasmodic coughing; loosens phlegm; soothes inflamed, stinging membranes. Ideal for children, too. Don't let that cough due to a cold hang on! For quick relief, try FOLEY'S HONEY & TAR.

A FARMER BOY

ONE of the best known medical men in the U. S. was the late Dr. E. V. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y., who was born on a farm in Pa. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has for nearly 70 years been helping women who have headaches and backache associated with functional disturbances, and older women who experience heat flashes. By increasing the appetite this tonic helps to rebuild the body. Buy of your druggist. New size, table, 50¢, liquid \$1.

"Quotations"

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.—Hugh Walpole.
Do not cast your heart before the world; the world is an ill-trained dog which does not retrieve.—Victor Gollancz.
The thing that impresses me is the reverence that Americans show for great men and great deeds.—Rand Ladd.
No other factor in the intellectual life of Americans is more important than the colleges for women.—Owen D. Young.
I am certain the world crisis will soon pass, owing to the general favorable reaction.—David Lloyd George.

Make Driving a Pleasure

Drive in Under Cover

Now Is The Time To Change To
Winter Oil and Grease

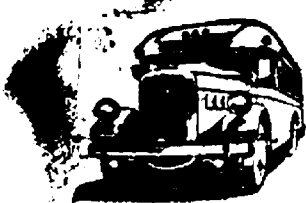
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"I'LL FIGHT EVERY
MAN IN HUNGARY"

One of the feature articles in The
American Weekly with Sunday's Det-
roit Times will discuss the astonish-
ing resourcefulness of
Lyle Martin to win the rich

heirress whose honor he had to defend
after he married her. Read why Dr.
Sarga wanted to fight all those duels.

Lyle Martin and wife of Howell
spent Saturday evening with Mrs.
Villa Richards and Miss Blanche Mar-
tin.

Local and General

Miss Raymond Ledwidge is a vic-
tim of the mumps.

Dr. George Pearson of Howell was
in town Tuesday evening.

Robert Richardson visited Chubb's
Corners friends New Years eve.

Mrs. Wealtha Van and Mrs. Will
Mercer were in Howell Tuesday af-
ternoon.

Mrs. Will Suydam of Jackson is
spending the week with Pinckney re-
latives.

William Dillon is driving a truck
for the Shehan Dry Cleaning Co. of
Howell.

Howard Read is laid up on account
of getting too well acquainted with
poison sumac.

Abel Haines and wife attended a
New Years party at the home of Otis
Carr of Gregory.

Miss Dorothy Culver who has been
visiting her sister in Alabama, has
returned home.

Miss Ford Lamb was hostess to her
Carnegie Bridge Club at one o'clock
Tuesday.

Earl H. Schlee and wife of Det-
roit spent last Tuesday and Wednes-
day with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bowers.

Livingston Lodge No. 76 will hold
a Ladies Night on Jan. 22. There will
be a supper followed by a program
and a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Runciman of
Stockbridge, Willis Caulk and wife
were Sunday dinner guests of Miss
Fanny Monks and Miss Nellie Gard-
ner.

One of the pleasing features of the
program given by the 4-H Club in
Howell Tuesday night, was a violin
solo by Eddie Drost. He was accom-
panied on the piano by Miss Char-
lotte Iseler.

Invitations for the wedding of
Miss Maxine Smith to Lawrence Seim
next week are out. The bride, a
graduate of the Pinckney high school
is a nurse at McPherson Hospital, in
Howell. The groom is a bookkeeper
for the McPherson Oil Co.

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Everyone who follows them enjoys
The Detroit Sunday Times Comics in
Color. They are the greatest in the
world and include such old favorites
as "Popeye," "Henry" and "Tillie
the Toller," as well as more recent
comic creations such as "Squirrel
Cage" by Gene Ahern and Zane
Grey's adventure feature "Tex
Thorne."

BANKING SYSTEM SHOWS PROGRESS

State Bank Resources Grow
More Than Three Billion
Dollars in a Year

NATIONAL BANKS GAIN

American Bankers Association
Gives Details of Banking
Institutions and Notes
Stronger Condition

NEW YORK.—Continued improve-
ment in the condition of state char-
tered banking institutions, with an in-
crease of more than three billion dol-
lars in a year in total resources, is
shown in a report just issued by the
State Bank Division of the American
Bankers Association.

The report was prepared by the di-
vision's Committee on State Bank Re-
search from data furnished by state
banking departments and parallels
data issued by the Comptroller of the
Currency for national banks which
show similar improvements.

"The combined resources of 10,473
state supervised banks were \$35,724,
723,000 as of December 31, 1935," the
state bank report says. "Total depos-
its amounted to \$30,526,920,000. Total
loans and discounts stood at \$12,430,
404,000 and total investments were
\$14,170,421,000."

A year previous, figures in the re-
port show, there were 10,644 state su-
pervised banks, with combined re-
sources of \$32,630,203,000, total depos-
its \$27,297,959,000, loans and discounts
\$13,060,033,000 and investments \$12,
582,325,000.

Classes of Institutions

Of the reporting state banking in-
stitutions on December 31, 1935, 82%
were commercial banks, the report
states, 9% trust companies, almost
5% stock and mutual savings banks
and less than 1% were private banks.
The report adds:

"The parallel upward movements of
deposits and total invested funds of
total state supervised banks during the
years 1934 and 1935, after declines in
these items in 1932 and 1933, are in-
dications of definite steps toward re-
covery in banking."

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tion of the property and the
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1937—WHAT?

The forecaster have already set up
the books for 1937. They look for
nothing but improvements in all lines.
Secretary Wallace says for the
farmers, that the income for farms
of the nation should be in excess of
ten billions of dollars. A higher stan-
dard of living for the farms, which
in turn means increased cost of liv-
ing.

For general business, a continued
improvement especially in the first
six months of 1937. Labor trouble
will resist and will prevent any out-
standing success in industry. It will
act as a slight braking force to any
headlong gains. According to the
forecaster business has reached nor-
mal activity and will enter the pros-
perity area next year.

McPherson State Bank
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The SNAPSHOT GUILD

WHAT PRICE LENS?



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an ultra-fast lens. Whatever one's
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with pride to the f.2 or the f.3.5 on
the diaphragm scale and properly
boasts of the camera's great capa-
bility and of the variety of pictures
which it can take.

No question but that these expen-
sive cameras with lenses allowing a
maximum aperture of f.2, f.2.5 or
f.3.5 have range and versatility that
greatly increase opportunities in
picture-taking and are a source of
much satisfaction. And there is no
doubt that in the hands of an ad-
vanced enthusiast seeking technical
perfection they are a superior tool.
But if you are unable to boast of
owning such a fine camera, don't get
an inferiority complex. You can
boast, and justifiably so, of the fine
pictures you can get with the ordi-
nary camera at f.8, or even with a
simple meniscus lens box camera
with but one stop at around f.11.
You may regret that you are not able
to take sunset shots at night or a
theater performance or in a night
club or stop a diving beauty in mid-
air, but you can't forget that many pic-

ture-winning photographs that
have been made with ordinary cam-
eras, box cameras not excepted. You
must concede that favorable light
conditions are required for your
picture-taking, but remember that
favorable light conditions are not
uncommon phenomena. And dull,
cloudy days, the diminished light of
early morning and later afternoon
and deep shade are not, in these days
of fast film, by any means unfavor-
able light conditions for an f.8 lens.

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with no lens at all—with a pin-hole
camera. Again the owner of a camera
with an f.8 lens more frequently
uses apertures equivalent to those
in ordinary cameras because, for
most of his picture-taking, he does
not need the f.2 aperture. As with a
high-powered automobile, he has the
speed when needed.

Remember that very poor pictures
can be taken with costly cameras
and very fine pictures with inagen-
erative cameras. If you know what your
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