

## JAQUET GETS LARGE CONTRACT AND STARTS WORK

### WILL MAKE AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES UNTIL FLYER CAN BE HANDLED

Officials of the Jacquet Motors Corporation, on Monday secured a contract for the manufacture of an automobile accessory known as the B. J. Steam Gas Generator and have already started in on the manufacture of the articles, a number of them having already been produced and turned over to the Grand Rapids concern with whom the contract was made and payment therefor having been received.

The B. J. Steam Gas Generator is an article which has been tried out locally by Arthur Clingensmith, R. H. Waldo, Johnson Bros. and others and tests have shown mileages ranging from 100 to 125 percent increase and prospects are bright for a tremendous amount of business in this line. The contract which was signed Monday between the B. J. Steam Gas Generator Co. and the local concern calls for the manufacture of 100,000 of the accessories and means a great amount of money is involved.

In addition to the big contract the Jacquet concern has purchased outright the manufacturing and selling rights for the states of Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Seemingly preposterous claims are made for the article to be manufactured but demonstrations and tests by our local people show that it makes good in the mileage claimed, increased efficiency of the motor and complete removal of carbon from the cylinders and heads.

James Dennis, local photographer is responsible for getting the concern interested in Belding and he will act as a local representative in addition to sales manager for the state of Indiana.

The generators are a simple arrangement and will be cast at the Belding Foundry Co.'s plant and completed by the Jacquet.

John Best, inventor of the article and other officials of the company were in town Monday when the contract was signed.

### Marketed a Fine Calf

Clark Howard butchered a fine white calf on Monday and on Tuesday morning he brought it in to the Ward & Schlegel market where, dressed, it tipped the scales at 209 pounds and brought a price of 19 cents per pound. The calf was only eight weeks old and was very nearly snow white in color. A number of farmers and stockmen who saw the calf unloaded from the buggy stated that it was as fine as a 8 weeks old critter as they had ever seen. The price paid—19 cents, was also a fairly good one.

## MISSED FOR TWO DAYS; IS FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

### HEART DISEASE CLAIMED TO HAVE CAUSED WELL KNOWN LOCAL MAN'S DEATH.

As we go to press we learn that Dell Bricker, well known local man, was found dead in his bed in his room over the store of his brother, Postmaster W. F. Bricker, tonight at about 6:45 o'clock. "Dell" as most every one knew him, had been missed for several days and when Wilford Bricker, a nephew, went to his uncle's room tonight to investigate, he found the corpse.

Mr. Bricker was last seen on Monday night and was apparently in his usual good health. It is thought however that he died shortly after retiring that night and undoubtedly passed away without a struggle, all evidence pointing as if he had merely slept away. Heart disease was stated by Dr. G. A. Stanton as the probable cause of death.

Justice of the Peace E. B. Lapham was called but decided that there was no need of holding an inquest.

### Big Bargains Offered

All you have to do this week to save more money on groceries is to look over the advertisements.

Mrs. Floyd Smith, of Detroit, arrived on Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chase. Mr. Smith has gone to New York City where Mrs. Smith will join him shortly after New Year and where they will reside in the future.

See "The Copperhead" at the Empress, Wednesday and Thursday, December 29 and 30.

## NOTICE TO OUR DETROIT READERS

Postmaster Nagel advises us that we will have to use the new numbers on and after January 1, 1921.

In order that you may get your paper regularly we kindly ask that you immediately write us and tell us what your new address will be after January 1. At the same time also, please give us your old address.

Please help us out at once so we can correct our list.  
The Publishers.

### Received Fine Fish

Pat Roe was just going to bed on Saturday night when Express agent Frank Snider rang his doorbell and when Pat appeared at the door in answer to the summons the expressman delivered him a 12 pound salmon which a brother of Mr. Roe's had sent him from Seattle, Washington and which might have been intended for Pat's Sunday dinner. The big fish was not used on Sunday but will form the main part of a fish dinner at Mr. Roe's home this coming Friday.

### Mills Closed For Vacation

The silk mills closed on Friday evening for a practically two weeks vacation, during which time repairing and changes are being made with a number of hands employed in work. The Belding-Hall Co. plant will work up to Friday evening and resume operations again on the following Monday.

## RED CROSS IN ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF BASKETS

### NEEDY POOR OF CITY WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH USUAL XMAS GIFTS

The Belding chapter of the Red Cross is again busy preparing Christmas baskets for the few needy people Belding has. They certainly are putting up nice baskets too—meat potatoes, apples, cookies, rutabagas, bread, butter, tea, coffee, sugar and candy and one merchant is donating underwear and stockings where they are badly needed. This custom has prevailed for several years now and certainly is about the best thing a community can do for its needy at such a time—it is much better than spending a lot of money on a municipal Xmas tree.

It also might be said that this year when other towns are suffering so much from shut down factories that Belding is exceptionally lucky as her factories are going and in the canvass for the amount of baskets to be distributed it was found that Belding has fewer needy people this year than she has had for the last two years. About 37 baskets will be distributed.

## LOCAL CHURCHES WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Christmas services at some of the churches, Congregational, Baptist and M. E. were held last Sunday night. The Church of Christ held their program Tuesday evening and Rev. Church will give a Christmas sermon Sunday. The Free Methodist church will have their Christmas program with distribution of presents, etc., on Friday night at 7:30 with an object lesson on the real meaning of Christmas. On Sunday night a Christmas sermon will be delivered in the church at 7:30.

The Methodist church will have an appropriate Christmas program at their Thursday night service.

The Baptist church held their Christmas program services on Sunday last. The Congregationalists also held their regular Christmas services at that time and Rev. Rooke will deliver a Christmas sermon at the coming Sunday morning services at 10:30.

Other churches, Adventist and Latter Day Saints will also have special Christmas programs.

St. Joseph's Catholic church will have a Christmas High mass at 5:30 Christmas morning with a second mass at 10 o'clock. Special music will be had at both masses. The people of St. Mary's church at Miriam will have their mass and services at 8 o'clock that morning. Beautiful cribs have been erected in both the churches showing the original Christmas scene and the public is cordially invited to attend the services.

## Popular Local Girl Married

The marriage of Alfred Johnson, of Petoskey and Miss Edith Williams of this city took place Saturday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage in Ionia. Miss Williams is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of May street and for a number of years has been one of the valuable courteous and efficient clerks in Lloyd's department store. Her many friends are extending congratulations. They will go to Petoskey to reside, after a time spent here.

## To Hold Stockholders Meeting

Notices have been sent out calling for the fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Belding Foundry Co., at its offices in the plant, on Wednesday, January 12 at 1 o'clock p. m.

## Mistakes And Comebacks

When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.  
When a lawyer makes a mistake he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake it's just what he expected.  
When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake it becomes a law of the land.  
When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.  
But when the poor printer makes a mistake—good night.

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## Belding Lumber Company Belding, Michigan December 1920

ESTABLISHED BY WILSON, DIMMICK & SINCLAIR DECEMBER 1893  
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To Our Friends and Customers:—

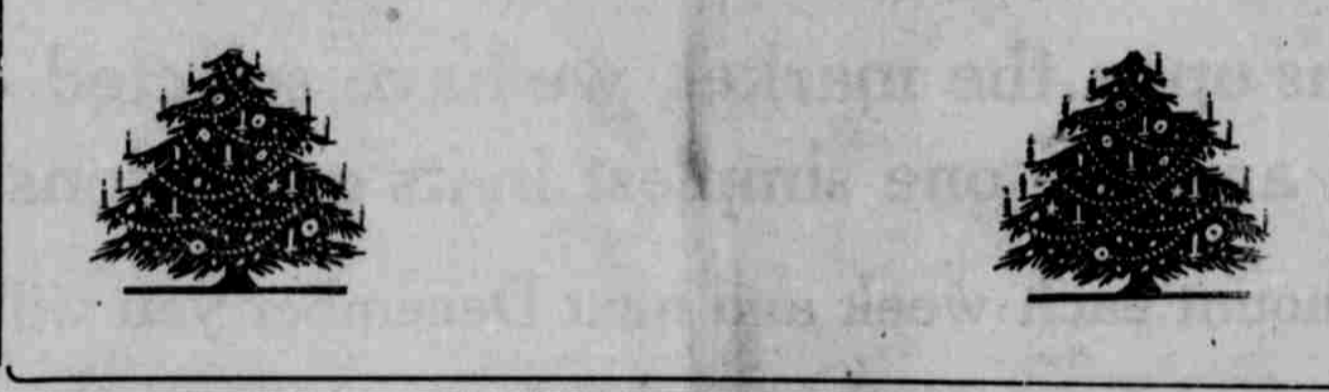
Merry Christmas is a greeting, that though short has served to express the sentiment of friend to friend at this time for many years.

And while time has brought changes, even to language, still, these two simple words seem to best express the sentiments of the season.

So, we use them most heartily, and wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Cordially yours,

Alvin S. Dimmick Harry W. Dimmick



## GET YOUR AUTO LICENSE PLATES AT COUNTY SEAT

### MOTOR CAR AND TRUCK OWNERS SECURE NEEDED PASSES FROM COUNTY TREASURER

We are in receipt of a letter from county treasurer S. F. Gates, at Ionia, that he has automobile and truck license plates at his office in the court house and that it will not be necessary to send to Lansing or Grand Rapids for the needed plates this year.

Mr. Gates says that they also have application blanks for dealers and drivers licenses and also motor cycle plates but that these must be secured from the main office at Lansing.

The license plates this year are black with white figures and are not a combination of figures as has been expected by the great many.

## Had a Surprise Party

Some of the Richardson silk mill workers pulled off a surprise party on Phena Fox, Friday evening, Dec. 10th. Phena had invited one of the girls to supper with her and some of the others thought they would get together and buy their own victuals and eat with her as uninvited guests. There were eleven present and all had a good time and lots of fun and for once Phena was surprised. After making her a present of a nice waist, they left for their homes having eaten so heartily and laughing so hard they were uncertain whether they could get home or not.

## Offers Chance To Enlist

Sgt. L. D. Smith, of the Ionia recruiting office, arrived in the city today and will be here until Friday for the purpose of securing enlistments in the U. S. Army. Men between the ages of 18 and 35 are eligible for one or three year enlistment periods with good advantages to be gained in the service. An especially good chance is offered in the 5th division, stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

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## MEMBER OF CLASS OF 1890 IS DEAD

The following article, taken from the Rochester, (Michigan) Era, will inform many of the deceased's friends of his death. Mr. Pierce was a former resident of this city, being a member of the class which graduated from the local High school in 1890.

Mr. Edwin Ralph Pierce died at his home at Hamlin's, two miles south of this city, Monday afternoon Nov. 15th. He had only lived here three years, but so far as he had become acquainted he made a very favorable impression as a gentleman of fine character and scholarly attainments. He was by profession an engineer draftsman and had been connected as such with the General Motors Company, the Detroit Ship Building Company and the Northern Engineering Works, as their chief draftsman.

Mr. Pierce was a native of Michigan, having been born and reared near Greenville and a graduate of the Michigan Agricultural Engineering department, which has turned out so many men of high class in the manufacturing and industrial lines of this country. His death at the early age of 48 cut short a useful and very promising career in his professional line, and will be regarded as untimely by a large range of business acquaintances in Pontiac and Detroit.

He leaves a widow to mourn her loss in the beautiful home they had so carefully prepared for themselves at Hamlin's. The funeral was from the residence and the burial at Oxford, Thursday afternoon.

## Talked To The Boys

Deputy Game Warden, Elmer E. Cook, made his first public speech Monday night. He was invited to talk to the boys of the High school in the auditorium which included boy scouts, teachers, parents and instructors. Mr. Cook who has been having a whole lot of experience since he received the appointment in enforcing the game and fish laws gave a good talk along the line of conservation of our wild game and fish and of the duty and necessity of every one to obey the law and assist the officers in this work. Those present were very much interested in Mr. Cook's remarks and received many good suggestions and much instruction.

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## COASTING IS NEARLY FATAL TO YOUNGSTER

### ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH SEEMS VERY NEAR MIRACULOUS

Workmen coming out of the red mill saw an exciting scene enacted just about noon, Thursday when a Ford coupe driven by Dr. J. F. Pinkham and a boy coasting down the Ashfield hill sidewalk on a sled mixed with one another and were surprised to see the auto come to a stop after the boy had rolled over under it several times and see the youngster get up as if nothing had happened. Examination proved that the boy, Ralph Kinsman an 8th grade student, had suffered no injuries but that the sled was a total wreck.

The doctor was driving west on Harrison Ave. at a slow speed and was unable to see the coaster on account of the high bank on the Ashfield lawn, the sled shooting in under the machine with great force and speed, according to eye witnesses who stated that the physician was in no way to blame. It was also the expressed opinion of the people who saw the accident that the boy's escape was miraculous. They also stated that coasting on that particular hill should be forbidden as anyone on the sled coasting down the incline to the south can not be seen by people in the road until they shoot out in the center of the street.

## M. E. Church Notes

10 a. m. class meeting, Ernest Shawley, leader. 10:30 a. m. morning worship, subject "Glad Tidings". Special Christmas music will be given by the church choir. 12 noon, Sunday school. 5 p. m. special Christmas service for young people. 7 p. m. service of praise, subject "Why go to church?" 7:30 p. m. Tuesday and Thursday prayer service. Special watch night service Dec. 31, 8 p. m. Week of prayer Jan. 2-9, 1921. This church invites you to all services.

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### Start Work On Oil Station

Collier Bros. have the carpenter and other necessary work preliminary to the laying of the brick at the local Western Oil and Gas Distributing Co. station on the site of the old Mooney building at West Main street, well under way and the brick are on the ground now, ready for laying. When completed the building will be a fine looking structure and will be in beauty as well as in the fact that it will save money for the local men who backed it, an attractive place in the city.

### Days Are Lengthening

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year and commencing tomorrow the days will start to gradually lengthen with a consequent cutting down of light bills, etc. On the other hand it means that winter has officially set in and that more energy than ever can be exerted in tending to the furnace and the diminishing coal pile.

## SCATTERING OF POISONED GRAIN CAUSES ARRESTS

### OTISCO FARMERS OBJECT TO METHODS PRACTICED BY SPARROW HUNTERS

Claude Murray and Ray Hand were before Justice Lapham, Monday on complaint of John H. Andres, of Otisco, for scattering poisonous wheat in his barn yard and premises for the purpose of taking sparrows. They were brought into court by constable Elmer E. Cook and after an investigation they pleaded guilty and paid the costs.

The two men claimed they had trapped sparrows in the same way there in past years and thought there would be no harm nor objections. They also claimed that they had taken hundreds of sparrows from the Ranney farm and thousands from the M. A. C. grounds in Lansing.

Their method is to saturate wheat with the poison or amesthetic and scatter it where the birds feed and in five or ten minutes time they keel over and are gathered up.

One of the men said the preparation would not kill chickens nor pigs but it would kill geese.

After an explanation to Mr. Andres and Carl Gasper on whose place they also trapped they told the men if they would pay the costs it would be satisfactory to them. They had caught more than 100 and had pockets and sacks made for the purpose of carrying them in.

## COOK ROUNDS UP GAME LAW VIOLATORS

Elmer E. Cook had business in Justice of the Peace, Fred Gleason's court in Greenville, this week, as prosecutor and won out in both cases.

Recently he rounded up John Greenhoe, of Sheridan for trapping muskrats out of season and confiscated five skins. He also caught Wm. Solomon, of near Pierson, on the same charge. They were assessed eleven and sixteen dollars fine and costs respectively, which they paid and said they would never trap muskrats out of season again.

The Big Rapids man who stole the deer from the woods where a hunter had killed and hung it up to a tree in the hunting grounds on the upper peninsula, paid a fine in the court at Big Rapids when Mr. Cook proved that he was the man who took it after he traced him to his home.

## Dies After Short Illness

Ed. Young, aged 21 years, died at the family home in the Belding addition Monday afternoon at two thirty o'clock following a short illness, caused by grippe, which developed into pneumonia, Monday morning. Funeral services are being held from the home this afternoon. Rev. H. S. Ellis officiating and burial will be in River Ridge cemetery. Mr. Young was employed as truck driver for Belding Bros. & Co. and worked up to Wednesday noon, when he thought that he had best lay off for the balance of the day and take care of himself. He grew worse and his death took place as stated above. He was a fine young man and was well liked by all with whom he came in contact and will be missed by his legion of friends.

## At Congregational Church

The Christmas exercises at the Congregational church Sunday evening drew out a large congregation and the Christmas program "Following the star" was carried out in a very pleasing way by the boys and girls of the Sunday school, one of the distinguishing features of the service was the Pilgrim scene portraying the missionary spirit. A Christmas tree, beautifully gleaming with electric lights and decorations was another special feature. The morning service was especially appropriate for the Christmas spirit and good cheer with both sermon and song.

## Whooping Cough Caused Death

Mr. and Mrs. Elon Johnson are mourning the loss of their little seven months old daughter, May Uretta, who died on Monday, December 13th, death being caused by whooping cough. Funeral services were held from the Willard Johnson residence, on Front street, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Biss officiating and burial was in Green's cemetery.

## Otisco Taxpayers Notice

I will be at the Peoples Savings bank for the collection of taxes on Friday, December 24 and 31 and at Inaley's store, Smyrna on Wednesday, December 29.  
Henry Zahn, Treas.

## LOCAL PEOPLE SEE ROBINS IN THE WINTER TIME

### BELDING ADDITION MAN'S CONTENTION STRENGTHENED BY BAPTIST MINISTER'S CLAIM

Andrew Glosser, living over in the Belding addition, is a well known local man, reputable, of good character, word as good as a Liberty bond at face value and all that, but when Andrew came into the office Friday morning and laid claim to having seen a robin perched on a tree in front of his home the day before, we began discounting his word fully 15 per cent. As he went into detail and described the bird correctly we dropped him 55 per cent more and when he stated that the neighbors claimed it was one of Mason Burns' Rhode Island Red chickens up in the tree, we threw away all our stock in Andrew's veracity and told him that he had either drank out of the wrong bottle or that he was started back on the wrong path and was resowing over the wild oats of his youth and that frankly we stood on the side of the neighbors and Mason Burns' chickens. However, Mr. Glosser stated that he was not alone in seeing the robin but that Olen Beach had also seen it.

Monday morning no less a personage than Rev. W. A. Biss came into the office and stated that he heard a robin chirping over in a tree back of Mrs. Wilder's home, Sunday morning and that later on the bird flew down in front of the Baptist parsonage and that he recalled his daughter, Miss Edna Biss, and that together, they looked the bird over. It had the regulation brown back, red breast, long tail and genuine cheerful chirp of the first robin in the spring.

Without, in any way, letting on as if there was such a thing in our mind as doubting his story we told Rev. Biss of Mr. Glosser's contention and said that we had mentioned something about strong drink and the possibility of an innocent Rhode Island Red chicken. Rev. Biss, however, stated that in his case nothing stronger than a salt water throat gargle had been used that morning and that he was a good enough judge of poultry to be competent to tell the difference between a robin and a Rhode Island Red chicken.

But say, hold on, neither Mr. Glosser nor Rev. Biss are laying claim to the first-robin-in-the-spring of 1921 story and for all we know it may not be the last saw-a-robin story of 1920. Who knows but this particular robin's credit is no good down south and he had to stay here with us this winter.

## Underwent Serious Operation

Mrs. Charles Williams was taken to the United Memorial hospital at Greenville, Sunday and she underwent a serious operation there on Monday morning, coming out of it in fairly good condition. Mrs. Williams has been as very poor health for a number of years and her very many friends wish that the operation of Monday will be the means of her regaining her full health again. We believe that a lot of cheery post cards and letters sent to Mrs. Williams at the hospital in Greenville would help her in her convalescent period and suggest that all of her friends send either a post card or a letter to her soon.

## Still Remembers Belding Friends

Mrs. Frank Clark and children went to St. Joseph, Saturday, to visit over Sunday with relatives. While there they saw Rev. Fr. J. M. Zindler, former priest in charge of St. Joseph parish in this city and he wished to be remembered to all his Belding friends.

## LIONEL BARRYMORE AT EMPRESS THEATER

screen version of "The Copperhead" the play in which he scored his greatest success on the stage, will be the attraction at the Empress theatre for two days, Dec. 29-30. The picture is said to have been made on an unusually large scale and to follow closely Augustus Thomas' original story.

The locale is Millville, Illinois and the action takes place during three periods—that of the Mexican War, just before the Civil war, in 1862 and in 1904. Mr. Barrymore appears as the hero, Milt Shanks, who in his accomplishment of a most dangerous and important mission for president Lincoln is obliged to pose as a traitor to his country, is disowned by his own friends and family, and is vindicated only upon his death bed. The story is one of intense dramatic appeal. A whole village was constructed by the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation as the background for the film and no efforts were spared to make "The Copperhead" a really big photoplay.

## To Close Estate Property

Will sell to highest bidder the Gleason homestead, 221 E. Ann St., Belding, Mich. Go look at it, make an offer. Consists of 8 nice rooms has gas, sewer, electric lights, inside toilet. On fine corner lot only 10 minutes walk to town. Send your bid to

E. DeGROOT  
813 Michigan Trust Bldg., Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Our Christmas Wish To You

is best expressed in Lincoln's words, "With malice toward none, with charity toward all."

That is our sentiment this Christmas—and all the year through. Our Christmas wish is that everybody felt the same way about it. What a wonderful world we'd have.

But just the same we want to extend to you, one and all, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Publishers,  
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