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3 December 1926

Holland, Michigan

In this issue of the *Holland City News*, an article printed on the front page noted that Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte had died sixty years ago.

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### HOLLAND MAN HONORED IN LOS ANGELES

The Evening Herald of Los Angeles, Cal., prints a story of a former Holland printer who left this city at least 30 years ago and has been a linotype operator on the above named newspaper in the "Movie Star City" for a quarter of a century.

This entitled C. W. Slighter, as he is named there, is enrolled in what is known as the "Silver Star Roll." Thus far there are 10 men in this honor roll besides one lone woman machine "type setter," her name being Betty Burton, who has also "milked the keyboard" for 25 years. Anyway, there was quite a party participated in by the "old timers" on the Evening Herald staff. Mr. Slighter was presented with the usual silver loving cup given to all who have served a quarter century. His name was also inscribed on the "Silver Star Roll."

Many years ago he was a job printer at the News office and was also employed at De Hoop and DeGruyter in the earlier days. Mr. Henry Slighter of Holland is a brother of the California man.

A group of 26 friends gathered at the home of Mrs. M. H. Van De Vusse Thursday night for a surprise party in honor of Henry Graameyer celebration of his birthday anniversary. A social evening was spent and a two-course lunch was served. Mr. Graameyer was presented with several gifts. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Timmer of Central Park, Mrs. Henry Bosch and Henry Van Kovering of Jamestown, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hogmire and daughter, Martha, of Fenwick, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slison of Ganges, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Van De Vusse and son, David, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alvin Remick, Misses Jean and Lois Dranill, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van De Vusse, Henry Graameyer, Mrs. M. H. Van De Vusse and children, Howard, Harold, Albert, Nancy and Donna Mae.

The girls' Sunday School class of First Reformed Church, taught by Mrs. Charles Kuyers, participated in its annual Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday evening. The meal which was served in the church basement was planned by Misses Marian Scheerhorn and Jean Dorie Van Dyke. Following the dinner retiring president, Edna Moo Rosenthal, presided at a business meeting which included election of officers. Those named were Marion Scheerhorn, president; Lois Tysse, vice-president; and Lois Pytko, secretary and treasurer. The class is a combination of two small classes. Those who enjoyed the first get-together of the vintage class were Mrs. Kuyers, the Misses Scheerhorn, Tysse, Van Dyke, Rosenthal, Pytko, Amy Lou Poter, Beatrice Kline, Vera Plakke, Elma Wiersma, Leta Buis, Susanna Wilmer, Kayra Juliet Terpetra, Clare Brouwer, Bowina Kuizenga, Estelle Rusticus and Marjorie Plakke.

Capt. and Mrs. William P. Wilson of Saugatuck were the honored guests at a family dinner, last Tuesday, at Hotel Butler in celebration of their first wedding anniversary. The affair was planned by Mrs. Mabel Jesdabaugh. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born at Singapore then a thriving little town near Saugatuck. They were married in Saugatuck by the Rev. J. F. Taylor of the Congregational church. For many years Capt. Wilson owned and operated a fruit boat between the Ganago and Glenn piers and the Chicago steamer at South Haven. At present he has a coal and wood yard and is president of the American Twisting company. Associated with him is his son, W. J. Wilson.

### Founder of Holland Passed Away Sixty Years Ago



The above picture of Dr. Van Raalte is an old wood cut, in the possession of the News for more than 60 years. This was before half-tone making from photographs was invented and the wood

carvers were skilled mechanics and commanded very high pay. Woodcut making was an art in itself and this particular one is a marvel for fine outline carrying on wood as hard as iron.

November is the anniversary of the death of Dr. Albertus Christiaan Van Raalte, founder of the Holland colony in 1817. According to the Holland City News files, Mr. Van Raalte passed away after much suffering on October 11, 1877, at his home in Philadelphia. He was 60 years of age at the time of his death. A special meeting of the Common Council was held and Mayor John VanLandingham, public announcement of the death of the founder of the city was made.

The Holland City News had the column rules of the paper turned bottom side up, which was closed on these days and brought the effect of mourning. Newspapers then used this method when men of prominence, politically or otherwise, passed on. Holland Common Council passed four resolutions and sent these to the relatives and also had them published. Rev. Hovor Plesters, father of Dr. Van Raalte, was the first pastor of the church and he was installed by Dr. Van Raalte as head of that church, while Dr. Philip, first President of Hope College, delivered the English sermon and Rev. Hovor Plesters read the scripture.

Ex-mayor Isaac Cappon, Holland's first mayor was in charge of the funeral and he was installed by Alderman Iokus Kesters. After the services at the Church, where the entire city and vicinity gathered, the funeral parade was headed by the hearse with pallbearers marching along side. Slowly the hearse, drawn by plumed horses, wended its way towards the cemetery followed by carriages containing the immediate relatives, the clergy and the elders of the Church. Then followed the Mayor

and friends, at the annual employe banquet held, Friday night. Floyd Hansen prepared the dinner which was served by 10 guests at the tavern who volunteered their services. The deer was shot by Mr. Leonard on the opening day of the deer season. Music for the program was furnished by Mrs. Betty Cluwer's five-piece orchestra. Marian Woldring and Sylvia Carrier gave ten dances, while Pearl Dykema, Bernice Zoverink, and Frances Van Laubervolle sang southern songs. Hermon Bluur read two letters accompanying George Ast and Basil Barton were defendants in two mock trials with Chief Hansen serving as Judge, Nell Webb as prosecuting attorney and Ralph Bellows as court defender.

The marriage of Miss Mudge Mulder, daughter of Mrs. Lena Mulder and George J. Wolterink, of this city, took place at a pretty family wedding in Wayland, Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Damstra, Dr. J. H. Mulder, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. John Wolterink of Forest Grove, brother of the groom, performed the double ring ceremony. The wedding party entered the dining room in the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Mrs. R. J. Mulder, and vows were spoken before an arch backed with flowers and palms. Following the service, Mrs. Mulder sang "I Love You Truly." A four-course wedding supper was served to the wedding party at the Doll House Tea room in Wayland, after which a reception was held at the Damstra home. Mr. and Mrs. Damstra, who attended the bride, not as mistress of ceremonies and were in charge of the gift train. Mrs. Damstra is a sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Wolterink are well known in Holland and both have been active in the work of Trinity church. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wolterink will be home on Wednesday.

### MUSKOGON WOMAN WALKS GOOD MONEY-TRACKING DUCKS

Duck hunting is a great sport, but dressing the ducks is something else again. With one of the great cat bags of ducks in years in Muskegon, local hunters paid from 10 cents to 25 cents to have the ducks dressed. Of course, some of the hunters dressed their own ducks, but they found it quite a job.

One North Muskegon woman, Mrs. Raphael Beatty, who lives near the shooting grounds on Muskegon lake, dressed more than 250 ducks for hunters this year. She received 20 cents a duck and was kept busy every day during the hunting season in addition to the 25-cent duck received for dressing them. Mrs. Beatty discovered that she could obtain 10 cents a pair for the wings. The wings are used by belt manufacturers. As a result, Mrs. Beatty realized close to \$100 dressing ducks this year.

Mrs. Beatty dries the ducks and then chops off the wings. When this is done she drops them in hot paraffin. When the paraffin hardens, the woman takes a sharp knife and cleaves it off. That takes all the small feathers from the duck and leaves it clean. The ducks are then dropped in boiling water to remove any of the paraffin. In addition to Mrs. Beatty many butchers in Muskegon clean and dress ducks. One dressed more than 60 in a week.

Little Shirley Ann Esenberg was honor guest at a birthday party Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esenberg, the occasion being her first birthday anniversary. The little guests were seated at a table which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Each guest was presented with a small cake with one candle while a large cake with one candle served as a centerpiece. Shirley was presented with many gifts. Those present were Mrs. C. Vanderhoeft and Mrs. J. J. Esenberg.

Mrs. Nicodemus Israel was honored by her family at a dinner given last Monday evening at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Van der Grand Rapids, on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. Attending the affair from Holland were Mr. and Mrs. Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perry, Neoman and Mrs. and Mrs. Randall C. Bosch.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kluwe and son Ronald, of California, are spending a vacation in Holland with relatives.

### Holland and Elsewhere to Start TB Drive

Anti-tuberculosis forces everywhere in Michigan this week are busy with the distribution of Christmas seals. The Michigan Tuberculosis Association, in urging that every Michigan resident make a generous contribution to the Christmas seal drive, pointed out that the state is one of the few in the nation that has not yet reached the goal of 100,000,000 seals.

The fact that all of the seals of a year ago could have been sold in the state, through the use of the general public, is a fact that is being pointed out by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. It is urged that every Michigan resident make a generous contribution to the Christmas seal drive, pointing out that the state is one of the few in the nation that has not yet reached the goal of 100,000,000 seals.

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### Buy Christmas Seals Urges Gov. Fitzgerald

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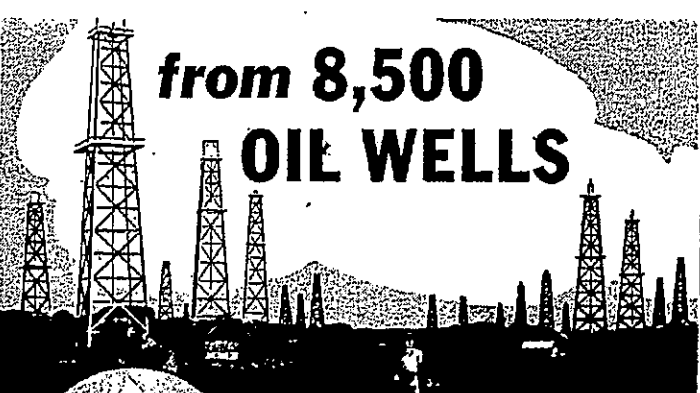
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