

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

SHOWBOAT IMPRESSES THE EDITOR

MANY of the weekly newspapers of the lower peninsula of Michigan have given generous mention of the 1933 Lowell Showboat production...

We signed the blanks and got a badge. We've joined the NRA; We hope it's right—we fear it's wrong.

COSTLY AND UNWORKABLE ANOTHER example of the evils resulting from hastily and ill-prepared legislation is shown when it comes to putting into effect the provisions of the old age pension law...

PROPAGANDA, BUT READ IT OF THE 65,609 school children in Kent county the education of 20,470 is being financed through railroad taxes...

SUPPORT HOME MERCHANTS IN THIS issue of The Ledger we are to be found the advertisements of some Lowell merchants...

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1933

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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

SCHOOLS OPEN AT LOWELL ON SEPTEMBER 11

PATRONS GIVE UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PLAN TO CLOSE EAST AND WEST WARD SCHOOLS—CARPENTERS REARRANGING ROOMS IN CENTRAL BUILDINGS.

At a meeting of the Board of Education on Monday it was decided to postpone the opening of school for one week. This move became necessary because more time was needed to make the many changes at the Central Building and also because many rural patrons requested the change.

The teachers will report for duty on Monday, September 11, and the first day will be given over to enrollment and classification with special attention given to those who will enter the High School for the first time.

Close East Ward & Perry Schools At the meeting called at the Central Building last week, Friday for the purpose of discussing the proposal of closing the schools on the East and West sides, the patrons present gave their unanimous consent to the proposition.

Rockford Schools Closed Until January As the result of the defeat Monday of a proposal to raise an extra 10 mills tax for school purposes, Rockford schools will not open until Jan. 1, 1934.

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What is the NRA? The above question still floats around in the heads of many persons. Briefly speaking NRA is short for the National Industrial Recovery Act which gave the President well-nigh unlimited powers in a program for business recovery.

The whole Act is based upon the theory that there must be earning power before there can be buying power.

Land Is Valuable If Used Correctly

Waste Is Caused by Devoting Soil to Purposes for Which They Are Not Adapted.

Michigan boosters will find plenty of solace in the statement of the soils department at Michigan State College that the State has no worthless land.

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CLAM FISHING STIMULATED BY BETTER PRICES

PRICES HAVE BEEN UP TO \$80—MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF LAST YEAR—LOCAL SEARCHER FINDS BEAUTIFUL PEARLS.

The saying of the old prospector that "That's gold in them there hills" might be paraphrased in this Grand River valley by clam fishermen who could truly say this year that "There's pearls in that old stream."

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Masonic Picnic Arrangements are being made for a Masonic and Eastern Star picnic to be held at Fallburg park on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 31. Pot luck supper. All Masons and Eastern Stars of this vicinity are invited.

Young Mother Dies At Age of 28 Years

Mabel Agnes, daughter of William and Agnes Condon, was born in Vergennes Township, February 28, 1905. At the age of eight she moved with her parents to Lowell where she attended the Lowell public schools from which she was graduated in 1923.

On December 25, 1926 she was united in marriage to Edwin Ransom. To them were born three children: Zella, Alice and John Thomas.

Pasture Saves Cash On Dairy Feed Bill

College Tests Show Merits of Plants Used to Supplement Native Grasses For Forage.

Dairy cows can be fed on pasture at one-third of the cost of feeding them in the barn but it is first necessary to secure the pasture before starting to save on feed bills, according to the crops and dairy specialists at Michigan State College.

Hope of Relief for Auto-taxication An intensive study of the entire subject of highway finance is to be made by the legislative council before the next session of the legislature.

Messenger Quintet At Baptist Church

The Messenger Quintet will render a sacred program at the Baptist church Sunday evening. They have entertained over the air and have been on musical tours throughout the country.

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Eddie Cantor Back In Colorful Picture

Promised as the biggest as well as the funniest picture to come out of Hollywood this season, "The Kid from Spain" comes to the Strand Theatre next Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It is the annual screen song-and-dance comedy of Eddie Cantor, succeeding his "Palmy Days" of last season and "Whoopee" of the year before.

Kent County Farmers Show Keen Interest At Wheat Meetings

Good Attendance Marks Meetings Held This Week—Project Thoroughly Explained—Farmers to Make Own Decision—Calendar of Meetings Yet to Be Held.

The first of a series of eight meetings for wheat growers of Kent County was held on Monday evening at Vergennes Grange Hall. The second meeting of the series was held on Tuesday evening at Bostwick Lake Community church and the third of the series will be held this week, Thursday evening at Alto Grange Hall.

Other meetings in this series will be held as follows: I. O. F. Hall, Caledonia, Friday evening, August 18. Byron Center town hall, Monday evening, August 21. Tyronee first hall, Kent City, Tuesday evening, Aug. 22. Ballard Corners church, Thursday evening, August 24. Cedar Springs High school, Friday evening, August 25.

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July 11, 1933. Very noble gesture—wish it were contagious. The cost of living here in Washington is almost double what it is at home. Good butter is \$4.00 a pound, eggs between \$2.25 and \$3.00 a dozen, spuds 80¢ a pound, gas, electricity and water twenty-five per cent higher.

Old Favorites

FLITTING AWAY I am longing, so sadly, I'm longing. For the flowers that have blossomed and died. For the hopes that about me were thronging. But alas are withered and dead. Beauties I tho't ne'er would perish. One by one vanish away. O' there's nothing on earth that we cherish. That is lovely and true that will stay.

Village Tax Notice

By order of the Village Council, the time for the payment of Village taxes has been extended through the month of August without the added penalty of 3%.

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Pithy Points Picked Up and Patly Put By Our Peripatetic Pencil Pusher

Government estimates indicate that this year's carry-over of United States wheat is the largest in the nation's history—386,881,000 bushels as of July 1.

Mrs. Frances E. Pardee, 78, former resident of Saranac, was taken there from Middleville for funeral services at the Congregational church and burial in Saranac cemetery.

M. N. Henry of Lowell has received notification that he has been called for traverse jury service in the United States district court, which opens in Grand Rapids on Sept. 6.

G. H. Runciman, president of the National Bean Dealers' Association leaves for Bad Axe today where Michigan's first bean queen will be crowned Friday in impressive ceremonies. It's better to crown a bean queen than to "bean her on the crown."

Editor James B. Haskins of the Howard City Record and Mrs. Haskins were among the newspaper men who came from a distance to see the Showboat. Editor Haskins wrote a fine article for his paper about the production, commending Lowell for its civic enterprise.

The Ionia Free Fair is in full blast this week and from appearances all roads lead to Ionia—a striking example of a high-grade attraction thoroughly advertised. The Ionia Free Fair management knows two things well—how to secure good attractions and how to advertise them.

The Grandville Star of last week gave prominence to a proposal that would make Grand Rapids an entry port in a lake-to-ocean hook-up. The idea is to dredge Grand River a depth of 25 feet by way of Holland to Lake Michigan. The plan is not new and there are many people of sound judgment who have favored it for a year or two. It is hoped to have federal approval for the plans under the new public works act.

The more we see of this beer inspector business with its multiplicity of men driving around, the warehousing with the fees, and the legal red tape which circumscribes the business the more the whole beer set-up fails to appeal to us. We remember that in the old days when we had a lot of saloons it wasn't necessary to have an army of inspectors to see that every beer container and every liquor container was properly stamped. The matter of placing revenue stamps was cared for at the source. Now, with only one "non-intoxicating" alcoholic beverage called beer we have an army of people looking after the business for the state at an expense of at least a quarter million dollars per year for inspectors alone, including their expenses. Looks more like a racket than the business it used to be. We hope the next legislature will knock all this machinery to pieces and adopt a more sensible plan.—Cassopolis Vigilant.

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Budget Savings Are Lost In Tangle of Overdrafts

New Functions of State Government Cause Confusing Increase In Totals—Provisions of Administration Sales and Gross Income Taxes Are Considered Along With Deficits and Divisions of Revenues.

BY VEINON J. BROWN. Now that the matter of "political payoffs" has again been discussed, it is fair to suppose the attention of the reader be turned for the moment to a consideration of the 1933-34 budget and the special appropriations for the fiscal year 1933-34...

deences of wealth now entirely of the tax rolls. Still another for-bidden field for tax revision is the income tax. An attempt to submit the revision of the constitution in this respect...

WANT COLUMN

25c FOR ANY WANT AD UP TO 25 WORDS. NONE TAKEN OFF ANY LENGTH FOR LESS. NO MATTER HOW SHORT. 25c CASH OR STAMPS WITH ORDER.

(allon water) for 24 hours and improves the flavor. If used in a copper vessel will make pickles "green" in color.

What to Do After Smash-up On Highway; Prompt Action Needed. Internal injuries are relatively common. So are fractures of the arms and legs...

2,000,000th Visitor

With the recent completion of a new circuit between Bucharast and Soda in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria now has regular commercial telephone service with Germany.

Homemaker's Corner

Picking time brings pickling troubles. Some causes of the more common from three to four per cent tax on manufactured products.

Lowell Market Report

Corrected, August 17, 1933. Wheat 70, Rye 72, Corn 43, Soybeans 21, Oats 32, Beans 45.

Whitehouse Milk

6 Gallons 35c, 12 Gallons 65c, 18 Gallons 95c. Bulk Vinegar 1 gallon 25c.

Maxwell Wine Coffee

1 lb. 26c, 3 lbs. 75c. Maxwell's Coffee 1 lb. 26c.

Factors About the Telephone

Over seventy-five passenger elevators in Washington, D. C., are equipped with telephones. The Indiana Bell Telephone Company handled an average of 1,200,000 local telephone messages daily during 1932.

BUY IN AUGUST

Prices Will Be Higher This Fall. 8 O'clock Coffee 1 lb. 17c.

This and That From Around the Old Town

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Alland spent last week at the World's Fair. Mrs. A. F. Jay of Iowa was a Sunday guest at the Burr-Briggs home.

SPECIAL SATURDAY, AUG. 19

NUT LOAF CREAM 1 lb. 13c. H. C. SCOTT Home of Good Homes Made Candles.

Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the Council of Lowell, held in the council rooms, Monday, July 17th, 1933. Mayor Charles C. Bennett presided.

Lowell Items

August 13, 1909—35 Years Ago. Rev. F. Byrne, pastor of St. Patrick's church at Parnell, died at Mercy hospital in Milwaukee.

Sherwin-Williams Paints and Varnishes

S. W. P. House Paint—A gloss finish for inside or outside use. Semi-Lustré—ideal paint for kitchen and bathroom walls.

W. C. Hartman

Perfection Oil Stoves, Circulating Heaters, Dining Room, Living Room and Bedroom Suites at lowest prices in years.

Roth & Brezina FURNITURE

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Mabel Hall

TEACHER OF PIANO IN CHARGE OF BRANCH SCHOOL OF BERGICER SCHOOL OF MUSIC. Studio—618 Veterans Rd. Phone 231.

Rogers Stores MEANS MONEY SAVED! Choice Yearling Hens 12 1/2c, Bacon Squares 8 1/2c, Canadian Bacon 22c, Pork Loaf 15c, Minced Ham 12c, SMOKED PICNICS, SHANKLESS PICNIC HAMS 10c, Beef Keel Roast 12 1/2c, Pork Steak 3 lb. 25c, Pickled Salt Pork 3 lb. 27c, STEAKS ROUND or SIRLOIN 14c, CREAM CHEESE, MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE 26c, COUNTRY CLUB COFFEE 35c, Fresh Bread 6c, Taffy Bars 17c, CORNED BEEF HASH 17c, CORN FLAKES 10c, Grapefruit 10c, BUTTER KERNEL 2c, GUEST MALT 59c, Latonia Club 10c, Rocky River 10c, SCRAMBLED EGGS 1.85, CORNED BEEF HASH 17c, CORN FLAKES 10c, FREE! A regular 25c BEST WAY DUST PAN with the purchase of any BROOM at regular retail. ORANGES 2 doz. 37c, Peaches 4 lb. 25c, Celery 8c, Head Lettuce 10c, Honey Rock Melons 2 for 15c.

Hubbard Pleased After Wife Lost BULKY FAT Reduced 21 Pounds—Skin Clearer, Face Much Better. The ice cream social held at the home of Pearl H. Reynolds was very well attended. Mrs. Reynolds lost 21 pounds in six months.

Whitehouse Milk 6 Gallons 35c, Bulk Vinegar 1 gallon 25c, Maxwell Wine Coffee 1 lb. 26c.

Cigarettes Wings - Paul Jones 25c, SEMINOLE TISSUE 25c, Peanut Butter SUTANA 23c, CIGARETTES 95c.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Oranges, Lemons, Carrots, Tomatoes, Bananas, Potatoes.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Husband Pleased After Wife Lost BULKY FAT Reduced 21 Pounds—Skin Clearer, Face Much Better.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO. SIX PEOPLE EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS ON THE VALUE OF TELEPHONE SERVICE. Each day, a metropolitan newspaper asks several persons a question and publishes their answers.

SUNDAY DINNER SUGGESTIONS. EACH week seems to bring some outstanding feature and the week appears to be first place. Suggestions include: Swedish Meatballs, Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham, etc.

Whites Bridge By Mrs. C. E. Bowen. Threshing in this neighborhood has been the work for the past week, so no much news.

McCord's Matters By Mrs. R. T. Williams. Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert J. McCord, were Mrs. W. H. Atwood, Mrs. E. J. Sinclair, Betty and Kenneth, Mrs. Warren J. Aldrich and children of San Antonio, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalstra and children of Los Angeles, California, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Aldrich of Alto, after a very pleasant dinner.

Ware Center By Mrs. C. W. Wittbach. Mr. and Mrs. Dent Hotten and family of Cascade visited Frank and family Sunday evening. Gerald Kyster and Miss Tucker spent a week in Chicago visiting the Century of Progress exhibition.

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