

LEDGER ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

A REAL LOWELL NEED

MAYBE we are too optimistic to say it again, but we repeat: Wouldn't it be fine if Lowell had a modest but up-to-the-minute hotel. Not one too big for the town but a cozy one with maybe a dozen or so rooms to care for the transients within our gates. Certainly with the big institutions around us, which bring many visitors, there must be folks who would like to stay here all night if they could go to an inviting little hostelry. For a town with all of Lowell's progress, it is a little embarrassing at times to tell people that we have no modern hotel and that they will have to go elsewhere.

A modest hotel could make money for its manager and in addition it would be one more institution in town to bring business to others.

KENT PUBLISHER HONORED

THE LEDGER extends congratulations to Editor J. John Pope of the Grandville Star on his elevation to the office of president of the Michigan Press Assn. at the annual meeting of that body in East Lansing on Thursday, Fri., and Sat., of last week. It is a cause for pride on the part of the publishers of Kent County to know that one of their number has received the highest honor in the gift of the association and organization which has for its main purpose the inculcation of the highest type of community service on the part of member newspapers. Paul McDonald of the Osego County Herald-Times is the newly elected vice president while Frank Brown of the Bellevue Gazette is the new secretary-treasurer. Mr. Brown succeeds the editor of The Ledger, who retires after two terms of service.

President Pope is a fine type of Christian gentleman and the Michigan Press Association will continue in safe hands under his leadership.

THOSE UNPRODUCTIVE FARMS

WE HAVE been greatly interested in Professor Raymond Tugwell's exposition of the program for taking unproductive land out of use. Professor Tugwell, as assistant Secretary of Agriculture and a trained economist, is keenly alive to the unsatisfactory state of farming, and looks forward to a time when all land on which it is difficult or impossible to make a living through farming will be taken over by the Government or the States and converted into parks and forests, or else devoted solely to residential purposes for those who have other sources of income.

A long step has been taken in this direction, but immensely more needs to be done if this beneficial plan is to be carried out in its completeness. It is not something which can be done in a hurry. A full human generation would seem to us to be about as short a time as it could be accomplished in. For, regardless of whether they make a living on it or not, most people feel a deep attachment to the land on which they live, and will consent to move or be moved only under the severest sort of pressure.

The farmers who will farm the productive land will be mainly those who now own those farms, or their descendants. Possibly there is still some good agricultural land that can be brought into efficient production through irrigation, but there is hardly enough of it to settle all the present occupants. Professor Tugwell reports that the 28 per cent of American farms which are classified as worthless produce only 2 percent of the marketable crops.

We wonder whether Mr. Tugwell and the other eminent economists and statisticians concerned take any account whatever of the human factors involved. They are looking on farming as a commercial enterprise, whereas to probably the majority of farmers it is a mode of living, with cash crops of secondary consequence. We think that before the whole present scheme of agriculture can be changed there will have to be some alterations in human nature.

CAREERS—OFTEN ACCIDENTAL

FEW people know when they are young what their life-work is going to be. Most of them find themselves in careers which they never dreamed of. There is Ted Geisel, for example. He went through two or three universities, intending to become a great author, or a college professor, or both. But one day he drew a comic sketch and sent it to a popular magazine. It was published and caught the eye of the advertising manager of a big corporation. "We want you," he said, "to draw advertising pictures for us," he said, "and that is what Ted Geisel has been doing, with great profit to himself and his employers for several years. Everybody has seen his pen-name, 'Dr. Seuss,' on advertisements. Most people become whatever they are by accident, after all.

THE LOWELL LEDGER

and ALTO SOLO

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1934

FORTY-FIRST YEAR

NO. 37

ALTOCREAMERY PAYS \$115,323 CASH DURING '33

A GAIN OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS OVER LAST YEAR—SHIP MORE BUTTER—MORE SOLD LOCALLY—PATRONS CONSUME MORE.

Upwards of 650 patrons of the Alto Cooperative Creamery Association gathered in Alto last Thursday for the annual business meeting, in fact the whole family came, as well as many interested spectators from various points. Automobiles lined the various streets and the crowd took on the appearance of a county fair. Grange hall, where the annual dinner and business meeting were held, was crowded to capacity in spite of which everything moved along with regularity and precision. The Ladies Aid served a bounteous dinner to which all did ample justice. Hon. J. C. Ketcham of Hastings made a characteristically stirring speech, preceded by a fine talk by Kent County's energetic county agent, Mr. K. K. Vining. Good music was furnished by the Farmers' Quartette of Elmido, songs by the Lohnes boys, piano solos by Miss Bernice Yeiter and vocal solos by Mrs. Emma Dearford.

The annual report of the Alto creamery, which was read by Manager Dale V. Curtiss, showed that the Association was in excellent financial condition. The total cash paid to patrons during the year was \$115,323.59, in addition to which patrons were paid \$12,476.61 in butter, \$310.92 in buttermilk and \$243.25 in credits.

The price paid for butterfat during the year averaged one cent more than the previous year. The total amount of butter made during the year was 746,585 lbs., which was \$0,800 lbs. more than was made the previous year.

It is also of interest to note that the patrons themselves consumed 9,000 more pounds of butter than they did the previous year. The amount they consumed during the year was 62,183 lbs. The butter sold locally amounted to 121,539 lbs., the butter shipped totalled 562,833 lbs. The total increase in cream received over the previous year amounted to 200,000 lbs. The total received for the year was 1,826,532 lbs.

The total receipts for the year were \$149,948.08. It is worthy of note that the Association's business was conducted the past year at a saving of \$3,500 over the previous year, while at the same time more butter was produced.

The following directors were elected: N. M. O'Beirne, John Nash, Glen Loveland, Glen Yeiter, Leon Anderson.

The board elected the following officers: N. M. O'Beirne, Pres. and Treas.; Leon Anderson, Vice President; Glenn Yeiter, Secretary; Dale V. Curtiss, Manager.

Large Audiences Hear Evangelists

The Riggs-Brown duo literally blew into town Sunday afternoon on the wings of a near zero blizzard, but in spite of the weather they were greeted by a good congregation at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

The outstanding feature of their two weeks' campaign will be the meetings each evening at 7:30. These meetings are marked by very fine piano duets and congregational singing.

Additional features are the children's meetings at 3:45 each afternoon and young people's meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30.

This is the fourth year these popular Evangelists have conducted a crusade in Lowell.

New Plymouth Six On Display Here

Gould's Garage now have on display the new Plymouth for 1934. Besides its beauty this new car has many other new features that can be found only in the higher priced cars. These features include all the latest improvements such as individual front wheel springing, perfected ventilation, air-wheel tires, safety steel body, hydraulic brakes, etc.

Hold Services Here For Martin Hoxie, 74

Martin E. Hoxie, son of Clark and Eleanor Heald Hoxie was born September 5, 1859 in Easton, Ionia Co., and passed away at his home in Belding January 25, 1934.

In 1880 he was married to Agnes Kelley, who died about 1918. November 5, 1921 he married Libbie Lawrence and she passed away November 1929. He lived in Lowell the greater part of his life. September 30, 1933 he married Mrs. Katherine Godfrey of Belding, who survives him.

He also leaves to mourn their loss two brothers, George Hoxie of Easton and Fred of Lowell, and many nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Rev. S. B. Wenger officiated January 28th at the funeral services which were held at Yeiter's Chapel, Lowell, Mich. Burial took place in Easton cemetery. Mr. Harley Maynard in his usual pleasing voice, sang "Some Day We'll Understand" and "Abide With Me."

Mr. Hoxie was a kind husband and a good neighbor, always willing to help in time of need. He will be sadly missed by his many relatives and friends.

NIGHT CLASSES PROVE POPULAR MAY YET JOIN

ENTHUSIASM SHOWN IN NEWLY ORGANIZED CLASSES FOR ADULTS—MAY OPERATE ON LARGER SCALE NEXT YEAR.

Adults like to attend school. This was plainly indicated last Monday night when much enthusiasm was shown by those who enrolled in the newly organized classes. The FERA plan proves popular whenever tried and it appears now that more classes should have been organized here. School authorities have about decided that a year from now the entire regular school faculty will be asked to offer one night a week for a period of twenty weeks to those who might wish to attend night school. Plans shall be made accordingly. This would give opportunity to all to take just what happened to be of interest to them.

There are no fees in connection with the night classes.

Home Economics Miss Jewell was pleased to have thirty women enroll in advanced sewing. The class is so large that it will be necessary to divide the group into two sections. This will be done at the meeting Friday night when all who enrolled are expected to attend. Those who were not present Monday may still enter the class.

Phys. Education Class for Women Paul Jones will undoubtedly be a busy man in the gymnasium. It appears that he will have a different class each night. He is particularly desirous of getting a large group of business men on Friday nights. This class will start next week because of a basketball game here tomorrow. A class for women was started last night and the women will report each Wednesday night at 7:30. Mr. Jones says "the more the merrier" and will be happy to accept more registrations.

Band Howard White is tutoring several who are anxious to learn how to play band instruments. He plans to have "group" instruction a little later. More adults should enroll in this course.

New Chevrolets At Webster Bros.

The new 1934 Chevrolet with "knee-action" wheels, 80-horsepower "Blue Streak" engine, streamlined body and an imposing list of improvements and refinements is now on display at Webster Bros. Chevrolet showrooms.

In the design and development of the new models, particular attention has been given to driver and passenger comfort and every effort has been made to eliminate the sensations of both sound and feeling that prove annoying to the motorist.

The new Chevrolet is longer—it has a 112 inch wheelbase—roomier, more powerful, smoother and more quiet than its predecessor. The engine is placed several inches farther forward in the chassis and seating has been rearranged.

There are many additional improvements and Webster Bros. cordially invite your inspection and demonstration.

George W. Godfrey Dies at Age of 80

Burial services were held in Oakwood cemetery, Lowell, Wednesday, for George W. Godfrey, 80, who died at his home in Avonlake, Sunday night. Mr. Godfrey was a well-known farmer in this community for a number of years. His widow, two daughters, Mrs. Dee Stevens, and Mrs. Homer Parrish, both of Ewart; two sons, Arthur C. and Elmer F. Godfrey; a step-daughter, Mrs. Floyd Brandt of Avondale; six grandchildren, seven step-children and three great-grandchildren survive.

RELIEF GROUP TO COOPERATE WITH CWA-CWS

COUNTY CHAIRMAN JAMES G. BRYANT WARNS THAT TOWNSHIPS MUST BE IN READINESS TO CARRY LOAD—TO CONFER WITH VILLAGES COUNCIL.

Further activities in unemployment relief got under way in Lowell this week with inauguration of a branch of the CWS (Civil Works Service). This branch of the work here is providing 15 hours work a week for a dozen or more women who are engaged in the sewing of garments for the Red Cross in this district. Mrs. A. P. Morse is the forelady in charge of the work here.

Each woman furnishes her own sewing machine. The workers are comfortably situated in the C. W. Cook store building on E. Main-St. Mr. Cook donates the use of his building, the Lowell Board of Trade donates the fuel for heating, the village of Lowell donates the janitor service and electric lights.

In addition to providing employment the work has for its purpose the working up of the county's surplus cotton. A total of 47,000 yards of cotton goods have been sent to Kent County for working up and more yardage is expected to follow.

This phase of relief work here is under the general direction of the Kent County Welfare Relief Commission. James G. Bryant of Grand Rapids, head of the commission, was in Lowell Wednesday evening to confer with the local committee which had been appointed to assist in CWA and CWS activities here.

Mr. Bryant was accompanied by several of the county workers including Mrs. Edith Dufman, a Peckham, W. W. Gumber, C. W. Cook, Dr. J. K. Atwood, Rev. S. B. Wenger, Charles Powell, Mrs. Floyd Steed and Mrs. E. G. Jeffries. Mr. Van Dyke was elected chairman of this committee and Mrs. Steed secretary.

The functions of this committee are to act in an advisory capacity to the county commission. In addressing the meeting Mr. Bryant stated that one of the purposes of having advisory committees throughout the county was to carry on in case it became necessary to throw the welfare work back onto the townships. Persons on relief rolls will be expected to maintain large gardens in the spring for which ground and seeds will be provided.

Representatives of the CWA are expected to meet with the village council next Monday night in order to get over local CWA projects now under way. Mr. Bryant cleared up an important point by stating that the village council had full directing powers over local CWA projects.

Mrs. Ella McKenzie Spent Girlhood Here

Mrs. Ella E. McKenzie of R. F. D. 6, Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday at the age of 75 years. Mrs. McKenzie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cogswell formerly of Lowell, and as a girl lived in Lowell. At one time she taught school in this vicinity.

Surviving are a sister, Miss Ida Cogswell of Grand Rapids, and a foster sister, Mrs. David Mangle of Detroit.

John P. King, 77 Dies This Morning

John Porter King passed away at his home on Riverside-Dr. on this Thursday morning at the age of 77 years. He is survived by the widow, Mary.

Funeral services will be held at the home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. S. B. Wenger officiating. Burial will be in Marble cemetery, Keene. Funeral arrangements are by Roth & Brezina.

Co. H. Arranging For Boxing Tournament

Arrangements are nearing completion for a boxing tournament to be held at the Ionia Armory, and permission has been requested from the Michigan Amateur Athletic Union for the dates of February 21st and 28th and March 7th. Eliminations will be held the first two nights with the finals in March. The bouts are sponsored by the Non-commissioned Officers' club of Co. H. who were influenced in their decision by repeated public demand. Interest is reported unusually high and a number of boxers have already written to the Armory for entry blanks.

Corn-Hog Program For Kent Farmers

Kent County farmers will have an opportunity to learn details of the corn-hog adjustment program at a series of meetings to start this week Saturday and continue next week. Seven meetings in all will be held and if more are needed plans will be made for the same.

The question is asked who can participate. To get benefit payment on corn a man must have husked an average of 10 acres of corn for grain in 1932 and 1933. He must have averaged at least 3 liters of hogs per year for the same two years. He need not reduce if only 3 liters were produced but gets no benefits if he doesn't reduce. The farm averaging 4 liters for the base years must reduce. A farmer can sign either a corn or hog contract, but if he can qualify for both he must reduce in both.

Corn acreage must be reduced 20% and benefits will be paid up to a 30% reduction. Hog liters must be reduced 25%, the same reduction applying to the number of hogs raised.

Frank T. King Is Critically Ill

The many friends of Frank T. King will regret to learn that he is critically ill at his home in Grand Rapids. Mr. King had nearly recovered from a recent attack of the flu and had resumed his usual activities, but while in attendance at a meeting of the Mills Mutual Insurance Co., in Lansing last Thursday, of which he is a director, was taken with a sudden heart attack. Mr. King rallied from the attack and physicians pronounced him able to return to his home. After reaching his home Mr. King again became worse and has since been confined to his bed with a trained nurse and Miss Florence King in constant attendance.

Yesterday Dr. Wilbur Post of Chicago was called in consultation with attending physicians. Complications in addition to the heart trouble developed and last evening a blood transfusion was resorted to. This (Thursday) morning word from the bedside is to the effect that Mr. King's condition continues critical, but friends are hoping for better reports as the day proceeds.

Editorial Contest Arouses Big Interest

The editorial contest on the subject: "Why a Community Newspaper aroused unusual interest on the part of readers of weekly newspapers throughout the state. When the contest closed on January 15th, a total of 250 editorials had been entered. These were presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association held in East Lansing last week and turned over to Prof. Nelson of the Department of Journalism of Michigan State College. On account of the number of entries Prof. Nelson and his committee asked for thirty days in which to study the editorials submitted.

Entries submitted by Ledger readers totalled thirteen. Only one other newspaper in the state had a larger number of entries and that was the Cassopolis Vigilant which had fifteen entries.

Sheriff Kelley Issues Warning

Sheriff Fred Kelley has ordered his deputies to make arrests where it is found beer and liquor are dispensed, or manufactured for sale without first obtaining a license.

Two deputies have been assigned to this work exclusively and all deputies have been instructed to assist in their respective districts. He says "such places must close or be prosecuted." Some arrests have been made and more will follow if such practice is continued.

In some instances complaints have been received that certain beer gardens where dancing is permitted are not conducted in an orderly manner. These will also be checked up and if found to be a nuisance, arrests will follow which may result in licenses being revoked.

Charles Foote Talks Of Scenic Beauties

A goodly number were in attendance at the December-January birthday party held Monday evening in the Parish House of the Congregational church. The feature of the evening was an address by Mr. Charles Foote of Alto, who spoke of Michigan's scenic beauties in a most interesting and instructive manner. The speaker improved the opportunity to call particular attention of the natural grandeur to be found near home, mentioning particularly trunk line M-21 as it courses through Lowell between Ionia and Grand Rapids.

MORE RELIEF ON PROPERTY TAX IS THE DEMAND

STATE ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS STANDS BY HOME AND FARM OWNER—M. B. McPHERSON ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.

Reduction of the automobile weight tax and amendment of the state sales tax were called for in resolutions adopted by the State Association of Supervisors at the final session of the meeting in Lansing last week.

Officers of the association for the coming year include Charles P. Ismon of Jackson, president; Hon. John D. Karel of Grand Rapids, first vice president; Melville B. McPheron of Lowell, member of the state tax commission, second vice president; Jacob E. Schepers of East Lansing, secretary; and Miss Lucy Little of Kalamazoo, treasurer.

Seven important resolutions were adopted. The first asked the legislature to provide property tax relief while the second asked for an amendment of the sales tax law to provide exemption of farm implements and stock feeds from the provisions of the law. The third resolution asked the legislature to return weight tax receipts to county treasurers directly from the Department of State branch offices while the sixth called for reduction of license plate costs without in any manner hindering the retirement of Covert road law bonds. The other resolutions asked laws permitting local governmental agencies to raise funds to match federal money for relief purposes; an amendment to liberalize the present constitutional provision limiting property taxes for all purposes to 15-mills; and asked that all local assessing officers be furnished with sets of the 1929 Compiled Laws.

\$10,000 Here to Wheat Farmers

Upwards of 300 farmers and their families in this section of Kent county were no doubt made very happy when they received the first installment on the wheat relief program. Upwards of \$10,000 was paid out by County Agent Vining and other members of the wheat committee at the Lowell City hall on the day of the pay off here.

About 65 farmers received checks at Cedar Springs while more than 400 farmers from other sections of the county were at Grand Rapids to receive their checks.

Open House Date Changed to Feb. 12

Because of conflicting dates it has been decided to have open house at the High School on the evening of Monday, February 12, rather than on the night of February 9.

Elaborate plans are being made for those who will visit the school. In addition to the regular sessions there will be entertainment provided by some of the children, and Paul Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the guest speaker. Patrons should plan to inspect not only the instruction program but they are urged to give the building the "once over." They will be happily surprised to see everything bright and clean.

Farmers State Bank Of Alto Is Reopened

The Farmers State bank of Alto reopened Monday under the Michigan plan. Fifty per cent of deposits will be available over a five-year period and the remaining fifty per cent placed in the hands of three trustees to be liquidated.

Officers are: President, Edson O'Harrow; vice president, John Livingston; second vice president, John Rockefeller; cashier, Earl Colby; assistant cashier, Charles Colby.

The Alto bank has rendered a splendid service to its community for many years and there is indeed cause for congratulation that this service is to be continued.

M.S.C. Radio Programs

MONDAY, FEB 5th THROUGH SATURDAY, FEB 10th. WKAR—1040 Kilocycles—288 Meters.

Odds and Ends Here and There

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

The Lake Odessa Canning Co. has started work on an 86x125-foot addition on the east side of its present plant and a 65x58-foot addition on the back part of the building.

Herbert Drake, living west of Stanton, was injured severely when a block of wood was thrown into his face by a buzz saw. His nose was broken and both cheek bones were fractured.

J. E. Crosby, St. Johns mint grower suffering from a streptococcus infection of the throat which spread to the tonsils, is out of danger. The trouble began last June. Disregarding precedent, surgeons in St. John removed the infected tonsils.

The decision of Secretary of State Frank D. Fitzgerald to publish the Public Acts of the Special Session of 1933 at the same time the Public Acts of the coming 1934 Special Session are printed and in the same volume will effect a saving of \$10,000.

Thomas Vidro, county treasurer, announces that 51.7 per cent of state and county taxes for 1933 had been collected up to Jan. 10 in the county's 24 townships and the city of Grand Rapids. This is a somewhat better showing than was made last year.

The hot water boiler of the heating system used at the Lowell postoffice rebelled at the drop in mercury Sunday night by developing a big crack. Pending the arrival of a new boiler a heating stove is doing its damndest in an effort to keep the building fairly comfortable.

Three miles off shore and 13 fathoms deep in Lake Michigan rests the broken bulk of a ship, lost with all hands, 23 sailors and at least one passenger, 39 years ago—a victim of the peril of winter navigation on the northern lakes. Until the hull was discovered last summer by fishermen, angling off the submerged rocks, two miles south of South Haven, the location of the missing ship had been a mystery.

Joseph H. Brewer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer of Grand Rapids, was appointed president of Olivet college at a special meeting of the board of trustees Saturday, to succeed Dr. James King, whose resignation has been pending for the past two years. The appointment takes effect Feb. 5. In appointing Mr. Brewer, who is 35 years old, Olivet joins the ranks of Harvard, Princeton, the University of Chicago and other famous

LOWELL LOSES TO GRANDVILLE IN BIG THRILLER

KENT'S NEWEST CITY PUTS ON AIRS BY WINNING 15 TO 16 IN FAST OVERTIME GAME—SPARTA HERE FRIDAY NIGHT.

The few fans who witnessed the basketball game last Friday night probably never spent a more exciting hour than they did when they watched Grandville basketballers eke out an overtime victory 16-15. The local boys started out like a house afire but unfortunately the fire was put out late in the game. The local quintet surprised even their staunchest followers when they rushed the score to 12-3 in their favor, and it appeared that Lowell was certain of a second county victory. Irratic passing and poor choice of plays on the part of our boys enabled Grandville to creep to a 14-14 score at the end of the third period. The count was tied at the end of the regulation period and Grandville sank a free-throw for the winning point.

Our boys, even in defeat, looked so much better than they did on other occasions that we want to publicly express our satisfaction with the big improvement. We predict that Lowell will have a winning combination by the time that they go to the district tournament at Belding early in March.

Sparta Here Friday

The crowds at the basketball games have been very discouraging. There seems to be a lack of interest and enthusiasm and the fans are urged to give their testimonial of good-will by attending the final home game of the season next Friday night when Sparta comes to town. There are plenty of seats for all and the game should provide plenty of thrills. We recognize that it is unusual for Lowell fans to follow a losing team but in so doing we believe there is an opportunity to reveal real sportsmanship. It is possible that Rockford will come to Lowell for a game later in the season, but, inasmuch as the game was postponed, there is nothing certain about the battle.

Asks Safety Medals For 2 Lowell Boys

Patrolman Elmer Brackett, school safety lecturer, acting for the Grand Rapids Safety Council has asked the National Safety Council to award the President's medal to John Chapla and George Sterken, 21-year-old Lowell men, who rescued Roger De Young, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter De Young, 9 Palmer St., NE, when he fell into Grand River near Ann-St. bridge on Jan. 7.

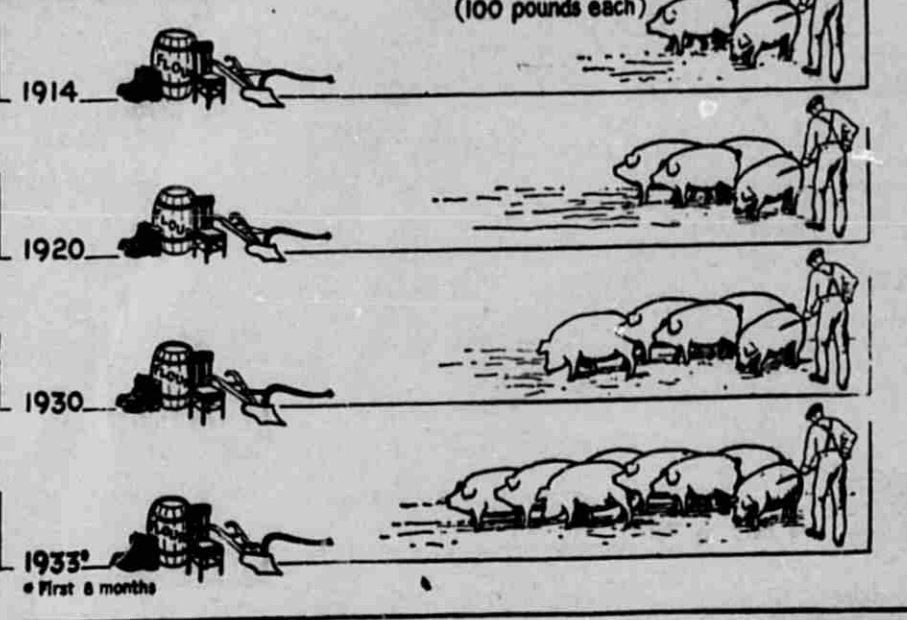
NOTICE

On account of holding dental examinations for entrants in the Golden Gloves contest, my office will be closed on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, February 7. J. R. Stryker, Dentist.

Buying Power of Hogs

Articles Farmers Buy

Cost in Terms of Hogs (100 pounds each)



Based on the fair exchange relation with prices of things farmers buy, hogs during the past decade have had materially less purchasing power than they had in the pre-war period. In 1933, it took about eight hogs to buy what three hogs would buy in the 1914-14 period as indicated above. In all the years since 1929-31 (exclusive in 1925-26 when there was a temporary relation in the hog supply) the purchasing

Sweet Clover to New High Record

Varieties and Strains for Almost Every Condition and Purpose.

Prepared by the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois—Wm. W. Wines, Illinois farmers already have adjusted their crop acreages to the point where they are growing almost sixteen times as much sweet clover as they were thirteen years ago, but this crop may be expected to spread to new prominence in the wheat program of the agricultural adjustment administration, according to a new bulletin, "Sweet Clover in Illinois," which was recently released by the experiment station of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois.

As a soil improvement crop for the areas which will be retired from wheat production, sweet clover has no superior among the legumes, according to the authors of the bulletin.

Experimental work started by the University of Illinois College of Agriculture in 1906 helped pave the way for an increase in the state's sweet clover acreage from 48,000 acres in 1919 to 850,000 acres in 1932. It is pointed out in the bulletin. These studies have been expanded and continued up to the present. The new bulletin reports the results of experiments made as early as 1917 and as late as 1932. With new demands being made on the sweet clover crop by the agricultural adjustment program and other farm developments, varieties and strains are being developed and adapted to almost every condition and use, according to the bulletin. Of the more than twenty-five known species of sweet clover grown in various parts of the world, more than half have been tried in the United States. The biennial white-flowered sweet clover, Melilotus alba, is the most important and constitutes more than 90 percent of the sweet clover grown in the corn belt.

Legal Notice

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS State of Michigan. The Probate Court for the County of Kent. At a session of said court, held at the county office in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1934.

NOTICE LEDGER READERS

Friends of the Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo having business in the Kent County Probate Court will confer a favor on the publisher if they will kindly ask the Court to attend the printing of probate notices to this paper. We understand the Court will cheerfully comply with such requests.

TELEPHONE NUMBER PROVES CLUE TO MAN'S IDENTITY

A telephone number often proves a valuable clue, and has led to the solving of many police mysteries. Not long ago, in Philadelphia, it was a telephone number that led to the identification of James Seam, of New York City. He had been found wandering about the city, unable to tell who he was or where he came from. Finally, at the police station where he had been taken, a detective asked him if he knew any telephone numbers. The amnesia victim replied, as surprised as they, "Laxemburg 8-2316."

Seeley Corners

Mrs. Gabe Oman of West Lowell spent Tuesday last week with her mother, Mrs. Helen Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds returned home from a trip to the city.

Down the Lane

Scientists report that a new disease of tobacco, brown root rot, can be controlled by rotating crops. Garbano, a Spanish bean or pea, has been successfully introduced into the lower Rio Grande valley of Texas.

Why Hospitals Use a Liquid Laxative

Hospitals and doctors have always used liquid laxatives. And the public is fast turning to laxatives in liquid form for its own relief. The dose of a liquid laxative can be measured. The action can thus be regulated to suit individual needs. No one has to take a "double dose" a day or two later. You will find a liquid laxative in the right dose of a liquid laxative brings a perfect movement, and there is no discomfort at the time, or after. The wrong cathartic may often do more harm than good.

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Lowell Dist. No. 5

(Mrs. J. P. Needham) Everyone is shivering over the sudden turn to wet weather. Elmer James and family attended the funeral of his mother in Grand Rapids Monday.

Gove Lake

By Mrs. H. L. Coger Clayton Houseman has the mumps. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Place and Mrs. Clara Quigley, Carolyn and Buddy spent Sunday at Gove Lake.

The Fact Finders—and Their Discoveries



AND SO WE COME TO THE END OF ANOTHER DAY. BOYS—LET'S GET BACK TO OUR HOMES.

Logan

By Clara Vandewerke Emmanuel Stahl and wife visited Clayton and wife over night in South Boston Sunday. Charles Winney visited the sick at the Elmer Winney home in South Boston Sunday.

South Lowell

By Mrs. Charles Vetter Miss Mary Sterick of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sterick.

Lowell District

By Mrs. Gertrude Thomas Lawrence Benton has been doing chores for Burdette Loss of Calceonia, who had the misfortune to fall and break two ribs.

Mae (Herself) West

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ANOTHER GROUND-HOG CASE

By Albert T. Reid "CREDITS?"



Eliminate Loafers Cows

Is Advice of an Expert With feed costs rising rapidly, the dairymen will be faced with a serious feed problem, says a feature article in the Dairyman of the University of Wisconsin. He advocates disposing of the inefficient cows and the dairymen who will not give enough milk to keep the young birds growing properly on a well-balanced ration.

Keeneland Hills

The Good Will Club of Keeneland will meet with Mrs. C. E. Bowen, Mrs. Emma Rittersdorf and her daughter attended a bridge party at the Elliot Clubhouse in Ionia last Thursday evening.

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Fresh Side Pork	lb. 10c	Link Sausage 2 lbs. 25c
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Pork Steak	Lean Round Bone	3 lbs. 25c
BEEF RIBS	Meaty	lb. 6c
PORK ROAST	Boston Butts Little Bone	lb 10c
BEEF POT ROAST	A Fine Boiling Piece	lb. 8c
ROLLED BEEF ROAST, rib or rump		either lb. 12c
BEEF STEAK, Round, Sirloin or Swiss		
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Healthy Chicks Necessary to Obtain Profit

The United States Department of Agriculture asks The Ledger to give space to the following: To Poultry Owners:

Freedom from disease is more to be desired in a poultry flock, than fancy breeding.

Healthy chicks can be produced only from or among healthy fowls.

Seventy-five well kept fowls free from disease will produce more profit than a large flock where disease exists.

Losses from death are extensive in a flock where infection exists, but natural death seldom or never occurs in a young flock free from disease.

An infected hen seldom produces eggs during the later stages of disease, therefore, when egg infection takes place it is probably during the early stages of the disease.

The above facts apply to all poultry disease but especially to tuberculosis which is taking an extensive toll in its spread through the poultry flocks of Michigan.

To control this disastrous spread of infection we urge the disposal of all old fowls each year and the building of an entirely new flock from chicks known to have been produced by healthy fowls. We urge that new flocks be raised upon clean ground entirely apart from the old flock. After the disposal of the old fowls all buildings and runs must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before being occupied by the new flock.

If you will follow this advice each year, there will be health, wealth and happiness in the keeping of poultry.

Why wait?

Family Problems Up For Discussion

"Shall We Tell Our Children? How? When? Why? Who?" is to be the subject for discussion on the "Family Problems" broadcast next Monday evening over WOOD at 7:45. A clergyman and a physician who are equipped from a practical as well as theoretical standpoint to give valuable advice to parents on this most vital question; Dr. E. Paul Sylvester, Pastor of Second Congregational Church and President of the Ministerial Association, and Dr. Thos. D. Gordon, Specialist in children's diseases, will be the speakers.

These programs are sponsored by the Welfare Guidance Bureau Social Hygiene Committee.

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Lovers of boxing will have their fill when the annual Grand Rapids Press Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament, gets under way in the beautiful new Civic auditorium there February 7th, 8th, 9th, and 15th and 16th. Two rings, hundreds of contestants, scores of judges, officials, referees and others necessary for boxing show, are a part of the huge setup that is being prepared to make this even the biggest fight attraction that has come to this part of the state.

Actually some 1,200 contestants are participating in the Grand Rapids tournament this season. All will not trek through the Grand Rapids for the final two nights. Six other tournaments being held earlier in the month, the winners to be brought to Grand Rapids for the final two nights. Grand Rapids expects some 400 or 500 contestants in this tournament alone, which means an average of very near 100 bouts per night, for the price of one admission.

Low admission prices will prevail throughout the tournament beginning at 25 cents and running up to 75 cents for the first nights. And there are some 1,600 seats being offered at the minimum.

Nation Celebrates President's Birthday

The entire nation helped President Roosevelt celebrate his 52nd birthday anniversary Tuesday evening. More than 6,000 balls were held throughout the country, ranging from splendid affairs in the large cities to gatherings of a few friends in small country villages. The proceeds from all the birthday parties held are to help the Warm Springs, Ga., foundation for treatment of those suffering from infantile paralysis.

More than 4,000 people attended the ball at the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium. Thirty or more persons from Lowell were in attendance. Howard Rittenberg and Glendon Swarthout, both of Lowell, played in Hager's band which furnished part of the musical entertainment. The music was stopped for an interval in order that all might hear the address of President Roosevelt, who said it was "the happiest birthday I have ever known," and the President had good reason for his happiness as the Warm Springs Foundation benefitted to the extent of over two million dollars through the proceeds received from the Presidential balls.

Kent—What a nifty overcoat. Where did you get it?
Bailey—I picked it up at Johnson's.
Kent—I don't know the place. Is it a clothing store or a restaurant?

To Buy, Sell, Rent or Swap Use Ledger Want Column.

More Local News

Mr. and Mrs. George Graham of Campan Lake visited Mrs. Katy Wilson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carr of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Sinclair were Dan Sinclair of Hastings and Miss Doris Mackley of Grand Rapids.

Carlton Runciman of Olivet College will spend the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Runciman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richmond of Keene were Sunday visitors at the home of Will Devering and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Casterline and children of Sand Lake were Saturday visitors of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson.

Mrs. Charles Marcellus and son Billie of East Grand Rapids called on her father, Mr. McKenzie at the home of her sister, Mrs. U. A. Hawk last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Will Devering returned Saturday from Saginaw where she was called on account of the illness of her brother, George Lucas. He was much better when she left Saturday.

Mrs. Wesley Roth and Mrs. Herman Terkerst attended a kitchen shower luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. V. Wenger of Grand Rapids in honor of Miss Ruth Furner of Sturgis.

Charles Schrouder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schrouder and nephew of Mrs. Mark Simpson of Lowell, has started to work with the First National Studio, of Hollywood, Calif., where he will assist in the musical part of pictures.

Gloria Frost, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Frost, was taken to Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, Tuesday morning, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. The latest report was that she was doing nicely.

Mrs. Minnie Shivel of Constantine, mother of R. M. Shivel, fell and broke her hip while visiting at the home of her daughter in Grand Rapids. She was taken to Blodgett hospital and the latest reports were that she was improving nicely.

Lowell Woman's Club

The Lowell Woman's club met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Hall. Mrs. William Tredwick was the assistant hostess. The theme discussed was Scandinavia. In the open forum, conducted by Mrs. Martin Houseman, many interesting points were brought out concerning the Scandinavian people and country. Miss Mabel Hall played several piano solos and accompanied Mrs. S. B. Wenger, who sang the National hymn of Norway.

The next meeting will be held February 7th at the home of Mrs. J. E. Bannon. The theme to be discussed is India.

Marriage License

George Wilczewski 42, Lowell; Mary Zwierzchnowska 40, Lowell.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends, neighbors and relatives for their kindness shown in my recent bereavement, for the beautiful flowers, also for the services rendered by Rev. S. B. Wenger and Harley Maynard.

Mrs. Martin E. Hoxie. (p37)

Tax Collection Notice

To Taxpayers of Lowell Township.

I will be at the Lowell State Bank each Wednesday and Saturday, also Friday, February 9th, to collect taxes from 9:30 a. m. until closing time, until further notice.

Eunice Thompson, Lowell Twp. Treas. 3411

BusLine Schedule

Grand Rapids—Jonia—Lansing A. A. Schubel, Pres. (Lowell Time)

EAST	DAILY	WEST
7:35 a. m.		8:55 a. m.
10:35 a. m.		12:25 p. m.
2:35 p. m.		3:55 p. m.
5:25 p. m.		8:35 p. m.
EAST	SUNDAY	WEST
7:35 a. m.		10:55 a. m.
5:25 p. m.		8:35 p. m.

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Social Events

Mrs. William Wachterhauser entertained with a small bridge luncheon last Thursday. Guests were Mrs. R. M. Shivel, Mrs. F. M. Newell and Mrs. William Doyle.

Mrs. Don Phillips entertained the Past Noble Grands of the Rebekah Lodge at her home Tuesday evening. A lovely luncheon was served by the hostess and everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith entertained with a dinner party for a group of teachers last Wednesday evening. Guests included the Misses Marion Brown, Dora Bangs, Marion Bushnell, Nellie Tiffany, Iva Little, Lois Krieger, Lucy Moody, Dorothy Koth and Ruth Collier and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Finch.

Mrs. A. H. Stormsand and Mrs. Eugene Carr entertained the Four Times Four club at the home of the latter Tuesday evening. Four tables of pedro were played, honors going to Mrs. Frank Gould, Mrs. Harvey Haysmer and Mrs. Ed. DeVries. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostesses.

Thompson-DeRuitter

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the M. E. parsonage. Mrs. Eunice (Alexander) Thompson and Mr. Albertus De Ruitter were united in marriage, Rev. R. W. Merrill performing the ceremony. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bieri.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. De Ruitter left for Hart on a wedding trip. They plan to make their home in the village for the present.

Mrs. De Ruitter is serving her first term as township treasurer. Congratulations from their many friends.

Ridgway-Bauche

Mrs. Alice Ridgway announces the marriage of her daughter Evelyn to Clarence Bauche of Albion. The ceremony took place Saturday, January 27th, at the St. Paul Lutheran church of Albion, the Rev. Mr. Siegler performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bauche will make their home in Albion.

Birthday Party

Saturday evening Mrs. Sam Alexander for the first time celebrated a birthday party at the age of 67 years. Relatives to the number of thirty gathered to help her celebrate. A happy evening was spent by all. Among the relatives present were the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. A. De Ruitter. The relatives waited until after midnight and helped celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Lloyd Denny, daughter of Mrs. Sam Alexander, making it a double birthday party.

Surprise Party

Miss Helen Shattuck was given a surprise birthday party Saturday night, January 27th. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Alderick, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Potter, Miss Norma Kropf, Archie Duncan, Miss Ona Denton, Clark Fletcher, Chet Jones, the guest of honor, Miss Helen Shattuck and Grandma Shattuck. Cards were played and light refreshments were served.

Birthday Party

W. J. Anderson celebrated his birthday on Sunday, January 28th. His daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Burch of Rockford, were present. He was presented with a beautiful birthday cake decorated with the appropriate number of candles by Mrs. Tim Conant and daughter, Mrs. Ray Alexander. Mr. Anderson was as appreciative as President Roosevelt was at the nice things done for him on his birthday.

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Odds and Ends

(Continued from First page)

American schools which have placed young men at the head of their affairs.

The mild-like weather which had prevailed here most of the month of January received a severe jolt late Saturday night which developed into a near-blizzard on Sunday, the mercury dropping to zero that night—a change of 60 degrees as compared with some of the warmer days preceding the sudden drop to zero resulted in the death of many persons throughout the country who, from unfortunate circumstances were unprepared to endure the severity of the weather.

The Bangor Advance says of newspaper advertising: "It doesn't shout at you when you are trying to concentrate on something else. It doesn't obscure the view and mar the landscape, it doesn't interrupt your enjoyment of a grand opera program. It doesn't clutter up your mail and your waste basket. It doesn't mess up your front yard or obtrude itself on the seat of your auto. It is like a well trained servant; never intruding or making itself obnoxious, but always quietly at hand, ready to give service when called."

Thorough investigation of rules which bar Negroes from the House restaurant in the Capitol was demanded in a resolution introduced by Oscar De Preist, (Republican, Illinois), only Negro member of Congress, who said he would press for a vote on the question. De Preist's secretary and another Negro who accompanied him were refused service in the restaurant earlier in the week on orders from Representative Warren (Democrat of North Carolina), chairman of the committee which manages the establishment. The resolution would direct a committee of five to determine by what authority "any citizen of the United States is discriminated against on account of race, color or creed in said House restaurant."

Mrs. Wynkoop, Chicago woman charged with murder, told a Chicago newspaper about the books sent her "to help pass the tedious of prison." Her observations along this line were interesting as well as accurate:

"Among them is Pearl Buck's 'Good Earth,' in which she discusses Chinese from an experience of many years living in China. Strangers have sent me 'Anthony Adverse,' which I enjoyed as a kaleidoscopic picture of a period that has passed. I also received J. B. Priestly's 'Good Companions.' Perhaps the best book gift of all, however, was Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's 'Autobiography of a Cocker Spaniel.' I once owned a cocker spaniel, 'Freckles.' It died under the wheels of a street car. It truly was a 'good companion.' It is to the Bible, naturally, I turn for solace. That and Thomas A. Kempis are my inseparable counselors. In the Book of Common

Prayer of the Episcopal Church

I read the Psalter for the day.

Vernon Gillespie, 64-year-old musician who was run down by an automobile driven by Dr. Paul F. Voelker, state superintendent of public instruction, died in Receiving hospital, Detroit, at 1 a. m. Monday. Dr. Voelker was arraigned Thursday in traffic court on a reckless driving charge. He pleaded not guilty and was released on a personal bond. Detectives of the accident investigation bureau will question Dr. Voelker further when he is recalled to decide whether the charge is to be changed. In the traffic court hearing Dr. Voelker said the similarity of traffic lights and store signs confused him and when he stopped his car suddenly it skidded, striking Gillespie.

State's First R. F. D. Carrier Retires

Willis Lawrence, the man who brought the first mail to Michigan farmers, in the vicinity of Climax, is retiring. After 37 years service, Lawrence will leave the postal service Feb. 1. Contrary to general opinion, Lawrence was not the first rural mail carrier. Before the service was established in Michigan, December 3, 1896, several routes were being delivered in an experimental sort of way, but in point of service Lawrence is the second oldest rural letter carrier in America. Originally, he left early in the morning and returned by lantern at night. In the motor age, he found he could have lunch at home at noon, though not leaving the postoffice until 8 a. m.

Willis Lawrence started in the horse-and-buggy days. In fact, 31 horses and mules, two bicycles and seven automobiles provided him locomotion as the years went on. His mileage would have taken him around the world many times, but he never had an accident and never lost a piece of mail. Getting stuck in the mud and in the snow were his worst drawbacks, he says today.

Many a time he had to abandon his horse and cart and trudge home afoot. On one February day, nearly a quarter of a century ago, he was the only rural carrier in his part of the state to complete his round, though he had to stop frequently and remove sleds from his horse's eyes. That night, when he reached home, he could not unbutton his overcoat until the ice had been broken away with a potato-masher and a butcher knife.

Lawrence had a lot of run-aways, principally because he undertook to "break in" any fractious horses a patron of his route couldn't manage. The worse the animal the better he liked it. And when he was through "breaking in," the owner could drive the horse with perfect safety.

Lawrence has been more than a letter carrier. He designed and built the Climax postoffice, a small but attractive structure, again using stones from farms along his routes. It stands opposite the small frame building from which he drove away on Dec. 3, 1896, as one of the first 16 rural carriers in America and the first in Michigan.

Set in the masonry of Lawrence's postoffice are relics from the great Chicago fire, the Climax fire, the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, the copper fields of Northern Michigan, the gold fields of Montana, and the Black Hills of Dakota, and numerous Indian relics. Lawrence himself hauled the 40 truck-loads of stones, and the cement, gravel, lumber, etc., used in the project.

Lawrence has no immediate plans for the future, but reckons he'll ride around his old route occasionally and see his former "customers," most of whom he has seen grow up from little children waiting for his mail cart, buggy or sleigh.

"If you want your money to go 30% farther, here's my advice—"

"Break in new tires at this time because cool roads toughen rubber—cold-cure it. Thus tires put on now will run about 30% farther than the same tires started off new on hot summer roads. That means you get 30% more mileage plus immediate non-slip safety. At today's low prices, isn't that worth thinking about?"

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Coming Events

Another one of those public card parties Friday evening at I. O. O. F. hall.

The Vergennes Co-operative club will meet with Mrs. Marlin Houseman Thursday, Feb. 8th.

The Garden Lore club will meet Tuesday afternoon, February 6th, with Mrs. Charles Gardner. The "Annual" Group will put on the program.

South Lowell PTA will have a box social at the Sweet school on February 9th. Coffee served with the boxes. A good program is being prepared. Every one welcome.

Bennett school will entertain next Wednesday evening, February 7, with a shadow social, minstrel plays, comic dialogues and some novelty numbers. You are invited to attend. Essie Condon, teacher.

The Fifth district of the American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a joint banquet at the Rowe hotel, Grand Rapids, Saturday evening, February 3rd. Tickets will be 60c. The business meeting will be held at 4:30 p. m. Reservations for the banquet must be made not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Call Mrs. A. H. Stormsand, phone 367.

GOOD PRINTING

The Lowell Ledger

Elizabeth Phelps, Sec'y.

The Kent County Parent-Teacher Councils regular meeting will be a Founder's Day banquet, February 6, 1934, at 6:30 at Comstock Park school. Dr. Paul Voelker will be the speaker. Tickets are 35c; make reservations with Mrs. J. L. Ramadell. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the banquet.

Mrs. E. J. Erickson, Publicity Chairman.

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News — Comedy — Novelty
7:15-9:00 10c-25c

SUNDAY and MONDAY, FEB. 4-5

INTRIGUING

Romance with a continental flavor — spicily set to music

San Harvey

"I Am Suzanne!"

GENE RAYMOND
LESLIE BANKS
Podrecca's Piccolli Marionettes
Directed by JOAN BLYSTONE

NEWS COMEDY NOVELTY
Sun. Mat. at 3:00. 10c-20c. Evening, 7:15-9:00. 10c-25c

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6-7

Alice in Wonderland
with CHARLOTTE HENRY on Alice

and Richard Arlen - Roscoe Ates - Gary Cooper
Leon Errol - Louise Fazenda - W. C. Fields
Skeets Gallagher - Cary Grant - Raymond Hatton
Edw. Everett Horton - Roscoe Karns - Baby LeRoy
Mae Marsh - Polly Moran - Jack Oakie
Edna Mae Oliver - Mae Robson - Charlie Ruggles
Allison Skipworth - Ned Sparks - Ford Sterling

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Coming Sunday, Feb. 11
WILL ROGERS
in
"Mr. Skitch"