

INDIVIDUALS and business concerns had to make out about 135,000,000 reports and returns to the federal government in 1937, according to a government committee. The United States government is carrying on a business enterprise of perfectly enormous proportions. Its social security program alone is something stupendous.

The actions of the government, its collection of taxes, its decisions on questions of policy, etc., call for assembling of great masses of information. If people demand that Uncle Sam be a kind of universal Father, the typewriters will have to keep tapping, and penmen will have to keep writing. If these requirements could be simplified any, business and many individuals would give three cheers.

FRIENDS OF BUSINESS RELATIONS

MANY people will say that some of their best and most useful friendships come through business relations. As they talk with merchants and salespeople about what they wanted for goods, they found they were interested in the same things. They talked about many things outside the immediate purpose that brought them to the store.

The acquaintance thus develops into something more. The people who started buying and selling goods find before long that they have common interests, and they grow better acquainted. They join in making plans for good things they grow closer as they work together in local organizations. You get a lot besides the good bargain when you buy stuff in the stores of Lowell.

1,000,000 UNDER THE SO?'

NEARLY 1,000,000 people in Spain are said to be dead as the result of the prolonged civil war in that unhappy land. Many of the dead were civilians killed when the storms of death fell from the skies, which were created only to drop the life giving rain and the kindly dew.

The American people feel sympathy for that great land of his. It was a queen of Spain, Isabella, who helped Christopher Columbus to proceed with his expedition across the stormy and mysterious Atlantic, and discover our great continent. And now while our country goes forward steadily in the march of progress, the nation that made possible our history is stained with blood, and plunged into the darkness of mourning.

MONEY AND FAMILY JARS

THE LACK of money, according to a court investigator of Toronto, Ont., is a chief factor in family quarrels. It is wonderful how the passions of family life do calm down, when there is a fairly good supply of money. The wife who had found her husband a nearly unrecognizable critter may conclude he might be worse when he brings in some nice home improvement, and the husband will find the wife's questions less irritating when they have money enough to take an automobile trip, and let the clouds of home controversy blow away with the wind.

"In money then necessary to purchase affection?" some will ask. Countless couples who have to consider every penny will say "No" to that. Love can climb the highest hill, and cross the most waterless desert, but money does put more power into the engine, and it satisfies the human thirst for variety amid the sands of monotony.

MAKING MONEY GO TO WORK

THE MINISTER of a church at Walton, N. Y. had the clever idea of passing out dollar bills to his parishioners last October, with the idea that they would make money with them, and return the proceeds to the church. Thus the church gave out \$125, and a few sundays ago took back that amount of money with \$477 in addition. That is a plan that many churches would find useful in their financial problems. If they asked their members to raise their subscriptions, many of them might have excellent reasons why they couldn't do it. Money can always be made to grow, when you set it to work providing something that people want.

TRAINING OUR MINDS

IF THE PEOPLE of Lowell are going to do any particular job on improving their minds during 1938, it would be well to begin right off now. For before we know it, summer will be here. There is an American tradition that you can't do a great deal on mental improvement when the old July sun is sweating down on us, and driving us into the cooling shade.

The clubs and classes and lecture courses that run programs which improve the mind usually fold up in summer. They regard it as hopeless to induce the people to do any work of self education then. That was not the principle on which one of our greatest Americans, Abraham Lincoln, sought to obtain more knowledge. He had but very little schooling, and he lived in the humblest kind of a home. But he used to lie in front of the glowing fire, to get the light with which to read the History of the United States and the Life of Geo. Washington and the Bible. He did not probably quit reading those books in summer because it was too hot.

BENNETT PUPILS HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Mrs. John Claus, teacher at Bennett School, announces that the following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the last school term: Louis Baker, Delores Beckett, Shirley Gross, Rosemary Beckett, Eleanor Koilman, Paul Fuss and Richard Ryder.

GOLD FISH FREE

Christiansen's Retail Store is offering on Friday and Saturday, as long as their supply of gold fish lasts, two gold fish and a bowl with the purchase of a tube of Briten tooth paste at 25c. To be sure of getting in on this offer, buy early. Offer limited to available stock.

Communists Use Children to Give Propaganda

Hundreds of Reds In Kent County

When we read of un-American activities of communists in cities such as New York, Chicago, Detroit, Flint or San Francisco, we are apt to think of such matters as of no particular concern to us, but the truth is that they are of vital concern to every true American citizen because it is being brought to light daily that communists are carrying on their subversive activities in practically every community throughout the United States.

Communist Camps Near Here

His listeners were both surprised and indignant when Mr. Walsh revealed that the communists were operating a summer camp under the guise of being for underprivileged children, with a twenty-five acre tract at Lowell, Michigan. Children are taken from Christian homes and are taught that there is no God, that our present government should be overthrown, to walk on the American flag and salute the Red flag of Communism. They are told to go home and tell the rest of their playmates to do the same.

Pruning Demonstrations

Two pruning demonstrations of apple and peach trees for Kent County horticulturists will be given Tuesday, January 24. The morning meeting will be held at the farm of Leonard Verberg in Grand Rapids Township at 9:30 o'clock. In the afternoon at the Philip Kieck and Son farm on Peach Ridge Road in Sparta township.

4-H Club Exhibitors

Kent County 4-H Clubs will be represented at the annual 4-H Club and egg show held Farmers' Week at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, Jan. 24. The exhibit will make up the crop exhibit with 10 dozen lots each of white and brown eggs. Kent County clubs won nearly \$1,200 in prize money in 1938, all of which went to the exhibitor except some expense money for transportation of exhibits to the State Fair.

Good Posture, Good Style

Keeping the chin up may be a good piece of advice for everyone and it is a necessary one for good style. The foundation of style, says Miss Marjorie Eastman, clothing specialist of Michigan State College who will conduct the meeting for leaders on January 24 at the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

The Living Question Mark

The living question mark will never win applause no matter how fine her clothes may be unless she learns that good posture is the beginning of good style.

The series is part of the home economics extension work in clothing available to women in this county.

JOINING DRIVE FOR NEW AND BETTER HOMES

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth have joined the "new and better homes" drive in the construction of a modern two-story wood frame house just east of their present home located 2 1/2 miles west of Foxe Corners on the South Vergennes Road. The house will have 11 rooms and will be 32x34 in size. There will be a full bath downstairs and a lavatory upstairs. A fireplace will be built in the living room and a heatolator installed in it. Construction began around Thanksgiving Day and the Roth family hopes to move in the latter part of April.

One reason why society is what it is can be seen when one contemplates the compensation given a football coach and a professor.

Girl Scout Troop Initiates Thirteen

Since last fall, a girl scout troop has been functioning in Lowell. Twenty-six girls are members with Mrs. Marcela Correll as captain and Miss Sofia Petrofsky as lieutenant.

Meetings are held every Wednesday. The first meeting was by campfire and a few were sunset meetings on Reservoir Beach but since the middle of October they have used the east ward school building. In an effort to make cozy club rooms they have been refinishing furniture and making rugs and curtains.

At Christmas the Girl Scouts had a caroling party. At the last meeting on January 11, thirteen girls were initiated as full-fledged girl scouts. They were: Marie Bierl, Vivian Bierl, Helen Christiansen, Gloria Doyle, Virginia Doyle, Roberta Hahn, Clarabel Hill, Robert Miller, Jane Peckham and Gloria Pennock, Marie Rowland, Lillian Stormanz, and Donna Thorne. This proved to be an excellent meeting with several mothers attending. Girl scouts have a troop committee composed of Mrs. Robert E. Mill, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, and Mrs. Chas. Doyle which serves in an advisory capacity.

There is a big project on hand for Saturday, January 28. On that day girl scouts will hold a cookie sale to make money for their winter camp. Orders will be taken ahead of time and filled on the morning of the 28th. Phone orders to any of the girl scouts or to Mrs. Correll at 243-P2. On Saturday, 28th, cookies will be sold by the scouts from Mrs. Hahn's grocery.

Obituary Sketch

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On April 2, 1877, Mr. Condon was united in marriage with Agnes Vandenberg at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rochus Vandenberg, in Vergennes. Immediately after their marriage they resided on a farm in Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Condon moved to Lowell for four years when he was engaged in the farm produce business. At this time Mr. Condon was also in the livestock shipping business with his brother, Dell Condon, in which they were engaged for upwards of 30 years. At the close of four years in Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Condon returned to the farm. In 1913 they moved into town again where they have remained since.

Mr. and Mrs. Condon had eight children, five of whom are deceased, leaving Tom, Will and Claude of Vergennes.

Besides his wife and three sons, Mr. Condon leaves 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren and the brother, Dell of Lowell. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at Alton church, Rev. S. E. Wenger, chaplain of Southern Michigan prison, gave the funeral address. Burial was in Alton cemetery.

Lowell stores were closed on Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. in memory of Mr. Condon, who was well liked and had many friends.

Wm. T. Condon Claimed By Death In His 81st Year

Had Lived Here 79 Years

William T. Condon, well known farmer, real estate owner, and livestock shipper of this community, passed away at his home in Lowell on Sunday, Jan. 15, in his eighty-first year, after an illness of several months' duration. Mr. Condon had been a resident of this community nearly his entire lifetime. He was a director of the State Savings Bank of Lowell and served as president and director of the former City State Bank. He was a member of the Lowell I. O. O. F. Lodge for more than 25 years.

Mr. Condon was well known among the farmers and stock raisers of the county, having cleared nearly 2,000 farm auction sales over a period of 25 years for N. C. Thomas, well known auctioneer. Mr. and Mrs. Condon happily celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 2, 1937, at their home on West Main-st.

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Name Speakers For Farmers' Wk. At M. S. C.

Noted Men, Women On Program

Nationally known speakers with subjects ranging from microbes to bread and butter have accepted invitations to address audiences during the 24th annual Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 3.

To start the parade of authorities will be John Brandt, Minneapolis, president of the Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc. His address will be heard Monday afternoon in a dairy symposium as a feature of Dairy Day. His subject will include progress of the national butter merchandising campaign.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday speakers will address women while male audiences hear agricultural authorities. Women's speakers will include Miss Gladys Winger, New York City textile adviser. Her talk will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 31, the same day that Dr. W. L. Mallman, bacteriology professor at the college discusses "Are There Microbes in Your Meats?" Wednesday, Clara Gebhart, Snyder, Chicago foods specialist, presents a lecture demonstration on breads. Dr. Martin H. Hoffman, Detroit, speaks Thursday on mental hygiene. Another Detroit speaker Thursday will be Mrs. Belva Sanford discussing home furnishings.

For general programs the Farmers' Week speakers Wednesday will hear Louis Tabor, Washington, D. C., master of the National Grange. His subject, "Four Horsemen of Recovery." Thursday's speaker for the general program is to be Dr. J. Preston Bradley, pastor of the People's Church in Chicago. His subject is "Americanism."

During the annual livestock banquet Tuesday evening the speaker is to be James E. Rice, president of the executive committee of the World's Poultry Congress. He is scheduled for an earlier address in the Tuesday afternoon general program. Farm crop leaders have invited Dr. F. D. Kelm for a Tuesday morning talk as well as an address for the annual Crop Improvement banquet Tuesday evening.

Rotary Club Entertains Daughters

The first father and daughter luncheon meeting of Lowell Rotary Club was held this week Wednesday noon at the high school gym. The luncheon was presided over by the girls of the Home Economics Department under the direction of their instructor, Miss Ellen O'Connor, assisted by Mrs. A. H. Stormanz, who has charge of the school cafeteria.

Guests for the day included: Jean Vining, Janet McPherson, Jean and Janet Freymuth, Mary and Betty Bailey, Roberta and Gretchen Hahn, Dorothy Lampkin, Shirley and Barbara Richmond, Lucille and Dora Jean Warner, Doris Christiansen, Eunice Miller, Doris Stormanz, Jo and Ardy Reynolds, Dorothy Fletcher, Ardis Schneider, Virginia Doyle, Lorens Kysar, Jacqueline Day, Jean Schruer, Tizle Lish (Edward Stormanz dressed as a girl).

The program was introduced by Theo. Bailey.

Benny McCoy Speaker At Next Rotary Meet

Harry Day, chairman for the regular Wednesday noon luncheon meeting of Lowell Rotary Club for January 25, announces that he has secured Benny McCoy as speaker. Mr. McCoy is a former star athlete of the Grandville high school, playing against Lowell boys in all sports. For the past two to three years, he has been practicing baseball at the Beaumont and Toledo farms of the Detroit Tigers. Mr. McCoy joined the Tiger team last September and will be fighting for a regular berth this spring.

Mr. McCoy's talk will undoubtedly pertain to baseball and the Detroit Tigers in particular.

Auction Sales

Fred Slamma, February 2 Having decided to quit farming, Fred Slamma will hold an auction of his farm located 1/2 mile north of US16 at Yelter's oil station on Thursday, February 2, commencing at one o'clock sharp. A good list of cattle and farm implements will be up for sale. Auctioneer, N. C. Thomas; clerk, Harry Day. See the complete advertisement in next week's issue of the Ledger.

There was a fellow who had a duck that grew smaller and smaller. It grew down!

Along Main St.

Miss Ruth Potter of Lowell is listed among the students at the aviation school being conducted in Avia and which is being sponsored by the State Aeronautics Department.

Geo, wha! Thermometers along Main-st. this (Thursday) morning registered six degrees below zero—a drop of 30 degrees from Wednesday afternoon. The entire landscape is covered with about four inches of snow.

Annual dinner and election of officers of Lowell Board of Trade will be held at Lowell City Hall on Monday evening, January 30, at 7:00 o'clock sharp. The program committee will provide a first class speaker. Further details regarding the program in next week's Ledger.

The Ledger has begun publication of a comic strip entitled "The House of Hazards," which we trust our younger readers will enjoy—readers will also get a good laugh each week. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

Postmaster F. J. Hosley is in receipt of a letter from the U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. stating that a construction engineer will arrive in Lowell this week Saturday for the purpose of discussing construction of Lowell's new post office with the contractor, the C. R. Chappeler Construction company of Sylvania, Ohio. The contract calls for the completion of the post office within 30 days.

Extension of the South Lowell electric line of the Municipal plant was approved at a special meeting of the common council held last Monday evening. The line to be extended will take in the Egan Roper farm, formerly owned by Rev. David F. Warner. The council also voted at this meeting to install a five h. p. fire siren in the tower on the city hall to take the place of the 2 1/2 h. p. siren which has been in use for the past several years.

Secretary of State Harry F. Kelly announces the appointment of Miss Mary Arhart as manager of the Lowell branch office of the Secretary of State. She will succeed Mrs. Mabel H. Bibbler, who has served in that capacity for the past year. Miss Arhart will take over her duties next Monday and will have her headquarters in the C. Thomas block, sharing offices with F. H. Swarthout, liquidator of the Depositors' Corporations. The ability to secure license plates in Lowell has been a great convenience to auto owners and dealers for many miles around.

Looks as though the coming Citizens' Caucus for the Village of Lowell would be lived up to a bit as it is reported that three candidates will seek the nomination for incumbent, Elmer S. White, who is now finishing his second term and is therefore not eligible under the statutes for renomination. Candidates seeking the nomination are said to be A. R. Smith, F. Earle Flamer and Gus Winglee. The nominating caucus is to be held at Lowell City Hall Monday evening, February 20 at 7:30. The date of the Village Election is the second Monday in March, which this year falls on the 13th.

Here's a paragraph from the pen of J. J. Pope in the last issue of the Grandville Star-Alliance: "IT'S LOWELL in the lime-light—AGAIN. I doubt if there is a town in all Michigan which periodically attracts more attention than this fine Kent village of two thousand inhabitants. We pick up our morning newspaper and scan the headlines and if that town doesn't make the front page once a week, there is something decidedly unusual. How does Lowell get that way? Well, first of all it has possibly a greater share of civic-minded leaders—it has more than its share of political big-wigs. And of course one cannot but feel that their famed Showboat added to the area's importance."

Business men should be obliged to read Aesop's Fables. Most folks have eyesight—few have vision.

Third Week of Clothing Clearance Much activity has marked the first two weeks of our Annual Clearance sale of Suits, Overcoats, and Topcoats. The reason is clear: Our regular prices are from \$3 to \$5 under city quotations on same makes. At 20% off from a low first cost the values are just that much more attractive.

Stop and let the train go by if it hardly takes a minute Your car starts off again intact And better still—you're in it.

Death Ends 62 Years of Married Life

THE LATE WM. T. CONDON AND MRS. CONDON



The above cut is from a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Condon taken on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary on April 2, 1927. They were married by Elder Mudge, a noted Michigan preacher at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Condon observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1937 upon which occasion many friends extended congratulations and best wishes.

Police Chief Tells How All Can Fight Crime

More Protection From Cooperation

Chief of Police Frank J. O'Malley of Grand Rapids, offered such good advice in a recent statement that we are passing some along to Ledger readers in the hope that it will be of some use.

"Citizens can do much toward reducing crime during the coming year. It is just as important to prevent crime as it is to catch the criminal after the act has been committed and it is in this phase of crime that the average citizen can play an important role.

"Two of the most common crimes are burglary of homes and the theft of automobiles. If one studies the cases in both these types of crimes one discovers that in simple preventive measures, open to all citizens, had been followed out these two types of crime would drop materially.

Lock Car Doors

"Most of our automobiles are stolen by youths, bent on the joy ride. They have neither the equipment, experience or desire to steal a car with either locked doors or a locked ignition. The fact that we do have so many car thefts discloses that many motorists fail to lock their car doors and persist in leaving the keys in their cars.

"If every unattended automobile during 1938 were locked and the keys removed the number of auto thefts would be negligible.

Leave a Light

"The same is true of house burglaries. The average house is not burglar-proof, but the householder can make entry sufficiently difficult to discourage the thief.

"Many persons fail to lock their doors and windows. A locked door or window may not necessarily stop a burglar but it will make his work more difficult.

"When you go out for the evening leave a light in the house. It costs little and may pay large dividends.

"Citizens may also assist in curbing crime by reporting to police officers any suspicious circumstances they may see. Police officers can do a better job of protecting the people during the coming year with a more complete cooperation from those they serve."

Mrs. Laura Allen Force Passes in California

Word was received by Lowell friends Tuesday of the passing of Mrs. Laura Allen Force, 83, wife of the late George Henry Force, on Tuesday of this week at the home of her son, Raymond C. Force in Piedmont, Calif.

Mrs. Force was taken ill soon after reaching Piedmont, enroute to her home at Brentwood Heights after spending the summer in Michigan. While visiting in Lowell all summer were the Misses Katherine, Martha and Agnes Perry.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) morning at the Wee Kirk of the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif. Mrs. Force is survived by two sons, Raymond and Harold W. Force. Mrs. Force was a resident of Lowell for many years during which time she made many lasting friendships. The sympathy of her large circle of friends is extended to the bereaved family.

75 at First Meeting Adult farmers present at Wednesday evening's opening meeting include the following: Lowell and vicinity—Orin Graham, E. H. Roth, Sam Detmer, Seymour Hesche, Ray Hesche, Howard Kropf, Roy Groenboom, Donald T. B. Laver, Harold Greene, Lon Fritz, Seymour Dalstra, Lawrence Kerr, John H. Husar, Lester Howard, Roy Kysar, John Graham, Earl Hunter, Floyd Clark, Harold Wittenbach, Ralph Roth, Oris Leeman, Lloyd Dennis, Glenn Yelter, Lisle Acker, Lawrence Cole, Lester Anderson, Jim Byrne, John Freeman, Frank Freeman, Guy Hale, Floyd Yelter, Chas. Dennett, Vernon Preston, Herman Efsen, Roland Depew, Robert Yelter, Edward Yelter, Lloyd Yelter, Godfrey Roth.

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Keene—C. E. Bowen, Everett Bowen, Marcus Miche, Clarence Retersdorf, John D. Potts, Theodore Gasper. Bowne—R. D. Bancroft, L. M. Headworth, Merrill Karcher, Caledonia—Paul Ruhs.

Dairy Farmers Study Means To Improve Quality

Night School Makes Fine Start

John Kleinkeisel, Smith-Hughes agriculture instructor of Lowell high school welcomed around 75 farmers from the surrounding communities to the first meeting of the adult night school for dairy farmers at the high school Wednesday evening. C. H. Runciman, president of the Board of Education, was also present to express his appreciation to the farmers for the fine turn out and to extend a cordial welcome from the Board.

Kleinkeisel on "What's New?"

Mr. Kleinkeisel spoke on "What's New in Dairy Farming." Changes are being made in farm buildings, favoring a one-story barn with large hay keepers and silos adjacent. This is due largely to alfalfa silage and education on the use of chopped hay.

Soft curd milk, Mr. Kleinkeisel stated, has found its way to the dairy products market, being set aside for baby feeding. Soft curd milk is made largely in the Holstein breed and least in the Jersey breed.

Mr. Kleinkeisel concluded his remarks with the statement that "I see greater use of good herd sires, farmers with small herds will soon learn to form dairymen's associations for the purpose of making better use of good sires."

Vining Stresses Better Pasture

In his talk on "Why the Dairy Industry in Kent County?" K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural agent, stressed the importance of better pasture lands for dairy cattle, which, he stated, may be obtained by varying the pasture crops.

Mr. Vining also made known that the largest share of the soil in Kent County is naturally adapted to growing the roughage crops fed to dairy cows. Kent county has the largest acreage of alfalfa in any county in the state but in spite of this, more alfalfa is needed.

An important factor why Kent County is one of the largest dairy producing in the state is its large market. The consuming population is 200,000 and at present farmers are milking from 23,000 to 24,000 cows in the county.

It is a known fact that milk can be produced cheaper from pasture fed cows than from those in confinement. Pasture raising will increase the production and quality of milk so that it would no longer be necessary to import large quantities from Ottawa, Allegan, Ionia and Montcalm counties.

Motion Pictures

Interesting motion pictures entitled "The Salt of the Earth," portraying the farmer and the farm as the basis of our civilization, and their contribution to national wealth, were shown by the Department of Agriculture—its Field and Services," were shown. The movie on the Department of Agriculture discussed its major activities and pointed out their significance.

Next Dairy School, Jan. 25

The next dairy school meeting on Wednesday evening, January 25, will have for its speaker, John Potts, Kent County cow tester, who will be assisted by Donald McPherson, county agent. The body of discussion on "Selection of a Dairy Animal" and "The U. S. Department of Agriculture—its Field and Services," were shown. The movie on the Department of Agriculture discussed its major activities and pointed out their significance.

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Strand Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 19, "Hold That Kiss" with Dennis O'Keefe, Maurine O'Sullivan and Mickey Rooney, also Novelty, Comedy and Screen Snapshots. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20-21, "Burr" with Tyrone Power, Loretta Young, Annabella and many others; also Novelty, "Window Shopping," "Wild Bill Hickok," Latest Fox News. Sunday and Monday, Jan. 22-23, "There Goes My Heart" with Fredrich March, Virginia Bruce and Patsy Kelly; also Cartoon, "Doomsday," song reel, Songs of the Southland; two-reel comedy and Paramount News. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24-25, "Swing That Cheer" with Tom Brown and Robert Wilcox; also Edward G. Robinson in "I Am the Law." Thursday, Jan. 26, Paul Muni in "Border-Utown" with Bette Davis; also "Unusual Occupations," "Pony Express" and comedy, "Sus My Lawyer."

Canned Pea SALE

Canned Peas are Better, Cheaper This Year
 —Canned peas are rich in Vitamins A and B and the vitamin C content is higher than in certain fruits. There are also valuable mineral salts, in the brine as well as in the peas—and this brine should not be thrown away but saved for soups, etc. It's smart to buy canned peas this year.

PEAWAUKEE LAKE
Peas regular 10c value **3 no. 2 cans 25c**
OSHKOSH PEAS Save 5c on every 2 cans **10c**
 FANCY SIFTED
R. & W. Peas 2 no. 2 cans **33c**

MONARCH
Noodles lb. cello. **13c**
 RED & WHITE
Red Salmon no. 1 tall can **23c**
 POPSY
P'nut Butter 2 lbs. **23c**
 RED KING
Dog Food 6 cans **29c**
Roy'l De'serts 5 pkgs. **25c**
 Single Package 6c
 BROKEN SLICED
Pineapple no. 2 1/2 can **21c**
 NA-CO
Catsup tall bot. **10c**
 RED-N-RIPE
Tomatoes 4 no. 2 cans **29c**
Clorox qt. **25c**
 RED & WHITE
Gloss Starch 2 pkgs. **15c**
Palmolive So'p 3 bars **17c**
 RED & WHITE
Soap Flakes box **18c**
Fels Naptha 6 bars **25c**

SEEDLESS
RAISINS
 2 lb. bag **15c**
PRUNES
 2 lb. box **15c**
BLUE ROSE RICE
 4 lbs. bulk **15c**
WHITE BEANS
 4 lbs. **10c**
Ginger Sn'ps
Fig Bars
 lb. **10c**
PURE LARD
 2 lbs. **19c**
GEM OLEO
 lb. **10c**

CHOICE RIPE YELLOW
BANANAS 4 lbs. **25c**
 California Juice Oranges | doz. **10c**

HEAD LETTUCE - - each **7c**
Pork Sausage GRADE NO 1 **lb. 15c**
Pure Lard HOME RENDERED **2 lbs. 19c**
FRESH Ground Beef **2 lbs. 35c**
Bacon Squares lb. **14c** | **Fat Bacon** lb. **12c**
Spare Ribs lb. **17c** | **Pork Steak** lb. **20c**
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Social Events

Birthday Dinner
 Mrs. James Denton entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Denton. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Orley Rulison, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mrs. Mary Ransford, Harold Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Fletcher.

Marriage License
 Donald M. Mullen, 31, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen; Blanche Thom, 29, Grand Rapids.

School of Instruction
 A fine representation of members from Ada and Saranac Eastern Star Chapters joined Lowell Chapter in a school of instruction Monday evening at the Masonic Temple when Mrs. Grace McFarlane of Grand Rapids, Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Michigan Order of the Eastern Star, gave the school.

There were about 85 present and a number of past Grand officers as well as Kent County Association officers. Other guests were from Ionia, Clarksville and Grand Rapids.

Vergennes Extension Class
 The West Vergennes Extension class met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Mary Bennett. Two new members were enrolled. After the lesson by the leaders, the ladies spent the afternoon cutting patterns for block printing and stamping material for designs.

Social Brevities
 The ladies of the Book Review Club held their annual dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Oatley Tuesday evening and entertained their husbands.

Mrs. Paul Kellogg entertained the bridge club Thursday evening. Honors went to Miss Mary Arhart and Mrs. Ray Bergin.

CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

Mrs. Rosella Yelter will entertain the Women's Missionary Society at her home Friday afternoon, Jan. 20. Mrs. D. A. Wingler is in charge of the Book Review. Tea will be served after the program.

The Child Study Club will meet Monday evening, Jan. 23, at the home of Mrs. Henry Wood. Mrs. Doris Roth will give the report.

Annual meeting of Lowell Board of Trade, Monday evening, Jan. 30, Lowell city hall. Program details in next week's issue.

We will hold a Townsend Club meeting at the home of Mrs. Nettie Kinyon, one block north of city hall at night of Jan. 20, 1939 with a speaker. Everyone welcome who may come. Fried cakes and coffee will be served. J. Allen Godfrey, Sec'y.

The next meeting of the Peckham Group will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Quirk at 2:30 Friday afternoon, Jan. 20.

The Segway Community Club will hold election of officers at a meeting Monday evening, Jan. 23. All members please attend.

The Rebekah ladies will sponsor a food sale at the Lowell Bowling Alley on Saturday, Jan. 21, starting at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The Consumers Power Co. of Grand Rapids will present moving pictures at North Bell P.T.A. Friday night and there will be other interesting features on the program which will be followed by supper.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Moore, a 6 1/2 lb. daughter, Judith Lee, on Friday, Jan. 13, at the Luz Maternity Home.

Lowell Loses Game In Overtime Period

Last Friday night the Belding High School basketball team took the locals into camp in an overtime period. The smaller Belding team had a greater determination to win than did the locals as they showed by their hard fighting from start to finish. Up until midway in the last quarter the entire game was pretty much Belding. After trailing at the end of each of the first three periods the locals forged ahead for the first time and took a four point lead only to be cancelled when the locals failed to be content with conservative playing and allowed the Beldingites to tie the score 24-24. In the overtime period Waite, Belding's guard who had been held scoreless up to this point, shot the winning basket giving Belding a win by the new "sudden death" method of determining tie basketball games.

Summary

Lowell 24	FG	FT	P
Kyser	2	3	2
Lalley	2	0	0
Phelps	2	0	2
Stauffer	4	1	0
Alther	0	0	0
Maloney	0	0	0
Belding 26	FG	FT	P
Price	2	1	2
Satphen	4	0	2
Johnson	1	0	4
Waite	1	1	0
Middleton	2	2	1
Price, B.	1	0	0

The Lowell seconds took it on the chin to the tune of 25-15.
At Grandville Friday
 Friday night of this week the locals travel to Grandville where they will meet the Granville five for the second time this season. In the other game Lowell was the winner by the narrow margin of 24-22. At the present time Lowell rests in second position in the conference having lost only to East thus far who is leading the conference.

A squirrel uses its tail as a parachute and a windbreak, and so he always keeps it in good condition, combing and fluffing it out.

Press Letter Contains Much of Public Interest

Roads, Gambling, Medicine, Etc.

(Michigan Press Association)

By beating the legislature "to the draw" through Nov. 8 adoption of the anti-diversion amendment, Commissioner Murray D. ("Pat") VanWagoner of the state highway department has put the "good roads" cause in rather an invulnerable position for 1939.

In fact, there is considerable speculation as to what, if anything, legislators can do to clip VanWagoner's wings.

Foters' chamber home possess a peculiar yearning for more highways. The chamber of commerce is always agitating a road improvement or another that would take motorists from somewhere to elsewhere. Good road sentiment knows no party lines; it thrives amid all income groups.

When Governor Fitzgerald proposed that the highway department provide free ferry service at the Straits of Mackinac, build its own office building at Lansing, and cease dipping into general funds, he threatened what former Governor Murphy tried to do in spirit. Murphy wanted to divert highway funds for welfare relief; instead the legislature authorized a "blank check" for \$10,000,000.

Free Ferries
 The free ferry idea, like free school books, sounds fine. Obviously, such a service would be popular, for motorists are just as human as anyone else. The present law provides that the ferry toll charge shall meet the cost of operating the ferry service which approximates a half million dollars each year.

Where the difficulty arises is over the financing of a bridge across the Straits. In all estimates made so far, engineers have assumed that the tremendous investment would be liquidated in part, if not eventually, through payment of toll fees. Once the state authorized free ferry service, bridge sentiment would rapidly subside.

The office building recommendation has merit, as has the suggestion that no further appropriations be made from the state general fund.

Those latter proposals, like the first, will have to run the inevitable gauntlet of good road boosters who want every highway dollar available for matching by the federal government. Washington will send to Michigan in 1939 a total of \$4,114,064 for highway improvements. Of this amount, \$3,012,993 will match state funds on a 50-50 basis; \$451,949 will match funds that are raised 50-50 by counties and the state, and \$649,147 will be an outright grant to build grade separations in metropolitan districts.

On Feb. 3, Governor Fitzgerald will face the same hurdle that Murphy had one year ago. On that day the Michigan Good Roads Federation holds a big rally at Grand Rapids, to which the governor has been invited to speak.

Gambling, Civil Service
 The honeymoon period for the new state administration has been unexpectedly upset by a pre-emptive over gambling in Macomb county.

Taking the position that county officials, the sheriff and prosecuting attorney, are responsible for local law enforcement, Governor Fitzgerald let it be known, early this month, that gambling was a home rule responsibility. He didn't intend to order the state police hither and yon to clean up local conditions, unless or until the probable judge officially ousts the local officials and thereby invites the state to intervene.

Actually, this position is no innovation with Fitzgerald, and everyone concedes that there is plenty of good common sense in his views. But it has been most annoying, to put it mildly. A compensating factor, however, is the announced determination of the new liquor control chairman, Orrin A. DeMass

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Odds and Ends

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More Local News
Ionian County Pomona Meets with Danby Grange
 Danby grange will entertain the Pomona Grange of Ionian County on Saturday, Jan. 21. Business session will be called at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served promptly at noon.
 A 4-H program will be presented at the afternoon session with John M. Converse, Dist. 4-H leader, as guest speaker. Ardith Winger of Fenwick and Ella Smith of Ionia will each lecture on 4-H club work. Musical numbers and surprise feature will be given by members of Danby grange. Bring own service and dish to pass.
TRAFFIC TOLL CAN BE CUT IN HALF!
 That's a statement backed by facts, too, according to Lieutenant F. M. Krenl, director of Northwestern University Traffic Safety Institute and of the Safety Division of the International Association of Police Chiefs. Read how it can and is being done in cities where his plan has been put in force. His article appears in This Week, the color magazine with Sunday's Detroit News.
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The Administration feels more hopeful for Congressional repeal of the arms embargo provisions in the Neutrality Act. Officials contend it is foolish to forbid sale of munitions to warring countries while permitting sale of oil, cotton, chemicals and other war materials.

NEW BARBER SHOP
 I will open Friday morning, Jan. 20, with a new barber shop at the MABLE SCOTT BEAUTY PARLOR, W. Main-st. I will be glad to see all my friends, old and new, at my new location and will endeavor to give the best service possible, all year around, as I have abandoned the practice of summer work in northern Michigan.
DAVE WASHBURN

CARD OF THANKS
 I thank my friends for the magazines and fruit, the Cheerful Doctors for flowers, as well as everyone for their kind thoughtfulness during my illness.
 Leo Bettes.

Business services declare there will be a 20 per cent increase in 1939.
 There's much to learn—the world is changing.

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TIME SPENT IN FIGURING

INDIVIDUALS and business concerns had to make out about 135,000,000 reports and returns to the federal government in 1937, according to a government committee. The United States government is carrying on a business enterprise of perfectly enormous proportions. Its social security program alone is something stupendous.

FRIENDS OF BUSINESS RELATIONS

MANY people will say that some of their best and most useful friendships come through business relations. As they talked with merchants and salespeople about what they wanted for goods, they found they were interested in the same things. They talked about many things outside the immediate purpose that brought them to the store.

1,000,000 UNDER THE GOD

NEARLY 1,000,000 people in Spain are said to be dead as the result of the prolonged Civil war in that unhappy land. Many of them were civilians, killed when the storms of death fell from the skies, which were created only to drop the life giving rain and the kindly dew.

MONEY AND FAMILY JARS

THE LACK of money, according to a court investigator of Toronto, Ont., is a chief factor in family quarrels. It is wonderful how the passions of family life do calm down, when there is a fairly good supply of money. The wife who had found her husband a nearly un-supportable critter may conclude he might be worse when he brings in some nice home improvement.

2800 Members in Kent County

The speaker stated that there were at present 2800 well trained Communists holding membership cards in the Kent County area.

TRAINING OUR MINDS

IF THE PEOPLE of Lowell are going to do any particular job on improving their minds during 1939, it would be well to begin right off now. For before we know it, summer will be here. There is an American tradition that you can't do a great deal on mental improvement when the old July sun is sweating down on us, and driving us into the cooling shade.

MAKING MONEY GO TO WORK

THE MINISTER of a church at Walton, N. Y. has the clever idea of passing dollar bills to his parishioners last October, with the idea that they would make money with them, and return the proceeds to the church. Thus the church gave out \$127, and a few Sundays ago took back that amount of money with \$477 in addition.

Legion Opposition

Mr. Walsh detailed their activities around Grand Rapids, declaring that members of the American Legion in the interests of Americanism and all it stands for, formed an independent unit to combat this radicalism, contending that thirty-two of the sixty-four actually became affiliated with the local Communist organization, so that they might become familiar with its plans of operation and its leaders.

GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Mrs. John Claus, teacher at Bennett School, announces that the following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the last school term: Louis Baker, Dolores Beckett, Shirley Kool, Rosemary Beckett, Eleanor Grossman, Paul Fuss and Richard Ryder.

GOLD FISH FREE

Christiansen's Rexall Store is offering for Friday and Saturday, as long as their supply of gold fish lasts, two gold fish and a bowl with the purchase of a tube of Priten tooth paste at 25c. To be sure of getting in on this offer, buy early. Offer limited to available stock.

Communists Use Children to Give Propaganda

Hundreds of Reds in Kent County

When we read of un-American activities of communists in cities like New York, Chicago, Detroit, Flint or San Francisco, we are apt to think of such matters as of no particular concern to us, but the truth is that they are of vital concern to every true American citizen because it is being brought to light daily that communists are carrying on their subversive acts in practically every community throughout the United States.

Communist Camps Near Here

His listeners were both surprised and indignant when Mr. Walsh revealed that the communists were operating a summer camp under the guise of being for underprivileged children, within twenty miles of Lowell. Children are taken from Christian homes and are taught that there is no God, that our present government should be overthrown, to walk on the American flag, salute the Red flag of Communism and then are told to go home and tell the rest of their playmates to do the same.

Pruning Demonstrations

Two pruning demonstrations of apple and peach trees for Kent County horticulturists will be given Tuesday, January 24. The morning meeting will be held at the farm of Leonard Verberg in Grand Rapids Township at 9:30 o'clock. In the afternoon at the Philip Klenk and Son farm on Peach Ridge Road in Sparta township.

4-H Club Exhibitors

Kent County 4-H Clubs will be represented at the annual 4-H Club crop and egg show held Farmers' Week at Michigan State College. Potatoes, corn, beans will make up the crop exhibit with 5 dozen loaves each of white and brown eggs. Kent County clubs won nearly \$1200 in prize money in 1938, all of which went to the exhibitor except some expense money for transportation of exhibits to the State Fair.

Good Posture, Good Style

Keeping the chin up may be a good piece of advice for everyone and its a necessary one for good style, say the experts in clothing. "Feature is the foundation of style," says Miss Marjorie Eastman, clothing specialist of Michigan State College, who will conduct the meeting for leaders on January 24 at the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

JOINING DRIVE FOR NEW AND BETTER HOMES

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth have joined the "new and better homes" drive in the construction of a modern two-story wood frame house just east of their present home located 2 1/2 miles west of Foxes Corners on the South Vergennes rd. The house will have 11 rooms and will be 32x24 in size. There will be a full bath downstairs and a lavatory upstairs. A fireplace will be built in the living room and a heater installed in it. Construction began around Thanksgiving Day and the Roth family hopes to move in the latter part of April.

One reason why society is what it is can be seen when one contemplates the compensation given a football coach and a professor.

Girl Scout Troop Initiates Thirteen

Since last fall, a girl scout troop has been functioning in Lowell. Twenty-six girls are members with Mrs. Malcolm Correll as captain and Miss Sonja Petrofsky as lieutenant.

At the last meeting on January 11, thirteen girls were initiated as full-fledged girl scouts.

Merle Elari, Vivian Elari, Helen Christiansen, Gloria Doyle, Virginia Doyle, Roberta Hahn, Claradell Hill, Roberta Mill, Jane Peckham, Gloria Pennock, Marie Rowland, Lillian Stormand, and Donna Thorne. This proved to be an excellent meeting with several mothers attending. Girl scouts have a troop committee composed of Mrs. Robert B. Mill, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, and Mrs. Chas. Doyle which serves in an advisory capacity.

There is a big project on hand for Saturday, January 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Condon will hold a cookie sale to make money for their various needs as a growing troop. Orders will be taken ahead of time and filled on the morning of the 23rd. Phone orders to any of the girl scouts or to Mrs. Correll at 243-P2. On Saturday, 23th, cookies will be sold by the scouts from hahn's grocery.

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Noted Men, Women On Program

Nationally known speakers with subjects ranging from microbes to bread and butter have accepted invitations to address audiences during the 24th annual Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 3.

To start the parade of orators will be John Brandt, Minneapolis, president of the Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc. His address will be heard Monday afternoon in a dairy symposium as a feature of Dairy Day. His subject will include progress of the national butter merchandising campaign.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday speakers will address women while male audiences hear agricultural lectures. Women's speakers will include Miss Gladys Winegar, New York City textile adviser. Her talk will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 31, the same day that Dr. W. L. Mallman, bacteriology professor at the college discusses "Are There Microbes in Your Meals?" Wednesday, Mrs. Clara Gebhard Snyder, Chicago foods specialist, presents a lecture demonstration on breads. Dr. Martin H. Hoffman, Detroit, speaks Thursday on mental hygiene. Another Detroit speaker Thursday will be Mrs. Belva Sanford discussing home furnishings.

For general programs the Farmers' Week audiences Wednesday will hear Louis Tabor, Washington, D. C., master of the National Grange. His subject, "Four Horsemen of Recovery." Thursday's main speaker for the general program is to be Dr. J. Preston Bradley, pastor of the People's Church in Chicago. His subject is "Americanism."

During the annual livestock banquet Tuesday evening the speaker is to be James E. Rice, president of the executive committee of the World's Poultry Congress. He is scheduled for an earlier address in the Tuesday afternoon general program. Farm crops leaders have invited Dr. F. D. Keim for a Tuesday morning talk as well as an address for the annual Crop Improvement banquet Tuesday evening.

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Looks as though the coming Citizens' Caucus for the Village of Lowell will be lived up to a bit as it is reported that three candidates will seek the nomination for Village Treasurer to succeed the incumbent, Elmer S. White, who is now finishing his second term and is therefore not eligible under the statutes for renomination.

Candidates seeking the nomination are said to be A. R. Smith, F. Earle Haner and Gus Winger. The nominating caucus is to be held at Lowell City Hall Monday evening, February 20 at 7:30. The date of the Village Election is the second Monday in March, which this year falls on the 13th.

Here's a paragraph from the pen of J. J. Pope in the last issue of the Grandville Star-Alliance:

"IT'S LOWELL in the limelight—AGAIN. I doubt if there is a town in all Michigan which periodically attracts more attention than this fine Kent village of two thousand inhabitants. We pick up our morning newspaper and scan the headlines and the if that town doesn't make the front page once a week, there is something decidedly unusual. How does Lowell get that way? Well, first of all it has possibly a greater share of civic-minded leaders—it has more than its share of political big-wigs. And of course one cannot feel that their famed Snowboat adds to the area's importance."

Business men should be obliged to read Aesop's Fables.

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Along Main St.

Miss Ruth Potter of Lowell is listed among the students at the aviation school being conducted in Iowa and which is being sponsored by the State Aeronautics Department.

Ge. whiz? Thermometers along Main-st. this (Thursday) morning registered six degrees below zero—a drop of 30 degrees from Wednesday afternoon. The entire landscape is covered with about four inches of snow.

Annual dinner and election of officers of Lowell Board of Trade will be held at Lowell City Hall on Monday evening, January 30, at 7:00 o'clock sharp. The program committee will provide a first class speaker. Further details regarding the program in next week's Ledger.

The Ledger has begun publication of a comic strip entitled "The House of Hazards," which we trust our younger readers will enjoy—and we think most of our older readers will also get a good laugh each week. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

Postmaster F. J. Hosley is in receipt of a letter from the U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., stating that a construction engineer will arrive in Lowell this week Saturday for the purpose of discussing construction of Lowell's new post office with the contractors, the C. R. Chappeler Construction Company of Sylvania, Ohio. The contract calls for the completion of the post office within 300 days.

Extension of the South Lowell electric line of the Municipal plant was approved at a special meeting of the common council held last Monday evening. The line to be extended will take in the Evan Roper farm, formerly owned by Rev. David F. Warner. The council also voted at this meeting to install a five h. p. siren in the tower on the city hall to take the place of the 2 1/2 h. p. siren which has been in use for the past several years.

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Word was received by Lowell friends Tuesday of the passing of Mrs. Laura Allen Force, 85, wife of the late George Henry Force, on Tuesday of this week at the home of her son, Raymond C. Force in Piedmont, Calif.

Mrs. Force was taken ill soon after reaching Piedmont, enroute to her home at Brentwood Heights after spending the summer in Michigan. While visiting in Lowell she was a guest of the Messes Katherine, Martha and Agnes Perry.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) morning at the Wee Kirk of the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif. Mrs. Force is survived by two sons, Raymond and Harold W. Force of Lowell for many years during which time she made many lasting friendships. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to the bereaved family.

Third Week of Clothing Clearance

Much activity has marked the first two weeks of our Annual Clearance sale of Suits, Overcoats and Topcoats. The reason is clear. Our regular price is from \$3 to \$5 under city quotations on same makes. At 20% off from a low first cost the values are just that much more attractive.

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A SOUND DOCTRINE

Every governmental official or board that handles public money should publish at regular intervals an accounting of its howing, where and how each dollar is spent. We hold this to be a fundamental principle of democratic government.

Health - Hygiene

Disseminated through the Kent County Health Department by the State Joint Committee on Public Health Education, (Kent County Medical Society Co-operating)

VITAMIN C

Vitamin C comes largely from tomato and citrus fruit juice and is necessary to human life. Babies cannot be reared on milk alone. Adults soon succumb to numerous water soluble Vitamin C containing diseases when deprived of this element. Potatoes, apples and many fruits and vegetables contain Vitamin C.

First of all consider your teeth. Study mouth aches for growing children. First see your dentist. Second, use toothbrush and toothpaste. Third, use water soluble Vitamin C containing toothpaste. Fourth, use water soluble Vitamin C containing toothbrush. Fifth, use water soluble Vitamin C containing toothbrush.

What's the Answer?

Here is another question in line with some of our safe driving columns. It is in the nature of a quiz. It is in the nature of a quiz. It is in the nature of a quiz.

But It's True

It would be many days before you could fill up your automobile with gas. It is a good time to make an inventory of your gear supplies. Tools, fertilizers, sprays and dusting powders and seeds should be listed. Then you can study your catalog with an eye out for what you especially need and place your order.

F.D.R. Addresses Nation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt has delivered his 100th message to Congress in the House of Representatives.



Merry-Go-Round

A pandiarist established Ben Bernie and asked for a dime for a cup of coffee. "But" protested Bernie, "coffee is only a nickel."

Broadway Gaps

When one barber cuts another barber's hair, which one of them does the hair?

Light and Power

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Council Proceedings

Central Garage... 4.41
R. E. Spraggett... 4.41
M. E. Henry... 4.41

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Critical Times

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Lowell Items

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Deaths: Cornelius Gillies, aged 64, at his home in Ada, Mrs. Frances...

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This and That

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washburn visited relatives in Grandville Sunday.

West Lowell

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Johnson and family are spending the winter in West Lowell.

Mapes District

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rowland were callers at the Clarence Meyer home in Lowell Thursday afternoon.

Hickory Hollow

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sparks and children spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Taylor in Grandville.

White's Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ingersoll and Mrs. Grace Lee and Mrs. M. J. Clifton were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Taylor in Grandville.

Church News

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Walter T. Ratcliffe, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a. m.

United Brethren Church

W. B. Harwood, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a. m.
Worship Service-11:30 a. m.

Seventh Day Adventist

Church services are being held every Saturday at 2:00 p. m. in the church building.

Catholic Parishes

St. Mary's-Lowell
Rev. Fr. Jewell, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

Alamo Baptist Church

W. B. Harwood, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a. m.

Church of the Nazarene

C. L. Bradley, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a. m.
Worship Service-11:00 a. m.

Lowell Gospel Church

Charles W. Boman, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a. m.
Worship Service-11:00 a. m.

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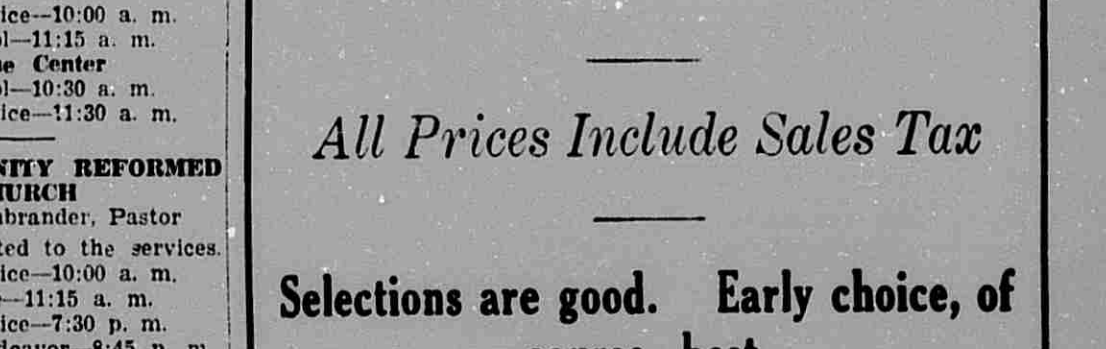
\$18.00 Overcoats - now \$14.40
20.00 Overcoats - now 16.00
22.75 Overcoats - now 18.20

SUITS

\$35.00 Suits - now \$26.40
29.00 Suits - now 23.20
25.00 Suits - now 20.00

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There comes a Moment by LINOR MAXWELL

THE STORY Mary's lips straightened into a grimace...

CHAPTER II On Christmas day there were a lot of people...

Lelia, who had slipped from the room, unnoted, now returned, her arms laden with gold, narrow boxes...

"How nice of you, Lelia," she exclaimed. "But how in the world do you know that I wear a six and a half?"

"And that I take seven," demanded Lelia. "Ah, that's due to Aunt Linnie's excellent bookkeeping..."

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First Girl Page

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Pretty Gene Cox, 19-year-old daughter of Representative E. B. Cox...

Wins Degree

that's been published in that time, and besides, I've written a few short stories, my dear...

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Helen Hayes, the actress, photographed as she was interviewed by reporters here after announcements...

Love Finds A Way

Primitive Methods

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SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT of the Lowell Building & Loan Association

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EXPENSES

RESERVE FOR MATURITIES

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Plumbing, Heating Electric Pumps Stoves Glass

Chas. W. Cook

Cascade Mrs. M. Vandenberg

S. W. Bowne Mrs. L. T. Anderson

South Bowne Mrs. Jennie Pardee

Low District Mrs. Gertrude Thomas

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McCord's Matters Mrs. R. T. Williams

Manager's Week

DEDICATED this week to our store managers

White House Milk

RAISINS SEEDLESS

CHEESE WISCONSIN CREAM

RINSO - OXYDOL

ARMOUR'S STAR POTTED MEAT

GREEN TEA BULK

PEANUT BUTTER

ARMOUR'S STAR CORNED MEATS

Canned Pea SALE

Canned Peas are Better, Cheaper This Year
—Canned peas are rich in Vitamins A and B and the vitamin C content is higher than in certain fruits. There are also valuable mineral salts, in the brine as well as in the peas—and this brine should not be thrown away but saved for soups, etc. It's smart to buy canned peas this year.

- PEAWAUKEE LAKE Peas regular 10c value 3 no. 2 cans 25c
- OSHKOSH PEAS Save 5c on every 2 cans Can 10c
- FANCY SIFTED R. & W. Peas 2 no. 2 cans 33c
- MONARCH Needles lb. cello. 13c
- RED & WHITE Red Salmon no. 1 tall can 23c
- POPSY P'nt Better 2 lbs. 23c
- RED KING Dog Food 6 cans 29c
- Roy'l Be'sorts 5 pkgs. 25c Single Package 6c
- BROKEN SLICED Pineapple no. 2 1/2 can 21c
- NA-CO Catsup tall bot. 10c
- RED-N-RIPE Tomatoes 4 no. 2 cans 29c
- Clorox qt. 25c
- RED & WHITE Gloss Starch 2 pkgs. 15c
- Palmolive So'p 3 bars 17c
- RED & WHITE Soap Flakes box 18c
- Fels Naptha 6 bars 25c

CHOICE RIPE YELLOW BANANAS 4 lbs. 25c
California Juice Oranges doz. 10c

- HEAD LETTUCE - - each 7c
- Pork Sausage GRADE NO 1 lb. 15c
- Pure Lard RENDERED 2 lbs. 19c
- FRESH Ground Beef 2 lbs. 35c
- Bacon Squares lb. 14c Fat Bacon lb. 12c
- Spare Ribs lb. 17c Pork Steak lb. 20c
- Beef Ribs lb. 15c Lamb Stew lb. 10c
- Calf Hearts lb. 15c Pig Liver lb. 15c

Pork Roast CENTER CUT SHOULDER lb. 16c
Lamb Shoulder lb. 17c
NO BONES NOWASTE lb. 25c
Larded for extra flavor.

Dry Salt Pork lb. 12 1/2c
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The Administration feels more hopeful for Congressional repeal of the arms embargo provisions in the Neutrality Act. Officials contend it is foolish to forbid sale of munitions to warring countries while permitting sale of oil, cotton, chemicals and other war materials.

Business services declare there will be a 20 per cent increase in 1939.

There's much to learn—the world is changing.

NEW BARBER SHOP
I will open Friday morning, Jan. 20, with a new barber shop at the MARLE SCOTT BEAUTY PARLOR, W. Main-st. I will be glad to see all my friends, old and new, at my new location and will endeavor to give the best service possible, all year around, as I have abandoned the practice of summer work in northern Michigan.
DAVE WASHBURN

Social Events

Birthday Dinner
Mrs. James Denton entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Denton. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Orley Rulison, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mrs. Mary Ransford, Harold Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Fletcher.

Marriage License
Donald M. Mullen, 31, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen; Blanche Thom, 29, Grand Rapids.

School of Instruction
A fine representation of members from Ada and Saranac Eastern Star Chapters joined Lowell Chapter in a school of instruction Monday evening at the Masonic Temple when Mrs. Grace McFarlane of Grand Rapids, Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Michigan Order of the Eastern Star, gave the school.

There were about 85 present and a number of past Grand officers as well as Kent County Association officers. Other guests were from Ionia, Clarksville and Grand Rapids.

Vergennes Extension Class
The West Vergennes Extension class met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Mary Bennett. Two new members were enrolled. After the lesson by the leaders, the ladies spent the afternoon cutting patterns for block printing and stamping material for designs.

Social Brevities
The ladies of the Book Review Club held their annual dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Oatley Tuesday evening and entertained their husbands.

Mrs. Paul Kellogg entertained the bridge club Thursday evening. Honors went to Miss Mary Arhart and Mrs. Ray Bergin.

The Child Study Club will meet Monday evening, Jan. 23, at the home of Mrs. Henry Wood. Mrs. Doris Roth will give the report.

Mrs. Rosella Yelzer will entertain the Women's Missionary Society at her home Friday afternoon, Jan. 20. Mrs. D. A. Wingeler is in charge of the Book Review. Tea will be served after the program.

The next meeting of the Peckham Group will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Quick at 2:30 Friday afternoon, Jan. 20. All members please attend.

The Rebekah ladies will sponsor a food sale at the Lowell Bowling Alley on Saturday, Jan. 21, starting at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The Consumers Power Co. of Grand Rapids will present moving pictures at North Bell P. T. A. Friday night and there will be other interesting features on the program which will be followed by supper.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Moore, a 6 1/2 lb. daughter, Judith Lee, on Friday, Jan. 13, at the Luz Maternity Home.

Lowell Loses Game In Overtime Period
Last Friday night the Belding High School basketball team took the locals into camp in an overtime period. The smaller Belding team had a greater determination to win than did the locals as they showed by their hard fighting from start to finish. Up until midway in the last quarter the entire game was pretty much Belding. After trailing at the end of each of the first three periods the locals forged ahead for the first time and took a four point lead only to be cancelled when the locals failed to be content with conservative playing and allowed the Beldingites to tie the score 24-24. In the overtime period Waite, Belding's guard who had been held scoreless up to this point, shot the winning basket giving Belding a win by the new "sudden death" method of determining tie basketball games.

Summary

Player	FG	FT	P
Lowell 24			
Kyser	2	3	3
Lalley	2	0	0
Phelps	2	0	3
Stauffer	4	1	0
Aithen	0	0	0
Maloney	0	0	4
Belding 26			
Price	2	1	2
Butphen	4	0	2
Johnson	1	0	4
Waite	1	1	0
Middleton	2	2	3
Price, B.	1	0	0

The Lowell seconds took it on the chin to the tune of 25-15.

At Grandville Friday
Friday night of this week the locals travel to Grandville where they will meet the Grandville five for the second time this season. In the other game Lowell was the winner by the narrow margin of 24-22. At the present time Lowell rests in second position in the conference having lost only to East thus far who is leading the conference.

A squirrel uses its tail as a parachute and a windbreak, and so he always keeps it in good condition, combing and fluffing it out.

Press Letter

Contains Much of Public Interest

Roads, Gambling, Medicine, Etc.

(Michigan Press Association)

By beating the legislature "to the draw" through Nov. 8 adoption of the anti-diversion amendment, Commissioner Murray D. ("Pat") VanWagoner of the state highway department has put the "good roads" cause in rather an invulnerable position for 1939.

In fact, there is considerable speculation as to what, if anything, legislators can do to clip VanWagoner's wings.

Voters back home possess a peculiar yearning for more highways. The chamber of commerce is always agitating a road improvement or another that would take motorists from somewhere to elsewhere. Good road sentiment knows no party lines; it thrives amid all income groups.

When Governor Fitzgerald proposed that the highway department provide free ferry service at the Straits of Mackinac, building its own office building at Lansing, and cease dipping into general funds, he threatened what former Governor Murphy tried to do in spirit. Murphy wanted to divert highway funds for welfare relief; instead the legislature authorized a "blank check" for \$10,000,000.

Free Ferries
The free ferry idea, like free school books, sounds fine. Obviously, such a service would be popular, for motorists are just as human as anyone else. The present law provides that the ferry toll charge shall meet the cost of operating the ferry service which approximates a half million dollars each year.

Where the difficulty arises is over the financing of a bridge across the Straits. In all estimates made so far, engineers have assumed that the tremendous investment would be liquidated in part, if not eventually, through payment of toll fees. Once the state authorized free ferry service, bridge sentiment would rapidly subside.

The office building recommendation has merit, as has the suggestion that no further appropriations be made from the state general fund.

Those latter proposals, like the first, will have to run the inevitable gauntlet of good road boosters who want every highway dollar available for matching by the federal government. Washington will send Michigan in 1939 a total of \$4,114,084 for highway improvements. Of this amount, \$3,012,993 will match state funds on a 50-50 basis; \$451,949 will match funds that are raised 50-50 by counties and the state, and \$649,141 will be an outright grant to build grade separations in metropolitan districts.

On Feb. 3, Governor Fitzgerald will face the same hurdle that Murphy had one year ago. On that day the Michigan Good Roads federation holds a big rally at Grand Rapids, to which the governor has been invited to speak.

Gambling, Civil Service
The honeymoon period for the new state administration has been unexpectedly upset by a press campaign over gambling in Macomb county.

Taking the position that county officials, the sheriff and prosecuting attorney, are responsible for local law enforcement, Governor Fitzgerald let it be known, early this month, that gambling was a home rule responsibility. He didn't intend to order the state police hither and yon to clean up local conditions, unless or until the probate judge officially sends the local officials and thereby invites the state to intervene.

Actually, this position is no innovation with Fitzgerald, and everyone concedes that there is plenty of good common sense in his views. But it has been most annoying, to put it mildly, A compensating factor, however, is the announced determination of the new liquor control chairman, Orrin A. DeMass.

Waterless Cookery

At Kroger Store

The free cooking demonstration being conducted at Kroger's Store, 107 Main St. is attracting much attention from housekeepers of Lowell and surrounding communities.

Jay Bolens, manager of the Lowell Kroger store, is extending a cordial invitation to the housekeepers to visit the store and take advantage of the opportunity offered them in learning to cook the waterless way in Majestic Waterless Cookware.

A food expert, Miss Bormann, is conducting these interesting and instructive demonstrations and one of the pleasing features of the demonstration is its informality.

A free roasted chicken will be given away at 7:30 Saturday night. The equipment used is explained by the demonstrator and its particular value demonstrated, as are the latest ways of preparing delicacies for the home table. For Thursday, Jan. 19, she will cook a ham, potatoes, beets, carrots an upside-down cake and biscuits for the benefit of the ladies present.

Besides saving the full natural flavors, juices, minerals and water soluble vitamins, the waterless cookware saves in fuel as cooking is done with low heat. Meals cooked in waterless cookware result in maximum food satisfaction at minimum cost.

Odds and Ends
Eaton county is as free from gambling as any county in Michigan; notice to other counties that the sheriff's department can suppress gambling if it cares to.—Charlotte Republican Tribune.

Insiders around the White House speak confidently of the prospect that two more vacancies will occur on the Supreme Court, through retirement, in the months just ahead. There is reported assurance that the Far West will be recognized in the President's next appointment.

Although he has owned three autos, Edward Thomas of Portland prefers the old fashioned "safe, sane, and slow" way of traveling. Thomas, who is a 71-year-old Fowlerville farmer, recently made a 100-mile trip to visit friends in Ada, traveling in an ancient survey, drawn by two fine driving horses.

Members of the Keego Harbor chamber of commerce were enjoying dinner one evening, when someone made the belated announcement that the tasty dish everyone thought was rabbit, was really muskrat. Several appetites were satisfied immediately, although about 60 rats had already been eaten by the 65 guests.

Noticing that rats were undermining his farm buildings, Ben Prokeson of Sebawa put on his own piped pipe cap. When he plunged his spade into nest while digging, a swarm of rats streamed out. Then he and his wife, armed with clubs, started swinging. The couple killed 32, and another battle under the corn crib netted 65 of the pests.

Official reports to the contrary, Herr Hans Thomsen, counselor and charge d'affaires of the German Embassy in Washington, who has been acting as Ambassador since the recall of Herr Dieckhoff, will also shortly be returning to Berlin, leaving nothing but a shell of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Charles E. Dodge, gasoline station attendant at Romeo, turned in a professional job of the human fly type of wall climbing recently. When he noticed sparks on the roof of nearby church, Dodge ran from his station. Climbing up the porch column and eaves, he reached the roof and ripped off the burning shingles, holding the fire in check until firemen arrived.

President Roosevelt's budget message, in which he accepted publicly the theory that Government spending can promote recovery, was prepared entirely within the Treasury Department, which in the past has been the center of opposition to the spending theory. No spending theorist saw the message before its presentation.

A dark picture of the future of the British Empire was painted for members of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees by ranking American ambassadors. Some members said privately that they received the impression that this country's ambassadors were selling the idea that the United States should use its power to bulwark the Empire of Britain in a time of stress.

The grapevine has it that both the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board have expressed to the White House their deep-seated opposition to a revival of processing taxes now requested by Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture. Each of these organizations has been given by the President to understand that there is very slight prospect of revived taxes on food-stuffs and clothing.

Several Fremont youngsters were thoroughly frightened when a gas station attendant told them the foul-smelling substance they found in an old car was the body of a child. When State Police investigated, they couldn't find the corpse. Later it was learned that the station attendant had placed the body of a dead cat in the car, to discourage children from rummaging in old cars in a nearby used car lot.

Speaking of civil service, it is already definitely known that Governor Fitzgerald will not allow the basic theory of the law to be scuttled. Auditor General Vernon J. Brown has much the same view although he wants to see the present law "humanized", as he expresses it. Wm. A. Irving, editor and publisher of the Sanilac (Sanilac) Republican-Tribune, named to the commission by Governor Fitzgerald to succeed Stuart H. Perry, editor of the Adrian Telegram, resigned, both republicans, is friendly to the law with amendments along the same line suggested by Mr. Brown.—Marie H. Deane in Charlotte Republican-Tribune.

Obituary

Mrs. Fred Gramer
Elva Lee Gramer was born July 19, 1887 at Entrick, the daughter of Joseph and Emma Gibson Lee. On Nov. 14, 1905 she was united in marriage with Fred Gramer of Lowell. To this union was born one daughter, Thea.

Mrs. Gramer had lived in Lowell and community for many years and was known to a large number of friends who held her in the highest esteem. She was known as a patient sufferer during her long and painful illness. She passed away January 11 at her home and funeral services were held last Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Roth Chapel with burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Fred; the daughter, Mrs. H. W. Perry of Camp Lake; her mother, Mrs. Emma Lee of Jackson and a brother, Frank Lee of Battle Creek.

Card of Thanks
We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses to our wife and mother, Mrs. Gramer, during her long illness and also for the beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy at her death.

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More Local News
Mrs. Lyle Webster returned home Monday from Blodgett hospital and is much improved.

Mrs. Reuben Lee is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh, in Chicago this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jefferies and Harold Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Imus of Ionia were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsend of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Higgins of Keene were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Devering. Mrs. John Hunter and daughter, Ada Cook Smyrna, were afternoon callers.

Recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aldrich were C. E. Carey and friend, Mrs. Helen Eckman and daughters, Howard Aldrich and daughter of Grand Rapids and Wilbur Burras.

Dorothy Lampkin and Maryann Weaver and Richard Lampkin of Grand Rapids were guests of Clinton Christoff at the Soph Formal Friday evening at Walwood hall, Western State Teachers College.

Hugh Beahan of St. Joseph Seminary, Grand Rapids, and formerly of Lowell, was rushed to St. Mary's hospital last week Thursday suffering from pneumonia. He is seriously ill and no hopes for his recovery were entertained until Tuesday morning, when doctors gave a slight indication of improvement.

Hugh is in an oxygen tent and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Beahan, are with him. His many Lowell friends hope to hear of his complete recovery soon.

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