

UNCLE SAM'S BIGGER INCOME THE TOTAL income of the American people for 1939 is estimated by government authorities as \$68,500,000,000. This is \$4,500,000 more than the national income for 1938.

BACKLOG FOR 1940 THE heavy industries, say the financial authorities, enter the new year with a large reserve of unfilled orders. The machine and equipment makers are said to have a heavier backlog of such orders than they have had since 1930.

HELP FOR OLD AGE THE nation-wide social security plan providing monthly old age and survivors benefits has gone into effect. This is realized an ideal for which social reformers have long been contending.

WELL PRICES RISE? MANY authorities think there will be a rise in prices in 1940. Prices are always expected to rise in war time, and the present gradual gain in prosperity tends to do away with the low prices that prevailed up to a few months ago.

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Thirteen in Race For Congress Post In 5th District To Run it Off On January 25

Nine Republicans and four Democrats are in the race for party nominations for congress in the special primary to be held in the fifth district January 25.

Republican Candidates Andrew Bolt, Grand Rapids, state representative. Harvey E. Clay, Grand Rapids, retired industrial executive.

Democratic Candidates Rev. James W. Hallwood, Grand Rapids, former state representative. (Hallwood's candidacy is in question. He is now in Utah and has asked that his petitions stand after he had decided to withdraw.)

Big Vote Expected Both the Republican and Democratic county committees are preparing to take an active part in the primary campaign not on behalf of any individual candidates, but in drive to bring out the votes.

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HOME TOWN THOUGHTS Have you some ideas as to how our community could make progress in 1940? If so, don't keep them to yourself.

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The total tax spread on the Lowell village tax roll for the year 1939 was \$13,440.78, all of which has been collected by treasurer Elmer S. White.

Have you made your gift yet to the relief of Finland? Help is sorely needed, all donations will help, no matter how small or large.

They don't have Showboats in Texas, but they do have snowboats. It rarely snows in Gainsville in the Lone Star state so when four inches of snow fell Saturday, Robert Bridges hitched up a 12-foot rowboat to his car and took the youngsters for a sleighride.

The best joke of the week happened when Billie Rogell, for several years the well-known Tiger shortstop, was here a few days ago on a business trip.

At the American Legion meeting held Tuesday night at the Legion club rooms, Commander Frank L. Stephens reported that the proceeds of the Legion Fair held in November provided Christmas baskets for 35 families.

Mr. John Fahrni, manager of the local branch of the Michigan department of state motor vehicle division, announced that she has received instructions from Secretary of State Harry F. Kelly that it is no longer necessary for car owners to present 1939 license plates when they apply for 1940 tags.

In renewing her subscription to the Ledger, Mrs. Minnie Uebele of 408 Floyd Street, Toledo, Ohio, states that she has been a continuous reader of this paper for 45 years and during all that time she has missed receiving only three issues.

Friends of J. M. Hutchinson will be glad to know that he and others residing at the Michigan Masonic Home at Alma enjoyed a happy Christmas holiday. In a letter to the Ledger Mr. Hutchinson says: "We had a very elaborate Christmas. The dinner was fine, turkey galore and all the good things."

Is your home town really like a home? Do you feel a sentimental attachment to it, which makes you a bit homesick when you go on your travels? Or are you constantly longing to go somewhere else?

Johns, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff. Speaking of old-fashioned, whatever became of the girl who used to blush from embarrassment? ... Science tells us a man is able to tell all he knows in two hours but that should hold good only if a woman is present.

Each game will start at 8 o'clock and Mr. Burdick extends a cordial invitation to the public to witness the contests.

Engraved wedding invitations and announcements. See samples at Ledger office.

Adult Night School Starts Here Jan. 17

Interesting Classes to Be Held For Both Men and Women

John Kleinhekel, head of the agriculture department of Lowell high school, announces the completion of plans for the adult night school which begins next week Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, in the Ag. room of the high school.

The discussion at the meeting on Wednesday evening, January 17, will center around things that are new in farming, which will include a review of the artificial insemination unit under operation at Paw Paw, and interesting facts concerning milk production. Motion pictures will be shown.

Classes For Women Mrs. Martha E. Tucker, R. N. Director, conducts classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick for the Grand Rapids Chapter, American Red Cross and will start her first class here January 24.

Kent's Highway Viewed With Pride By All Citizens Improvements In Every Township

"From the standpoint of real accomplishments, the year 1939 has been one of the most successful in the history of the Kent county road commission," Otto S. Hess, manager and engineer for the road group, declared in summarizing last year's activities.

In the year, the road commission completed 44 miles of high-type gravel roads to be used as bases for blacktop surfaces in the future and 46 miles of so-called "turnpike" gravel roads.

Perhaps the most interesting results to the public, however, is the conversion of virtual wastelands of cutover oak and pine land into arteries for all-year travel. These projects require intricate planning and open up country that even the oldest residents of the county have regarded all their lives as "impossible and impassable."

Only through the co-operation of the 24 townships has the road commission been able to achieve the continued improvement of township roads, the manager asserted. During the depression, he explained, the weight tax revenues for the county were reduced greatly; at the same time, all of the 1911 (now a father of three children) he sold the little home they had accumulated and entered the University of Michigan with a determination to study law and fit himself for greater service.

As a student of science and government he has kept in touch with all developments and is well known throughout Michigan as a public speaker. His years of study and experience fit him well for this most important office and he assures his friends, if nominated and elected, he will give his very best service as our representative, individually and collectively, for the state and nation.

Henry Watson will hold a public auction sale at the Riggs farm, located 6 1/2 miles northwest of Lowell in the very near future. Watch this paper in next week's issue for the date and complete list. A good list of 20 high Jersey cows, six heifers, some registered cows and a registered bull, Farmall tractor and equipment, 500 crates corn, oats, hay and ensilage.

Subscribe for the Ledger, \$2.00 per year.

Churches Resume School of Religion

The Congregational and Methodist Churches will conduct a Community School of Religion, beginning Feb. 7, and continuing for six consecutive Wednesday evenings. This is the second venture of this kind undertaken by the local churches. Last fall, a six week school was held. The enthusiastic response to that school, prompted the drafting of plans for another.

Leone Alexander, 56, Passes Saturday Leone A. Alexander, 56, lifelong resident of Lowell, passed away at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, last Saturday after an illness of about five weeks.

Mary H. Blakeslee Laid to Rest at 88 Funeral services were held at the Haner Chapel Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary Blakeslee, 88, who passed away last Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Seth Milliken in Lansing.

Bartel J. Jonkman Seeks To Represent The Fifth Congressional District Life's Experiences and Education Fit Him for Position To Serve Us

He served Kent county as assistant prosecutor from 1915 to 1921 and as the prosecutor from 1922 to 1936. He was born in Kent county April 25, 1884, the eldest son of Rev. J. E. and Sarah Jonkman. At the age of 13 he finished a common school education and sought employment in a furniture factory to assist his parents.

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Thus far no drive for funds has been undertaken and all contributions have been voluntary and this is as it should be for the plight of the Finnish people is well known to all. Women, children and old men have been forced to flee from their homes and take refuge in the rural districts, where the homes are sadly over-crowded, sometimes as many as 90 persons huddled together in one farm house.

The Finnish Relief fund, Mr. VanDyke states is attempting to meet the general relief needs of Finland. "Thousands," he said, "have been driven from their homes in Finland by the bombing and warfare and they must be provided with food, shelter and clothing. American Red Cross provides medical and hospital supplies, but in accord with its traditional international policy, does not attempt civilian aid for the aged, the women and children."

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UP and DOWN (By K. K. Vining) Not So Satisfactory

The County Agent's office gets inquiries about a cement sawdust mixture for floors. A letter from the Agricultural Engineering Department at Michigan State College to a Kent county farmer states their experience has not been very satisfactory, in fact rather disappointing.

Old Pictures Going through some files the other day we found some pictures taken in 1917. Among them were some of a Guernsey and calf club organized in the Caledonia neighborhood by H. G. Smith, County Farm Agent. The boys sent Smith and one or two parents to Wisconsin to buy calves. The club was organized November 9, 1917, and consisted of eleven boys. J. C. Proctor of the Caledonia Bank helped finance the deal, the boys raising cash crops in the summer of 1918 to pay for the calves.

Schools For Grownsups Adult night schools are starting in Kent schools the next two weeks. Next Monday night, Jan. 8, at Sand Lake and on Tuesday at Sparta, Jan. 9. Each of these schools will have school each Monday night for ten weeks. The Lowell classes will start Wednesday, Jan. 17, and continue for ten weeks.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LABINE Lengthy Congress in Prospect Despite FDR Peace Overtures; New Tax Measure Faces Fight

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily those of the newspaper.

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Health - Hygiene Disinfectant Through the Keast County Health Department by the State Joint Committee on Public Health Education

For centuries persons believed that night air was poisonous and so virtually sealed themselves into their sleeping rooms. Later, science proved that this itself, whether during the day or night, contained no toxic material.

FRESH AIR IN WINTER For centuries persons believed that night air was poisonous and so virtually sealed themselves into their sleeping rooms.

It was his news in early January that hardy Finnish troops had left 14,000 Bussans off from their base at Salla; had trapped numerous Finns in the near Suomussalmi; had captured a Russian base at Anttola; had repulsed four Soviet tank troops.

KENTUCKY'S BARLEY "It'll be here and here soon."

al of his "most-forever-ation" program in which the administration not only has the power to legislate, but also has the power to make the general law adjustable to quickly changing conditions.

Weekly Scrapbook Week's Best Recipe Gingerbread: 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 c shortening, 1/2 c molasses, 1 c hot water.

Washing Woollens Never dry woolen garments in sunlight, hot or cold winds.

Sewing Hints Fasten a safety pin to one end of your newly made belt for turning.

Vergettes Center N. E. K. Harry Ford starts his duties as pastor of the Methodist church here.

Western War Following column, there was more horseplay this warlike. The west end front was tomb, but at Buckner's Army German soldiers from the front.

Women's Club Jennie Baine of Belding, Mr. Cooley of Ionia, Mrs. Glenn Crookright of Ionia, Mrs. and Miss Estelle Anderson, visitors during the Sunday evening.

South Bowen Mrs. and Mrs. Elmer Shaffer were visitors of their friends at the Lowell, Lake Friday forenoon.

McCord's Matters Hickory Hollow Mrs. R. T. Williams and Mrs. Mary Rickert.

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Let us solve your problems PLUMBING, HEATING and Sheet Metal Work

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Michigan Bell Telephone Company

Ledger Entries LEAF YEAR PROPHOASIS

WHILE there has been an ancient idea that the custom of proposing marriage belongs only to the male, there is also a tradition that during Leap year women and girls are at liberty to ask the male for a proposal.

CARY GRANT stars in Columbia's great Howard Hawks production "HIS GIRL FRIDAY"

This top-flight player has just completed a major starring in motion picture comedy. See it at your local theater.

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Both may be smooth! Two swell performances you shouldn't miss. special winter RED CROWN GIVES CARS BIG "LIFT"

The following Standard Oil Stations are here to serve you in your own home Community: John Laver... West Main-st. Ray's Standard Service... East Main-st.

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This and That From Around the Old Town

Miss Goldie Dusee spent the week-end in Lansing. Miss Nita Clark spent last week in Grand Rapids with Mrs. Howard Collins.

Fresh, Home Made Vanilla and Molasses TAFFY

Lowell Items of 25, 30 and 35 Years Ago

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STORE-WIDE SALE! Ends Saturday, January 13 20% off Winter Wearables of All Kinds

Overcoats, Suits, Shoes and Rubbers, Underwear, Hosiery, Shirts, Work Clothing, Trousers, Gloves and Mittens.

One Woman's Musings By Mrs. L. Heninger. The season on muskrats and rabbits is closed, and now the sportsmen are turning to chasing foxes and fishing.

So. Lowell Busy Corners Mrs. Howard Bartlett

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The Girl With Irish Eyes
A Charming Serial Story
Written for Ledger Readers by KATHLEEN NORRIS



"I'm praying about it," Angela said, her cheeks red, before adding: "What now?"

"There was a man, 'one minute to nine.' She said, then yawning and smiling and stretching, 'and when the clock strikes, I'm going to bed.'"

"The kitchen door did not open; there was no telephone to ring, but the radio stuck, the beginning of the miracle was upon them."

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UNCOMMON AMERICANS
By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

She Wanted to Be President
The United States but it never was. It is a fiction, but it was that ambition of Victoria Clafin Woodhouse.

She started under the handicap of being born in Ohio to a family that was not only poor but despised."

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NEVER DREAMED A LOW-PRICED CAR COULD BE SO MARVELOUS!



L. E. JOHNSON
Main St. Pontiac Dealer Lowell, Mich.

So. Keene-No. Boston
The Jolly Community Club meets next Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Alvah Fuller on the Keely street.

Fallsburg & Vicinity
Mrs. Westly Miller
Mrs. Westly Miller was home from Grand Rapids a short time Sunday.

ALTO
ALTO IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1939

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Receivables, and Total Assets. Liabilities include Deposits, Loans, and Total Liabilities.

MEMORANDA
To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Farmers State Bank of Alto, Michigan.

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH
W. R. Gardner, Pastor
Bible School at 9:00 a. m. Ed-ward's Church, Chertsey, Mich.

ALASKA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Garvin, Minister
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes for all.

Spring Hill-East Ada
Bill Vandermark burned his left hand Monday morning when his hair caught fire while he was trying to start it.

Don't Forget to Help
State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan
705 Church St., Flint, Michigan

NO PERSONAL SOLICITATION
Mayors of South Africa have united to raise a fund of \$50,000 to purchase surplus agricultural products and plant them in the Allies in Europe.

Council Proceedings

VILLAGES OF LOWELL
The regular meeting of the Council of the Villages of Lowell was held on Monday evening, Dec. 10, 1939.

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STRANGE SUPERSTITIONS

By Edwin Finch
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**FRIDAY, JAN. 12th**  
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**Coming Events**

Rockford Rebekah Lodge will install Island City Rebekah Lodge officers for 1940 at the lodge rooms on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16. Members please turn out. 34-25

The Triple C Circle will meet Friday, Jan. 12, at 3:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Doyle.

The Lowell Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the home of Mrs. Robert D. Hahn at 2:30.

The German Ladies Aid will meet January 18 at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Wittenbach near Belding.

Regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., will be held this week Friday evening.

The Leonora Perry Group will meet with Mrs. Martin Houseman Friday afternoon.

Public dinner at Mrs. E. L. Kington's home on Monroe-ave., Thursday, Jan. 18, at noon.

All motion pictures entering Switzerland are now subject to military censorship.

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**Social Events**

**Hansen-Converse**

The parsonage of the Methodist church at Ionia was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday evening, Dec. 30, when Miss Ruth E. Converse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Converse of Keene, became the bride of Mr. Walter Hansen of Greenville, the ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Dunbar.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luther of Greenville. After the wedding a delicious supper was served by the bride's parents at their home in Keene, the guests being, besides the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen, parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luther and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Converse, all of Greenville.

After short wedding trip to Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen returned to Greenville, where they will make their residence. Both are employed in the Gibson Refrigerator factory.

**Surprise Birthday Party**

Mrs. L. E. Johnson was pleasantly surprised last Monday evening when about twenty friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Sinclair to honor her on her birthday. After a delicious potluck supper, Mrs. Johnson was presented with a lovely gift. Cards were then played, honors going to Bill Hunter, Mrs. Floyd Boyce and Bert Charles. Guests departed wishing Mrs. Johnson many more happy birthdays.

**Moseley Extension Class**

A meeting of the Moseley Extension class was held January 3 at the home of Mrs. Margaret Moseley and was called to order by Mrs. Chris Kropf. Mrs. Kropf presented the lesson on "Patterns Suitable for Different Figures." Measurements for each member were taken to order patterns for a dress. The next lesson will be held Feb. 14 with Mrs. Frank Reusser.

**Honor Daughter at Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Kyser entertained with a week-end dinner last Friday evening in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Mrs. Douglas LaDue. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cahoon, Robert and Barbara Jean and Miss JoAnne Cahoon of Belding. After dinner, the young people enjoyed roller skating at Greenville.

**Honor Birthday**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterle entertained at their home in South Lowell Sunday with a dinner for the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Hardy, Dave Hardy, George Denton, Elvert Baird, Henry Hart and Forrest Smith. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Dave Hardy's birthday.

**District No. 9 PTA**

The PTA of District No. 9 met at the school house Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Baker in charge of the program. Readings, songs and games were enjoyed at the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Hardy, Dave Hardy, George Denton, Elvert Baird, Henry Hart and Forrest Smith. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Dave Hardy's birthday.

**Celebrates First Birthday**

Sandra Jeanne Vickery, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Vickery, celebrated her first birthday Sunday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kyser. Other guests were Carl Kyser and son Albert and John Callier. All enjoyed a delicious birthday dinner.

**Social Brevities**

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening with Mrs. D. H. Oakley, Mrs. Byrne McMahon as assistant hostess.

Miss Roberta Hahn will entertain her Sunday School class this (Thursday) evening.

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**More Local News**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denick spent their week-end in Jackson with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Sinclair visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lipscomb in Cannonsburg.

Mrs. Lottie Huhn of Saranac was a visitor at the Harley and Anna Maynard residence Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curtis of North Manchester, Ind., were Tuesday afternoon visitors at the O. J. Yeller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Booth of Ealsburg entertained her brother, Leonard Bozong and three sons for Sunday dinner.

Francis Sesse and daughter, Treva and Mrs. Lucy Stahl of Alto were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff.

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F. C. MacFarlane and John O. MacFarlane of Detroit spent Sunday with F. P. MacFarlane and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Westinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook and son Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Ughen VanWingen of Grand Rapids were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee.

Mrs. Nettie J. Wood this week received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Frances Berkwick of Berea, Ohio. Mrs. Wood was not able to attend the funeral because of illness.

Members from Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., to attend the meeting at Rockford Wednesday evening were Mesdames Eugene Carr, Bert Purchase, Charles Snyk, Hattie Peckham and L. E. Johnson.

Mrs. B. F. Kammeraad is reported as resting comfortably after a week's illness suffering from high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries. Her many friends and neighbors hope for her quick recovery to normal health.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yeller called at the Emanuel Yeller home near McCords Sunday afternoon and found Mr. Yeller, who has been ill with pneumonia, very much improved. They spent the evening at the Charles Smith home at Morse Lake.

Mrs. Wm. McConnell of Medina, Ohio, and Clifford Cholerton of Milwaukee, Wis., were called home by the illness of their mother, Mrs. Wm. H. Cholerton, whose condition, it is reported, remains about the same. Mrs. McConnell and Clifford will remain here for a time.

Mrs. Raymond Bergin was notified recently of the death of her father, John Carson, 83, of Amble, Pa. Mr. Carson resided here about 24 years ago. He is survived by the widow, Caroline, four sons and four daughters. Funeral services were held in Pennsylvania with burial in Bangor, Michigan.

**Harris Creek**

Mrs. Basil R. Vreeland

Miss Margaret Flynn returned to her school work at Nazareth Tuesday after spending the holiday vacation at home.

Mrs. Sophia Mumford and son Charles of Caledonia spent Sunday with Mrs. Edna Gell and daughter Ruth.

Mrs. J. E. Anderson and son Jerald spent Tuesday evening at the John Flynn home.

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Miss Margaret Gougherty spent Thursday afternoon at the John Flynn home.

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**IRISH EYES**  
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 ...  
 Read Every Thrilling Installment

**New Weapon Law Is Now in Force**

Obtaining of concealed weapon permits in 1940 will be more difficult than ever before because of a new law.

This may be a good thing, in the opinion of Lewis J. Donovan, county clerk. The number of weapons licensed in Kent county has grown steadily until in 1939 there was a top number of 597 permits issued, Donovan said. This was an increase of 25 over 1938.

Serving notice that the procedure will be more carefully checked henceforth, Donovan called attention to the fact that all applications must be obtained from county clerk. Before the county concealed weapon boards can act on such applications, those seeking permits must furnish fingerprints and these must be approved by the state safety department at Lansing and the FBI in Washington.

When an application finally is approved by the prescribed agencies and officials, the applicant must pay \$1 each year. This is the first time the fee has been charged. Half goes to the county coffers, the remainder to the state department of public safety.

A few permits were issued under these rules in the last month, but in 1940 the law really becomes universal.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 I wish to thank everyone for the many lovely cards and gifts at Christmas time. They are sincerely appreciated.  
 Alyn Fletcher

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 We wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who were so kind and thoughtful in connection with the funeral services and burial of our father, William L. Powell.  
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**Good Land Use Is Aim in 1940**

Today's goals in soil conservation in Michigan are to put what's left of our poor lands to the best use, but more important, to direct attention to the conservation of the more valuable acreages in what still is comparatively good farm land.

With that statement, E. C. Sackrider, Michigan State College representative and state coordinator in the soil conservation service of the United States Department of Agriculture, uses total acreage figures, not to alarm landowners, but to prove points of the 1940 goal.

The most accurate nationwide survey to date, Michigan is credited with a total of 619,000 acres on which severe erosion has made the land economically of no use for crops or grazing.

Contrast that with the state's total farmland acreage of more than 18 million. It doesn't seem serious. But on 4,497,000 other acres some serious erosion has occurred. Control measures must be applied to insure continued productivity.

Michigan has a total of 36,830,000 acres, but this includes forests and park areas and considerable acreage that is not properly farm land.

"Although the land picture in Michigan deserves close study and considerable better management, other states have suffered far more," says Sackrider. "For the nation with its total of 1,903,176,620 acres, the survey shows 775,678,000 acres seriously eroded, plus 282,215,700 with severe erosion and another 144,768,000 acres in mountain, badlands and mesa of which Michigan has none. Within this state, too many farmers still crop the toplands and hills but pasture the bottomlands. These fertile cultivatable bottomlands likely have equal productive possibilities with less susceptibility to erosion, and the toplands can grow the pasture.

The idea of physical force, the doctor explained, has been discarded for many years. Rather, the aim is to gain the cooperation of the patient. There is a hospital to care for the physically ill. There are many activities for the patients, suited to their needs and aggressiveness. Some of the methods of treatment are as follows: Hydrotherapy, or the use of baths of different temperatures and type for various conditions; electrotherapy, to induce fever for the cure of various types, that is, a study of the total personality from all angles, as far as science can go, as to the causes of mental disease; and occupational therapy, wherein hand skills are taught. After sufficient progress has been made in learning to do certain work, the patients are finally promoted to the industrial departments, to the place where production is the aim, and thus a trade has been learned whereby they can earn a living, if at last they are cured and dismissed. A large percentage do recover enough to be self-sustaining, and are discharged. In addition, there is the recreation department, in which talents are developed along musical and theatrical lines, and there is a fine athletic department.

With these patients, as with other people, it is a matter of determining their capacity, and then helping them to take advantage of the capacity they have.

The next meeting of the club will be held January 17, at the home of Mrs. R. D. Hahn. Mr. Adrian Zwemer is to be the speaker, and his subject, "Modern Science."

Try a classified ad in the Ledger and get results.

**Strongly Endorsed For Congress Post**

Friends of Harvey E. Clay, who are advancing his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative to Congress from the Fifth district in the special primary January 25, point to his long and comprehensive business experience, his keen interest in government and his understanding of labor problems gained during years of service as a factory manager, as special qualifications for this important office. Clay is now retired from business and is in position to give all his time to public service.

Clay, a native of Grand Rapids, is 53 years old. He was born on Union Avenue, the son of George Goodhue Clay, who was an Annapolis graduate and U. S. naval officer. He earned his first dollar as a newsboy, and after graduating from Central High worked in the Old National bank as bookkeeper and teller, then spent five years managing the Cadillac Gas Co. and other utilities. Next came a job putting sick factories back on their feet as an industrial engineer. For two years in wartime he was general manager of the Perfection Spring Company in Cleveland.

Spring Plant in the world. Directing 3,000 employees, Clay won a reputation of getting things done under wartime stress. His success, friends say, was his wisdom in dealing with labor and his grasp of the high relationship between high wages and industrial progress.

For 20 years he was a managing executive in the auto accessory field, 10 of those years with the Wolverine Bumper Co. of Grand Rapids, which paid one of the highest wage scales in the city. "I have always believed in high wages and protection of the labor market to maintain the level of the American standard of living," says Clay.

(Political Advertising)

**ANOTHER BIG MANAGER'S SALE AT THE A & P**

One year has rolled around and Manager's Week is here again at the A & P Store. This is the week that the company pays honor to its managers by giving them a real bang-up sale.

Howard Smiley, local manager, has been in Lowell just two years next week. He says this is a fitting occasion as he can celebrate both the sale and his anniversary together. Mr. Smiley says he has come to think of Lowell as home to him now. By buying his own home here he expects to be a resident for a number of years and be an active member of the community.

Under Mr. Smiley the local A & P store has enlarged its quarters and now is far better fitted to take care of its customers by giving better service, a larger, cleaner and warmer store and a much more complete line of groceries and produce.

Mr. Smiley will be assisted by his right-hand man, Forrest Buck, who is a local boy and a former star athlete at Lowell High School. Bry Condon, Jr., and Gordon Hill, Mr. Smiley's fast-stepping part-time clerks, will be on the job next week to help their boss offer to the public the biggest sale A & P has ever put over in Lowell. Come in and save as much as you could in a super market. — (Adv. p35)

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation and thanks to the many friends, the Freshman class and other schoolmates, the blood donors, Rebekah and I. O. G. F. lodge members and the many church friends for the wonderful Christmas wishes and grand presents received.

Alpha Palmer.  
 Mrs. Harriette Palmer.

**So. Boston Grange**

Grange members and friends enjoyed a pleasant evening at the hall last Saturday evening. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 20, at the hall when the "Triple A" program for 1940 will be discussed. Everyone plan to attend.

Russia is holding a contest for the design of a monument to Russians who fell in Lake Champlain battles with the Japanese.

**YOU ARE WELCOME**

**Ash Sifters and Furnace Scoops**  
**Galvanized Hog Troughs, 2 to 6 feet**  
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**PRICE RITE**

**Woman's Club**

On Wednesday, January third, the Lowell Woman's Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Bruce McQueen. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Perry Robertson, of Ionia State Hospital, who followed his account of the early years of the institution, from 1888 to 1891, with an outline of the manner of caring for the patients. Forty percent of the patients are transferred from the penal institutions of the state. There are some who have been arrested, tried and declared insane by the court, or by probate court. Some are former inmates.

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