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WHY BUSINESS HESITATES

BUSINESS has quieted down considerably since the burst of activity last fall, and the commercial world is asking "What next? What has happened is apparently this, that the outbreak of war in September induced a great deal of buying. It was argued that war was always raise prices, that big demands for American goods would come from the warring powers, and that business would do well to stock up. So the lids began to come off the order books. In the time it was realized that the war business might not be so hot. The allied governments might buy a heap of airplanes, but they were not going to get credit in this country as they did in the lush days when the World War broke out. They would have to pay cash for the most part. If they bought heavily on a few items of equipment like airplanes, they would probably cut down on their non-military purchases. So the buying fever in our country slackened, and now we see some let-up. Steel production, for instance, was up above 95 per cent of capacity early in December, but a recent date had it down to 71 per cent, with the chance of dropping still further. Retail trade at Christmas and following that date was very good, and the American people have had large amounts of money to spend. The merchants were said not to have any great stocks of goods on hand. Probably after a few weeks of quiet, there are going to be a lot of holes in the merchandise stocks, with orders flowing to the factories to fill the gaps. Meanwhile war and its senseless waste is eating up the supplies of Europe with frightful rapidity. If they are going to keep on fighting, there will be many things they will need. America is the place where those needs can be supplied.

HOUSES THAT WEREN'T BUILT

THE United States Department of Commerce estimates that there will be a need for 16,000,000 new dwelling units in the decade of the Forties. Only 2,500,000 dwellings were constructed in the non-farm areas of the country during the decade of the Thirties. Thus there were a great number of possible homes that were not built. It should be one of the first items of business for the Forties to see that these homes are built. If they could be, what is left of the present depression would largely disappear. Millions of young people are living with their parents or various relatives, because they can't afford homes of their own, or do not dare take the risk of buying or building homes. It is natural for a new couple to build a nest for themselves. The bird children do not attempt to lay their eggs in the nest their parents occupied. The human birds should not have to go so unless there is a special reason. When families double up, it saves money, but the new couple need the experience of creating a separate home. They are more apt to develop responsibility and initiative if they have their own place. Families usually seek to have homes of their own, either bought or rented. People like to have one corner of earth which they either own or control, and they will make many sacrifices to get it. Various forms of aid to the building business, or lower prices for building, would do no good. The main thing that creates a building boom is the certainty of regular work. If business can be so encouraged that it seems likely to operate steadily, the sound of the hammer will be heard in every locality. It will be sweet music to many, after years of silence.

Basketball Family Night Here Saturday

The Lowell high school first basketball team will play Saranac in the local gym Saturday night. Starting at 7 o'clock, the 5th grade will play the 6th grade and the 7th grade will play the 8th grade as preliminaries to the main event. Saturday night will be family night, and on purchase of one 25 cent ticket at the door the entire family can get in on the one ticket. The locals travel to Lee Friday to play off the tie for cellar position in the Conference. Next week the district tournament will be held at Belding with Classes B, C and D competing. Drawings will be held the last night of next week. These schools competing in Class B will be Ionia, Belding, Greenville and Lowell.

Win From Godwin

The locals hit their stride last Friday night in the local field when they turned back the conference leaders by a score of 38-20. Except for the short period which Godwin led 5-3 the locals were never headed. Exceptionally good guarding and handling of the ball were the contributing factors in the upset. Shear took care of basketball rebounds very well and Lally with the aid of Kysar held Derrow, the Godwin ace, to two field goals. Godwin's number two offensive man was held scoreless by Winglee, Lowell's sophomore guard. Jackson held the giant Redner from Godwin scoreless. A total of 11 field goals was all Godwin could garner while the locals netted 17. The game was unquestionably the best performance that the Lowell squad has shown this year. This same type of play will be hard to beat in the tournament next week and if the Lowell boys can keep the same stride they should go through to the regional.

NOTICE, KEENE TAXPAYERS

I will be at the State Savings Bank at Lowell on Saturday, Feb. 24, during banking hours, 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., for the final collection of Keene township taxes. Dell Scott, Keene-Tp. Treasurer.

More than 1,800,000 tons of oil was shipped by pipe line from Iraq to the Mediterranean in five months of this year.

One Man Killed One Badly Hurt as Car Rams Culvert Men Were Testing Repaired Car

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Roth Chapel for Ed Seger, 53, who was killed in an automobile accident on the M-21 east of Lowell near the Kentonia county line Friday afternoon. The Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe officiated and burial was made in the Freeport cemetery. O. P. Dawson, also of Lowell, who was riding with Mr. Seger, was thrown from the car and was found lying near the roadside. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, where he remains in a critical condition suffering from fracture of both legs and internal injuries. It is reported that Mr. Seger, a junk car dealer, and Mr. Dawson were repairing Dawson's car and were trying it out at the time of the accident. The driver apparently lost control of the car and it left the road and crashed into a culvert, throwing Mr. Seger through the windshield, nearly severing his head from his body. His principal injuries were lacerations and a fractured neck. He was evidently killed instantly. The accident was discovered by Joseph Mitchell and Walter White of Boston-tp. and they reported the accident to the Ionia county sheriff's office. Sheriff Leslie Murphy and Coroner Harry Myers, who investigated, said that there would be no inquest. Mr. Seger leaves the widow, Maude; a son, Howard and two step-sons, Maynard and Day Ford.

Board of Trade Banquet Tonight

All plans have been fully completed for the annual banquet and election of officers of the Lowell Board of Trade which will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the high school gym. A fine program has been prepared. The main address will be given by Walter F. Gries, chairman of the State Social Welfare Commission, who was secured for the occasion by C. H. Runciman, who is also a member of the Commission. Mr. Gries has the reputation of being a great speaker and it is said that his audience will hear a heap of good rich humor. President F. J. McMahon will present the program with toastmaster, W. W. Gummer as toastmaster. The program will also include a surprise number and there will be plenty of music as well as group singing. Over 200 tickets for the banquet had been sold up to Tuesday morning. Here is the menu as planned by L. W. Rutherford's committee: Tomato juice cocktail, assorted cocktail crackers, hearts of celery, radishes, olives, tenderloin of beef with mushroom sauce, brown potatoes, green peas with butter, cream spinach and dressing, rolls, leek, spring cake, coffee and cigars.

Rotary Anniversary Fittingly Observed

Rotary clubs throughout the world are this week observing the 35th anniversary of Rotary International and the Lowell club at its Wednesday noon luncheon presented an imposing program in keeping with its occasion. A great address was delivered by Roland M. Shivel, in which was emphasized the importance of cherishing our form of free government and the necessity of all citizens realizing the dangers to that form of government that are being fostered by communists and other organizations in their efforts to destroy it. It was a masterful, patriotic address. The occasion also marked the fifth anniversary of the Lowell club. A beautiful birthday cake embellished the table, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Richmond and produced by the George Herald Bakers. On the top layer of the cake was shown a Rotary wheel and the motto, "He profits most who serves best."

Lowell-Cascade Road Improvement Sought

Kent county road commission has authorized survey and plans for a proposed improvement job on the townline road running between Lowell and Cascade townships. Leonard E. Kaufman, road commission secretary, said the section of road involved has a hazardous hill which brings the road sharply down to an intersection with another highway, and that a large gulley at one side of the highway also is a hazard. It is proposed to widen the road, partially fill the gulley and install a guard rail.

Member When

Chickens all went to roost at sundown? Shows in the Town Hall came only so often? Paper and celluloid collars were popular? Food stuffs came in bulk, not in packages? Candles for the girl cost her fellow 15 cents a bag? School teachers "licked" pupils good and plenty?

CUSTOM TAILORED CLOTHES FOR MEN

The Spring lengths are here—many pattern lengths—so you can see how the suit will look, \$36.00 and up.



Along Main Street

Silas Onlooker's philosophy: We live so fast that "once upon a time" was just last week.

Friends of Dr. S. S. Lee, a practicing physician here for many years, regret to hear that his health is not as that could be desired. The doctor has been confined to his home on Riverside-dr., for the past several weeks.

Postmaster F. J. Hooley announces that bids will be received up to March 1, 1940 for the planting and landscaping of the grounds at the new Lowell post office. Full and more complete details may be obtained from Postmaster Hooley.

William VanVorst of Lowell, known throughout Michigan as an expert with the bow and arrow, is the author of an article entitled "Long Bow, Short Range, Small Game," appearing in March issue of the sportsman's magazine, Outdoor Life, now on sale at newsstands.

Rudolph VanDyke, local chairman for Finnish relief, announces that the time for receiving contributions will close March first. A large number of people have responded to this worthy cause and any others who would like to have their names added to the list are requested to leave their contributions at the State Savings Bank within the next few days.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by itself. Should a person be used for alienation of affections, be socially embarrassed or publicly flattered? One self-made man in Lowell modestly insists he hasn't completed the job yet. . . . The big questions of the minutes do not bother us as much as the big answers of the moment. It's funny the way a person without a sense of humor laughs the longest at the other fellow's jokes.

This section of Michigan has been enjoying a most delightful winter season, which was followed by a fall season of beautiful weather. Thus far there has been many days of sunshine and no storms worth mentioning. Some-what different than the great storm of four years ago when the great blizzard struck this section, blocking the highways, marooning farmers for days and putting telephones and telegraph lines out of commission, as well as hampering mail and passenger service on the railroads.

Did you ever stop to think of the number of Lowell citizens filling posts of importance in various capacities in Michigan affairs and business? The list includes M. E. McPherson, Chairman of the State Tax Commission, and a possible candidate for Governor; C. H. Runciman, a member of the State Social Welfare Commission; W. V. Burras, president of the State Mutual Farm Fire Insurance Company; William C. Doyle, president of the State Millers' Association; M. N. Henry, president of the State Pharmaceutical Association; N. E. Borgerson, head of the Publications department in the State Department of Public Instruction. These names occur to us offhand and possibly there are others whose names should be included.

Fellow members of the local Order of Dunkers with whom we occasionally consort of a morning at Staala's, will be interested in learning that an inventive mind has produced a doughnut with a handle and this should be a boon to anyone who takes his dunking seriously. The shape of the doughnut is triangular with a handle given the upper corner to form the handle part. This unique turn affords the dunker comfort without soiling his fingers or burning them. They tell us of a millionaire a generation ago who asked his butler to leave the dining room so he wouldn't see his employer dip his bread in the gravy. The baker of the nation plead for those vitamins in the juices that remain on the plate. Sopping is the way to get them up! Families may not condone this sopping and dunking act but few are the households in Lowell that don't have one at the dining table.

Farmers Advised On Care of Laying Flock Final Meeting on Poultry Feb. 28

Art Hannah of the Hannah Hatcheries, Grand Rapids, gave a very fine discussion on the care and management of the laying flock, at the farmers' adult night school in Lowell, Feb. 14. Mr. Hannah said "Our profits are determined by the quality of the pullets we take in from the summer range." He also gave information on what should be done to the laying house before pullets are brought in: 1—House should be disinfected; 2—One nest for every 6 pullets; 3—Dropping boards and perches covered with a mixture of three parts of old crankcase oil and one quart of creosote; 4—Allow at least two 5-foot hoppers for every 100 pullets; 5—Allow at least 8 inch perch space for each bird.

"Lighting the house is another important factor," Hannah said. "We should provide the hen with a uniform 13-hour day and use lights both morning and evening from 5:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Ventilation is best obtained by use of a straw loft in the house. The floors should be covered with six to eight inches of straw, feeding the hen is of utmost importance. The speaker advised using 23 corn and 1-3 wheat as a scratch grain for winter; 4/5 corn and 1/5 wheat as a scratch grain for spring; and 1/2 corn and 1/2 wheat as a scratch grain for summer.

He said "There are many good laying mashers as recommended by the Michigan State College. Oyster shells are very important as a supply of lime to the hen, but not a good grit. A product on the market called granite grit is ideal for hens in the laying house during the winter."

He cautioned the farmers never to feed cabbage at any time during the winter, fresh cabbage from the garden before freezing is O. K. Birds are sometimes too crowded. Allow four square feet per bird.

The discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 22, will be "The Care of Poultry on Open Range." This will complete the poultry series. However, a couple of weeks will be devoted to other farm topics such as landscaping and soil erosion, and the winter course will terminate with a banquet on March 20.

255 Votes Cast at Republican Caucus

The Lowell township Republican caucus, held at the City hall Monday afternoon, was like an old-time affair in the matter of attendance, there being 255 votes cast in the ballot for township treasurer, Mrs. Rosella Yelter receiving 148 votes to 106 for Mrs. Grace Miles. All other nominations were carried by acclamation. The call for caucus was read by Paul Hilton, C. H. Runciman was chosen chairman, Harry Day was the clerk and the tellers were Edward Kiel, Mrs. Walter Winglee and Ralph Hoag. The following is the complete ticket as nominated: Supervisor, Frank Horton; Township Clerk, Elmer S. White; Township Treasurer, Rosella Yelter; Highway Commissioner, Chester J. Place; Justice of the Peace, Paul Hilton; Member Board of Review, Merritt Day; Constables, Eugene Carr, Fred Gramer, Frank Stephens, D. H. Gately. The township committee elected as follows: Paul Hilton, L. W. Rutherford, Anton Kallinger.

Tax Collection Notice

I will be at the State Savings Bank every day next week to collect Lowell township taxes. After that, I will collect at my home until county settlement day. Dog licenses must be paid by March 1. Rosella Yelter, Lowell-Tp. Treasurer.

State's Largest Artificial Breeding Group Formed Here With 150 Farmers Attending

The Grand Valley Artificial Breeding Association was organized last Thursday night when 150 Kent and Ionia farmers met at the high school to take part in starting the largest artificial breeding association to operate in Michigan. C. L. Cole, president in Animal Husbandry at Michigan State College, acted as general chairman and stimulated added interest. The group was made up of farmers from Sparta, Rockford, Belding, Ionia, Lake Odessa, Hastings, Cadillac, Grand Rapids and Lowell. The Board of Directors were elected by the paid membership as follows: Lawton Cole and Theo Bailey for one year term, Miner Cook and Reuben Lee for a two year term, D. J. Dryer of Rockford and Edwin Yeomans of Ionia for a three year term. The Board met after the organization and elected the following officers: President, Miner Cook; vice president, Reuben Lee; secretary-treasurer, John Kleinhekel. Dr. J. W. Trumble was granted the contract to become inseminator. Dr. Trumble will buy two Proven sires of the Jersey and Guernsey breeds which have been approved by the purchasing committee of the board of directors. The Holstein sire to be used has already been purchased by the Zealand association at a cost of

Scouts Entertain Fathers at Banquet Monday Troop Committee Elects Officers

Boy Scouts of local Troop No. 70 entertained their fathers at a banquet last Monday evening in the Manual Arts room at the high school with Scoutmaster George Pappin in charge. About 62 fathers, scouts and troop committee members were present. A delicious dinner, served by Mrs. Pappin and Mrs. Geo. Arehart, was enjoyed, followed by a short talk by Knowledge of Hastings, district secretary, who also presented advancement badges to several of the troop members. Those who received the Tenderfoot badge were Roger Krum, George Rogers, Edward Stormanz, Dave Clark and William Basler. Second class awards were presented to Rodney Kropf, Albert Stryker and Richard Warner. The manner of presentation was very impressive, the badges being given to the father of each boy, who in turn, pinned it on his son. Motion pictures entitled "America's Heritage" and "Camp Manate" were then shown and were of great interest to the boys. Following the banquet, the troop committee, made up of the sponsors of the troop representing various community organizations, met and elected as their chairman, Dr. E. H. Shepard, representing the Rotary Club; and a secretary-treasurer, Roger McMahon, representing the Village at large. Other committee members are: F. Earle Haner, Church Council; George Arehart, Catholic Church; W. W. Gummer, Board of Education; Robert Starkey, American Legion; Jay Bolens, Board of Trade; W. A. Roth, Village Council.

The Boy Scouts meet each Monday night in the high school gymnasium with their leader, Mr. Pappin, and spend an enjoyable and educational evening. Members of the community are urged to cooperate with troop members and committee men in making this a worthwhile endeavor because any efforts to help the Scouts will be well rewarded.

Widow of Pioneer Dies in 96th Year

Burial was made in Oakwood cemetery Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Nellie Jane McCarty, 96, who passed away at her home in Grand Rapids last evening. She was the widow of N. L. McCarty, founder of the old McCarty grocery store in Lowell.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 22—"Hawaiian Nights" with Johnny Downs, Mary Carlisle and Constance Moore; added feature, "Rio" with Basil Rathbone, Victor McLaglin, Sigrid Gurie and Leo Carrillo; also a cartoon, "Park Your Baby." Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24—"Disputed Passage" with Dorothy Lamour, Akim Tamiroff and John Howard. Added cartoon, Donald's Penguin, Time Out for Lessons and Latest News. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 25-26—"The Great Victor Herbert" with Allen Jones, Mary Martin and Walter Connolly. Added shorts, cartoon, Peace on Earth, March of Time, Charles Chase in "The Awful Goo" and Paramount News. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 27-28—"Paul Muni in 'We Are Not Alone'" with Jane Bryan and Flora Robson. Added cartoon, "Wild and Bully" novelty, "Bert and Nelly." Thursday, Feb. 29—"Scandal Sheet" with Otto Kruger and Ona Munson. Added feature, "Call A Messenger" with Mary Carlisle, Larry Crabbe and Dead-End Kids, plus cartoon.

Auction Sales

S. R. Frederick, Feb. 23 Having decided to quit farming, S. R. Frederick will hold a public auction sale at the place known as the John O'Harrow farm, located 4 1/2 miles south of Lowell on M-65, at 10 o'clock sharp. Horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, implements and tools and feed. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. See complete advertisement on page six of this issue of the Ledger. 41

Frank David, March 9

Frank David will hold a public auction sale at the place known as the old Peterson farm located at 14 1/2 miles east and 1 1/2 miles north of Lowell, on Saturday, March 9, at one o'clock. A large list including horses, cows, feed, implements and tools and household goods. Terms are cash unless other arrangements are made with clerk before sale. A. W. Hilley, auctioneer; Ray McGowan, clerk. See complete auction list in the March 7 issue of the Ledger. 41-42-43

Lewis Hefelbower, March 2

Having rented his farm on account of sickness, Lewis Hefelbower will hold an auction sale at the farm located 2 1/2 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Clarksville, on Saturday, March 2, at one o'clock. Good list of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements. Terms, 1/3 and under, cash, time to be given on good notes. Make arrangements with clerk before day of sale. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Earl Colby, clerk. See complete advertisement in next week's issue of the Ledger. 41-42

John E. Lewis, 74, Laid to Rest Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Roth Chapel for John E. Lewis, 74, who passed away at his home here last Saturday morning after an illness of some time. Burial was made in Oakwood cemetery and the Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe officiated at the services. Mr. Lewis was born June 18, 1865 in Herkimer, New York, and came to Michigan when a small boy. He had lived in Lowell practically his entire lifetime, and at one time operated a dray line here, belonging to the Board of Trade when it was first organized. Surviving are a son, Melvin and two grandchildren; two brothers, Clarence and James Lewis of Grand Rapids and one sister, Mrs. Anna Richmond of Belding. Friends are extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives in the passing of Mr. Lewis, a well known and respected neighbor and friend.

Odd Fellows Plan Big Homecoming

Plans are progressing well for the homecoming sponsored by the local I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 115 and the Island City Rebekah Lodge, No. 282, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers of Michigan, and all will be in readiness next Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, at 7:30 o'clock.

General Chairman, Mrs. E. S. White reports that all committees are working diligently to make this a great gathering of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. One of the main features will be the special honor to be paid to old members of years past. A special transportation committee has been named to care for those who are unable to find their way to get to the meeting. Bro. Ernest Snell, Haner, Weaver and Stephens will call for these members and return them to their homes following the meeting.

There are a number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs living in and around Lowell who belong to lodges elsewhere. These people are invited to join with the local lodge.

The program committee is preparing a fine entertainment of numbers from out of town as well as local talent. The chairman of the contact committee, Mr. and Mrs. Don Phillips, report everyone is working to reach all the old members. The refreshment committee, Mrs. Howard Burt, chairman, is all ready to serve the guests. M. Norton Henry, local townman, will serve as toastmaster. The Grand Secretary, Grand Herald and Grand Warden of the Odd Fellow Lodge will be present as well as two Grand officers from the Rebekahs.

The reception committee will be on hand to greet everyone and members of the Past Noble Grand will escort guests to their seats and see that everyone is comfortable.

If there is any question or further information which persons would like, they may call Mr. White or Secretary Sam Myers.

Citizens' Caucus Nominates Ticket

About fifty citizens were present at the Citizens' caucus, held at the Lowell City hall Monday evening for the purpose of nominating a village ticket for the annual election to be held Monday, March 11, 1940. There were no contests, all nominations being made by acclamation, as follows: Village president, John A. Arehart; village clerk, Lewis E. Johnson; village treasurer, Elmer S. White; assessor, Chris Bergin; three trustees for two years, Wesley A. Roth, William C. Christiansen, Lawrence W. Rutherford. C. H. Runciman acted as chairman of the caucus, Earl A. Thomas was clerk and the tellers were Mary Arehart, Harold J. Englehardt and Harold Jeffrey.

The following Citizens' committee was elected by the caucus: Harry N. Briggs, William Arehart and Fred Gramer.

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Important Topics Discussed at Kent Pomona Grange Every Grange Represented

Representatives from all subordinate granges of Kent county assembled at Spencer Grange hall, Spencer township, Feb. 15, with Pomona Master Carl Hessler presiding. The morning session was devoted to reading of reports from subordinate granges throughout the county which showed that the order was in a very healthy condition. Mr. K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent, was the main speaker at the afternoon session. He spoke on "Land Planning and Land Utilization," outlining the problems which are involved. A zoning law amendment which would give townships of less than 1500 inhabitants the right to set up zoning and building regulations was discussed. Such a law would make it possible for township boards to set aside lands worthless for agricultural purpose for recreational and other uses. It was brought out that this would prevent innocent people losing their investments and subsequently being indigent on county and township involvement. Resolution was adopted urging our representatives to work for such an amendment.

Mr. Arthur DeWinter, representing the Michigan Society for group hospitalization, in a discussion of group hospitalization, brought out that 11,000 people are now taking advantage of this organization in Kent county. The entire enrollment of employees from 100 firms in Grand Rapids are members. Ninety hospitals in Michigan are participating in the plan. It is a mutual non-profit plan and only groups are accepted. While the organization is not ready to accept grange membership, plans for their acceptance is being considered. A resolution was adopted to cooperate with a society for group hospitalization.

Other matters brought to the attention of the meeting were the policies of food stores in pushing the sales of shipped in fruits and vegetables in preference to the Michigan grown. This seems quite evident especially in potatoes. One of the southern new potatoes come on the market even with a plentiful supply of local potatoes. Evidence was presented that chain stores, and others, carry only a supply of foreign canned beef. The customer has no other choice.

The evening entertainment, in charge of Gerald Kitson, consisted of numbers from the subordinate granges throughout the county and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. The next county grange will be held April 18 at Grattan.

Carl E. Hessler, Master Pomona Grange.

Jonkman Wins Seat in Congress

The special election held last Monday for the purpose of electing a successor to fill out the unexpired term made vacant by the death of the late Senator Carl E. Mares, resulted in a victory for Bartel J. Jonkman, the Republican candidate, over William R. McCaillin, the Democratic candidate. On the basis of unofficial returns, Jonkman polled 25,079 votes to 17,970 votes for McCaillin, giving him a majority of approximately 7,109 votes in the district. Jonkman carried the city of Grand Rapids by a majority of 1,344 votes, the precincts in Kent county outside of the city by approximately 2,195 votes and the 31 Ottawa county precincts gave Jonkman a majority of 3,570 votes. McCaillin received 358 votes to 174 for McCaillin.

Unique Rural Paper

The Cedar Springs Clipper exchanges papers with an English rural paper. It is our fortune to see some of these English papers. Two issues of the Clipper, one of January 5 and the other of January 19, the paper is "The Cheside and Tean Times." They make interesting reading. The front page is nearly all advertising. Obituaries and wedding announcements are features. In the former a list is given of all mourners and those who sent flowers. In wedding announcements frequent mention is made of the gifts the bride couple received. What must be a popular game for the paper is full of advertising of "Whist drives" by various organizations.

George Washington

This is our last paragraph on George Washington. His agricultural papers show the modesty of the man. Writing to Arthur Young of England, in 1787 he makes this statement, "An absence of more than four months from home, will be the best apology I can make for my silence till this time." He had been presiding at the convention that adopted the constitution of the United States. In a letter to John Fairfax, his manager, he makes this statement, "As I am now in the act of bidding adieu to my home, for a longer time, perhaps than I wish,"—he was going to Philadelphia to become the first president of the United States. Writing to his manager, George A. Washington, he makes this statement—"Nothing but the event, which I dreaded would take place has prevented my following the example." The "event" was his election to the presidency. He kept his records, diary and weather observations up to the last day of his life. He was taken ill on December 12 and died on December 14. The last entry was on December 13. His diary tells us it showed about three inches of snow, temperature was 30 degrees and wind in the northeast.

417 Votes Cast In Vergennes Primary

Last Monday, for the first time, voters of Vergennes township nominated a township ticket by the primary election plan, having previously voted out the caucus system of making nominations which had been in vogue in the township since it was first organized upwards of 100 years ago. The polls were open from 7:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m., a total of 417 votes being cast, although the Republican ballot was the only one in the field, the Democrats having failed to file nominating petitions.

The big vote was due to the fact that there were contest by the first three places on the ticket to be voted at the coming April election. For supervisor, Theo Bailey received 307 votes to 114 for William H. Condon; for clerk, Elmer Wittenbach received 239 votes to 161 for Eva Kropf; for treasurer, Edwin Mueller received 252 votes to 159 for Sam Ryder.

Candidates for the remainder of the offices were nominated without opposition as follows: Highway Commissioner, Guy Ford; Justice of the Peace, Clyde Condon; Board of Review, Albert Blaser; Constables, William Mueller, Carl Kropf, Albert Ford and Frank Jones.

In the race for Congress, Jonkman, Republican candidate received 25,079 to 17,970 for McCaillin, Democratic candidate.

One acre of poplar should support an average beaver colony from one to two and a half years as each beaver will cut between 300 and 500 trees a year.



(By K. K. Vining) New Forest

The Algoma Grange will plant a grange forest this spring. The Grange has a small piece of land that was purchased as a building site but was never used. The trees will be planted on this land.

Power Lines Growing

Slowly but surely power lines are spreading in Kent county. While the largest part of the county is covered there are still areas that do not have service. We are glad to note that extensions are being made in Algoma, Courtland and Oakfield townships. In the former township the extension is on the center line road north of the Edgerton-Sparta road. In the Courtland and Oakfield townships the extensions will be in the neighborhood of the Becker school.

Spraying

Contract spraying for late blight in potatoes was practiced last year by farmers in the Edmore and McBride areas, in Montcalm county. Six sprays were applied for \$8.00 per acre. This included all material, use of machine and operator. When bugs were had an arsenical was included. If late blight continues in Kent county some means of spraying will have to be used. Victor Beal, county farm agent in Montcalm, will bring the party who did the spraying to Kent county for a discussion of the program should there be a group of Kent county folks interested.

For Some Grange Boy

Kent County Pomona Grange will send a boy to the Wolverine State camp at Michigan State College in June, the boy to go will come from a grange family in one of the subordinate granges in the county. Gerald Kitson of Cannon, Roland Despeu of Lowell and K. K. Vining are on the committee to make the selection.

Trees For Distribution

Agricultural Extension service in Kent county has reserved a number of coniferous trees for distribution to Kent county farmers this spring. White, Red (Norway), Jack and Scotch pine, plus a limited number of Norway Spruce will be available.

The trees have been ordered from the forestry department at Michigan State College and the State Conservation Department. These trees are for two purposes only, farm woodlot planting and windbreaks. The trees will be distributed at convenient places in the county the last of April or early in May. People interested may secure prices by writing to K. K. Vining, County Farm Agent, 201 Y. M. C. A. Bldg., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Unique Rural Paper

The Cedar Springs Clipper exchanges papers with an English rural paper. It is our fortune to see some of these English papers. Two issues of the Clipper, one of January 5 and the other of January 19, the paper is "The Cheside and Tean Times." They make interesting reading. The front page is nearly all advertising. Obituaries and wedding announcements are features. In the former a list is given of all mourners and those who sent flowers. In wedding announcements frequent mention is made of the gifts the bride couple received. What must be a popular game for the paper is full of advertising of "Whist drives" by various organizations.

Little mention is made of the war, however, pictures are shown of







Kathleen Morris WNU SERVICE

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CHAPTER VIII—A hideous face looked into the kitchen; it would have appalled her terribly. But she was warm and soft, and her eyes were kind, and she filled the need of her woman's heart. "Thank you," she whispered almost hoarsely.

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"I think you would be... you could. Oh, I could, all right? Well, I guess it will be Friday that it seems years ago."

"You know her last name, don't you?" Ken said, in dissatisfaction. Sheila made no answer, and he murmured once or twice, "Sure, he's a fellow," before settling down into silence again.

"You thought my little mother was dead, hey? No, sir, my little mother is a very much alive. She's got children, she's got a garden, she drives an old Ford."

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**Caucus Calls**  
The Democratic caucus for Lowell township is hereby called to meet at Lowell City hall Friday, March 3, 1940, at 7 o'clock p. m.

**Train Schedules**  
The time given below is Eastern standard time.  
Pere Marquette  
Train going west..... 8:40 a. m.  
Train going east..... 7:10 p. m.

**Lowell Township Democratic**  
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**RED & WHITE LUNCHEON MEAT** New Low Price **23c**  
12 oz. Can  
**SUNSPUN SALAD DRESSING** qt. **29c**

Red & White Pancake Flour 20 oz. box 8½c  
Early Riser Coffee 1b. 19c  
Franco-American Spaghetti 2 cans 15c  
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**GREEN & WHITE COFFEE** L.B. 14c 39c  
3 LBS.

Red & White Cleanser 4 cans 15c  
Fels Naptha Soap 6 bars 25c  
Lux Soap bar 5½c  
Dreft large box 23c

**OXYDOL** Large Box **19c**

Blue Label Karo 5lb. pail 29c  
R&W Whole Gr. Corn 2 cans 25c  
R & W Flour 24½ lb. sack 89c  
Fancy Sweet Peas 2 cans 25c

**Jack & Jill Bleacher** NO BOTTLE CHARGE FULL QUART **10c**

**RED & WHITE WHEAT POPS** GIANT SIZE CELLO. PKG. **10c**

### Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Firm, Crisp Head Lettuce ea. 5c  
New Texas Carrots bun. 4½c  
Fresh Parsnips 3 lbs. 10c

### CHOICE Guaranteed Tender MEATS

Fresh Ground Beef ALL LEAN MEAT 1b. 12½c  
Pure Pork Sausage GRADE 1 3 lbs. 25c  
Boston Butt Beef  
Pork Roast 1b. 15c Pot Roast 1b. 18c  
End Cuts Grade 1  
Pork Loin Chops 1b. 15c Bologna 1b. 12½c  
Veal Meaty  
Shoulder Roast 1b. 20c Beef Ribs 1b. 12½c  
Veal Breast for Stew 1b. 12½c  
Bacon Squares SMALL SIZE MILD CURED 1b. 10c  
Pork Steak LEAN SLICES LITTLE BONE 1b. 15c

Pork Shoulder Roast Fore end cut pound 12c  
Fresh Side Pork Any size piece pound 12c  
Sheet Spare Ribs pound 12½c



## Mutton Chops 1b. 15c

# WEAVER'S Food Market

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### More Local News

Miss Vivian Eddy of Lansing spent the week with her aunt, Mrs. Edd Seger.  
Mrs. Mary Wingeier spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Detroit and Toledo.  
Relatives of Comstock Park were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Frank MacTavish.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moffitt of North Lowell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Switzer in Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carter of Palo were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Jay Carter home.  
Jay Carter was in Pontiac last Thursday to attend the funeral of his nephew, Rev. F. W. Deane.  
Mrs. Harold Harter spent Wednesday in Middleville with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Daudert, who will be remembered as former residents here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carter of Palo had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Katie Lane and son Victor, also calling on Floyd Lane and family and S. J. Carter of East Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perce of Grand Rapids were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Charles.  
The many friends of Mrs. Wm. C. Doyle, who has been in St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, for the past week, will be glad to know that she is reported as improving, although not yet able to be returned to her home here.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Huff of Tucson, Ariz., were Wednesday and Thursday guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee, Sunday dinner guests at the Lee home in Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Imus of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jefferies.  
O. P. Dawson is reported as some improved at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, after being critically injured in an auto accident east of Lowell last Friday afternoon. While he is still in a serious condition, it is hoped that he will soon be out of danger.  
Miss Lois Hall, who has been ill for several weeks as the result of a streptococcus throat infection, was brought to Lowell last Friday and is being cared for by her mother at the home of Mrs. Mary Wykes. She has had to postpone her final semester work at Hope College.  
It's A Dubious Honor  
Elsie—When village fathers decided Elsie needed a new fire truck, they purchased it from a local garage, S. B. Keys & Son. After the truck was delivered, S. B. Keys & Son had the dubious honor of being the first to use it when their garage caught fire.  
"Buy your cycle now. Motor cars taken in part exchange," reads a sign in a shop in Doncaster, England.  
While presiding at trials in police court in Bingham, England, a woman magistrate knits socks for soldiers.  
A thousand friends are few; one foe, too many.  
Plenty of white space keeps other ads at a distance.

## What's the Idea of Reading This?

We thought you were the person who said nobody reads newspaper ads.

OUR SALESMAN WILL BE GLAD TO SELL YOU THIS SPACE

# LOWELL LEDGER

### Social Events

#### Twenty-Three Club

Thirty-five young people attended the meeting of the Twenty-Three Club at the Methodist church Sunday evening and enjoyed the talk and moving pictures on "Michigan Bird Life" given by the Rev. J. Lawrence Ward of the Courtland circuit, near Rockford. The group then were allowed to examine Mr. Ward's interesting collection of eggs, nests, etc. A social hour and refreshments completed the evening and all made plans to attend the next meeting of the club on Sunday evening, March 3, when the main part of the evening will be spent in exploring the Methodist hymnal with Phyllis Huston in charge, after which a social hour of games and refreshments will be enjoyed. All young people, married or single, between the ages of 20 and 40 are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

#### Observe Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Morse of Grand Rapids celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Saturday, March 9, at a family dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Morse were residents of Lowell up until 35 years ago when they moved to Grand Rapids. They were married Feb. 16, 1895. Mrs. Morse being the former Fannie A. Lane of Lowell. They have one son, George R. of Grand Rapids and four grandchildren. Lowell friends and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Morse add wish for them many more happy anniversaries.

#### Shower Honors Miss West

Mrs. Peg Ryder, Mary and Betty Bailey entertained with a miscellaneous shower last Friday afternoon at the Ryder home in honor of Miss Connie Wert, who will become the bride of Adelbert Orell on Saturday, March 9. About 35 neighbors and friends were present and enjoyed cards and Chinese checkers. Dainty refreshments were served and the bride-to-be was presented with many lovely gifts.

#### Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Josephine Dennis was pleasantly surprised when a company of friends and relatives gathered at her home to celebrate her 88th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Those present were Mrs. Conklin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elva Rising of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hines of Rome, Ohio, and Fin Tuttle of Belding. A number of valentines were received by Mrs. Dennis from friends and a fine dinner was enjoyed.

#### Moseley Extension Class

The Moseley Extension Class met Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. Frank Reussger. Ten members and five visitors were present. Mrs. Chris Kropf and Mrs. Clyde Francisco, leaders, spent a busy afternoon helping the members check and alter their patterns. The next meeting will be held March 6 at the home of Mrs. Dan Byrne.

#### W. R. C.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. was held at the hall on Thursday, Feb. 15. A short program observing Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays was enjoyed by all.

#### Social Briefs

Mrs. Roger McMahon entertained the Book Forum Club last Wednesday at her home and Mrs. Geo. Pappin gave a review of "Demon Daughter" by Honore Morrow.  
Several members of the W. R. C. spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Ada Rogers and enjoyed a basket supper.  
Mrs. W. J. Smith entertained the Book Review Club at her home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Jay Bolens very interestingly reviewed a well known play, "The American Way."  
The P and P Club enjoyed a potluck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson Tuesday evening. Honors at cards went to Mrs. I. O. Altenburger and Art Hill.

First impressions do not tell you the size of a man's heart.  
The courteous heart courtesy from the discourteous.

### Health Institute To Be Held Feb. 27

At the fifth annual health institute which will be held on February 27 in Park Congregational church Dr. Caroline S. Hedger of the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, Chicago will be the principal speaker. She is known to many local parents and teachers as a dynamic person well versed in school health problems. Her topic will be "The Teen Age Has Problems Too."  
A panel discussion of high school cafeterias will occupy the morning program, with a showing of several talking health movies. At noon a fifty-cent luncheon will be served and Dr. Hedger will talk immediately following the lunch. Mrs. Kenneth J. Hollinshead, specially trained in health education at Columbia University will also appear on the program covering "Health education in high schools." She comes through the courtesy of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. A special meeting will be arranged for high school teachers at 3:45 p. m. by A. W. Krause, superintendent of schools, at which both of these speakers will again appear.  
The institute is a co-operative arrangement between Grand Rapids and Kent county councils of Parent-Teacher Associations and the Anti-tuberculosis society.

### Coming Events

The 28th annual winter picnic of the Big Rapids Association will be held Feb. 24, at 8:00 p. m. in the Bishop Furniture Co. hall in Grand Rapids. Former Big Rapids residents are cordially invited. Potluck supper.  
The South Lowell Extension Class will meet with Mrs. Ernest Roth on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at one o'clock p. m. Everyone come.  
There will be a box social at the McBride school, sponsored by the 4-H Club, on Friday evening, Mar. 1. All invited.  
The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. H. A. Peckham Friday afternoon at 2:30.  
The L. Annie Maynard Circle of the Methodist church, formerly the Phila A. Clark Circle, will meet Friday, Feb. 23, at the home of Mrs. Jerry Scripps, east of Lowell on M-31. Everyone invited.

#### Obituary

##### Edd Seger

Edd Seger, son of Isaac and Louisa Seger, was born July 20, 1878, in Freeport and departed this life Feb. 18, 1940, at the age of 63 years. Mr. Seger grew to manhood in Barry county.  
On November 16, 1916, he was united in marriage with Maud Ford and to this union one son was born. His married life was spent in Grand Rapids, having moved to Lowell one year ago.  
Funeral services were held at the Roth Chapel on Sunday with the Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe officiating. Burial was at Freeport.  
Surviving are the widow; one son, Howard; two step-sons, Day and Maynard Ford, and one niece, Mrs. Ina Kenyon of Hastings and many other relatives and friends.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trowbridge (Gladys Ingersoll) of Cascade, an 8½ lb. son, Kenneth Richard, on Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Lux Maternity home.  
EARL A. THOMAS SELECTS PREFIX HERD NAME  
"Janeland" is the newly selected herd prefix name which will be used by Earl A. Thomas, Lowell, in registering his purebred Holstein dairy cattle.  
Exclusive use of this trade-mark for identifying his herd has been obtained and recognized by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vermont.

#### Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to our relatives, friends and neighbors for all interest and sympathy shown during the sudden death of our husband, father and uncle, to Rev. Ratcliffe for the words of comfort spoken, to the singers and pallbearers for their kind services and to those who sent the beautiful flowers.  
Mrs. Maud Seger and Howard, Mr. Day Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kenyon and Family.

#### WOLVERINE

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\$5.00 Expenses in Case of Accident  
See the new policy  
H. J. BITTNER, Agt.  
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

### License Plate Rush Is On

Anticipating a terrific last minute demand for 1940 license plates, Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, has announced that all divisions of his department are in high gear to take care of the greatest plate sale in Michigan's history. "A satisfactory showing has been made to date," Kelly said, "with about 45,000 more sets of plates sold this year than during the same period a year ago. However, the registrations of 1939 far exceeded the previous year and we must look forward to the enormous task of supplying license plates to thousands of late buyers."  
Kelly stated that the license plate business totaled more than \$20,000,000 last year. This sum of money, coupled with more than \$30,000,000 received from the gas tax division is turned over to the highway department. The counties in turn, receive all the money collected from the sale of license plates and six and one-half million dollars from the gasoline tax receipts.  
This money, spent for new highways, bridges, underpass projects, than elimination of sharp curves, proper highway safety and directional signs contribute much to the safety of motorists who use Michigan highways.  
Kelly again appealed to the motoring public to purchase their 1940 license plates at the earliest possible date. Inconvenience, discomfort and frayed nerves will be avoided by applying for plates early in the day, thereby avoiding the rush hours.

### Basketball

#### Richmond Cafes Lose Two

The Richmond Cafes lost two games the past week. On Friday night, they were defeated 20 to 25 by the Junior College Freshmen at Grand Rapids.  
Tuesday night, the Cafes were defeated for the first time this year on the local floor by the E. W. Bliss team of Hastings. The Cafes were leading 36-32 at the beginning of the fourth quarter but lost out 32-35. Poor ball handling accounted for the defeat. Fonger was high man with 15 points and Jones got 11.

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SAUCE PAN SET 35c WASH BASINS 25c  
WATER PAILS 39c DISH PANS 39c  
WATER DIPPERS 10c TEAKETTLES 69-79-89c

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Portis lightweights score with more comfort for you! ... Their cheerful colors and snappy styles are a real Spring tonic for your entire outfit. ... \$3.95

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FRIDAY - SATURDAY, FEB. 23-24

Disputed PASSAGE  
with Dorothy LANOUR, Akim TAMIROFF, John HOWARD

Comedy Cartoon News

SUNDAY - MONDAY, FEB. 25-26

Victor HERBERT  
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