

PEOPLE often say in regard to some idea or line of action that it is "small town stuff". Small town stuff is different from what they used to be. Many of them were formerly little narrow spots of provincialism, where people spent most of their spare time talking about their neighbors. The doings of these folks were carefully inspected. People rushed to the windows when they saw anybody coming to the neighbors. A neighbor started off to go somewhere, the people near by speculated on where she was going.

That kind of thing has largely died out in small towns now, because these communities have broader interests. They read more newspapers. They listen to the radio voices coming from all over. They belong to clubs and hear about modern ideas. They have little time for aimless talk.

There is a small petty spirit to be found in most places. You find it in great cities as well as in little villages. Some folks can't see beyond the little circle in which they revolve, and they talk about this little circle in that old time curious neglective way.

Some people would call it "small town stuff" if a town had low standards of maintaining its streets, public buildings, homes and schools, or if it did things in a slovenly way. Such defects are found in large cities as well as small towns.

In many ways "small town stuff" is good stuff. Small town life creates friendship, the spirit of helpfulness. That is better than big city stuff, where people do not care who their neighbors are, and whether he is sick or well.

No community is perfect. One can feel confident that in Lowell we have as little of mean and petty small town stuff as will be found anywhere, and that we have plenty of good small town stuff in the form of neighborly kindness.

NEWSPAPERS AS EDUCATORS

IF YOU will compare almost any newspaper with the issues it was putting out 25 years ago, if it was in existence at that time, you will see an enormous improvement. It is better printed, it looks clean and artistic typographically, its greater amount of advertising tells of business enterprise. Its full report of home town doings shows that the people are awake and enjoying life, and trying to make better towns.

Its local news far better. Its stories and items are better written, and give more information. It prints far more of American and foreign news. The home newspaper is one of the country's greatest educational forces.

FAITHFUL WORKERS

IT HAS BEEN one of the fine features of life in this country in the past, that it created a multitude of workmen who were notable for their fidelity. They looked at work as a kind of art, and they were very proud of doing the best kind of a job. Houses were built with careful attention for details. Many of them were good for 200 or more years if well cared for. Repair jobs were performed by men who took the utmost pride in doing good work, and who would have blushed with shame if they did any botched jobs.

Farm hands gloried in the amount of hay they could mow in a day, and in the big loads they could pile on a hay cart, and in the fine grades of vegetables they raised. Wages were low in those days, but workers felt in part repaid by the pride they took in their jobs.

Factories and workshops were usually smaller in those days, and the employer and employe often lived on intimate terms. Most of these men took pride in their work, and they were keen to see that the product was up to standard in every respect.

How far do these standards prevail now? Are people equally faithful and proud of good work, and ashamed to do things in a slack and unfinished way? To hear the people in some communities talk, you would think that many men perform their tasks carelessly, and that frequently such work has to be done over again.

It is still true that there are good faithful workers in these days, and there are many trades that produce a great body of skillful men. The man who understands such jobs the best is the one who earns the best pay, and the shop that is most reliable gets the cream of the trade. Fidelity is still rewarded.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

THERE was a wonderful change in the United States when railroads took the place of stage coaches. The nation just jumped ahead when it became so easy for people to get around from place to place.

A second great change occurred when automobiles became common in the rural districts. Previous to that time, many millions of families lived in isolation. Many of the more remote folks got into the near-by towns very rarely. It was hard for them to attend church, lectures, concerts, and entertainments.

When such families obtained automobiles, the character of their life changed. They became intimately identified with town life, able to sell their products better, take part in progressive movements and enjoy life. This change should make a country home very attractive. The people have all the advantages of modern life, yet can live amid Nature's fresh beauty and have a wonderful chance to live long and happy lives.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

It takes only a fraction of a minute to say a courteous word in a business transaction, but that word is remembered for many days, and it brings more business.

We often hear about the "forgotten man". A business is also sometimes forgotten because it has no plan to call the attention of the public to its work.

Future Farmers Taking Part in State Contests

Twenty-Four Local Boys Numbered Among M. S. C. Guests

Future Farmers' Week will be held at East Lansing this week Thursday and Friday. Twenty-four boys from the Agricultural classes of Lowell high school have been selected to represent their school in the various contests.

In the Grain Judging contest, the following boys will enter: Charles Belmora, Bryn Condon, Robert Cramton, Lewis Gasper, Jack Oesch, Paul Tobias, Walter Roth, Walter Winger and Royal Clark.

The Stock Judging team will be made up of Paul Borton, Claude Condon, Lloyd Frost, Frank MacTavish, Jake VanDyke and Robert Clark.

The Poultry team: Howard Acheson, Roland Acheson, Austin Byrne, Russell Coons, Lee Condon, Royal Clark and John Williams.

George Wittenbach will enter the State Public Speaking contest. George won the district contest at Caledonia some weeks ago and will enter the State F. A. convention.

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These boys will be guests of Michigan State College during the two-day period and every effort is being given to entertain the group, which will number well over 3,000 from all parts of Michigan.

Giant Offensive On All Accidents Campaign Seeks Support Of All Citizens

Lines were sharply drawn this week for a giant offensive against accidents in Michigan as more than 5,000 programs for the Michigan State-Wide Safety Conference went out to safety leaders throughout the state.

The sessions of the Conference will be held in Lansing, May 22, 23 and 24. State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner, general chairman, announced that the program would feature sessions on accident prevention in five different divisions: home, school, street and highway, industrial, and public.

Headline speaker of the Conference is Dr. Miller McClintock, director of the Yale University Bureau of Street Traffic Research. Dr. McClintock will speak at the banquet on Friday evening, May 24.

Sessions have been arranged to illustrate safety practices in everything from fishing and hunting to truck driving. The sessions are open to the public and there is no registration fee in connection with the sessions. Invitations are being sent to police officers, sheriffs, prosecutors, judges, industrial personnel and safety managers, industrial employes, women's organizations, parent-teacher associations and school officials.

Rural Field Day Here Next Tuesday

The athletic and agriculture departments of Lowell high school will again be hosts to boys and girls from 300 rural school districts in the surrounding communities next Tuesday, May 7.

The program is being planned at 10:30 a. m. in the gymnasium. The motion picture, "Flying the Lindbergh Trail," will be shown. This picture is a production of the Pan American Airways, Inc.

Games and races are planned for the afternoon at Recreation Park. Each year approximately 300 boys and girls enter competition. The winning school is presented with a silver loving cup by the Lowell Board of Education and to the school which has the winning relay team, a bronze trophy is presented.

The rural pupils, as the sponsoring departments are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to this annual event.

Parnell School To Give Annual Play

"The Call of Youth," a comedy-drama in a prologue and three acts, will be presented by St. Patrick School at Recreation Park, Lowell, on Friday evening, May 3, in Lowell high school auditorium.

Anna Mae Hefferan has the leading female role, taking the part of Eileen Lyndon in the prologue, and afterward of Eileen's daughter, Anita. In the prologue, Eileen plays Tom Criswell, enacted by Philip Hefferan, and aided with a persuasive young rascal. The play opens years later with Eileen's daughter in love with Tom's adopted son, but the two young people make a crushing discovery. Tom is in love with Anita. Why aching hearts?

Anita and Bob resolve to give each other up and then Tom is mysteriously murdered, and Bob is accused of the deed.

Wm. M. Watts, 54 Laid to Rest Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home in Bowne Center for William M. Watts Jr., 54 who passed away there last Friday. The Rev. F. E. Chamberlain officiated and burial was made in Bowne Center cemetery.

William Watts, eldest son of John Q. and Clara M. Watts, deceased was born on the farm January 14, 1886. He resided in his entire life. He was united in marriage with Vera Blakeslee in September, 1913.

Surviving are the widow, a sister, Mabel; two brothers, Elwin of Riverside, Calif., and John D. of Bowne.

Many friends and neighbors extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Kent's Wheat Goal Soon to Be Fixed

John McCabe of Ada, chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Conservation Committee, announced that regular 1941 wheat listing sheets are being prepared for all farms in the county that have planted wheat for harvest in any of the previous years of 1933, 1939 and 1940.

When the listing is completed, Mr. McCabe said, the county committee will promptly mail the notices of allotments to wheat producing farmers.

Any farmer who has not had wheat planted for harvest in 1933, 1939, or 1940, and anticipates a wheat planting for harvest in 1941, should submit a written request for an allotment to the chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Conservation Association on or before May 10, 1940.

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State Honor Won By John Scripps

Other Students Place In String Events

John Scripps won a First Division rating with his cornet solo, "Willow Echoes" by Simon, in the State Festival of the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association at Ann Arbor last Friday. He was entered in the solo competition along with 54 others who were graded as five divisions by Mr. Floyd O'Hara of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

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Helen Christiansen Is Essay Winner

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The essays were on the Boyhood of Lincoln and were not to exceed 500 words. The result of this year's contest was as follows: First place, John Wesley, Wyoming Park; second place, Helen Christiansen of Lowell; third place, Dorothy Bessey of Comstock Park.

Our local eighth graders have competed in this contest for the past two years. Genevieve Scherbinski winning first place last year and Helen Christiansen winning second place this year.

Daughters to Honor Mothers at Banquet

This year the Lowell high school Girls' Club is sponsoring a Mother and Daughter banquet for those in Lowell and the entire surrounding community. In former years, the annual event was confined to members of the Girls' Club and their mothers or guests but due to the expansion of the organization the club is busy making plans for a capacity crowd and wishes to invite everyone to attend.

The speaker of the evening will be Miss Frances Little, a teacher in the Ionia high school, who recently returned from India after spending three years there. Miss Little will speak on Mother and Daughter relations in India.

The event will be held Monday evening, May 13, in the high school auditorium. Tickets are on sale at Christiansen's drug store at 65c a plate.

Anyone wishing to adopt a "Mother" or a "Daughter" for the dinner may do so by arranging with Miss Collinge or telephoning the high school.

Several girls passed their music and dancing test for second class ranking. They are Helen Christiansen, Roberta Hahn, Gertha Jean Schneider, Helen Cahill, Marjorie White, Janet Thorne, Shirley DeGraw, Darlene Keiser, Betty and Peggy Bredina and Norma Jean Haglund.

300 Rural Pupils In Music Festival

Approximately three hundred children from fourteen rural schools participated Wednesday night in a most pleasing and successful music festival, the first of its kind ever to be held in Kent County, in the Lowell high school auditorium.

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Achievement Day May 14 for Kent Extension Groups

Style Revue, Play and Pictures on the Program

Members of Michigan State College Extension courses will celebrate their 15th annual Kent County Achievement Day on May 14 at the Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids.

Classes in Nutrition have been carried on in twenty-three communities and each group is preparing an exhibit illustrating some phase of the year's work. Classes in Clothing have been held in 15 communities where the women have been making cotton dresses. They will model these dresses in a style revue which will be staged in the forenoon of Achievement Day.

Two groups have been doing landscape work and two groups have been taking dramatics. One of the latter groups will present the play, "Market Day in Amsterdam" for the afternoon program.

In addition to these features, there will be a series of pictures depicting beauty spots in Michigan, given by the West Michigan Tourist and Resort Association.

A luncheon will be served at noon by members of one of the church groups. Tickets may be secured through Miss Eleanor Danmore, who has charge of the Michigan State College Extension work in Kent County.

Choice Meats

PORK ROAST Center cut of shoulder lb. 14c

SLICED BACON Rind off 1 lb. layer 19c

FRESH SIDE PORK lb. 12c

FRESH CAUGHT Wall-Eyed Pike lb. 10c

FRESH GRD. BEEF lb. 17c

PORK SAUSAGE Grade one lb. 12 1/2c

BEEF POT RST. Lean and tender lb. 20c

VEAL STEW Snowwhite local veal lb. 13c



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STRAWBERRIES RHUBARB... Box (14 oz.) 39c
SOALLOPS... Box (12 oz.) 59c
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National Baby Week

Blue Label Karo Syrup 5 Lb. Pail 29c

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More Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kain of Coral were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ruby Hudson.

Mrs. D. G. Look who has been spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla., will arrive home Friday.

Mrs. John Baker and Dorothea and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baker visited in Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Mrs. Reuben Lee is visiting this week at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Marsh, in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baker of Ionia, Estel King and H. H. Dawson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker in West Lowell.

Mrs. Maude VanDusen, son Frank, Richard MacNaughton and Maxine Hill of Grand Rapids spent Sunday in Orsowo as guests of Mrs. Hattie Campbell.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindnesses shown and for the many appreciable gifts during our recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wood.

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Social Events

Hill-Byrne

A lovely wedding took place last Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church when Miss Dymna Byrne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen J. Byrne of Belding, became the bride of James B. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Hill of Lowell.

The bride entered with her father to the tune of Mendelssohn's wedding march and the ceremony took place before the altar which was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and palms. The Rev. E. J. Jewell read the service and was assisted by Gordon and Charles Hill, brothers of the groom, as altar boys.

The bride wore a gown of white silk organza made princess style with a fingertip veil and tiara of pearls. Her flowers were white roses and sweet peas.

Miss Evelyn Bowler attended as maid of honor and wore a matching organza gown with a matching shoulder veil. Her flowers were pink, orchid and white sweet peas.

Joe Hill attended his brother as best man. Both young men wore gray suits.

A wedding breakfast was served to about 35 guests at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill left for their new home in Detroit Saturday afternoon. They have the best wishes of many friends in the surrounding community.

Family Reunion

A family reunion was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Morse last Thursday and Friday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Morse of Kirkwood, Mo., who were visiting their parents for several days. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Meegs and daughter Rosalyn of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Travis and four children of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morse and daughter Sally of Carson City and Miss Vee Brautis of Grand Rapids. Clark and wife returned to their home Saturday morning.

Girls' Softball Team Sponsoring Benefit Dance May 11

The Lowell Girls' Softball team will sponsor a benefit dance at Fallsburg Park pavilion Saturday night, May 11, commencing at 9 o'clock. The proceeds will be used to equip the girls for the coming season. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the team or at the door for 25c.

The team is now practicing and has prospects for a fine year. Any girl who would like to try out for the team is invited to be at Richmond's Cafe at 6:25 Friday night.

Announces Marriage

Mrs. Nora Haines announces the marriage of her daughter, Alice R., to Jack L. Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunter of Lyons. The wedding took place last Saturday in South Bend, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter, brother and sister-in-law of the groom, accompanied them and were the attendants. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are residing with her mother on East Main-st. They have the congratulations and best wishes of many friends.

L. O. O. F. Degree Work

The South Haven degree team was present at the meeting Monday night to confer the third degree on the local candidates. There were about 50 present from the visiting lodge and their degree work was enjoyed by all. A delicious supper was served after the meeting.

Next Monday evening the candidates will receive the initiatory degree and all members are urged to be present.

Benefit Euchre Party

Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., held a benefit euchre party at the City hall on Monday evening. Sixteen tables of euchre were in play with lone hand prize going to Mrs. Alma Ashley. Head lady's prize was awarded to Mrs. Beulah Hayward of Alto, head men's prize to Richard Lester of Lowell and door prize to Four Aces, DeGree of Lowell. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Entertain for Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Frank Stephens and Mrs. Loyal Mullen entertained Wednesday evening at the Mullen home with a stork shower honoring Mrs. Gerald Mullen. About 35 guests enjoyed a buncle after which Mrs. Mullen opened her many beautiful and useful gifts. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Goofus Club

Mrs. Wilson Washburn entertained the Goofus Club at her home Wednesday afternoon and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Vern Ashley, Mrs. Wesley Roth, Mrs. John Roth and Mrs. Douglas Oatley. Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess.

Moseley Extension Class

The Moseley Extension Class was entertained by Mrs. Richard Baird on April 18. The fifth and last lesson was discussed on "How to Make a Dress from a Commercial Pattern."

Social Brevities

The Book Forum met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Donald McPherson with Mrs. Bruce Walter reviewing.

The Book Review met at the home of Mrs. Lee R. Miller Tuesday evening with Miss Eleanor Jewell reviewing.

Marriage Licenses

Lloyd E. Hunt, 30, Grand Rapids; Ruth M. Lyons, 22, Lowell.

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IF IT IS ON A BILLBOARD

Coming Events

The Lila Goup of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. F. J. Boyd, near the Grand Trunk depot, Friday afternoon, May 3.

The General Aid of the Methodist Church will meet Friday afternoon, May 3, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. F. F. Coons.

The final meeting of Lowell Woman's Club for the club year of 1939-40 will be a luncheon at the Reed Inn, Ionia, on Tuesday, May 7, at one o'clock. Make reservations early with Mrs. C. A. Hall, Phone 177, or Mrs. L. A. Denny, Phone 21. Ask for transportation if needed.

The Townsend Club will meet Friday evening, May 3, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Kinyon. There will be a program and all are invited to attend.

The Women's Democrat Club will meet at the Hosley House Monday evening, May 6.

The Lowell Girls' Softball team will sponsor a benefit dance at Fallsburg Park pavilion Saturday night, May 11, at 9 o'clock.

Mother and Daughter banquet sponsored by the Girls' Club of Lowell high school at the high school auditorium Monday evening, May 13. All ladies of the surrounding communities are invited.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Grove School Club

The six July Chefs met at Mrs. Williams' Friday, April 26. We elected Carolyn Weller, president; Betty Milanowski, vice president; Marian VanEerden, secretary; Mary George, treasurer; Alice Phillips, news reporter; and Anna DeRoo, program committee. Mrs. Williams is our leader. Miss DeRoo will be with us Thursday, May 2. Our regular meetings after June 7 will be held at the home of Mrs. Williams on Wednesdays, from 9:30-11:30 a. m.

Alice Phillips, Reporter.

Morse Lake Junior Farmers

The regular meeting of the Morse Lake Junior Farmers' Club was called to order by our president, Harold Bloomer, on April 29, at 8:15 p. m. at the Morse Lake school. Roll was called by the Secretary and all nineteen members were present. Two more members entered the club for the summer's work, making a total of 21 members.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of April 13 were read and approved. Upon motion the business part of the meeting was adjourned and Mr. E. K. Vining gave a talk on the success and enlargement of the 4-H Clubs this year.

The 4-H Club camp at Bostwick Lake is under way for the 4-H Club members. Many suggestions were also given by Mr. Vining on how to conduct future business meetings for better cooperation and interest in the club.

Upon motion it was decided that our ball club would enter into competition with other 4-H clubs, and practice would be every Monday at the school at Alto. The meeting adjourned upon motion and it was decided to hold the next meeting on May 13 at the school house.

Following the program refreshments were served and the members left for home.

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UNCOMMON AMERICANS

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

Father of the Cattle Trails

IF IT had not been for Joseph G. McCoy, there might never have occurred that epic migration over the cattle trails from Texas to the north during the seventies and eighties. In that case the history of the Lone Star state—and the whole West, for that matter—might have been very different. McCoy, a native of Springfield, Ill., was a stockman and cattle buyer who went to the raw little frontier town of Abilene, Kan., soon after the Civil war was over.

That conflict had ruined the cattlemen in Texas. Shut out from the Northern markets by the Union control of the Mississippi river, their herds had increased enormously, but without a place to sell the animals, they were comparatively worthless. Then the Kansas Pacific railroad, which was building west, reached Abilene and McCoy had a wonderful idea.

If he could get the Texas drovers to drive their herds north across Indian territory to Abilene, grazing them on the rich prairie grass as they came, Abilene would be the market place and shipping center where Texas sellers and Chicago and Kansas City buyers could meet. Despite many obstacles, including the prevalent belief that Texas beef was not as good as that grown in the Middle West, McCoy went about the job of making his dream come true.

In July, 1867, he began raising money to build a "shipping yard," a barn and office and to begin the construction of a large, three-story frame hotel for the accommodation of Texas drovers and eastern buyers. His next task was to get word to the cattlemen more than 400 miles away to the south. Although the time was short he managed to persuade enough of them to make the experiment so that they marketed 35,000 head of cattle in Abilene that fall and received approximately \$15 a head.

The next year more than 75,000 cattle were marketed there. By 1871 that number had jumped to 120,000 and by the next year to 230,000. From that time on Texas cattle poured north by the hundreds of thousands over the original cattle trail from the Red river to Abilene and other trails which were laid out. Other Kansas "cow towns" began to boom with activity as the railroad was pushed farther west and southwest and there was added to our history that thrilling chapter when the cattlemen was king.

And all of this was due to the visitor of one man—Joseph G. McCoy, the "Father of the Cattle Trails."

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Man in the Iron Mask Still Puzzles Frenchmen

On the island of St. Marguerite, near Cannes on the French Riviera lives a great legend. Here it was that during the reign of Louis XIV a prisoner of the sea, one of the strangest mysteries of French history was lived out for 40 years by the "man in the iron mask," whose tragic identity still is unknown.

Treated with royal honor, in so far as his physical care was concerned, his face hidden behind a fitted iron mask that was never lifted, as a prisoner all those years this unknown man kept his lonely vigil on the sea until at last death set him free and he was taken to his grave.

Historians have never found the answer. Some have surmised that it was twin brother to the king... that it was Fouquet... that it was a royal betrayer... that it was a self-imposed penance... But no one knows. And mystery lovers go to St. Marguerite to wander through the apartments of the strange Unknown, and are fascinated by the tragic loneliness of his fate.

Blood Transfusions Age-Old

Blood transfusion is by no means a new development in science. References to it are found in ancient Egyptian and Greek writing and it is mentioned in the seventh book of Ovid. Denis, physician to Louis XIV, is usually credited with the first successful blood transfusion June 15, 1667, when he transfused nine ounces of arterial blood from a sheep to a sufferer from repeated bleedings, and both survived. The operation was unpopular until modern science increased its safety.

Formerly the clotting of blood resulted in fatal results in one-half the cases.—Medical Society of the State of New York.

Unemployment and Education

Only one out of every hundred unemployed persons is a college graduate; almost half never got beyond grade school. In a representative group of 4,003 Minnesota and Wisconsin jobless, 1,921 had never gone beyond eighth grade. Of these 10 per cent were classified as common labor, based on last previous employment, 35 per cent as skilled labor, and 25 per cent as office and executive workers. The 658 high school graduates revealed almost identical ratios: 37 per cent had last been employed as common labor, 30 per cent as skilled occupations, and 25 per cent as office and executive employees.

A Quaker Craftsman

William Savery, a Quaker who lived in Philadelphia in the middle years of the eighteenth century, and who was a contemporary of the great English craftsman Chippendale, copied his furniture designs from a copy of Chippendale's catalogue which found its way to this country. His designs followed so closely the lines of the great English master that his furniture was often called "Chippendale." Following the development, the designs of Sheraton and Hepplewhite, and also the French empire, were copied by American craftsmen to great advantage.

Effel Tower's History

Paris' Cinderella, the Effel tower, has had a stormy career. When it was built it was called indescribably ugly. Later a few began to recognize the beauty of its slender and transparent outline. Not until after the war, however, did it come into its full glory. Then it was hired as a gigantic billboard and the whole of it was brilliantly lighted each night, dazzling Parisians and foreign visitors alike. In 1937, when it was made a part of the exhibition, its place as a decorative part of the landscape of Paris was recognized.

Many Diseases Carried From Animals to Man

Animals are carriers of certain diseases which can be transmitted to man despite the zoological gap between him and the animals in his immediate environment. Typhus, for example, broke out in Poland among Jewish exiles from Germany, writes William Wolf in the Scientific American. Tularemia, or rabbit fever, cases showed in Poland in 1938. Rocky Mountain spotted fever, having journeyed across the nation to the East, entrenched itself more firmly in the Middle Atlantic states and caused a number of fatalities. More alarming was an epidemic of bubonic plague among rodents in the Far West, for this dreaded pestilence of the past is carried to man by bites from fleas which desert infested rats and squirrels.

These, plus endemic outbreaks of rabies, held the public's interest; but other diseases carried by animals and acquired by man are far more common and cause greater health and economic concern. It is estimated, for example, that 16,000,000 persons in this country are infected with trichinosis alone. This means that one out of every eight is a victim of this disease caused by a parasite found in pork—a staggering average which gives the United States the highest incidence among all nations. Bovine tuberculosis and undulant fever are among the other important animal-conveyed diseases, while the lesser ones pose their own health problems.

Perfect Attendance And Honor Roll

Honor Rolls

Seventh Grade—Walter Kropf, Lois Metternick, Darlene Keiser, Bertha Jean Schneider, Charlotte Mill, Eunice Miller, Lucille Wisner, Martha Lou Stevens, Jacqueline Timpano.

Eighth Grade—Helen Christensen, Gloria Doyle, Norma Jean Haglund, Bonnie Hale, Priscilla Johnson, Margaret Hughes, Dorothy Peckham, Patricia Priebe, George Rogers, Edith Roth, Barbara Thorne.

Perfect Attendance

Eighth Grade—Charles Boyenga, Helen Christensen, Leon Dennis, Cecil Good, Norma Jean Haglund, Bonnie Hale, Betty Jean Harter, Dorothy Hetzman, Kathryn Huntington, Margaret Hughes, Priscilla Johnson, Lily Mae Kent, Roger Krum, Gordon Murray, Evelyn Myers, Patricia Priebe, Isabel Raymer, George Rogers, Edith Roth, Beale Simington, Nora Bell Simington, Orin Smith, Alma Stiles, Edward Stormzand, Barbara Thorne, Robert Weaver, Gloria Doyle.

Kroger Observing 58th Anniversary

Charged with safeguarding the purity and quality of products sold in Kroger stores is the Kroger Food Foundation, an independent research organization in Cincinnati, staffed by food chemists, home economists and other research experts.

Currently Kroger stores are observing their 58th anniversary with a birthday sale during which "insured savings" is the theme employed. Kroger brand items featured during this event bear the Food Foundation's Seal of Approval, awarded by this scientific organization only after products have been tested thoroughly and approved.

Although work of the Food Foundation has been especially highlighted during the anniversary sale, the organization maintains a day-by-day check on the quality of all items sold in Kroger stores.

Last year the Food Foundation staff worked on more than 750 specific projects, completing careful research studies, or developing products on which suggestions had been made by customers, store personnel or by the Kroger manufacturing department. During the same period 21,000 routine tests were completed, including sampling products from shipment of goods to branches of the company and inspecting samples taken from production lines of Kroger manufactured items.

However, the Foundation does not confine its experimental and development work to Kroger-manufactured goods. Frequently it works with other manufacturers who are eager to improve their products.

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"But my mother doesn't like you very well," sighed Vera.

"That's nothing," exclaimed Victor. "My whole family objects to you."

That's Different

Office Boy—Sorry, but you can't see Mr. Blodgett.

Caller—Is he in conference?

Office Boy—No, he's busy.

Knew the Symptoms

Customer—I—ah—er, um, say, ah—

Jeweler (to clerk)—Bring me the tray of engagement rings.

Fair Enough

Jack—You say she partially returned your affections?

Tom—Yes, she sent back my letters but kept the jewelry.

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Cascade

Mrs. M. Vanderjaagt

Gertrude Palmer passed away the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Wood Sunday afternoon. The community extends sympathy to Mrs. Wood.

The ladies circle will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Rue Osmer the 7th of May.

Robert Munger left for Washington, D. C. Saturday morning to visit his brother, Frank a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vierling visited his sister, Mrs. Henriette Good Sunday evening.

Quite a number of school children from Cascade took part in the festival at the civic auditorium Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rowley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowley of Ionia visited Mr. and Mrs. Mart VanderJagt Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. McLott of Grand Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and family Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wallace and family visited at Al. Barnaby in Martin Sunday.

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