

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 19, 1940

No. 19

YOUTHS AND JOBS

IT HAS been remarked that some business companies are slow just now to take on men of the ages most likely to be drafted for army training, on account of fear that conscription will make it necessary for them to quit their job for a time.

The country has to pay for that stimulus at a later date. There will be hard and lean times ahead while the debts now being run up are being paid off.

ENDING DEPRESSIONS

THERE IS a bill in congress which would provide for a federal commission to study economic problems, and find a way to end depressions. If it appeared that such a commission would find some such method, our people would vote with a whoop to see it work.

CONANT CLAIM SETTLED

The country has had depressions before, and always recovered from them, though the one that started in 1929 has lasted longer. It would seem the sensible thing for people to study the methods by which they recovered from previous depressions, and try to imitate them.

SCIENTIFIC WAR

IT IS a terrible thing that so large a part of the ingenuity of the human race has to be given to inventions the purpose of which is death and destruction. If humanity had the sense to take all the brains and money that go into war, and use them for progress in industrial and household lines, what a marvellous gain the tribe of men would accomplish.

TEACHING DEMOCRACY

THERE will be an increased endeavor on the part of Lowell school teachers to give their students a greater appreciation of democracy this school year. There will be a national effort to install one of country into each pupil in all classrooms over this land.

LOYAL ALIENS

ALL OVER the country alien residents have been thronging into the offices where these non-citizens are required to register under the terms of the new law. They have complied, and realize that a time like this the government is entitled to know who are the people living here who still owe allegiance to some foreign authority.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

When you advertise, you have a salesman working for you in every one where the newspaper is read. Ties of friendship hold a town together. When people are kind and friendly with their neighbors and neighbors, they create lasting odors of affection, which people are slow to break by moving somewhere else.

Common Council Takes Action to Pay Lee Heirs

CONANT CLAIM IS SETTLED OUT OF COURT FOR SUM OF \$1,900

Heirs to the estate of the late Dr. S. S. Lee will distribute their respective bequests within the next 30 to 60 days as the result of unanimous action of the common council of the village of Lowell at its regular session last Monday night.

Adult Night School To Be Resumed Here

It was decided at the annual meeting of the Kent-Ottawa Agriculture Teachers club held at Zeeland last Tuesday, to hold the adult night school instruction again this year in various schools including Lowell.

Kent Y. M. C. A. Members To Hold Annual Meeting

The adult night schools were held last year and were largely attended and found to be very profitable.

Former Lowell Girl Sings on Ford Hour

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson have just received word from their daughter, Mrs. Zelma Knight of Detroit that she had finished the test auditions for the "Ford Hour" broadcast.

All Politicians Head Scratching Over Newcomer

So Many Candidates All Look Like So Many Peas in a Pod

Woman's Club Happy Meeting

The Lowell Woman's Club opened the year's program with a pot luck luncheon at Fallsburg Park Wednesday afternoon.

Farmers Elect Triple-A Officers For Year 1941

All Communities of Kent Send Delegates to County Meeting

Roller Skating Opens at Popular M.E. Rink

A fine group of young and old greeted the opening of the roller skating season at the Methodist church rink last Tuesday night.

Seeking Curbing of Petition Frauds

Legislation which will provide a closer check on signatures on political petitions will be sought by Harry F. Kelly, secretary of State.

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Ray H. Dolan of Hastings, Minn., formerly of Lowell, arrived here Monday and will remain for a week or ten days assisting E. P. Quick, recently appointed manager of the Lowell Manufacturing Company.

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J. Raymond Bergin (Ray to you) has succeeded M. E. Simpson as chief clerk in the Coons Clothing store. Mr. Simpson having recently resigned.

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Roger O. McMahon of Lowell, assistant prosecuting attorney, was elected secretary of the Kent county republican committee at a meeting of county and legislative officers held in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

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Appreciation should be expressed to the many people of Lowell who have maintained handsome gardens around their home places during the past summer.

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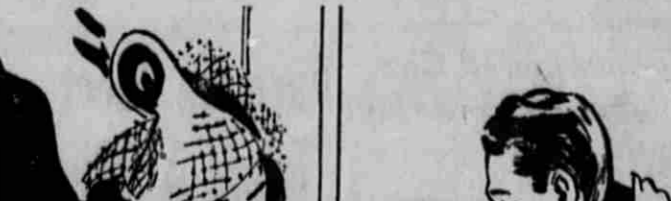
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Kathleen Norris Says:
What Is This Thing Marriage, Anyway?

(Bill Syndicate—WNU Service.)



Health - Hygiene

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Silhouette for 1941

Many communities have been
sending their police officers to
universities to improve their knowl-
edge of the handling of traffic. This
innovation at first met with plenty
of sarcasm, and such headlines as
"Traffic Cop Goes to College" made
many readers smile.

However, many cities now have
their officers receive special train-
ing, and the schools at North-west-
ern University, Harvard and Yale
have been very helpful in the ac-
cident prevention problem by teach-
ing them just what to do and
how to do it.

Chief with qualified traffic en-
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SO. KEENE—NO. BOSTON
Mrs. Ed. Potter

Eugene Wymans spent Sunday
evening with Edward Shawlow.
Sunday evening guests of Mr.
and Mrs. Chester Vance and
Mrs. Victor Kinross of Lowell.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lanning
spent the week-end at the J. Maloney
home. Supper and evening
guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Potter
and sons of Grandville.
Wing and daughter of Grandville.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lanning
were Sunday guests of Mr.
and Mrs. Jake Sial and family.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hickert and
daughter spent Sunday afternoon
with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Clemens in
Lowell. Evening guests of the
former family were Mr. and Mrs.
Paul Potter and baby.

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ALTO DEPARTMENT (Mrs. Fred Patton) Free Chest Clinic At Alto, Sept. 25

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DO YOU READ? SMALL TYPE

The type may be small in this adv but the savings are large!

- Beefsteak 12-oz. 19c
- Corned Beef 2 cans 15c
- Campbell's Tomato Soup 2 cans 15c
- 44 Kinds 5c
- Candy Bars 3 for 10c
- Red & White Pitted Dates 7 1/2-oz. 15c
- Red & White Assorted Noodles 3-8 oz. pkgs. 25c
- Table King Spinach 3 no. 2 cans 25c
- Red & White Apple Sauce 3 no. 2 cans 25c
- Gr. Beans 3 no. 2 cans 25c
- Wax Beans 3 no. 2 cans 25c
- B & W Cream Style G. Bantam Corn no. 2 can 11 1/2c
- Mary Jane Tomatoes 2 no. 2 cans 19c
- Blue & White Crushed Pineapple 1 no. 2 17 1/2c
- Blue & White Sliced Pineapple 1 no. 2 18 1/2c
- Red & White Pineapple Juice no. 2 can 14 1/2c
- Red & White Grapefruit no. 2 can 12 1/2c
- Green & White Coffee . . . lb. bag 14c
- Green & White Coffee 3 lb. bag 39c
- Blue & White Coffee . . . lb. 19c
- Red & White Coffee . . . lb. tin 25c
- Sunkist 288 Oranges . 2 doz. 35c
- Wealthy Apples . . 8 lbs. 25c
- Canadian Bagas . . . 3 lbs. 10c
- Red & White Rol'd Oats 1/2 lb. box 17 1/2c
- Red & White Mince Meat 2 boxes 19c
- Table King Apple Butter 58 oz. jar 25c
- Red & White Baking Chocolate 1/2-lb. bar 13c
- Red & White Fruit Pectin 3 pkgs. 25c
- Jello 6 flavors 4 pkgs 19c
- Red & White Corn Starch 2 boxes 13c
- Red & White Gloss Starch 2 boxes 13c
- P & G Soap 10 bars 33c
- Red & White Cleanser - 3 cans 13c
- Jack and Jill Ammonia quart 10c
- Jack and Jill Bleacher quart 10c
- Red & White Paper Towels 150 sht. 10c
- Target Clothesline 50 ft. 19c
- Large Dreff 2 boxes 41c
- Medium Dreff . . 2 boxes 19c
- Camay Soap bar 5 1/2c
- American Family Soap Flakes 2 boxes 39c
- Fels Naptha Soap . . . 10 bars 41c
- Homegrown Celery . 3 stalks 10c
- New, Hard Cabbage . . . lb. 2c
- Green Peppers 3 for 5c

Choice Meats

- Beef Pot Roast 1b. 19c
- Beef Chuck Roast 1b. 22c
- Fresh Ground Beef 1b. 18c
- Fresh Side Pork lean 1b. 15c
- Mutton Shldr. Rst. 1b. 19c
- Mutton Stew 1b. 9c

WEAVER'S Food Market

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WEST VERGENNES D. D. Krum

Mrs. C. M. Himebaugh returned home Sunday after two weeks' visiting her mother, Mrs. R. Goldsmith in Vicksburg.

Grace Blanding was a Sunday dinner guest at the D. D. Krum home.

Richard Houseman and wife of Edmore spent Sunday at the Bert Baker home.

Edith Ghering, Edna Dohn and Hazel Gibson of Traverse City were week-end guests at the D. D. Krum home.

"All of us are always going to do better tomorrow, and we would, too, if we only started today."

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. LaMonte King (Shirley Lee) of Grand Rapids, an 8 lb. son, James George, on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the McKinley hospital, Grand Rapids.

CARD OF THANKS

The Alton Ladies Aid wishes to thank all that donated food and money and helped with the fried chicken supper.

Alton Ladies Aid.

I believe in work, hard work and long hours of work. Men do not break down from overwork, but from worry and dissipation.—Charles Evans Hughes.

RALLY DAY

Extra Special - September 22, 1940

A special program with lots of Music and Singing.

This is your invitation to be present.

There will be prizes for everyone.

GOSPEL HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Corner Main and Jackson

Social Events

Robertson-Reynolds

A quiet but pretty wedding was held Friday evening, Sept. 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Reynolds when their daughter, Sybil Irene, became the bride of Alexander Robertson, son of Hugh Robertson, Sr., of Ionia. The double ring ceremony was performed before a background of vari-colored gladioli by Rev. G. B. Fleming, pastor of Snow Church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of soldier blue with a corsage of red roses and asters. Her sister, Mrs. Clarence Snyder, attended in green silk crepe, with a corsage of yellow roses and asters, was her matron of honor while her little sister, Alice Carol Reynolds, acted as flower girl. The groom was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Philip Wisniewski of Lansing, as best man. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Merle Aldrich, sister of the bride. Only immediate relatives were present.

The bride is a graduate of Lowell high school, Class of '39 and the groom is a graduate of Ionia high school, Class of '34. They will reside in Pontiac, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have the best wishes of many friends in the community.

Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hartley, who were married fifty years ago September 17, were honored at a bountiful fish dinner Sunday at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartley, in Detroit.

The Hartleys were married September 17, 1891, by the Rev. A. T. Luther in Lowell. The couple were both born in Lowell and have spent their entire lifetime in this vicinity.

Also attending the celebration at Detroit were Mrs. Gladys Hartley of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hartley of Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley received many greeting cards and presents from their friends.

Tyler—Allerding

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Rev. Wm. H. Rivell in Hastings recently. The bride was Miss Phyllis Allerding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Allerding of Freeport, and the bridegroom was Delton W. Tyler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tyler of Clarksville. The Rev. Rivell performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler will make their home on the Tyler farm.

Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauffman, Mrs. Homer Warner, Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. W. H. Rivell.

Goofus Club

Mrs. Wilson Washburn entertained the Goofus Club at her home Wednesday for a luncheon.

Honors were awarded to Mrs. John Trumble, Mrs. Geo. Lee, Mrs. Lew Wingeler and Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach.

Entertain for Mr. McCarty

Mr. and Mrs. G. Alfred Plumb entertained a large company of old friends at their home in Grand Rapids, Tuesday evening in honor of Paul McCarty of Los Angeles.

Book Forum Club

The Book Forum Club met at the home of Mrs. Edward Kiel Tuesday evening of this week. Mrs. Theron Richmond reviewed "Mr. Skeffington" by Elizabeth.

Social Brevities

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collar entertained the P & P Bridge Club at their home last Thursday evening. High scores were won by Mrs. Wm. Hartman and E. H. Roth.

The Book Review met Tuesday evening of this week at the home of Mrs. E. C. Foreman, Mrs. Warner Roth giving the review.

Coming Events

Members of the ladies aid circles and missionary society of the Methodist Church will attend a special service next Sunday morning. This will be a part of the activities connected with the organization of the Women's Society of Christian Service, which will take place Friday, Sept. 20. The message, appropriate to the occasion, will be "United for Service."

Lynn Clark, Kent County commissioner of schools, will be the speaker at the Bowne Center P-T-A, Friday evening, Sept. 20. A membership supper will be served. Everyone come.

The charter meeting of The Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held Friday, Sept. 20, at the Methodist church at 2:30.

The first meeting of the Ware school PTA will be held Sept. 20. All members try and be present. Potluck supper—Evelyn Wheat, Sec'y.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will meet Friday, Sept. 20, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Bruce McQueen. There will be election of officers.

The next regular meeting of the Child Study Club will be held Monday, Sept. 23, with Mrs. Adrian F. Zwemer, 318 North St. All members and friends are welcome.

Stop, look and listen—then go to the Congregational Church Steak supper, with home-made pies and bread, Tuesday, Sept. 24. Adults 50c and children under 12, 25c. Serving starts at 5:30.

Hooker Chapter, No. 73, will have a special meeting Saturday evening, Sept. 21, at 8 o'clock. Work in 9th degree.

The Townsend Club will meet this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Laura Blair on High street.

Important meeting of the American Legion Monday night, Sept. 23. All members are urged to be present.—Peter Mulder, Commander.

Besides the largest island in Lake Superior, the new Isle Royal national park includes some 40 islets, and has a total area of 133,504 acres. As a park it will be kept roadless and primitive, but canoe trips and camping are available. Its ancient copper workings interest archeologists, while the island serves also as a wildlife sanctuary and an herbarium for botanical species rarely found on the mainland.

More Local News

Dance, Clarksville, Saturday nites.

Mrs. Ellen Seese of Freeport and Mrs. Lydia Smith called on Mrs. Nina Hartley last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson spent the week-end in Grand Rapids with their son, C. A. Simpson and family.

James Phelps was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, today (Thursday) where he will undergo an operation.

Miss Marguerite Watters, Miss Lella Blank, Roy Chipman, Ray Heintzelman and Bobby and Ginger Bieri of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watters.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Goff and son Jimmy and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luetzjohn and son Johnny, all of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washburn were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Washburn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartley and daughter, Mrs. Gladys Hartley and grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hartley of Ionia spent from Friday until Monday with their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. John Hartley in Detroit and while there called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick and sons were at Nazareth Sunday to see Sister M. Labour. Others who were there were Mrs. James Troy, James Troy, Jr. and son, Ronald of Royal Oak, Miss Mable Troy, Jack Daugherty, and Joe Lee Malhot of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. John Troy and daughter, Theresa of Parnell, Sister Labour was formerly Kathryn Troy and a graduate of Lowell high school.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Grace Collins, who passed away Sept. 21, 1938.

Kind and loving were your ways, Faithful, fond and true, Tears and heartaches still remain Mother, dear, for you.

The Children.

In Memory of Mother

Five years—since your loving voice Soothed us with a word of cheer. Five years—to us, it seems that thrice, We still keep wishing you were here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baneroff and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dygert and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croninger and Family.

A Mexican prisoner was being questioned by the police.

"Can you read and write?" asked the officer.

"Can write—but can't read," replied the prisoner.

"Write your name on this," the officer commanded, handing the Mexican a pencil and paper.

The prisoner scrawled several huge hieroglyphics across the sheet and handed it back.

"What is that you wrote?" inquired the puzzled officer.

"No sabe," said the Mexican. "Don't I tell you me no can read?"

She: I want a lipstick. Clerk: What size, please? She: Three auto rides and a house party.

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FRIDAY - SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 - 21

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A BILL OF DIVorcEMENT

Universal News

SUNDAY - MONDAY, SEPT. 22 - 23

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24 - 25

My Favorite Wife

She was the GRANDEST WIFE a man ever had... until wife No. 1 came back!

TRENT DUNNE CARY GRANT

Fugitive from JUSTICE

ROBERT YOUNG Helen Gilbert

PEACHES

Elbertas, Prolifics and Hales

Hilton Orchards

2 1/4 miles west of US-16—M-66 Junction

Odds and Ends

One rainbow trout, tagged and released by men of the conservation department's institute for fisheries research in Pigeon river April 1, 1939, was recovered recently after a migration of 260 miles to a point 17 miles off Sarnia, Ont.

As estimated by the national resources planning board, the total annual value in the United States of all wildlife is one billion dollars; value of the meat and fur of wild mammals and birds is 190 million dollars; and the total of hunters' annual expenditures is 158 million dollars. Nearly 14 million dollars are paid annually in this country for state hunting and fishing licenses.

Communicable diseases declined in Michigan during the first eight months of 1940, according to case reports received by the State Department of Health. A decided drop has been noted for all major diseases except measles and gonorrhea.

Upwards of 1,200 employees of the state highway department are affected by the terms of the revised Hatch act.

Home drinking has its hazards—\$35,000,000 worth per annum in America—the alcoholic research department of Keeley institute estimated Saturday. Home cocktail shaking by the pub-ansuing family man resulted in \$5,000,000 property damage during 1939, the institute announced. But that's not the worst of it. The aggregate loss for 1939 was \$35,000,000, it was announced, and this included wage losses, medical expenses, insurance and property damage. But the report pointed out, intoxication is even more dangerous of the reservation. During 1939 property damage alone in alcoholic traffic smashups amounted to \$369,750,000.

VanWagoner

No one doubted for a minute that the Democratic primary would produce any other nominee for governor than Murray D. VanWagoner.

In party circles his nomination was conceded six months ago.

In fact, the VanWagoner band wagon was being rolled up since spring. In anticipation of a fall race with Dickinson, C. Don Kennedy, his campaign manager, who resigned as deputy highway commissioner because of the Hatch act, indicated weeks ago that the contest against Dickinson would be fought cleanly on issue arising from the Republican administration's record.

What's In a Name?

Another primary characteristic is seen in the Democratic nomination of Frank Fitzgerald and Frank Murphy for a office of United States senator and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Both men possess names famous in Michigan.

The Detroit Press comments: "A young lawyer by the name of Frank Fitzgerald, who has never been prominent in politics, walks away with the Democratic nomination for United States senator because of the similarity of his cognomen with that of the late Governor. And a Frank Murphy easily wins the nomination for lieutenant governor."

Recalling the fact that Franklin D. Roosevelt was aided at the beginning of his career by the magic name of Roosevelt, observes note that history repeats itself in the rise of the new Fitzgerald and Murphy. Each is 43 years of age.

In the coming weeks the personal popularity of Dickinson and VanWagoner, each one a powerful leader in his own party, will be put to a new test. We make no prediction other than this: The campaign will be colorful and interesting.

FALLSBURG PARK

Mrs. Harry Richmond

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ford, daughter Arlene and friend attended the chicken supper at Alton church last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biggs also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayman Onan and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Onan. Sunday afternoon all drove to Woodward Lake, then on to Ionia to call on Mr. and Mrs. Jason Onan. On the way home they drove through Bertha Brock park.

Morris Kalward of Lowell called on us Saturday afternoon, also on the red Diott and Vern Strouse families.

Mike Weeks started filling silo this week.

Mother and my sister Roxie, who is home from her summer's work at Saugatuck, spent last Monday afternoon with me. Roxie also called on Harvey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth and children, Mrs. Anna Ryder, Mrs. Lizzie Kropf and Mrs. Lena Eickhoff drove to Burlington Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Alfred Thomet and family. They found Aunt Mary in fairly good health and enjoyed their visit very much.

Mrs. Johnnie Bieri and daughter Mary are expected home from Wisconsin sometime this week. They have been at the home of relatives there during Katie's mother's last illness and death. We join her many friends and neighbors, in extending Katie and her family our deepest sympathy and love. We also extend our sympathy to Selene Condon and family, who also lost her mother last week.

Frank Biggs has hired a family of Mexicans to finish his pickle harvest. Frank says the word "pickle" to him is a fighting word.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ford and family are settled in their new home here and would welcome calls from their new neighbors.

Little Gary Eickhoff returned to his home week ago Tuesday after spending several weeks with us during his mother's illness.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, daughter, Mrs. Earl Payne and two children returned to their home in Victoria, Ill., a week ago Saturday after a several days' visit here with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Harvey Eickhoff and family and with relatives in Lansing.

A new coat of tar was added to the blacktop road from Alton forks to the park archway early this week.

A truck driver stopped suddenly on the highway.

A car behind crashed into the rear of the truck and its owner sued the truck driver.

"Why didn't you hold out your hand?" the judge asked the driver.

"If he couldn't see my truck," replied the driver, "how could he expect to see my hand!"

All Politicians

Head Scratching

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A Primary Trait

If the nomination of lieutenant governor were to be made at a party convention, such as is the case for state treasurer, attorney general, secretary of state and auditor general, an independent candidate of the type of Doctor Keyes wouldn't have the proverbial snowball's chance.

The organization custom is to recognize the loyal party worker whom the leaders feel can be trusted. Or perhaps the "powers that be" weigh the geographic, class and possibly religious factors at the ballot box and cut a deal which is henceforth relayed down to the rank and file. In the latter process the unknown may be given an opportunity, but it is usually for a reason known only to a select few.

But in the state primary the darkhorse is the equal of the favorite.

At least, his chances of winning are as good as his rivals'.

"Keys for good government," emblazoned on a myriad of newspaper advertisements, billboards and direct mailing pieces, did what no party convention would have done for the Dearborn newcomer. The boys at Lansing are still scratching their heads and wondering how it could have happened!

One answer is. It could take place only in a primary election.

And so, if you aspire for state office, take comfort. If you deplore the breakdown of party organization and party responsibilities, read the news and weep.

Reunions

Rittenger Family

The Rittenger reunion was held Sunday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson near Saranac. A wonderful potluck dinner was served at noon and everyone enjoyed the day.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rittenger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rittenger, Glen and Dorothy of South Lowell, Mr. Oliver Simpson of Saranac, Howard Rittenger, Mary and Jane of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Will Rittenger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rittenger and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rittenger and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rittenger and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Westra and Jackie and Joan Keeler of Grand Rapids.

SPECIAL EXTENSION CLASSES FOR KENT'S RURAL TEACHERS

Western State Teachers College will conduct an extension class in Survey of American Government 334 with Mr. Shilling as instructor at Grand Rapids for the rural teachers of Kent county. The first meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 30, at 7 o'clock at the Davis Technical high school.

So. Boston Grange

A fine crowd enjoyed the opening party on Saturday evening, Sept. 7. These parties will be held every two weeks.

Booster night program will be presented on Saturday evening, Sept. 28. May every home in the surrounding community be represented.

Delegates to State Grange were chosen from Keene and Danby Granges.

A special Pomona Grange meeting will be held at South Boston Hall Saturday evening, Oct. 12, at which time Pomona delegates to state grange will be elected, also resolutions, etc., will be prepared for state convention.

Plans are also under way for an anniversary supper which will be given in the near future.

Chester the Pup

BY GEORGE O'HALLORAN

THE kids came over and called for Crackerkull and me to play hide and seek with them this evening. They call for us most every evening to play marbles or ball or something. We have a lot of fun, too. The old boy hollers and yells louder than all the kids put together and most of the neighbors think he's out there in a peckan grove. One of the ladies told Clara she thought that whatever it was he used for a brain was getting a little milder from his going around without wearing a hat. But that doesn't bother Crackerkull. He thinks neighbors are only a necessary evil, like ants at a picnic, you can't do anything about them. We didn't play hide and seek very long tonight though. The going got too tough and Crackerkull tore his pants on a nail. Both of us fell in an ashbox. I got my head caught in a picket fence and pretty near hung myself.

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Kromer (to a visitor): "Yes siree! I'm the chief cook and bottle washer around here."

Nero (sotto voce): "He means chief crook and window washer."

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