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FORTY-NINTH YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, NOVEMBER 27, 1941

No. 29

CHRISTIANITY'S PERIL THE ROMAN Catholic bishops of the United States have issued a warning against Nazism, Communism, materialism, and paganism.

CHRISTMAS TRADE THERE ARE ONLY four short weeks before Christmas. There is going to be a tremendous rush in the stores and post-offices.

There seems something rather grotesque in this idea of people jamming the stores for about two weeks before this holiday. It is bad both for the seller and the purchaser.

A severe strain is imposed on the people in stores, post-offices, etc., by the grind of the holiday rush. It is a wonder that more of them do not get sick.

Lower Tax Rate For Lowell Twp. Supervisor Frank Houghton of Lowell-twp. states that he is glad to let the taxpayers of Lowell village and School District No. 1 that the tax rate for this year is \$14.20 per \$1000 valuation.

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Notice Regarding Christmas Baskets The Lowell Post of the American Legion will again remember needy folk at Christmas time by delivering baskets to all deserving families in this community.

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Women's Part in Nation's Defense

Local Club Women Hear Mrs. McAllister Mrs. Thomas McAllister of Grand Rapids regional chairman of the Volunteer Participation Committee of the National Office of Civilian Defense, was speaker at the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Lowell Women's Club held at the home of Mrs. E. C. Foreman.

In regard to civil protection, Mrs. McAllister stated that no one knows whether we will be subject to bombings or attacks in this country but as long as there is any chance, we cannot afford to take the risk of not being prepared.

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Along Main Street Mrs. Charles Doyle, chairman of the local Red Cross drive, announces that the annual roll call for Lowell this year was \$258.

The Pere Marquette painting crew was here last week Thursday and Friday spreading fresh paint on the exterior of the local depot. A nice improvement.

Probably the draftiest spot in town is the south end of Lafayette street just east of the King feed mill. On the hottest days of summer cool breezes invariably blow from this end.

Among visitors to the Ledger office last week was a former Lowell boy now living in Portland, Ore. He was Norton E. Fallas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fallas.

Gifted Musicians Here Sunday Night The Pilgrim Fellowship Class of the Lowell Congregational Church will sponsor a Sunday evening hour of music in the church sanctuary next Sunday evening, Nov. 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

Accident Victims Recovering Nicely Wayne Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winton Wilcox of Vergennes, returned home Sunday from Elmhurst hospital, Grand Rapids, where he was taken last week Monday night following the auto accident on M-46 which proved fatal to Fred Thomas of McCords.

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A LETTER TO.. LOWELL

From Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout Written for readers of The Lowell Ledger

Enroute to Dominican Republic

(Written in a deck chair aboard the S. S. Cuba enroute to Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic from Santiago de Cuba.) Travelling great distances over strange waters and lands soon burdens one's mind with observations and information which do not exactly fall under such headings as political, social, and so on.

None of the crew speaks a word of English. Which helps. It is not surprising, if limited to his plate and watch a procession of tiny red ants walk around the rim. And rice! Did you know that Cuba consumes more rice per unit of population than China? We know it.

Part-Time School Off to Good Start Monday evening was the first meeting of the Third Annual Part-time School for out-of-school boys. Many farm boys should take advantage of this school because, in view of the Government's call for more farm products, the course will increase by producing products efficiently.

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Scottish Singers Entertain Students

The "Kilties," a group of Scottish musicians, entertained at an all-school assembly at Lowell high school on November 15. The program was in charge of Mr. W. L. Nimmo. With the help of three other singers and a piano accompanist, the entertainers formed a quartet, with a tenor, second tenor, bass and baritone harmony.

Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Schneider Married on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1891, in Lowell Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Schneider held open house at their farm home in Lowell, Mich., on Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 27, 1941, in observance of their Golden wedding anniversary.

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1942 Farm Goal To Aid Country

Help To Curb Inflation Asserts McCabe Kent County farmers who plan to step up their production of essential farm commodities to reach the goals set by the 1942 Farm Defense Program will help greatly to hold a check rein on inflation whether they realize it or not, in the opinion of John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County A.A. Committee.

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Abnormal Weather

1941 is going to have a weather record of abnormal conditions. We folks here in Michigan know this is true with the unusual wet fall. Weather Bureau reports give some interesting figures. For the 10-month period from January to October the normal precipitation for Michigan is 24.66 inches and for Virginia it is 36.13 inches, or about 50% more for Virginia than Kansas.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Council Proceedings
OFFICIAL
The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Lowell was held in the City Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1941.

Last Week's Letters

Editor's Note—On account of the Editor going to press early on Monday, the following letters were received:
WHITEVILLE
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gilman...

ELMDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parker of Ypsilanti spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents...

DEFENSE BUY A SHARE IN AMERICA
The new United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps give all of us a way to take a direct part in building the defenses of our country.

Lowell Hotpoint Receives Franchise
for New 942 Philips 'Big Boy' Radios at these prices!

Church News
ZION METHODIST CHURCH
John Clark, Pastor
German preaching at 10 o'clock...

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