

CHILDREN IN WAR DAYS

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS of war time is how to handle the children, and keep them from getting morbid and over excited. They are stirred and thrilled by the stories of fighting and slaughter.

Some of them may become a little hysterical. It was feared in England, when that country was subjected to incessant bombing, that many children would suffer permanent nervous injury.

The children of today are more closely in touch with events than those of a former age. They are probably making up their minds about children formerly were at 13 or 14. Their little hearts and brains are trying to keep up with a struggling world, may almost burst with the anxious thoughts that come to them.

It is not possible to keep them out of touch with these developments that are turning the world upside down. They have to learn to meet the world as it is, and they have to be told that bad men are trying to injure and destroy. They have to be shown the folly and wickedness of these acts.

Children at this time more than ever, need games and sports, so they will not dwell too constantly on this violent side of life. As they are enjoying their winter sports, and as they play baseball later, their thoughts for a time will flow along normally, and they will not be so likely to wake up at night with frightful war dreams.

The idle child, left with no occupation for spare hours, may turn a mind from quiet scenes where his mind can grow normally, to the horror of a world that cannot govern itself peacefully. Given the tools of play, the grounds on which to play, and some direction so his play does not end in futility, he will meet the savage side of the world with less emotional strain.

THE BORROWERS

THERE IS A newspaper joke which tells about the fellow who leaned over the garden fence, and said to his neighbor that he understood he had Thompson's snow shovel. He asked to borrow that shovel, promising that in return he would allow him to borrow Smith's lawn mower next summer.

There are some people who are habitual borrowers. Many of these are carelessly returning the things they borrow. That is particularly true in borrowing books. Many people who loan them freely discover that cherished volumes have gone, and they can't remember to whom they loaned them.

As for the ordinary utility borrower, it is the responsibility of the borrower to find such satisfaction in using them that they want to own them for themselves.

As the Editor Sees It

Private Opinions Publicly Expressed Perhaps this will be an unpleasant reminder, but here goes. After you have paid your income tax look over your remaining worldly possessions and if you find that you have \$3,000 in cash, bonds, stocks, notes, land contracts receivable or any other such, you must file an intangible tax return before April 1.

It seems as though Mrs. Roosevelt has been about everywhere except Lowell. For a grandma she is some gababout but withal we admire her for her boundless energy and her mental acumen.

Farmers' School Begins Jan. 21

Every Wednesday Night For Ten Weeks

The 1942 Adult Night School, put on for the general education of the farming public, will open Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, in the Agricultural room of Lowell high school.

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It is the patriotic duty of every farmer to learn more about how to make some improvement on his farm, and still save the soil.

Home Town Thought: Every time you greet strangers and visitors with a hearty welcome, you spread the idea that Lowell is a friendly and cordial place, in which people are happy.

Thermometers have continued to queer papers since we reported in last week's paper that the temperature 12 below zero by Friday afternoon had shot to 15 above, then on Saturday morning mercury skidded to 25 below, a change of 40 degrees within a few hours.

Income Tax Facts

(Editor's Note:—Below will be found a summary in the series of articles dealing with the filing of income tax returns. It is suggested that each article be carefully read and saved for future reference.)

State Savings Bank Begins Ninth Year

The annual election of officers and directors of the State Savings Bank of Lowell will be held at the bank on Wednesday of this week.

Patriotic Mass Meeting Tuesday, January 27

A rousing patriotic mass meeting will be held in the school auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The features of the meeting will be movies and an address by an outstanding speaker from Detroit.

Grandville Editor Dies Unexpectedly

J. John Pope, editor of the Grandville Star-Alliance, died at his home last Monday after a brief illness. Mr. Pope was in his sixtieth year, was among Michigan's best known weekly newspaper men and was a past president of the Michigan Press Association.



Two important dates of local interest to keep in mind: Annual meeting and banquet of Board of Trade, Monday evening, Jan. 26, at 7 o'clock, and the big patriotic mass meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, at the local high school gym, sponsored by the local defense Savings Committee.

The vital need for more and more alcohol to make explosives is going to change the formula of lots of things on your drug store shelves. Not that you need when you're ill, but things like toothpaste and perfume, and a great many cosmetic products.

The Lowell branch office of the Department of State, of which Mrs. John F. Kelly is branch manager, has been authorized to accept all old car and truck plates as they have a very definite value in the making of war materials.

The Ledger has been requested to announce in a village truck will collect waste paper from all places in the business district Monday of each week.

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Membership—Melvin Lewis, Donald McPherson, John B. Freeman, Leo Lampkin, Wilbur Burras, Herbert Elzinga, George Story, Samuel Myers, Lawrence Maxon.

Banquet—Howard Rittenger, William Read, Frank Stephens, Bernie Bedell, I. O. Altenberger, Bert McNelly.

Reception—R. M. Shivel, Rev. N. G. Woon, Rec. C. E. Pollock, Rev. R. C. Warland, Rev. Father Jewell, Art Hill, M. N. Henry, Fred Hestley, W. C. Doyle, John Aehart, N. E. Borgerson.

Nominations—Dr. F. E. White, E. A. Compagner, Peter Mulder, F. F. Coons, Frank McMahon, Harold Englehardt.

Neurology—W. A. Roth.

LETTER TO. LOWELL

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

Our Columnists Find Life in the Barbados Delightful And Inexpensive; Kate Tells About Food, Flowers

(Written on the veranda of the Cromer House, Shot Hall, Bridgetown, Barbados.) We knew we should find a Paradise before we left the Caribbean for South America.

Beaches of silver surround a vebemely green island. The sea bathing is doubtless the best in the world; water is cool and clear to a depth of twenty-five feet and there is little danger from sharks or barracuda.

Our house is located on the ocean about one mile from downtown and two minutes' walk from the Aquatic Club where Bridgetown does most of its swimming.

American dollars are worth \$11.17 in Barbadian money and there are innumerable temptations to spend those dollars—Irish and English tweeds and flannels and gingham, beautiful linen luncheon sets and table cloths, German, French and Portuguese wines.

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First Aid Training For Men and Women

Mrs. H. P. Goffredsen, in charge of local Red Cross activities, announces that first aid training will be available for men and women over seventeen years of age.

There is no charge for the course except sixty cents for a text book. All those who might be interested should meet at the school on Monday, Jan. 19, or on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at seven o'clock.

Mrs. Herrmann will also conduct classes in first aid for girls in Junior and Senior high school. This will be done during the regular school day.

News of Our Boys With the U. S. Flag

Lawrence Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Potter, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy about two years ago, is now said to be serving on a war ship on the Atlantic.

Arthur Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Curtis, left on Monday morning of this week for Miami, Fla., where he will receive training in the Navy Air Corps.

Edward Maloney, who enlisted in the Navy about four weeks ago and has been at the Great Lakes Training Station, was transferred Saturday to Key West, Fla.

Lawrence Cornelius, Jr., 21, and Clifford L. Niles, 20, both of Ada, have left for the Great Lakes, Ill., naval training station where they will receive basic training.

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Frank Mungler, who is in the U. S. Navy aboard the U. S. S. Chateau Thierry, spent a few days last week on furlough and visited his brother, Robert and wife near Cascade and other relatives.

P. F. C. Lewis A. Houghton has been transferred from the U. S. Marine training center at Quantico, Va., to New River, N. C. His new quarters is 2nd En. Hq., 5th Marines, F. M. D., New River, N. C.

Junior S. Ayres of Lowell and Thomas A. Shear of Ada have passed their final physical examination for acceptance in the U. S. Marine Corps and have been sent to San Diego, Calif., for basic training.

Red Cross Under New Sewing Plan

Changes in the plan of Red Cross sewing by which sewing must be returned at a specified time agreed upon by the sewing chairman are announced by Mrs. E. C. Foreman, local Red Cross production chairman.

"Many groups," Mrs. Foreman said, "have been faithfully working for the local Red Cross for many months. In the past the chairman has been allowed to take out samples and return work at her convenience. As a result there are still many garments unreturned. With the country at war, the plan of work must be changed."

The change is one being made all over the country to place chapters on a wartime footing, Mrs. Foreman explained.

Mrs. Foreman has received the following letter from the county production chairman: "Dear Chairman: You have worked so splendidly through all the peace months and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate all you have done."

The new plan is as follows: 1. All sewing must be taken out by the sewing chairman who when given her quota agrees upon a specified time when all garments must be returned.

As there is no sewing or knitting available and we are trying to establish a Sewing Center, an announcement of our plans will be made in the paper in the near future.

We are asking that the knitting now out will be returned not later than January 27 to the City Hall. Mrs. E. C. Foreman.

Red Cross War Fund Passes \$500 Mark

Contributions to the American Red Cross War fund continue to come in. The total amount of this week totaled \$504.83 for Lowell's share, according to a report made by Mrs. Charles Doyle, local chairman.

\$50.00 contribution—Lowell Board of Trade. \$26.00 contribution—Lowell Manufacturing Co. Employees. \$22.85 contribution—Central Michigan Office Char. L. O. Employees.

\$20.00 contribution—State Savings Bank. \$16.50 contribution—King Milling Co. Employees. \$10.00 contributions—American Legion Auxiliary, Lowell Women's Club, King Milling Co.

\$5.00 contributions—Mrs. Harvey Callier, A. & P. Tea Co., Lowell Manufacturing Co., C. L. F. Williamson, Mrs. C. L. F. Williamson. \$3.00 contribution—Good's Feed Mill.

\$2.00 contributions—Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haner, Mrs. Anna Glass, Newell Mfg. Co., E. O. Wadsworth, Inc., Henry R. Fickens.

Night Schools Are Popular

Adult night schools in agriculture are getting under way in four Kent county high schools this month.

"Soils" is the subject of discussion in most of the schools with talks on crops, dairying and pastures. The various subjects will be discussed by the Smith-Hughes teachers themselves, or specialists from Michigan State College, and the local agricultural extension staff.

The meetings are held on Thursday evenings with Addison Miller in charge. Lowell meetings are Wednesday night with John Kleinhekel in charge.

Farm Fire Prevention In a group of men discussing agriculture's place in the defense program, the subject of preventing farm fires came up.

The group remarked that as a youngster it was his job to see that the kitchen water tap was full every night before he went to bed. That was a simple fire prevention act and we wondered how many farm folks ever anticipated ahead just what they would do in case of fire.

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More Milk Per Cow

"A pint a pound the world around" is the old saying. Dairy products are one of the things that are asked for in a Food for Defense program.

In going over some records from the Farm Management department the other day we found some interesting figures taken from 180 dairy farms in central Michigan.

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These Five Lowell Boys Like the Cavalry

A letter from Richard H. Watt, who is stationed with the U. S. Marine Air Corps at Quantico, Va., states that his station name has been changed and his address from now on will be: R. H. Watt, U. S. M. C. Air Station, Headquarters Squadron, Quantico, Va.

Richard says in part: "I think the column, 'News of Our Boys with the U. S. Flag' a very good idea as it helps a fellow separated from others also in the service. It helps to keep him acquainted with their transfers and as to what they are doing. The home town newspaper is something all fellows look forward to getting. Things are rather quiet around here right now but it will be only a matter of weeks until we learn what war means in the way of hard work and continual activity."

Richard's many friends are glad to hear from him again and hope he will send more news soon.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17—Here's fun for everyone, "Sis Hopkins" with Judy Canova, Bob Crosby, Charles Butterworth, Susan Hayward and Jerry Canova; also added Shorts.







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WRIGHT A PATTERSON
(Released by Western Newspaper Union)

A YEAR HAS PASSED, AT SEASIDE BEACH
A YEAR AGO Illinois carned me to a hotel room, through the windows of which I looked out on the waters of the broad Pacific.

I watched the constantly moving panorama on a rainbow pier—the procession of cars and trucks and the platforms filled with dancers with religious revivals or, at times, with both.

I knew the name of no single one of those fighting ships. I did not know whether the ship was a cruiser, for which state, which cruiser was named for which city, or the name of what vessel it was.

Always there was an inspiring sight. They seemed always on the alert. Always there was smoke from their escape valves. Their crews were busy and the men in their uniforms and caps passed from one ship to another.

That fleet was an inspiring sight. It was something more than great masses of steel. It was steel plus men, and the men were the soul of America. The ships and the crews were the guardians of the peace and pleasure of the world.

It is now a year since I was in the Far East to testify that enemy who attacked a peace-defeating nation.

ALTO DEPARTMENT
Mrs. Fred Pattison
Chubase Tournament
Twelve Alto cribbage fans went to Saranac Monday night for the return match and won again, 4 to 2.

Bowne-up. Gives \$371 to Red Cross
Bowne Township reports gross contribution to Red Cross War Relief Fund.

Alto Locals
We think the weatherman must be in complete with Russia, the mountains of snow we have and it was reported 22 degrees below zero Saturday morning at Channing Lake.

Franklin and Lee
Two famous Americans were born during this month, January 17 and 18. That first of January is followed by a second, many of them should be protected against diphtheria.

Complete Victory
President Roosevelt's recent message to congress asked for complete victory over the powers trying to dominate the world.

Prison Labor for Defense
A number of influential people have recently come out in favor of prison labor for the production of war materials.

Goyle Lake
Mrs. E. L. Oger
Gore School P. A. will be held Friday evening, January 16.

W. A. Large
Chiropractor
X-Ray Service
Phone 43 King Block Lowell

Ledger Entries Weekly Scrapbook
CREATURES OF HABIT
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE may not be so soft as some folks think, but they form habits.

A Ham Whom
Chop left over cooked ham that you use at hand, put it into your crock pot.

Concerning Cleaning
A suggestion for cleaning costume jewelry is to dip it in potato water and rub well with soft cooked potato.

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Health - Hygiene
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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO
OF ALTO, IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1941.

ASSETS
Loans and discounts (including 442.46 overdrafts) \$ 77,747.41
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed \$ 124,500.00

LIABILITIES
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations \$ 101,415.73
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations \$ 133,676.60

MEMORANDA
Pledged assets (see securities loan) (book value):
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities \$ 7,500.00

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### Coming Events

The Lowell Women's Club will meet on Wednesday afternoon, January 21 at the home of Mrs. Bruce McQueen at 2:30. The speaker will be Mr. Folkema from the Wish Maker's house at 1235 Polheim's.

The Third Annual Bach Festival will be held at First (Park) Congregational Church, Grand Rapids on January 17, 18 and 19.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. Runciman Friday, Jan. 16, 2:30 p. m.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. S. C. S. will be held at the First Methodist Church Friday, Jan. 23, at 8 o'clock. The Marriage Group will be guests that night. Mrs. Dan Wingeier is in charge of a special program and all are urged to be present.

The Martha Group of W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church will meet Monday evening, Jan. 19, at Mrs. Charles Brown's.

The men of the Congregational Church are sponsoring an "Old Fashioned" box social to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21, with program beginning at 8:00 p. m. The ladies and girls will make boxes which will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Old fashioned dresses and suits will be in order, even a horse and cutter if one can be found.

Dr. Charles W. Helseley of East Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, will speak at an evening service in the Congregational Church of Lowell on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p. m.

Bowen Center PTA will be held Friday evening, Jan. 23. This program is in charge of the Fathers. A motion picture will be shown.

Saturday, Jan. 17, is the last day for the Methodist Ladies' Thrift Shop in the City Hall. Just today we have received another lot of good warm clothing for men, women and children, which must be closed Saturday night. Also lots of food for Saturday sale.

### Interesting Letter From California

Mrs. V. H. Matthews of San Jose, Calif., formerly of Lowell, sends an interesting letter to the Ledger which reads as follows:

"We always enjoy news through the Ledger of one of our old homes. After the first air-raid in San Francisco, I had so many worried letters I almost wrote a letter to the Ledger to report our reaction and safety!

"If Japanese planes did fly in from the coast over the tip of San Francisco Bay, we could have seen them from our living room in the Sierra foothills, bounding the Santa Clara valley on the east. On clear days or nights we have a view range of almost 50 miles north and south and 23 to 30 miles to coast range of mountains to the west.

"Our eldest son, Vinton S. Matthews, who started to school in Lowell, is a lieutenant in the Coast Artillery. He has been stationed at Ft. Scott, San Francisco, near the Golden Gate, but at present is at Ft. Monroe, near Norfolk, Va., for special instruction. We read of the other Lowell boys in the service."

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Milan Porter (nee Barbara Jean Cahoon) of Greenville, a 6-lb., 13-oz. son, Ronald Duane, on January 8 at the Greenville Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friedli (Ruth Vandenhout), a 6 1/2 lb. girl, Ora May, on Saturday, Jan. 10, at Ionia Community hospital.

### Legion and Auxiliary Sponsor Potluck Supper

The Lowell American Legion Post and the Auxiliary are inviting all ex-service men and their ladies (wives or friends) to join in a potluck supper on Monday evening, Jan. 19, at the City Hall at 7:30. Good hot coffee will be furnished and those attending can bring sandwiches and what other food they care to. Mrs. Bessa Hatch, president of the Auxiliary, hopes this party will be one of those old fashioned suppers like were held away back 18 or 20 years ago, and urges that it is not only for American Legion members but all ex-service men.

### LADIES, RED CROSS NOTICE

Red Cross surgical dressing workers are asked to bring scissors to classes, both Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening.

### Another Job For the Farmer

Hundreds of Kent county farmers who never before have made an income tax return will do so this year under the new law which requires that a return be filed by all single persons who have taken in a gross of \$750 during the year and by all married persons who have taken in \$1,500. Whether he has made a profit or not, the farmer must file the income tax return.

The obligation to make the return and to pay such taxes as it shows to be due in one which every American farmer will accept as a patriotic duty to his country which now at great expense is defending him from gangster foes abroad.

Even though the filing of an income tax report is a task which the farmer accepts with patriotic cheerfulness, it is also one which may be burdensome, particularly to those who must fill out the blanks this year for the first time. The farmer faces a far more complicated accounting task than does the citizen whose income is in salary or wages. To make his income tax report he must have complete financial records showing not only all items of income but all expenses as well for many farm expenses may be deducted from income thus reducing the amount of tax to be paid. The farmer must fill out the usual income tax return and Form 1040-F, a schedule of Farm Income and Expenses.

If the farmer's records consist merely of receipts and other notations tucked away in a drawer, box or tin can, his task is almost impossible and before March 16 he must go for help to an accountant or attorney whose fee will be incurred by the amount of time required to turn these scattered records into an orderly account.

Proper financial records will prove of special value should the farmer's tax return be questioned after it has been filed. If the inspector finds that a mass of disordered records has been the only basis for the return, his doubts concerning the accuracy of the farmer's report naturally will be increased. Long, tedious investigation requiring much of the farmer's time and possibly costly legal aid may follow. If the return is finally found to have been in error due to the faulty records from which it was compiled, expensive penalties may be assessed under terms of the law.

To avoid such difficulties many farmers are adopting the practice of keeping monthly reports on their financial operations. If entries in these monthly records of income and expense are kept according to classifications required for income tax reports, all the farmer must do to make his annual report to the government is to copy off the totals of his various entries at the year's end.

Progressive farmers will start the New Year right by preparing to keep complete records of their 1942 operations in order to protect themselves and to play fair with Uncle Sam. It's good business and good citizenship.

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### Social Events

Miss Florence Miller, daughter of Mrs. Elton Church of Logan, and Ransom Miller of Flint and Phillip Lett, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lett of Elmdale, were united in marriage on Thursday, January 8, at the Nazarene Parsonage in Flint, with the Rev. R. C. Johnson performing the ceremony.

The bride chose a gown of light blue crepe and was attended by her sister, Miss Esther Miller who wore a gown of medium blue crepe and each wore a strand of pearls and a corsage of sweet peas, chrysanthemums and carnations.

Phlorus Hale of Keene attended the groom as best man. The couple returned to Elmdale in the afternoon and in the evening a seven o'clock dinner was served at the groom's mother which was attended by the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. Phlorus Hale and Miss Esther Miller.

The bride for the past year, has been employed at a paper mill in Kalamazoo. The groom is a graduate of Lowell High School in the class of 1937, later taking up electrical work and is now employed as a P. M. maintainer at Lake Odessa where the happy couple have taken a furnished apartment. Their many friends extend their hearty congratulations and best wishes.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowers of Sparta and Gerald Collins, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins of Lowell took place in the Cedar Springs Methodist Church at 8 o'clock, January 7. Rev. Conklin, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a street length dress of Royal blue crepe and was attended by Mrs. Edson O'Harrow, sister of the groom, who was dressed in Powder blue crepe. Both wore hats with small veils and corsages of roses. Jack Bowers, brother of the bride, attended as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins are at home to their friends at 333 Palmer Street, Grand Rapids.

Those from Lowell who attended the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, Miss Gladys Collins and Miss Colleen Collins.

### 55th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quiggie of R. 2, Ada, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at their home Monday, Jan. 12. Their guests were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Quiggie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bloomer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wingeier and Mrs. Quiggie's three brothers, Chas. Frank and Fred with their wives, also Vern Waterson, a friend of the family. Mrs. Waterson and Fred Quiggie which occur on the same day. A beautiful chicken and steak dinner was served at noon and after a pleasant afternoon, all returned to their homes wishing the happy couple many more such occasions.

### Vergennes Co-operative Club

The annual party of Vergennes Co-operative Club was held on Thursday, January 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson. A pot luck supper was enjoyed by all and was followed by a very splendid talk given by Mr. Johnson, after which games were played and prizes given.

Although the evening was very stormy and many members were unable to attend, all those present had a very enjoyable time. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. Elma Roth.

### Announce Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore of Keene announce the marriage of their daughter, Eleanor to Thomas Ford, son of Mrs. Kathleen Ford of Grand Rapids. The marriage was performed August 6, 1941 at Albany, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Ford will make their home at 222 Delaware St., Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ford was a graduate of Lowell high school in the class of 1938 and has many friends here who extend best wishes and congratulations to the newlyweds.

### Miscellaneous Shower

Miss Maryann Weaver and Mrs. Bernard Kropp were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower Wednesday evening, Jan. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kropp in Carson City in honor of Miss Gracia Haysmer of Lowell and Gene Christensen of Lakeview.

Those attending besides the honored guests were Miss Audrey Darby, Jack Frazier, Miss Kay Kyser, Hoyt Phelps, Junior Ayres, Miss Mary Sterken of Lowell, Vaughan Ardis of Lakeview.

### Former Resident Engaged

Of interest locally is the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Anne Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Green of Grand Rapids to Arthur G. Yokum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irvine of Grand Rapids. Miss Green and her parents were residents of Lowell for several years and she attended the Lowell schools. The wedding is planned for Saturday.

### Social Brevities

The PD Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swarthout last Thursday evening for dinner. Honors in cards were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gurnser.

The Fortnightly Club met at the home of Mrs. Carl Freyermuth on Tuesday evening of this week.



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### Rural Women Invited to MSC

How to feed and clothe a typical rural Michigan family during these days of changing prices, war emergency and shortages and substitutes will feature the program designed for women who attend home economics sessions during the coming 27th annual Farmers' Week at Michigan State College Feb. 2-4.

Home economics programs are scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, many of the women will be on the campus for Monday events which include meetings of the leading dairy breed associations. Monday also is Poultry Day with dairy and poultry banquets in the evening. Friday with its livestock sales, finals in rural drama competition and features of the Michigan State Grange will draw other women visitors.

One of the traditional events retained for the women is the annual style show in which women students at the college model garments they have made in clothing and textile classes. This is scheduled for Thursday afternoon in Fairchild theater.

War and the cost of living are featured in home economics talks Tuesday, Feb. 3. In the afternoon a panel discussion on consumer buying will present ideas from eight participants, with Dr. Irtan Grosz of the college staff as chairman.

Wednesday is Nutrition Day. Dr. Marie Dye, dean of home economics, is also serving as chairman of the Michigan Nutrition Defense committee. She is to offer pointers on the state program. Fourteen men and women will exchange comments in an afternoon nutrition roundtable discussion.

Sociology and description of women in wartime Britain feature the Thursday schedule, followed in the afternoon by the style show. Exhibits planned for the week include a consumer information center, a room adapted to family living in wartime, and nutrition materials for county committees.

### SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

The men of South Boston Grange will honor the women members with a festive entertainment at the hall next Saturday evening, Jan. 17. Leonard Blossom heads the program committee and Fred Fahnl has charge of the supper. The women of South Boston are looking forward to an evening of ease and pleasure.

The Ionia County Pomona Grange will be held at Portland on Saturday evening, Jan. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kropp in Carson City in honor of Miss Gracia Haysmer of Lowell and Gene Christensen of Lakeview.

The proceeds of the next dance to be held January 24 will be given to the Red Cross. A good attendance is anticipated.

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### More Local News

Bert A. Charles, our pioneer barber, has been confined to his home for the past two or three weeks by sickness. We are glad to state that he is reported on the gain.

"She Loved a Spy" by Sylvia Taylor is the title of the new serial story which begins in this issue of the Ledger. Be sure to enjoy every installment of this great love story. Turn to page six.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: A Lowell man was overheard to remark that the easy-going fellows are sometimes mighty hard stopping!... The grouchy man in town is usually the one to wonder why folks around him don't smile often... The only chap who can successfully keep out of hot water is the one with cold feet.



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### Good Programs for Caledonia Farmers

The meetings of the Caledonia Farmers' Club will start next Monday, Jan. 19. We have many special sets on the program again as in the past three years. Again, we offer a wide range of subjects hoping thereby to have something of interest to all.

This coming year will be a crucial one for farmers. With a shortage of labor and farm machinery, and farmers being requested to step up production by at least ten per cent, it will be necessary to get the utmost in production from each acre on each Monday night in the cafe, study their business as never before and make use of the best practices and methods known. Our speakers will be in a position to give us the information we desire and answer our questions.

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Jan. 19—Hybrid Corn, A. A. Johnson of M. S. C. Farm Crops Department.

Jan. 26—Pasture Improvement, Carter Harrison, M. S. C. Farm Crops Department.

Feb. 2—A. A. Soil Improvement Program, Henry Timm.

Feb. 9—Poultry Improvement, E. C. Foreman, Lowell.

Feb. 16—Crop Improvement for Dairy Farms, K. K. Vining, County Agricultural Agent.

### Complete Records Not Available

Social Security Board records cannot be used in preparing income tax returns for 1941, it was said today by William E. Kirchgesner, manager of the Social Security Board field office at the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance.

"We have had numerous calls from individuals who sought to use our records in connection with the filing of income tax returns for 1941," Mr. Kirchgesner said.

"Our records are not posted for several months after the wages are earned and will not be complete until some time after tax returns are due from individuals. Those who desire statements of their wages up to the early part of 1941 may obtain this information by using the wage record request card which we will supply for this purpose, but it is impossible for us to provide currently or until the latter part of 1942 any statement of earnings including wages paid in 1941 in employment covered by the Social Security Act."

A love story of absorbing interest entitled "She Loved a Spy" begins in this issue of the Ledger. Turn to page six for opening installment.

Professional Jealousy First Hobo (watching holiday crowds)—I hates holidays. Second Hobo—Same here. Makes yer feel common when nobody ain't workin'!

Unusual Warden—Ain't yer asleep yet? Ex-Burglar—No, it seems so funny to be lyin' in bed in the middle of the night.

Famous Last Words "I smell gas down here. Gotta match?"

Go-Between First Maid—How did you like working for that college professor? Second Maid—Aw, it was a tough job. He was all the time quarreling with his wife, and they kept me busy running between the keyhole and the dictionary.

Secretive "My husband traces his ancestry back to Edward the Confessor." "I guess mine must come from William the Silent; I can never get him to own up to anything."

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