

THE SOLDIER'S LETTER HOME

THE HOME FOLKS are urged to write constantly to the soldiers, and they should do so. They will thereby comfort the boys in lonely hours. The soldier can also reflect that the home folks are anxious about him, and want to know all they can of how he is and how he likes the life and his comrades and officers. Good letters describing these things will go far to make the home people happier.

WOMEN IN TROUSERS

MANY WOMEN are reported to be buying "slacks". They are often seen wearing these costumes in the streets, and apparently find them useful at home. Does this mean that women will eventually come to the fore as a regular customer in the clothing store?

COMMITTEE WORK

THE ORGANIZATIONS of a community often find difficulty in getting people to serve on committees, and do things that will benefit the community. It will often be complained, when committees are appointed, that it is hard to get these members together. If a meeting is called, some of them are likely to be absent.

WILLINGNESS TO WORK

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WORKED

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE worked out of many of their troubles in past years by their intense energy. If the farmers were plagued by drought or insect pests, they worked hard and made up for these losses, even in days when they had little machinery and knew little about agricultural science.

FRICITION AMONG ALLIES

FRICITION in a baseball team is said to make it harder for the team to win games. Similarly friction between the United States, England, Russia, and China, which are banded together against the Axis, will make it hard for these countries to win the war.

Money talks! United States

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Grand and Flat At Flood Stage

Subsiding Waters Hoped For By Tonight

"River, stay 'way from my door!" No doubt many Lowell people and many others living in the valleys of the Grand and Flat rivers have been repeating over and over the foregoing words of an old popular song. The rapid rising of waters in the Grand, Flat and Thornapple rivers began to be very noticeable last Sunday and each day since.

Move 300 Tons of Beans

In order to forestall damage from high water, the Grand Rapids weather bureau Tuesday morning had trucks and men at work moving beans to storage places on higher levels and by late Tuesday night had succeeded in moving to safety upwards of 300 tons of beans.

Pal, the family dog at the Ed Reynolds home

"Pal," the family dog at the Ed Reynolds home and a prime favorite not only of the Reynolds children but also of all the kids in the neighborhood, has a trick of his own that is worth mentioning in print. "Pal" has learned that cement sidewalks are really cold in winter so when he wants to sit down he makes a comfortable cushion for himself by adroitly curling his large bushy tail underneath that portion of the anatomy that a dog just naturally sits down on.

Supervisor Theo Bailey of Vergennes

Supervisor Theo Bailey of Vergennes appeared before the Common Council Monday night soliciting a cut for services of the Lowell fire department for answering fire calls in Vergennes. During the past year the fire department has answered approximately 387 calls and the department at each of four fires and inasmuch as the charges made were figured at net cost the council members could not see their way clear to cut the rate.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: "Which is the biber," asks Art Curtis, "the Danube or the folks along side of it?" Distribution of weight in Lowell is as bad as distribution of wealth—always trying to take off and put on! . . . If doctors were paid by the government on a salary basis you might want to wait a long time when appendicitis at 3:00 during a snow storm. . . . A few Lowell girls might make fortunes out of their faces, but so do most cosmetic manufacturers. . . . The lark denotes spring to most Lowell men, but a few have been aware of larks all winter.

Grange Honors John Freeman Master Farmer

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F. F. A. to Sponsor Pancake Supper

The Lowell F. F. A. will sponsor a pancake supper in the high school gymnasium on March 25. The menu will consist of all the pancaques you can eat, sausage, coffee and ice cream. Of course, the trimmings will be available. Serving will take place from 6:30 until 8:00.



Along Main Street

Village Clerk L. E. Johnson has been appointed a member of the Conservation and Salvage Committee of the Kent County Defense Council.

Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout have witnessed in southern waters the midnight sinking of a tanker and a freighter by German U-boats. Read thrilling account in next week's Ledger.

Deputy Frank Stephens and Marshal Fred Gramer attended a five-day school last week in Grand Rapids put on by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The purpose of the school was to instruct police officers in organizing civilian defense in their respective communities.

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A LETTER TO.

LOWELL

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

G. S. and K. S. See Big Opportunities in So. America

(Written aboard ship enroute from Georgetown to Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.) I recall definitely that young Bill Doyle and I agreed last fall the most vital subject for discussion by a young couple on a junket such as ours would be "What do they really think of us?"

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Services Today for Mrs. Nellie Ford

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon for Mrs. Nellie Ford, 66, who passed away Monday night in Blodgett hospital. Rites will be at the Alton Church with the Rev. C. E. Pollock officiating. Interment will be in Alton cemetery.

Mrs. Ford had been in poor health for a number of years and had failed quite rapidly in the past few weeks. She had been a resident of Vergennes for about 17 years and was a member of the First Methodist Church of Lowell.

Surviving are the husband, Fred J. Ford; three brothers, Judson Cory of Vergennes, Harry Cory of Matherton and James Cory of Hubbardston; two sisters, Cody of Berkeley and Jennie of Chicago; one step-son, Roy V. Ford and his family; a niece, Mrs. Letha Woodman of Lowell.

The sincere sympathy of many friends and neighbors is extended to the bereaved family.

4-H To Get Cash For Fire Essays

Cash prizes in county and state competition for 4-H Club boys and girls who participate in a national 4-H fire safety contest in Michigan are offered through sponsorship of the State Association of Mutual Insurance Companies of Michigan.

The contest serves as a follow-up for the farm fire prevention campaign recently concluded in Michigan in which school children aided the state-wide farm to farm survey of fire hazards.

Any 4-H Club boy or girl from 14 to 21 years in age, living on a Michigan farm or with rural background, may compete in the 1942 contest, the sponsors report.

According to the 4-H Club headquarters at Michigan State College, the contest essentials include an inspection of not less than three sets of farm buildings. Reports of these inspections must be filed on forms furnished by the insurance companies. The contestant is to submit a composition of not less than 300 words on the subject "What I Have Learned About Fire Prevention."

No county with less than 50 participants will be considered unless counties, by mutual agreement, are grouped for judging of that number of entries.

Cash prizes within the counties will consist of awards of \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50. State awards will be \$15.00, \$7.50 and \$2.50. A national prize for one boy and one girl winner will be a free trip with all expenses paid to the annual convention of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. Entry blanks must be filed with county inspectors by May 1. Essays and reports are to be completed by June 1, county awards named later than June 15 and state winners by July 1.

Defense Workers Enroll Next Week

Plans for a county-wide enrollment for civilian defense, to be held the week of March 23, were outlined at an instructional meeting held in the Grand Rapids Public Museum, under auspices of the Volunteer office of the Kent County Defense Council last week.

An attendance of 125 men and women from the 24 townships was present. Mrs. Russell D. Fouts, director of the Volunteer office, presided and detailed instructions were given in filling out enrollment cards, setting up registration tables.

The time and place of registration of volunteers for the defense program in townships of this section of Kent county have been announced as follows:

Ada-twp.-Chm., Mrs. Wm. Furner, Ada Town Hall, March 25. Bowne-twp.-Chm., Mrs. Henry A. Johnson, Alto Library and Bowne Town Hall, March 24 and 25.

Chester-twp.-Chm., Mrs. George Graybill, Caledonia Town Hall, March 27 and 28. Cannon-twp.-Chm., Mrs. James Burton, Cannon Town Hall, March 26.

Cascade-twp.-Chm., Mrs. Guy Guigle, Cascade Town Hall, March 26. Grant-twp.-Chm., Mrs. Margaret Hefferon, Lowell-twp.-Chm., Frank Stephens, Lowell City Hall and Johnson Garage, March 27 and 28, 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Lowell-twp.-Chm., Mrs. H. P. Gottfriesen, Lowell City Hall, Vergennes-twp.-Chm., Mrs. M. B. McPherson, Alton Church and Vergennes Grange, March 23, 2:00 to 8:00 p. m.

The county needs a number of air-raid wardens, auxiliary firemen, bomb squads and auxiliary police. The civilian protection services are absolutely essential to the building and maintenance of a strong home front. The vulnerability of Michigan to attack from the air may be clearly visualized if one realizes that from Hudson Bay to Kent county is only 500 miles or an hour and twenty minutes in a bomber—and the Japs traveled 5000 miles to reach Pearl Harbor!

The possibility of hidden air bases or the seizure of new territory by the enemy must be taken into account.

Outside of the civilian protection division there are numerous work opportunities for volunteers in the salvage program, the health program, in home nursing, first aid and general Red Cross activities, the WPA school lunch program, etc.

Cross first-aid training instructions will be given throughout the townships, it was announced.

Drunk Drivers Lose Licenses. Eighty-five Michigan motorists who were convicted of drunken driving in the single week ending February 13, had their driver's licenses revoked.

Lowell Sixth Graders Win Valuable Prize. The sixth grade room of the Lowell public schools is enjoying programs on the fine new radio which was recently awarded by a Grand Rapids department store for submitting one of five sets of questions to be used in finding a Quiz Kid from Kent county to appear on the Chicago radio program.

This was quite an honor for the boys and girls and their teacher, Mrs. Hannah Reynolds, as they were in competition with schools all over Kent county. Thanks to A. F. Zwemer, the radio is all connected and working nicely.

Farmers Applaud Welsh, McPherson

Say Labor Must End Pet Peeves, Disputes

Mayor George W. Welsh of Grand Rapids told members of the Kent City Farm bureau at their annual meeting last Friday that American boys will continue to die needlessly on two fronts and in all the oceans so long as "teachers' pets and sacred cows" in this country are permitted to throw monkey wrenches into the all-out production program.

This is no time in the life of the nation, he asserted, for special groups to declare "they are going to get what they want and say to heck with all others."

"How many more Pearl Harbors have we got to have before the people will wake up and realize we can lose this war?" Welsh asked. "How many Pearl Harbors must we suffer before manufacturers will realize every idle machine must be put to work regardless of profits? How many Pearl Harbors must we have before labor will appreciate that its pet peeves and disputes must be settled in some other way than by strike?"

The mayor told the farmers that labor racketeers were one of the big menaces within the nation and sooner or later this problem must be faced and solved.

Warns of Invasion Peril

"Unfortunately," Welsh asserted, "we have too many persons in public office who are afraid to speak their minds on the real issues facing America at home. I was willing to risk defeat to let the people of Grand Rapids know what I thought about the labor problem. No man in the past has been more sympathetic toward organized labor in his efforts to improve its conditions than I but some practices crept in which I cannot condone or approve."

Unless people snap out of their dozing quickly and really give the country all-out production, the mayor offered to wager that "Japs will invade Alaska before mid-summer." He believed it would be possible for enemy warcraft to sail into Hudson bay in midsummer and send bombing planes to attack the locks at Sault Ste. Marie and bomb war industries in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint and Detroit.

Timely Warning by McPherson

M. B. McPherson of Lowell, president of the Kent County Farm bureau, was warmly applauded when he advocated induction into the army all men of military age who go on strike in time of war.

He declared the nation sorely needs anti-strike legislation and assailed a bill before congress to exempt from taxes industries engaged in producing war materials.

He warned that legislation would take more than \$20,000,000 off Kent county assessment rolls and would create financial chaos in local government.

Powell Issues Challenge

Declaring that farmers always feel the brunt of inflation, Stanley M. Powell of Ionia, public relations director of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, said agriculture is in favor of any fair price control program so long as it applies equally to all groups, including labor.

The farm leader said agriculture challenges the right of labor or any other group attempting to deny farmers the freedom of the highways and the privilege of transporting what they produce to market. He warned farmers against affiliating with the United Dairy Farmers, alleged to have been sponsored by John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

Mrs. Etta Wicks, 68 Is Laid to Rest

Funeral services were held in the Roth Chapel Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Etta Wicks, 68, who passed away on Wednesday in St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, following a long illness. The Rev. N. G. Wood officiated and burial was made in the Lincoln cemetery, Isabella county.

Obituary Sketch. Mrs. Wicks was born in Jackson county, Michigan, September 30, 1873 and with her family moved to Isabella county where she was married to Charles Titus. Of this union were born one son, Paul Roy and one daughter, Aggie, the daughter dying at about one year and the son died in the Navy in 1918.

She was married on November 1, 1901 to Nelson D. Wicks. To this union was born one son, Erwin E. Wicks.

Surviving are the son Erwin; three step-sons, Calvin E. Wicks, W. Clare Wicks and Nelson E. Wicks; one grandson, one step-daughter, Flora Anderson; five brothers, Merrill Cooper, Orin Cooper, Harry Cooper, Litchfield Cooper and Arthur Cooper; one sister, Sylvia Gallup of Harvard, Ill.

FORMER RESIDENT BURIED

Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids Monday afternoon for Wellington G. (Bill) Sargent, who passed away at his home in that city last Friday morning. The body was brought to Lowell for burial on the family lot in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Sargent was a resident of Lowell about 50 years ago. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Sargent and will be remembered by old friends and acquaintances. He is survived by his wife, Mary; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Rolf; and one brother, Charles R. Sargent, all of Grand Rapids.

NOTICE

I will be at the office of the late Dr. H. P. Gottfriesen every afternoon during the month of March to collect accounts due him.

Besse F. Gottfriesen (Mrs. H. P.), Special Administrator. c42-1f

Let freedom ring on Uncle Sam's cash register! Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps.

Rev. Arthur J. Morris, who was born in Lowell November 12, 1867, died at his home in Maple Rapids, Mich., on March 7 and was laid to rest in Jackson, Mich., March 10. Mr. Morris was an ordained minister of the Methodist Church and during his lifetime held pastorates in a number of Michigan towns. He was a nephew of the late Webster Morris, who founded the Lowell Journal July 13, 1865.

Cattle Breeders' Day

On March 11 the Jersey breeders

of Kent county met with Mr. H. E. Dennison, the Jersey fieldman, in the afternoon and the Holstein breeders had their annual meeting here at the Y. M. C. A. in the evening. Now when two groups as enthusiastic about their individual breeds get together in one day a county agent just better keep quiet.

4-H Leaders

To all 4-H Club leaders in Clothing and Handicraft work: An afternoon and evening meeting will be held on March 20, at the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. Clothing and Handicraft judging will be featured, and the leaders prepare for the local achievement days to be held in April. We are asking each leader to bring one completed first year exhibit or one second year exhibit to judge.

Soil Conservation

Planning for soil conservation is important in the winter time. Frank Trull, of the Soil Conservation Service cooperating with Mr. Vining, is helping 12 Grand Rapids township farmers solve the erosion problem on their farms. By the way, Grattan isn't the only township where erosion is serious. Here are just a few simple practices that work to cut down on soil erosion where it is not too bad.

This spring just past work was done across the slopes rather than up and down the hills. Work the land and drill all crops in this manner to slow up the run off. Every furrow and every seed row in that way will tend to hold the water where it falls. On the steeper slope manure well and try to get a permanent sod established. A mixture of alfalfa and Bromegrass is an excellent mixture.

Inklings

A man may lay down the law in his own home but his wife generally supplies the amendments. A pedestrian is the guy whose tires and wheels are out of kilter. "Com' Freddy, and kiss your Aunt Martha."

No Soap!

Soap goes farther in soft water than in hard, so now that war threatens to reduce supplies of soap-making vegetables from abroad, the government is urging that you get your place under the farm house saves—so says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It seems that in addition to the shortage of imported oils, the manufacture of glycerin has a direct bearing on the subject. In normal times more than 90% of the glycerin used in manufacture is a by-product of soap making. Now that our munitions production is demanding huge quantities of glycerin, and with probably huge demands from Russia, the ordinary relationship is reversed and the soap is secondary to the glycerin in importance. Consequently it is to be assumed that the W. P. B. will do everything possible to keep up the production of soap. At best, however, there may be some shortage.

When lye and fat are combined under certain conditions, a mixture of soap and glycerin results. Commercially the glycerin is removed and used in the manufacture of munitions. Soap can be made at home but it is impossible to separate the glycerin from the soap. Consequently home soap making is rather frowned upon from the standpoint of glycerin production.

There is talk of a salvage campaign to make more domestic fats available for soap manufacture. Chicago has carried on such a campaign with considerable success.

At least until that time, housewives accumulating bacon and other fat can very profitably make a high grade of hard white soap at home with very little effort.

A can of lye and 6 pounds of fat (a combination of fat and tallow is best) will make 9 pounds of soap or approximately 25 bars. The only cost is for the lye. A new bulletin giving full directions has been prepared by the home economic extension department, Michigan State College and will soon be available at this office.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, March 19—"New Wine" with Ilona Massey and Alan Curtis; also "Kid From Kansas" with Dick Moran and Leo Carrillo.

Friday and Saturday, March 20—"The Maltese Falcon" with Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor; also Quiet Fourth, Picture People, Community Sing and News.

Sunday and Monday, March 22-23—"All Through the Night" with Humphrey Bogart and Karen Verne; also March of Time, Cartoon and News.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24-25—"International Lady" with George Brent, Ilona Massey and Basil Rathbone; also Rip Van Winkle, Village in India, Gay Nineties and Fiction.

Thursday, March 26—"South of Tahiti" with Broderick Crawford and Brian Donley. Added feature, "Dodge Cowboy" with Tim Holt and Marjorie Reynolds; also Variety Views.

PASSING OF REV. A. J. MORRIS. Rev. Arthur J. Morris, who was born in Lowell November 12, 1867, died at his home in Maple Rapids, Mich., on March 7 and was laid to rest in Jackson, Mich., March 10. Mr. Morris was an ordained minister of the Methodist Church and during his lifetime held pastorates in a number of Michigan towns. He was a nephew of the late Webster Morris, who founded the Lowell Journal July 13, 1865.

Headquarters For CHOICE FOODS

WHEATIES pkg. 10c
Fels Naptha Soap 10 bars 45c
Red & White Coffee lb. can 36c
 Highlight Orange and Grapefruit
Blended Juice 46-oz. can 28c
R & W Tomato Juice tall can 10c
Red & White Flour 24½-lb. sk. \$1.03
Sweetheart Toilet Soap 3 bars 23c
R & W Soap Flakes box 27c
R & W Long Macaroni 16-oz. pkg. 10c
R & W Long Spaghetti 16-oz. pkg. 10c
Silver Dust, free towel, lg. pkg. 24c
Red & White Sweetened G'FRUIT JUICE 46-oz. can 27c

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Cleaned, Trimmed
SPINACH
 large pkg. 17c
Texas ORANGES
 176 size 33c doz.
Florida CELERY
 stalk 5c
TEXAS PINK GRAPEFRUIT
 4 for 23c

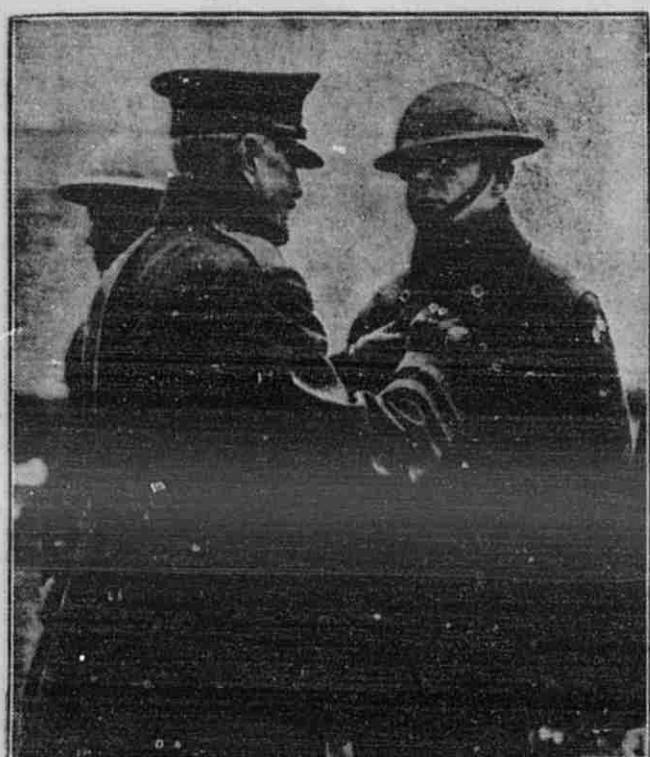
FRESH MEATS

BEEF CHUCK ROAST lb. 27c
ROUND STEAK lb. 35c
SIRLOIN STEAK lb. 35c
FRESH GROUND BEEF lb. 23c
BEEF RIBS lb. 18c
BOILING BEEF BRISKET lb. 15c
SHOULDER SPARE RIBS 3 lbs. 23c
LAMB STEW lb. 15c

LAMB SHOULDER ROAST lb. 25c

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WHEN PERSHING HONORED MacARTHUR 23 YEARS AGO—This picture, made on a blustery March day in Remagen, Rhenish Prussia, shows the commander of the A. E. F. pinning the Distinguished Service Medal on General Douglas MacArthur then commanding the 84th Brigade, 42nd Division. The photo is from the World War files of the U. S. Signal Corps.

This was General MacArthur's second decoration. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action in March, 1918. He also wears the Silver Star Medal with six oak leaf clusters. A bill is pending in Congress to award him the Medal of Honor.

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Township Tickets

Township tickets for the coming April election have been reported as follows:

Bowne—Republican ticket, supervisor, Fred Pattison; clerk, Leonard Johnson; treasurer, Francis Seese; highway commissioner, Leonard Warner; justice of the peace, Harry Cobb; justice of the peace to fill vacancy, Chas. G. Rittenger; board of review, Orley Burns; constable, Lawrence Gephart.

Vergennes—Republican ticket, supervisor, Theo E. Bailey; clerk, Elmer Wittenbach; treasurer, Edwin Mueller; highway commissioner, Guy Ford; justice of the peace, Fred J. Roth; board of review, Albert Blaser; constables, Frank Jones, William Mueller, Carl Kropp, Albert Ford.

Cascade—Republican ticket, supervisor, Reid C. Towne; clerk, Gerrit Baker; treasurer, Thomas Meines; highway commissioner, Andrew Zott; justice of the peace, John Timmer; board of review, Guy Quiggle; constables, Ernest Clark, Vern Coeger, Alex. M. Rozek, Henry Heemstra.

Ada—Republican ticket, Supervisor, J. C. Ward; clerk, Charles Nellis; treasurer, Merle Cramton; justice of the peace, Neil VanderPeerle; highway commissioner, George Anderson; board of review, Fred Anderson; constables, George Washburn, Henry Fase, Lew Peters, Jake Pelon.

HICKORY CORNERS Mrs. Ethel Yelter

Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Hilton spent Sunday with their son, Paul and family on their way home from Florida.

Mrs. Eve Haver spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ia Yelter.

Miss Pauline Yelter of Portland spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ethel Yelter and brothers, Edward and Kenneth.

Mrs. Letha Blough and son Dean of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yelter and baby Dickie and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sobab of South Boston were also callers.

Mrs. John Timpson of near Lowell and Mrs. Charles Timpson of Davis Lake spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Transue in Mapes district.

Mrs. Charles Timpson and son Richard of Davis Lake called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yelter Saturday forenoon, Richard buying a car of Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yelter called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timpson at Davis Lake.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the White Circle and Ladies' Aid and the business men of Alto and the Masonic Lodge for beautiful flowers and many cards and greetings sent to the hospital to me. I am gaining and will get home in the spring.

Henry Trodenick

Social Events

Martha Stevens Becomes Bride

Miss Martha L. Stevens, Lowell, became the bride of Alfred L. Esternyer, Jr., of Ypsilanti at 8:30 Saturday evening, March 7, at the parsonage of the Saline Methodist Church. Rev. Lendrum officiated at the single ring ceremony.

The bride was lovely in a street length dress of pale blue silk. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and sweetpeas with blue forget-me-nots tied with a blue and white bow.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Esternyer, brother and sister-in-law of the groom. Mrs. Esternyer wore a pink silk dress and carried a bouquet of red carnations and sweetpeas.

Mrs. Peter P. Esternyer, Sr., mother of the groom, wore a suit of royal purple and blue taffeta. The bride's mother, Mrs. Ethel Stevens, wore a dress of navy blue and white.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the groom's home where a delicious luncheon and wedding cake were served. The couple received many lovely gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Abbe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Esternyer, all of Ypsilanti, Mrs. Ethel Stevens, sons Charles and Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens and children, Gladys and Ronald, all of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Esternyer, Jr., will reside at 406 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti.

An interesting feature of the wedding is that the groom is the sixth child of Mrs. Esternyer's to be married at the little Methodist Church parsonage in Saline.

Conner-Shores

Miss Maxine Shores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shores of Keene-tp., was united in marriage with Hugo W. Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conner, also of Keene, in a ceremony performed Tuesday evening by the Rev. C. E. Pollock in the parsonage of the First Methodist Church. They were attended by Grace Eileen Shores and Donald Shores, sister and brother of the bride. The bride's parents were also present.

Many friends extend congratulations to the happy couple.

Honor Selectees

The members of Lowell's two bowling teams, the Richmond Cafes and the Showboaters, were entertained Monday evening at a steak dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Theron Richmond at the Richmond Cafe in honor of Don Wingeter, Carlton Runciman, Bruce McMahon and Herbert Elzinga, team members who will soon enter military service. Others present included Howard Smiley, Arthur Martin, Mac Fonger, Don MacNaughton, Forrest Buck and George Herald.

Auxiliary Holds Euchre Party

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the City Hall on Monday evening. A St. Patrick's party was held with six tables of euchre in play after which refreshments were served.

Goofus Club Entertained

The Goofus Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. F. A. Gould last Wednesday afternoon. After the 1:30 luncheon, cards were played and the honors were awarded to Mrs. Alice Wingeter. Mrs. Ruby Roth, Mrs. Nancy Oatley and Mrs. Alma Ashley.

Book Review Meets

The Book Review Club met at the home of Mrs. Jay Bolens on Monday evening of this week. Mrs. R. D. Hahn gave a review of the Broadway play, "Blithe Spirit," by Noel Coward.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McPherson entertained a group of their friends last Friday evening at their home for supper-bridge. Honors were won by Mrs. Frank Newell and R. M. Shivel.

Marriage Licenses

Hugo W. Conner, 23, Route 1, Belding; Maxine Shores, 20, Route 3, Lowell.

There's no harm in being cheerful and saying something that will make people smile.

Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo D. Warner, residents of Grand Rapids the past 12 years and residents of Western Michigan nearly a half century, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 15.

Natives of Greenville, Ohio, they were married in that city in 1872. They moved to Scottville and later to a farm near Lowell where they lived nine years before going to Grand Rapids.

Mr. Warner, 87, has an abundance of wit and humor and is

very active. He is a retired traveling salesman. Mrs. Warner, 91, is no longer capable of much activity.

The couple were honored at a family dinner at their residence, 2215 Darwin Ave. S. W., Grand Rapids, last Sunday. They are the parents of five children, all living. Rev. David F. Warner of Lowell is a son.

Many former neighbors and friends here extend best wishes and congratulations on the attainment of this long and happy marriage.

More Local News

A Hungry Giant That's Alfalfa

Michigan leads all other states in alfalfa acreage.

That statement may not be true in the future if farmers fail to realize that alfalfa should be known as a hungry giant that voraciously soaks up certain plant foods not too plentiful in the average Michigan acreage.

To prove his warning, a few of the plant food requirements for alfalfa are described by H. C. Rathner, head of the Michigan State College crops department.

A good crop of alfalfa removes two or three times as much potash from the land as most other crops. Alfalfa requires lime. Lime applications may last five to eight years but certainly not for 20 years. It was 20 years ago that Michigan launched an intensive liming program linked with increased alfalfa acreage.

Similarly alfalfa needs phosphorus, a plant food low in quantity in practically all of Michigan's soils. Professor Rathner points out. Nitrogen is not a problem, for alfalfa gets its nitrogen from the air where it abounds.

Some indication of a possible trend in acreage already is apparent for this excellent storage crop that now occupies more than a million acres. Rathner points out that acreage in Monroe and Lenawee counties, the first areas to grow alfalfa extensively in Michigan, actually dropped from 1934 to 1938 when the total acreage in the state was increasing by 300,000. Some reduction also occurred in counties such as Jackson, Kalamazoo, Washtenaw, VanBuren, St. Joseph, Barry, Allegan, Berrien, Branch and Hillsdale.

Kansas and Nebraska lost their alfalfa leadership because the plant depleted deep, dry soils of their subsoil moisture and because of destruction by bacterial wilt. Michigan may lose its championship and also may lose its source of good livestock feed because of soil depletion.

In addition to periodic liming Rathner suggests applications of 400 pounds to the acre of 0-20-20 fertilizer, sufficient for four to five years, and not in the past 20 years promising greater profit than in 1942.

ELMDALE Mrs. Ira Sargeant

Perry Trowbridge of Brown City spent several days with his brother, Clarence and also called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stahl.

Mrs. Gordon Truesdell in company with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Marshall motored to Detroit Saturday for an extended visit with relatives.

Mrs. Samuel Dausman and her daughter Mrs. Madama Murphy of Saranac were Sunday afternoon guests of the former's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schwab and family of Eagle enjoyed their Sunday dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant. The gathering was in honor of Laura's birthday.

Orel Carlson has sold the farm recently purchased of Orel Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Klahn. Mr. Carlson has now purchased the farm known as the Jay Trowbridge place.

Miss Mamie Tyler visited her brother, Wilbur, and wife at Clarksville last week.

Mrs. Lucy Stahl assisted in caring for the sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stahl several days last week. Miss Sutter has now taken over the duties.

Mrs. Jay Leese returned home last week Wednesday from Logansport, Ind., where she had been called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Eopper. The latter showed considerable improvement when Mrs. Leese returned home.

Mrs. John Loft spent several days in Grand Rapids the first of the week.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lott were Mr. and Mrs. Dan McClure and son Bill of Comstock Park. Mr. and Mrs. Mayford Horner and Mrs. Leta Stockford, Mr. and Mrs. George Leese have returned to their home after spending several weeks with their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stalter and family visited Sunday at the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mutchler of near Morrison Lake.

University Aiding War-Time Efforts

A letter to the Ledger from Howard Peckham of the staff of the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan says that "Your readers may be interested to know of the University's war schedule. It is to be run continuously throughout the year, with three terms of four months each. This action was taken in order to hasten the graduation of the students, particularly the engineers and medical students who are wanted by the army and navy. It also will enable many students now under draft age to obtain their degrees before being called up, as the normal four-year course can now be taken in two years and eight months."

"We have two large officers' training corps, one under army direction, the other under the navy. A base hospital unit has been formed out of the staff of the University hospital and is subject to call. The engineering school is overworked training army ordnance inspectors, carrying on experiments, etc. Quite a few professors have been called to Washington as experts or sent to foreign countries on missions."

"The University is also organizing its own protection against possible air raid, and another Lowell boy, Walter Roth, is supervising this program."

Coming Events

The Vergennes W. S. C. S. will meet at the Hermance-Gross home Friday afternoon, March 20, instead of Thursday afternoon.

The Child Study Club's next meeting will be on Monday evening, March 23, having been postponed from March 9. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harry Stauffer and Mrs. Wm. VanVorst will give the lesson.

Public euchre party, Monday evening, March 23, Legion rooms in the City Hall, sponsored by American Legion. Defense stamps for prizes. Everyone invited. 645

A general meeting of the Methodist W. S. C. S. will be held at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Theron Richmond.

The Peckham Group of the L. A. S. of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Oatley, 421 Elizabeth St., on Friday afternoon, March 20, at 2:30. Members are reminded to bring their money for the White Cross. 645

The South Boston Grange will hold a beano game for Grange entertainment on Saturday evening, March 28. Mrs. Rittenger requests that each member bring a 10c value gift as prize offering.

The South Lowell Extension class will meet at the home of Mrs. Anton Wingeler on Tuesday, March 31, at 1:30.

Pie sale, Saturday, March 21, sponsored by the Girls' Club of Lowell high school. Come in and go out with a pie. 645

Ledger want ads bring results.

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Junior Farm Bureau

The Junior Farm Bureau banquet committees met on Feb. 25 at Donald McPherson's and planned the banquet held on Thursday evening, March 5, at the Vergennes Grange hall. The main object of this banquet was to complete filling of our Red Cross ambulance quota. However, public cooperation with this banquet far exceeded any expectations. With the help of local business men the Junior Farm Bureau was able to clear a net profit of \$40. The main feature of the program consisted of a complete ham dinner prepared and served by the members.

Invocation was given by Rev. Fr. McNeil and the principal speakers for the evening were Melville McPherson and John Stone, Assistant Kent County Agricultural Agent. Mr. McPherson pledged the continued support of the Senior Farm Bureau. He also told of the organization of the Kent County Farm Bureau and of the many obstacles it encountered and overcame and set forth the many important accomplishments achieved in the past few years by the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Stone gave a very interesting talk on "The Place of Rural Youth in the Defense Program." He also showed a number of colored slides of different parts of the United States, after the program, Charlene and Marilyn Kyser, accompanied by Jean Franks, sang several popular numbers and Gerald Torgna sang a solo.

I am also happy to announce the successful ending of our waste paper drive, which netted the Junior Farm Bureau \$30. All cooperation with this drive and the banquet was greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 19, at the Vergennes Grange.

Oren Ford, Publicity Chairman.

Air-Borne Infantry



Far cry from the "doughboy" who marched for days to capture his objective, are the troops whose mission it is to fly where their support is most needed, atop their transport plane and taking their place in the line, fully equipped, surprise and overpower the enemy. Accompanying them to the ground and ready for instant use are machine guns, the automatic rifles which they carry themselves, and even motorcycles and the multi-useful "peep." Airborne infantry also is equipped to disrupt communications and destroy command posts far behind the lines of battle.

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