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FORTY-NINTH YEAR

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TREE PLANTING

THIS IS TREE planting time. Our people are supposed to bring the splendor of nature into their home grounds and streets. Will they have the energy to do it, when the time of many is taken up by war work?

BLOOD BANK

THERE ARE FEW people in Lowell who are not well acquainted with the amount of good that has been done and is being done by the blood banks established through the country. The disaster of Pearl Harbor was a notable instance when the having on hand of plasma or whole blood saved the lives of the attack victims when three out of every four required transfusions. The voluntary donors find that there is nothing painful in this procedure of giving a pint of blood to save the life of another. They know that it is a fine opportunity for service which awaits any citizen who wants to help in preparation for, not only the blood banks preparing to take care of soldiers and civilians in lands of attack, they are trying to build up a reserve supply within our own country in case we might need it. Those who care to donate blood can always find the door of the nearest blood bank.

HOME TOWN ADVANTAGES

THE PEOPLE who settled our country realized that if they wanted advantages and benefits, they had to produce them by their own effort. So they toiled hard and long, they taxed themselves heavily, and they gave large amounts of time to public service. So they handed down to us the advantages of fine modern living. The modern generation gets all this heritage without having produced it, and it often fails to realize that it takes work and effort to preserve it. If a community does not keep up with enterprise and no-fading, it takes constant struggle and toil to maintain the fine activities that the fathers handed down to us.

VALUE OF THE FISH

THE FISHERMAN'S family may laugh at him, and say the fish these men bring home do but little to supply the family table, and have no great cash value. They may spend more in automobile operation to the fishing grounds, and perhaps return with a bad cold, and have to call the doctor or stay away from work. That peaceful scene by some rippling lake or singing brook may take the iron out of his soul, and make him better to live with. The jangling grind of life fades out of his mind amid those waving trees and under the happy bird songs. If he returns better natured, he is better fitted for work and home life, and has obtained an important value, even if the actual fish brought home do not appreciably reduce living costs.

A GREAT ARMY

IN TIME OF STRESS religion is accorded a prominent part in our every day life. In the light of present day conditions religion is the natural reaction as man turns to a more profound attitude of thought. The man today doesn't want to know what of it but rather wants to know what there is in it for him. Scientists have suggested that man seek his Maker, chemists have given credit for some of their outstanding discoveries to a divine inspiration and leaders of educational centers inform us that the student attitude leans more to religion than in many a year. This is all an encouraging note to those who felt that our fate was that of a lost people since man has strayed so far from his religion. But even with our petty peccates and fears and faults, we slowly recognize the principle that before peace can cloak a nation its people must learn to have hope and faith and trust in each other.

Churches are not dying out

They are increasing in membership. With about 64,000,000 members it is indeed an army for good works. United such a force might accomplish almost anything. Of course there isn't a minister here in Lowell or any other town in this land, who won't tell you that his church records also show that many of the members are only listed and do not necessarily attend. That is the trouble with us all today perhaps, we enlist and then take a vacation.

Enlist in the church of your choice

Enlist in the church of your choice—the church needs you more than ever before.

Gives His Life In the Service Of His Country

Robert Fineis Killed When Plane Plunges to Earth In Dismal Swamp Near Atlantic Coast—Missing Three Days Before Found

The community was greatly shocked and grieved this week Wednesday to learn of the accidental death of Ensign Robert A. Fineis, 21, of the U. S. Naval Air Corps when his plane crashed in the Dismal Swamp south of Norfolk, Va., in a dense fog. A searching party was unable to reach him until Wednesday night, the plane having been missing since Sunday when Ensign Fineis had started out from the Norfolk base on a routine flight.



Ensign Robert A. Fineis

Fineis was an outstanding young man, finishing high in his classes at Grosse Ile, Jacksonville and Pensacola. He was made an ensign early in February.

First word that he was missing came to Ensign Fineis' mother, Mrs. Hulda Fineis, Tuesday afternoon in a telegram from the navy department at Norfolk. Another telegram Wednesday night notified her that his body had been found with the plane. The body will be escorted home by fellow officers, but at time of going to press funeral arrangements had not been made.

Robert Fineis was born November 27, 1920 in Lowell and had lived here during his entire lifetime. He graduated from Lowell high school with the class of 1938 and had completed two years college training at Houghton College of Mining Technology.

Besides his mother, two brothers, Erwin of Ionia and Gerald of Hastings, survive.

The tragic and untimely death of Bobby Fineis is keenly felt by all the people of this community who join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved mother and other relatives. Words fail to express the depth of the sorrow that is felt by all but one thing is certain and that is that Lowell people will not forget to bring the correct post office address of the member of your family in the service.

Board of Trade Holds Interesting Meeting

The April meeting of the Board of Trade was held at the City Hall Wednesday evening, a very interesting program being presented. President Henry Weaver presided and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Claude Thorne, after which M. N. Henry, program chairman, introduced the features of the evening. Much included music by the high school orchestra, a talk by Frank Stephens, executive chairman of Lowell Township Civilian Defense committee, who urged that all citizens attend an important meeting on home defense to be held at the City Hall this week Friday night.

Notice to Well Users

Property owners of Lowell who have resorted to the use of wells are advised that water from same should be tested as a precautionary health measure and this should be done as soon as the well is put into use. Wells in homes should be tested at least once every year, at other places more frequent testing is advised. If you have a well, please leave your name and street address at the office of Village Clerk L. E. Johnson or at the office of the undersigned. When a sufficient number of names have been secured, the state health department will be notified and a representative will call for a sample of the water. There will be no charge. J. A. MacDonald, M. D., Village Health Officer.

APPLICATION FOR WAR RATION BOOK (To be filled in by Registrar only)

Form for application for a war ration book, including fields for name, address, and family details.

Sample of Questions to Be Answered When Applying for Sugar Ration Books. Practice Filling Out With Lead Pencil, Cut Out and Take Same With You to the Registration Center in the School Building.

Important Information Regarding Issuance of Sugar Ration Books

Applicants for sugar rationing books are urged by the Office of Price Administration to study carefully the application card, illustrated above, and have the correct answers when they register on May 4, 5, 6 and 7. A separate application must be made for every person for whom a ration book is issued, but only one member of each family unit is to appear at the nearest elementary school to apply for all members of the family.

Important Meeting Here Friday Night

A civilian defense meeting of vital importance to every citizen in this community will be held next Friday evening, May 1, at eight o'clock, according to an announcement by Lowell-Tp. chairman, F. L. Stephens.

The meeting will be held in the City Hall and everyone is urged to attend as matters of importance regarding the procedure to be followed in the event of an air raid will be discussed. There will be an explanation of the workings of the organization so that everyone will know their duties and what will be expected of them.

This community is situated in an area which is producing vital war materials and an enemy air raid is not at all an impossibility. We must be prepared to prevent loss of life and destruction of property. It is better to be ready than sorry.

Plans have been made for a speaker from the Kent County Civilian Defense Council of Grand Rapids to be present. The Lowell high school band will parade before the meeting and will also play at the City Hall.

Volunteers Wanted

Helpers are needed for assisting with the sugar rationing program and for the house canvass for sale of War Bonds. The sugar rationing program will be conducted in the school gymnasium on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 from one o'clock to eight o'clock.

The canvass for the sale of Bonds will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12 from six to nine in the evening. Those who wish to volunteer for either program should get in touch with Mr. Gumsier. It is expected that volunteers will have had experience in meeting the public. There is no remuneration for these services.

Important Instructions Regarding Sugar Rationing Program Here

Details for the sugar rationing program to individual consumers were made by the Board of Education of Lowell School District No. 1 on Tuesday of this week, according to Supt. W. W. Gumsier. Mr. Gumsier points out the following: The Federal Government has set Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 4-5-6 and 7, for the program and has decreed that cards will be issued in the elementary buildings. Other details are left to each local community. The Board of Education has made careful plans and hopes that everything will go along in a most satisfactory manner. High school classes will close at noon on each day and the high school teachers and other volunteers will be on duty from one until eight o'clock each day. It will take twenty people four days and eight hours each day to issue cards to all the people in the school district. It is a tremendous task and the public can help a great deal if the following aspects of the plan are borne in mind.

Please Note Instructions

1. Every person, young or old, who lives in Lowell School District No. 1, who expects to use sugar, must secure a rationing card. These will be issued to any one member of the family who is over eighteen years of age. The age, weight, color of eyes and other detailed information must be given for each individual. 2. The school will have a supply of forms which may be issued, in advance, to each family, upon request, which will make it possible to list all of the necessary information for the entire family on one form. Children will be asked to take their home and others may secure them at the school. To do this work in advance will help the registrars and will mean less waiting for the applicants. 3. Over twenty-five hundred cards will be issued. To avert confusion it will be necessary that applicants shall register in a systematic manner. It is therefore requested those people whose last names begin with letters from (a) A to D inclusive should register on Monday, May 4; those (b) E to G inclusive on Tuesday, May 5; (c) H to M inclusive on Wednesday, May 6 and (d) N to Z inclusive on Thursday, May 7. It is recognized that this plan is merely suggestive and that it will be impossible to adhere to it rigidly. Applicants may report at any time from one until eight but it will be remembered that the rush hours are very apt to be at the beginning and at the close. There will be less waiting if applicants will appear in the middle of the afternoon.

News of Our Boys With the U. S. Flag

Pvt. Alfred Hemmingsen of Camp Dix, N. J., spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hemmingsen.

Tree Planting Time

Kent county farmers and high schools are planting seedling and transplanting trees this week. Orders accumulated by the local agricultural extension service are not as large as the past two years. Many farm folks who have planted in previous years have refrained this year due to the labor situation.

Where the Rubber Goes

Sometimes we wonder where all the rubber is going in to war work besides tires for trucks. Well here are some other uses that rather stagger a person. Seventy-five tons of rubber go into a 35,000 ton battleship; 1,750 pounds for a medium sized tank and 1,246 pounds for bullet proof gas tanks on the famed flying fortresses. With tanks and bombers moving off assembly lines it is little wonder that civilian needs are curtailed.

Schools Aid Fire Prevention

Kent county schools have responded in fine shape to the rural fire prevention program sponsored as a part of the national defense program. Many requests have come to the local extension office for inspection blanks.

More Summer Enrollments

More 4-H Club enrollments for summer are being made. Agents' office. Most of these are older clubs. There will be some new ones. Any community interested in summer work should contact the local office at once.

Wheat Referendum Saturday, May 2

John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County Triple-A Committee, states that final preparations have been completed in the Kent County Triple-A office for the Wheat Marketing Quota Referendum to be held May 2. The polls in accordance with said regulations shall be open promptly at 9:00 a. m. and will close at 5:00 p. m.

Wheat Referendum Saturday, May 2

Wheat producers having an acreage of wheat for 1942 harvest which has been determined by measurement to be in excess of 15 acres will be eligible to vote. The election will be by secret ballot and the voter may vote "yes" or "no" on whether or not he favors Wheat Marketing quotas for 1942.

Voting Places

Voters in the following townships: Alpine, Nelson, Plainfield, Solon, Sparta, Tyrone, Walker and Algona; vote at Sparta library, Sparta, Michigan. Voters in Cannon, Courtland, Grattan, Oakfield and Spencer vote at the Grattan township hall, Grattan township.

Voters in Ada and Vergennes vote at the Vergennes township hall, Vergennes township.

Voters in Grand Rapids, Paris and Wyoming vote at the Paris township hall, Paris township. Voters in Bowne and Lowell vote at the Bowne township hall, Bowne township. Voters in Caledonia and Cascade vote at the Caledonia township hall, precinct number 2, at LaBarge, Michigan.

Voters in Gaines and Byron vote at the Gaines township hall, Gaines township.

Parnell Couple to Be Honored by Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. John Hefferan, who have operated a grocery store at Parnell for many years, have sold their business to Wm. L. Byrne, former prominent Otisco township farmer. The Hefferans will leave shortly for East Jordan for a visit but plan to make their home with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Metzger. There is a host of friends and relatives who will sadly miss these fine people who have devoted a lifetime to the service and betterment of the Parnell community.

Strand Calendar

Friday and Saturday, May 1-3—Charles Boyer, Olivia de Havilland and Paulette Goddard in "Hold Back the Dawn." Added shorts, West of the Rockies and Latest News. Sunday and Monday, May 3-4—A rip roaring rodeo of revelry and rhythm with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Ride 'Em Cowboy;" also shorts, Winter Serenade, The Greenie, Don't Talk and News.

NO ALUMNI BANQUET

Mrs. Elizabeth Lalley, vice president of the Lowell High School Alumni Association announced this week that there will be no Alumni banquet this year due to existing conditions. Italy is now producing less than one-fifth the coal it needs.

Public Invited to Masonic Guest Night

A Masonic Lodge Guest Night program will be held in the Lowell high school auditorium next Tuesday evening, May 5, at 8:15. Special effort is being put forth to make this a big evening in behalf of the Masonic Welfare and Recreation Centers maintained for men in the Armed Forces of the United States. These centers are open to all men serving our flag, not just for the Masons.

Services Friday for Mrs. Katie Blaser

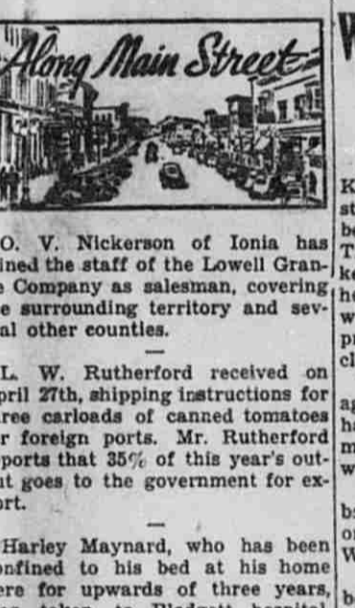
Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Friday will be held at the Zion Methodist Church for Mrs. Katherine Blaser, 76, who passed away at her home on Vergennes-rd. Wednesday morning following a 10-day illness. The Rev. John Claus will officiate and burial will be made at the Alton cemetery.

Auction Sales

Mrs. John Frawley, May 2 Mrs. John Frawley will hold a public auction sale at her farm located in Grand Rapids-rd. in north-west Ada, on Saturday, May 2, 14 head Guernsey cattle, farm tools. For complete advertisement see this week's issue of the Ledger.



Do you have a husband, brother, father or son in the armed services of the United States? If you have, you should display a service star. Call at the Ledger office and get your star, without charge. At the same time, by leaving his name and address with us, and thus making it available to his friends, you will help him obtain more letters from home, which is one of the many things he wants above all.



O. V. Nickerson of Ionia has joined the staff of the Lowell Grand Company as salesman, covering the surrounding territory and several other counties.

L. W. Rutherford received on April 27th, shipping instructions for three carloads of canned tomatoes for foreign ports. Mr. Rutherford reports that 35% of this year's output goes to the government for export.

Harley Maynard, who has been confined to his bed at his home here for upwards of three years, was taken to Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, on Tuesday morning. Friends will be sorry to learn that his condition is considered very serious.

During the year 1941 a total of 153,236 traffic accidents were reported to the Michigan State Police. This total represents a 15% increase over the accidents reported during 1940. It includes 1,850 fatal accidents which resulted in 2,108 fatalities, 28,039 non-fatal accidents which resulted in 40,708 personal injuries, and 103,347 property damage accidents. Fatalities increased 38% or 22.4%, personal injuries increased 6.4% or 19.9%, and property damage accidents 12.7% or 14.1% compared with 1940. Eighty persons were killed in Kent County in 1941.

Chief Registrar R. E. Springett announces that 476 men between the ages of 45 and 65 were registered for selective service at the Lowell City Hall on Monday of this week. Helping Mr. Springett in the task of registering these men were Paul Kellogg, assistant registrar; Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. P. C. Peckham, Mrs. Howard White, Mrs. T. A. Anderson, Mrs. H. P. Cottrell, Mrs. A. Anderson, A. R. Smith, Charles Bergin, Leola E. Dell, M. E. Simpson and Paul Hillton. An interesting sidelight on the registration was the fact that T. A. Anderson registered a man whom he had registered 24 years ago for the first World War when he was in Grand Rapids. The man was Glenn R. Loveland of R. 2, Alto, who was then living in Grand Rapids and Mr. Anderson was a member of the draft registration board there.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by their moving doing without ammunition. It will sound rather silly to hear the hero yell "bang, bang" as he shoots to protect his girl friend from the villain. . . . The old joke about the only sure way to get money out of chickens was to get your income from some other source, doesn't hold true today. . . . Lightning never strikes twice in the same place you can well understand, if you try and locate the place it hit with the first stroke! . . . Even a checked suit that used to be called a "crap-shooting" suit, may finally look good to Lowell men, if it is all wool and has cuffs, lapels, patch pockets and pleats. . . . So kissing is apt to shorten your life! Who would want to grow old and go unloved any more? . . . There is nothing more unattractive than the table legs that stick up from the back of a moving van.

Brasil's shipments of products to the United States are almost double those of 1940.

LOWELL

THE STORY SO FAR: Joan Leland, secretary in the home of Paul and Mary, has been in the home of Paul and Mary for some time. She is a very nice girl and is very popular with the family. She is a very nice girl and is very popular with the family.

CHAPTER XVII
"Add you'd like to go to the home?" Mulford asked Joan. "Yes, no. I want to leave but not without Paul. I'll have my own place and I'll be able to take care of myself. I'll be able to take care of myself. I'll be able to take care of myself."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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JOBS PRINTING

The Job Printing Department of the Lowell Ledger is well equipped to care for your needs in all kinds of general commercial printing such as:

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Letter Heads and Bill Heads
Statements, large and small
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Typewriter Letter Circulars
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Church News

ZION METHODIST CHURCH
English Class, Pastor
John C. Foster
Bible School at 11:30 a. m.
You are cordially invited.

VERGENES METHODIST CH.
The Lord's Supper will be served at the morning worship service at 8:30 next Sunday. At this service the pastor will present each person by name and will read the names of those who have been added to the church.

WEST VERGENES
D. D. Krum
Carl James and wife are the proud grandparents of another grandchild, born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Krum on May 14, 1942.

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH
W. B. Gardner, Pastor
Bible School—10:00 a. m.
Evening service at 8:00 p. m.

ALTO BOWNE CENTER
METHODIST CHURCHES
Alto Parsonage, 10:00 a. m.
Worship service—11:15 a. m.

WHEATVILLE AND SNOW
METHODIST CHURCHES
Worship service at 10:00 a. m.
Evening service at 8:00 p. m.

Ada News

Ada Locals
Members of Booster Club are expected to meet at the home of Mrs. M. P. Brindle on Thursday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock.

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WHITE HOUSE BREAD 4 roll cans 31c
MARVEL SLICED BREAD 24-c loaf 10c
ANN PAGE KETCHUP 14-oz. bottle 14c

ANN PAGE TOMATO SOUP 3 cans 19c
ANN PAGE SALAD DRESSING 12-cans 35c
ARMOUR'S CORNED BEEF 12-cans 25c

QUEEN ANNE WAXED PAPER 2 125-ft. rolls 27c
NORTHERN TISSUE 4 rolls 21c
WELCONIN CHEESE 2-lb. 31c
MIL-O-BIT CHEESE 2-lb. 26c
SUNNYFIELD CORN FLAKES 3 3-cans 61c

WHITE SAIL SOAP FLAKES 2 large 29c
KUTOL WALLPAPER CLEANER 3 cans 20c
WHITE SAIL LAUNDRY STARCH 3-lb. 17c
HEINZ KETCHUP 2-lb. 20c
HEINZ BABY FOOD 4 cans 29c

SUNNYFIELD CAKE FLOUR 2 1/2-lb. 19c
SULTANA FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 16-oz. cans 27c
IONA FLOUR 2 1/2-lb. 79c
SUNNYFIELD FLOUR 2 1/2-lb. \$1.13
PILLSBURY'S FLOUR 2 1/2-lb. \$1.13

FLORIDA ORANGES 2 1/2 doz. 25c
FRESH PEAS RHUBARB FLORIDA CELERY
PEPPER STORES
Mr. Farmer!
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To Sell Horses, Cattle, Pigs, etc.
To Sell Farm Tools
To Sell Chickens, Eggs, etc.
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Rib Pork Chop

Mutton Stew lb. 10c
 Veal Stew lb. 18c
 Lamb Shoulder Roast lb. 25c
 Mutton Shoulder Roast lb. 15c
 Beef Chuck Roast lb. 27c
 Veal Roast lb. 28c
 Beef Ribs lb. 19c
 Lamb Stew lb. 15c

Beef Pot Roast lb. 25c

Leg of Mutton pound 17c

Groceries

R & W Corn Flakes 3 1/2 boxes 23c
 R & W Evap. Milk 3 lg. cans 25c
 Green & White Coffee lb. 22c

RED & WHITE FLOUR 24 1/2-lb. bag 99c

RED & WHITE UNSWEETENED

Grapefruit Juice 46-oz. can 21c
 R & W Fr. Fried Potatoes 3 cans 25c
 White Monday Bleacher quart 10c
 Walvet Wallpaper Cleaner lg. can 29c
 Duz lg. box 21c
 Lady Godiva, dainty soap flakes, 17c
 Fels Naptha Soap 10 bars 45c

Wheaties pkg. 10c

KING, YELLOW Cornmeal 5-lb. bag 15c

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Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

New Carrots bunch 5c
 Fresh Asparagus 2 bun. 23c
 Cleaned Spinach 2 10-oz. pkgs. 25c
 New California White Potatoes 4 lbs. 25c

WEAVER'S FOOD MARKET

Phone 156 We Deliver

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Wesley A. Roth and wife to Burt Baker and wife, part northwest 1/4, section 6-6-9, Lowell township.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all who sent me cards, flowers and all other gifts during my stay at the hospital, also all kindnesses done for me by my neighbors since my return home.

Mrs. Joe Batey



THE COAL YOU'LL NEED NEXT WINTER SHOULD BE IN YOUR BIN NOW!

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Up and Down

Kent County Roads

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Food Supplies in England

Francis Flood (recently returned from England) says in Wallace's Farmer, April 14: The English people today, after two years of war are living now on what scientists call an "adequate" diet. That means that English get "enough" to eat. However, if the British could get more than "enough" they could do more work, their industrial output would increase by 15 or 20 per cent. This means that every 600 English planes could just as well be 700 and that food would "keep 'em flying." That means that about one day's work each week could be gained, in output, if our ally had more food.

Even before the war, the English people didn't eat as much as we do here, only about three-fourths as much per person per year. And now they are eating from 10 to 15% less than before. Today our English allies in this war are eating about two-thirds as much per person per year as in the United States. England today produces far more food than before the war. They have—in the face of farm labor shortage, the nuisance of blackouts, shortage of machinery, bombings of their fields, and all the other difficulties—stepped up their food production enormously. England has increased her own food production by almost 2,000,000 tons a year.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth Bissell of R. 2, Ada, a 7 lbs., 14 oz. son, Silas Trin, on Monday, April 27, at Blodgett hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dixon of Dearborn, an 8 lbs. son, James Robert, on April 23, Mrs. Dixon is the former Mary Alice James of Vergennes.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Koewers, a 7 lbs., 2 oz. son, Tuesday morning, April 28, at Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids.

To Mr. and Mrs. Boyce D. Evans, a 7 lbs., 10 1/2 oz. son, Gregory Noel, on Monday, April 20, at Butterworth hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, an 8 lbs. son, Roger Arnold, on Tuesday, April 28, at Blodgett hospital.

No one can cut down any more Christmas trees after this year. Why? Because there won't be more Axis.

Brazil is nationalizing its schools.

Dust Is Transmitting

Agent for Rare Disease

Physicians of the U. S. Indian service in Arizona recently discussed results of their research in a rare disease, San Joaquin fever, an infection so closely resembling tuberculosis, the germs can be told apart only by exhaustive microscopic inspection.

The only other place the disease has been identified to date is among the Indians of the San Joaquin valley in California, from which it obtains its name.

Dr. Joseph Aronson, who has been studying the disease five years, recently was joined in his research by Dr. Chester W. Emmons, Philadelphia, connected with the U. S. health service.

It was disclosed the physicians so far have made studies of 740 Indian children, who showed negatives in tuberculin skin tests. Of these 87 were found to have calcified nodules, evidence of having had San Joaquin fever at some previous time.

Eighty-six children tested on one reservation, who had been infected with the disease, showed that immunity apparently is attained by those who recover.

Dust, supposedly is the transmitting agent for the disease. It is a coccidiodin infection that travels much the same course as tuberculosis, with the same symptoms, but the tuberculous bacillus is not present.

Various methods of treatment were discussed, but these have not passed the clinical stage. It was reported cattle are susceptible to the disease and have been found infected in the same districts where humans are suffering from it.

Marriage Licenses

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WHEN THIS HAPPENS, PHONE US and We'll Print Some For You in A Hurry!!

WE'RE OUT! WHAT? NO LETTERHEADS?

More Local News

Stuart Forth of Manistee spent the week-end in Lowell with his aunt, Mrs. H. P. Gofredsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richmond of Keene-tp. were callers at the Will Devering home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Newell attended the play, "Claudia" at the Keith's theatre in Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Miss Millie Chapman of Grand Rapids spent Tuesday here and called on Mrs. John Laver and other Lowell friends.

C. E. West is quite seriously ill at his home here following a sudden attack last Saturday. Friends hope for a quick recovery.

Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson were Mrs. Althen Simpson and daughter, Betty and Marjorie of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. J. Schroeder of Hollywood, Calif., and Mrs. C. F. Althen of Denver, Colo., are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

Janice Denny, sophomore at Michigan State College, was recently elected secretary of the Newman Club, a Catholic organization for college students.

Mrs. D. G. Look returned home Wednesday night after spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla. She came home by plane and enjoyed her trip very much.

Mrs. Milan Porter and son of Greenville spent from Thursday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cahoon. Mr. Porter joined them Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Strickland and son Adrian were callers of Mrs. Boyce D. Evans and new baby at Butterworth hospital Sunday. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rush of Tulsa, Okla., arrived in Lowell Tuesday evening to spend the summer months at their home here. Old friends are glad to welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Devering and Mr. and Mrs. Norm Higgins of Keene were week end Sunday guests of Mrs. Edith Pratt in Saranac. Mrs. Devering remained with her sister until Wednesday.

Betty Reynolds, who has been a very sick girl at Blodgett hospital for the past three weeks of more, is reported as coming along nicely although it will probably be a couple of weeks more before she can be brought home.

L. W. Rutherford and Jay L. Parsons left Wednesday morning for California, where Mr. Rutherford will visit his daughter and Mrs. Rutherford, who has been spending the winter in Burbank, will return home with him in about two weeks. Mr. Parsons will visit a sister.

Private funeral services were held at noon on Wednesday for Homer Crumback of Caledonia who passed away on Saturday and services were held at 2 o'clock at the Gaines Church. Mr. Crumback is survived by his widow, three children, six sisters, one of whom is Mrs. D. L. Phillips of Lowell, and three brothers.

Mrs. Elsie Gabel returned to Eagle Sunday afternoon after spending several days visiting her niece, Mrs. Wilbur Pennock and family. They called on Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Erb and Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Erb at Delton last Wednesday evening. They were Friday dinner guests of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Frank Martin, in Grand Rapids.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowen of White's Bridge were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hitchcock and daughter of near Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baker and son of Ionia. Afternoon guests were the Misses Eleanor and Violet Matulaitis and a friend of Grand Rapids, Mary Ella Hitchcock visited her grandparents until Wednesday.

Mrs. W. W. Gunner, President of the West Central District of Federated Women's Clubs, Ionia County Federation President Mrs. H. L. Inaus, Mrs. F. E. White and Mrs. R. G. Jefferies of Lowell were guests today (Thursday) of the Clinton County Federated Women's Clubs at Rochester Colony in St. Johns. Mrs. Gunner was a guest speaker on the afternoon program.

Mrs. P. J. Finels and Miss Frances Bowen spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ewing at Bay City. Mrs. Ewing is the former Lena Marie Huffman of Lowell. Mrs. Finels and Miss Bowen called on Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Barstad and baby also and on Miss Sonja Petrofsky at Saginaw, a former Lowell teacher. Miss Madeline Demhmel accompanied them and spent over the week-end with her parents at Unionville.

People to Buy More War Bonds

To Canvass Every Family May 11 and 12

Michigan is called upon to play a most important role in the financing of the war effort as well as turning out the tools of war.

Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, Henry J. Morgenthau, Jr., in his radio address informed the nation that 50,000,000 Americans would be asked to invest at least 10% of their earnings every month in War Bonds.

The goal is to sell \$600,000,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps during the month of May; \$800,000,000 in June, and \$1,000,000,000 every month thereafter. Michigan's quota for May is \$21,646,500, which is a \$6,013,838 increase over the \$15,632,662 which the state averaged over an eight months' period from July 1941 through January, 1942.

It is going to be the work of the War Savings Committee for Michigan of which Frank N. Isbey is chairman, to make certain that the quota set by the U. S. Treasury Department is reached.

In Washington, the officials of the Treasury Department have taken the figures of the amounts invested in each county of the state during the past year, and these have been averaged, and for the coming month of May each has had an according quota assigned to it. It will be the duty of each county chairman to see that his territory arrives at the quota figure.

The average amount invested in Kent county from July, 1941 thru January of this year was \$1,092,416 and the new quota for May is \$1,427,200.

In addition to meeting the above quota, each family in the county and in the state will, on May 11 and 12, be asked to sign a pledge stating the amount that they will invest in War Bonds during the coming twelve months.

A LETTER TO...

LOWELL

From Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout

Written for readers of The Lowell Ledger

G. S. and K. S. Describe Thrilling Rescue of 26 Men Adrift for 12 Days, Suffering Greatly

(Written aboard a small Dutch merchantman in the Bahamas.)

It is 10:15 in the morning, the bright warm morning of March 16, 1942. Kate and I are both sunning ourselves on the passenger deck below the bridge.

A cry comes from the lookout above the bridge: "Lifeboat off the port bow!"

Activity. Excitement. We borrow binoculars. Sure enough! A lifeboat is shaping up on the horizon, a lifeboat with sail up and flying a yellow distress flag.

Much speculation as the ship draws near. The men in the boat are waving their caps and rowing for all they are worth. When they perceive we have changed our course they bend exhausted over the rails.

Within fifty yards of the ship their identity is established beyond a doubt. The eleven men in the lifeboat are part of the officers and crew of the small Dutch freighter S. S. Astrea—the sister ship of the one on which we are sailing.

We pull alongside, a ladder is lowered, they come over the rail slowly. Some of them need help. They are a haggard, helpless, pitiful lot, all unshaven and all sucking buttons. Members of the two crews throw arms round each other; tears are seen in a great many eyes.

All are terribly thirsty. They gulp down water by the bucket. One cannot wait for it to be poured from a teakettle; he grabs the kettle, drinks from the mouth.

Coffee, sandwiches, fruit juice, and cigarettes appear on deck as though by magic. Our captain is very nervous, his watches posted everywhere. The Germans like nothing better than a halted ship for a target. They have been known to wait for days near a lifeboat until it has been sighted, then torpedo the rescue ship when it stops.

As soon as the lifeboat has been hoisted aboard, the bells jangle and we proceed full speed ahead. The rescued are all weak and it would not do to question them too strenuously just now, but they do say another lifeboat containing fifteen men is somewhere in the area. All in all, they have been adrift over eleven days, and the two boats became separated in a storm three days previous. However, we cannot afford to circle and search; it is much too dangerous. The other boat must be left to its fate.

Our ship has been under way only ten minutes when a watch signals out again: "Lifeboat off the starboard bow!"

We pull alongside, stop and repeat the process of rescue. In this boat are the Captain and the Chief Engineer of the Astrea. This fifteen is in equally bad shape. We notice their feet are all swollen and cracked open. We cannot understand why.

While the second lifeboat is still in the water, a neutral Argentine ship, the Rio Iguazu of Buenos Aires, appears on the scene. It was most incongruous to see a ship still brightly painted, with plenty of light fixtures in evidence. However, the Argentine flag was plastered all over her sides and stern. She halted five hundred yards off and asked if she could be of assistance.

Yes, she could, our Captain replied. His ship lacked accommodations for twenty-six extra passengers, and so the fifteen in the second lifeboat were transferred to the Rio Iguazu, which was also bound for New York.

What a target we presented! Two merchant ships at a dead halt, with a bright morning with perfect visibility! Yet we proceeded northward unscathed.

When the rescued were reboarded and shaved and fed and bathed we had excellent opportunities to question them, and they were not at all reticent. Just after nightfall on the 4th of March a sub came to their bows, having over its periscope to determine they were unarmed. Then they were warned to abandon ship immediately, and the crew made for the lifeboats.

The Nazis, perceiving them to be Dutch, decided to frighten them so completely they would never return to sea. Thus, as the boats were lowered, they were shelled and machine-gunned. Luckily, no one was wounded, but the lifeboats were punctured in many places and leaked badly. This accounted for the condition of the crews' feet, for they were immersed in salt water almost twelve days. After they pulled away, the Astrea was sent to the bottom by shell fire. She was carrying, incidentally, a valuable cargo of Brazilian rubber.

After things had quieted down aboard our Captain told us he would wager there were ten lifeboats in the two-hundred-fifty mile area around us. But it would be suicide to search. Ever since we left Haiti he had received four and five radiograms per day, each announcing another sinking along our route. Many of these sinkings have not yet been announced; many never will be.

The rescue of those twenty-six men was an experience we shall never forget. They recuperated rapidly although their nerves were constantly on edge.

We still had one thousand miles of Atlantic to traverse. And our Captain said the barometer was falling. It looked like a storm.

We were ordered not to take showers, to keep our cabin doors open, and to sleep with clothes on and lifebelts handy. From now on it would all be a matter of luck.

G. S. and K. S.

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JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

The April 16th meeting of the Junior Farm Bureau was a roller skating party held at the Coliseum in Grand Rapids.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 7, at the Vergennes Grange hall.

Oren Ford, Publicity Chairman.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Medora Godfrey, who passed away four years ago, April 27, 1938.

Deep in our hearts there's a picture Of a loved one gone to rest; In memory's frame we shall keep it Because she was one of the best.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Olmstead and Family. p51

What Fred Becker's wife says goes...in one ear and out the other.

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Social Events

Recent Bride Honored

Mrs. Harold Schertel, nee Cassie June Lee, was honored at a crystal shower last Friday night given by Mrs. Robert Bank at her home in Grand Rapids, for eight of Mrs. Schertel's friends. Hearts were played and a nice lunch was served. Mrs. Schertel received many lovely pieces of crystal.

Past Noble Grands Meet

The April meeting of the Past Noble Grand Club was held in their rooms at the I. O. O. F. hall on Monday evening. Mrs. Mary Scott and Mrs. Vera Rulison were hostesses for the occasion. A good number were present and a very social and entertaining evening was enjoyed. The ladies served a fine lunch.

Social Brevities

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening of this week with Mrs. Byrne McMahon, Mrs. D. A. McPherson had charge of the program.

The Monday Book Club met at the home of Mrs. R. G. Jefferies this week. Mrs. F. E. White reviewed "Dragon Feet" by Pearl Buck.

Coming Events

The Lowell Showboat dates for 1942 are July 28, 29, 30, 31 and August 1.

The next meeting of the Lowell Garden Lore Club will be at the garden of Mrs. F. Stuart Foote on Lakeside Dr., Grand Rapids, on Tuesday afternoon, May 5. The cars will leave at 2:15 p. m. Those who will drive and those wishing transportation should call Mrs. Raymond Bergin, 157, or Mrs. Elizabeth Lolley, 207.

The annual meeting of the Bally-Krum Cemetery Association will be held at the home of Miss Grace Blanding Sunday afternoon, May 3.

The Red Cross surgical dressings headquarters in the City Hall will be open every Tuesday from 1:00 to 9:00 p. m. until further notice. On account of the large quota on hand more workers are needed. All interested women are invited to come in and help.

Besse F. Gofredsen (Mrs. H. P.) Chairman.

The Spring meeting of the Eastern Star Kent County Association will be held at Grattan with Venus Chapter No. 107, on Wednesday, May 13. The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock with dinner at 6:30 and the evening session at 8 o'clock. Those wishing dinner reservations are to notify Mrs. Emma Coops or Mrs. Ella Purchase by phone. Reservations must be made if dinner is desired.

Due to war-time conditions, there will be no Lowell High School Alumni banquet this year. 61-62

The St. Mary's League will meet Monday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harry Eickhoff.

The Good Will Club will meet with Mrs. Glenn Nielsen in Keene next Wednesday afternoon, May 6, for a luncheon meeting and a tea. Please bring your quilt blocks.

Sparta school will entertain the Kent County Council of PTA at a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 5. Music will be furnished by the school. There will be reports of committee chairmen and installation of officers.

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at the Hermance-Gross home next Thursday, May 7. Mrs. Glendon Swarthout will be the speaker.

Men of an army unit stationed in Belfast, Northern Ireland, spend their spare time whitening out models of ancient warships with their jackknives.

Mrs. Anxious—(poking the street car conductor with her umbrella)—Is that the First National Bank? Conductor—No ma'am, them's my ribs.

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