

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY

THE PRESIDENT has designated Sunday, May 17, as "I am an American day".

LIVING WITHIN INCOME

THERE IS A newspaper joke about the man who was asked if he lived within his income.

THE WATCHFUL PUBLIC

PEOPLE are looking for opportunities to improve their position in the world, to make more money or save expenses.

JUST THINK!

OVER IN a section of Free China where some of our American boys are stationed, we learn the high price of articles that we still take for granted here at home.

CALVASSER EXPERIENCES

AN ARMY of good folks have been going around from house to house in the national campaign to obtain pledges for subscription to the war bonds.

Watch Sugar Book

Sugar users should remember that the first stamp in their war ration book, good for one pound of sugar—a two weeks' allotment, must be used up by this week Saturday night.

Former Parnell Man

Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church, Parnell Tuesday morning for Merrill W. Byrne, 40, a former resident of Parnell who died at his home in Philadelphia on Friday.

FIVE PIKE CREEK LIMIT

Five pike will be the new daily creel limit for pike fishermen this season.

War Bond Drive Goes Over Big

Citizens of Lowell Pledge Regular Buying

The war bond and stamp pledge campaign Monday and Tuesday of this week met with great success in Lowell, according to Committee Chairman W. W. Gumsier.

Previous Sales Are High

Up to the end of February of this year a grand total of \$88,275 of war bonds had been purchased in Lowell.

When to Apply for Security Number

Individuals should not apply for a social security account number merely for the purpose of showing an account number on their occupational questionnaires.

Kent County AAA in New Location

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Name Chairmen for Homecoming Event

General Chairman D. A. McPherson announces the following chairmen of the various committees in charge of the Vergennes homecoming for Sunday, May 24.

TWO INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Two persons were treated in Belding hospital last Saturday night for injuries sustained when the car in which they were riding got out of control, went into a ditch and crashed.



The village clerk's office has been moved from 207 E. Main-st. to the county chamber of commerce.

Showers at frequent intervals have prevailed for the past three or four days over a wide area, bringing much needed moisture to soil that was getting pretty dry.

Vandals entered a garden adjoining the river on Lafayette street last Friday night and stole every tulip in the garden.

Along about a month ago a man who later gave his place of residence as Grand Rapids was observed driving through Main street at an excessive rate of speed.

With this issue the Ledger begins its 50th year of service to this community and for the editor it also marks the completion of 54 years of work in the printing business.

The late Harley Maynard performed many acts of thoughtfulness throughout his lifetime and did so in a quiet way and without ostentation.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff. The best of all was the Japanese report that Americans were starving because all you hear there is "What's cooking?"

Silas Onlooker's philosophy: An optimist is the pessimist who goes around grumbling and expects to see smiles in return.

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Notice: Equipment will be moved to the new address on Saturday, May 16, thus the office personnel will be unable to take care of routine business on that date.

This change is due to the need for additional working and storage space brought about by the increased duties of the Kent County Triple-A Committee and the Kent County U. S. D. A. War Board.

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Price Ceilings Begin Monday in All Stores

More important than price freezing, in Cook's judgment, is the prospect of a growing scarcity of merchandise due to war priorities and a resultant shrinkage of sales and profit.

One general effect is a drastic readjustment in which efficient stores may make the grade but inefficient units may not.

Rationing of gasoline, which is now being introduced in Atlantic coast states, may be extended nationally by July 1, 1942.

The big "if" in the picture, as it is reported reliably to us, is whether volunteer rationing of automobile transportation can be effected in Michigan through public acceptance of the "Pontiac Plan".

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News of Our Boys With the U. S. Flag

Robert L. Henry, 19, formerly of R. F. D. 1, Lowell, who recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy, has been assigned to the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., for recruit training.

Pvt. Julian Scherbinski of Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, spent over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Scherbinski of R. F. D. 1, Ada, Julian, who has been in the army for three months, has just been transferred from Arkansas to Maryland.

Pvt. Lawrence Ridgway has been transferred from Fort Custer and is now stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark. His address is Pvt. Lawrence O. Ridgway, 3619729, Co. B, 102nd Trng. Bn., 3rd Platoon, Camp Robinson, Ark.

Mrs. Nora Simington has received word that her son, Pvt. Adelbert Simington who is in the U. S. Army, has arrived safely overseas and is now serving somewhere in the British possessions.

Giles Sinclair, who has attended Midshipman's Training School at Northwestern University for the past four months received his Ensign's commission in the U. S. Navy today in Chicago.

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Vining to Head Labor Committee

Keats K. Vining, Kent county farm agent in charge of county agricultural and home extension work, has accepted appointment as chairman of the labor supply committee of the Kent County Defense Council.

Vining was prevailed upon to accept the appointment because of his wide acquaintance among farmers of the county and his familiarity with their requirements, it was stated.

Prime objective of the committee is to supply farm hands this summer when employment in defense industries threatens to cause a labor shortage in the rural areas.

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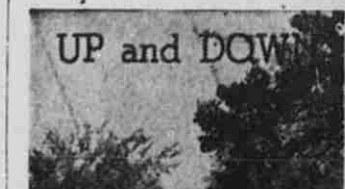
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UP and DOWN

Dame Nature is surely a variable lady. When have you seen as early a spring as this one in 1942?

Down in Caledonia the other day Ernie Ruess told us he had planted some corn.

Anyhow the season is off to a good early start. We are going to surely need the food and here's hoping that nature will smile kindly on agriculture, that there will be plenty of labor to harvest the crops, and all to add so much in winning the war.

One-Third for Food

Sometimes we are apt to think of "Lease Lend" money as going into munitions, ships, tanks, planes, etc. Much to our surprise the other day we learned that over one third of shipments made under that program the first year were for foodstuffs.

All scrap metal will be assembled by Read & Sons in one pile and bidders will come out and bid on the entire amount.

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