

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

THE SOLDIER'S WORRY

THE MANY LETTERS from young men serving in the armed forces are giving a good picture of the soldier mind. Apparently the thing that gives the most anxiety to the men of the army, navy, and air force, is not the peril they may have to meet in their service. And it is not whatever hardship, discomfort, or distress they are having to take as a part of their service. The thing that troubles them most is how the folks at home are going to take it. They worry because they can read between the lines of the letters from home, that the parents or the wife is anxious and disturbed.

The more anxiety the home folks show, the harder it becomes for the soldier. He can't get the thought out of his mind of the people at home, who live under this constant shadow of fear.

The letters from the boys seem to show that they take the dangers of their service in a very philosophical way. It would appear that they rarely talk about the experiences they are likely to meet, or the sufferings they may have to undergo. Apparently they talk mostly about their own personal experiences, the labors and enjoyments of their home towns, their friends at home, and the things they have done in their various jobs.

They seem to take a very normal view of their military service. They take it as a matter of course, that they have certain duties, and that they are going to do their best to carry out these duties.

DIGGING FOR THE SCRAP

IT IS UP TO American homes to dig into the dusty and cobwebby corners and pull out the metal articles they can spare, and donate them to the government. You may think you have but little of that stuff, but households are likely to gather refuse as the years go by. They lay things aside, thinking they will have use for them again, but usually they lie idle.

IN HONOR OF THE PRESS

THE WEEK October 1-8 has been observed as National Newspaper Week. It has brought out many tributes of appreciation for the press. The newspaper people have been praised for loyal support of the government, and for assent to whatever censorship is necessary to protect the military efforts of the country. A newspaper man is not to print the news, but he won't do it if the publicity will help our enemies.

The newspapers have thrown their columns open to every good cause that needs public support. They plead with the people for co-operation with the government, and keep reminding the people of the needs of the war effort.

The newspapers do not always agree on what should be done to promote the war effort, or advance social progress, but they present the ideas of practical persons who have had close contact with life. Programs based on that kind of experience usually work out well.

FOR COLUMBUS DAY

ON OCTOBER 12 the nation remembers the man who first revealed America to the world. For countless centuries our wonderful land, with all its rich possibilities, was hidden to the world. A dark curtain of mystery veiled it from the older countries, and few people even dreamed such a place existed.

Then came this great discoverer, and reached the conclusion through his voyages and studies that beyond those seemingly impenetrable distances and ocean spaces, there lay an unknown land. With dauntless heroism he staked his belief against the judgment of the whole world of his time.

His faith was rewarded by the most astonishing discovery of history. From that time the current of world life changed. The new land made possible grand new opportunities. The country which his discovery made possible has filled our lives with blessings. We should never forget the man who first lifted this veil.

Off to College

The following 1942 graduates of Lowell High School are among those who are now attending other institutions of learning.

U. of M.—Virginia Doyle.

M. S. C.—Walter Gumsler, Fred Hoster, David Miller, William Myers, James Stevens, Delbert Woon.

C. M. C.—Richard Gephart, Fred Powers, Richard Warner, Beatrice Schneider, and Kenneth Wingler.

Lucid Private Secretarial School—Clarence Collins; McLachlan's Jacqueline Fahrl; Junior College—Marie Watson and Donna Stormzand.



Along Main Street

Election, Nov. 3, less than four weeks away.

30-35 miles per hour is now tops. Every patriotic American will drive accordingly.

Have you examined your basement and garret for scrap? Every ounce counts.

If you miss a bus these days always inquire about a second or third section, a common practice on many bus lines over week-ends.

Even in wartime fishing continues one of Michigan's most popular forms of recreation, according to the state conservation department which reports the sale of 645,971 sport fishing licenses up to the first of September, only four per cent less than were sold in the same period a year ago.

War will change the yellow stripe down the middle of Michigan trunk line highways to white, the state highway department reports. Yellow paint of the type used on roadbeds contains chrome and can not be obtained. On black-top highways, a double white strip indicates a no-passing zone, while a single white line will mark those areas on concrete pavement.

Ray J. Rogers has taken over the management of the Standard Oil station at the corner of W. Main and Hudson streets. Mr. Rogers who moved here recently from Alma, was for many years a resident of Lowell and many will join in extending him a welcome to the old home town. Mr. Rogers has an announcement on another page of this issue.

Because of conditions brought about by the war, Curtis-Dyke has leased the building heretofore used as a garage and salesroom to C. H. Runciman, who will use the building as a storage for apples and beans. The Runciman trucks and cars will also be housed in the building and these will be serviced by Dick Nead, formerly in the employ of Curtis-Dyke.

Acting promptly to scotch rumors that wildlife sanctuaries could be invaded this season, the conservation department asserted that the sanctuary and refuge signs still mean "No Hunting," and that neither the land owner nor the department, under the law, can permit hunting in the areas so posted. That means protection for the several hundred Mallards in Lowell's wild fowl sanctuary.

Michigan's hundreds of thousands of hunters who comb millions of acres of wildlands and poke into little-visited farm corners in search of game are being asked to keep their eyes open for scrap metal this season, as well as for birds, squirrels, rabbits and big game. Michigan United Conservation Clubs, central organization of 135 sportsmen's associations, is recommending that all finds be reported to the landowner, or on private land, and to local salvage committees if in wild areas.

A. H. Stormzand of Lowell has been named one of four representatives to serve on the Kent County Advisory Committee of the War Relocation Commission. The three other members are Harry J. Kelley, George Bold and Stephen F. Dunn, all of Grand Rapids. Four other members also are to be named by the committee.

Grand Rapids is president of the committee. Its advisory committee will act on matters concerning industrial labor supply, prevention of labor piracy and other factors affecting the war labor supply.

The third and last section of the new Main-st. bridge, construction of which was begun about seven months ago, has been completed and everybody is rejoicing. The first section of the bridge was rebuilt some six or seven years ago and the second section in the winter of '39-40. All three sections of the bridge were built by the Lamb Construction Company, the entire cost of the improvement approximating \$175,000. The total width of the pavement is 45 feet, but provision has been made for widening the pavement to 54 feet should that ever become necessary. A flume and spillway were also constructed during the summer for the King Milling Company at a cost of several thousand dollars.

It will interest the many friends of Russell Kyser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyser, to learn that he has just completed his course at Ann Arbor, earning the degree of E. S. E. in electrical engineering, and that, having passed the requirements of the office of Naval Intelligence and of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he will start work October 12 in the radio division of the naval research laboratory of Washington, D. C. This laboratory is engaged in research and in the development of highly secret or confidential equipment of vital and immediate importance in the war plans of the U. S. navy. Employees in the laboratory are usually commissioned as officers in the U. S. naval reserve.

Phone your news to the Ledger

Golden Wedding Anniversary for Grattan Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittenbach, Grattan township farmers, living fourteen miles north of Lowell, will have been married fifty years on October 15. In honor of this, their golden wedding anniversary, their children will hold open house from two to five o'clock and from seven to ten o'clock, on Sunday, October 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittenbach were both born in Switzerland. He came to America at the age of 21 with a young friend, Alfred Wyss, who now lives at Croton. The same year, Elise Oesch, then eighteen, left home and family and came to a new land in company with relatives. Mr. Wittenbach found work on the Peter McPherson farm south of Parnell, and the young girl who spoke his native tongue, was employed nearby in the Owen J. Howard home. On October 15, 1892, the young couple were married in Grand Rapids, and rented the Jack Bresnahan farm south of Grattan where they lived for five years. They then purchased the farm where they now reside.

Nine children were born to this union and one whose death occurred when a small child. A daughter, Alice, passed away at the age of twenty-one. They have four sons: Alfred, Ernest, Leo and Walter; and three daughters, Fanny, Mrs. John Nash and Mrs. Clair Edlins. There are also eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Mrs. Wittenbach has one brother, Chas. Oesch in Belding and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Wingeier of Alto and Mrs. Fred Pike of Trufant. Mr. Wittenbach has one brother, Rudolph, Sr., and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Roth and Mrs. Anthony Kallinger all of Lowell.

The many relatives and friends are most welcome at the farm home on Sunday, October 18.

Keene-tp. Farmer Dies in Car Here

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, Leo Richmond, well known farmer residing eight miles north of Lowell in Keene-tp., was stricken with a heart attack while helping a neighbor fill silo. He was rushed to a physician in Lowell but died in his car before aid could be given him.

Mr. Richmond was born in Belding, Mich., fifty-two years ago and had been in his usual good health up to the time of his death. Surviving him are his wife, Ada and two sons, Raymond, who lives near Belding, and Dale of Ypsilanti.

Also remaining to mourn their loss is his mother, Mrs. Blanche Richmond of San Diego, Calif., two sisters, Mrs. Horton McKim of San Mateo, Calif., and Mrs. Chester Olson of Albany, Oregon, as well as five brothers, Theron, well known restaurant proprietor of Lowell, Fred of Greenville, Day of Detroit, Delbert and Belding both of San Diego.

The remains were removed to the FitzJohn's Mortuary at Belding, where funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial at Otisco cemetery.

Seek Support for Worthy Projects

On Wednesday night, October 23, the Garden Lore Club is sponsoring a scavenger hunt, to start from the Haunted House on Riverside-dt., at eight o'clock. Admission is 25c and everyone is welcome. The Garden Lore Club has been in the back of many worthwhile movements for the improvement of our town and they now ask the support of the citizens of Lowell in their effort to raise funds for future projects.

The following committee has been appointed: Mrs. Lee Lampkin, chairman, Mrs. N. E. Borgerson, Mrs. Bruce McQueen and Mrs. P. J. Fines. All members will be asked to contribute towards the entertainment.

Foreman Leghorns Have Scored Again

In the 1942 laying contests which ended September 22nd, Foreman Leghorns won top national honors with the highest average egg production for five pens entered by any breeder in the United States. They also established a new all-time record in the Missouri contest and won the central New York contest as well as being the high Leghorn pens in Maine and Long Island, N. Y.

APPECIATION

To all the ladies and girls of the Methodist Church who assisted in any way in making our annual supper a success, I express my sincere appreciation.

Rosella Yetter, Gen'l Chairman.

POLITICAL MEETING

Herman J. Wierenga, Democratic candidate for congress from the fifth district, announces that he will speak at the Lowell City Hall, Wednesday evening, Oct. 14 at 8 o'clock.

Notice, Surgical Dressing Class

The surgical dressing class of the local Red Cross will meet until further notice, due to the lack of supplies.—Mrs. P. C. Peckham and Mrs. John R. Coe, chairmen.

Why Doesn't the Government Do Something About It?

Why doesn't the government do something about it? There is an answer. Take it from Schuyler L. Marshall, weekly publisher at St. Johns, a community in Clinton county that has never been over enthusiastic in recent years about the way Washington does things. Clinton county regularly votes Republican, but there is no politics to this story.

Spare a minute or two if you have a question about the scrap metal drive. Listen to this country editor as he "talks" in his editorial column to his readers:

A tall, tired-looking man stood at the end of a hotel room. There were about twenty newspaper publishers there. The tall man, his face lined, turned his tired eyes toward a sharp-tongued critic. "Why don't you move the scrap we have piled up for you?" the critic demanded. "We've done our part. The people have done their part. You government fellows are the ones who are falling down. No wonder the people are fed up.... etc., etc."

The newspaper man quit talking and glared.

Patiently, as if he had told it a thousand times, the government man started speaking quietly. "You are right.... and you are wrong. Listen. You have done your job. The people have done their job. I want you to believe that we are doing our job, just as fast and as well as we can. But there are a lot of things you don't know. I'll tell you about them if you will be patient and listen.

"You have done a good job, but you are going to do a better job. We need more scrap metal. We need it right now, before snow flies. If we don't get it now, we will not get it this winter. We are 3,000,000 tons short of our needs, and that's counting what you have already piled up. If we fail to get that 3,000,000 tons, we may lose this war.... and I'm not trying to fool you or scare you.

"Stop and think a minute. Thousands of tons of scrap is piled up all in a week or two in a thousand or more widely separated points. The waste wire fencing coming from farms must be baled before it can be shipped or used. The old auto bodies have to be cut before they can be shipped or used. We are short of metal balers. We are short of shears—cutting equipment. We cannot do that all at once in a thousand different spots in 83 counties in Michigan."

The tired looking government man went on. "Scrap metal does not walk to the steel mills. It has to be shipped. That takes freight cars. It takes trucks. It takes manpower. You know, without me telling you, that the railroads are being rushed. You know about trucks and their tires. You know about men.... how many of them are already in service.

"Be patient, mister. I have been working twenty hours a day.... hard work without much sleep, and eating when and where I can. Have you been doing that much? I'm asking you and all the people everywhere, in every county and every neighborhood, to take our word for it when we say we need more scrap metal. We want it now—before snow flies—or we won't get it this winter.

"Yes, I know. There have been mistakes. I've made 'em. Maybe you've made 'em. I know you are wrong when you think no effort is being made to move this scrap. It is moving right now, but we can't move it all at once. We will move it, all of it, in the next three or four months. It is now being dumped in huge quantities at the mills. We want enough to keep those mills going full blast—100 per cent capacity—all winter.

"Yes, I'm tired. I've been damned uphill and down. I don't blame people who do not understand. That's why I'm here talking to you fellows today. I want you newspapermen to help them understand. I want you to help me. I want you to help your own boy in service. I want you to help lick Hitler and the Japs.

Life-long Resident Laid to Rest Here

Bessie Lewis Houghton, daughter of George and Roxie Lewis, was born March 21, 1882, in Lowell-tp., and passed away at her home near Alto, October 2, 1942. She had been in ill health the past few years. She was a member of the Alto Methodist church and was treasurer of the Clark Circle Ladies Aid for twenty-five years prior to her death.

Surviving are her husband, Frank L.; one daughter, Frances Dawson of Lowell; four sons, Lloyd of Ionia, Howard of Detroit, George of Alto, Lewis, now serving with the U. S. Marine in the Solomon Islands; one brother, M. D. Lewis of San Diego, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Suzanne, Raymond and Elaine Houghton. Also other relatives and many friends in this community.

Funeral services were held at Roth's Chapel in Lowell, October 5, with Rev. P. E. Chamberlain officiating and burial in Oakwood cemetery. Many friends unite in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Lowell Grid Team Meets First Defeat

A hard-charging Greenville team, led by fullback Ranney, rolled over the Lowell aggregation, 13 to 0, at Recreation Park last Friday night. It was the last of the three pre-conference games, Lowell having previously defeated both Hastings and Ionia.

Capt. Kingdom of Lowell, broke loose for a 33-yd. run on the second play of the game, but Greenville braced and took the ball on downs. A series of spinner plays set up a touchdown thrust by Ranney in the second quarter. Sims converted and Greenville led 7-0 at the half.

Kingdom and Souser reeled off several nice gains for the locals but defensive lapses led to another score early in the fourth quarter. Greenville failed to kick the point and scoring was through for the evening.

News of Our Boys With the U. S. Flag

Pvt. Merle J. Fonger's new address is 44th Troop Carrier Sq., Dell Valle Air Base, Austin, Texas.

For those wishing to write to Pvt. Lloyd A. Aldrich his new address is Pfc. 853 R. D. M. C. B., San Diego, Calif.

Pvt. Winfred Alexander, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps, is still at Fort Custer, but expects to be moved soon.

Pvt. Alfred Roth would like to hear from friends, his new address being as follows: 646 Tech. School Sq. Bks. 2143 U. S. Army, Madison, Wisconsin.

P. F. C. Gerald Raymond is attending a saddler's school for three months after which he will return to Fort Bliss, Texas, where his division is stationed.

The Ledger is informed by W. J. Precious that Pvt. Darwin Tuttle would like to hear from friends back home, so here is the address: Pvt. Darwin Tuttle, Medical Dept. V. A. F. S., Co. A, Victorville, Calif.

Here are more addresses of our boys for those wishing to write to them: Pvt. Clifford E. Guild, Pfc. 854, R. D. M. C. B., San Diego, Calif. Pvt. Stanley E. Guild, Pfc. 854, R. D. M. C. B., San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughan of Fallsburg received a letter recently from their son Sgt. Harry Vaughan, some where in Australia, saying he had received cigarettes from the Lowell Cigarette Club and wished to thank them.

Mrs. Ed. Maloney received word from her sons, Roman and Edward, Roman is at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Ed's whereabouts are unknown but he has been made a first class seaman. This is the first his mother had heard from him since last June.

Those who wish to write to Corp. S. J. Ayres please note his change of address which is as follows: Corp. S. J. Ayres, Service Squad 11, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Word has been received from S-Sgt. Lloyd Blough that he is "some-where in England." He is O. K. only will be very glad when he gets back in the States again. His address is S-Sgt. Lloyd Blough 36156741 4th Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Group, APO 873, c/o Post Master, New York, N. Y.

The Rev. Edgar R. Cochran, a former pastor of Lowell Congregational Church, who is now serving as a chaplain in Australia, writes in part as follows in the "Advance," a religious monthly magazine:

"The job here is a great challenge. There are seventeen chaplains under the command. I am the senior chaplain and charged with supervision. We cover a very wide area. Much improvising is necessary. Nothing is ever established—and in the nature of things cannot be. My health is excellent. The climate is fine. I brought the Communion Set with me. It is in use—14,000 miles from New York City. Please convey to all my deepest regards."

Retailers' Clinic Aid to Merchants

The first meeting of the Retailers' Clinic, held at the City Hall on Wednesday evening, proved to be both interesting and instructive as well. The eleven merchants present agreed that the information given would benefit them in many ways.

There are still some enrollment cards available and the sponsors would like to enroll at least five more merchants for the remainder of the course.

Henry Weaver, president of the Board of Trade, states that the next meeting will be held at the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, at 7:30.

The Retailers' Clinic is made available through the joint co-operation of the University of Michigan Extension Service and the State Board of Control for vocational education. There will be five weekly meetings in all, dealing with regulations and problems affecting retail merchants, and should be well attended.

BE SURE TO REGISTER

Those who need to register in order to vote in the November election should do so on or before Wednesday, Oct. 14. Those living in townships must register with the township clerk.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Elmer E. Richmond and wife to Harry Richmond, part southeast 1/4, section 14-7-9, Vergennes township.

Bruce Welter and wife to Frank S. Freeman and wife, part lot 4, block 6, King and Amphlett's addition.

Permit Blanks for Hunters

As a courtesy to owners of hunting land and sportsmen alike, the Valley City Milling Company, at Portland, offers to provide hunting permit blanks gratis to anyone who wishes them.

Hunting permits are required under State law and the blank furnished by the Portland concern simplifies the procedure for both landowner and hunter.

RUBBER FOOTWEAR NOT ALL FROZEN

We can still sell work rubbers and arctic and all dress rubbers without certificate. If you need knee or hip boots we have application blanks for you to fill out.

All Must Share And Share Alike

A recently captured Nazi document tells how Hitler plans to run his bloodstained "Greater German Empire" by means of an army of secret police, always on the job. Japan's ambition to share a conquered world with Germany isn't any secret. It is symbolized on New Japan postage stamps.

These aspirations have had some rude shocks lately. The splendid state of the Russians once more threatens Nazi aggressors with stalemate and approaching winter; Nazi General Rommel still is stalled in the African desert; the far extended Jap flanks have been dealt blows by U. S. forces in the Solomons, Australians in New Guinea, Americans and Canadians at Kiska in the Aleutians.

Pleasing as these latter developments may be, listen to Army Services of Supply Commander Somerset. Speaking in St. Louis recently, he said the United Nations have "taken a terrific shelling all around the globe" and it is time "we begin to be realistic."

He continued, without mincing words: "The Japanese and Nazis hate us... and it is just about time we start throwing some of that hate back in their faces. You can't kill a man you don't hate or fear. And our number one job now is to kill Nazis and Japs.... We've lost all our rubber, most of our tin, our hemp, our silk. We've lost ships by the hundreds, men by the thousands. We've lost the freedom of the seas. We've lost everything except a smug sense of complacency. And that's one thing we've got to lose and lose fast or we'll lose our independence."

War brings shortages. We're beginning to feel them. We're all at war, so all of us must share these shortages. Share and share alike is an underlying principle of democracy.

Fuel oil is not scarce but the means of transporting it are at a premium. There'll be only about two-thirds of the normal supply this winter for the 30 states in which rationing will become effective Oct. 15.

Unless our coal supply is increased we'll be short of this fuel, too, next year—by 42 million tons. Coal production will be speeded through 91 new labor-management committees in the soft coal mines. Longer work hours in the mines are likely.

Nationwide gasoline rationing probably will begin about Nov. 22. But we shouldn't wait until then to impose on ourselves a voluntary rationing by cutting out all unnecessary driving. Surely, every one recognizes by now the necessity of saving all-important rubber. Trucks and buses alone are wearing out tires at the rate of 35,000 a day.

The same thing is true of meats. Because of the tremendous amount of meats needed by our armed forces and our allies, meat rationing is forecast about February. In the meantime, we should limit our weekly meat diet to 2 1/2 pounds per person. Actually, this allowance is about as much as we have averaged for 10 years.

Share and Share Alike. Yes, we can win this war. But everyone must do his share. Work, save, sacrifice, share, no hoarding—there are hundreds of little things which 130,000,000 Americans can do every day to hasten the day of victory.

Scrap Collection This Week Friday

The "Get in the Scrap Campaign" will reach its peak tomorrow.

Village trucks, school children and others, will make a house to house canvas on Friday and the salvaged materials will be placed in a community pile behind the schoolhouse.

Citizens who can and will do so are urged to take their contributions to the pile but any materials found in front of homes, Friday, will be picked up. L. E. Johnson is chairman of the salvage committee and he is to be assisted by Frank Stephens and W. W. Gumsler.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 8—Edward G. Robinson in "Larceny" with Jane Wyman and Brod. Crawford; plus Shorts.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9-10—Priscilla Lane and Robert Cummings in "Saboteur," also News and Shorts.

Sunday and Monday, Oct. 11-12—Barbara Stanwyck, George Brent and Geraldine Fitzgerald in "The Gay Sisters," also March of Time, Comedy and News.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 13-14—Pat O'Brien and Brian Donlevy in "Two Yanks in Trinidad," also Hugh Herbert and Tom Brown in "There's One Born Every Minute."

Thursday, Oct. 15—William Holden and Francis Dee in "Meet the Stewarts," also Ona Munson and Don Terry in "Drums of the Congo" and Novelty.

Montevideo—Matches have been put under government control in Uruguay.

Home Front in Michigan Unites for Action

Twelve Kent County boys and girls will enroll in the eight weeks' Short Course at Michigan State College, October 26. These young folks are recipient of scholarships offered by the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek. The scholarship includes tuition, room, meals and books. The girls will take work in home economics and the boys in agriculture. All the group have been 4-H club members and most of them have been leaders of clubs.

The girls who will go are: Doris Depew, Lowell; Zetha Anderson, Cascade; Genevieve Ruess, Caledonia; LaVon Graham, Cascade; Gertrude VanPutten, Grand Rapids and Donna Davis of Oakfield. The boys are: Lewis Hendershot, of Walker; Stuart VanLaan, of Gaines; Warren Benjamin, of Nelson; Beryl Fischer, of Caledonia; Marvin Hefl, Jr., of Alpine and Walter Wingler of Bowne.

The local extension office is receiving many inquiries for winter clubs, both boys and girls.

The annual Fall Achievement Day banquets for Summer 4-H Club projects will be held the evenings of October 29 and 30. Clubs in the south part of the county will meet at the Caledonia high school the evening of the 29th. Those clubs in the north half of the county will meet at the Cedar Springs high school on Friday evening, October 30.

The groups will have potluck dinner at 7:00 o'clock. The evening will consist of pictures of 1942 4-H Club activities. Announcement of honor members, delegates to State 4-H Club Camp and reports of Summer club activities will be given.

There will be a guest speaker at each meeting. Details of the program will be announced later. Not only club members, leaders and parents are invited to these meetings, but any friends of club work as well.

New Farm Marking System

Driving in Paris township the other day we couldn't help but notice the new farm marking system in vogue on all roads. Then we noticed that our 4-H mail from that territory had return addresses to such and such a number on such and such a road. The Kent County Road Commission has been working on a system of naming all county roads and numbering all farms. Paris township is the first to be completed. The Post Office tells us that routes one and three out of Grand Rapids are already changed to the numbering system. Co-operating with the road commission in this work is the Consumers Power Company and Grand Rapids Gas Company.

Otto Hess, over at the road commission, tells us that eventually all county roads will be named and farms numbered. Considerable preliminary work on the project has been done.

One result of this numbering is the painting in white of all mail boxes and the neat lettering on each one. The name of the farmer and his new address is very legible to the passerby.

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The Showboat Bowlers

"Lowell Showboaters," local bowling team rolling in the Ionia Intercity league, defeated the Ionia reforming team two out of three, losing the third game by one pin in its initial appearance on the night of September 21.

On September 23, the Carson City "Fleetwing" team defeated the "Showboaters" in the second night of bowling, two out of three. Art Martin of Lowell was high man for the evening with a high score of 215.

Last Monday night the

Vitamin RICH Foods

CALUMET
Baking Powder lb. can 17c
 BULK
Macaroni-Spaghetti 4 lbs. 25c
Sweet Pickles 16-oz. jar 19c
 RED & WHITE
Tomato Juice 46-oz. can 23c
Tomato Soup 3 cans 23c
 RED & WHITE
Superdry Towels 2 rolls 19c
 RED & WHITE
MILK, 14-oz. can 4 cans 33c
 KENILWORTH KIBBLED
Dog Food 2-lb. bag 21c

Fruits & Vegetables
Fancy McIntosh Apples 5 lbs. 23c
Bulk Carrots 3 lbs. 10c
Fresh California Dates lb. 35c
Tokay Grapes 2 lbs. 19c

CHOICE MEATS

Leg of Mutton lb. 15c
Mutton Chops lb. 25c
Mutton Stew lb. 12c
Lamb Shoulder lb. 29c
Lamb Stew lb. 17c
Sirloin Steak Grade A lb. 35c
Beef Pot Roast lb. 26c
Beef Chuck Roast lb. 28c
Fresh Side Pork chunk lb. 27c
 Sliced - lb. 29c
Spare Ribs lb. 25c
Pork Chops, end cuts lb. 35c
Pork Liver, sliced lb. 19c

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Urges Farmers to Prevent Erosion

Increased food production will be necessary to carry on in 1943. According to John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County Triple-A Committee, the Kent County farmers are being especially encouraged to protect their land from wind and water erosion during the winter months. An excellent way to prevent wind and water erosion and to protect bare fields is to fall seed rye or winter legumes early enough to obtain a protective cover for the winter. These cover crops not only protect the soil from erosion but also increase the fertility. Payment for establishing and maintaining a cover crop through the winter by seeding winter legumes and fall seeded rye after 1942 intertilled crops or war crops a farmer can earn \$1.50 per acre. To earn this payment this cover

crop must not be pastured this fall. After such crop has been utilized through the winter as a cover crop and allowed to reach a good stand and growth in 1943 and then incorporated into the soil a green manure crop an additional payment maybe earned.

First Recruit: Tell me, do you ever expect to find the perfect girl?
 Second Recruit: No, but it's a lot of fun making sure they're not.



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 More than equal to meat in protein.
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SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Former Lovellites Married at Fort Casey, Washington
 The home of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Virgil Buckner of Fort Casey, Wash., was the scene of the wedding of Miss Dorothy Ann Wingeier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wingeier of Lowell, Mich., and Corp. Walter V. Graham of Fort Casey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Graham of Lowell, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, September 27.
 Chaplain H. K. Cross read the single ring service. Sgt. and Mrs. Buckner were the couple's only attendants.
 The bride was dressed in a soldier blue alpaca suit and wore an orchid corsage. Mrs. Buckner wore a blue French crepe dress and a gardenia corsage.
 After the wedding the couple and their attendants enjoyed dinner at the Bungalow Cafe, after which the happy couple left for a three-day wedding trip to the Olympic Mountains and Mt. Rainier.
 Corp. Graham graduated from Lowell High School in the class of 1935. Mrs. Graham graduated from Lowell High School in the class of 1940 and graduated from the Lucid Private Secretarial School and was formerly employed by Dr. W. D. Lyman of Grand Rapids.
 At present Mrs. Graham is making her home with Sgt. and Mrs. Buckner.

Birthday Party

Sunday was a very happy occasion for Mrs. Ed. Walker when fifteen relatives, with well-filled baskets and many lovely gifts, came to wish her a happy birthday. All those present were nieces and nephews excepting two brothers and a sister. Those attending the family gathering were Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Weber and Miles Dodds of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodds of Keene, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Myers of Hastings, Mrs. Marle Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gavitt and granddaughter and a sister, Mrs. Myers, who is 84 years old, all of Lake Odessa.

Farewell Party

Thirty-eight friends and neighbors met with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker of East Keene last week Wednesday for a farewell party. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro and a potluck supper was served, after which the couple was presented with a lovely chenille bedspread. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are moving to Saranac, where they plan to make their home. Neighbors and friends extend best wishes.

Home Extension Group Meets

The meeting of the Home Extension Group which met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Egan on October 1, had a lesson on storing fruits and vegetables for winter use which proved especially worthwhile for those who raised their own gardens. The next meeting will be a potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Mildred Englehardt on October 28. The lesson will be on bread-making.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Brighton of Lowell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Bert L. Denny of Wilmington, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Denny of Saranac. Margaret is leaving Monday for California where the wedding will take place.

Two Birthdays Honored

Last Monday evening the Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. Wilson Washburn to celebrate her birthday and also that of Mrs. John Dawson. The delicious refreshments included a beautiful birthday cake and each guest of honor was presented a lovely chair.

Social Brevities

The ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society were entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Lalley. After the business meeting cards were played, honors going to Mrs. Arthur Curtis and Mrs. F. J. McMahon.

The monthly meeting of the Cheerful Doers was held last Monday evening in the parish house. This being a missionary program, Mrs. Thelma Hahn gave a very interesting talk about China.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson entertained at a 6:30 dinner Tuesday night in honor of M. P. Brindle, chief radioman, U. S. N., recently returned from Samoa. The guests included, besides Mrs. Brindle, Mrs. Brindle and son Mickey, Mrs. Myrtle Bowerman of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. George DeGraw of Lowell.

The Book Review Club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Eleanor Jewel. Mrs. Marion Reynolds reviewed "Apple in the Attic" by Mildred Jordan.

COMING EVENTS

The Leonora Perry Group will meet with Mrs. Martin Houseman Friday afternoon, Oct. 9, at 2:30.
 The regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., will be held Friday, Oct. 9.
 The Jolly Community Club meets next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Kinyon in Lowell. It is hoped a good crowd can be present.
 Glass goblets from the dime store can be decorated into fascinating flower vases with gilt or paint and shells.
 A medium-sized dish of raw strawberries will furnish more than a third of a day's allowance of vitamin C.

Ensign Robert A. Hints

The echo of the bugle's note has died; The legionnaires have fired their last salute. About an open grave at eventide Our ensign's loving friends stand sadly mute.
 He sacrificed his life that we might live; He gave his all for Freedom's threatened cause. To him our lasting gratitude we give; In deepest reverence we humbly pause.
 But we who mourn for him must bear in mind That he was doing that which pleased him best— He never could have been content to find His task comprised no challenge or no test.
 He would have scorned to choose the easy way; To weaker men he left security. So, bravely facing death without dismay, He winged his way to noble victory.

—Nina M. Webster.

Public Asked to Help the Doctors

The war has called many physicians into the armed forces. The remaining physicians in every community will be exceedingly busy caring for the ailments of the civilian population. Their work will be doubled—sometimes tripled. Already some physicians are overburdened with work.
 To effectively meet this situation so that all needed medical care may be accommodated, it is necessary that the public cooperate to the utmost. This may be done by following the ordinary rules of hygiene, such as obtaining adequate amounts of sleep and rest, eating a variety of foods to obtain all necessary vitamins, keeping the body clean and washing hands frequently, at least before each meal. Drink pasteurized milk, and known safe water only. Coughers and sneezers should stay at home until recovered. It is discourteous and ill-mannered for anyone with a "cold" to mingle with the public.
 Parents may help materially in the prevention of communicable diseases by having children immunized against smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough, and by keeping children at home as soon as they show any sign of illness.
 But should the services of a physician become necessary, certain rules should be observed by patrons so as to facilitate the work of the doctor. Remember that your doctor is human and needs his rest so that his physical and mental energies may function to your greatest advantage. Therefore, do not call your doctor at night except in case of accident or emergency. If possible, send in your call before nine o'clock in the morning so it may be included in the day's round of calls. This will avoid two trips into some neighborhood besides saving gasoline and rubber.
 When the doctor calls, give him a short, concise history of the illness and don't burden him with a lot of irrelevant conversation. Have a definite understanding about a return visit. If possible, do not disturb your doctor during meal hours. Remember, he is your best friend in sickness. Treat him fairly and he will give you good service. Observe the golden rule.

J. D. Brook, M. D. Kent County Health Officer.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Agnes Alexander of Grand Rapids spent over Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Emily Murray.

Mrs. E. L. Kinyon's sister, Mrs. Thomas Leese of Clarksville, visited her several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Stormzand and family will move this week Friday into the Earl Cole house on King-st.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Schneider and Mrs. W. N. Pennock and Plynns spent Sunday at the D. B. Erb home at Delton.

Miss Gloria Pennock and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ramey and Lester Ramey of Grand Rapids, spent the week-end at Evert.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Briggs spent from Friday until Monday in Port Huron visiting Mrs. Briggs' sister, Mrs. Alice Graham, and brother, Roy Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Myers entertained the following guests over Sunday, Mrs. Rose Hoover, Mrs. Robert Burns and family and Earl Hoover, all of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and children of Plymouth came to the Earl Hunter home in Keene Monday to spend a few days, leaving Wednesday for Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Morse spent the week-end in Carson City with their son, Russell and family. Russell entered Edmore hospital Sunday night for an operation.

Henry Koewers and William Frost, who were recently inducted into the U. S. Army, spent Sunday with their families here, returning to Fort Custer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Malcolm and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Malcolm and daughter, all of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Malcolm.

Lowell residents were roused from their slumbers about four o'clock Wednesday morning by the fire siren. The fire turned out to be in Boston-tp., where a small shed burned without much damage.

Mrs. Emily Murray, who has been confined to her home with a serious illness for a considerable time, is being kept in good cheer by the calls of many friends, having had 151 callers during the month of September.

Mrs. W. N. Pennock attended the navy mothers' benefit party in Grand Rapids, Tuesday evening and worked at the Navy Mothers' Club booth at Union Station as sixty-seven navy recruits left on the 11:55 p. m. train.

Mrs. Ruth Gaunt and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins and family spent Sunday evening at the Lester Gaunt home in Grandville. Mrs. Collins also spent Friday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. Flora Carpenter, in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Raynor and Isabel of Lowell and Allison Raynor of Salem, returned home Friday from Fort Riley, Kansas, where they visited their son and brother, Pvt. Gerald Raynor and other Lowell boys. They are all well and looking fine.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Doyle over the week-end were Andros Gulde of Saginaw and Miss Margaret Allen. Miss Allen, a former teacher in Lowell, is now employed in the compensation department of the bomber plant at Willow Run and lives at Ann Arbor.

All will be glad to learn that John Taylor is at home again after spending several weeks in Grand Rapids hospital.

Master Tommy Richmond is carrying his arm in a sling as the result of a fall. He broke a piece of bone off in his elbow and it will take some time for it to heal.

Mrs. Will Malcolm, daughter Alice and granddaughter, Joanne spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry TenElshoff in Grand Rapids. The latter gave a birthday party for little Joanne, who received some lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cole, who returned from California recently, have purchased a new home in Grand Rapids, located at 120 Wallin Wood, N. E. Their daughter, Inez, whose husband is in the coast guard at California, will make an indefinite stay with her parents before returning to the coast.

Mrs. Howard Bartlett, of South Lowell, brought to the Ledger office yesterday a branch of forsythia from her yard, which apparently had been endeavoring to do itself proud, as it was in full bloom, although Jack Frost had already turned the leaves to a deep black. The contrasting colors presented a unique picture.

Lee R. Miller, former principal of Lowell High School, is ill at his home, with undulant fever. He was taken with a severe attack which threatened pneumonia and has been confined to his bed for the past four weeks. Mr. Miller was just about to enter the Volunteer Officer's Corps when stricken and will enter training as soon as he is able.

Out of town people who attended the annual home-coming supper at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ezerman Strong and Mrs. Lenna Anderson, all of Grand Rapids and Mrs. "Addie Mathews from Charlevoix. Mrs. Mathews, wife of the late Dr. L. E. Mathews, former residents of Lowell, is spending a week here visiting with old friends.

Marriage Licenses

Orrin Sterken, 54, Lowell; Ethel F. Burt, 33, Lowell.

An old man who was everlastingly complaining about his feet hurting, was asked if his shoes weren't too tight.

"Yes, they are," he replied.

"Then, why don't you get larger shoes?" asked the stranger.

"Well, you see it's this way," replied the old man. "My wife is dead, my sons is a drunkard, my daughter eloped with a bum, my automobile tires are worn out and the finance company has taken my radio back, so about the only pleasure I get out of life is to get home and take these darned shoes off."

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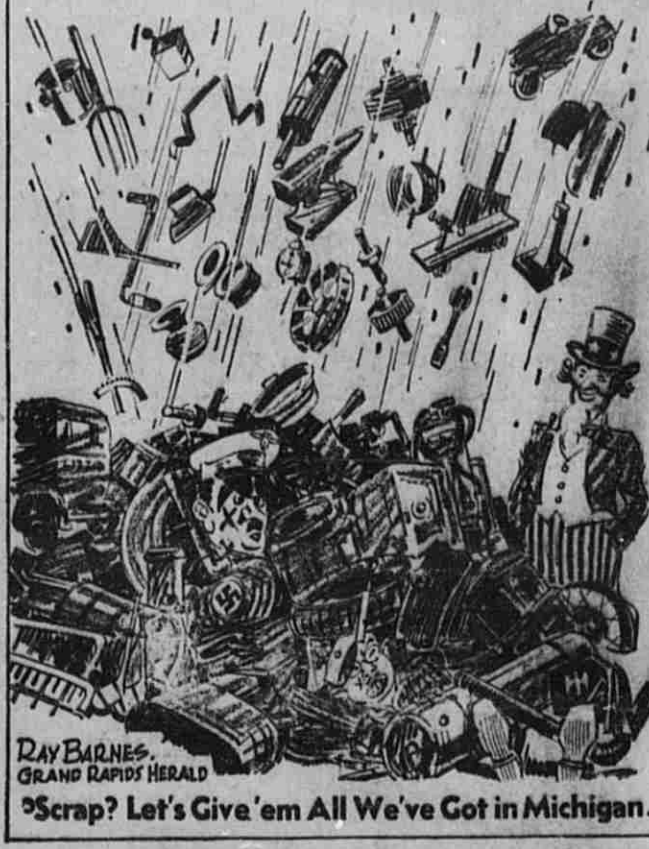
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Michigan farmers face a season greatest of the year in fire hazards as heating plants are started up and forced to keep homes, barns, milk houses and watering tanks warm in winter months.

Three fire preventive pointers and some advice on protecting against freezing those spray rigs tanks need an anti-freeze solution, such as one made by adding 2.87 pounds of flake calcium chloride to each gallon of water. For 10 below zero weather, another three-fourths of a pound of the flake should be added to a solution safe at zero. For 20 below, still another half pound is added to the 10 below zero solution.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Posthumus, Jr., at Elmhurst hospital, Friday, Oct. 2, a daughter, who will answer to the name of Judy Elaine.
 A daughter, Nancy Joanne, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil DeRushia at Three Rivers, Friday, Oct. 2. Mrs. DeRushia is the former Esther DeVries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed DeVries.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbors who so kindly remembered me with letters, cards and gifts during my stay in the hospital, also the Whitteville Grange for their remembrance. Your kindnesses were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.
 Ernest Hurd

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