



By K. K. Vining

The Hoe Equals the Gun
For the better part of the past week the county farm board has been meeting registrants for selective service...

The bulk of these boys have come from boards 1 and 2. The other six boards have sent some complete a picture of the farm set up as possible...

During these interviews there have been more lads who have indicated an interest to go into the army or navy...

The demands for food for ourselves and Allies is tremendous and whether or not it is accomplished in 1943 hinges on several factors...

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The Home Front In Our Michigan

Bits of Information to Help War Effort

If you have a heat problem in your home, particularly in rural areas, here's news from the Office of Price Administration. A brand new lot of coal and wood-burning stoves has been made available to provide necessary warmth...

This is a fine time for Mrs. Michigan to develop her dress-making talents. For she is assured of continued use of her sewing machine. The War Production Board is permitting limited production of sewing machine repair parts...

American fighting men taken prisoner by Germany or Italy, and American civilians interned by those countries receive regular American Red Cross standard food parcels and necessary clothing as soon as the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, is notified of their capture and camp location...

No truck owner in Michigan—from the farmer or corner grocer to the big fleet owner—will escape difficulties in 1943 that will be far more serious than in 1942. Tires, skilled repair men, replacement parts and worn-out vehicles—all will be hard to replace...

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News of Our Boys With the U. S. Flag

Loree Pennock has returned to his ship after spending six months on shore because of injuries.

Change of address: Bryd Condon, Jr., S. 2C Armed Guard School, Eka 58, Crew 144, Sec. 1, Gulfport, Miss. Fred Bowler left Springfield, O., for service December 11, and is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Corp. Robert Sayles and Corp. William Dawson returned to Fort Riley, Kan., Monday night after spending their furlough with their parents.

Mrs. Wm. Keech received a letter from her brother, Pvt. Charles Jones, Co. C, 753 M. P. B. N. He has been moved from Kaddie, Calif., to Weeks, Nevada. Stanley Watters, of the U. S. Navy arrived Tuesday, from Brooklyn, where he is stationed, to spend a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watters.

Mrs. Will Wood has received word that her son, Pvt. Gerald O. Wood, is ill with fever in hospital somewhere in New Guinea. He would enjoy hearing from friends. Wesley R. Chaffee, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffee, Ada, is enrolled in the service school for machinists' mates at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Mrs. Wm. Christiansen notifies the Ledger of a change of address for her son Bill, which is: Pvt. William Christiansen, 791st Tech. Sch. Bldg. (Sp. Bks. 108, A. F. T. S. Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. Leo Rentsman, son of Will Rentsman of near Rockford, has been in action in New Guinea, according to a report received by relatives from the government. Leo's death is the first for this locality.

Keith Kinyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kinyon, now stationed at Honda, Tex., with the armed forces, has been promoted this past week to the rank of Sergeant. Lowell's boys are making the home town folks proud of them. Richard L. Booth, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft, has been promoted to Corporal. Any of his friends wishing to write him, his new address is Corp. Tech. Richard L. Booth, Co. A, 800th Sig. Serv. Regt., Camp Crowder, Mo.

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Best unofficial guess on start of point-rationing of canned, dried and frozen foods: About third week in February. Best guess on start of meat rationing: Around middle of March. Mrs. Sherman Reynolds, the correspondent for the Ledger from Snow district, was thrilled to find a picture of her nephew, Corp. Ward Stiel, in the January 4th issue of Life Magazine. It was one of a group of grave-faced American soldiers surrounding an exhausted Japanese prisoner lying on the ground. Corp. Stiel, who was easily identified, enlisted in April, 1941 from Grandville, and was in the same contingent as Jim Read of Lowell who lost his life in the So. Pacific a few months ago.

Christopher Klumpp Laid to Rest at 80

Lowell lost a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, Sunday night, when Christopher W. Klumpp, 80, died in Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Klumpp was born in Grand Haven, November 15, 1862, coming when he was two years old, to Lowell where he has resided ever since. He operated a meat market on Main-st. for more than forty years, and after his retirement was state beef inspector for several years. Fifty-six years ago he married Ella Lyon of Lowell, who survives him. Also remaining to mourn their loss is a son, Clifford, of Belleville; daughter, Mrs. John Watson (Rena), of Glendale, Calif., who will be unable to attend the funeral because of her own serious illness; a brother, William, of Lowell; and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Ball of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, in the Roth Chapel, the Rev. N. G. Wood, officiating. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

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Lowell-tp. Soldier Seriously Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Tichelaar of Lowell township received a message from the adjutant general's office in Washington, recently, stating that their son, Louis Tichelaar, private, first class, in the U. S. Army, had been seriously wounded in action, Dec. 22, somewhere in New Guinea. Tichelaar, who is 24, enlisted nearly two years ago, before the draft, and has a brother, Harry, also in the service.

The Tichelaar farm is located about four miles northwest of Lowell, and with two sons in military service, the father has been somewhat handicapped with farming operations as a consequence.

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Along Main Street

Colleges indicate the intensity likely in 1943. Home production of food, home processed, the government has said, does not curtail any family's share in what they will be able to purchase at food counters after more complete rationing is in force. There will be many Victory gardens this year.

Billy Wood, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, saved his brother James G. from drowning in Flushing river Sunday morning, after he fell into the water while playing on the ice with a neighbor boy. It was lucky for James that Billy happened to go by at that moment on his way to skate. James was able to cling to the ice until rescued, and is none the worse for his frightening experience.

Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, has just launched a national drive to collect millions of books from American people for the men and women in the armed forces. Says Davis: "Our fighters can't use a dog-eared algebra book published during the War of 1812, but they do need books that will enjoy reading—good fiction, mystery stories, biography, etc." Take your gift book to your nearest library, Red Cross or USO office.

For the convenience of Lowellites who must report for work during the dark early hours of the day, Supt. Frank McMahon of the Light and Power plant, reports that the street lighting system will be turned on for a couple of hours just before sunrise. This plan was decided upon after assurances that the plant could obtain the necessary supply of lamps and of fuel oil for the engines. It is expected that this will continue as long as the above mentioned supplies are available. Early risers will surely appreciate the light.

In a visit with Supt. Frank McMahon over at the diesel electric plant the other day we learned some interesting facts about the operation of the electric clocks around town. At the time of the plant changeover last winter a master clock was installed at the hydro-electric plant near Smyrna. Several times each 24 hours the plant operators must check the clock against Western Union time and any variations in this master clock are corrected during the night by changing the frequency of the current to keep it close to 60 cycles. Using this new clock as a guide it is possible to keep all clocks operated on Lowell Light and Power lines at the correct time except when a power failure occurs, after which all electric time pieces must be reset.

A white tame duck came to an untimely end a few days ago after venturing into his home surroundings and taking up life anew by joining the flock of wild Mallards on Flat river, near the King mill. The untimely end came to the tame duck as a result of its wings freezing to the ice upon which it was resting. Marshal Fred Gramer commissioned Supt. W. W. Gummer to put the duck out of its misery with his trusty rifle which was accomplished in due time (after the fourth shot). But thereby hangs a tale as a citizen who saw the shoot-out, but not knowing the circumstances, reported to Officer Frank Stephens that somebody was shooting protected ducks right here in town. Explanations followed and soon a phrase was "All quiet along the Potomac." So ends the true story of the poor white duck.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: With all sorts of folks making up the world, there will be no shortage in personalities... In spite of predictions, we haven't noticed anyone around Lowell stooping over in the street to pick up a horse-shoe... Forgetting is simply a case of tying a rope around your neck or a string around your finger... A Lowell man was overheard to remark that we have returned to the age of the revival of hominy.

Here are two paragraphs by the "Roaming Reporter" in the Grandville Star-Alliance, that are suitable for any main street column, anywhere: When I was a kid, I brot home a "C" card from school. And sometimes I would get the seat of my pants warmed. The other day I went to a local school and brot home another "C" card, and now everybody wants to warm my pants!

Was I ever surprised? Last night coming home from work on the bus I saw a woman defense worker give her seat to a man holding a baby! Do you think this was the proper thing to do? Bertha. Answer: It might have been proper and then again it might not have been. Tell me, Bertha, how old was the baby?

State Savings Bank Holds Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Savings Bank of Lowell, held on Tuesday of this week, all the present officers were re-elected to succeed themselves as follows: R. VanDyke, president; C. H. Runman, vice president; Harry Day, cashier; D. A. Wiegeler, Asst. Cashier; Herbert Elzinga, Teller.

Directors elected are as follows: Harry Day, H. J. Englehardt, E. C. Foreman, John P. Freeman, M. W. Ge, L. E. Lampkin, C. H. Runman, R. M. Shivel, R. VanDyke, H. L. Weskes. The State Savings Bank has a very important announcement on page 5 of this issue, which will be found of great importance to all patrons. Be sure to read it.

Tire Inspection Dates Extended

Motorists Urged to Avoid Last Day Rush

The office of price administration Tuesday postponed the deadline for the first official inspection of tires, and reduced the required number of subsequent examinations.

Instead of the original Jan. 31 deadline, OPA established a stagger system which gives holders of basic "A" ration until the end of March for their initial tire inspection, and holders of "B" and "C" supplementary books until the end of February.

The deadline for the first tire inspection for commercial vehicles will be from Jan. 15 to Feb. 28. After the first inspection, motorists holding "A" books must have their tires examined once in each six-month period, instead of the original requirement of once every four months. Holders of "B" books must have subsequent inspections every four months, those with "C" books every three months. After the first inspection, commercial vehicles must have tire inspections every 60 days or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

All tire inspections, both for private and commercial vehicles, must be made at stations designated by the office of price administration. Persons who fail to comply with the tire inspection requirements will be denied gasoline rations. Inspection stations are located in every community of the county and in some instances there is more than one station. Auto owners are urged to go to their regular gas station, if it is an inspection station, for their tire check.

War Production Committee Meet

A meeting of all Kent County Community Committeemen will be held on January 22, 1943, in Grand Rapids, according to John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County Triple-A Committee. At this time the community committeemen will receive instructions on the 1943 War Production Program. This is a very difficult but important assignment for community committeemen due to the fact that an increase over 1942 production is requested, with less farm machinery and with a possible labor shortage to contend with. In explaining the War Production program to the farmers, the community committeemen should encourage the farmers to increase their production of essential crops. They must also go into every detail of the program with the farmers and this canvass must be completed in a comparatively short time.

The Kent County Community Committeemen will start out on this assignment January 23, 1943, and this will give the farmers an opportunity to include in their plans the crops most needed in the war effort and at the same time plan to protect their soil from erosion. Cooperating farmers in Kent county will be able to earn payments by using approved production practices to build up their soil fertility by such methods as the application of commercial fertilizers, liming materials, green manure crops, cover crops, mulching, tree planting, permanent and water ways, fruit tree removal, and the harvesting of alfalfa and clover seed, according to the Kent County Triple-A Chairman. The performance of such practices will add to the productivity of the soil which is necessary for the increased production of war crops vital in the war effort.

The following is a list of the commodities in which increases are desired: Dry beans, soybeans for beans, potatoes, corn, barley for grain, sugar beets, pork and poultry. A milk production equivalent to 1942 is requested for 1943.

Seniors To Learn Physical Fitness

In conformity with regulations from Washington and Lansing, and in the hope that the High School may be of assistance to future soldiers, the Lowell Board of Education has adopted a plan whereby all senior boys will be required to take a Physical Fitness Program during the last semester. This course is designed to prepare a boy so that he will be better equipped to stand the rigors of army life. In addition to physical exercises of all sorts the boys will have to study a text which will include such subjects as first aid, physiology, hygiene, health and safety. The class will meet five hours each week and Mr. Burch will be in charge. Each boy will be expected to have tennis shoes, a gym suit and a text. Junior boys who will be coming eighteen years of age before or during the first semester of the school year, 1943-44, will be expected to take the course.

Stamp Facts For All To Remember

There are three main points the consumer should remember about War Ration Book No. 2:

- 1. The color of the stamps (there are both red and blue) identifies the rationed commodities: blue for the processed foods program; red will be used for meats.
2. The letter of the alphabet on the stamp designates the ration period during which the stamp may be used. These periods will be announced in advance.
3. The number on the stamp is its point value.

MORE RATIONING

THE AMERICAN people have been notified that most of the canned, bottled, frozen and dried vegetables and fruits will be rationed beginning in February. This will promote the public comfort, for each family can be sure of getting its share. Whereas if scarce foods are not rationed, people are likely to stand in line at stores, and those who search most persistently for these goods are likely to get more than their share. It would seem advisable for the American people to raise more fruits and vegetables, and preserve and can as many as possible for home use. The more we can raise in our own back yards, and the more we can save for winter use, the farther our ration coupons will go.

THE AIR RAID DANGER

THE VIEW of many about air raids on the United States has been that only the Atlantic and Pacific coast states are in any special danger. Recently blackouts were held in nine of the interior states farthest from the seacoast, indicating the belief that no section is safe from this peril.

The coast states have adopted elaborate plans to protect their communities from this form of attack. The enemies of America might conclude from this that the interior cities are the place where there is the least protection, and where the most damage could be done. There is no telling what is in the minds of those foes of ours. They are out to make the whole world submit to their ruthless acts. The enormous potential and range of the new bombing airplanes gives them a tremendous sweep over which they might deliver their blasts of hell.

THE CUSTOMER'S NEEDS

SOME business people make a marked success by their remarkable gift for remembering previous transactions with individual customers. If a salesman can remember the last thing he sold to some particular individual, and speak of that sale when the customer comes again, and ask how that article has worked out, the customer is impressed. He feels that salesman knows his business. He is likely to keep coming back to the place where his interests were so well remembered.

Such a salesman gives the impression that his whole mind is on his work, and his advice and recommendations are valued.

NEED FOR COOPERATION

THE PEOPLE are constantly told that they should cooperate with the government on the wartime program. Our country, it is said, will need to cooperate with its Allies after the war, to prevent any such struggle from breaking out again. This principle of cooperation runs through all life. Children who do not cooperate with their parents to maintain a good home do not come out so well. If they do not cooperate with their school to do the required work, they cannot expect success as students. And to make a good name in life there needs to be general cooperation with all good community movements. The town where such cooperation prevails moves forward like a well-disciplined army.

FEED BIRDS

IN ALL SECTIONS where the hand of winter has laid heavily, there will be found some kind of birds who have foregone the southern climes and remained here. It is difficult, when snow covers the ground, for these birds to find enough food for themselves and their young. It is the duty of us here in this community to give scraps from our tables to these feathered friends, to provide a feeding station for them. Don't forget that though you are doing this purely from your kindness of heart, you can remember that it is the birds who help man in his struggle against the insects. If the bugs were all allowed to multiply without the assistance of the birds to keep them in check, you would find a sorry state of affairs. Bugs feed on vegetation, vegetation feeds man, which means that by feeding your friend your action takes care of yourself and family.

WRITING TO THE SOLDIERS

THE ARMY recently issued advice about writing to the soldiers. One suggestion is that it does no good to write until the new recruit has a somewhat permanent address. Letters sent to an induction center, (there he probably will stay only a few days, may not reach him at all.) The address of your son completed, may seem somewhat overdone, but it is better to be sure than to be sorry. The army has a big job to handle the enormous volume of mail, and illegible scrawls add to the task.

It is somewhat upsetting for a young man to adjust himself to a wholly new and unfamiliar environment, and to work under strange, new requirements. It is comforting to hear from home, and see how his safety and success are earnestly hoped for. Let him hear from you constantly, and address the letters so well that he will get them all.

STARTS 28th YEAR AS DEPUTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Hugh Blacklock recently appointed W. H. Pardee of Bowne township as a Kent county deputy sheriff. The appointment marks the 28th consecutive year Mr. Pardee has served as deputy sheriff.

Beans to Victory Special

Michigan beans take a new share in the spotlight on foods in the national designation of beans as the victory food special for January 15 to 23. Body-building protein, low cost and a supply so plentiful that beans are not limited or rationed, form some of the reasons for the bean designation which is expected to encourage housewives to study up on bean recipes.

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WOMAN POWER... OUT OF 17,200,000 women in England between the ages of 14 and 40, 4,000,000 were with fully employed last June in wartime industry.

Also Scribe Writes Editorial... Ye Scribe, as many others, think some action better be taken in the near future.

Also Bank Report... The report of condition of The Farmers State Bank of Alto, for the period ending December 31, 1942, which appears in this issue, shows that the bank's condition is excellent.

Editorial Comment... There will be many changes as a result of the war. But change is not a new thing.

Life of America... There will be many changes as a result of the war. But change is not a new thing.

Mothers' Club Food Sale... The Mothers' Club is having a baked goods sale at the Rosenberg home, Saturday, Jan. 16, at 10 o'clock.

Methodist Church Notes... Rev. F. E. Chamberlain's subject for next Sunday morning at 10:30 will be "Abraham the Trained Slave."

Also Aloals... Mrs. John Campbell visited relatives in Grand Rapids Sunday.

South Side - SEAGUN... Mrs. Harry Briggs and children spent Saturday afternoon in Ionia.

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Church News... ZION METHODIST CHURCH... Rev. Wm. E. Tombarugh, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY... Morning services and Sunday School at 11 o'clock every Sunday.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH... Sunday School will begin at 10 o'clock.

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State Savings Bank... Working together, America's farmers and bankers can win the great battle of food production that will be fought on the country's farms in 1943.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

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Six out of every ten calls to Information are requests for numbers that are listed in the telephone directory.

It's a simple matter to look in the directory first. And if everyone would do that, it would save 1450 hours of switchboard time each day.

Please do not ask Information for any number that is in the directory. If you must have Information, make a note of the number so that you'll have it next time.

WAR CALLS MUST GO THROUGH MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Lice on Cattle Are Expensive

If a cow's winter coat is rough, lice may be the cause. The standard check against the standard check or against spots is rough.

WANTED—To buy an 8 inch pulley with a 1/2 inch hole in the shaft, or will trade a 6 inch pulley and pay difference, O. C. Austin, R. 2, Clarkville, Mich. Phone 288

WANTED—To buy or rent a baby bed, must be in good condition. Best Spencer, Lowell, R. 1, Phone 372-FA.

WORK SHOE BARGAIN that really saves money is a pair of Ooms shoes. They are tough for tough long wear—soft for enough foot comfort. Ooms.

WANTED—Experienced solderer. Apply to Universal Metal Products, 2400 E. Grand, Lowell, Mich. Phone 100.

FOR SALE—House and shed to be removed from premises. Located 1 1/2 miles north of Lowell on Lincoln Road. Call for details. Phone 100.

FARMERS' ATTENTION—Will buy \$1.00 and up for your worn and crumpled stock. Must be in good condition. Call for details. Phone 100.

FOR RENT—Room house, bath, garage, central heat, water, electric, gas, etc. Call for details. Phone 100.

WANTED—A single man by the month year round, on modern dairy farm. No drinker. Good work. Good wages. Spring Lake Dairy Farm, R. 2, Lowell, Mich. Phone 100.

FARMERS—We need more cream. Paying 10¢ per gallon. Call for details. Phone 100.

FOR SALE—A one, 8 dining room chairs, porcelain top, table, lamp, end table, etc. Call for details. Phone 100.

FOR SALE—Walnut dining room table, newly saw, 8 chairs. Mrs. P. D. Petersen, Lowell, Mich. Phone 100.

FOR RENT—Three room furnished upstairs apartment, electricity and heat furnished, hot water, etc. Call for details. Phone 100.

FOR SALE—South Bend malleable range, excellent condition, new gas, large, 24 inch, 200 lbs. Tom Malone, 1 mile north of Lowell, Mich. Phone 100.

FOR SALE—Well built, quiet and comfortable, 6 room house, Edna Henderson, Vergennes road, 7 miles west of Lowell, Mich. Phone 100.

WANTED—A baby's used wardrobe. Mrs. Rosella Yeter, Lowell, Mich. Phone 100.

FOR SALE—4 month old English Shorthorn pup. Call for details. Phone 100.

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ECHOES OF GRAND RIVER DRIVE

Pvt. Chester Grochowski, who is temporarily stationed at Camp Rowley, was presented to the members of the club gave a week-end with his sister, Mrs. Ed. Wierenga and family.

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The banks of the country are charged with the responsibility of furnishing banking service to the nation.

The situation is one that calls for immediate action. Banks are faced with decreased interest income on loans and demand for additional service with increasing pressure on the other.

Banking Service. It cannot be hoped that interest income from the use of funds will compensate the cost of service rendered.



**Flour** 24 1/2 lb. bag **95c**  
Enriched. Barrel price \$7.44

**Wheat Cereal** 28-oz. box **17c**

**King's Pancake Flour** 5-lb. bag **27c**

**Cake Flour** per box **23c**

**California Lima Beans** 2 lbs. **25c**

**Mich. White Beans** 3 lbs. **20c**

**Flav-R-Jell**, 6 flavors **3 for 17c**

**Seedless Grapefruit** 6 for **25c**

**New Carrots** 2 bunches **15c**

**Iceberg Head Lettuce** **13c**

**California Oranges** 200 size doz. **37c**

**Weaver's**  
Phone 156 We Deliver

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

**To Present Piano Pupils in Recital**  
Miss Charlotte K. White, teacher and faculty member of the Berger School of Music, will present a number of her students in a piano recital, Thursday evening, Jan. 14, at 7:30 in the school recital hall in the Gilbert building.

As a concluding number on this program Miss White and Chester J. Berger will play a two-piano arrangement of "Fantasia in C Minor" by Mozart.

Pupils participating in this program are as follows: Joan Morris, Gordon Svoboda and Yvonne Svoboda, from Ada; Anita Doyle, Rose Fase, Sally Lou Pineas, Susan Gee, Phyllis Lewis, Marjorie McQueen, Jane Rittenger, Bertha Strahler, Beverly Bedell, Nola Bedell, from Lowell; Ila Lynlook, Barbara Hansen, Nancy Keller, Ellen Lewis, Phillip Ruitter, Helen Thiel, Marian Thomas, Audrey Vandenberg, Mary Clara Weeks, Charles Weiler and Bradford White, from Grand Rapids.

**Child Study Club**

The Child Study Club enjoyed a very interesting evening last Monday evening with twenty-one members and guests present, at the home of Mrs. George DeGraw.

Rev. Norman G. Woon gave a discourse on "The Parent As a Religious Counselor," bringing to their attention four very essential factors. First, the goal, or what the parents want for the future of their children; second, material with which they have to work; third, Parents themselves, and their outlook on civilization; fourth, Tools and methods—social, economical and political way of living.

Refreshments were served after the program.

The next meeting will be held January 25, at the home of Mrs. Victor Clemenz.

**Junior Farther Lights**

The Junior Farther Lights held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilmore on Friday evening, Jan. 8, fourteen being present. The girls sewed on aprons and holders to be sent to missionaries in Kentucky and South America. Singing was enjoyed and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 19, at the Gilmore home—Rosemary Lawton.

**Peterson—Sweet**

Lewis Peterson and Miss Mary Sweet, both of Greenville, were married at the First Methodist parsonage by Rev. C. E. Pollock, Saturday, Jan. 9, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Methodist ring ceremony was used by the officiating minister. The young couple will make their home in Dearborn, where Mr. Peterson is employed in war work.

**Engagement Announced**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons of Ada announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Dorothy Copen, to Roy A. Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Webster of Lowell. The wedding will take place January 24th at the Lowell Congregational church.

**Social Brevities**

Sixty turned out on "Husbands' Night" of the Vargennes Cooperative Club for the dinner and an evening of euchre at Lone Pine Inn last Thursday evening.

Norton Henry entertained the members of his Rum Club to a seven o'clock dinner on Tuesday evening of last week.

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Freyermuth, with Mrs. A. F. Zwemer as assistant hostess. The program for the evening was a review of "VanLoon's Lives," by Hendrik VanLoon, given by Mrs. Don McPherson.

The Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., held a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Bert M. Purchase, this week Tuesday afternoon. Guests present were Mrs. Ed. Johnson, Mrs. Merv Sinclair, Mrs. O. Yeiter, Mrs. Ray Rogers, Mrs. E. S. White, Mrs. W. C. Hartman, Mrs. Ernest Roth and Past Patrons, W. C. Hartman and R. E. Springett.

**RED CROSS NOTICE**

Classes in surgical dressings are being held Tuesday afternoons in the City Hall. The local supervisors, Mrs. P. C. Peckham and Mrs. John Coe state that there is a big supply of dressings on hand to be made, and request that there be a better turn-out for this urgent and necessary work.

The 1942 production of new type writers is less than half of the more than 850,000 additional machines needed by the military and other Government services and agencies.

**A MESSAGE FROM MAJOR EDWARD BOWES**

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*The purchase of our Bond and Stamps is the all-important link between us at home and our heroes overseas.*

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*Major Edward Bowes*

**WEDDINGS**

**Reed—VanDyke**

Miss Helen VanDyke, of Dayton, O., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph VanDyke of that city, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph VanDyke of Lowell, was married to Walter Reed, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Reed of Lake Odessa, Friday, Dec. 18, in Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. Reed will make their home in Ann Arbor.

**Splendid Record Made by W.R.C.**

The Joseph Wilson W. R. C. of Lowell submits the following record of achievements for the year 1942, as prepared by the secretary, Minnie Hawk:

A silk flag, staff and standard, given to Sunday school; 3 quilts given to fire victims; 1 pint of blood given by 1 of our 4 blood donors; 5 members signed up for Civil Defense; 2 members signed up as air wardens; bonds bought by 10 members; gifts sent to soldiers to the amount of \$260.80; letters to soldiers—310; Red Cross hours reported—72 hours; funerals attended—9; sprays of flowers sent—6; calls on sick—260; hospital calls—40; committee on child welfare reported \$172.75; bouquets of flowers—103; plants sent—6; 3 fruit baskets to shut-ins; 8 Christmas cards to shut-ins; 2 baskets of Christmas dinners; relief other than money reported (complete) \$594.74.

Yours in C. F. & L.  
M. W., Sec.

**Election of Officers**

At the Woman's Relief Corps meeting, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 7, the following officers were re-elected for the year 1943: Mrs. Minnie Hawk, president; Mrs. Ethel Myers, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Hattie Walker, second vice president; Mrs. Margaret Weaver, secretary; Mrs. Nina Chubb, treasurer; Mrs. Lydia Chubb, chaplain; conductor, Helen M. Boerma; guard, Ina Potter.

Installation of officers will be Feb. 3, 1943, at City Hall  
Secretary, M. W.

**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Hartley, in the Greenville hospital, Wednesday, Jan. 6, a daughter, Sharon Kay.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rash, on January 9, 1943, a 7 lbs. 4 oz. boy, whose name is Darrel Edward.

At Blodgett hospital, Sunday morning, Jan. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Munroe of Ionia, a son, Bruce Carl, weight 9 lbs., 10 ozs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Kenna, in Los Angeles, Calif., January 11, a son, Thomas Christopher. Mrs. Kenna is the former Janet Hill.

She—What tense is "I am beautiful?"  
He—Past.

**COMING EVENTS**

A special meeting of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., will be held Friday evening, Jan. 15, at 8 o'clock, for the conferring of degrees.

The German Ladies Aid will meet Thursday, Jan. 21, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John F. Roth, 202 N. Hudson St.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the City Hall on Monday, Jan. 18.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational church will meet Friday afternoon, Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. B. A. McQueen.

The Jolly Community Club meets next Wednesday, Jan. 20, with Mrs. Zoia Patterson on the Daniels farm, for dinner and afternoon.

Because of the gas rationing, the Rod and Gun Club is holding its meetings in the City Hall. The committee for this Thursday will be Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Runciman, the W. W. Gumsers and M. N. Henrys.

**IONIA POMONA GRANGE**

The Ionia Pomona Grange will meet with Portland Grange Saturday, Jan. 16, with dinner at noon, business session and program following. W. C. Cribbs will be guest speaker and Mrs. Mildred Gardiner of Lyons will give humorous readings. Musical numbers and surprise feature by Portland Grange. Bring service and dessert.

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**The Smaller Farm To Save the Day Declares P. C. A.**

With the department of agriculture calling for even heavier production of foodstuffs, fibres and oils than were produced in 1942, the Grand Rapids Production Credit Association stands ready to help farmers in any way it can to increase their 1943 production, says Secretary-Treasurer Andrew Lampen.

The secretary pointed out that dairy products are one of the most vitally needed of all the essential foodstuffs, and yet many dairy farms have already reached their peak, and some, for lack of family labor or hired help, are being forced to curtail their output in spite of their willingness to produce more milk and butterfat.

"It looks as though any great increase in this part of the country will have to come from the smaller farms," he said, "farms that have carried only a few cows in the past. During the months of November and December more than \$14,000 of PCA credit was extended by the Grand Rapids association to farmers in this class to buy more cows."

Mr. Lampen also pointed out that in the effort to make the limited farm labor supply stretch as far as possible, the government has set up standards for determining "essential" farms known as "war units" and will exempt from the draft the manpower needed to operate "essential" farms. If the farm does not now carry the equivalent of 1 1/2 "war units" and the farmer wishes to bring his farm up to the necessary production capacity, he will be given 6 months to do so, and in such cases, farmers may find it necessary to obtain credit to increase dairy herds or buy other livestock or farm equipment. Special credit is being made by the Grand Rapids PCA to cooperate with local farm War Boards when the 1943 goals are presented to farmers after the January 12th Farm Mobilization Day proclaimed by the President.

The yardstick of 16 "war units" (one cow equaling one war unit) has been decided upon as what one farmer can handle, and one "essential" farm may constitute 16 units of any one class or a combination, including cows, sheep, hogs, beef cattle, chickens or acres planted to specified crops, the total amount of which will equal the necessary 16 units.

**Cow Testing Report For December, 1942**

High producing cows, as tested by members of vocational agricultural classes during December are as follows:

- (1) Alex Wingeler, Holstein, 1581 lbs. milk, 72.5 lbs. fat, tester, Claire Wingeler.
- (2) Leon Hale, Ayrshire, 1338 lbs. milk, 69.3 lbs. fat, tester, Roger Hale.
- (3) Winton Wilcox, Guernsey, 1202 lbs. milk, 62.5 lbs. fat, tester, Carlton Wilcox.
- (4) Lee Lampkin, Jersey, 967 lbs. milk, 56.1 lbs. fat, tester, John Fredericksen.
- (5) Alfred Thomet, Hol-Guern, 1202 lbs. milk, 56 lbs. fat, tester, Alfred Thomet.
- (6) Winton Wilcox, Guernsey, 1240 lbs. milk, 55.8 lbs. fat, tester, Don Beschum.
- (7) Alex Wingeler, Holstein, 1355 lbs. milk, 55.6 lbs. fat, tester, Claire Wingeler.
- (8) Lee Lampkin, Jersey, 713 lbs. milk, 50.6 lbs. fat, tester, John Fredericksen.
- (9) Ben Speerstra, Jersey, 961 lbs. milk, 50 lbs. fat, tester, Virgil Purchase.
- (10) Winton Wilcox, Jersey, 1054 lbs. milk, 49.6 lbs. fat, tester, Carlton Wilcox.

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Some like it hot, some like it cold. Either way, sauerkraut is one of our best food crops, rich in vitamins and minerals, nutrition specialists at Michigan State college affirm.

Because of the tin shortage packers have put millions of gallons of kraut into barrels, and with the large cabbage crop of the 1942 season, there is an ample supply of this hearty food. The nutrition specialists give some good tips on preparing sauerkraut.

Famous teams are sauerkraut and spareribs, kraut and sausage, or kraut and pig's knuckles. One of the most popular combinations, they say, is kraut boiled with spareribs, with dumplings steamed on top of the kraut. Other combinations are diced apples and kraut browned together, or kraut and liver, or kraut and fish. To some, roast goose is incomplete without a companion dish of kraut.

Sauerkraut juice, chilled, makes a good first course. Some prefer it straight; others with a little lemon juice, or it may be mixed half and half with tomato juice.

There is more than one way to cook and season sauerkraut itself. When you eat savory sauerkraut, as it's sometimes called, you are having the Norwegian style. It's done quickly this way: Lightly brown 1/4 cup or less of fat in a skillet and add 1 quart of sauerkraut and 1/2 teaspoon of celery or caraway seed. Mix well, separating the kraut with a fork. Cover and cook for 5 minutes, and serve hot. You give the kraut a Pennsylvania Dutch touch when you add onion, apple, and a chopped potato.

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**Shoes Respond To Better Care SPORTS**

Putting your best foot forward was never more vital than this year, but look to your shoe care to be sure it is your best, advises Marjorie Eastman, extension specialist in clothing at Michigan State College.

Shoe conservation begins with buying. Properly fitted shoes wear longer. Notice where shoes wear out. If they wear in spots on the soles or heels, says Miss Eastman, they probably aren't right. If possible have two pairs of shoes for general wear so that each pair can rest between wearings.

Moisture, mud and sudden intense heat are shortcuts to the ruin of shoes, whether they be farm work shoes or of the dress variety. Wipe mud off while it is still wet if possible or use warm water to remove caked and dried mud. A rubbing with a good oil or grease to put back some of the oil lost from the leather is next in order. Castor oil may be used on all kinds of leather shoes as it permits the use of polish afterwards. Neat's foot oil and tallow are excellent for work shoes and the high tops worn by many men and boys in Michigan as they soften and waterproof the leather. Warm the tallow or wool grease, spread on shoes with a soft cloth and rub in well.

Shoes should be protected by rubbers or overshoes in rainy and snowy weather. If shoes do get wet, stuff them with soft crumpled paper to keep in shape and dry slowly away from direct heat.

Cleaning and polishing of foot wear depends on the material. Kid, calf, reptile and kangaroo may be cleaned with cream or liquid; suede or napped leather surfaces are revived with a bristle brush or rubbed with a fabric shoe clean with regular dry-cleaning fluids; mild soap suds and water are best for patent leathers. White shoes need frequent cleaning but excess water or strong alkali or dry cleaning solvents may dry the leather and harm the finish. Wash lightly with cloth wrung from neutral soap suds. Dry well. Polish to restore the luster.

The kitchen supply closet has additional aids to good shoe care. The saddle soap which cleans old Dobbins' harness, the baby's shoes or mother's purse, is excellent for all leather shoes. Wax that makes the kitchen linoleum gleam also shines the family leather shoes and helps to waterproof them too.

A New Orleans newspaper published a map of the city, showing unusually bad spots in city street paving, which are costing motorists hundreds of pounds of vital rubber because of wear and tear on tires. Side streets are the worst.

"Have you ever loved and lost?"  
She—"No, the jury awarded me \$10,000 net bail."

Every man has a right to be concealed until he is successful.—Dierack.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In memory of Shirley May Shultis who died January 19, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shultis and sons Billy and Kenneth

In memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Gertrude R. Weeks, who passed away January 8, 1939.

Our mother has gone to her heavenly home,  
Where the angels will 'round her gather,  
While our tearful children on earth will wait.  
The trumpet call of the Savior,  
For she was a mother, a mother kind and true,  
At each and every moment,  
Kindness and love, was her motto,  
Which she followed through,  
All the long years of toil and trial,  
Of which her voice she knew.

But now that silence is stilling in death,  
We never can hear it again.  
She leaves behind her fond memories,  
We shall cherish till we meet her again.

On that beautiful shore beyond,  
Where no sorrow or trials befall,  
We know she is happy with Him,  
Who has promised he will call us home,  
Call us Home, to that Heavenly home,  
Where dear ones before have gone,  
And we hope we shall all live so to meet her,  
In that wonderful Heavenly Throne.

The Weeks Family of whom 6 girls and 4 boys remain.  
Written and signed by Mrs. Coy B. Smith, 558 Clay St., Benton Harbor, Michigan.

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