

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

LENTEN THOUGHTS

THE WORLD is asked during the church period of Lent to feel repentance for its errors, and to deny itself some satisfactions, so that it may concentrate more thought on the meaning of life and the duties we owe to God and our fellowmen.

Some people think the idea of sin has been over emphasized. The fact remains that most of the troubles of the world are due to some form of error or failure to be just and fair in human relations. If people would stop these abuses of justice, and show kindness and fairness, and order their lives in accordance with the principles of virtue and self-control, they would avoid their worst troubles. If Lent persuades some to live this better life, it accomplishes a grand objective, and many more people should observe it.

CANCER MONTH

APRIL HAS BEEN set aside as Cancer Control Month and well might we put up a defense against its lawlessness on the human body. Medical science still continues its war on cancer through constant research, fighting it with its weapons of radium, X-ray, surgery, and will go on to save lives in spite of the common belief that cancer cannot be controlled. There is one decided fact about the disease which is acknowledged by the medical profession and which is also known to most of our readers. To delay in stopping its growth, after cancer is present, is courting disaster with your eyes wide open. Knowledge of its presence can lead to a cure, for cancer can be cured! It has been successfully routed when the cancer is caught in the early stages. This is definite and also encouraging.

The reason for April being set aside to stress the importance of cancer is because medical science has been handicapped by the public in its work to curb the increasing growth of cancer cases. Knowledge is power and only through cooperation can medicine do the patient any good. Therefore the public must be educated. Cancer clinics have been established through the country, but people will still say as a lump forms or grows, "I'll go away!" They still overlook the sore that increases in size, indigestion that persists and they become only slightly upset over an irregular bleeding or discharge from a body opening. These signals are danger signs, hammering home the fact: Knowing the facts may help to save lives, and perhaps to finally give science the cause of cancer.

WERE OFF AGAIN

THERE WE GO again. Rationing of meats, edible fats and oils, including butter, cheese and canned fish starts the first of April. It may be April Fool's Day but there is no fooling about rationing. Ask any wife! We have expected this limitation for some time and believe it will work out that there will be more people who will have their meat meals than during the days when there was no limit—and no meat. Rationing is supposed to slow down and perhaps stop entirely the black market trade. These consumers who would pay the high prices won't be able to buy such quantities now. The meat allotment will supply us with enough of the food to keep us up to par in health. Our boys in many of the theatres of war, aren't getting as much and they are holding their own, and more! We wouldn't enjoy a roast much if we felt that by paying a black market price we were keeping a beef from a neighbor's boy in the Solomon Islands. The black market affected the camps and their supply of meat for the soldiers, here at home. No T-bone steak is worth it, is it? We are being given more coffee, points reduced in certain dried foods, which shows that as a supply increases we will benefit from it. Sure we'll manage and though it is going to cause the local cooks to scratch their heads for varied meals and new tasty dishes, our women are as resourceful as those of any country and our men will help by ceasing to be so "finicky" and give encouragement to the lady with the ladle.

THE DECLINE OF ARGUMENTS

IT USED TO BE very common for people to engage in prolonged and heated arguments. They used often to get angry over these discussions, and talk in loud tones, and sometimes come to blows. Arguing in former years was a favorite indoor sport. One reason why arguing does not seem so popular now may be that it takes considerable information and mental ability to be a good arguer. Many folks seem too indifferent about the problems of life to care to express any positive views, or collect the information on which a good argument is based. Arguments do not often accomplish anything. Each antagonist remains confident of the correctness of his own views. Arguments are not always very popular, as people often get sick of hearing them talk. People should be ready to discuss their opinions in a calm and tolerant way. If the decline of arguments means that people are not so interested in the problems of the world as they used to be, they would better wake up, and concern themselves with the issues of the present time.

Lt. Hoyt Phelps Dies In Crash

Lowell Man, Seven Others Meet Death While Flying Bomber

People of Lowell were saddened again last Saturday when news came that another of our fine young men had made the supreme sacrifice. Lt. Hoyt A. Phelps, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps and the late Harry Phelps, was one of an eight-man crew who perished when an army bomber crashed last Friday in the Sangre De Cristo mountains, near Trinidad, Colo.

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Winner of School Honors Lt. Phelps was born at Sand Lake, Mich., May 1, 1921 and came with his parents to Lowell in 1928. He entered the Lowell schools where he was a bright and popular student. In high school he was a letter winner—three years in football, two years in basketball and four years in baseball. He was president of his class both junior and senior years, president of the Athletic Association and winner of the American Legion honor cup in his senior year. The senior class also voted Hoyt the best leader, the most popular and all-around student of the year.

Phelps in January, 1943 Hoyt graduated from high school June, 1939 and enlisted in January, 1942, being inducted into service, March 28. He was sent almost immediately to Santa Ana, Calif., where he was an aviation cadet until September 1, when he became an advanced cadet and was sent to Williams Field in Chandler, Ariz.

Here he successfully completed his bombardier training in the Air Force Advanced Flying School, and on November 21, received his silver wings and a commission as second lieutenant.

Berital With Military Honors The body, accompanied by Lt. Richard Kaker, arrived in Lowell Wednesday afternoon, resting at the mother's home, 632 Lafayette av., until the funeral services which will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Lowell Methodist church, the Rev. Cecil Pollock being the officiating clergyman. Burial in Oakland cemetery.

At this writing Wednesday afternoon, plans are under way by the American Legion for a guard of honor during the services at the church and a firing squad at the cemetery. The entire community feels inexpressible sorrow over the death of Lieutenant Phelps, and all join in extending deepest sympathy to the wife, mother and other relatives. His death now brings to four the number of Lowell boys who have lost their lives for their country in the present war, the others being Gerald Ellis, Robert Fines and James Read.

Salute to the Flag

A congressional resolution, adopted on December 22, 1942, changes the procedure for pledging allegiance to the flag. The statement, "I pledge allegiance..." is now rendered by standing with right hand over the heart. The resolution adds: "...citizens will always show full respect to the flag when the pledge is given by merely standing at attention, men removing the headress." It will be noted that this form of salute does away with the former practice of extending the arm toward the flag.



Along Main Street

Silas Onlooker's philosophy: It is stupid to spend all that one earns. It is stupid not to save.

For one month, beginning today, it will be lawful to speak suckers. But don't try it on the two-legged species.

The King Milling Company has completed its salvaging operations and is again buying wheat. It takes more than a bad fire to floor our progressive millers.

Here Buster! Out of 8,000 gentlemen who carried mail in Missouri during 1942, 7,992 were bitten by dogs—at least once. Several enjoyed repeat performances. Evidence that some dogs show real good taste. One Lowell carrier says he has been bitten twice.

Lowell citizens are reminded that tomorrow, Friday, is the date set for the collection of tin cans for the salvage drive. Have your cans at your nearest street intersection where trucks aided by school children will pick them up. Complete instructions were printed in last week's Ledger.

Because of the critical shortage of fuel oil, applicants who are in need of additional rations of oil to complete the present heating season must fill out OPA form 1104. Particulars concerning this procedure may be obtained at rationing headquarters in the municipal garage building.

The sparing season for suckers opens today, April 1, and continues until May 1 with no limit on the number taken or the size. A jack may be used to provide the light. With meat rationing coming into effect the river sucker will provide many a tasty meal, ditto the lowly carp when properly prepared.

If you are looking for a story of absorbing interest, we recommend "Morning Long Ago," by Thelma Keister Cox in the April edition of Good Housekeeping. Mrs. Cox is a daughter of the late Fred D. Keister, founder of the Ionia County News, who was widely known to people of this community.

Because of giving so much space to the war effort locally, the Ledger has found it necessary to close its news by five o'clock p. m. Wednesday. This means that events happening Wednesday afternoon or evening will be published in the following issue if of real importance. An account of this week's Board of Trade meeting will appear next week.

Could Michigan farmers profitably produce a million turkeys in 1943? The answer is yes, according to a survey recently made by C. G. Card, head of the poultry husbandry department at Michigan State college. Lyle Bovee, the architect of this column the other day that he intended to help the situation by seeing to it that Mrs. Bovee raised at least 300 of the selectible birds the coming season.

To prevent the waste of any of the millions of pounds of smelt that will become available for food when the spawning runs begin this spring, a service has been organized among conservation department fishermen and conservation officers which will keep Michigan fishermen aware of their opportunities and buyers fully informed about where they may get the fresh-caught smelt in quantity.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: Many a farmer has planted a seed called 'hope' along with his regular spring crops, and prays it develops!... A Ledger reader remarked that bad habits are usually more expensive than good habits. No spring hat is as pretty as the little red caps on the maple trees. Another one of our freedoms, you can put whatever color of curtains you want to next to the street and no decorator can stop you!... Just because you marry a good cook these days doesn't mean you can be too sure of keeping her.

Catholic Churches To Help Homeless

Catholics of the Grand Rapids diocese will cooperate in a nationwide drive next Sunday, April 4, to collect funds for the Bishop's War Emergency and Relief Committee which last year distributed \$1,322,000 to homeless victims of war in Europe and Asia. Funds gathered by the bishops' committee which is headed by Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit, are used for relief work where American agencies ordinarily are unable to function. In addition to the money allotted to the Vatican for relief work, the Bishops' Committee last year distributed \$50,000 for assistance to American prisoners of war, \$135,000 for relief work in China, and \$100,000 for relief of Polish refugees in Russia.

Sport Ensembles for Spring

Coats of Shetland, Tweed and Herrinbone weaves; slacks to harmonize of gabardine and covert. Suits, 2 pieces, \$20.00 to \$22.95. Coons.

Lowell to Take Part in Huge Financing Program

The greatest financing program ever undertaken by any government will be put over by the United States during the month of April. Thirteen billions of dollars in Bonds will be sold to the people and institutions of this country during the next thirty days. This means that on a per capita basis every man, woman and child will be asked to buy a one-hundred dollar bond.

In Lowell, the institutions will undoubtedly purchase thousands of dollars of these investments. However, local citizens will be expected to purchase about \$70,000 of "E" Bonds during April. All agencies, organizations and individuals will have to cooperate if this is to be accomplished.

In accordance with a state-wide plan some thirty citizens will be asked to volunteer to sell at least \$1,000 worth of bonds. Successful volunteers will be given a certificate. Volunteers may call Mr. Day at number 3, or Mr. Gumsor at number 2-F2.

It is interesting to note that a battleship costs \$90,000,000, a submarine \$7,000,000, a medium tank \$90,000 and a single anti-aircraft gun \$12,325. This will give citizens an idea of why the costs of war are so great.

Lowell Schools To Fare Better

The schools of Michigan fared very well at the hands of the State Legislature. A total of \$50,000,000 was appropriated for the state primary, graded and secondary schools, and this is an increase of about 12% over the amount received this year. Although school districts cannot hope to compete with war industries in the matter of salaries, the increase will enable Boards of Education to offer more liberal contracts to the teachers. The method of distributing the money to districts is the plan advocated by the out-state for years.

Senator M. Harold Saur of this district had much to do with the legislation which is acceptable to all of the districts in the state except six. Mr. Saur is chairman of the Education Committee, and he wielded a powerful influence in the Senate.

A feature of the State Aid fight was the alignment of all the large cities of the state with towns like Lowell, Fremont, Kent City, Hastings and Muskegon Heights; Detroit and Grand Rapids were in complete accord with these towns and they fought together for what was known as a fair amount and a fair formula.

Supt. W. W. Gumsor of the Lowell schools worked untiringly for the school financing program passed by the legislature and to him is due great credit.

War Bond Sales To Be Increased

The greatest financing program ever undertaken by any nation will be inaugurated in the United States during the month of April. In the past the citizens of the nation have purchased about one billion dollars of bonds per month. Frank N. Isbey, chairman of Michigan war savings committee, has announced that thirteen billions worth of bonds must be sold during the month of April. This means that on the average, the citizens will be expected to purchase thirteen times as many bonds in April as they did during any previous month.

SPRING VACATION

The Lowell schools will close the week before Easter for their spring vacation. This action was taken by the school board some time ago, and is confirmed by the agricultural council which represents the rural people.

Important Notice To All Subscribers

The publisher of the Ledger is faced with a most difficult problem, viz: How to meet a steady increase in circulation and at the same time make a cut of 10 per cent in newspaper in compliance with government regulations. In the past 15 months nearly 300 new subscribers have signed up for the Ledger and this number is increasing every week. Well, here's how we have decided to meet our problem: First let us state that in the past it has been our practice to extend reasonable credit to our subscribers, believing that at least 85 per cent of the people were honest, in fact our faith has been justified because less than 2 per cent of Ledger subscribers have proven a disappointment. But beginning May 1, 1943 all subscriptions will be stopped at expiration, therefore those still in arrears are requested to renew their subscriptions during the present month of April thus assuring them of uninterrupted service. At periodic intervals the Ledger will consist of six pages instead of the customary eight, thereby meeting the required reduction in newspaper. Respectfully yours, R. G. Jefferies, Publisher.

News of Our Boys

Change of address: Sgt. Alwyn N. Rosenberger, Co. B, R. C. 1041, 1809 S. U., Fort Custer, Mich.

Change of address: Pvt. Howard Acheson, U. S. Army, 3rd Training Sq., Harlingen Army Gunnery Sch., Harlingen, Tex.

Change of address: Pvt. Vernon E. Chaffee, A. A. F. College Training Det., University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

Wing Commander Dick Lampkin of Greenville Aviation School, Ocala, Fla., has been sent to Randolph Field, Tex. for five weeks of advanced training.

Pvt. Kenneth F. Smith has left Camp Grant and is now at the following address, where he would like to hear from friends: Co. D, 309 Inf., A. S. N. 3645784, A. P. O. 78th Div., Camp Butler, N. C.

A card to the Ledger from Pfc. Charles L. Francisco, states that he has finished his technical school training and his mail should now be sent to the following address: 715 Training Group, Atlantic City, N. J.

Two Lowell boys undergoing recruit training at the U. S. naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill., are William Basler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Basler, and Harold Dalloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Miller.

Of the 195 men to leave Kent county this week Saturday for induction into military service are the following from Lowell and vicinity who will go to Camp Grant, Ill.: Earl D. Maloney, Myron W. Gibbs, William H. Haysmer, Gerald D. Thorne, Francis C. Porritt, John F. Pitsch, Jack L. Hunter, Bert E. McNelly and William McCarty.

Rob W. Godfrey left Wednesday for Columbus, O. for active duty, having been commissioned a lieutenant, j. g., in the U. S. navy. The Godfreys have lived, for the past several years, west of Lowell on M-21 and Mrs. Godfrey plans to continue her residence here while her husband is in service. Lt. Godfrey is an artist and has been director of the Art Center conducted by artists of Grand Rapids and vicinity in the St. Cecilia building. A group of his paintings were shown in Lowell a couple of years ago in an exhibit sponsored by the Lowell Women's Club in the London block.

Red Cross Pledges Near \$2,000 Mark

Mrs. Chas. Doyle, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund soliciting committee, for Lowell and vicinity, reports that \$1,940.95 had been collected or pledged up to Tuesday night of this week. This sum includes \$130 in collections taken at the Strand theatre. Lowell's pledges will be further augmented with proceeds from the Board of Trade supper held this week Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Doyle wishes to express appreciation to the twenty-four ladies who so generously gave their time in assisting with the Red Cross solicitation.

Kent county as a whole exceeded the quota of \$261,000, by several thousand dollars.

Local Ration Board Issues Public Notice

The local ration board gives out the following information: Retail stores register for meats and fats and processed foods on forms 1302, in duplicate, between April 1 and 10. The Board would like to have them come in by the 2nd or 3rd of the month. Institutional users of meats and fats register between date of March 29 and April 7.

Industrial users register on Form 1605 between dates of April 1 and 10.

The Lowell War Price and Rationing Board is placing increased emphasis on car sharing in considering applications for "B" and "C" gasoline rations. L. W. Rutherford, chairman of the board, announced today. The board has been asked to insist that applicants for "B" and "C" ration books for travel to and from work belong to a full ride-sharing club.

Take Steps to Form Local Farm Bureau

A group of ten farmers and their families, met Wednesday evening, March 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Heesche, for the purpose of discussing the organization of a local Farm Bureau, the first of its kind in Kent County.

Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Vining were present to give information about Farm Bureaus in other counties and their purpose. Seymour Heesche was elected chairman, and Mrs. Harold Green, secretary. Mrs. Heesche served dairy refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds will entertain the group at their home on the fourth Wednesday evening of April.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Apr. 1—Constance Bennett in "Madame Spy"; also Charles Starrett in "Lawless Plainsman" and News. Friday and Saturday, Apr. 2-3—"The Glass Key" with Brian Donlevy, Veronica Lake and Alan Ladd, also News and Shorts. Sunday and Monday, Apr. 4-5—Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour in "Road to Morocco", also News and Shorts. Tuesday and Wednesday, Apr. 6-7—"Let's Have Fun" with Margaret Lindsay; also "You Can't Escape Forever" with George Brent and Brenda Marshall, also Cartoon. Thursday, Apr. 8—"Traitor Within" with Don Barry and Jean Lloyd; also "Apache Trail" with Lloyd Nolan and Donna Reed.

Half the shadows in life come from standing in your own sunshine.

Buy your bulk garden seeds at MacFarlane's. Good reliable seeds.

New Point Values Are Now Effective

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In announcing the new values for the coming month, and dehydrated fruits as well as apple juice, have been removed from rationing temporarily, and that point values have been lowered on dehydrated soup.

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Among the foods which will cost fewer rationing points under the new table are pineapple juice, reduced 2 points from 14 to 12, on the number 1 cans; grapefruit juice, down 5 points from 10 to 5, on the number 2 cans and all other fruit juices down 5 points, from 10 to 5 on the number 2 can.

Tomato juice dropped 1 point from 8 to 7 in the No. 1 can and 10 points, from 32 to 22 in the large 48 ounce container. Dehydrated soups dropped from 16 to 8 points on the pound.

On the other hand, the point-price of all canned and bottled varieties of beans, exclusive of fresh lima and frozen baked beans, rose from 10 to 14 points on the No. 2 can. Lima rose from 16 to 19 points on the No. 2 can and frozen baked beans were unchanged.

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Victory Garden Prizes Offered

Victory gardens is the subject of conversation wherever one goes. Contests have been set up in Michigan on a local, county, and state basis.

On Mar. 24 a meeting was held in the Kent County extension office to set up plans for county contests. It was decided to select best township and county gardens and offer suitable prizes. Don Remer of Cedar Springs is chairman of the committee to solicit and arrange for awarding prizes. Paul Morrissey of Comstock Park is chairman of the county committee for securing garden speakers. Addison Miller of Rockford will arrange for judges.

Victory gardens of Lowell and surrounding territory are eligible to compete for these county and state prizes. Entry blanks may be secured by contacting the Kent county extension office or Albert T. Hall, vocational agriculture teacher in Lowell. Lowell school students, who plant a garden on the community garden plot donated by C. H. Runciman, may compete for county and state prizes as well as prizes offered by the Lowell Garden Lore Club and Lowell Board of Trade.

FRESH BULK GARDEN SEED

We now have our full stock of guaranteed fresh bulk garden seed. Order your supply early—C. H. Runciman Co., Lowell.

Raisins, Prunes Point Free

Peaches, etc. Up

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UP and DOWN Labor Saving Devices Made by Kent's Farmers

Sometime back we sent a letter to a number of farmers asking about labor saving devices and gadgets in use on Kent county farms. There has been quite a healthy response to the letters. Chris Larsen, in Spencer township, tells us he fastens two hand corn planters together, spacing them accurately and can plant two rows at once. Walter Lux, in the same township, writes us they made a wide heavy duty dump trailer for the tractor. It will handle three tons or more. They find it very useful in handling stone, manure, gravel, wood and marl, and have used it to take grain and beans to market. Keith Bowman, in Gaines township, is in favor of the pen type bars. While they take more straw it saves time in feeding operations and hauling out manure. He also uses a home-made portable elevator for moving grain and reports the neighbors are planning to make a community elevator to handle baled hay and straw. He has some other good ideas that we will report on later.

Max Bird, in Courtland township, suggests connecting the hot water tank line to the line that sends water to the outside stock tank. Put a valve in the hot water pipe line before it connects on the cold line. By opening this valve you can temper the water in the stock tank and thereby eliminating a tank heater and the work that goes with it.

High Dairy Production In some information coming to our desk about dairy production in the U. S., we found that Kent county was one of two Michigan counties ranking high. Other counties milked more cows but when it came to value of the milk Kent was in the picture. The value of Kent county's dairy products for 1939 was \$2,188,625. Sanilac was the other Michigan county mentioned in the country. Kent county farmers milk between 24,000 and 30,000 cows every day.

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John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County USDA War Board, urges community committees, newspapers, farm organizations, and civic groups to assist in promoting the widest possible use of idle land. Communications should be directed to the Kent County USDA War Board office located at 207 Spencer Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Such efforts to get idle land into production should not be allowed to become an indiscriminate plow-up of grassland thereby causing soil erosion. Obviously, there will be many cases where some land will make its greatest contribution as pasture or hay land.

AUCTION SALES

Wm. Hitchcock, April 6 Having decided to quit farming, Wm. Hitchcock will sell at public auction on Tuesday, April 6, starting at 12:30 p. m. sharp, at the place 6 miles northwest of Ionia or 1 mile north of Diding, or 8 miles southeast of Belding, a good line of horses, cattle, tractor with tools and other implements. Wm. Hitchcock, owner; Allen Haakin, auctioneer; Asa Burnett, clerk.

Paul Feutz, April 5 Having decided to quit farming, Paul Feutz will sell at public auction at the farm located at Brooklyn Corners, 5 miles northwest of Ada bridge corners, on Monday, April 5, a good list of horses, Holstein cows, pigs, hay and grain, implements and tools. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Caledonia Bank, clerk. See complete adv. elsewhere in this issue.

Clarence Schwader, April 13 The farm I have been working for the past twenty years has been sold and I will sell at public auction at the farm 2 1/2 miles south of Lowell on M-91, known as D. W. Miller farm or sometimes called the Post farm on Tuesday, April 13, starting at one o'clock sharp. With a good list of cows, horses, farm implements and belt-power tractor. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. See full list in next week's issue.

The whole object of education is, or should be, to develop the mind.—Sherwood Anderson.

STRAND, LOWELL

Sunday and Monday, April 4-5 Friday and Saturday, April 2-3

MYSTERY UNLOCKED! A Thunderbolt of Political Intrigue! BY THE AUTHOR OF 'THE WYTHMAN' DASHIELL HANNETT'S 'THE GLASS KEY' starring BRIAN DONLEVY VONICHA LAKE ALAN LADD NEWS and SHORTS

HAREM-BOUND! Where there's Hope...There's Crosby and Dottie! KING CROSBY ROSIE HOPE DOROTHY LAMOUR 'Road to Morocco' ANTHONY QUINN DONA DRAY NOVELTIES

St. Patrick's School Honor Roll

The honor roll for the last marking period at St. Patrick's school, Parnell, shows eighth grade students leading. They are Florence McCormick, Marguerite Nugent, Anne McGann and Maureen Byrne. The seniors are represented by Phyllis Trapp and Evelyn McGann; Juniors, Genevieve Loughlin and Kathleen Heffron; freshmen, Norma Keena; Grade 6, Betty Morris, William Hart and Helen McCormick; Grade 5, Kathleen Byrne and Patrick McCarthy; Grade 4, Margot Carey and Virginia Dorais; Grade 3, Billy Joyce and Karl Guenther.

To earn an honor rating students must have at least eleven points, the equivalent of all B's and one A.

DON'T WORRY

About Rationing and Points Eat at Richmond's Foods in Good Variety Courteous Service Richmond's Cafe THERON RICHMOND, Prop. Phone 9106 Lowell



THE GOAT THAT HIDES IN A CAVE

Malta is a little rocky island in the Mediterranean Sea not so very far from Italy. It is the most bombed place in all the world because the Axis seeks desperately to wrest it from England.

There are farmers in Malta, as there are farmers in America. They lead a dangerous life; work when they can and hide when they must. Even the goats have learned to scamper for the caves when the planes are overhead.

We who are free and independent farmers—how would we like to live and work with such terrible odds against us? That is why, as we sell our

crops and milk and eggs, we must buy Bonds. We must buy Bonds to the full limit of our ability.

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COMING EVENTS

A new sound motion picture, 'R. N.—Serving All Mankind', to aid in the recruitment campaign for student nurses, will be shown on April 7, at the Lowell high school, according to A. F. Zwemer.

The Cheerful Doers will meet in the parlors of the Congregational church on Monday, April 5 at 8:00 p. m.

The Good Will Club of Keene will meet Wednesday p. m., April 7th with Mrs. York Kohn.

The Kent County Council of P. T. A. will meet on Tuesday, April 6, at 1 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. in Grand Rapids.

The Dorcas Esther Group of the Lowell Methodist church will hold the April meeting at the home of Mrs. Orval Jessup, Thursday, April 8. All members are urged to be present.

Social Evening at Keene Grange hall on election night, April 5, A good time will be had by all.

The next regular meeting of the Lowell Women's Club will be held Wednesday, April 7, at the home of Mrs. N. E. Borgerson. Members are urged to be present and representatives of other clubs in the village are invited as guests to help form plans to raise money for a Nurses Scholarship. Will you respond to the call.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet April 19 at the City Hall. No meeting will be held on Monday, April 5—Sec'y.

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Saur Summerizes Work of Solons

We quote the following from a letter from Senator M. Harold Saur of this district, which summarizes briefly the highlights of the 62nd session of the Michigan legislature which ended last Saturday at 2:30 a. m.

'Today we adjourn—just 11 weeks and 2 days since we convened on January 6. A total of 312 bills have been introduced in the Senate and 414 in the House, or a total of 726 in all, as compared with an average of about twice that many. I believe the public heartily approves of that policy. Although we won't know for a couple of weeks yet just how many bills will receive the Governor's signature and become laws, I think we are safe in estimating that the usual average of about 2-3 of them will have died either in the House or Senate or in the Governor's Office, and this 62nd Michigan Legislature will set a record for speed and dispatch, and set a record in history more for the things we turned 'thumbs down on' than for the multitude of bills we have passed.'



Senator M. Harold Saur

'In these trying war times, legislation like every other job, becomes a solemn and sacred trust. These 11 weeks have been the busiest and most trying of my experience—even more so than the time I spent in both France and Russia, in World War I. I feel that every man has given the last there is in him and several of the 132 legislators have worked way beyond their strength and endurance and are going home decidedly sick men, two of the seven from Kent County being among them, Senator Munshaw and Representative Killestrom. The war calls for tremendous sums and equipment and planning, and in grouping all our efforts around that, I am sure all of us have received a new vision of responsibility and loyalty.'

'In closing let me say we have balanced expenditures within income and increased our surplus to over 45 million for the inevitable post war readjustment ahead. We have raised the average old age pension grants \$6.00 each to a new high average of \$28.00 per person. We have established a new retirement fund plan for something like 16,000 state employees, made more liberal grants to care for the mentally and physically disabled, cut the state payroll and made several hundred employees available for the army and navy and war industries, and provided liberally for the schools. All with no added taxes. We trust that before another regular session of the legislature we will have won the war, and be headed back to the ways of peace and happiness again.'

Mrs. Jennie Fitzpatrick and son Donald and granddaughter Patricia of Detroit were Saturday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dawson, Mrs. S. C. Bibbler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Sheila Monks and Mrs. Bert Meyers called at the John Dawson home Sunday afternoon.

Wm. McCarty will leave for the U. S. Army this week Saturday at Fort Sheridan. Mrs. McCarty and two daughters will return to her mother in Ashley, Iowa, to remain for the duration.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson gave a school of instruction at Shelbyville Tuesday evening. Those to accompany her from here were Mrs. Arthur Armstrong, Mrs. Royden Warner, Mrs. Anna Yardley and Mrs. J. Mort Townsend.

Second Lieut. Edward E. Thomas, grandson of J. M. Townsend of Lowell, has been reported as a captive of the Japanese in the Philippines, the war department has informed his mother, Mrs. Olive Phillips who lives in Grand Rapids. Lieut. Thomas was previously listed as missing in action.

Friends of Mrs. John Gallagher are extending sympathy over the death of her brother, Flying Officer Arthur Jarred, Jr., 27, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who was killed in operational action over the Aleutians Monday, Flying Officer Jarred, in 1940, was a member of the Davis Flying Troupe of Lansing and participated in many airshow events.

Petty Officer Loree Pennock, U. S. N., left Thursday noon for Washington, D. C., after spending a 17 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Olive Pennock and family. Other visitors were Mrs. Loree Pennock of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Erb, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Erb of Delton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pennock and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pennock and mother and Lester Ramey of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Rebecca D. Smith, grandmother of Forrest D. Smith of Lowell, died March 27, in Grand Rapids at the Clark Memorial Home, aged 95 years. She leaves one son, Wm. S. Smith of Muskegon and one daughter, Mrs. Flora Lane of Maple Plains, Minn., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Burial was at Holton, beside her late husband, D. C. Smith, who for many years was sheriff in Muskegon county. Mrs. Smith was a frequent visitor of relatives in Lowell.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Birthday Party

Ronaldson of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Carey, celebrated his sixth birthday on Saturday, with a party and all the trimmings. Guests present were Phyllis and Sandra Cole, Dickie Rutherford, Alice Martin, John Rinard, Juanita Alfien, Jean Antonides, Dale and David Wolfe, Favors were won by Dickie Rutherford and Juanita Alfien. Delicious refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

St. Mary's Guild and Altar Society

The St. Mary's Guild and Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. Edward Quick Monday evening, March 29. The Guild voted to join the Altar Society. All former members of the Guild are asked to be at the Altar Society meeting at Mrs. Leo Denny's, Friday, April 2, at two o'clock. There will be an election of officers.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider announce the engagement of their daughter, Beatrice, to John A. Williams of the U. S. Navy, now stationed in Philadelphia.

Social Brevities

The Monday Book Review Club met this week at the home of Mrs. Frank White, with Mrs. Raymond Bergin reviewing 'The Day Must Dawn,' by Agnes Slight Turnbull.

Mrs. Lee Miller was hostess, Tuesday evening, to the Book Review Club. The review was given by Miss Eleanor Jewell of 'Farewell Miss Julie Logan' by J. M. Barrie.

Marriage Licenses

Albert W. Barkley, 40, Lowell; Lucy Burrows, 40, Lowell.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Potter (nee Marjorie Groes) a 7-lb. daughter, Jane Elizabeth, on Sunday, March 21, at St. Mary's hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson, Sunday morning, March 28, a 7-lb. 3 1/2 oz. son, Russell Emiel, at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids. The baby's father is now with the armed forces in North Africa.

Special Meeting at

Alton Ch. Next Sunday

Sunday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock, Alton Church will have as its guest speaker, the Rev. B. F. Hitchcock of Kalamazoo, director of the Rural Bible Mission. This interdenominational organization has been represented in Kent County for the past three years. With its corps of workers it has been contacting between thirty and forty thousand of Michigan's rural school children each month with a definite program for their spiritual and moral benefit.

Mr. Hitchcock will close his message with a colorful chalk drawing. The public is cordially invited to hear this talented leader of youth. —H. E. Gilmore, Pastor.

W. S. C. Broadcasts to

High School Seniors

Prof. R. S. Linton, registrar at Michigan State College, will broadcast a series of seven programs over WKAR during April and May. It was announced today by R. J. Coleman, director of the college 5,000 watt station.



E. S. Linton

The 'Chats About College' which begin at 1:45, Thursday, April 8, are designed to answer some of the questions asked by high school seniors and their parents regarding college education during wartime. Professor Linton's first discussion will deal with 'Should High School Students Go to College in Wartime?'

The other six discussions are scheduled as follows: April 15—What Does College Cost; April 22—How to Select a College Course; April 29—Special Training for Men; May 13—Where Will I Room and Board; May 20—When and How to Apply for Admission.

'The college war training program in hundreds of American universities has recognized the tremendous need for trained specialists,' declared Registrar Linton. 'By continuing education the high school student who has not reached military age will be in a much better position to qualify more rapidly for specialized positions in any branch of the armed services.'

KEENE TOWNSHIP REP. CROSS REPORT FOR 1943 Keene township more than doubled her last year gift and raised \$96 more than our quota. Total gifts were \$296.—Mrs. Lee E. Lamplin, Twp. Chairman.

Up and Down

Kent County Roads

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Wanted, Water Cress Seed

Does any farmer in Kent county have any water cress seed to sell? We had a request from a large Michigan seed company for this seed. We know there is plenty of water cress in Kent county streams but the seed is another question. The company suggests that farmers having water cress in their creeks make an effort to save seed this fall. The company would be glad to furnish information on gathering the same.

Wanted, Old Rope

Anyone have any old rope they would like to donate to the war effort? We are not able yet to give details in this column but have a call for any old rope, three quarters out to an inch and a quarter, and in length of 50 ft. or more. Any rope offered will be called for and the County Agent will vouch for the fact that it will be put to good use. Send our office a card.

Grafting Information

Fruit trees and ornamental shrubs received plenty of damage the past winter from mice and rabbits, particularly mice.

Fruit trees, particularly apples and pears can be repaired by bridge or other grafting methods. Ornamental shrubs, except trees that fall into the apple class, are out of the picture. Folks who desire information on grafting these trees may get the same by writing the County Agent's office.

Must Have Scrap Iron

Steel mills are again crying for scrap iron. The American farmer is still considered a source of scrap in spite of the fact that many have been gone over with a fine tooth comb. The glamour of collecting scrap is gone but the need still stands. Larry Calahan, who heads salvage work for the OGD in this county, tells us that Kent county's quota is 500 pounds per farm. Some farms will have more and some less. The salvage committee know that any scrap on Kent county farms will have to be collected mighty soon.

To facilitate the work of collecting the scrap, ten weighing depots have been set up in the county. See newspapers for location of these stations. Two price schedules have been set up. One for scrap delivered at the collection depot and the other at the junk yard. The higher price will be paid at the latter place. Junk dealers find it impossible to drive the country roads and collect scrap as they once did. Many yards that once employed 80 to 40 men now only have three or four.

Suggestions have been made that neighbors get together, make up loads and deliver in junk to yards in the city and thereby get the largest price.

Calahan gave us these needs for more scrap: 1. Industrial scrap (making 80% of scrap used) falling off because of not so much waste as formerly. 2. Auto grave yards cleaned up pretty well.

Scrap is now being shipped from east or west coast. Michigan scrap will release these cars for food, cattle, grain and other shipments. Remember you can slap the Jap with scrap.

Let's accept restrictions cheerfully and talk about the blessings we retain.

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New Ruling Now In Force Affects Meat Slaughtering

According to John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County USDA War Board, a ruling from USDA affecting slaughtering and dealers will be put in effect April 1, 1943.

The object of this new order is to protect and help in the distribution of the supply of meat products. Black Market operations have made it necessary to control the slaughter of livestock and sale by licensing butchers, local slaughterers and farm slaughterers beginning April 1, 1943. Rationing of meats cannot be effective if much of the meat supply by-passes the rationing program.

To correct a mistaken idea prevailing in many sections that farmers who slaughter for home consumption will be forced to obtain permits, quota, pay premiums, etc. the Chairman wishes to point out that farmers who slaughter exclusively for their own home consumption on their farms are not covered by the Food Distribution Order. However no farm slaughterer may slaughter any livestock for delivery of meat unless he has a valid and effective permit issued under this order.

Slaughtering, dealers, agents, and farmers may obtain the necessary forms at the Kent County U. S. D. A. War Board office located at 207 Spencer Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Notice to Vergennes Township Voters

We have had the privilege of nominating our candidates for township offices the last three years by the primary system. No packed caucus with one or a picked group to control it or with the help of law enforcement officers to help select our township candidates for office.

Let us retain the primary system of nominating our officers.

VOTE NO ON THE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL ON MONDAY, APRIL 6.

Be sure to vote. Let us keep Vergennes township one of the progressive townships of the county by keeping the primary system of nominating our township officers.

T. E. BAILEY, Supervisor, Vergennes Twp.

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