

LEDGER ENTRIES

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

UPON BEING AMERICAN

IF YOU'VE READ any of the many articles written on front line activities you are better acquainted this year than last, on the meaning of "American". With tragedy and change offered for security and normalcy, the man who fights or views it can picture best what America means. It embodies the three branches of government, covering protection by armed forces, including national treasury and the wealth of the land, maintaining organizations representing the working classes and protecting the interests of capital, education and all other comforts of democratic government for the citizen's welfare. To him it means the home town paper is not governed by propaganda, that he can speak to his neighbors freely and openly without fear, that he can worship in any church of his choice and his children will be given liberal educations in schools that will train them on the rights and principles of citizenship. The list is long, the privileges numerous, the products of the system who uphold its convictions, many. Yet there is often raised the question whether under the surface of the individual, those who are not fighting from fox holes and jungle-tangled swamps, if under the coating of a man in an American first or a Republican or Democrat second, an American first or a socialist second, an American first and a labor union advocate second, an American first and a race prejudiced second? If all of these factors enter our lives and which affect us are major interests, if the interest is for these things to be purged, advocated, advertised, victorious, first, then are we Americans in the same sense as a Russian, a Chinese, an Englishman IS HIS COUNTRY? There is the appropriate "first things first" to answer this.

To the boy out there fighting for America, it means praying for an end to this war, a victory that he might return to take up the baseball mask and put down the gas mask, to press an accelerator on the family bus, to yell "Mom, what's cooking?", maybe mow some of the grass before supper, dash to the cleaner's for the Sunday suit to return home for the shower and shave for the Saturday night date. Seems not much when compared with words of freedom of assembly, of speech, of the press and of religion, but to these boys the sound of church bells on Sunday morning, the squeaky lawn mower next door, the plop of the newspaper as it hits the porch, the honk of a pal's auto horn, the smell of cooking from the home kitchen, the kiss of his youngster off to bed, the smile of a wife when you say "where in the heck did you put", yells at a football game, to him that IS AMERICAN, it's what you mean by the pursuit of happiness and he is fighting to keep it. "I Am An American" this year, next year, and for as long as I live, thank God!

BOYS WANT TO BE SOLDIERS

MANY YOUNG BOYS are eager to become old enough to be soldiers. One observer notes that a soldier has to obey orders, which is not always required of some poorly governed kids in the home circles. This is an idea for boys who want to be soldiers. Let them play that their family is a little military unit, in which the parents are the officers, and the boys the private soldiers. Let them see how things go better when the orders of these officers are strictly obeyed. The soldier has to obey even when he feels the order is wrong, and the company profits by his obedience. So in most cases there is better work and more harmony in the family life when the arguing is cut out, and the kids do what they are told without question.

B. of T. Banquet Next Wednesday

There will be a Board of Trade banquet Wednesday night, May 26, at 7:15 in the City Hall. Major Charles F. Rundquist, public relations officer of the U. S. army air force weather school at Grand Rapids, has been secured as speaker, and a good attendance is desired.

New Serial Story Begins in Ledger

"My Friend Flicka", by Mary O'Hara is the title of the new serial story beginning in this week's issue of the Ledger. It's the story of a boy and a yearling filly and that means a story of genuine human interest to all, both old and young—a story that will give needed relaxation from the worries of war.

Turn to page 6 for the opening chapter of "My Friend Flicka."

THE LOWELL LEDGER

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, MAY 20, 1943

No. 2

Showboat Quads Are Growing Up

Noted Morlok Girls Now In 13th Year

The Morlok quads of Lansing, who are well known to Lowell showboat patrons have suddenly grown into leggy schoolgirls. On this week Wednesday, May 19, Edna A. Wilma B. Sarah C. and Helen D. Morlok celebrated their thirteenth birthday. In June they will graduate from grammar school and next fall they will enter Junior high school.

For four successive years the quads entertained on Showboat programs and it is hoped that when the Showboat is resumed that these charming girls may again appear on the program, this time as young ladies.

James M. Haswell, writing in last Sunday's Detroit Free Press, brings to light some interesting sidelights on the daily life of these celebrated sisters whom all Lansing has grown to know and love.

Mr. Haswell says: "The march of time has brought differences among the quads themselves. The four little babies who started out in life looking just alike look like sisters still, but not exactly alike. Edna A. who earlier was an inch shorter than her sisters, now is the tallest and usually the first to smile. Sarah C. is almost as big. Then comes Wilma B. and Helen D. the littlest. But Helen is the bookworm of the group. She's always got her nose in a book, says another mother.

"The girls are all good at school. Lansing does not issue grade-cards to its grammar school pupils, but the Morlok quads are A and B students day in and day out. They're in good health, and strong for their age.

"Gets pretty noisy around the Morlok homestead at times these days, with four sets of shoes racing in and out of the house, four strong young voices singing out, and four times as much bustle and confusion going on as one child makes.

"Life in the Morlok family is not exactly like life in most families, with the children scattered along at different ages. In the last year these girls all have become able to help with the housework, with the result there has had to be a division of duties.



Three Graduates Named For Scholastic Honors

The scholastic honors of the Lowell high school graduating class of 1943 have been awarded to three students, two of whom are girls. In averaging the marks it was found that Joy Converse ranks first with a 3.63 average, and that Henry Davenport and Helen Monkowski tie for second place with an average of 3.60.

Joy Converse is the daughter of Mrs. Josephine Converse and has attended the Lowell public schools since she began kindergarten. Joy is a major in the commerce department where she has been active on the school paper staff and also the annual staff. In her four years of high school she was freshman class president, secretary of the Athletic Association one year, junior reception banquet chairman, and also a member of the student council and girls' club.

Henry Davenport, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip I. Davenport, attended Concordia Military Institute, Fort Wayne, Ind., for the first two years of high school. Henry, in completing his junior and senior years at Lowell High, has been outstanding in numerous activities; he is the president of the senior class, business manager of the annual staff, and last year was business manager of the junior-senior reception. He was also active in athletics and participated in the senior play.

Helen Monkowski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Monkowski of Lowell. She is secretary of the senior class and has actively participated in the girls' club and glee club. She is assistant business manager of the annual and was the chairman of publicity for the senior play.

Sixty-five expect to graduate on Thursday, June 10. This is the smallest class in several years. Professor Arthur Secord of the University of Michigan will deliver the Commencement address.

Dr. Harold R. Myers, osteopathic physician and surgeon, has moved his offices to the second floor of the building on East Main St., recently purchased by the Lowell Masonic Lodge.

Seems like old times to see Garfield Ford again on duty in the Lowell postoffice. Clerk Paul Kerekes left Wednesday for military service and one or two others of the postoffice force may also be called in the not distant future.

Home Folks Hear From Sam Yeiter

Dear Mom, Sis, Bob, Dad and The Censor:

How the time I'm going to cover two months' time in this short note I don't know, except everything OK but for another nose, and the Good Lord has continued to take mighty good care of us. Can't be saying what we've been up to, but did scoop everyone by making the first radio contact with the 8th Army. Got a little more business to take care of right now, then for a couple of cokes on the house!

Did ya ever partake of toasted ears—and I don't mean corn—well, the family's sporting more than one pair at present writing, and I mean they are delicious enough to eat. Have had to the colored ribbons on my offspring to tell them apart from the dust. And these darned mosquitos here have been trained by the enemy which "ain't" sportsmanlike.

The low-down on mail is that I like 'em big and fat, and V mail doesn't get to us any quicker. V mail does have priority from us to you'n's, though, as you can judge from this one (sent April 18 and received May 15).

Has "the boy" (meaning Bob) given the Axis fair warning by now, or has he decided to prolong the war a little longer? Don't misinterpret my Christmas broadcast message. I'm not on my way home yet, but there'll come a day.

Thinking of next Sunday, when a Yeiter hunts eggs—it's characteristic—but when eggs hunt a Yeiter—It's Easter "1943" style. Rant and rare and chase the hare for us, Sis, I'll be a little busy myself with a fox. Hiya! and thanks to those who have sent their regards. Hello, anyway, to those who haven't.

Love and thoughts, Sam. Editor's Note—We are all rejoicing over the great victory in North Africa, and especially so because of the fact that sixteen of our own boys from this locality have their part in it. Bagging 225,000 prisoners is mighty good hunting—R. G. J.

A moving hill 100 feet high estimated to contain 100,000 tons of earth is threatening to become a traffic hazard on M-21 a half mile east of the Saranac intersection. Continued rains have softened the glacial drift, and Allan M. Williams, Ionia county highway engineer, said the hill had moved 12 feet in 30 days, is now only a foot and a half from the highway. Williams is praying for dry weather to halt the encroachment otherwise he'll have to post a detour sign. That hazard better be stopped before it reaches the east end of Main street.

Farm Machinery Quotas Lifted

Quotas on some farm machinery have been lifted. The State U. S. D. A. War Board has been given the authority to remove county quotas, according to Charles F. Schwab, Farm Machinery Rationing Board Chairman.

The machinery is tagged for Michigan but the county quotas have been lifted, and the machinery may be purchased in other counties, or wherever it is available. The machinery is still subject to rationing by the County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee however, Schwab said.

The County Committee has been authorized to issue a Purchase Certificate to a farmer for one of these items of machinery if his application shows sufficient justification, and providing he certifies that he has located the machine for which the application is made, and that such equipment will be transferred to him if he is granted a purchase certificate.

Listed below are items of farm machinery which will still be tagged for sale in specified counties only, upon all other types the county quotas have been lifted. Cultivators, 1-row, tractor mounted. Cultivators, 2-row, tractor mounted. Cultivators, 3 and 4-row, tractor mounted. Cultivators, 5-row and over, tractor mounted. Combines, width of cut 6 feet and under. Combines, width of cut over 6 feet, including 10 feet. Corn Pickers, 1-row mounted type. Corn Pickers, 2-row mounted type. Corn Pickers, 1-row pull type. Corn Pickers, 2-row pull type. Side rakes and tedders, side delivery, including combination. Hay loaders. Pick up hay balers. Combination, corn husker-shredders. Tractors, wheel, all purpose and special purpose, all H. P.

Friends of Charles S. Aldrich, G. M. 3c, have informed the Ledger that they think his name should be in the list of our boys serving in Africa, since he was one of the commandos who helped break the way for the rest when they first went into Oran, has been in two engagements and was also on a boat which was torpedoed and sunk. We think he should be in too.

Pvt. First Class William Christiansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christiansen, has been graduated as a skilled aircraft mechanic from the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School, Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., and was among the top six. A graduate of Lowell high school, Pvt. Christiansen was employed by North American Aviation prior to entering the army in November, 1942.

Four Lowell men, Walter W. Gummer, William A. Hawk, Willard B. Hunter and William E. Myers, are receiving the basic training that will prepare them for sea duty as fighting Bluejackets in the Navy at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. For the next eight weeks they will be put through a period of "boot" training, stressing physical conditioning, military drill, and the fundamentals of seamanship, Naval customs and procedure. Upon graduation they will be given a nine-day leave, after which they will be assigned to a service school for training as specialists, or be sent directly to active duty afloat or ashore.

Even during these times of manpower shortage, every boy should get a week of this invaluable training if it is at all possible for him to gear it in with his work schedule, according to Mr. Calahan.



News of Our Boys

Lieut. Bruce McMahon has been transferred from Blythe, Calif., to Dalhart, Tex., where he is an instructor in aviation.

Erwin Wicks, Lowell R. F. D. has passed his final examination for enlistments in the Seabees and is awaiting his call.

Sgt. Joe Hill has been transferred from Walterboro, S. C., and is now getting his mail in Care of the Postmaster, San Francisco.

Pfc Robert E. Ellis, who is in a fighter group of the air corps, has been moved from Fresno, Calif., to the army airbase at VanNuys, Calif.

Paul Tobias of Camp Wm. C. Reid, Clovis, New Mexico, has been promoted to Corporal, and expects to have a furlough sometime in June.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs received word from their son, Pfc. George E. Krebs of Fort Worden, Wash., that he has been transferred to the M. P. Detachment.

Pvt. Robert W. Flynn called his mother, Mrs. Wm. Flynn, on Mother's Day from MacKall Hoffmann Field, N. C., where he had been transferred from Fort Bragg.

Know the Truth About This War

Folly for Home Front to Relax War Effort

Quoting Governor Harry F. Kelly: "The vast European continent remains a Nazi stronghold, ringed with steel. Bleeding and helpless and starving, the conquered countries are yet to hear the tread of marching feet.

"Across the world, the Rising Sun of Japan arrogantly flutters over Guam and Wake and the islands of the Philippines. There is only darkness in Burma and Singapore and the Dutch East Indies, Australia is threatened.

"Nor is that all. Just last week, the Navy Department admitted that the United Nations lost more shipping tonnage in 1942 than they built—a figure in excess of a million gross tons more!"

These words were uttered by Michigan's chief executive, not in darkness of despair, but in celebration of the Allied triumph in Africa and Michigan's generous response to the Second War Loan drive.

They recalled to our memory a conference which we attended in Washington several weeks ago at the war department's gigantic Pentagon building across from the Potomac river in Virginia. A number of newspaper association executives—including the president and a vice-president of the Michigan Press Association—listened to a review of press problems presented by Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, chief of the news division, war department bureau of public relations.

The army colonel referred to the presence of only four American army divisions on the Tunisian front and the snap judgment of many Americans on the home front that the war will be over soon. He admitted—and so did we—the difficulty of getting true perspective of military values through condensed newspaper headlines.

The resultant conversation veered to the idea of having the war department issue confidential memoranda to newspaper editors. Colonel Dupuy and his staff replied that Congress would accuse the military of seeking to influence the press. We were reminded that the United States is a democracy.



UP and DOWN

By K. K. Vining

Kent County Outstanding In Civilian Defense Work

One of the meetings we are supposed to attend each month and are not able to always do is the O. C. D. Committee Chairman meeting.

At this meeting the heads of the various Civilian Defense activities in the city and county report on their work. Social problems, transportation, housing, bond sales, nutrition, agriculture and salvage are a few of the activities discussed. It is most interesting to hear the various reports and to know how the war has crept into the many phases of our every day life.

One of the reports that interested me a lot was the work being done by the volunteer office. I don't have the total of volunteer help that past month but there were 73 accredited agencies, receiving some form of assistance from the Office of Civilian Defense. The totals were high. I have seen some of this volunteer help in operation at the gas rationing office where we have helped some in the rationing of gas for non-highway use.

From our own office Miss Densmore reports on nutrition work, canning and other home problems in the areas outside the city. The county agent has to report on gardens, farm labor, selective service and other items. Dick Machiele has reported on rural fire prevention.

We were interested and glad to know that Kent county is outstanding in the state in its Civilian Defense organization, in fact the county committee has been ahead in plans advocated by state and regional groups. Kenneth Brown is secretary of the county committee and in charge of the county office.

Get Your Entries In Grand Rapids' two dailies, The Press and the Herald are sponsoring city and county wide Victory Garden contests. A wide range of entries has been provided that should appeal to both urban and rural folks. Also some mighty attractive prizes are offered. Entries in these contests have been coming into the Civilian Defense office in good shape, except that the farm garden section has been slow. Gardens to farm folks are just a part of every day war work. Victory Gardens in town and cities are new to a lot of folks. However, prizes in this contest are the same for farmers as are urban ones and then a farm garden will have a chance to compete for the County-Wide, and also in the State Wide Contest.

We would like to see more farm gardens entered in the local paper contest. Both the Herald and Press are carrying coupons. Clip one, fill it out and mail according to directions. And while on the subject of these contests a number of communities in the country are sponsoring local contests. We urge our farm friends to enter these contests for all winners in local contests will compete for county-wide prizes. Entries close May 20. Get your entry in.

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Boy Scout Camp Starts June 26th

Camp Shawanossa, the Boy Scout Camp operated by the Grand Valley Council of which the Kent District is a part will run this summer from June 26 through August 1, it was announced Monday by Lawrence F. Calahan, Council President.

High School Band To Give Concert

Tuesday, May 25, at 8 o'clock in the evening, the Lowell High School Band, under the direction of Orval Jessup, will give its final concert of the year at Richards Park. In a way, this concert is a farewell one for some of the members who expect to enter the armed forces this summer.

The band will march through town from the school, led by Dave Clark, drum major, and the twirling team consisting of Marilyn Kysner, Mary Eileen Curtis and Gloria Doyle.

Jury Awards \$700 in Crash Damage Suit

A verdict of \$700 in favor of plaintiff was brought in by a jury in Circuit Judge Cornelius Hoffius' court late Tuesday in the case of Koning versus Bannan.

The trial was outgrowth of an automobile accident near Ada, Oct. 10, 1941, in which Janet Raye Koning, who was three years old then, ran across M-21 near Ada to a mail box and was struck by a car driven by Shirley Bannan, now 20, of Lowell. John E. Bannan, Shirley's father, was named co-defendant.

The child suffered a fractured leg, arm and skull.

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New Regulations On Canning Sugar

The local ration board has been advised that the two designated stamps in Book One as "Canning Sugar Stamps" will be announced in the next few days. Each stamp will be worth 5 pounds of sugar. Consumers who require more than 10 pounds per person for canning will be given an opportunity at a later date to make application for an additional allowance. The board has been advised not to issue any sugar allowance coupons until the designated stamps have been announced, and consumers have used the ten pounds allowance per person.

SPORT COAT ENSEMBLES

New arrivals—Checks, Herringbones, Tweeds, Shetlands, Coats with slacks to contrast, \$14.95; \$16.50; Slacks \$4.95. Coats.

Be a good listener; respect others' viewpoints.

Phone your news to the Ledger.

SUNDAY CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, May 21-22—Jean Parker in "Hi Neighbor" with Lulu Belle and Scotty; also William Tracy and Joe Sawyer in "Fall In"; also News.

Sunday and Monday, May 23-24—John Garfield and Gig Young in "Air Force"; also News and Shorts.

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25-26—Anna May Wong in "Lady from Chungking"; also the Ritz Bros. in "Hi Ya Chum"; also Troop Train.

Thursday, May 27—"Eyes of the Underworld" with Richard Dix; also "Strictly in the Groove" with Leon Errol and Mary Healy; News.

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Editorial Comment

Indoctrination vs. Education

From Grand Rapids Herald: Educators about the country are quite disturbed over the suspicion that a determined but subtle attempt is being made by some of the more radical New Dealers to fill the schools of the land with propaganda...

Less Paper

There has been a reduction and will be more, in the paper consumed by magazines and newspapers. Retention of the paper is necessary and the facts are clear...

Objects to Change in Time

We supposed the legislature voted to return to slow time, and by individuals keep the clock on the wall...

A Hintful Picture

Newsweek summed up a recent week's news on the food front with dreary words that have a familiar ring to millions of consumers...

Woolens Care

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ALTO NEWS

Mr. Fred Pattison

Alto Garden Club Mrs. Fred Pattison and committee, Madeline Carl Yeller, Watson, Harold Nye, Bert Syman, Herbert Croninger and Jack Simpson...

Alto Library News

Messrs and Mesdames Jack Purtil, Matt Metterick and Mack Weston have generously contributed of their time and talents to the library...

Methodist Church Notes

Rev. F. E. Chamberlain's subject last Sunday morning will be "The Master Man". The church year closes May 31.

Alto Locals

The community is invited to a farewell party honoring Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Chamberlain, who are returning to Saranac in the near future...

South Side - Segwun

Sgt. Albert Kiser of Fort Sheridan, Ill. spent from Wednesday of last week until Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Ralph Mullen and family...

SOUTH BOWNE

Rev. and Mrs. John McCas of Freeport were callers Thursday afternoon of Mrs. Jennie Purdy and the D. O. Holcomb home...

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We have a large stock! KINGS-KROST KN or KR \$7.95 OHIO M 15 (Michigan Grown) \$7.50 MICHIGAN B 36 (Mich. Grown Wis. 531) \$7.50 Also Regular GOLDEN GLOW \$5.00

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BAILEY CORNERS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Collier attended a dinner party at the Rose Big Gordon Hill of Detroit and friends...

Ken could ride any horse on the ranch

Ken could ride any horse on the ranch, but what he wanted most was something that was his alone to tend and love...

My Friend Flicka

It would be greatly appreciated by the Ledger staff if all correspondents would mail their news letters so that same will reach the office no later than Tuesday of each week...

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THIS AND THAT FROM AROUND THE OLD TOWN

Howard Thurlert of Detroit spent the week-end with his family in Lowell. Bob Laffey, son of Mrs. John Laffey was home from Cleveland over Sunday...

Weekly Scrapbook

Tough meat seems more tender if cut across the grain since this shortens the fibers. Long cooking at slow heat is a general rule for handling thirty meat cuts which are usually tough...

When Papering

A subscriber writes that at their house when they prepared the rooms they found the plates around the electric switches were worn looking. Rather than go to the expense of buying new covers they removed the used ones, covered them with the wall paper and put them in place again with a pleasing result in appearance...

DON'T WORRY

About Rationing and Points Eat at Richmond's Foods in Good Variety Courteous Service Richmond's Cafe THEOPHON RICHMOND, Prop. Phone 9108 Lowell

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Fresh, Home-Made Peanut Clusters

40c Hattie Scott's Kandy Kitchen On the Bridge, Lowell

Edwin Nash of Clarksville was Saturday caller at the Wm. Co. griff home. Charles Hoffman is quite ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones, East Main...

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And that old "know how" is an all important factor! Michaels-Stern adds it to every suit that bears their label... that "extra-something" resulting from the creative work of human hands!

HARRIS CREEK

Mrs. Ella Flynn returned to Alto by with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Anderson after spending a few weeks at the John Flynn home...

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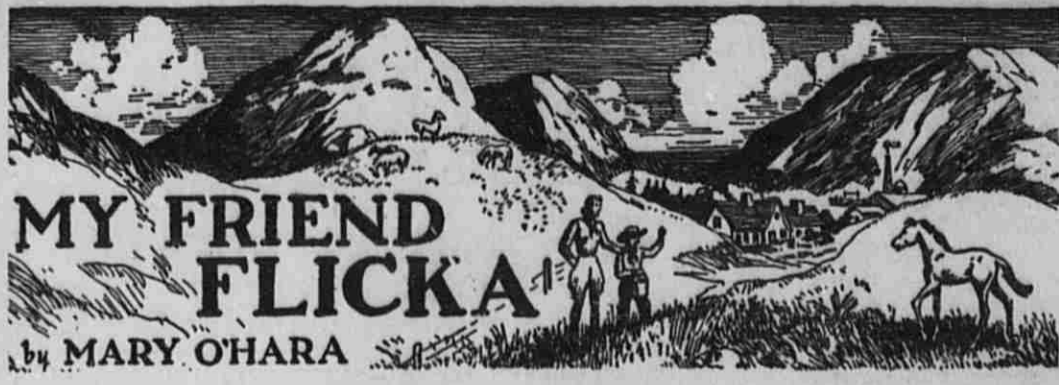
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High up on the long hill they called the Saddle Back, behind the ranch and the county road, the boy sat his horse, facing east, his eyes dazzled by the rising sun.

Ada News

Ada Host to County Association... Ada Chapter O. E. S. was host to the Kent County Association... Ada Local... Mrs. Mable Freeman of Grand Rapids spent Wednesday...

KILL Those Pesky Critters

When pesky, biting, buzzing flies start climbing your cows' frames, how can you do anything else but wiggle and shake and switch her tail. How can she keep her mind on giving down milk?

Short Story

A Matter of Age... By KARL GRAYSON... My father was a man of many moods. He was a man of many moods.

SOUTHWEST BOWNE

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HICKORY CORNERS

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Why butter won't melt in Africa

AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, butter will melt unless you keep it cool. And the African desert isn't cool.

Advertisement for State Mutual Fire Insurance Co. with logo and text: 'Do you know... That State Mutual is the largest company of its kind in Michigan...'

Ledger Want Ads Get Results

Want ad results... Ledger want ads bring results.

Everybody Reads It!

The LOWELL LEDGER... Advertisement for the newspaper.

Writes a Kent County Soldier in New Guinea

What of it? Just this! Some day that boy is coming back home. The news and the ads he read so avidly on a South Pacific island will be indelibly stamped in his mind.

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WARE DISTRICT

Oliver Wheat is helping Mrs. Harold Collins in Lowell with her housework.

St. Patrick School Honor Winners

Valedictory honors at St. Patrick school, Parnell, are claimed by Evelyn McGann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGann, Ada, R. R. 2. Mary Jakeway and George Doran tied for salutatory honors.



Evelyn McGann, George Doran, Mary Jakeway

Piano Recital By Pupils of Mrs. Harry Stauffer

MAY 23, 1943 Congregational Church 8:30 P. M.

Table listing piano recital programs and performers, including Evensong, Birds in the Branches, The Fairies' Harp, A Spanish Fiesta, Beautiful Dreamer, Penny Whistle, Up and Down the Mountainside, The Camel Train, Rustic Chapel, Amaryllis, Chinese Snow Scene, Narcissus, Poissonade, Romance Sans Parole, Waltz, Pepita, and Blue Danube Waltzes.

Ramona Park To Open Saturday, May 22nd

Ramona Amusement Park, located on beautiful Reed's Lake, will open its 1943 season Saturday, May 22.

Well-Known Citizen Dies at Clarksville

Norman Stuart, 64, office manager of the Clarksville elevator, was found dead in the kitchen of his home Monday morning by his wife, Lynne and a son Lester.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Ada Host to O. E. S. A fine representation from Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., attended the Kent County Association Wednesday, May 12, at Ada.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Nielsen of Saranac wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jeanne, to Corp. Gordon K. Dickson, U. S. M. C., Terminal Island, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dickson of Belding.

Piano Recital

Mrs. Harry Stauffer will present her piano pupils in a recital at the Congregational Church, on Sunday, May 23 at 8 o'clock.

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The Bridge-a-dears met last Thursday evening with Mrs. E. H. Shepard, Mrs. Ed. Reynolds and Mrs. George Arehart held high scores.

COMING EVENTS

The Merriman cemetery memorial service will be Sunday, May 30, at two o'clock, E. S. T. The Child Study Club will hold its annual picnic, potluck style, for members and their families and invited guests at Fallsburg Park, May 24, 7-15 p. m.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Gene Carr on Friday, May 21, 2:30 p. m.

The W. S. C. S. of the Lowell Methodist church will hold its regular meeting, Friday, May 21, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Wachterhauser.

The Board of Trade banquet will be held at 7:15 p. m. Wednesday, May 26, in the City Hall.

The Vergennes Methodist Church Memorial Day service, combined with the centennial anniversary observance, will be held Sunday, May 30. Tables will be available for those wishing to bring a picnic dinner.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sible (nee Dorothy Fletcher) of Ionia, a daughter, Christine Kay, at Blodgett hospital, May 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelsler, Monday, May 17, in Blodgett hospital, 6-lb. 12-oz. son whose name is Roger Larry.

WEDDINGS

Grindle-Malcolm

Married, Saturday, May 8, at the home of Justice R. E. Springett, Roy O. Grindle to Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Malcolm.

Huckendubler-Thompson

A very pretty wedding took place Saturday evening, May 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander of Lowell, when their niece, Miss Mary Thompson, became the bride of Richard Huckendubler, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Huckendubler of Hastings.

The ceremony was performed before a background of ferns, lilies and anemones, and candelabras. Rev. C. E. Pollock officiating.

The bride wore an aqua linen suit with brown accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for twenty-five guests.

Marriage Licenses

Donald Belmers, R. F. D. 2, Ada; Freda Telder, Ada. Clair Kauffman, 34, R. F. D. 2, Lowell; Clarabelle Hooper, 33, Clarksville.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

The County Health Department is sponsoring a Pre-School Clinic in the kindergarten room of the Grade School on Friday, May 21, from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Ruth M. Haer to John H. Fahrni and wife, lot 2 etc., block 14, Avery's plat, Lowell.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Joe Batey of Alto has been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Phil S. Krum.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould have been in New York state the past week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carr were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Russell and wife in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perce of Grand Rapids spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mrs. B. A. Charles.

Mrs. Grace Pitcher returned last Thursday to her home in Edmore after spending two weeks at the Mrs. Fred Malcolm home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lutz and son Bobby of Ionia and Mrs. Lutz were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lewis and family.

John White Arehart, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Arehart, was brought home Sunday after a two weeks' stay at Blodgett hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denton and children of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Ann Denton and Mrs. N. Denick.

Mrs. Kate Edmonds Snyder of Norwich, N. Y., formerly of Lowell, is making an extended visit with Mrs. Fred Malcolm and Abby. Mrs. G. A. Plumb of Grand Rapids was also a Thursday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kunkle spent Saturday in Grand Lodge with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lyon. Monday they visited their niece, Mrs. Raymond Fenstermacher in Ionia, on her birthday.

Mrs. Ida Young returned to Lowell last week from St. Petersburg, Fla., where she spent the winter months. Mrs. Young spent a few days in Grand Rapids, where her daughter, Mrs. Earl Behler, entertained with a dinner for her on Mother's Day, twelve being present.

Mrs. W. W. Gunser, Mrs. Chas. Doyle and Mrs. R. G. Jefferies went to Ann Arbor yesterday to attend the Adult Institute which is holding its annual meeting at the U. of M.

They will see and hear famous speakers on topics of the times. Mrs. Gunser will also attend an executive board meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Want ads bring results. Try one and be convinced.

STRAND, LOWELL (Programs on Eastern War Time)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 21-22

Fun in the Sun of Summertime!

Now "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR" has a meaning all its own!

"Hi Neighbor!"

JEAN PARKER, JOHN ARCHER, DON WILSON, BARBARA JO ALLEN

Wags Vague, Myrtle Wickens, Jean Wiseman, and the SMOKEY MOUNTAIN BOYS

— WITH — Pappy Cheshire and Lulubelle and Scotty

— ALSO —

THOSE BATTLING ARMY BOYS ARE FEUDIN' AGAIN!

William and Joe TRACY SAWYER

FALL IN with JEAN PORTER Released from United Artists

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MAY 23-24 "AIR FORCE" with JOHN GARFIELD and GIG YOUNG

Up and Down Kent County Roads

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Improvements Noted

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Finch, of Solon township, are building an addition to their home on the Cedar Springs-Kent City road. We also noticed a foundation being poured on the James Haganah farm in Solon township.

Farm Labor Prospects

Farm work for 1943 has had a hard time to get started. March was backward giving little chance to do seasonal work.

Farmers the country over have indicated their intentions to plant more than has been requested for our needs and our allies in 1943. But there are three bottle necks to the fulfillment of these plans.

The weather, farm machinery and labor. Nothing can be done about the weather except talk about it. We doubt if any farm machinery made in 1943 is going to do farmers any good.

Emergency labor in the smaller towns and city is being recruited for farm help.

Then there is a proposed Woman's Land Corps. Here perhaps is not so large a source of farm labor but any help that can be lined up will spruce in the emergency.

It's 100,000 Trees

We made an error in last week's column. The County is planting 100,000 trees instead of 10,000 as reported.

Date Extended For Victory Garden Contest

Leaders in the Kent County Victory Garden contest voted Tuesday to extend the time for entering this contest to June 1.

Female Dog Mothers Pair of Baby Pigs

Almost anything can happen on a farm and usually does. On the farm of Joe Wagner, Route 1, Owosso, a fox terrier is mothering two little pigs taken away from their own mother because she had eaten up five others in the same litter.

Trixie had seven pups about the same time that the sow farrowed. Wagner wanted to raise the pigs but not the pups—a business-like choice but one which suited neither mother. Trixie mourned deeply the loss of the pups, while the mother sow began methodically eating up her brood one by one.

He brought them in the house and Mrs. Wagner tried to feed them on a bottle. It was quite a job to educate them to eat, and Mrs. Wagner was working hard at it one night last week when Trixie came in the house and spied the two in a box with their bottle.

She jumped into the box, pushed the bottle away and curled around the pigs. The youngsters caught on at once and everything is rosy now in the Wagner menagerie.

Silas Onlooker's philosophy: A Lowell man remarks that doing with less meat isn't as tough on a civilian as doing with more mosquitoes is on the boys at Guadalcanal.

Advertisement for Lowell Creamery featuring 'NOW! MILK DOES DOUBLE DUTY' and 'FRESH MILK with every delivery'. Includes an illustration of a woman with a milk can and a bowl.

Tractor Lights Speed War Work

One of the wartime time-saving hints, especially valuable in 1943 when spring farm work has been delayed by the weather, would be to use lights on tractors at night and get double duty out of machines during planting time.

The suggestion comes from the agricultural engineering department at Michigan State College.

Salute to the Flag

A congressional resolution, adopted on December 22, 1942, changes the procedure for pledging allegiance to the flag.

IONIA POMONA GRANGE

Regular meeting of Ionia Pomona Grange will be held with Keene Grange, Saturday evening, May 22 at 8:30 p. m.

Active Women Need Support

To keep your war-job energy at its peak, your supporting garments must be well-constructed and comfortable.

MRS. H. J. RITTENGER Spencer Corsetiere

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The deadline for liability and property damage protection will soon be here. Our rates for this protection are as low as \$11 per year with six months to pay.

Call 144 DO IT NOW!

Lowell Hotpoint Announces CLOSE-OUT SALE Of Latest "HIT" Records. Regular 50c Records for Only 35c while they last. Includes list of records like 'There's a Ray of Sunshine' and 'We Mustn't Say Goodbye.'