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FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

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By K. K. Vining

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Victory Gardens are going to do a lot of folks more good than just the matter of a good supply for their table, particularly those folks who never have had any connection with agriculture and farming. They are already learning some of the problems the farmer is up against.

The other night at our end of town where we have a garden, Stanley Barnett, manager of WOOD, and a good gardener, was discussing his efforts to grow some vegetables. "Why," he says, "here I made a plan of this garden and started out to follow it. I had it all figured out that when one crop was gone I would plant another one."

Now he says, "Along comes rain, and cold weather and it just upset my plans and hasn't worked out at all like I planned it." "Well," I said, "Stan, it ought to give you an idea of just what the farmer has to contend with when he makes his plans and then the weather man comes along with rain and frost, and upsets them. He said, 'I had thought a lot about that the last couple days and just what the farmer has to put up with.' And we feel that is going to be true of a lot of Victory Gardeners in 1943.

Then there are quite a lot of folks who have been feeding pheasants in their back yards all the year who are now finding these same birds are going around and eating their corn and other crops in their Victory Gardens.

Rabbits too, are a pest here in town. We get a lot of calls about what to do for them. Joe Putnam tells us if you will take 1/2 pound of black pepper and a 1/2 pound of hydrated lime to 5 gallons of water, make a good mixture and spray on the plants the rabbits won't eat them. If you are bothered you might try this remedy.

A rather new pest to the county, and a bad one, is the Mexican Bean Beetle. It is already working on string and lima beans. The adult is a brown beetle with yellow spots and the young one is a woolly looking one. They are easy to control if the beans are sprayed or dusted with any of the good recommended arsenicals. The trouble is, they work on the underside of the leaf and a good many folks do not see them.

The gardens belonging to the extension staff are coming along in pretty good shape but they are not immune from trouble. The pheasants have eaten up the County Agent's corn and the beans did not come up. Dick Machle has plenty of quack grass. Dick Sattler reports his garden is making progress and so does Miss Densmore.

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Out-State Units Paying Off Debts Michigan Motorists May Get Coupon Cut

By Gene Alleman M. W. F. News Service

State Treasurer D. Hale Brake recently computed the debts of Michigan local governments and produced this good news:

Governmental indebtedness decreased \$67,000,000 between June 30, 1941 and June 30, 1942. In seven years local governments have paid off approximately \$100,000,000. Out of the \$532 million dollar I. O. U.'s existing one year ago, \$455 million were in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties—the Detroit metropolitan area.

The governmental units include 6,353 school districts, 1,266 townships, 309 villages, 165 cities and 83 counties.

When new restrictions are imposed on gasoline use in Michigan, don't be surprised. Unless Washington can figure out ways to get more supplies into the East, Michigan motorists will get fewer coupons and the coupon values will be deflated. Invasion requirements are said to be tremendous and shocking. Eastern Congressmen have also raised the cry of "discrimination."

Michigan Republicans are interested in the statement by Wendell L. Willkie, recent visitor in Detroit that Michigan and Ohio were key states for 1944. Willkie's stock is reported to be increasing here, despite the Owosso boom for Tom Dewey. Possible reason: The war importance of foreign relations.

Bonus recommendation by Governor Harry F. Kelly at Columbus, Ohio: State governments should supplement federal payment to returning servicemen, but only after Washington acts. Kelly favors an "adequate" bonus payment for every veteran.

The Michigan governor's talk at Columbus stressed the theme, "we won the war and lost the peace," and he urged the Republican party to retreat from isolationism on the premise that "the United States is inescapably a part of world civilization."

Brig. General LeRoy Pearson, state selective service director, announces that 40,000 Michigan men face military service by end of 1943. Approximately 80,000 men have been deferred to date for occupational reasons.

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The Lampkin Farm Takes on New Name

The well-known Lampkin farm in Keene township has been given a name and will hereafter be known as "Chadalee Farms."

The name was decided upon by making a combination of the full name of the original owner, Archibald Chadwick Lee, his son, Chadwick Archibald, buying it from him and passing it on to his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Lampkin, who holds it today with her son, Lee E. Lampkin.

The Lampkin letterheads and envelopes and other printed matter will now include the new name, "Chadalee Farms."

Giving farms an appropriate name is a splendid idea and should be more widely practiced.

Conference Appointments

Appointments made at the annual conference of the Methodist church held at Benton Harbor last week of interest to the people of this vicinity, include the following:

Rev. C. E. Pollock and Rev. John Claus return to Lowell. W. E. Timm, Alto; J. W. McCue, Bowne Center; J. Lawrence Ward, Cadillac; Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe goes to Sault Ste. Marie and Rev. Ray W. Merrill remains at Lakeside church, Muskegon.

NOTICE

Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M. will hold a special meeting Tuesday, June 22, starting at five o'clock to confer the Master Masons degree, and to honor Past Masters. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock EWT, at the Methodist church. Reservations will be appreciated to Secretary, G. C. Kent, Lowell.

Arnold Wittenbach, W. M. Ledger want ads bring results.

News of Our Boys

Frederick Hosley is now at Camp McQuaide, Calif., where he is receiving training as a gunner in the coast artillery.

Pvt. Elmer Laver, who is in the Signal Battalion of the U. S. Army, has been transferred from Camp Crowder, Mo., to Camp Bowie, Tex.

Pvt. Cornelius Junior Geelhood is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Word has been received of the promotion of Kenneth F. Smith to a Private First Class.

Soon to receive his silver pilot's wings at the Army's twin-engine advanced flying school, Pampa, Tex., is Aviation Cadet Michael C. Hoover, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hoover, R. 3, Lowell. A 1936 graduate of Lowell high school, he was appointed an aviation cadet on Sept. 12, 1942.

Staff Sgt. G. A. McCarthy arrived from Camp Butler, N. C., on Monday to spend a week with his sister, Mrs. Wm. C. Doyle and family.

S 1/c George Charles Burrows is home on a 15-day furlough from Philadelphia, Pa.

Lawrence Potter, who has served two years on a destroyer in the Atlantic, has been transferred to the Pacific fleet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Potter.

Sgt. Sheldon Knight of Belding, who is well known in Lowell, has been returned to this country from Africa and is now in a hospital at Fort Devens, Mass., recovering from wounds which necessitated the amputation of his leg. He is a brother of Mrs. Carroll Potter of Lowell.

Robert William Baldry, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baldry, R. 3, Lowell, recently inducted, has been assigned to the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., where he is now undergoing a period of recruit training.

S2/c Richard L. Lester has been transferred to Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island.

Harry Vaughan received a Father's Day cable from his son, Sgt. Harry Vaughan who is stationed in Australia.

Pvt. Harold Smerly of Camp Callan, California, has been spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Holcomb.

Pvt. Darwin Tuttle, who has been with the medical corps at Dobbs, New Mexico, has received an honorable discharge and arrived home Tuesday, June 15, where he will remain to help with farm work.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, June 17—"Power of the Press" with Guy Kibbee and Lee Tracy, also "Jackie" an Animal Feature, plus News.

Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19—"Seven Sweethearts," with Van Heflin, Kathryn Grayson and Marsha Hunt, also news and shorts.

Sunday and Monday, June 20, 21—"Edge of Darkness," with Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan, also news and shorts.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 22-24—Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara in "The Black Swan," also shorts.

Dancing every Saturday night, singing caller, Woodward Lake. 76

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Presents Relic to Village of Lowell

A relic of pioneer days in this community was brought to the Ledger office last Friday by Henry S. Schreiner of Grand Rapids, who for 20 years was engaged in the harness business in Lowell.

The relic referred to is an axe, purchased in 1858 by his father, Wm. Schreiner, who walked to Lowell from his home at Cook's Corners, a distance of 14 miles, buying the axe from Nash & Boyce, and returning to his home, making the round trip of 28 miles on foot.

The helve in this axe is the original one and was made by his father and was boiled in oil.

Mr. Schreiner states that he is presenting the axe with its helve to the village of Lowell with the hope that a museum containing relics of pioneer days will be started here before it is too late.

4-H Club Week On War Basis

One day shorter and designed by theme and program to set the pace for full wartime participation by Michigan's 55,000 boys and girls in 4-H club work, three annual club week programs for the three sections of the state are being put together by the state club staff at Michigan State College.

The 25th annual Club Week at the college, for 650 of the best of the 36,000 in club projects in 44 southern counties, is scheduled June 28-July 1, Camp Gaylord, Aug. 2-6, will operate for 450 delegates from the 12,000 enrolled in 27 northern counties. Camp Shaw at Chatham will entertain 500 delegates Aug. 9-10 from the 7,000 in the 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Opportunities for service in the war effort are to be brought out in the theme "4-H on the Home Front," according to A. G. Kettunen, state 4-H club leader.

Monday evening, June 28, John A. Hannah, president of the college, will welcome the delegates to the campus. Two girls from Tuscola county, Carol Rohlfis and Jean Hess of Akron, will present a patriotic demonstration. Dr. C. F. Calry, physiology professor, will offer a program of magic in the Fairchild theatre.

Dean Marie Dye of the home economics division and Dean E. L. Anthony of the agricultural division will welcome the delegates Tuesday morning in behalf of the two divisions. A patriotic demonstration by Donna Cramer and Ida Schmidt of Lapeer county is scheduled. In the afternoon, V. S. Peterson, agricultural consultant for the DuPont agricultural extension division, will offer his talk, "Research in Everyday Living." In the evening the entire group will participate in square dancing in the Jenison field house under the direction of district club leader B. E. Henry of Marshall. A candlelighting service to induct and honor 35 members and 10 leaders will conclude the evening's program under the direction of R. J. Baldwin, director of college extension service in agriculture and home economics.

Wednesday's program features a 4-H citizenship ceremony with a talk on the meaning of citizenship by R. S. Linton, college registrar. In the evening a dress review in the Fairchild Theatre is scheduled, followed by a theater party in East Lansing. Morning classes and afternoon recreation periods are scheduled each day.

Although the Texas prison system produces all its own sugar, rationing within the walls is the same as on the outside.

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Learn More About Home Canning

Course to Begin Here on Thursday, June 24

A course in processing and canning of foods is to be offered during the summer months by Lowell High School. Sponsored by the department of Vocational Education, the course will give to farm and town women an opportunity to learn more about canning and at the same time to get the job done. The course has two aims. The first is to teach about canning and processing. The second is to get more fruits and vegetables canned and stored for winter use. The second objective is becoming more urgent each day. Heavy rains and resultant crop shortages may create a very real food shortage next winter. Those wise farm and town homemakers who prepare for this shortage may be called wise indeed.

Mrs. Norma Hall has been selected by the State Board of Control for Vocational Education to act as instructor and leader. Mrs. Hall graduated from Northern State Teachers College and has taught Home Economics in Michigan schools for six years.

The Kent County Welfare Commission has loaned three large pressure cookers to be used in the canning process. Cost of fuel will be paid by the State Board of Control for Vocational Education and the only cost to enrolled members will be for the materials they actually use in processing.

The first and organization meeting will be held Thursday, June 24 at two o'clock EWT or one o'clock CWT in the Home Economics room of the Lowell High School. At this time a schedule of future meetings will be arranged. All interested women are urged to attend this meeting, or to contact Albert T. Hall, teacher of Vocational Agriculture for further information.

Francis Campau Writes About Life Aboard War Ship

Mrs. Cecile Croninger of Alto sends to the Ledger a letter from her son, Francis Campau, who is stationed on the USS Nitro. Interesting parts of the letter follow:

Dear Mother, I just got back into port after a week of cruising around in the bay. We had lots of fun and quite a bit of excitement. The main purpose was to train the crew and officers in Underway procedure and go through all kinds of drills. My main job on drills is being the Art 3-in. battery officer, and we had a tow-leave behind a plane two days for target practice.

It was the same old story with new boys on the gun crew. Some scared stiff, and I mean stiff, just like a cold corpse, some run away from the gun and they all forget everything I tell them. However, we made some good scores and after the first firing most of the boys act like veterans. I was nervous too because we had just heard about an accident which happened on another ship firing the same kind of guns.

Thursday evening we anchored in about 7 fathoms of water and the Captain decided to let the crew go for a swim. I'm about the best swimmer of the officers so I got the job handed me of going in the motor launch which the ship puts over the side when the crew goes in for a swim. About 150 of the crew and several officers dove over the side and everything seemed to be going fine until we noticed about 15 men swimming near the stern. All at once one of them started yelling for help and we got started in the launch. What had happened was that the current from the tide was carrying them away faster than they could swim. We picked up 8 of them and the rest were hauled back by lines thrown from the ship. I jumped in to reach one boy who was too weak to swim 10 feet to the boat but I kept hold of a line. Anyway, that ended the swimming and gave everybody a good scare.

Even't been off the ship for 3 days now. Maybe I'll find out how a long trip would seem.

Get letters from everybody. I hear your upstairs looks swell. I expect to be home in July to see for myself. Hope the garden is up by then. How are the strawberries. Love, Francis.

Bean Planting Still at Hand

Bean growers, wondering if it's too late, can go ahead and plant with good prospects of profitable yields. For proof, there's the 49 bushel-an-acre yield, highest ever obtained at Michigan State College, produced in 1942 at East Lansing from a five-acre field planted June 17.

Usually Michigan beans yield best if planted the first two weeks in June. Wet weather this year in the principal bean growing areas has delayed plowing and preparation of the seedbed.

According to H. C. Rafter, head of the Michigan State College farm crops department, the abnormal delay this year need not prevent Michigan growers from planting and harvesting a record crop needed as a part of the nation's food resources.

White pea or navy beans constitute 90 per cent of the Michigan crop. Planting date trials indicate many good bean crops have been harvested from fields planted the last week in June. Early July plantings usually yield poorly and often the crop is a complete loss due to failure to mature before killing frost in the fall.

Cranberry bean trials indicate yields from late June plantings nearly equal to those made early in the month. Quality often is less desirable and the later beans are likely to be high in moisture. Cranberry beans should have a long growing season and early June plantings are advised when possible.

Red kidney beans usually yield best if planted June 15 to 20, Rafter reports. Early June plantings often result in severe blight damage, a bacterial disease. Yields are apt to drop off rapidly with blight-free red kidney bean seed was brought into Michigan from California this year to add growers.

Jack: I didn't believe in ghosts either, so I said I'd stay in the haunted house. I moved right in and the first night a ghost came through the wall just as if there were no wall there at all. Jill: What did you do? Jack: I went through the opposite wall the same way.



Mrs. R. D. Hahn reports that 55 lbs. of silk and nylon hose have been collected for salvage since the first of April, from the box placed in Weekes' store. This represents many hundreds of pairs. The material is used in the manufacture of powder bags.

Take a look at the display window in the R. G. Chroux Radio Service and you will get a good laugh or at least a good smile. Carefully reposing in a plush-lined jeweler's case, such as is used for valuable articles, you will see two radio tubes, which suggests that it is a good idea to meet war problems with a smile.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: Money has a language all its own and it knows but two words—so long! . . . You can't tell the social standing of a man these days just from the make and model of his automobile. . . . There is the memory, treasured by a few Lowell men, of days gone by when sport consisted of a flivver, a frying pan and a coffee pot. . . . A consoling note for the flower lover who has devoted all the space to vegetables: remember that the lily belongs to the onion family. . . . Overheard a Lowell man say that he'll know we have gone back to normal living when the government spends most of its time probing. . . . It may come to the point when the war is over, that the man who has never been abroad will go a ratty or a stick-in-the-mud! . . . The fellow who uses horse sense will be just as lucky as the one who totes along a rabbit's foot! . . . Time was we used to send our old clothing to the rummage sale. Now we wear them.

The park benches have returned to Main Street after a long winter of hibernation, followed by a heap of rain. People will now sit and rest while they talk about the war, crops, and baseball, and fishin'. Others will just sit and spit.

Among the graduates this year is Charcell Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill of Lowell, who is the eighth member of her family to graduate from Lowell high school, the others being Mary Janet who graduated in 1920, James in 1931, Betty and Robert Orton in 1936, Joe in 1937, Charles in 1940 and Gordon in 1941. This record may be approached by the Stormzand family. Lillian Stormzand, also a member of this year's graduating class, is the fifth in her family to reach this goal, with two more to follow, which would make their family record seven graduates from Lowell high.

It is reported that a number of fires throughout the state, with three of them being in this locality within the past few months, are being investigated by authorities. While nothing definite is known relative to how any of the three fires, which are of local interest, started, there is a suspicion that with a world war on the fires may have been the work of some person interested in furthering the aims of the Axis powers. Two of the fires were connected with supplying war supplies in food and materials. The first one was the burning of the large flour mill of the King Milling Company at Lowell, in the production of flour, much of which went to supply this nation and its allies. The other fire which destroyed a plant producing war material, was that of the Universal Metal Products Company. The other fire was the one which destroyed the flour mill at Smyrna, and which while not engaged in milling at the time it was destroyed, would be a target for any Axis firebomb, just because it was a mill and a potential source of more flour for the Allies.

The District O. P. A. Office at Grand Rapids has received increasing reports of violations among consumers, who may not realize that they are in violation when they transfer unused red and blue ration stamps to friends or to storekeepers. Shoe and gasoline dealers are warned against the practice of accepting loose ration coupons. The O. P. A. advises that it will put its enforcement program into effect.

Automobile Use Tax Stamps Now at P. O.

The federal use tax stamp for automobiles is now on sale at the postoffice.

The stamps will be \$5, as they were last year, and must be placed on all automobiles before July 1. Because of the anticipated rush at the end of the month, all motorists have been urged to get their stamps early.

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Class of 1943 Is Now History

700 Patrons Present at School's Climax

Over seven hundred relatives and friends of the members of the graduating class attended the commencement exercises last Thursday. Sixty-five graduates were awarded diplomas by Mr. Runciman in behalf of the Board of Education, and Valedictorian, Joy Converse, was given a check for \$4.00 in accordance with the wishes of the class of 1918 which left money for this purpose. Joy gave a splendid valedictory speech.

Frank Stephens, representing the American Legion, awarded the honor cup to Henry Davenport who was rated the outstanding member of the class and second place was awarded to Roberta Hahn. The Legion also gave prizes to the outstanding eighth grade boy and girl. Pupils and teachers had determined that Catherine Phelps rated first with Dora Jean Warner second, and Ralph Warner and Lawrence Schneider were awarded first and second respectively.

Henry Davenport, president of the class, entrusted the emblematic spade to George Rogers, president of the Junior class and both speeches were well made. Henry, also the co-salutator with Helen Monkowski, delivered the salutatory.

The Future Farmers of America, through their new president, Kenneth Bieri, and supervisor, Albert Hall, gave a service flag to the school. One hundred sixty-seven blue stars and four gold stars represented all of the graduates now in the service. The flag was made by the Home Economics Department under the direction of Doris MacKellar.

Roland Troyer, accompanied by Miss Charlotte White, rendered two beautiful violin solos. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Jessup, played in a very outstanding manner. The selection, "Pique Dame" was especially well received.

The address by Dr. Arthur Secord, Professor of the University of Michigan, was one of the best heard in years. His theme was the "True Reward". He advised the seniors to be sensitive of their surroundings and ready to do something about it; to be tolerant and yet law abiding. He declared that Democracy, although an ideal, would never be perfect but nevertheless would reflect the wishes and actions of the citizens.

In conclusion the graduates and audience stood with bowed heads during taps in honor of the boys who have entered or will enter the armed forces, and more particularly in memory of and in reverence to those who made the supreme sacrifice. Rev. Norman G. Woon gave the invocation and benediction.

See Big Increase In Bean Acreage

According to unofficial information from Washington, bean growers will be guaranteed the cost of planting, should the crop fail to mature. It is understood that the guarantee will include the cost of seed beans, fertilizer and labor.

This guarantee is expected to run as high as \$17 an acre. See County Agent for further particulars.

The above guarantee and the guaranteed price of \$6 a hundred is expected to increase production materially in this area.

The C. H. Runciman Co. reports an unusually large demand for seed beans, having sold upwards of 200 bushels during the past 10 days.

Announce Program Of Summer Sports

Forrest Buck, chairman of the sports committee of the Lowell Board of Trade, announced this week that the summer sports program will begin next Tuesday evening, June 22, at Recreation Park. The summer program will consist of diamond ball for two groups. The first group will be from 10 to 15 years of age and will play from 6:00 until 7:30 p. m. every Tuesday. The older group will be all over 15 and will begin at 7:30 p. m. and play every Tuesday.

All interested are urged to come out on Tuesday evening.

Newly Rich: I clean my diamonds with ammonia, my rubies with Bordeaux wine, my emeralds with Danzig brandy and my sapphires with fresh milk.

Quiet woman, sitting next to her: I don't clean mine; when they get dirty I just throw them away.

FATHER'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

He will be delighted with one of those summery Wembley ties, Nor-easts, Foulards, Classics, all \$1. Coons

MORNING IN THE GARDEN

SOME HOUSEHOLDERS ask how they can find time to cultivate a Victory Garden, when they are too tired when they get home to exercise the hoe and the sprayer.

They might try getting up an hour or so earlier, and doing the work before breakfast. The exercise in the open air would give them a mighty appetite. They could eat more, and be better nourished, and probably no more tired when they finish work at night. The morning hours give one enthusiasm for work, and there is a sweetness in the dew covered grass. The birds are singing to burst their throats, and the early morning gardeners are a happy set of folks.

THE MONTH OF ROSES

JUNE HAS BEEN called the month of roses. The people love roses, and they love the month when they blossom most freely. The hold which roses have on popular thought is shown by the fact that a certain book of quotations has 70 of these quotations relating to roses, while there are only 16 referring to lilies, which are also a very popular flower.

The growing of roses has become an important business. The people love to give them to their friends. A cottage covered with climbing roses is one of the loveliest things on earth, and this deprecator has sold such dwellings to many.

WAITING FOR DEATH

A MOSCOW DISPATCH tells about a letter taken from a dead German soldier, written by his sweetheart in Essen, Germany, which told how the people of that greatly bombed city "sit in the cellar and wait for death."

The German people were told that the bombing of their cities would not be possible. They thought they had such wonderful protection that no fleets of bombers could drop any deadly eggs on them. The Germans are smart, but they needed to realize that they are not the only powerful and scientific people in the world. When they try to crush foreign nations by bombing their cities and enslaving their people, these outraged countries are going to hit back.

SAVING THE BIRDS

IN THIS YEAR when it is so vitally important to grow all the food we can, the country depends more than ever on the birds that destroy insect pests. If birds have grown less common during recent years, one of the forces that keep Nature's system in proper balance is lacking.

Habits or practices that take the life of useful birds may hurt the war program. People who shoot pest destroying birds to use or sell them for food, are doing something that may hurt the crops. Cats need watching in this season when the young birds are trying to learn the art of flying. Putting a tinkling bell on Old Pussy has been called a very useful act at this season.

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Do not be confused by new regulations regarding cottage cheese. Our high quality product is not rationed. There is no change in the product.

High in protein value, cottage cheese will help take the place of meat in your diet.

Other unrationed foods . . .

Pasteurized Vitamin Full Milk
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Up and Down Kent County Roads

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Better than fifty local leaders of summer 4-H clubs met at the Wilder Lodge, in Walker township, last week Thursday night to discuss summer activities. The general discussion centered around camp, 4-H Club Fair and other activities that both boys and girls work together on. Miss Densmore gave a canning demonstration. The County Agent and Mr. Machiele talked about the problems pertaining to their work.

A group of boys and girls from Oak Grove school, in Walker township, gave a very interesting demonstration on conducting a 4-H Club meeting.

Judging from the cards that the office is receiving there will be plenty of interest in the 4-H Club Camp. Dates are set for the first three weeks of July.

The 4-H Club Fair will be held August 25 and 26. The fair directors and members of the Lowell Board of Trade met this week Tuesday to make plans and final decisions on certain features.

Esteemed Lowell Couple Married Sixty Years Ago



Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gehrer, residents of Lowell, Michigan, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on June 21, 1943, at their home in Lowell. Mr. Gehrer was born in Germany, April 20, 1858 and Mrs. Gehrer in Bavaria on November 4, 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Gehrer are the parents of four daughters, Mrs. Ray Parker of Lowell, Mrs. Louise Friedl of Saranac, Mrs. Frank Gramer of Leapeer and Mrs. John Rhodes, who died Mar. 29, 1926. They have 18 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Rationing Facts At a Glance

Coffee
Stamp No. 24 good for 1 pound May 31 through June 30.

Sugar
Stamp No. 13 now good for 5 pounds, through August 15. Stamps 15 and 16 are good for 5 pounds of canning sugar each; apply at board for additional amounts.

Shoes
Stamp 18 good for 1 pair through October 31.

Gasoline
No. 6 coupons in A book good through July 21; B and C book stamps good as noted on book, but renewal applications should be mailed 30 days before expiration.

Tires
Next inspections due: A book good by Sept. 30; B's by June 30; C's by Aug. 31; commercial vehicles every 6 months or 5,000 miles whichever is first.

Fuel Oil
Coupon No. 5 is good for 11 gallons. It must last until October 1 for both heat and hot water. Renewal applications now being mailed to users. Fill out and return to board immediately.

Processed Foods
Blue stamps K, L and M are good through July 7.

Meats, Cheese, Butter, Fats and Canned Fish
Red stamps J, K, L and M are good now. N, June 20; J, K, L, M and N expire June 30.

He'd Give You The Shirt . . . Off His Back!

SO DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER FATHER'S DAY

AT THE PLANT
Button it up, wear a tie—and it's correct for duty. Useful pockets.

AND "AT EASE"
Open the collar, put your toes in the pockets—and get out for a round of golf.

Styled to make the most of your limited time—and to permit you a compact wardrobe, this shirt has features equally correct for business and casual wear.

\$2.00 - \$2.95 - \$3.50

REYNOLDS' MENS' WEAR

WEDDINGS

Corp. Fred Roth Marries Lansing Girl

A double ring ceremony took place in Joplin, Mo., at 12:00 noon, Saturday, May 1 at the First Community church, when Dora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hart of Williamston, became the bride of Corp. Fred Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Roth of Keene in a military wedding.

They were attended by the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Sergeant and Mrs. William H. Miles of Joplin. Sergeant and Mrs. Miles then repeated their marriage vows made October 26, 1941, in East Lansing. The double wedding ceremony was read by the Rev. Richard Shields, pastor of the church.

Corp. Roth is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., and Sgt. Miles at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Corp. and Mrs. Roth are making their home at 611 1/2 Lawrence St., Muskogee, Okla.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

James Ford is employed as a guard at the Ionia reformatory.

Virginia Ford began work in the AC defense plant in Ionia Monday.

Miss Doris Christiansen left Monday for Detroit to accept a position with the Pennsylvania Central Airlines.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith came home from Willow Run, Wednesday. Mrs. Smith will enter a Grand Rapids hospital for a major operation.

Margaret Niles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Niles, has finished her training in the WAAC's and is now permanently located at Selfridge Field.

Corp. Keith W. Avery returned to Boca Raton Field, Fla., Saturday after spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norton L. Avery, who recently moved with Mrs. Avery's father, from Lansing to their farm southwest of Lowell for the summer.

Mrs. J. A. MacDonell returned to Lowell with her small daughter, Thursday night, from California, where she has been for several weeks with her husband, Lieut. MacDonell. Lieut. MacDonell drove her through to Lowell and then returned to Camp Parks, Calif., Sunday by plane. The doctor expects soon to enter foreign service.

About twenty-five boys left in a group from the school house Sunday for a week's outing at Y. M. C. A. Camp Manitou-Lin near Middleville. Among those leaving were: Normie Borgerson, Donald Schneider, Bob Hall, Ronald Jessup, Fred Althaus, Charlie Kropf, Howard Rittenger, Roger McMahon, Gardner Collins, William Laux, John Schneider, Richard Place, Lawrence Schneider, Kenneth Dennis, Ronald Wood, Ivan Mersman, James Ford, Jimmie Johnson, Geo. VerWys, David Washburn, Gregory O'Brien, Darle Rickert, Alger Ayres and Charles Stevens. Bobby Stevens was unable to join the group as planned because he had the misfortune to cut his foot severely the night before, the gash cutting through an artery and requiring five stitches.

The variety tests of hybrid corn were planted on Friday, June 11, in spite of adverse weather conditions. Looked for a few days as if this test would not be planted, but Al Johnson from the Farm Crops Department and Dick Machiele, in cooperation with Lynn Bradford of Sparta, and Semour Heache, of Lowell made it.

The boys at the college are rather interested in the results of such a test planting in a year of adverse conditions. We are not looking for just the same results we received last year but it will be a stiff test for much of the seed.

Twenty-two boys and girls will attend the annual State 4-H Club Camp at Michigan State College, June 28 to July 1. This year's program has been shortened one day due to food rationing and other conditions at Michigan State College. However, the club folks at the college are planning a full program for Monday afternoon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Those going from this county represent outstanding work accomplished in the county in 1942 summer projects and last winter's handicraft and clothing work. Girls will be housed at Campbell Hall, and the boys in one of the college gymnasiums.

Following are the delegates who will be in attendance from Kent County:

Gardening—Wilmine Baehre, Kent City.

Canning—Arlene Baehre, Sparta.

Food Preparation—Patty Slater, R. 3, Grand Rapids; Irma Kreba, Alto; Louise Becker, Cedar Springs.

Clothing—Mary Jane Dockery, 1109 Collins Ave.; Marcella Homrich, Byron Center; Johanna Van Kirk, Byron Center; Alice Williams, Rockford; Phyllis Wimmer, 1055 Dick-st.; Sally Story, R. 5, Grand Rapids.

Dairy—Merrill Post, Rockford; William Friend, 3717 East Paris Ave.

Beet—Gordon Depew, Alto.

Poultry—Raymond Houghton, Alto; Calvin Preston, Lowell.

4-H Handicraft—Garret Kranz, Lowell; Burke Robinette, R. 4, Grand Rapids; Dean Allen, R. 2, Grand Rapids; Ralph Herpolsheimer, R. 1, Marne; Max Pettit, R. 4, Grand Rapids.

Good Ol' Bossy Earns Her Keep Says Baltzer

Dairy cows look like topnotch breadwinners on the average Michigan farm since crop prospects look such a beating from 1943 weather. That leads to a suggestion that the average Michigan cow could well deserve and get better care, fewer flies and some extra drinking water so that production can continue at a high level.

Trouble with dogs, rough handling or sudden changes interfere with a cow's production, observes A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State College.

"Milk them fast and on schedule," he suggests. "Some grain in the manger at milking time brings them out of the pasture on schedule. Milking should take five minutes and not more than seven and regularly every 12 hours or an 11 to 13-hour schedule each 24 hours should be observed."

For summer care, Baltzer recommends reducing the fly and mosquito population. Clean barns and a good commercial fly spray are suggested. Fly sprays over several hours if broken up by an atomizer. Screens on windows keep flies in. Instead of fly traps are better; dark passages impractical, electric screen fly killers are expensive.

Shade is suggested if it is handy to feed and water. For milk alone, a cow needs to have three to four pounds of water for every pound of milk she produces. A 1,200-pound cow producing 25 pounds of 4 per cent milk daily needs 30 pounds of dry matter for maintenance and milk production. Every 100 pounds of pasture grass will give her about 75 pounds of water and 25 pounds of dry matter. Six pounds of grain daily will help keep a cow in condition even if the pasture is excellent.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Marriage Announced

Of interest to Lowell friends is the announcement of the marriage in Grand Rapids, June 5, of Miss Nancy Lee Siler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Siler of Ann Arbor, to Sgt. Don Pearson Claypool of the U. S. army air force.

Mrs. Theron Richmond was hostess at the Book Forum Club Wednesday evening and entertained them with a picnic supper at Fallsburg Park. Mrs. C. A. Hall reviewed "West With the Night" by Beryl Markham.

Social Brevities

The Child Study Club gave a picnic supper at Fallsburg Park Friday evening, as a farewell for Mrs. Lee Miller, who left Monday with her children to join Lt. Miller at Marshall, Mo. Sixteen were present and a gift was presented to Mrs. Miller in remembrance of the occasion.

The Book Review Club held a potluck picnic Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. W. Gunser.

The Monday Book Club met with Mrs. Ray Bergin. Mrs. H. Thurtell reviewed "Life In a Putty Knife Factory," by H. Allen Smith and Mrs. Frank Newell gave an interesting review of their recent trip to Washington, D. C.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alexander, Thursday, June 10, a girl, weighing 7 lbs. She will be called Lola Lee.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stahl (Maxine Lasby), at Pennek hospital, Hastings, Friday, June 11, a 6 lb. 5 oz. girl, named Marva Kay.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ward VanDyke, in Bioggett hospital, June 10, a daughter, Judy Faye. Mrs. VanDyke is the former Beatrice Schwab.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baird in Flint, May 24, a son.

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COMING EVENTS

The Martha Group of the W. S. C. S. will meet at the Methodist church house, Monday, June 21, at eight o'clock.

There will be a special meeting of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S. on Friday evening, June 18. The evening will be designated as Martha night. This will be followed by a short memorial program and initiation.

The Sweet school reunion will be held Sunday, June 27, at the school grounds. Bring your own service for potluck meal. Everybody welcome.—Mrs. J. C. Miller, Sec'y.

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church will meet this week Friday at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Theron Richmond.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will hold their annual picnic at one o'clock Friday, June 18, at the home of Mrs. R. D. Hahn. Please bring your own service, sandwiches and a dish to pass.—Mrs. John R. Coe, Pres.

Father Time

As I look forward, time appears just a long parade of passed by years.

And so slowly are they passing by, yet swiftly moving to the youthful eye.

Age remembering joys gone by; Looking backward with a sigh, As youth times pageantry has passed, We wonder why Time moved so fast.

—Written by H. S. Schreiner, formerly of Lowell.

Beware of the fury of a patient man.—Dryden.

Air Raid Equipment

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Capt. Donald S. Beonard, state director of civilian defense, objects to federal policies restricting use of gas masks, helmets and similar protective equipment for air raid personnel. Distribution is now limited to cities. Said Leonard: "It is impossible for a bombardier in a plane three miles high to tell where a city ends and an abutting township begins." Leonard has a feud with Washington's OWI for painting a too-rosy picture of the war.

Michigan's War Fund campaign next fall will emphasize benefits to Michigan servicemen through the USO.

Beet sugar prospects improve with better weather. Little corn planted in southern and central Michigan, and livestock feeding problem is bound to become acute by fall. Farmers may resort to cull beans for feeding. Governor Thomas Dewey's emergency food committee brings a report of impending "crisis"; plowing 30 per cent completed by June 10 in New York State. Farm Bureau in Battle Creek advertises for "farm army"; appeals to high school students and office workers for vacation work.

And don't forget to include root vegetables—carrots, beets, potatoes, in your Victory Garden! Michigan homes will need food next winter and next spring. Plant now before it's "too little and too late."

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Obituary

Fred Wittenbach, 74

On Wednesday, June 9 about noon, death called home one of our best beloved friends and neighbors, Fred Wittenbach. He had been in failing health about two months, and although death came sooner than it was expected, he was surrounded by members of his family when the end came.

On last October 18, he and his wife, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. At that time they were well; remembered and honored by many callers, gifts and cards which made them very happy.

Mr. Wittenbach came to this country from Switzerland at the age of 20. He came with a young friend, Alfred Wysz, who now lives at Croton and was able to attend the funeral. Two years later he was married to Elise Oesch and to this happy union nine children were born, two of whom preceded their father in death. One daughter died in infancy and Alice passed away in 1925 at the age of 21.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. John Claus of the German Methodist church at Lowell, of which Mr. Wittenbach was a member, read the 23rd Psalm and offered a prayer at the farm home.

At two-thirty services were held at the Ashley Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. F. W. Guenther, delivering the sermon. Two very suitable hymns were sung: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "All is Well."

Surviving to mourn their loss are his loving wife, Elise; four sons, Alfred, Ernest, Leo and Walter; three daughters, Mrs. John Nash, Mrs. Clair Elkins and Fannie. There are also eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; a brother, Rudolph; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Roth and Mrs. Anthony Kallinger, all of Lowell.

Six nephews were pallbearers: Lee Keoch of Moseley, Gerald Pike of Trufant, Dan Wingeier of Alto, Rudolph and Harold Wittenbach and Dan Wingeier all of Lowell.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the many, many acts of kindness shown to us at the death of our kind and loving husband and father, Fred Wittenbach.

Mother and the Children

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leece

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leece observed their 50th wedding anniversary, June 13, when 50 relatives and friends gathered at their home for potluck dinner. Later in the day other friends and relatives called to extend best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Leece received many nice gifts, cards and flowers also a purse of money.

Thomas Leece of Campbell and Miss Nancy "Phibes" of West Lowell were married in Grand Rapids, June 10, 1893. After a few years residence in West Lowell, they moved to the Elmdale-Clarksville vicinity where they have since lived.

They have six children; Chas. J. Leece of South Boston, Ray Leece of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Vera Koon, Mrs. Nellie Steltz, Mrs. Jennie Hebert, all of Saginaw, and Mrs. Doris Roebach of Detroit, also four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Relatives from a distance present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koon, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Steltz and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hebert, Mrs. A. P. Goodsell all of Saginaw, Mrs. Fred Wood and son of Lansing, Mrs. Leo Roebach, Mr. and Mrs. Melbourn Thibos and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kowalski of Detroit, Mesdames Louis Agostini and Gerald Cusack and families of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairchild and Mr. and Mrs. Orley Rulason of West Lowell, Mrs. Nettie Kinyon and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kinyon and sons, and John Callier of Lowell.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends and neighbors for their thoughtful acts and gifts during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. George Lee.

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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

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