

GOING UP

IN ALMOST EVERY section of the country, farm land has shown an increase in sales during the past winter and spring. When the products from your farm increase in price, the value of farm land increases accordingly. Folks want to make hay. The last year taught some a sad lesson who had bought heavily in land and mortgaged farms to buy more acreage.

EVERYBODY'S HEADACHE

WEEDS, DAD-BURN 'EM! And that is what most Dads are busily doing at this season. We can neglect a number of things here around Lowell but this weed business is not one of them, at least not without some unpleasant after-effects. Overlook certain improvements around the property, around the town, but where weeds are permitted to flourish are issuing an invitation to discomfort and disease.

A New Crop of Suckers; Slickers Are Back at Work

Warning is sent out this week by the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission that the suckers are at work again. There's a new crop of suckers. People have money—too much money. The smart boys are out after it.

THE GRADUATE'S FUTURE

GRADUATING CLASSES frequently present a class prophecy in which an imaginative forecast looks behind the dark curtain of the future, and tries to visualize what fate has in store for these classmates. Sometimes the guesses come far from the truth.

THE FESTIVE STRAW HAT

DO YOU NOTICE how a bunch of men look brighter and more cheerful when they get their nice new summer straw hats on? Straw hats are associated with picnics and ball games and swimming parties and all the nice doings of summer.

BETTER HEALTH

THE BEST ARGUMENT for food rationing in England is that since it began the British have improved their public health level. They attribute the factor to plain nutrition. These foods that we still take pretty much for granted are rarities in England. Eggs are a luxury and have been lost for some time to most British menus.

STROKE PROVES FATAL TO FORMER PARNELL CITIZEN

Funeral services for William Hefferan of Lansing, who suffered a stroke in a downtown street in Belding Sunday morning and died a few hours later, were held at 9 a. m. Wednesday morning in St. Patrick Church, Parnell.

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Victory Gardens Under Way Here

There Is Still Time To Plant Most Crops

Paul Krone of Michigan State College spoke to the Garden Club last week and informed the club that it is not too late to plant food for freedom. Despite the extreme heat and unpropitious spring planting season, there is still plenty of time to plant virtually all the more important vegetable crops.

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Sylvester Bibbler, volunteer member of Lowell fire department who was badly injured by a falling wall at the Saranac factory fire some three weeks ago, has been brought home from a Grand Rapids hospital.

Kay Johnson's name was unintentionally omitted from the list of twenty-five boys from Lowell who enjoyed last week's outing at the Y. M. C. A. Camp at Barlow Lake.

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New Amendment Is Constructive

Motor Vehicle Act Now Gives Greater Degree of Financial Protection

The new amendment to the Michigan Responsibility Law is constructive because its provisions give a greater degree of financial protection to persons killed or injured in automobile accidents in Michigan than ever before.

In 1941 there were 1,850 persons killed and 28,039 injured in 108,847 automobile accidents on the streets and highways of Michigan. While these totals were somewhat lower for the last year because of restrictions in driving, nevertheless 1,199 persons lost their lives and 20,929 were injured in 100,120 automobile accidents.

If the license and registration of an uninsured motorist are suspended, they may be reinstated only after all outstanding personal injury or death claims resulting from the accident are paid, or security has been posted with the Secretary of State for the payment of such claims.

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Mrs. A. J. Hefferan Passes at Age 72

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick Church, Parnell, for Mrs. Albert J. Hefferan, 72, who passed away Saturday morning at the University hospital, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Hefferan, the former Anna McCarthy, was a lifelong resident of this vicinity, having been born in Vergennes township, the daughter of John and Bridget McCarthy.

Besides her husband she is survived by four sons, Thomas of Newport News, Va., John of Parnell, William R. of Birmingham and Sgt. Albert of Camp Edwards, Mass.; five daughters, Mrs. Edwin N. Ronan of Grand Rapids, Mrs. B. H. Shepard of Lowell, Mrs. Joseph Buechel and Miss Lucille Hefferan, both of Dearborn, and Miss Gertrude Hefferan of Grand Rapids; three brothers, Thomas McCarthy of South Bend, Ind., Michael of Vergennes township and James McCarthy of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Joseph Gahan of Parnell; and nine grandchildren.

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News of Our Boys

Carlton H. Runciman, Jr., is entering the navy this week as an Ensign and is leaving for the U. S. Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, Rhode Island where he will be stationed until the first of September.

Pfc. William Sherbinski has been transferred to Calipatria, Calif. He is a member of the Gas Supply Battalion.

Pfc. George E. Krebe of Fort Worden, Wash., has been transferred to Camp Haan, Riverside, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seese received word that their son, Orton, who has been at Westover Field, Mass., has been recently promoted to corporal and is now located in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peckham have received a telegram stating that their son, Lieut. Jack Peckham has arrived safely overseas at an unannounced destination.

Four more Lowell boys are now stationed at the Great Lakes training station: Dave Clark and Dick Bewell who left Thursday night and Bob Cahoon and George Metternick on Friday.

Pfc. William Hayamer of Chautauque, Ill., says the army does wonderful things for men, physically, mentally and morally, each one thinking his branch the best.

Pvt. Clark W. Morse, who was summoned home from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Saturday, on account of the serious illness of his father, was able to return to his post on Monday. Mr. Morse being much better, Clark gives credit to the Red Cross for quick action in arranging his furlough.

Frank L. Houghton received a Father's Day greeting by cable from his son, Sgt. Lewis Houghton of the Marine Corps, now stationed in Australia.

Among those who have been inducted into the army and are leaving for Fort Custer Friday are Charles Ed. Kiel, Robert L. Stewart, Lavant B. Potter and LeRoy S. Roudabush. Good luck, boys.

Wm. E. B. Davis informs the Ledger that he has been promoted to Corporal and has also been transferred to Nashville, Tenn., from Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Charles E. Loughlin of March Field, Riverside, Calif., has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Corp. Loughlin is the son of Mrs. Louise Loughlin of Parnell and has two brothers in the army, Sgt. Francis Joseph at Mitchell Field, N. Y., and St. Sgt. Richard in North Africa who was wounded in December but has recovered and is back with his outfit again.

Aviation Cadet Robert J. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bishop, Cascade, has been graduated from the army air forces bombardier school at Kirtland field, Albuquerque, N. M., as an aerial bombardier and was commissioned second lieutenant. His commission was the culmination of a 12-week course in flight and combat training. Lieut. Bishop was graduated from Lowell high school in 1941. He participated in football, baseball and track at the school. Before joining the air forces, he was employed as a riveter.

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Time To Renew Motor Coupons

Applications Must Be In Soon For 'A' Books

Plans to renew motorists "A" gasoline coupon books by mail under the streamlined renewal plan recently announced by the OPA beginning June 22 have been completed by the Lowell War Price and Rationing Board, Mr. Rutherford, Chairman, announces today.

He coupled this announcement with a request that car owners file their applications as soon as possible so that the board may process them and mail out all new books before the present "A" ration expires July 21.

The mail renewal plan, which also includes renewals of the basic "D" motorcycle ration, eliminates the school-house registration that was necessary when basic rations were issued last autumn. To get his new "A" or "D" books a car or motorcycle owner needs to take only the following simple steps:

1. Pick up an application form at the Ration Board.
2. Fill out the form and mail it to the War Price and Rationing Board together with (a) the back cover of the present "A" or "D" book (properly filled out), and (b) the current tire inspection record showing that proper inspections have been made.

"With volunteer help now being enlisted the board will begin processing the applications as soon as they start coming in," Mr. Rutherford said. "New ration books will be mailed back as soon as they are ready. Every effort will be made to have new books in the hands of all car and motorcycle owners by July 21, when their present books expire. But this can be assured only if motorists and motorcycle owners cooperate by getting their application forms as soon as possible and filing them promptly."

The new application forms, like those used last year, will have a tire inspection record attached. Mr. Rutherford pointed out. In filling out the form, applicants should make sure that their tire serial numbers are accurately written in. These numbers may be copied from the old tire record, as corrected at the time of the last inspection, unless the applicant has acquired a new tire since then. In this case, he should write in the new tire number and attach a note explaining this to the board.

Fuel Oil Users' Deadline Near

The Kent County Fuel Oil Board has announced that the new simplified form for renewal of fuel oil rations for the coming year has been mailed to fuel oil users.

These applications are to be filled out immediately and mailed back to the board which has set July 1st as the deadline for receiving the applications. The present program does not effect kerosene or fuel oil used for cooking or lighting.

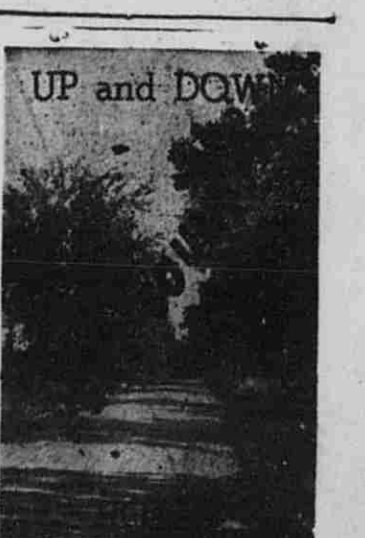
The board will process and mail rations back to users as soon as possible and are advising that a real effort be made on the part of all concerned to see that their fuel oil tanks are filled as soon as possible after rations are received.

The first period coupons which must last during the heating period up to November 30th may be used to fill the tanks. The board emphasized that no corrections in rations issued would be made until after September 1st and that applications must be mailed and not delivered in person to the board.

It was possible to simplify the renewal applications due to the fact that areas and other pertinent information to be used in the issuance of the new ration will be taken from last year's original application. The applicant is required only to fill out the right hand side of the new application.

The oil allotted for each user may be slightly different than last year's due to some changes in regulations and omission of inventory calculations.

People in the areas of Rockford, Sparta, Lowell and the Godwin Heights Board should also mail their applications to their respective boards.



4-H Fair, August 25 and 26

Directors of the 4-H Club Fair and members of the Lowell Board of Trade met one night last week to make final plans for the 1943 fair. Definite plans had been held up due to uncertainties of gas rationing.

This year's fair will be a two-day and one night session. Dates are August 25 and 26 with the evening program on the 25th. Exhibits will be placed on August 24th. Judging in all departments will start on the 25th and be concluded that day. The evening's program will be largely a youth event with Boy Scouts, F. F. A. and 4-H Clubs participating. It is hoped to have another attraction for the evening.

The annual "Black and White Show" sponsored by the West Michigan Holstein Breeders' Association, will be held with the fair on Wednesday and will be a part of the judging activities that day. A fine exhibit of Holstein cattle is looked for.

Thursday's program will include horse pulling events, 4-H softball tournament, games and races for everyone. Last year the fair held an auction sale of donated gifts to help finance the fair. It was so successful that the same will be repeated this year.

The following officers have been elected for this year: President, Thomas Slater, Paris; vice president, Albert Hall, Lowell; secretary, K. K. Vining, Grand Rapids; and treasurer, Eleanor Denamore, Grand Rapids. Directors are W. G. Mawby, of Grand Rapids township; Adelbert Odell, Vergennes township; Alex Wingeler, of Bowne township; Marie Wolfe, of Nelson township and W. A. Roth, of Lowell. Donald McPherson heads the Lowell Board of Trade committee. Associated with him are Harold Kelley, Theo Bailey, Ed Compagner, Robert Hahn and Edwin Mueller of Lowell.

Our attention was called the other evening to what we believe is a violation of the "rollback" price on butter. It is our understanding that when prices are rolled back such as they were on butter a while back, the five cent decrease in price is not to be taken out of the producer's check but is to be paid by the government to the processor, the consumer getting the benefit.

At Courtland Grange the other night one of the members who sells to a creamery in a nearby county reported the creamery had deducted a nickel a pound for butterfat from his check with the statement that the government would pay the producer sometime. We took the matter up with the local O. P. A. office who advise us the processor should not take "roll back" money from the producer for it is the processor who will receive the money from the government. The O. P. A. is advising this particular creamery of this situation. Should there be other similar situations we would be glad to know about them.

Warning Issued By OPA Office

The District OPA 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 or blue ration stamps to friends or to storekeepers. District OPA Director, Jacob Zweedyk states, "Naturally, it is a friendly gesture to offer excess stamps to a friend, but we ask consumers to realize that such actions are not helpful to a conservation program which is set up entirely as a 'win the war' measure."

Each stamp represents an important allotment of food which will be further conserved when unused ration coupons are destroyed. This is considered the patriotic thing to do, since it aids the Government in its food control program.

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Alto Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shadewent to East Lansing Sunday afternoon to visit their son, Dale, who is attending Wolverine Boys' State through the courtesy of the Alto business men.

Mrs. Bertha Miller and daughter, Theresa of Caledonia were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Ernest Rosenbergs.

Roy Deming is working in Battle Creek.

Mrs. John Gilbert and daughter, Charlotte of Muskegon, Okla., are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swift Winger.

Mrs. and Mrs. Gary Dalstra and children visited her father, Jacob Adrians in Ada Friday evening. Mr. Adrians is not very well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porritt and Kendall and Miss Myrtle Green were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chad Hunt of Hastings.

Dr. and Mrs. Snapp of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Swift Winger.

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Deming spent Father's Day with Owen Nash in West Boyce.

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Mrs. Gertrude Thomas

Mrs. Henry Thompson and father spent Sunday with her sister and family in Grand Rapids.

Maria Nash, who is employed at the Y. M. C. A. in Grand Rapids, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nash.

Mrs. Austin Miller and children spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Benton were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Benton and son in Kalamazoo, Sunday. The baby is quite ill following a fall from his bed.

Miss Marjau Smelzer returned to her duties at Northville Monday after enjoying a week's vacation at home.

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ELMDALE

Mrs. Ira Sargeant

John Kranenburg, Jr., is at Blodgett hospital where he recently underwent a hernia operation.

Florence Schwab and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Schwab, and assisted Clinton in celebrating Father's Day, as well as his birthday.

Mrs. Martha Harris is spending a couple weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Weirs and family in Grand Lege.

Phillip Lett is among the group of selectees who will leave for Detroit on June 28th for final examination for selective service.

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Cheerful Chats

The Cheerful Chats met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Alice Reynolds June 18. Patty Heene demonstrated 11 rows of arranging Velma Little and Madelyn Cole prepared of fruit, and Alice Reynolds demonstrated vegetable soup. After the business meeting refreshments were served.

Alice Carol Reynolds, Sec'y.

Morse Lake Chassy Cooks

The Morse Lake Chassy Cooks held their regular meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. George Houghton, June 18. Most of our club members are making plans to go to camp at Burtwick Lake. For our demonstrations Jan Daniels made all-brain muffins, and Mary A. Hastings made plain muffins which were served with grape juice. Our next meeting will be held June 22.

Marilyn Clark, Sec'y.

Bowme Kitchen Maids

The meeting of the Bowme Kitchen Maids was held at the Bowme Center Aid Hall, Monday, June 14, at eight o'clock.

The meeting was opened by prayer, followed by the reading of the pledge. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by what you plan to do in 4-H work this summer, five members being absent. Motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Refreshments were ice cream and cookies.

Irma Krebs, Sec'y.

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Church News

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Cor. Washington and Kent Morning service and Sunday School at 11 o'clock every Sunday.

"Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson-lesson in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, June 27.

The Golden Text (Isaiah 60:1) is: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Among the Bible citations in this lesson (Deut. 4:31-32): "Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 138): "Jesus established in the Christian Science text-book and healing Christians are under a direct order, now, as they were then, to be cheerful, kind, and well-disciplined, to feel the Christ-examples, and to heal the sick as well as his sinning."

"Sure was Judge... stopped over here for ten minutes and what a swell bunch of fellows they were."

"That's true all over, Sam. Our present Army is the best trained, best disciplined, best behaved in American history. That's why I get my hair up when I hear of some people trying to dry up the areas around."

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MY FRIEND FLICKA

CHAPTER I: The old world Ken McLaughlin was a bit of a hero...

CHAPTER II: The Ken isn't content with the way things are...

CHAPTER III: Mosquitoes! Ken's mother had promised to get rid of them...

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TO: Every American on a Payroll FROM: The Secretary of the Treasury

Starting July 1st, both your Income and Victory Tax will be collected by an entirely new and more convenient method.

Under the old system, you were obliged every March 15th to pay either the full tax for the previous year, or a quarter of that amount.

Under the new system, you will keep paid up from month to month. After July 1st, your employer is obliged by the new law to withhold every month a part of your wages and turn the money into the United States Treasury as payment on your Income and Victory Tax.

Of course, the amount that your employer withholds will depend upon your pay and your exemptions. But this is the important point: For most of us, the amount withheld over a year's period will add up to the same that we're paying now—plus or minus a few dollars.

At the end of the year, we may owe the Government a few dollars or the Government may owe us. (See the tables below.)

You may have heard 20% mentioned as the proportion of your wages that will be withheld. Actually, this is incorrect. To figure the amount that will be withheld, take your total wages and subtract your allowance for exemptions and allowance for dependents; 20% of this lesser amount is the total that will be withheld.

Now please remember this: You must claim those exemptions to take advantage of them. Before July 1st, you must file with your employer an Exemption Certificate. If you do not do this, your employer will have no choice but to deduct 20% of your full pay check.

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Table with 4 columns: Weekly wage, Amount to be withheld, Withholding as a percent of wages, Annual total withheld, Annual total to be paid. Includes sub-tables for Single person, Married person, and Married person with dependents.

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Ruth E. Houseman To Marry July 1

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Houseman 820 W. Main-st., announce the engagement and approaching marriage at 9 p. m. EWT on Thursday, July 1, of their daughter, Ruth Eleanor, to Howard Travis Thurltel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Thurltel, 118 N. Division-st. The wedding is to take place at the home of the groom's parents, with Rev. S. B. Wenger of Jackson officiating, assisted by Rev. Norman G. Wood.

Fate of Small Towns

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that of the rest of the nation. "In the decade ending in 1940 the population of the whole nation increased by 7.2 per cent, the population of the rural areas increased by 6.4 per cent and the population of the twenty largest cities increased by 4.7 per cent.

Miss Houseman has chosen for her attendant, Miss Dorothy Jean Goul, and Robert E. Vaughn of Grand Rapids will act as groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Bergin will be master and mistress of ceremonies.

"The assumption that the automotive age was to adversely affect rural and small town America has never been reasonable or warranted. "People in smaller communities or rural areas depend more upon transportation than those of large centers of population. To improve, to revolutionize, transportation facilities cannot help but add those people and those communities dependent upon them.

Kay Maxson, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Rosalie Maxson, has a "Believe it or not" story to tell, having caught two rats in one spring-trap at the same time. He brought his victims into the Ledger office as evidence of his unusual catch.

"There is still another factor. The smaller community of a generation ago had its lively stable, a noisome and interesting institution. Today the sale and servicing of automotive equipment is the largest commercial enterprise in town. There is a gasoline filling station on every other corner. It requires more people, spread throughout America, to sell and service automotive vehicles than are needed to manufacture them in the large centers of industry.

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This "A" Type Hog House shows how a well built, well ventilated, easily cleaned and easily moved. Also it is economical to build.

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Lumber built farm equipment, such as self feeding hogs, etc., are economical, efficient, and easy to use. They are available in any size. Quick and simple to build, they increase your food production income.

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Insulation is easy to install yourself. It is available in any size. It is easy to install and it keeps out the cold and heat. It is available in any size. Quick and simple to install, they increase your food production income.

★ Your job of getting top production, and most farmers are doing it short-handed, requires time saving, labor saving equipment as well as good efficient buildings.

We are ready to help you in every possible way, with ideas, plans and materials. Build the equipment you need now and make necessary repairs before they grow serious.

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Up and Down Kent County Roads

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Activities at Camp Vining, at Bostwick Lake, are getting underway this week with a group of Congregational church youth using the camp facilities for two weeks. The 4-H clubs will take the camp over early in July using it for two weeks or more. Then another church group with the possibilities of a farm women's camp in early August.

Church Wedding

Lois Elizabeth Hall becomes Bride of Albert VanDyke of Chicago

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Lowell Congregational church last Friday afternoon at 3:30, when Lois Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Earl Hall, became the bride of Albert VanDyke, son of Mrs. Richard VanDyke of Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Henry VanDyke, uncle of the bridegroom and pastor of the Fourth Reformed church in Holland, performed the double ring ceremony.

News of Our Boys

(Continued from first page)

The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from Corp. William Foster of Fort Knox, Ky., which we quote as follows:

"Dear Editor: Just a few lines to give you my new address and let you know how much I enjoy getting the Ledger.

"I have been away from Lowell for several years but still am interested in news from 'The ole home town.'

"After I have finished reading the Ledger I pass it on to the other fellows in my company—of course they do not know any folks in Lowell but seem to enjoy the news anyhow.

"To my many friends in Lowell I'd like to say 'Hello', again. I am well and doing fine in the army. My work is very interesting and here at Fort Knox they do everything possible to make a soldier feel at home."

Life Interesting

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We live in a very nice little four-room house in Douglas, ten miles from the base. We had a time finding a house—it took us 2½ months, during which time we lived in a cabin at a tourist court.

Lt. Court was pleasantly surprised the other day by a visit from Gould Rivette. He was flying a plane to the coast and dropped down out of the sky to chat a few minutes. A familiar face from home does a person a lot of good to see. My only regret was that I wasn't there.

Every Wednesday the wives of the officers meet at the Red Cross building on the Post to make supplies for the hospital. The children and I have been out there this forenoon. They play hospital with a piece of gauze and their dollies while I work.

Tell all our friends "Hello" and we'll be back to Michigan as soon as we can.

Sincerely, Evelyn Court.

More Local News

Wm. Cosgriff is confined to his bed, under a doctor's care.

Jake Farris of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner.

Mrs. Hannah Buck spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Goff and family.

Virginia and Marjory Seelye of Cascade are spending part of their vacation with their grandparents.

Harold Maxson is spending this week in Galesburg with his father and brother Jack, both of whom are working at Fort Custer.

Mrs. Jennie Pardee of South Bowne and Mrs. Lydia Porritt of Bowne were recent dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff.

All the members of the Kiel family met for a picnic dinner Sunday at Lake Odessa in a final get-together before Ed leaves for the army on Friday.

Pfc. Wm. Haysmer spent a few hours with his wife, Margaret, and the home folks Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schneider and children joined the family for dinner.

Mrs. W. E. Goodridge and Mrs. James LeDuc of Washington, D. C., returned home Tuesday after several weeks' visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson.

Mrs. Austin Coates left Monday to attend a three-day institute of the Methodist W. S. C. S. at Albion. She will also visit Mrs. L. H. Nixon, formerly of Lowell, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Raimor and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark of Grand Lodge were Father's Day guests at Albert Raimor's. Sunday callers also were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Raimor of Lansing.

Robert Lalley, who is in the service of the FBI at Cleveland, has been here this week visiting his mother, Mrs. John Lalley. Bob will be married on Saturday to a popular Mt. Pleasant girl.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson entertained Mrs. Laura Blair, Mrs. M. Williamson of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Briggs and children, Mrs. Bilbo of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones and Lester to a picnic dinner Father's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rush left Lowell Thursday noon for Ann Arbor where Mr. Rush was operated on Saturday morning at the University hospital. Word from Mrs. Rush to friends states that he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Time to Think of Milk

Dairymen are asked to continue to produce to the utmost as part of the war effort to help keep Americans healthy. This works a hardship on them during periods of surplus production. The peak of production is reached in June, and it seems only logical then that consumers take some responsibility to help relieve the pressure. Those who drink more milk and eat more dairy products help themselves to better health at the same time. Milk is called the almost perfect food, and the experts say that milk and dairy products are among the most economical purchases that the family can make. For good health they recommend one quart daily for children and at least one pint daily for adults.

Army Blackout Orders

All manufacturing plants and establishments must comply with the blackout instructions issued by the commanding generals of the defense commands in which they are located, even though this means a temporary cessation of production, the war department announced today. Certain munitions plants, or portions of them, may be designated by the commanding general, services of supply, through the office of provost marshal, general to continue production during blackouts. These, however, must provide for the blacking out of all light openings, in order to comply with blackout regulations issued by the commanding generals of the defense commands in which they are located.

Lack of something to feel important about is almost the greatest tragedy a man may have.—Dr. Arthur E. Morgan.

Farm labor continues to be a problem.

There is no such thing as regular farm help. Many farm folks with whom we have talked are just going to do the best they can with themselves and their neighbors.

Probably one of the best labor situations has been the deferment or reclassification of men in selective service. The draft boards have very generally acknowledged the farm labor situation and where there was an agricultural background and sufficient farm work to warrant deferment, the same has been done. In spite of this many farms are way undermanned and in many cases where deferment situations are presented to the county war board, the farm is very short of help.

There are plenty of youngsters looking for farm work. Our office has had many calls. The schools this spring signed up quite a number but they are mostly 13 and 14 years old, with not too much experience. The older ones have jobs in town and are not interested in farm work.

Quite a group of these youngsters have been weeding onions and many are working on vegetable farms. Any farmer wanting to contact any of the youngsters can find a list in our office.

The Junior Association of Commerce in the city are working on emergency help plans and are getting quite a few folks signed up for work in haying, harvest and fall work.

The extension office has the farm labor job along with the U. S. E. S. on our hands and will do our best to get help to farms.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Eric Strand of Battle Creek, a 7-lb. 3-oz. daughter, June 19, at the Battle Creek Community hospital. Mrs. Strand was Mable Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson of South Lowell.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lowrey of Ionia, a daughter, Jane Kay, on June 14. Mrs. Lowrey is the former Helen Kinley.

To Lt. and Mrs. Allen McDonald, in Battle Creek, June 4, a daughter, Lois Ruth. Lt. McDonald is stationed at Omaha, Neb.

GARDEN LORE CLUB

The Garden Lore Club met at the home of Mrs. Norman Borgerson on June 16. Mrs. Frank White, chairman of the day, introduced Mr. Paul Kroete of Michigan State College, who gave us a very interesting talk, emphasizing the need of having a Victory garden, not only for the summer months, but enough to can and store for winter use. Mrs. Englehardt announced that the community Victory gardens would be ready in another week, and there are still plots available for anyone wishing a garden.

COMING EVENTS

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.

SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

A Father and Mother's Day program will be given by the young people on Saturday evening, June 26. The chairman of the program committee is Miss Jean Tucker. The refreshments are to consist of sandwiches, cookies and doughnuts.

Let's attend the Pomona Grange picnic with 100 per cent attendance. The picnic is being held at Riverside park, at Ionia, Sunday, June 27. State Master W. J. Armstrong will be speaker of the day. Music will be presented by the various granges of the county. A ball game is also to be one of the feature entertainments.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and lodges for flowers, gifts and other remembrances sent to me while I was in the hospital.

Fred Boyd.

When your pork roast is almost done, put drained peach halves around the roast and roast 'em too. Wonderful combination.

When you bake apples, pared, save the parings, add water, some honey, a little cinnamon and a clove or two. Cook it down, strain and pour over the apples.

"I can't do it" never yet accomplished anything; "I will try" has performed wonders.—George P. Burnham.

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We live in a very nice little four-room house in Douglas, ten miles from the base. We had a time finding a house—it took us 2½ months, during which time we lived in a cabin at a tourist court.

Lt. Court was pleasantly surprised the other day by a visit from Gould Rivette. He was flying a plane to the coast and dropped down out of the sky to chat a few minutes. A familiar face from home does a person a lot of good to see. My only regret was that I wasn't there.

Every Wednesday the wives of the officers meet at the Red Cross building on the Post to make supplies for the hospital. The children and I have been out there this forenoon. They play hospital with a piece of gauze and their dollies while I work.

Tell all our friends "Hello" and we'll be back to Michigan as soon as we can.

Sincerely, Evelyn Court.

Rationing Facts At a Glance

Coffee
Stamp No. 24 good for 1 pound May 21 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 vehicles 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. N, P and Q good July 1 thru August 7.

Meats, Cheese, Butter, Fats and Canned Fish
Red stamps, J, K, L, M and N good through June 30.

One \$18.75 War Bond will give an Army enlisted man an overcoat, two woolen undershirts, and a pair of light woolen socks.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the fact that I am entering the Armed Forces, my wife, Adeline, will hereafter manage the greenhouse, along with the assistance of my uncle, Dell Kinyon.

It will be necessary to change the hours the greenhouse will be open:

8 to 12 a. m. 1 to 5 p. m.

Closed Sundays, except, of course, on special occasions.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Blaser-Compagner

Mr. and Mrs. A. Compagner of Saranac announce the marriage of their daughter, Lynda May, to Wayne Blaser of Moseley, on Tuesday, June 8th at LaGrange, Ind. The wedding was performed by Rev. Wayne Paulen at the Methodist parsonage at LaGrange. Mr. and Mrs. Blaser will be at home on the Blaser farm one mile north of Moseley, Wayne having rented the farm of his father, Mrs. Blaser graduated from the Saranac high school with the class of 1941. Mr. Blaser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blaser of Moseley.

Social Events

The benefit euchre party sponsored by the Ionia City Rebekah Lodge last Friday evening was well attended. From the proceeds \$11.00 more was added to the Student Nurses' Fund by the Lodge.

Mrs. E. H. Roth entertained sixteen ladies with a bridge-luncheon at her home last Thursday. Honorary in bridge went to Mrs. W. Roth. Mrs. George Aehart and Mrs. N. E. Borgerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gehrer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday by entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Louise Friedl of Saranac and Rev. and Mrs. John Claus to dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and daughter of Grand Rapids were supper guests and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berkey called to offer congratulations.

At the meeting of the Book Review Club held last Tuesday evening at Mrs. W. W. Gummer's home the book "Yee Ma'am" by Auxiliary Elizabeth R. Pollock was reviewed by Mrs. Jay Bolten. The next meeting will be held June 9, at the home of Mrs. Warner Roth.

Seven of the local telephone operators enjoyed a steak-raft at Falisburg Park last Wednesday evening. Those present were Alice Denny, Mattie Rulason, Clara King, Olive Wood and Ross Wingler.

The Monday Book Club met this week with Mrs. Norman Borgerson and heard a review of Louise Dickinson Rich's book "We Took to the Woods" by Mrs. Jean Wachterbauer.

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