

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

THE FOURTH TODAY

PERHAPS IT WAS a bit different how we celebrated the Fourth of July. A lot of messages were brought to the public from platforms of oratory, many campaign speeches were furthered from stands festooned with bunting, freedom cited in heroic epics from Concord through Cornwallis, school children squirming as the ceremony went past comfortable "sitting time".

There will still be the speakers who will draw a number of listeners, still oratory regarding the necessity of unity for a united people in a United States among United Nations.

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Runciman, as a commission member, has successfully opposed any statewide move to consolidate relief units within counties, although he has voted for integration when individual counties have requested it.

Long an exponent of "home rule" relief policies, Runciman was appointed to the emergency relief administration, forerunner of the present commission, in 1935 by former Gov. Fitzgerald. Frank Murphy dismissed him in 1936 but in January, 1939, when the present commission became operative he was appointed for a five-year term by former Gov. Dickinson.

There was a saying among the old time farmers, referring to the value of boy workers, as follows: "A boy is one boy; two boys are only half a boy; and three boys are no boy at all."

That was an exaggerated conception of boyish lack of responsibility. The farmers talked that way to make the youngsters realize that their playful ways did not accomplish the most results.

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Michigan Bell Is Big Taxpayer

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company, June 28, turned over to Louis M. Nims, state commissioner of revenue, a check for \$1,722,886, representing half the company's state property tax, which is payable into the Primary School Fund.

Frank L. Hall, tax attorney for the company, in presenting the check, announced that the Michigan Bell's total tax bill for 1942, America's first full year of World War II, amounted to more than \$11,700,000.

The total tax bill of the company, he said, was the equivalent of \$11.87 per average telephone in service during the year, or 19 per cent of the company's operating revenue.

The company's state property tax is the largest single payment into the Primary School Fund. Final payment on the tax is due October 31.

Stamps 15 and 16 Good For Canning Sugar

Stamps 15 and 16 in Ration Book One, worth 8 lbs. of sugar each, should be cashed in now for use in canning. Use this sugar before applying for more. No person may obtain more than 25 lbs. for the period from Mar. 1, 1943 to Feb. 28, 1944 but the sugar requirements of most consumers for this period will be considerably less than the amount allowed. Five pounds may be used for jams or jelly, per person.

Geo. Kingdom Drops Dead

George Kingdom, 72, well known Lowell man, dropped dead from a heart attack Wednesday evening about 8:30 while near his home on Monroe Ave. Funeral arrangements have not been made at this writing.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
Citizens going to several of the recent fires have greatly interfused with the volunteer firemen getting to the fire. Officers have been instructed to give tickets to all those who violate the Fire Laws.  
Lowell Fire Committee.  
Ledger want ads bring results.



No sooner do we get over kicking about too much rain than we find ourselves hoping for more rain.

Monday, July 5, will be observed as Independence Day. Lowell stores will be closed and shoppers should prepare accordingly.

Sam and Blanche Sage, formerly proprietors of Dad's Place at Lowell Corners on US-16, have leased the Little Racine restaurant, 311 E. Main-st., and will open for business on the Fourth of July. They will serve meals daily from 6:30 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Rabbits are reported to be numerous in town and if your victory garden happens to be one that Brer Rabbit is nibbling at, you can discourage him by spraying around a solution of hydrated lime, which Mr. Bunny dislikes. Garden crops treated in this way do not need to be washed before marketing.

The first run of a million pamphlets containing an official digest of Michigan's Financial Responsibility law has been completed by the state printer for free public distribution through all auto license offices of the Secretary of State, police and sheriff headquarters and gasoline stations. It is advisable that all car and truck owners and operators obtain a copy of the pamphlet immediately and avoid possible entanglements with the new regulations which take effect at midnight July 30.

One of the topics of conversation in Thorne's barber shop the other day was whether potatoes should be planted with the eyes up or the eyes down. There was quite a bit of arguing about the question by the amateur gardeners present, some saying "up" and others "down," but no less an authority than Keats Vining tells us that it doesn't make a bit of difference—that the plant will find its way up no matter how it's planted.

Last Friday the Ledger received, page after page of instructions from the U. S. Treasury Department explaining in great detail the employer's part in connection with the new withholding tax and after wrestling with the matter for two or three hours we went home, drank a cup of black coffee left over from the day before, took some aspirin, then dropped onto the nearest couch only to fall into a troubled sleep. When we finally awoke I explained to myself why should I complain knowing that the boys on the firing line are not.

"Thank you," said a store man one day when he handed the customer a parcel of scarce foodstuff. "You are the one who should get the thanks," remarked the customer. This was a true perception of the situation at this time in so many stores, when the place may be short-handed, when there are ration coupons to be handled and accounted for, and when people are constantly calling for things that can't be had. It takes a heap of patience to do all this work and attend to all these needs, and deal with customers who become impatient if they have to wait or can't get what they want. One suspects that the store people have many hours of weariness and anxiety, and the public should thank them constantly.

A wise precaution for everyone to take would be to disconnect radios, ice boxes and other electrical equipment during a severe thunder storm such as last Sunday's.

Charles Frazier of Ada was among the pleasant callers at the Ledger office on Wednesday. Mr. Frazier has been living alone since the death of his wife a couple of years ago, and during the past winter was not in the best of health, but says he has some splendid neighbors who have helped in many ways, for which he is very thankful. That's one of the fine things about living in a neighborhood community. Mr. Frazier has been a regular reader of the Ledger for upwards of 40 years.

STRAND CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, July 2-3—Paul Muni and Anna Lee in "Commandos Strike at Dawn"; also News and Shorts.  
Sunday and Monday, July 4-5—Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "It Ain't Hay" with Grace McDonald and Eugene Pallette; also News and Shorts.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 6-7-8—Joan Crawford, John Wayne and Philip Dorn in "Reunion in France"; also Shorts.

The French, we are advised, face breadless months. They can thank Der Fuehrer.

Lowell Boys Meet In Far Away East

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McMahon are in receipt of an interesting air mail letter from Lt. Col. Manning Jones, "Somewhere in the Far East." Jones will be remembered as a former Lowell high school student and star football player, and his mother still resides in this vicinity.

The letter follows: "Dear Mr. and Mrs. McMahon: 'I was just reading the Lowell Ledger that was given me by Capt. Charles Austin from Lowell, telling about Bruce being in the air force. Is he over here? I am now in New Guinea, but I don't know how long I will be here. If Bruce is in this area or is coming over, have him look up Col. Jones. I think he will remember me. I have seen several from Lowell here, Capt. Charles Austin, Capt. Charley Lawyer, Chaplain Lester Doerr and Chaplain Cochran. In fact, Capt. Lawyer may be my adjutant before long. The Michigan boys have been doing a wonderful job over here, they certainly can be proud of them. Give my best regards to any of my friends in and around Lowell. Hope to see you all when this is over.' 'Regards, Jones.'"

Bible School Ends Successful Session

The Interchurch Daily Vacation Bible School, held in the high school gymnasium, completed its very successful two weeks' schedule, last Friday morning. One hundred twenty-five scholars were enrolled with an average attendance of 80, and 32 had perfect attendance record. Four age groups were involved, consisting of 18 Beginner, 44 Primary, 45 Junior, and 17 Intermediate department pupils. The teaching force was under the general supervision of W. W. Gummer, with Mrs. A. F. Zwemer as the very efficient Principal. Teachers of the various departments were as follows: Intermediate, Mrs. A. F. Zwemer; Junior, Mrs. I. S. Marshall, with Mrs. Mel Stadt, Miss Roberta Hahn and Mrs. Orval Jessup, assistants; Primary, Mrs. Richard Lester, with Mrs. Wayne Spangett and Mrs. Royden Warner, assistants; Beginners, Mrs. Richard Rutherford, with Mrs. Everett Carey and Miss Janet Thorne, assistants. The entire contribution of talent and time on the part of each teacher was given freely and without pay, and marks a fine example of Christian and inter-church cooperation for the benefit of all who took advantage of the school. The various pastors of the community sponsored the undertaking, and conducted a half hour of devotions each morning according to an assignment schedule.

Friday afternoon, a meeting of pastors and teachers was held at the gymnasium to consider the advisability of holding a Bible School next year. On motion it was decided to make very definite plans in that direction, and the following committee was appointed to assume the responsibility for the organization and plans for the school: the pastors of the churches, and the superintendents of the various Sunday schools, with Rev. N. G. Woon as convener. The expenses of the school for this year were not excessive and were divided equally among the churches participating.

Pressure Cookers Rationed in Kent

Pressure cooker applications may be obtained at the office of the Kent County U. S. D. A. War Board located at 207 Spencer Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, (5) Michigan, according to John McCabe, Chairman, Kent County U. S. D. A. War Board. Most of the new cookers will be of a "war model" enameled steel bottoms and tin plated steel tops. Most of them will be quart size, holding 7 glass quart jars, or 14 No. 2 tins cans.

Prompt Action Quells Fire at Kroger Store

Fire, which was thought to have started in a box of matches in some unknown manner, did several hundred dollars worth of damage to merchandise and property in the Kroger store, about 10:30 Wednesday morning. Lloyd Stauffer, manager of the store, reports that the blaze started in the back room where stock is stored, and was not discovered until flames were seen shooting through a grill which separates the room from the front of the store. The fire department was on the scene promptly, and succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading although it was necessary to throw quite a bit of water to extinguish the blaze.

Lowell Fun Club For Boys 9 to 15

Forrest Buck, chairman of the Sports committee of the Lowell Board of Trade, announces that the services of Carroll C. Lewis, recreational director of the Y. M. C. A. for Kent county, have been made available to the community of Lowell on one day each week. All boys between the ages of 9 and 15 years are urged to meet at the grandstand in Recreation Park at 10 o'clock Friday morning for a day of fun, to last until 3 or 4 o'clock. Each boy is to bring his own lunch or something to cook-out, and a ball glove.

Sweep-rake Demonstration Friday, July 2

County agent K. K. Vining announces that there will be a sweep-rake demonstration and meeting at the Anton Wingler farm, 1 mile north and 3/4 mile east of Alto, at 2 o'clock on Friday of this week. A. J. Bell, of the agricultural engineering department of M. S. C. will be on hand to discuss the use of this tool, and anyone interested in hay making machinery is welcome to come.

Lowell Man Dies From Heart Attack

George Wood, 40, suffered a heart attack and died instantly, Sunday afternoon, on the Lowell fire truck, while returning from a call to the Claude Staal home in Segwun where a lightning bolt had shattered a radio.

George, the son of William and Martha Wood, was born in Lowell July 26, 1902, and with the exception of a few years spent in Grand Rapids, had lived in Lowell his entire life. He had been an employee of the Paul Kellogg Vinegar Co. for many years and also acted as volunteer fireman in which duty he was performing when struck.

Surviving are the widow, Dorothy; three sons, William, James and Ronald; three daughters, Ruth, Winifred and Margie Ann, all at home; mother, Mrs. Martha Wood of Lowell; four brothers, Kenneth, Howard, Robert and Gerald, and three sisters, Thelma, Mary and Wanda.

Services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday at the Roth funeral chapel with Rev. C. E. Pollock officiating and burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Funeral Saturday for Mrs. Mary McClure, 79

Mrs. Mary McClure, aged 79, passed away on Wednesday, June 30, at her home near Whitneyville after a long illness. Mrs. McClure was born in Ohio and moved to her present home three years ago. She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Russell of East Jordan and Noble of Alto; three daughters, Mrs. Lida Lloyd of Bryan, Ohio, and Mrs. Edna Bedlack and Mrs. Leona Thomas of Gove Hill; twenty-seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. (CWT) in the Whitneyville church, with the Rev. James G. Ballard, officiating. Burial in the Whitneyville cemetery.

Lowell Rotary Club Begins Ninth Year

Lowell Rotary Club, this week Wednesday entered upon its ninth year of service in this community with the installation of officers for the ensuing fiscal year. The officers installed were: F. J. McMahon, president; W. A. Roth, vice president; F. F. Coons, secretary; Harry Day, treasurer; Theron Richmond and R. G. Jefferies, directors.

The installation program featured talks by the club's past presidents and the presentation of a past president's button to D. H. Ostley, the retiring club president. In accepting the gavel, Mr. McMahon thanked the club for the honor which had been conferred upon him and said it was his determination to give the club his very best efforts for the coming year.

New Law Provides More Protection

Although automobile insurance rates in Michigan have always been among the lowest in the country, the percentage of persons in the state carrying such insurance has never been high, according to insurance companies. When the new amendment to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law goes into effect July 30, the number of cars in the state protected by liability insurance is expected to rise sharply. If the experience of other states which have adopted similar laws is borne out in Michigan, in a few months probably only one out of every four motor vehicles will be without liability insurance.

Reason for this predicted rise is the fact that the Michigan law provides for the suspension of the operator's license and registration of any uninsured owner or operator involved in an automobile accident causing bodily injury or death unless he can prove his financial responsibility in one of two other ways. First, by furnishing an affidavit certifying that all personal injury or death claims resulting from the accident have been settled, or, secondly, by posting sufficient security with the Secretary of State to pay all personal injury or death claims resulting from the accident. The amount of security to be posted is to be determined by the Secretary of State and may be any amount up to \$11,000.

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News of Our Boys

Staff Sgt. Wm. Wepman has been transferred to a new address at Love Field, Dallas, Tex.

Frank West of Detroit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred West of Lowell, enlisted in the U. S. Navy for four years of service and left Detroit June 28 for his Seabee training in Virginia.

Corp. Kenneth M. Boylan was recently promoted to that grade from private by his Air Base unit at Westover Field, Mass., where he is at present a pilot instructor.

Marine engineer Arthur B. Howard (Curley to you) cabled Mrs. Howard recently from somewhere overseas that he was well and O. K. It was the first word he had been able to send home in five weeks.

Pvt. Alfred Hemingsen has been promoted to corporal. He was in the Victory march in Tunisia.

Edwin Y. Marshall in writing his change of address to the Ledger, says "It gets awfully hot here, it's already been up to 115 degrees." He is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., where Mrs. Marshall and baby son will join him soon.

Lieut. David Townsend of the army air corps, flew from Bryan, Texas, to Fort Custer early last Sunday morning, and improved the opportunity to spend a few hours with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsend of Lowell, before flying back to Texas, Tuesday morning.

Pvt. Kenneth Fletcher is now stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark.

Jay Bolens left Wednesday for Detroit for induction into the army as a volunteer officer candidate. Mr. Bolens has managed the local Kroger store for the past six years and Lloyd Stauffer has now been promoted to the position of manager in his place.

Wm. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Fox of Port Huron has been promoted to corporal after being home on a ten-day furlough.

Carroll Kyser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyser, who has been in the marine reserves for the past year, leaves today (Thursday) for Kalamazoo for officers' training.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peckham received a letter from their son, Lieut. Jack Peckham written from aboard ship, saying he was on his way to the Middle East.

A commission of second lieutenant was given to George O. Buitendyk of Oak Park, Ill., upon his successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt. Buitendyk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Buitendyk of Ada.

Corp. Clare Krebs of Camp Drew, Fla., is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs and family.

Donald Coe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coe, went to Detroit last Thursday where he joined a group of U. S. Marines, who left on Friday for the Marine Base at San Diego, Calif.

Juri Armstrong, proprietor of the Price-Rite hardware, has been commissioned a lieutenant (jg) in the United States naval reserve. He will report to the navy supply school at Babson Park, Mass., on Monday, July 5.

Charles Houseman, who is assistant chaplain at Camp Luna, N. M., has received a promotion to sergeant.

Wm. Ernest Fryover, 23, son of Mrs. Bessie C. Fryover of Lowell, has been graduated from recruit training with highest honors in his company at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now at home enjoying a nine-day leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Roye Ford of R. 2, received word that their son, Lt. Dale V. Ford had arrived safely in North Africa and entered the hospital at once for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Lloyd Knapp was pleased to get a telephone call from her son, Cameron W. Palmer (Bob) last Saturday night. Bob is in the submarine service and called 'juv' to say that he was in port and everything was O. K.

City Folks Look to Country



By K. K. Vining

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Editorial Comment

OBLIGATION TO THE PUBLIC

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ALTO NEWS

Mr. Fred Pattison

The 4-H Club met with Leona Watson, Wednesday. Their leader, Mrs. O. K. Graham, taught canning.

Alto Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis and children were Sunday dinner guests of the sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Metie Champion.

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RECORDS MATTERS

Mrs. K. T. Williams

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VERGENNES CENTER

N. M. K.

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A telephone stands ready in every spotters' post. With the words "Army Flash" the spotters get an immediate connection with the nearest army information center. And if the aircraft he reports cannot be identified as friendly, fighter planes roar into the air at once to intercept the enemy. At the same time all Civilian Defense centers in the threatened area are warned by telephone to prepare for a raid.

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Church News ZION METHODIST CHURCH John Chua, Pastor...



THE OLD JUDGE SAYS... The more I read about it, Judge, the more I realize the tactics and requirements of this war...

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NEW EUROPEAN COMMANDER—Lieut. Gen. Jacob I. Devers...

Mrs. Myra Rose of Chicago spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hurd...

Milk from Canada is now shipped to Great Britain in empty shell cans...

Since Pearl Harbor, the farmers of Wood County, Okla. have shipped out more than 77 freight cars full of scrap...

No Contest "Well, Sam, I see you're back for fighting with your wife. Lager again!"

THE LYNX GROUP will meet at the home of Mrs. C. E. Pollock Friday, July 2, at 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Church News Church services will be at 9:45 a. m. Sunday, instead of 10 o'clock...

ALSO LOCALS Mr. and Mrs. Paul West of Lowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Charles Sunday evening...

STAR CORNERS Mrs. Ira Blough Mr. and Mrs. Alma Finington and daughter...

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Lowell, Mich. Rev. R. C. Woodard, Pastor Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.

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SHARK FINE and other marine delicacies popular among the Chinese have been found in hotels and restaurants in China...

"Victory shirts" which are being made for Australia's summer will be from one to three inches shorter in front and three to five inches shorter at the back.

Argentina plans to ship 3,000 tons of tungsten to the United States in the next year.

Infation prices in Italy have brought the price of good farm land around \$2,000 an acre...

Nothing can be more useful to a man than a determination not to be hurried.—Henry Thoreau

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FALLSBURG PARK Mrs. Harry Richmond David Richmond returned home from Blodgett hospital last Saturday...

SOUTH SIDE—SEG WUN Mrs. Charles Young Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Pace and children...

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MY FRIEND FLICKA by MARY OHARA

CHAPTER I: Two-year-old Ken McLaughlin was a real dog lover. His father had a pet dog named Flicka...

CHAPTER II: But Ken's mother was not so sure. She was afraid that Flicka would get into some mischief...

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ed from his face, he was asleep. "I'll take that sorry filly of Rocket's; the one with the cream tail and mane."

After he spoke there was a moment's astonished silence. Nell groped for recollection, and said, "A sorry filly? I can't seem to remember that one at all—what's her name?"

But Rob remembered. The smile faded from his face as he looked at Ken. "Rocket's filly, Ken?"

"Yes, sir," Ken's face changed to blue. There was no mistaking his father's pleasure.

"It was hoping you'd make a wise choice. You know what I think of Rocket—that whole line of horses—"

Ken looked down, the color ebbed from his cheeks. "She's fast, Dad, and Rocket's fast."

"It's not going to be Flicka," chanted Howard. "Maybe she might be gentle," said Ken, and although his lips trembled, there was fanatical determination in his eyes.

"I'll name her," said McLaughlin, "it's up to you. If you say you want her, we'll get her. But she wouldn't be the first of that line to die rather than give in."

"Better change your mind, Ken. You want a horse that'll be a real friend to you, don't you?"

"Yes," Kenmie's voice was steady. "Well, you'll never make a friend out of that filly. Last fall after all the colts had been weaned and separated from their dams, she and Rocket got together—no fence'll hold 'em—"

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HOW TO FIGURE DEDUCTIONS. Look at the chart at the right... at a quick glance you can estimate the amount of your weekly deductions.

USE FOR RESULTS—READ FOR PROFIT THE LEDGER WANT-ADS. We will help prepare your copy if you wish.

PUBLIC NOTICES. ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS. State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

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# Race Riots Are Nation's Concern

## Problem Challenges Our Highest Thought

M. W. P. News Service  
By Gene Alleman

"I killed one of those niggers myself last night."

A white man, driver of a taxi cab in Detroit, said this to me in bitter hatred but as casually as if he had just brushed off a fly. It was an amazing aftermath of the Detroit race riots, the like of which this nation has not seen in 20 or more years.

I had left the state capital for Detroit to meet Philip T. Rich, publisher of the Midland Daily News, and accompany him to Cleveland for a conference with officials of the War Manpower Commission.

While waiting for a cab in front of the Book-Cadillac hotel, I heard a cheery voice and turned around to greet a friend from a state office at Lansing. He resided many years in Detroit.

Our conversation began and ended on the topic of the previous evening's battling right in the heart of Detroit—the city hall, Grand Circus Park, Woodward Avenue, and the bus terminal on Washington boulevard, just to mention a few.

The state executive gave an explanation of the race riots which I have substantiated since from two army officers. Here it is:

"Since the war began, hundreds of thousands of southern whites and Negroes have come to Detroit. In their home states—Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas—the Negroes were accustomed to segregation and other restrictions. The whites did not regard the Negroes as their social equals, and in fact they have been re-fighting the Civil war ever since on that point alone."

"Up here in Detroit the Negroes have found a new freedom. They work with Whites in war plants on a basis of equality of wages. The Negroes' earnings are fantastically high in contrast to sums they received in the South. Some Negroes—but only a few—have become bumptious, swaggering and offensive. The old Negroes, those who have lived in the North for many years, are not troublesome. They are good citizens.

"Put southern whites and southern Negroes together in a northern war boom city, where Negroes and whites have freedom of the city's facilities of schools and parks, and you get a dangerous combination. Basically, that is the core of Detroit's festering boil."

But, let's return to the taxi-driver's startling confession of homicide.

Because of the 10 p. m. curfew in Detroit, we had decided to leave early for the boat docks. The steamer, City of Detroit III, was to depart at 11:30 o'clock. A cab drove in sight, and we flagged it to the curb.

Cab drivers are proverbial sources of information and gossip, and this driver—a husky white chap of about 45 years—was no exception. I started off with reference to my friend's remark about "hoodlums" who had taken over control of the city before federal troops arrived at 11 p. m. the night before.

"I'd like to have that guy say 'hoodlums' to me", he retorted quickly, turning about to give me a belittling once-over as the cab left the curb. "Don't believe that, brother. I was in that mob last night and I killed one of those niggers myself! I've got the iron bar right with me, too. A lot of good American citizens were in there fighting, mister."

I will not quote all the things this cab driver told me, but he did blame recent mayors of Detroit for "catering" to Negro voters and for permitting them to "over-run" Belle Isle.

"This thing will never be solved until all the niggers have been put under," he declared vehemently. "I'm going to try and get a gun, and the first nigger that comes toward my cab is going to get it."

# Charlotte White To Present Pupils

Miss Charlotte K. White, pianist-teacher and faculty member of the Berger School of Music of Grand Rapids, will begin her summer piano instruction with a recital in the school recital hall in the Gilbert building (Thursday evening, July 1). Chester J. Berger, pianist-teacher and director of the school, will present certificates of award at the conclusion of the pupils' program.

Miss White will present the following students from her class for this recital: From Lowell—Marjorie McQueen, Jane Rittenger, Susan Gee, Suzanne and Dorothy Miller (5 year old), Anita Doyle, Beverly and Nola Bedell, Phyllis Lewis, Roma and Norma Helm, and Loren Barton (4 years old).

From Ada—Duane Averill, Joan Morris, Gordon and Yvonne Svoboda, Cheryl Nellist and Rose Faes. From Grand Rapids—Nancy Grimes, Ida Lyn Cook, Charles Weier, Philip Ruitter, Karen Mead, Nancy Keller, Sonja Anderson, Rose Barwac, Barbara Hansen, Helen Thiel, Mary Clare Weeks, Audrey Vandenberg, Susan Pratt, and Elaine VanTuinen.

full-blast." Those were his exact words.

Now for a cab driver to talk like a murderer to a stranger is proof supreme that a dangerous mob attitude prevails among some elements of Detroit's teeming war workers and their sons and daughters. We were too shocked to argue.

From army officers we learned that Sunday, June 20, had been a hot and sweltering day in Detroit. Belle Isle was swarming with Negroes—about 70,000 or more were there—trying to get respite from the heat.

Why did they go to Belle Isle? "Paradise Valley", the Negro section along Hastings Avenue, is filled with old houses, shabby business buildings, and crowded apartments. The Negroes have no parks of their own; their dwellings are congested and stuffy; the day was hot; so they went to the river front. It was just as simple as that. Would you, in their position, have done likewise?

In many Detroit public schools the white boys and girls mingle with Negro boys and girls. Teenage white youngsters formed a goodly proportion of the hoodlums. They were zoot-suiters in reverse.

Negroes retaliated by smashing and looting "white" stores up and down Paradise Valley. The words, "Negro Owned", were enough to spare a store from the fury of the mob.

Yes, all this in Michigan! When you try to analyze the Detroit race riots—and in our opinion, they will flare up again inevitably when the troops depart—you can't help but wonder about our so-called civilization and whether it is more than skin-deep; about the freedoms for which our Michigan boys are fighting on the deserts of Africa and the tropical isles of the Pacific, while we would deny the same freedom to fellow Americans back home.

It all contributes to a confusing, irrational and illogical situation where emotions put rational reasoning into hurried eclipse. The solution is not easy. Here are the ingredients which won't mix: Thousands of whites who have been transplanted from a Jim Crow South into a prosperous, tolerant North; thousands of Negroes who have gone from the shadow of social restrictions into the sunlight of social equality.

In the meanwhile, this amazing fact exists. Detroit, an arsenal of democracy, producing arms for the battle of freedom, is being guarded by U. S. troops to maintain peace among the makers of death-producing weapons.

We still remember the hatred of the taxi driver when he said: "I killed one of those niggers myself". The words were not only savage, cruel and brutal. They evoked a frightening spectre of Fascism, the spirit of intolerance which has scourged Germany and Italy. Yes, they present a challenge to America, and strangely enough, right on the home front of democracy itself.

# Up and Down Kent County Roads

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Agriculture sensing the seriousness of the situation came to the front and offered to cooperate with the growers and see how many trees could be disposed of. Owners of trees were found to be very cooperative, once they saw the seriousness of the situation and were ready to have the trees cut down.

Absent owners were contacted by letter and for the most part they gave permission to have their trees cut. The work was carried on in Sparta, Tyrone, Plainfield, Grand Rapids, Algoma and Walker townships. A total of 15,197 trees, of which 3,100 were cherries, the rest apples, plums and pears.

The job isn't done yet for some trees will have to be removed by "due process of law," but they are few. All townships in the county should be gone over and abandoned trees destroyed or else measures be taken to spray and care for them.

The fruit industry of the county provides the second largest agricultural income and it grows each year. The elimination of any or all sources of disease and insect pest areas will mean more to the industry.

Anyway there is going to be plenty of work for cross cut and buzz saws on apple trees this fall and a lot of folks are going to find out the value of apple trees for firewood.

## Deferments Have Helped

Local Selective Service Boards and the Kent County U. S. D. A. War Board are checking this month on all men placed in 2-C and 3-C classes. Questionnaires are being mailed to all these folks asking for full information on farm activities of the last of June and early July. Information received from these questionnaires will largely determine the future status of the registrants.

The farm labor situation in the county was materially helped this year by the deferment of men on the farm and those from industry with agricultural background and employed on farms with sufficient work.

## Ten Good Rules

Here are ten worthwhile Safety Rules, published in a little booklet by General Mills, Inc.:

1. Go less, sleep more.
2. Ride less, walk more.
3. Talk less, think more.
4. Scold less, praise more.
5. Waste less, give more.
6. Eat less, chew more.
7. Clothe less, bathe more.
8. Idle less, play more.
9. Worry less, laugh more.
10. Preach less, practice more.

## MORE LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Wilber Post of Chicago spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with his sister, Miss Audie Post.

Mrs. Gil Johnson is spending a few days this week with her grandchildren in a cottage at Reed's Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Nash returned Monday evening from Ohio, where they have been visiting friends in Clyde, Fremont, and Green Springs, since Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eldridge of Crystal, were week-end visitors of the latter's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sneathen.

David Eker of Mt. Pleasant attended the Sweet school reunion while visiting the Wielands over the week-end. Mr. Eker has three gas wells on his farm.

Word has reached Lowell of the death in Emmuslaw, Washington, on June 17, of Mrs. Pearl Guyles, 61. She was the daughter of Mrs. Susie Baker of Lowell and used to attend the Lowell schools.

Will J. Morse underwent a second major operation on Monday morning of this week and is reported as doing fine. Will is in good spirits and it is expected that he will be able to return home in the near future.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Krum were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hall and baby daughter, Mrs. Hughes and daughter, Beatrice, all of Hudsonville, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crakes of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Himebaugh.

Mrs. E. G. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Beaud and Sgt. Griesz all of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers at the George Hale home. Sunday night guests were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Kloofstra and two children of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hutton of Bay City, and Mrs. G. A. Plumb of Grand Rapids were Tuesday callers of Mrs. Fred Malcolm and Abbey. Mrs. Grace Pitcher of Edmore will spend some time at the Malcolm home.

Mrs. Marguerite Watters Chipman of Grand Rapids left last week for Los Angeles, Calif., to visit relatives for a few days, and will then go to San Diego, where her husband is stationed at the United States Marine base.

# Sweet School Holds Enjoyable Reunion

The 13th annual reunion of Sweet School was held June 27, '43, at the school house, with a small attendance. There was a thunderstorm about noon which probably kept some away.

A delicious potluck dinner, served in the school room, with ice cream and cold drinks was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order by President Walter Wieland and all sang "God Bless America". The present officers were elected to serve another year. It was also voted to have the reunion at Campau Lake next year, on or about the first Sunday in June.

Will Kilgus, with his violin, Chas. Rittenger and his harmonica, and Marian Kilgus at the piano gave us some very nice music. The collection amounted to \$7.80. Guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Clair Getty of Middleville and David Acker of Mount Pleasant.—Mrs. John C. Miller, Sec'y.

## REUNIONS

**Ridgway—Trill**  
The Ridgway—Trill family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Oma Shear at White's Bridge on Sunday with 80 in attendance. Officers for the next year were chosen as follows: Cell Ridgway of Greenville, president; Mrs. Emma Bradley of Knapp-rd, vice president, and Mrs. Hazel McCall of Middleville, secretary-treasurer. There were relatives present from Flint, Battle Creek, Muskegon, Sparta, Greenville, Middleville, Belding and Grand Rapids as well as Lowell.

# Walnut Timber Needed For War

"Owners of walnut trees of adequate size will do the nation, as well as themselves, a service in offering them for sale at the present time due to the need for such wood in the production of gunstocks and to a lesser extent for aircraft propellers and plywood." This is the statement of W. Ira Bull, state extension forester at Michigan State College, who points out that the prices paid for gunstock walnut are very good when compared with most woods. It was also explained that the products of the hardwood mill are governed in price by Office of Price Administration ceilings.

"The owner of walnut trees should be sure that the trees he offers have a top diameter of at least 12 inches inside the bark (or about 40 inches in diameter 4 1/2 feet from the ground)," Mr. Bull said. "Smaller trees should not be cut at this time in the interest of conservation of natural resources, and further from the practical viewpoint that there is much more waste in a smaller tree. A 13-inch trunk will produce three times as much usable lumber, and be worth three times as much as a nine-inch tree."

Marjorie Ann, 10 years old and Bobby, 8 children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter VanderMeulen of Dearborn, came by train Tuesday for a visit with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Englehardt. It was their first train ride.

# Rationing Facts At A Glance

**Coffee**  
Stamp 21 good for 1 pound from July 1 through July 21.

**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 Oct. 31; 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**  
P now valid; Q, July 4; R, July 11; S, July 18. All expire July 31.

**Vergennes Co-op. Club**

The Vergennes Co-operative Club will hold its annual picnic dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson Sunday afternoon, July 4, at 1:30 slow time. Families are to bring sandwiches, a dish to pass, their own service, sugar, and if possible, a card table. Hot coffee will be served by Mrs. Johnson. Any members who were not present at the last meeting, may bring their contribution for the Student Nurses' Fund. Over \$20 has been given and we hope to have \$25.

## SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

A very appropriate Fathers' and Mothers' Day program was enjoyed by the grange Saturday evening, consisting of readings, musical numbers, a short play and a very interesting talk by Rev. Jagers. South Boston Grange will have their annual picnic on the grange grounds on Sunday, July 18. Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Patrick and Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Roth are on the committee in charge of the games, contests etc.

A number of the grange families attended the Pomona picnic at Ionia, Sunday, June 27.

The next dancing party will be held Saturday evening, July 3. Next regular grange meeting will be Saturday evening, July 10, which will be followed by a recreational hour.—Worthy Lecturer.

It pays to advertise in the Ledger.

# Safety on Farm Key to Producing

Farmers in Michigan have been forced by a late spring to speed up planting and other farm operations, but they should not take chances or become careless in handling machinery, warns Richard Witz, Michigan State College extension agricultural engineer.

Typical of the wartime stress on production, one farm wife in writing to college staff members remarked, "Dean and dad have been plowing until 11 or after every nice night for nearly three weeks and get up about 4:30 or 5 in the morning."

Witz points out that these hard-working farmers and thousands of others like them should avoid trying to carry on if fatigued, because that is when accidents happen. Estimates and surveys indicate 85 per cent of farm machinery accidents result from faulty human behavior. Every farmer crippled or killed represents a loss to the nation's production as well as to the individual's family.

Machinery kept in first class condition needs less repair and adjustment in the field. Guards and shields kept in place reduce the possibility of accidents.

Despite safeguards and an increased knowledge of machinery by the average farmer, accidents often involve workers with many years of farm machinery experience. That, says Witz, indicates the human factor of carelessness. Older men, not so alert or quick as younger workers, should be especially cautious in handling machinery.

Hazardous shortcuts are temptations to avoid, the agricultural engineer concludes. Time saved is worth less than any hazard inviting injury.

## COMING EVENTS

The monthly meeting of the Lydia Group of the Methodist church will be at the home of Mrs. C. E. Pollock, Friday at 2:30 p. m.

The Garden Lore Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, July 7, at the home of Miss Audie Post. Subject for the day, "Culture of Roses and Delphiniums."

The Good Will Club will meet with Mrs. F. E. Boynton in her cottage at Fallsburg on Wednesday afternoon, July 7.

The Alton Ladies Aid will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Clyde Francisco Thursday afternoon, July 8.—Carrie Ford, Sec'y.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. W. A. Roth entertained the Gooftus Club last Wednesday afternoon. The four ladies winning honors were Mrs. Verne Ashley, Mrs. Mert Sinclair, Mrs. Frank Gould and Mrs. D. H. Oakley.

The Book Review Club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Warner Roth. Mrs. D. H. Oakley gave a review of "Sergeant Sue" by Jeanne Bowman.

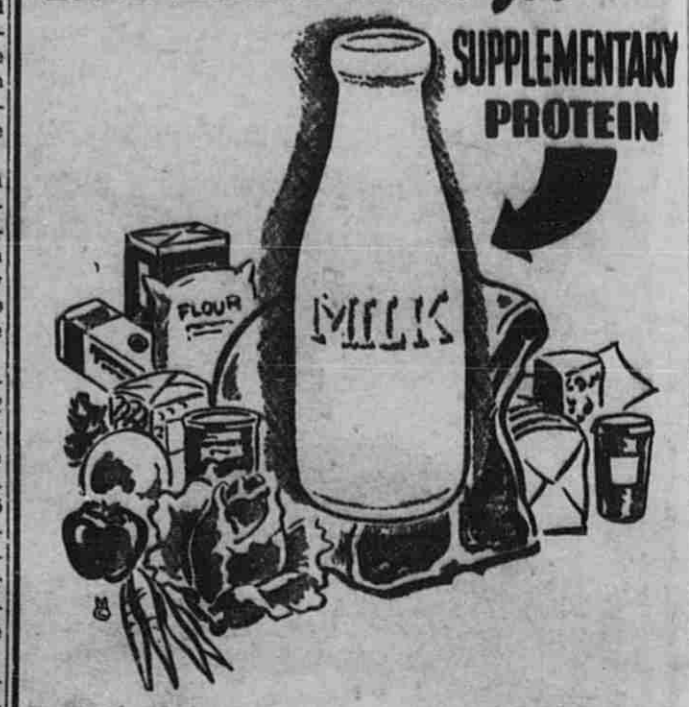
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blaser entertained 250 relatives and friends at Fallsburg Park Saturday evening in honor of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blaser.

## WEDDINGS

**Watters—Lewis**  
Staff Sgt. Richard H. Watters, who is stationed with the U. S. Marine Corps at Edenton, N. C., and Mrs. Annie Jeannette Lewis, also of Edenton, were married June 19 at South Mills, N. C. Sergeant Watters enlisted in the Marines in 1940 and received his training at Parris Island, S. C. He was then stationed at Quantico, Va., for over a year before going to Edenton.

**Bailey—Brown**  
Ensign Herbert Smith Bailey, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., and Elizabeth Mary Brown, daughter of Mrs. Mary Sullivan Brown of New York City, were married at Riverside Church June 28, at four o'clock. Ensign Bailey is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Bailey of New York City, who are frequent visitors in Lowell and vicinity. He is engaged in radar work in the laboratories at Harvard University. He and Mrs. Bailey will reside in Cambridge.

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**Non-fiction**  
Journey Among Warriors by Eve Curie; One World by Wendell Willkie; The Road We are Traveling by Stuart Chase; Shake Hands With the Dragon by Carl Glick; The Battle For Asia by Edgar Snow; California's Missions by Hawthorne; A Latin-American Speaks by Luis Quintanilla; South American Journey by Waldo Frank; On Being a Real Person by Harry E. Fosdick; John D. Rockefeller by Allan Nevins; And Keep Your Powder Dry by Margaret Meade; Five Acres and Independence by M. G. Kains; Complete Book of Canning by D. M. Taylor.

**For the Junior Room**  
Husky by R. Montgomery; From Snow to Sun by R. J. Burroughs; Brushland Bill by R. Huzarski; Earth's Adventure by C. L. Fenton; The Middle Moffat by E. Estes; Little Navajo Bluebird by A. N. Clark; The Chinese Children Next Door by Pearl Buck; Forgotten Island by E. Coatsworth; Today We Fly by M. Friskey; The Raccoon Twins by Jane Tompkins.

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