

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

OUR CAPITAL'S BIRTHDAY

THE CENTER of national activity is our capital, the seat of our government, located in the District of Columbia and called Washington.

SIMPLE LIVING

BACK IN THE DAYS of Theodore Roosevelt, the gospel of the "simple life" was preached.

That was a fine philosophy, but people demand more things now. You can't blame a young couple for wanting an automobile.

Wartime restrictions make it necessary for people to live more simply, and they will find they do not need all the things for which they once spent money.

At the last regular meeting of the Charles W. Clark Post 152 of the American Legion, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Probably the majority of such birthplaces are plain and humble homes, indicating that that famous personage had to get-on in the world through his or her own efforts.

ENSEMBLE SUITS FOR MEN Gabardine, rayon, gulf-stream, Rivercool, short and long sleeve shirts with slacks to match and harmonize, blues, tans, browns, \$5.59 up. Coons.

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Runciman Is Host To Elevator Men State Well Represented At Big Meeting

Over 125 elevator operators from all sections of the state, assembled Monday at Cascade Hills Country Club as guests of C. H. Runciman, Lowell and Grand Rapids bean and grain dealer, who now ranks among the largest dealers in the state.

Much depends on this year's crop because Michigan furnishes one-third of the beans grown in the United States, and beans are said to be the state's biggest cash crop.

Other speakers were A. B. Lovs, M. S. C., specialist; M. B. McPherson, former state tax commissioner; Wallace Templeton, Chicago business man; A. L. Riedel of Saginaw, elevator executive and advisor to the Chicago army quartermaster office; Harry C. Clowes of Washington, an official of the fruits and vegetable division of OPA; William P. Smith of Washington, D. C., attorney for the Michigan elevator men; and James Hayes, another Michigan State College specialist.

College to Can Own Farm Crops

First products of the Michigan State college's new growing and canning program went to stoves here this week, when 4,000 number-ten cans of peas, holding nearly a gallon each, were processed and stored.

Christiansen New Legion Commander

At the last regular meeting of the Charles W. Clark Post 152 of the American Legion, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: William Christiansen, commander; A. H. Stormand, 1st vice commander; Sam Frederick, 2nd vice commander; L. E. Johnson, treasurer; Raymond Barber, sergeant at arms; Peter Mulder, housing committee; Lawrence Headworth, executive committee; Anton Wingler, chaplain; W. W. Gumsler, historian; Lawrence Headworth, delegate to State convention; Norman Borgerson and O. J. Brestina alternates.

Auto License Plates On Sale July 19

License plates for the last half of the current year will go on sale July 19 at the Lowell office of the secretary of state.

ALEXANDER M. WRAGG

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Roth Chapel for Alexander M. Wragg of Ada-Parnell rd., who passed away Friday afternoon. Surviving are the widow, Marie, and other relatives abroad.



Along Main Street

Lowell postoffice reports the sale of 1,123 motor vehicle use tax stamps up to Tuesday morning.

Garbage is garbage and refuse is refuse, and there is no similarity between the two. Garbage in Lowell is intended for pigs, and pigs just simply don't eat glass, razor blades, tin cans or paper.

C. A. Hall has resigned from his position as chief accountant for a Grand Rapids firm, and will devote all his time to management of The American Line.

Ralph Warner, who went to Camp Shawondosse with the boy scouts last week, had an unfortunate accident which resulted in a broken leg.

Lowell Masons met for the first time Tuesday evening in their own home, the two story brick building, adjoining the City Hall, which they recently purchased.

Thirty-five miles an hour is being generally observed though you in the old order. It is not the majority who are so careless with their tires, gas and patriotism.

Mr. Ed. Woods, telegraph editor of the Grand Rapids Press, was guest speaker at the Wednesday meeting of the Lowell Rotary Club.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: Rabbits seem to feel that Lowell victory gardens mean freedom from want, for them too!

MYERS INFANT IS MOURNED

The baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Myers at Wayne, on Monday, July 12, passed away the following day. She was christened Toni Lee.

Graveside services were held in St. Mary's cemetery, Lowell, at two o'clock, Wednesday with the Rev. E. J. Jewell officiating.

NOTICE

To State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance policy holders. Your liability and property damage policies provide adequate protection under the new state law and gives double the protection of most competitive policies for less money.

New Law Affects Every Car Owner Safer Highways Aim of Amended Measure

When the new amendment to the Automobile Financial Responsibility law goes into effect July 30, in Michigan, the state will become the fifth in the nation to have an automobile law of this type in force.

The Michigan law provides for the suspension of the operator's license and registration of a financially irresponsible driver under the following conditions: If he is uninsured and unable to meet a just claim arising from an automobile accident in which anyone is killed or injured; if he fails for thirty days to satisfy any final judgment for bodily injury or death, or for property damage in excess of \$50 arising from an automobile accident; or if he is convicted of certain offenses involving the use of a motor vehicle.

Such drivers must also furnish evidence of financial responsibility for the future.

Start Campaign For Used Paper

With the mills threatened with shutdowns due to the critical waste paper situation, the Kent County Defense Council, through its Salvage Committee, is mapping plans for an intensive campaign to stimulate the flow of this scrap.

The paper is badly needed for use in the manufacture of corrugated and fibre board boxes for use as containers in shipping war supplies.

1100 New Soldiers To Train at M. S. C.

Eleven hundred new soldier students entered Michigan State on July 12, it was announced by President John A. Hannah. Eight hundred of them will be basic and advanced engineering students, assigned to M. S. C. under the Army Specialized Training program, and the other 300 will be members of the Army's new language and area school.

HOWARD LITE AT CHEVROLET

McFall Chevrolet is pleased to announce that Howard Lite is now back in the mechanical department and ready to serve all of his old customers.

GARDEN LORE CLUB

Miss Audie Post entertained the Garden Lore Club at her home last week Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank White gave a talk on roses, the various kinds and how to plant. Mrs. Elmer White gave a talk on delphinium, finishing her talk by reading the poem, "In Summer."

Lifelong Resident Laid to Rest at 64

Minnie D. Chapman, daughter of Erwin and Justina Chapman, was born December 5, 1879, in Boston township, Ionia county, and passed away at her home in Lowell, July 6, 1943.

She was united in marriage to John Tucker November 8, 1899, and to this union were born three children: Winnie P. Wildfong of Dearborn, Ellis G. Tucker of Flint and Elsie J. Chambers of Ypsilanti.

New Telephones Now Restricted

New telephone service installations will be subject to priorities, many probably for the duration, under a plan approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission and announced today.

The Commission approved a request by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company for authority to set up priorities on new installations for those whose service applications are not within the preferred categories previously established by the War Production Board.

Classes in Canning Proving Profitable

The ladies who have been attending the Food Processing Class offered at Lowell high school like it very much. They have canned peas, chard, spinach and beet greens so far.

Masonic Fraternity Annual Picnic, July 30

Lowell Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., announces Friday, July 30, as the date for their annual picnic to be held at Fallsburg Park, for Masons, their families, and friends.

Wise Spending

If you spend money on your home place, you get many satisfactions. The nice vegetable garden or flower bed you set out at small expense, the tree you planted for a trifle, the new floor you put into your living room, give you satisfaction every time you look at these things.

WKAAR TO CARRY MUSIC CAMP SERIES

Concert broadcasts from the famous summer camp at Interlochen will be broadcast over Michigan State's WKAAR this summer. Featured will be the camp orchestra, band and ensembles, under the direction of such recognized musicians as Ferde Grofe and Percy Grainger.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Earl D. Jones to C. H. Runciman company, lot 99 & c of Sweet and Smith's addition. William H. Morrison to Harold J. Englehardt and wife, part of section 35-7-9, Vergennes township. Mary Soules to Frank Woodworth et al, part of section 2-6-9, Village of Lowell. Frank Woodworth and wife to William Geary and wife, part of section 2-6-9, Village of Lowell. Phone or send your news to the Ledger.



News of Our Boys

Pvt. Bert McNeilly of Camp McCoy, Wis., spent Sunday at his home here.

It's a small world after all—or so thought Lt. L. D. Porter of Cedar Springs, when he sat down to eat in far away Africa, and saw a can of evaporated milk sitting on his table that was made in his home town of Cedar Springs.

Dick Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis, is now in Ann Arbor attending the United States marine training school.

Pvt. Lavant Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Potter, is now located at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Roland Acheson, who has been stationed in Australia since a year ago last April, has been promoted to sergeant.

Pfc. Winfred Alexander has been transferred from Kellogg Field, Battie Creek, to Camp Santa Anita, Calif.

Pvt. George Alexander, Jr., who has been stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., will now receive his mail in care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Russell Carr of East Lansing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr, left Monday for Fort Custer to enter the service.

1c Seaman Bryn Condon, Jr., came from New Orleans, Sunday to spend a 16-day furlough with his parents here.

Corp. Richard Belmers of Camp McCoy, Wis., spent from July 3, to 7 with the home folks and his wife in Grand Rapids.

Lt. Bill Jones sent a cable to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, of Detroit, last week, from China. He is feeling fine and says he is with the "Flying Tigers". Bill will be remembered here as one of the Fallsburg Cubs.

The greatest armada in all history, consisting of 2,000 ships of the United Nations, loaded with men and fighting materials, attacked Sicily, Italy's largest and best fortified Mediterranean island, at an early hour last Saturday morning; and according to press dispatches, our men and their British and Canadian cousins are giving a good account of themselves. No doubt a godly number of our own home boys are right there with the attacking forces, and the prayers of all of us are with them.

Corp. Paul Birman writes from somewhere in England, that they are seeing a lot of that country. The houses are very old with straw roofs. He is, well, eats like a horse, but isn't getting his mail.

Lt. Bruce McMahon of the army air corps, leaves today for Bryan, Texas after spending a week with the home folks. He was one of the speakers at the Rotary Club, Wednesday noon, and gave a very interesting talk pertaining to his duties as a commander pilot.

Lt. Herbert Reynolds arrived from Camp McCoy, Wis., on Monday with a week's leave with the home folks.

YOUNG FARMER EARNS AWARD

Raymond Heesch, Jr., of Lowell, has just been awarded a Certificate of Merit and granted a Junior Membership for having done satisfactory Holstein calf club work. The Holstein-Friesian Association of America announces He is recommended for these awards by the State 4-H Club leader.

STRAND CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, July 16-17—Betty Grable and Victor Mature in "Song of the Islands"; also Bobby Jordan in "Keep 'Em Slugging"; plus News.

Sunday and Monday, July 18-19—Noel Coward's "In Which We Serve," also Comedy, Cartoon and News.

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21—Allan Jones and Jane Frazee in "Rhythm of the Islands"; also "Henry Aldrich Gets Glamour" with Jimmy Lydon.

Thursday, July 22—"Murder in Times Square" with Edmund Lowe, also "We Are the Marines," plus News.

The tombstone of a genial host bears his name and the simple epitaph: "This is on me."



UP and DOWN

Zoning Ordinances

A couple weeks ago we made mention of the possibilities of township and county zoning in this county.

Under revised Michigan statutes, rural zoning can be carried out on a county basis, or a township basis, or combinations may exist. Any county may zone as a whole; any township may zone before the county as a whole zone; any township may adopt a zoning ordinance of its own after the county as a whole has zoned; or any county may exact a zoning ordinance after one or more of its townships have zoned.

The important factor in any of these combinations is that a zoning ordinance adopted by a township takes precedence over the county ordinance unless such ordinance is enacted before or after the county ordinance. In other words, home rule prevails. The local people of the smaller political unit can decide for themselves just how they wish to live together, if they wish to exercise the privilege.

Zoning enabling acts are quite similar for either township and county depending on the unit. The governing board (township board or board of supervisors) through adoption and publication of a resolution declaring its intent to undertake zoning or by the people of the unit on petition to the governing board to act.

Following action by the governing body, a zoning agency is created. If it is county zoning the supervisors appoint a board of five. One is a supervisor. Three must be residents of the unincorporated part of the county. The four members are appointed for staggered terms of four years.

If the zoning is in a township the probate court appoints four members, two of which are residents of the unincorporated area. Two are appointed at a time for terms of four years.

These boards or commissions have the job of working out the various ordinances. Before submitting them to their respective boards they must hold at least one public hearing. More would be preferable. A county ordinance goes to the County Board of Supervisors for formal legal enactment and must be approved by the Michigan Planning Commission.

Township ordinances must be approved by a County Zoning Commission to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Both statutes provide for a referendum on the ordinance as a final step in the procedure in case the people of the township or county desire it. The vote can be demanded on petition of the residents in the units affected.

More information and details can be furnished interested townships, also help from Michigan State College, in planning and setting up suitable ordinances.

Good Samaritan Hurt

The many friends of Arthur Griffith, tester for the North and South Kent Cow Testing Associations will be sorry to learn of an accident that befell him last week. Art was helping Herschel Hardline, of Alpine, with his haying work. The wagon tipped over, Griffith, instead of going with the hay, went the other way, landing on his left arm. Result, a bad fracture just above the wrist. The arm will be out of commission for some time. Art plans to get back at the job as soon as possible. The Dairy Department at Michigan State College advises us there are no substitute testers.

MRS. CLARENCE WILEY DIES

Funeral services were held at the Roth Chapel Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Clarence Wiley, 62, who passed away at her home in Lowell after a long illness. Miss Grace Walker officiated at the services as cemetery. Burial was in Alton cemetery.

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N. McCORDS—E. CASCADE
Mrs. Effie Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wisner and son of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors at Fred Wisner's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Levi Cooper home in Whitteville.

Mrs. Bert Baker and Mrs. Jim Fahmi and son and mother, Mrs. S. Baker, of Lowell were guests at the J. Cox home Friday.

SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

Don't forget about the grange picnic which is being held Sunday, July 18, at the grange hall. Bring your own service and a dish to pass. There will be plenty of entertainment for young and old.

Mayor Clarence Johnson of Ionia gave a very interesting talk pertaining to the new county hospital, at our last grange meeting. The grange agrees with the speaker that a hospital is a necessity in the county and action will be taken by the organization in the near future, as to its support toward the hospital.

Another dancing party is being held Saturday night, July 17.

The regular grange meeting for Saturday evening, July 24 has been cancelled.

Worthy Lecturer.

Great Britain has almost two million "allotment" or community war gardens.

4-H CLUB news

Cheerful Chefs

The Cheerful Chefs met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Alice Reynolds, July 6. The business meeting was held and lessons were discussed. Demonstration on ribbon sandwiches by Patty Hesche, shrimp salad by Alice Carol Reynolds and Elaine Fuller, and table setting by Velma Little. Food prepared for demonstration was used for refreshments.—Alice Carol Reynolds, Secretary.

WEDDINGS

John Briggs—Evalyn Briggs

Mrs. E. G. Hotchkiss announces the marriage of her daughter, Evalyn, to Sgt. John W. Briggs of Camp Roberts, Calif., on June 24, at San Miguel Mission, San Miguel, Calif. They were attended by Mrs. Rose Marie Harsh and Corp. Francis Comford. Rev. Father Dominick read the double ring service. Sgt. and Mrs. Briggs are at home at 731 12th St., Paso Robles, Calif.

ELMDALE
Mrs. Ira Sargeant

Miss Arlene Miller is attending to the house work and also assisting in caring for the new baby.

Huckleberries are now ripening and are of profuse abundance and of nice size.

Vern Keim attended the picnic of the South Boston 4-H Club, which was held Sunday at Fallsburg park.

Lewis Heffleber had four sheep killed and several injured by dogs last Wednesday afternoon. The dogs were shot at and injured, but escaped.

Ora D. Miller was re-elected as director at the Rosenberger district school meeting, only five voters being present.

Tells About Life In North Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bettles have received a letter from their son, Sgt. Leo, who is serving as a telegraph operator with the U. S. armed forces in North Africa, from which we quote as follows:

"Dear Folks:—

"Received my union card and yours via air mail May 19, last night. The mail has been very slow lately, due, I imagine, to our change in A. P. O. number.

"We have three men here again now so are working only eight hours a day again. Seems darn good for a change too. We are running quite a few trains which isn't unusual.

"About once a week I go to a nearby village and see a movie. It is all French but we have a good time. Most all the pictures are old American ones. Last week a snake got loose in the building and I thought we were going to have a riot. Everyone got up on their chairs, the women all screaming at the top of their voices, (they would). Someone finally killed the snake and the picture continued. It's really more fun just to see the people at one of these shows. There are all kinds and races; you may have a great big Arab sitting on one side of you, some French behind you and English soldiers in front of you, then us three Americans in the middle of it all.

"Guess I must have a double over here somewhere. Both Betty and the Campbells thought they saw me in some newscasts of the African front. The closest I ever was to the front was Kassarine, of the Kasarine Pass. The newspapers played up so much. It was a hot spot a bit after we got out of there.

"There is a lot of work to be done in this country. The supply of clothing is practically gone. You see some really ragged characters, their clothing patched and re-patched until you can only see patches. There are very few schools and the younger generations growing up without a bit of education. Sure could be some grand work done along these lines. Suppose good hearted Uncle Sam will be shelling out plenty for such things before long. I do know they are getting considerable American food here now.

"Well I must close now and help get dinner. Don't know what the fellows have planned, but imagine corn beef is mixed up in it somewhere. Monserie, our Arab 'chef-de-gar' (railroad agent to you) brought us down some Arab bread for dinner. It's very thin like a waffle and is made up as a sandwich with lots of tomatoes and onions and red hot peppers. It's pretty good, but is it hot!

"Love to all, Leo."

Because Nazi authorities in Holland are stripping the country of sugar to supply their troops on the Russian front, Hollanders will be without sugar for one month this fall.

American war expenditures for the first quarter of 1945 were about a billion dollars more than for the entire war year 1915.

Restriction in the use of steel in war model ice boxes save an average of 79 pounds of steel per ice box.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

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4-H Camp Is Underway

By the time this column is read the 1945 4-H Club Camp will be well on its way. The first section was an all-girl set up. The other three sections will be of both boys and girls. Previous to the 4-H Camps two church sections were held with a couple more to follow late in the month. Miss Denmore is planning her annual farm women's camp in August.

Camp activities have been helped by Miss Beatrice Boyle and P. G. Lundin, of the State 4-H Club staff, Russell Hill, of Michigan State College and Albert Hall of Lowell.

Club members were delighted to have Miss Helen Schlyttern and Miss Ruth Denmore, of Boulder, Colo., help again with music, swimming and recreation. Two hundred and fifty 4-H Club members will take advantage of camp facilities this year. The camp was under the direction of Miss Eleanor Denmore, Richard Machiele and K. K. Vining. Mrs. Henry Rust was the capable camp hostess, assisting so much in making the camp a success.

Late Blight Reported

Word has come to the county agent's office that late blight in potatoes has been reported in Wisconsin and in Maine. Kent county potato producers who are planning to spray, or dust, should plan their program to start when plants are 4 to 6 inches high and continue every week or ten days thereafter. Bordeaux mixture is still the standard spray to use. Dealers report more spray materials sold this year than in previous years.

Timber Industry

Colombia has 62 large sawmills, planing mills and plants for impregnating lumber. Twelve of these are capitalized for sums ranging from 25,000 to 1,000,000 pesos. Nineteen of these plants are located in the department of Cundinamarca. In addition there are 390 woodworking plants turning out plywood, veneer, staves, boxes, wicker furniture, wooden heels, toothpicks, moldings, carved images, desks, kitchen and dining room furniture, beds, door and window frames and cabinet work. In spite of its large timber resources Colombia has imported much lumber in the past. Between 1938 and 1941, Colombia imported 15,696 metric tons of wood and wood products valued at 1,314,261 pesos. This does not include wood pulp for paper, wood for matches or sawdust and shavings which also were imported.

Paper wrappings, substituted for lead foil on cigarettes, smoking and chewing tobacco, have saved 40 million pounds of foil.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Gooftus Club was entertained with a one-third luncheon last week Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Eugene Carr. Those attending high score were Mrs. John Roth, Mrs. Merritt Miller, Mrs. Vern Ashley and Mrs. George DeGraw.

The Monday Book Review Club met on Wednesday this week at the home of Mrs. M. N. Henry. Mrs. N. E. Borgerson reviewed "The Case of the Smoking Chimney," a "who-dun-it" book by Earle Stanley Gardner.

COMING EVENTS

The annual Parnell chicken dinner will be served Sunday, Aug. 1, from 1:30 to 8:00 p. m.

The Kent County 4-H Club Fair will be held at Recreation Park, Lowell, on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 23 and 25.

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church will meet this Friday afternoon, July 16, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Jack Bannan.

The Lowell Lovellites picnic will be held at Fallsburg Park Wednesday, July 21, at 8:30 p. m. Grand Rapids time. Bring own service, drink, sandwiches and dish to pass. Marj Simpson is president of this group and Agnes Perry, secretary.

The Lowell Garden Lore Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, July 21, at the home of Mrs. Mildred Davis. Subject for the day will be "Pools and Water Plants."

Last Words

Maj. Eric Knight, author of "This Above All," who was killed in a plane crash on his way to North Africa, was planning a new novel which he had discussed with his editor.

In a letter written recently, Major Knight said: "When I get where I'm going, I'll write you. In a way I'm sorry, because I'll be cut off from typewriters for a good part of the time, and won't be able to do any more work on the next book. It's about a guy coming home from the war—that's all. I'd like to have it done by the time the war is over, but I don't know. The big thing is, we'll win this war by killing Germans, not by writing books.

"I can't talk anyone into anything. I admire conscientious objectors in this war as long as they are conscientious about it, and I admire soldiers. The only ones I never admire are the ones who fight with their mouths and say: 'Kill one for me.' Each man with desire for bloodshed should do his own shedding."

BIRTHS

In Durham, N. C., on Tuesday, July 6, to Lieut. and Mrs. Oliver Shackleton, a son, James Patrick. Mrs. Shackleton is the former Clarice Kaufman of Lowell.

REUNIONS

Potter—Taylor Reunion

The annual Potter-Taylor reunion was held Sunday, July 11, at Fallsburg Park with forty present. Election of officers took place as follows: President, Eddie Potter; vice president, Irving Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Edith Wheaton; entertainment committee, Ina Potter and Owie Potter. It was voted to meet the same place and time next year and also to send cards to each of our fourteen young men now in the service of our country. The children enjoyed games, and the grownups lotto.

—Edith Wheaton, Sec'y.

Schwab Reunion

The annual Schwab reunion was held at Fallsburg Park, Sunday, July 11, with an attendance of 35, from Rockford, Sunfield, Ionia, Lowell, Woodbury, South Boston, Hickory Corners, Pottery Corners, and Clarksville. After a potluck dinner, the business meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Letha Blough. Officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Joe Schwab, president and Mrs. Garland Schwab, secretary-treasurer.

If what you did yesterday seems big to you, you haven't done much today.

Too much money is liable to make a man unhappy, unless he has it himself.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Miss Emma Covert is home from Detroit for a two week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Covert.

Carol Kropf returned home Wednesday after a month's visit at the home of her uncle, Dr. Bruce L. Stocking in Chicago.

Week-end guests of Miss Virginia Conant were Misses Freda Reimer and Reita Tobinski of Saginaw.

Mrs. Irwin Forward of Kalamazoo visited her uncle, Will Devering, and wife, several days last week. Mrs. Norman Higgins and Mrs. Leo Richmond of Keene were also guests one day.

Miss Audie Post had the great misfortune to break two bones in her left wrist, last week Wednesday afternoon, when she slipped and fell in her home on Vergennes rd.

Leo Condon of Ann Arbor is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bry Condon. Sunday guests were, Meroel Miche and Mrs. Olga Mier, Jack Welch and Bud Curtis of North Keene.

P. F. C. Kenneth F. Smith of Camp Butler, N. C., spent a 5-day furlough with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Smith, and Miss Ann Lasby. His sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Quinn of Ann Arbor, stayed until Tuesday morning. Kenneth returned to camp, July 13.

Harold Zahm and lady friend of Washington, D. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zahm, last Friday and Saturday. Sunday evening guests at the Zahm home were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zahm and Mrs. Leonard Annabel from Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Firman of Flushing and Mr. and Mrs. Alger Dygett of Grand Rapids.

History Repeats After 110 Years

Detroit Had Negro Riots Way Back in 1833

M. W. F. News Service
By Gene Alleman

If Detroit's chickens are just coming to roost, they sure took their sweet time.

Just 110 years ago, this very month, a company of federal troops were dispatched from Fort Gratiot (Port Huron) to Detroit for the express purpose of suppressing an insurrection of Negroes.

Good citizens of Detroit, like those of San Francisco after the "big fire" were inclined to minimize the disturbance by calling it "The Negro riot". But it was a rip-roaring, lusty affair in which the Negroes stormed the jail, paraded the streets, shot the sheriff and otherwise had the white people in a dither of panic.

And like the 1945 rumors that whites had killed three Negroes on Belle Isle, the exaggerated reports in 1833 grew until "business was at a standstill. Women dared not venture out of doors. Merchants put up their shutters, shoved the bolts into place, and stood, gun in hand, in their darkened shops, guarding their goods."

Who said history doesn't repeat itself? It did in Detroit!

In those pre-civilized days, Detroit was the capital of the Territory of Michigan. The frontier peninsula had not yet attained the stature of statehood which came in 1820.

When Congress enacted the Ordinance of 1787, creating the northwest Territory out of the region between the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and the Great Lakes, the federal law-makers inserted this significant provision:

"There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said territory, otherwise than in the punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

General Lewis Cass was appointed governor of the Territory of Michigan following the War of 1812, and when the Negro insurrection took place, he had been elevated to secretary of war at Washington.

Lewis Cass knew his Michigan, and his Detroit, and so when Mayor Chapin of the French community "on the straits" (which is the origin for the French designation of "de Troy"), the prefix being pronounced "day"), made an appeal on July 25, for a detachment of the United States troops, Cass acted with dispatch.

The 1833 outbreak was caused by Negro protests against the arrest of a Negro slave named Blackburn who had escaped from Kentucky with his wife and had sought refuge in Detroit while waiting a chance to slip into Canada.

Acting on legal precedents set by Judge Woodward in 1807, the sheriff at Detroit put the Kentucky slaves in jail.

When the Negroes stormed the jail, the worried sheriff decided to elude the mob and take his prisoner to a steamboat. The plan was discovered, and the Negro mob seized Blackburn and transported him jubilantly by canoe to the Canadian shore. Incidentally, the sheriff recovered from his wounds.

During the early frontier days in Michigan the practice of slavery was fairly common, and even Stephen T. Mason, Michigan's first governor, is said to have brought Negro slaves with him from Virginia, his native state. However, the anti-slavery sentiment grew, and by 1850 the southern part of Michigan had many "stations" of an "underground railroad" by which Negro slaves were encouraged to escape through Michigan to Detroit, the border terminal. From Detroit it was easy for them to cross the river into Canada.

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History Repeats After 110 Years

Detroit Had Negro Riots Way Back in 1833

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By Gene Alleman

If Detroit's chickens are just coming to roost, they sure took their sweet time.

Just 110 years ago, this very month, a company of federal troops were dispatched from Fort Gratiot (Port Huron) to Detroit for the express purpose of suppressing an insurrection of Negroes.

Good citizens of Detroit, like those of San Francisco after the "big fire" were inclined to minimize the disturbance by calling it "The Negro riot". But it was a rip-roaring, lusty affair in which the Negroes stormed the jail, paraded the streets, shot the sheriff and otherwise had the white people in a dither of panic.

And like the 1945 rumors that whites had killed three Negroes on Belle Isle, the exaggerated reports in 1833 grew until "business was at a standstill. Women dared not venture out of doors. Merchants put up their shutters, shoved the bolts into place, and stood, gun in hand, in their darkened shops, guarding their goods."

Who said history doesn't repeat itself? It did in Detroit!

In those pre-civilized days, Detroit was the capital of the Territory of Michigan. The frontier peninsula had not yet attained the stature of statehood which came in 1820.

When Congress enacted the Ordinance of 1787, creating the northwest Territory out of the region between the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and the Great Lakes, the federal law-makers inserted this significant provision:

"There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said territory, otherwise than in the punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

General Lewis Cass was appointed governor of the Territory of Michigan following the War of 1812, and when the Negro insurrection took place, he had been elevated to secretary of war at Washington.

Lewis Cass knew his Michigan, and his Detroit, and so when Mayor Chapin of the French community "on the straits" (which is the origin for the French designation of "de Troy"), the prefix being pronounced "day"), made an appeal on July 25, for a detachment of the United States troops, Cass acted with dispatch.

The 1833 outbreak was caused by Negro protests against the arrest of a Negro slave named Blackburn who had escaped from Kentucky with his wife and had sought refuge in Detroit while waiting a chance to slip into Canada.

Acting on legal precedents set by Judge Woodward in 1807, the sheriff at Detroit put the Kentucky slaves in jail.

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Republican party itself at Jackson on July 6, 1854, was a part of this anti-slavery sentiment in Michigan which invited Negroes of the South to seek a haven here.

Whenever industry is confronted with a shortage of workers, the historic solution has been to import cheap labor from elsewhere. The Southern plantation owners imported the Negroes from Africa. When the first World War created a labor shortage in Michigan, industrialists encouraged a notable migration of Negroes from the south into Detroit and other factory centers. Today, the Mexicans and Jamaicans are "summering" in Michigan for the same economic reason.

Where the Negro population in Michigan was only 17,115 in 1910 and more than one-third of these were in Wayne county, it had grown by the first year of the World War to about 23,000 in Detroit alone, and by 1920 it had reached 60,000. In 1930 it was 169,000. Today the Negro population is estimated to be close to a quarter of a million and it is still mounting.

Perhaps it is a bit trite, after reviewing a century's history of how Negroes have been encouraged to migrate to Michigan, to make a simple observation that the "chickens are coming home to roost".

The Negroes are here because, historically at least, we invited them to come. Putting blame on mythical Axis agents or Ku-Klux-Klanners won't change this collective social responsibility of our one iota.

It's our job, not theirs, to find the solution.

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