



By K. K. Vining

Desk Work Files Up

Never in our years of extension service work have we had to stick so close to the office. In the writing and compiling of our annual report this has been brought home. We like field work and have never been long sitting at a desk. In a week or so we are going to report in this column of extension activities the past year. Right now a day in the field is about as good as a day's vacation. We have enjoyed checking the school forests for it entailed some tramping. All the school forests, but East Grand Rapids, have been checked and they look good. Went through Sparta, Rockford and Lowell the past week. All three are coming fine. The plantings made in 1940 are beginning to look up. That year there was a heavy loss necessitating some replanting. There was some loss in this year's Rockford planting due to the dry spell in July but not a serious one. This planting, at Edgerton, is about all finished, perhaps a couple acres left. Would like a new site for this school. Lowell has finished a 20 acre field. The planting the Lowell students made in 1930 certainly is growing. And while we are speaking of trees our office will help farmers get seedlings next spring. Letters will go out soon after the new year about trees available.

Black Squirrels Coming Back  
Coming home the other day from checking the school forests we saw a black squirrel cross the road near Lime Lake, in Algoma township. Got out of the car for a closer view and Mr. Squirrel ran across the road again and then another one. It was the first black squirrel we had ever seen in the county. We were telling Irving Pennington about them and he tells me they are slowly coming back in that territory. Frank Dumond, at the Grand Rapids Museum, tells me they are not common in this county.

Up-to-Date Potato Storage  
Kent County has another new and up-to-date farm potato storage. Carl Hezlar, of Courtland township, is finishing one that will hold 10 to 12,000 bushels of spuds. This storage is on a side hill so that the upper part can be used for a tool and repair shed. The lower part of the storage was built of cement blocks with the upper part wood. A half round roof covers the machinery room with no supports in the way. Hezlar made laminated rafters out of oak cut on the farm. One feature we liked about the storage was the fact that potatoes could be unloaded in the basement or from the tool shed floor. Courtland township has now two new potato storages, the one just described and one on the Elwin Parmeter farm in use for the second year. We would suggest any one planning on building a potato storage should see these two. Wayne Whittall, in the same neighborhood, has recently remodelled his barn basement into the pen type style. We are anxious to stop and see what it is like. And while driving that way the other day we noticed that Clayton Davies, in Cannon township, has built a new tool shed.

OK at Camp Vining  
Stopped at Camp Vining the other day to see how things were. Everything has been put away for the winter. The ground is covered with leaves and while we know there isn't a prettier camp site anywhere in the summer, we never drive in there any season but what we feel there is something attractive about it. Dick Machiele and I didn't get the tool shed painted but that will be a job for early spring. You might be interested to know that over 400 4-H Club and church youngsters used the camp last summer. (continued on back page)

POINTS FOR SALVAGE FAT  
Beginning next Monday, December 13, the housewife will receive 2 one-point brown ration stamps for each pound of salvage kitchen fat turned in to the retailer, and in addition to ration points will continue to receive the ceiling price of four cents a pound for used kitchen fats, which are badly needed for the making of glycerins and sulfa drugs.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD  
The village of Lowell will pay a reward of \$5 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who have been breaking and destroying electric light bulbs and globes at various street intersections. —Police Department

2 WEEKS UNTIL CHRISTMAS  
This issue is your best gift directory  
1943

Dec. 15 Deadline For Farmers To File 1943 Income Tax Returns

"Do I have to make an income tax estimate and tax return Dec. 15?" is the question that many farmers have asked themselves, their banker or some friend. The Lowell Ledger will attempt to answer this question. Almost every farmer is required to make a return, in our opinion. Why is this so? Because every person who made as little as \$24 gross in 1942 or 1943 is subject to the Victory Tax. Any married couple who made \$1,200 or more in either 1942 or 1943 must file and is subject to the normal income tax. Those who have incomes of higher amounts may be subject to the surtax. If this is so, how will the farmer who has never filed an income tax go about it? There is one thing to remember. It may be a bit confusing, but it is the law. The Victory and income taxes are computed on the 1942, or the 1943 income—whichever is greater. So it is important that he know his 1942 income as well as that which he is to estimate for 1943. Next he must have his figures. He must know what his costs have been. No one can get these figures together better than himself. The job is a simple one if he has kept records and the government will demand that farmers keep records in the future. Following is an example of a simple set of figures that might apply to the average farmer:

Sale of livestock purchased	\$ 350.00
Sale of milk	1,500.00
Sale of produce raised	1,500.00
Sale of livestock	1,300.00
Hire of teams and equipment	150.00
Breeding fees	100.00
AAA program fees	100.00
Gross farm income	\$5,090.00

Deductions

Labor hired	\$ 300.00
Feed purchased	250.00
Seeds, plants, etc., purchased	400.00
Machine hire	50.00
Supplies purchased	75.00
Repairs and maintenance	130.00
Fertilizers	200.00
Farm gas and oil	160.00
Trucking	85.00
Taxes, insurance, etc.	100.00
Depreciation on buildings, machinery	350.00
Total deductions	\$2,100.00
Net farm income	\$2,990.00

Other Income:

Interest on bank deposits	\$ 35.00
Dividends	75.00
Total estimated income	\$3,100.00

There! With the above information all figured out, the worst part of making the Dec. 15 estimate is over.

Youthful Robber Ends Up in Jail

Venture in Crime Meets With Quick Ending for 16-Year-Old Charles Keesh, Farm Lad  
Charles Keesh, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keesh of near Fallsburg, is in serious trouble with the law as the result of robbing the store of Ralph Townsend early last Thursday evening, and on Sunday night taking a sedan, belonging to William Christiansen, from its parking place on Main-st., after which he held up a service station at the intersection of US-16 and M-95 at the point of a gun, robbing four truck drivers who were eating in the place, and appropriating the money from the cash register, securing about \$25 in all. Keesh drove away from the service station but ran into a ditch on the Lake Odessa road, got a farmer to haul him out, only to run into more trouble less than a mile away when the car left the road and landed upside down in Little Thornapple river. Keesh crawled from the overturned car, went to the home of the farmer who had hauled him out of the ditch, where he told a story that aroused the suspicions of the farmer, who called a deputy sheriff from Barry county. When the officer questioned the boy about discrepancies in his story he pulled a gun on the sheriff who made a lunge for it but slipped and struck his head against the door which stunned him long enough to allow the young bandit to escape. Keesh hid out in the barn all night and hid behind into Clarksville the next morning where he was recognized and seized by the local fire chief, and was taken before the Iowa prosecuting attorney where he made his statement which is briefly summarized in the foregoing. The articles taken from Townsend's store on Thursday night consisted of two automatic pistols and a revolver. Officer Frank Stephens had reason to suspect young Keesh and upon searching his home recovered one of the missing guns. Keesh was already on a one-year probation through Kent county juvenile court, for theft of a revolver at Lowell, sometime previous to his recent venture in crime. Officers are continuing their investigation of the case and it will probably be several days before he will be taken into court for hearing. Keesh is said to have told an officer that he did not know why he embarked on a crime career except that he had a passion for guns. It is to be hoped that the young man will now realize that "crime does not pay."

Among those who received commissions December 1 as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps at the Officer Candidate School graduation at Camp Berkeley, Texas, was Lester E. Fenning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fenning, 158 Pleasant Ave. Lieut. Fenning is a civilian ordinance inspector and a college student at Michigan State College before entering the army.

A letter written by Lieut. Earl Anderson from New Guinea to his wife, Helen, in Grand Rapids, appears in the New Guinea section of "War Letters", a book compiled by Random House of letters from service men all over the world, to their wives, mothers, etc. Lieut. Anderson was one of the few men of Company H to reach Buna Mission, after crossing the Owen Stanley Mountains on foot, a harrowing experience which he relates in this letter. The proceeds of the book go to benefit the families of service men. Mrs. Anderson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lampkin of Lowell, has received a complimentary copy.

Mrs. Raoul S. Loranger of Ada informs the Ledger that the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to her son, B. M. L. Rollin George Frazer, has been received by his daughter, Janet Ruth Frazer of Phoenix, Ariz. A gold star appears on the Lowell Roll of Honor by Frazer's name, and it is a coincidence that the announcement of this award should come two years to a day after he was killed in action at Gasm, the date also being his 28th birthday.

Robert Lee Henry, seaman first class, of Lowell R. F. D., attached to the U. S. Naval Armed Guard Center at New Orleans, La., has just returned from sea duty as a member of a Naval gun crew assigned to an American merchant vessel. Henry joined the Navy on April 15, 1942, and during his three months at sea he visited British and South American ports.

Mrs. W. N. Pennock received a call from Petty Officer Loree C. Pennock from Miami, Fla., early Sunday morning, stating he was leaving by plane at 7 a. m. for Boston, Mass. He said he was through with combat duty, having served more than three years at sea. After a 20-day leave he will report at Washington, D. C., where he will be connected with salvage and rehabilitation work.

Food Wasted in Homes of Kent County Would Supply 6,950 Service Men

Kent County's 64,225 housewives could feed 6,950 soldiers for a year with the food wasted annually in homes of the county, an official of the county's leading food distributor estimated this week. This amazing figure is based on accurate government statistics which indicate that at least 32,472 pounds of food are wasted annually in Kent County homes, according to Harvey A. Baum, head of A & P Tea Company's produce-buying operations. "Food is a munition of war and everyone must fight waste of it now," Baum pointed out. Efficient food producers, processors and distributors have worked for years to reduce waste. Our company, for example, has cut waste and spoilage on perishable fruits and vegetables by 50 per cent during the past 20 years, he added. "Now the government is urging a similar war on food waste in the home." Kitchen efficiency, Baum suggested, should include three points: (1) Buy as nearly as possible just the required amount; (2) serve moderate helpings, and (3) use all leftovers. Baum said that although housewives have eliminated much food waste since Pearl Harbor, over eight per cent of all food bought for home consumption is still wasted. While it is obvious that waste cannot be prevented entirely, he added carefully planned conservation should cut the loss in half and thus 3,475 soldiers could be fed with the resulting savings in homes of the county. Civilians eat about 1,514 pounds of food each year, he concluded, while the average soldier "puts away" 1,916 pounds annually.

Paper Shortage Causing Crisis

Are you one of those millions of persons who, thinking of son or daughter or brother or sister in our country's military services, has said, earnestly, again and again: "Golly! How I wish I could do something REAL to help fight this war?" If you are, here's your chance to go ALL-OUT! One of the indispensable raw materials of war is plain, ordinary paper—paper of every kind and description. It is, at present, indispensable for the transportation of shells, bombs, medical supplies, food, bullets, shoes and 10,000 other items. A national crisis has arisen. It's been developing for some time. Now, suddenly, it has become ACUTE. Unless met, NOW, it can and will slow up our whole war effort. We, as a nation, are RUNNING SHORT OF PAPER. Raw paper stock has been cut, lumberjacks and papermill workers have gone to war, pulpwood is going for other purposes. We're running short of paper. To grapple with the emergency the War Production Board has asked for a nation-wide waste paper drive—a drive to continue unremittently until the end of the war—a drive to save, collect and send to war every scrap of every kind of paper that the American people on the home front are capable of salvaging. The drive is national. It's URGENT; the need is NOW. Michigan has a part and a responsibility in it and FOR IT. That means that Kent County shares that responsibility. From now on the letters "E-S-C" (Every Scrap Counts) must have a deep purposeful meaning—an urge to sustained action. E-S-C! Every Scrap Counts! To keep munitions and supplies going UNINTERRUPTEDLY to our fighting men the WPB and the county and local salvage committees, augmented by this newspaper and every other newspaper in the county, is calling on YOU to save newspapers, magazines, old books, catalogs, pamphlets, bags, wrapping paper, wastebasket paper, scraps of every kind and color. Paper fiber IN ANY FORM. E-S-C! Save it! When you have collected a supply, you can SELL it or DONATE it—as you wish. Newspapers should be tied in bundles from 12 to 15 inches high. Paper cartons, corrugated board boxes and containers should be pressed flat and tied in bundles of about 150 pounds. Arrangements are being made by the local salvage committee to collect it. Start saving now. Mark Twain's story of Tom Sawyer's adventures in Hannibal, Mo., heads the list of favored reading of eighth-grade pupils throughout the United States—Prof. Harold Saxe Tuttle of the City College School of Education, New York City.

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Buy Christmas Seals and Prevent Wartime Rise in TB

Along Main Street

The American Line, Inc. has installed a dictaphone in order to expedite office work.

Lowell schools will close Wednesday night, Dec. 22, for the holiday vacation and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

Local fuel dealers report that the coal situation is easing up and that reasonable amounts of various brands of fuel are now reaching local yards. That's good news.

Lowell stores will be open evenings beginning Monday, Dec. 20, up to and including Christmas Eve. Food stores will be open Thursday night until 9 o'clock and on Christmas eve until 7.

Attorney Gerald White of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, is the newly-elected president of the Kiwanis Club of that city and will take office January 1. Congratulations to Mr. White for the honor which has been conferred upon him.

There was a generous response by the people of Lowell and vicinity to the call for warm clothing to be sent to the destitute families of the occupied countries, articles contributed being of good quality and necessary warmth.

William Hartnett of Bethel, Alaska, formerly of this vicinity, was a caller at the Ledger office Friday. Mr. Hartnett went to Alaska over 40 years ago, but comes to the States every year for about four months. By looking at your map you will see that Bethel is on the Bering Sea, north of the Aleutians.

Hats off to Village treasurer, Elmer J. White, who has completed the collection of his summer tax roll without a single delinquency. County Treasurer Thomas Vidro states that this is the first time in perhaps twenty years that a local governmental unit in Kent county has made such a record as that. Lowell taxpayers paid \$6,285.95 in realty taxes and \$1,432.50 in personal taxes for a total of \$7,838.45.

Jokes, jests, fibes and jabs just by Jeff. Let no man think himself so wise that he forgets trousers hangers were invented by a woman. With cotton tops on hoisery, today's girl is less apt to be much of a show-off. No rationing can be so bad that still permits mince pie in local homes, especially if the mince comes from Rutherford's. We overheard a citizen ask if they couldn't sell a lot of the present movie film for junk. The dollar may not go as far as pre-war, reminds Bruce McQueen, "but its acceleration is better." Clarice Leonard believes that the fellow who used to read movie titles out loud now annoys folks around him by eating candy from a cellophane bag.

Mrs. Mary Crady, 70 Laid to Rest Today  
Funeral rites are being held today (Thursday) for Mrs. Mary Crady, 70, who died from a heart attack at her home in Alton, Monday, Dec. 6. Services are in the Alton church, of which she was a member, with Rev. H. E. Gilmore officiating. Mrs. Crady was born in Louisville, Ky., but came to Alton to live twenty-three years ago with her husband, George, who preceded her in death about five years ago. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Ford of Granton, and one son, Glenville Crady of Louisville, Ky. Interment in Alton cemetery.

STRAND CALENDAR  
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10—Victor Mature and Lucille Ball in "Seven Days Leave" also Ann Corio in "Sarong Girl" and News.  
Sunday and Monday, Dec. 12—Cary Grant and Laraine Day in "Mr. Lucky" also Popeye cartoon, News and Shorts.  
Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 14—"Harrigan's Kid" with Bobby Redick; also "Ladies Day" with Lupe Velez and Eddie Albert.  
Thursday, Dec. 16—Simone Simon in "Cat People"; also Bill Boyd in "Colt Comrades".

TWO YEARS AGO  
ON DECEMBER 7 the American people finished two years of war. When the shock of attack by Japan and Germany hit them, they felt rather dazed by the extreme emergency suddenly precipitated upon them. They faced the hatred and violence of two countries that had been preparing for war for a good many years. Our people had cherished the idea of peace, and they had hoped to get along well with all the world. It is a hard moment for peace loving people when they suddenly find that they have to get out in the rough world of battle and fight like primitive men, and forget the tender sentiments of humanity which civilization and Christianity have taught us. The mind of a peaceful person revolts at such a suggestion, but if he loves his freedom and cherishes the ideals of his native land he is called on to respond to the call of his country and go out to defend her from her cruel foes. The organization of armed forces numbering many millions, the creation of a vast system for producing ships and planes and tanks and guns and every conceivable weapon, and the creation of a stupendous supply system that should give our armed forces all the equipment they need, has been a job far beyond anything this country ever tackled before. The degree of success attained in this tremendous aim has been amazing. It has been the biggest job of production and organization ever accomplished by any nation. The business managements and technical experts have done things that seem almost miraculous. The country's workers have toiled unthinkingly for victory. The willingness of the people to accept deprivations and put up with inconveniences has been a great factor in our national achievement. Our country has accomplished results that seemed impossible two years ago. Let us hope that plans and programs to be adopted will prevent any such war from occurring again.

BEAR IN MIND  
PERHAPS LOWELL has taken its Bible pretty much as an established fact, that comes what may to advertise the Bible would stay. So maybe we here are surprised to know that there are places where Bibles are now needed, corners seeking them but not finding. This Book has always been on the best selling list and has held its followers through the ages. If it has been taken too much for granted, then when there is a lack of Bibles, our appreciation may be increased. We all might do well to go to our moor frequently, to bear in mind its usefulness in our daily living.

Big Meat Supply In Wild Animals  
Approximately a million pounds of meat could be added to Michigan's ration if modern consumers followed their pioneer ancestors' example of eating meat of wild animals killed for sport or fur, according to state conservation department game men. Over 500,000 pounds of muskrat alone could be used to supplement the wartime food supply and could be made into delicious dishes as many connoisseurs who have already made use of the "marsh rabbit" will testify. Possum, woodchuck and raccoon also have their supporters among consumers who have taken advantage of this source of meat. In the 1942 season, trappers and hunters took almost 400,000 muskrats, more than 35,000 raccoons, about 8,000 woodchuck and about 6,000 beaver. Conservation officials suggest that people eating wild game for the first time consider it an entirely new dish and not try to compare it with beef, pork or other domestic meats because it has a flavor entirely all its own.

Auction Sales  
Dr. J. W. Trumble, Dec. 15  
Having decided to quit farming, Dr. J. W. Trumble will sell at public auction at the former Tom Driscoll farm, 1 mile south and 3/4 mile east of Parnell, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, a good list of horses, cattle, implements and tools, hay and feed. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. A complete advertisement on another page of this issue of the Ledger.

SCHOOL VACATION DATES  
The Board of Education has decided to close Lowell schools Wednesday night, Dec. 22, for the holiday vacation. School will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.



Sen. Vandenberg Views Inflation Declares Wages and Prices Must Be Linked To Stop Inflationary Pressures

Editorial Comment STUBBORN JAPS Stubborn Japs who have a hard time too much their own way...

PARAGRAPHS: It would be interesting to have the comments of Hopkins, Frankfurter and Niles on the last election returns.

Some folks seem to think that the Champ will retire before the people have a chance for that knockout at the polls in 1934.

Announcement of a sale at public auction of the dairy herd of 100 purebred cows owned by the Michigan State University...

A lot of taxpayers are wondering what was "essential" about the trip to Italy made by Henry Morgan...

Also to illustrate how complex this inflation problem has become, the action of the House at Washington in defeating food subsidies is being interpreted by competent observers...

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YULE CELEBRATIONS WERE ONCE BANNED IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

Christmas was not always merry in England and New England. The Puritans were scornful of the cheerful customs prevalent during the holiday season.

In the meanwhile, the Michigan farm revolt which resulted in a cautious and in the fact has actually increased in intensity.

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When your home store man thanks you for your patronage, you should thank him still more warmly for the effort he has made to serve you in these difficult times.

ALTO NEWS

Box-Mouth Club has completed the mailing of 82 boxes to boys in service.

Alto Locals: Doris Cooper of Whitestownville has been helping at the Skidmore home...

General Aid Dinner: A good crowd attended the General Aid dinner and apportion sale at the Methodist church Friday.

Santa Real Person: This widening gap between farm and city labor has been discussed for one reason more than any other...

Alto Library Notes: New rentals at the library are: Roughly Speaking, by Louise Randall Pierson...

Letter From Mrs. Roosevelt: Last week you scribbled mail a newspaper article to Mrs. Roosevelt...

Alto Locals: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fairchild and Joan called on the Frank and Wm. Fairchild families Sunday.

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Considering only the educational and moral values, it is unnecessary to wonder a child buys a 10-cent or a 25-cent book as long as the purchase represents genuine self-interest.

THESE EXTRA EGGS WENT TO MARKET

Where properly balanced feeds are fed according to a planned program there are extra eggs to market.

MASTER MIX EGG MASH

Bergy Bros. Elevator ALTO, MICH.

Alto Locals: Mrs. Glen Loveland spent the week-end with Mrs. Gladys Yelder and daughter, Beatrice in Grand Rapids.

Alto Locals: Mrs. Helen Young of Port Huron, Mich., and Mrs. Elmer Dittman of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Rothwick and family in Grand Rapids.

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The Christmas Store advertisement featuring various clothing items like coats, shirts, and jackets with prices and descriptions.









BOWNE BUGLE NOTES

Miss Myrtle Porritt

W. S. C. S. Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of Bowne Center W. S. C. S. was held at the Aid Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 1. The dinner committee provided a wonderful "chicken pie and everything" dinner after which all gathered in front of the fireplace for the program. Mrs. Timms offered prayers and read the scripture lesson, reading Rev. Timms as he presented the story of "Life and Death with Filigree Illustrations. Mrs. Anabel Thompson gave a reading on the composing of the two famous Christmas songs "On Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night, Holy Night" with accompaniment played by Mrs. Alden Porritt. After that everyone joined in singing the songs.

We were pleased to have Rev. and Mrs. McCue from Freepost with us. Rev. McCue responded to the request for a few remarks and Mrs. Jack Simpson sang, "The Pleasant Garden of Freepost". There were gifts for all and a true Christmas spirit. Arrangements were made for packing Christmas boxes at the home of Mrs. Wyna Boston. Our next W. S. C. S. meeting Jan. 5, 1944.—Reporter.

LABARGE RIPPLES Mrs. Vera Loring

Mrs. Gerald Link, who has been with her husband at Camp Lee, Stephentown, Maine, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Hattie Babban fell off a stool Friday morning near her ankle. The Rex Johnson family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and family in Allendale Sunday.

Labarge Friendship Club held their Christmas party with Mrs. Maggie Timms with potluck dinner. They finished a quilt for the Santa Claus girls, after which they had a Christmas tree, and finding out their mystery pal for the year. Mrs. Robert joined the club and will remain the January meeting with potluck dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frable, son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witz and Duane Campbell of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schondtewyer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larson and baby of Grand Rapids enjoyed dinner Sunday at the Robert Campbell home.

Sgt. Lyle Eldridge of Camp Udon, Miss., is home on a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trednick and on Sunday they all called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trednick and on Sunday they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gibson at Middleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Grand Rapids and Earl Avey at Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole and evening guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slater and the Congregational church.

Mrs. Lester Antonides spent last Wednesday afternoon with her grandmother, Mrs. Elmas Monka, on Grand River Drive.

Mrs. M. P. Schneider and children of South Lowell were dinner guests Wednesday of Mrs. Claude Cole.

I believe in national mobility. I do not believe in a national infirmity complex.—Summer Welles.

These Evergreens Offer You Lasting Beauty and Variety



EVERYONE will be using lots of evergreen this year for all kinds of home decoration, and even on Christmas packages and for party favors. You'll find that you can have more fun, as well as greater success in using them, if you can identify the various types of evergreen and use each type to the best advantage.

It really isn't difficult to tell them apart, although you may be a little confused at first by the obvious similarities. But the differences are just as great, and the accompanying picture will help you to distinguish at a glance some of the outstanding ones.

To the beginner all evergreens are "some kind of pine," so let's start with the pines. You can easily recognize that permitted the white needles in bunches of two, three or five, and the needles are long, straight and sharp-pointed. The white pine (E) has bunches of five needles that look like stiff brushes.

At first glance the white fir (G) may look to you like a pine. But if you look more closely you will see that the fir needles are borne singly. They are flat, and when they fall they leave a smooth, bare stem. The most popular Christmas tree is a fir, the balsam fir.

The spruce also bears its needles singly instead of in bunches, like the pine. An example of this type is the Colorado blue spruce (C), so called because it has a bluish appearance, especially when the trees are young. Another lovely example of this type is the Norway spruce (A).

It will probably help you to distinguish between the fir and the spruce if you remember that fir cones stand erect on the tree, while spruce cones hang down. And when fir needles fall they leave a rough stem.

Most evergreens are conifers. That is, they bear their needles in bundles. An exception is the yew, if you have an evergreen hedge, the chances are good that it's yew, one of the most beautiful, as well as one of the most popular, evergreens for that purpose. Glossy green, with blunt needles, the oriental yew (D) has red berries instead of cones. Sprays of yew are highly decorative and last a long time.

An exception to the rule that evergreens retain their needles or leaves throughout the year is the larch (F), which sheds its leaves. And that brings us to the troublesome fact that some evergreens have leaves instead of needles. The larch, already mentioned, is one example. Another is the cedar and the so-called cedars, such as the white "cedar" (B) which is really arbutus. They have tiny leaves arranged in lacy patterns. Covered with snow, the cedars look like delicate, etching done by an enchanted Jack Frost.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Never knew that before, Judge... I would have sworn it wasn't the other way 'round."

"No, Arthur, the grain used in distilling war-alcohol is not wasted. In an efficient distillery up to 98% of it is reprocessed and is returned to farms like yours in the form of premium-quality livestock feed."

"Remember, this nourishing remainder is plumb full of protein, vitamins and carbohydrates and becomes a highly-prized feed concentrate."

In a complicated society, I recognize that government must make and enforce rules and regulations. But we must have the maximum freedom of enterprise and the minimum of government controls consistent with a modern industrial civilization.—Eric A. Johnson, President, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The Eden of today is the logical development of the Eden of eight years ago, when, as Britain's youthful Foreign Secretary, he tried vainly to rally Europe for peace.—Drew Middleton.

A Stenographic, a traveling Government-operated classroom, is training Nova Scotia farm boys in mechanical and farm trades.

Have we not learned by this time in formulating any foreign policy in this country is that it must be a policy on which the American people can unite? Such a policy must be based on national interest, guided by justice.—Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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Church News

LOWELL CENTER Clara B. Aldrich

Mrs. Marion Kinyon and daughter, Ruthanna and her sister, Mrs. Gladys Miller and Eva Groger of Grand Rapids were supper guests at the E. Kinyon home, Sunday evening, Dec. 13, in the church auditorium at 8 o'clock. A Christmas pantomime, "Why the Chinese Rang" by Raymond MacDonald and Mrs. A. Swamer and Miss. Chose Collins.

The Perry Group will meet at the parsonage this week Friday at 8:00 p. m.

The Peckham Group will sponsor a Silver Tea and Apron sale at the home of Mrs. H. Peckham on Friday at 3:30 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH C. E. Pollock, Minister

"The Desert and the Rose" is the theme for the sermon at 11 o'clock. There will be special music and the Pastor will preach.

Sunday School will be at 10 o'clock. Plans are being made for a happy Christmas in the Sunday School.

Wednesday evening is Song and Bible evening in the upper room at 7:30.

Thursday evening in Religion and Recreation evening for all school youth. The upper room hours are at 7:30.

ANA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Henry L. Rasmussen, Minister

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Worship Service at 7:30 p. m. Observance of Universal Bible Sunday with appropriate services.

Meeting of the Women's Aid and Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Tom Morris on Thursday, Dec. 9.

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH W. B. Kolbenschneider, Pastor

Morning service at 10:00 o'clock. Subject, "A Stewardship Conscious Church."

Sunday School at 11:15 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Virgin Birth."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY Cor. Washington and Kent

Morning services and Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. "God the Preserver of Man" will be the subject of the lesson-lesson in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The Golden Text (II Thessalonians 3:3): "The Lord is faithful, who shall establish you and keep you from evil."

Among the Bible citations in this passage (Quoted 20:17): "For me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 15): "Christians rejoice in secret unity and beauty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL Ed Black, Pastor

10:00 a. m.—Bible School Classes for everyone. 11:00 a. m.—"Popular People." 7:30 p. m.—"The Secret of Victory."

The Young People's meeting will be held at the church at 6:30 p. m. All young people of Lowell are invited to attend. Special music has been planned. Be sure to attend.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN Elisha, Mich.

Rev. Wm. E. Tushaugh, Pastor. Clarksville, Mich. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Young People's meeting at 7:30 p. m.

ELMDALE NAZARENE CHURCH Rev. Wm. Kelley, Pastor

Sunday School—10:00 a. m. Preaching—11:00 a. m. Young People's service at 7:30 p. m. Evening service, followed by preaching at 8 o'clock.

ALL WELCOME.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN Rev. Wm. E. Tushaugh, Pastor

Clarksville, Mich. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Young People's meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Evangelistic service at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

GOSPEL HALL MEETINGS At German Methodist Church

8:00 p. m.—Sunday School. Intentional service and prayers for all ages from God's complete textbook, the Bible.

7:30 p. m.—Gospel preaching. Wednesday evening—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

ALSO FIRST CHURCH W. B. Gardner, Pastor

Bible School 10:00 a. m. Chas. Thompson, sup.

Worship service 11:00 a. m. "O worship the Lord with us, and let us exult his name together."

Shortbread Is Tasty Scotch Holiday Fare

WANT to please someone who "has everything" with a really extra special Christmas gift?

A festively decorated round of Royal Scotch shortbread is the perfect answer to that pressing problem.

The familiar tartan-covered, heather-trimmed tins are missing from the stores this year, so we'll use a really wonderful old Christmas recipe from Scotland and make some ourselves instead.

A quarter cup of powdered sugar is all the recipe requires, so you can plan to make several rounds as you can for Christmas gifts.

All that sugar is a very precious item. Christmas isn't it, and it's good to know that something so delectable that does require so little.

One of the tricks in making good Scotch shortbread is to rub the butter into the flour mixture with the fingertips instead of a pastry blender. The butter softens slightly that way and absorbs the flour and sugar perfectly.

The allied cherries and the chopped almonds are the ingredients that give the regal touch and unbelievably Christmasy texture to this usually somewhat austere Scotch specialty. It's so good you just have to taste it to believe it!

Save half a dozen of the most perfect cherries and almonds for decoration—or use bits of green angelica with the cherries instead.

If you have a box of glace fruit you can let your imagination run riot of course and really go to town. But in general the cherries will do the job very nicely indeed.

When the shortbread is baked, cut a round of white cardboard exactly the same size. Slide a broad spatula gently under the round of shortbread when it is cool and lift it carefully on to the cardboard.

Soften and mix with fork. Add almonds and cherries. Form into a ball. Place in the center of a greased sheet. Put on roll out about half an inch thick. Pinch edges decoratively. Arrange halved cherries and almonds or angelica in the center. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) for half an hour or until center is done and edges are lightly browned. Allow to cool. Loosen carefully with spatula before transferring from cookie sheet.

The shortbread may be shaped into a square and cut into finger strips before baking if preferred.

1/2 cup sifted flour

1/4 cup castor sugar

1/2 cup powdered beet sugar

1 egg butter

1 egg yolk, beaten

3/4 cup chopped blanched almonds

1/2 cup candied cherries, quartered

Sift together flour, castor sugar and sugar. Add butter, blending with finger tips until thoroughly mixed.

Add egg yolk, mix well with fork. Add almonds and cherries. Form into a ball. Place in the center of a greased sheet. Put on roll out about half an inch thick. Pinch edges decoratively. Arrange halved cherries and almonds or angelica in the center. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) for half an hour or until center is done and edges are lightly browned. Allow to cool. Loosen carefully with spatula before transferring from cookie sheet.

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MOSELEY—MURRAY LAKE Mrs. Eva Engle

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost left Tuesday for Clearwater, Fla., to visit her brother, Philip Sayles and wife. They will spend the winter at a cottage at Sarasota.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kuipers and Mr. and Mrs. Philberts of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heuvelhorst and daughter Caroline of Zeeland were Saturday evening guests at the Ted Ehardt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kropp of Lowell spent Saturday evening at the Chris Kropp home. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kropp were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines of Lowell were Sunday guests of Mrs. Eva Engle. Mrs. Blanche Francoise spent the afternoon there.

Pvt. Roy Cooper left Thursday night for camp at Waycross, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Noble McCure were Sunday guests of Mrs. Eva Engle.

Pvt. Donald Sherrington is here spending a furlough with the home folks.

Miss Doris Cooper is assisting with the household duties at the Skidmore home in Alto.

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QUICK RELIEF FROM STOMACH ULCERS

Over two million bottles of the WILLARD TABLETS have been sold since their introduction in 1935. They are the only tablets that give quick relief from stomach ulcers.

Princess Watiana from the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, Lansing, visited our school Thursday, Dec. 2. We enjoyed the legends and health stories very much.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. F. Omolewski that their son Frank has arrived safely in the South Pacific.

The pupils of our school will present a two act comedy, "Christmas at Barney McGee's", Dec. 23, at 8:00 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Richard Haveraga is now trapping as well as farming. He has caught 33 muskrats, but one made a counter attack and as a result Richard has a very sore finger.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 classrooms were last year vacant, thus forcing tens of thousands of youngsters to seek their schooling elsewhere or go without schooling altogether.

It's easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient—Geo. Eliot.

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WZZM CBS for Grand Rapids Two Grand Saturday Programs MARY LEE TAYLOR 9:30 A.M. 30 minutes of kitchen-tested food advice, right from the Pet Milk Experimental Kitchen, presenting economical, tasty war-time recipes. SATURDAY NIGHT SERENADE 8:45 P.M. Gus Haendchen's orchestra, and the voices of Jessica Dragonette and Bill Perry.

These Evergreens Offer You Lasting Beauty and Variety. Includes illustrations of various evergreen trees and detailed text describing their characteristics and uses for home decoration.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS... Includes an illustration of an old man and several columns of humorous and thought-provoking text.

Church News. A collection of news items from various churches in Lowell, Michigan, including service times and community events.

Shortbread Is Tasty Scotch Holiday Fare. A recipe for Royal Scotch shortbread, including ingredients and step-by-step instructions.

MOSELEY—MURRAY LAKE. A collection of local news items and social announcements from the Moseley-Murray Lake area.

QUICK RELIEF FROM STOMACH ULCERS. Advertisement for Willard Tablets, highlighting their effectiveness and popularity.

WZZM CBS for Grand Rapids. Advertisement for two Saturday programs: Mary Lee Taylor at 9:30 A.M. and Saturday Night Serenade at 8:45 P.M.

BOSTON FIRE REVEALS BURN AID. Advertisement for a medical aid product, featuring an illustration of a person and text describing its benefits.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15. Advertisement for a public auction of farm property, listing various items for sale and contact information for the auctioneer.

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM TUBERCULOSIS. Advertisement for a health product, featuring an illustration of a person and text about tuberculosis prevention.

Songfest. Advertisement for a musical event, including details about the program and ticket information.

Because this Christmas will be so different. Advertisement for Foreman Poultry Farm, featuring an illustration of a farm scene and text about their products.

Dr. J. W. Trumble, Prop. Advertisement for a medical or health product, featuring the name of the proprietor and contact information.



### We Still Have Gifts That Will Please

For the Entire Family

- Pyrex Sets
- Glass Tea Sets
- Glass Bowl Sets
- Toys and many gifts for the men in the family.

### Price-Rite Hardware

East Main St. Lowell, Mich.



### Quick Lunch

When you want a quick lunch that is tasty and wholesome, stop here.

We specialize in:

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- HOT DOGS
- CHILI
- MALTED MILKS

### HARRY & V's

SWEET SHOP On the Bridge Lowell Phone 9161

### Special Notice to Truck Operators

Roger Warnahuis of the Grand Rapids District OPA and Paul Winkler of the Office of Defense Transportation jointly announce the issuance procedure for the new "T" gasoline ration coupons to be used after January 1.

The plan involves the use of serially numbered coupons, valued at 5 gallons each, to be issued on the basis of need as certified to the War Price and Rationing Board on the "Certificate of War Necessity" issued to the truck owner by ODT.

In making this change the truck operator is not required to fill out further applications or forms. He will be required, however, to mail or present to the board his master fleet certificate or the single certificate, whichever the case may be, not later than December 15.

Warnahuis points out that this new set-up will enable the OPA to trace all gasoline coupons from the time of issuance until cancellation, which will prove effective against black market operations.

Winkler states that during the period that the ration board is in possession of the trucker's "certificate", the truck owner will not be in violation of ODT regulations—requiring the certificate to be on the vehicle.

### COMING EVENTS

The Martha Group of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Freyermuth, Monday evening, December 13.

The Perry Group of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Woon on Friday, Dec. 10, at 2:00 p. m.

"Why the Chimes Rang," a Christmas pantomime, will be presented by the Sunday School of the Congregational Church in a special Sunday evening service on December 19, at 8 o'clock.

There will be a regular annual Communication of Lowell Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., Tuesday, Dec. 14. Turkey dinner at 6:30. Speaker will be our Grand Secretary from Grand Lodge of Michigan, Homer Newton.—A. Wittenbach, W. M.

The South Lowell Extension Class will meet Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. A. B. Johnson on US-16 (second house west of viaduct).

There will be a regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., Friday evening, Dec. 10.—Beulah Hayward, W. M.; Mary Warner, Sec'y.

The Ladies' Aid of the Zion Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Anna Ryder in Lowell Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16. There will be a Christmas gift exchange.

### MISS ADVENTURES, OF 1943

For the weird record of 1943's most curious happenings including the story of the bus driver who stands up all his customers... and the hungry seaman who couldn't get a bite to eat because all he had was \$500 bills... see the illustrated article in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Dec. 12) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. Phone: Harry and V's Sweet Shop for delivery. adv.

Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.—Jefferson.

### Up and Down Kent County Roads

(Continued from first page)

#### Forester Available

About a year ago the forestry department at Michigan State College offered four central Michigan counties the service of a forester, Mr. M. N. Stickney, to check woodlots, help find markets for timber products and any other woodlot help he could give.

This past Thursday we met Marvin Heft, from Sparta, and Raymond Houghton, from Alto, as they returned from the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago.

Marvin's smile is just about one mile long because he is the National winner of a scholarship to Michigan State College, awarded by Westinghouse. Raymond went as guest of the State 4-H Club Department for placing first in the State 4-H Club Poultry Judging contest.

Both boys were tired but reported the trip well worth while.

### Lodge Elections

Hooker Chapter R. A. M.

At the annual election of Hooker Chapter No. 73 R. A. M. held December 1, the following officers were elected and installed: H. P. Willard Marks; King, Raymond Lenhart; Scribe, Royden Warner; Treas., D. A. Wingler; Sec., Carl Freyermuth; C. of H., Roy Richardson; P. S., Gordon Johnson; R. A. C., George Story; M. 2nd V., Edward Bennett; M. 2nd V., Arnold Krueger; M. 1st V., Arnold Wittenbach; Sentinel, G. W. Bangs.

Jimmy: Mother, I found a little green snake. Mother: Let it alone, Jimmy, it may be just as dangerous as a rattle snake.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ridgway and daughter of Muskegon Heights spent Sunday with the former's sisters, Mrs. Anna Yardley and Mrs. Oma Shear.

Charlie Bergin and Mrs. Courtney Fremont accompanied Dr. J. H. Bergin and family from Detroit Saturday for the week-end, the occasion marking the 92nd birthday of their father, Chris Bergin.

Ross Robb of Fowlerville was a visitor at the Art Hill home last Friday. He was accompanied home by R. D. Bergin who will make an indefinite stay at the home of his sister, Mrs. Susan Hammell.

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### Lowell STRAND Mich.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11 Sunday and Monday, Dec. 12-13

ALL-AMERICAN SHOW FOR ALL-AMERICA

VICTOR MATURE LUCILLE BALL in **SEVEN DAYS' LEAVE**

HAROLD "BOBBY" FEARY - CORTIS FRYER SIMMS - MARTIN

Also ANN CORIO in "SABONG GIRL"

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 14-15

THE "DEEP END" OF THE RACING GAME!

HARRIGAN'S KID

BOBBY BEACON "PICK CRAVEN" WILLIAM GAGAN

Also LARAINÉ DAY in "BUNDLES FOR FREEDOM" by William Malloy

POPEYE CARTOON NEWS ADDED SHORTS

### Cyclamen Chapter Installs Officers

Friday evening marked the annual installation of officers of Cyclamen Chapter, No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star, in the Masonic Temple, with visiting members from near by Chapters present.

Those who assumed their respective offices are: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Basil Hayward; Worthy Patron, J. Mort Townsend; Associate Matron, Mrs. Edward Bennett; Associate Patron, George DeGraw; Secretary, Mrs. Royden Warner; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Hartman; Conductress, Mrs. Howard White; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Arnold Krueger; Chaplain, Mrs. M. N. Stickney; Marshal, Mrs. George Emelander; Organist, Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach; Ada, Mrs. George Story; Ruth, Mrs. George Hale; Esther, Mrs. Adelbert Odell; Martha, Mrs. John Pahrni; Elsie, Mrs. George DeGraw; Sentinel, Mrs. Eugene Carr; Warder, Mrs. Lloyd Shultis; Color Bearers, Mrs. Theron Richmond and Mrs. John R. Trumble.

The installing officers were: Installing officer, Mrs. L. E. Johnson; Marshal, Mrs. R. G. Jefferies, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Townsend; Chaplain, Mrs. John Lott; Organist, Mrs. Eugene Krause.

The Job's Daughters Bethel had a nice part in the ceremony. Mrs. Ray Rogers was general chairman.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

At the meeting of the Monday Book Club Mrs. Bruce McQueen reviewed "Excuse My Dust" by "Bellamy Partridge".

The last meeting of the Book Review Club was held November 30 at the home of Mrs. E. C. Foreman. Mrs. Jay Bolens reviewed "Under My Lucky Star," by Roy Chapman Andrews.

Seven little guests helped Sally Finels celebrate her eighth birthday last Saturday at a party in the Finels home. Games and a birthday cake were features of the afternoon, and the little hostess received some lovely gifts.

### MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Joseph Hill of Ionia was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lodi Shear of Battle Creek spent Sunday visiting with friends and relatives in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wingler and daughter Carol of Palo spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Veley.

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### To Present Pupils In Piano Recital

Miss Charlotte K. White, pianist-teacher and faculty member of the Berger School of Music in Grand Rapids, will present a group of students from her classes in Lowell, Ada and Grand Rapids, in a piano recital at the school recital hall, in the Gilbert building Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30.

Pupils appearing on the program from Lowell are: Norma Helm, Suzanne Miller, Beverly Bedell, Roma Helm, Phyllis Lewis, Loren Barton (5-year-old) Nola Bedell, Helen Laver, Virginia Young, Anita Doyle, Susan Gee and Jane Rittenberger.

From Ada: Duane Averill and Cheryl Nellist. From Grand Rapids: Helen Thiel, Rudyard Abbott, Rosa Barwacz, Elaine VanTuinen, Susan Pratt, Nancy Keller, Nancy Grimes, Kim Weeks, Sonja Anderson, Barbara Hansen, Karen Mead, Barbara Cohn, Ida Lyn Cook and Mary Clare Weeks.

### Rationing Facts At a Glance

Processed Foods Green Stamps A, B and C good Nov. 1 through Dec. 20, D, E and F valid through Jan. 20.

Meats, Cheese, Butter, Fats and Canned Fish Brown L, M and N stamps from Book 3 good through Jan. 1, 1944.

Sugar Stamp 29 in Book 4 good for 5 lbs. until Jan. 15.

Shoes Stamp 15 good for 1 pair indefinitely. Stamp No. 1 on "airplane" sheet in Book 3 valid Nov. 1 and good indefinitely.

Gasoline Stamp 9 in new A book good through Jan. 21. 'B' and 'C' stamps which bear the words "mileage ration" good for two gallons until used. B-2 and C-2 coupons good for five gallons each.

Tires Next inspections due: 'A' Book vehicles by March 30, 1944; 'B's' by Feb. 28, 1944. 'C's' Feb. 28, 1944; commercial vehicles every six months or 5,000 miles whichever is first.

Fuel Oil Coupon No. 1 for the new season good now until Jan. 3 for 10 gallons. Fuel oil users should have burned not over 22 per cent of their ration by December 4.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

First Grade: Jacqueline Batey, Barbara Burtle, Lester Ketchum, Billy McCarthy, Pety Trumble, Paula Hilton, Mickey Willard.

Fifth Grade: Marian Batey, Leon Buck, Carole Burch, Charles Kelley, Resthol Kloosterman, Genevieve Kutchey, Ardis McCaul, Victor Reynolds, Rex Swan, Frank Thompson.

Seventh Grade: Robert Andrews, Edward Armstrong, Marilyn Bozung, Harold Brezina, Robert Carnahan, Marilyn Clark, Gardner Collins, Walter Ebyke, Patricia Frolund, Wayne Hoag, Elaine Houghton, Susan Krum, Edward Minard, Pat O'Neil, Richard Place, Joann Priebe, Constance Smith, Nancy Tappert, Nancy Townsend, Lanora Watson, Barbara Washburn, Marian Zemaner.

Eighth Grade: Dorothy Alexander, Charlene Austin, Saralce Chrouch, Marylyn Collins, Anita Doyle, Robert Eickhoff, Berwyn Kloosterman, Russell Lock, Marjorie McQueen, Jerold Stevens, Bertha Strahn, and Shirley Williams.

### JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

The Junior Farm Bureau met on Thursday evening, Dec. 2, at the Vergennes Grange hall. Ben Henick, state director of the Junior Farm Bureau, attended this meeting and conducted a discussion on problems facing Junior Farm Bureau today.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, at the grange hall. A Christmas exchange is to be held at this meeting, no gift to cost more than 25c.

—Oren Ford, Reporter.

### Vergennes Co-op. Club

The Vergennes Co-operative Club met at the home of Mrs. Sam Ryder for the annual Christmas meeting, with a large attendance. The committee gave a play, "The Night Before Christmas", and selected readings that were enjoyed by all. Santa distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree, then a bountiful lunch. The next meeting is to be at the Grange hall for the annual party, Jan. 6.—Club Reporter.

### Won't

God—After all, fools are the people that really make life interesting. When all the fools are gone I wouldn't care to be here.

Marine—Don't worry; you won't.

The desire of the wicked is the fortification of evil men; but the root of the just shall prosper.—Proverbs 12: 12.

### Home Folks Hear From Sam Yeiter

Would Like to Come Home But Prefers the Rome-Berlin-Paris Route—Say Next April

The Ledger is printing the following excerpts from a letter received by the home folks from Major Sam Yeiter, who is serving in the Mediterranean area. This is their first letter in over four months.

"The Yeiter footprint has well-covered the North African front. How, when, where, why isn't to be asked. The heels have had little time to cool off, though, of that you can be assured. The corresponding brain cells likewise have been subjected to considerable activity in acquiring several Degrees at the time-favored College of Military Knowledge. The nature of these studies cannot be divulged at this time, I'm sure you understand.

"Yes ma'am, your summer package arrived, and I really mean it copped the blue ribbon for the season's best to the man overseas. You didn't miss a trick. Am saving my film to make the best use of them. It is practically impossible to get them developed here anyhow, so there's no use to rush. Believe me, with things like that, you bring back the memories and give again to me the true thoughts and love of home and all it stands for—the sort of thing that gives a man the strength and incentive to live and do with the best that's in him.

"I've lost track of Bob Schwacha now. He left the Company shortly after I did, and I have not heard from him since. One day I walked smack into Earl Deje—finally after a year's hunt. With phinagling I helped to get Earl and Bob together, but that's all the further I could get. I also lost track of Earl, as I was given a new job which made it impossible to contact him again. Lea Bill Frost and Dale Ford likewise appeared from nowhere, making the ole world seem pretty small in spite of everything. Earl, Bill and Dale are all looking fine, say they're feeling fine, and as far as I know, they're doing okay. It felt good to talk over old times, but things have changed so much, the present and future are so mixed up now, and so many things have happened to each of us that I sure actually wasn't much to say. Sounds funny, but not until this business is finished, we've settled back to normal, and have found answers to the questions and confusion in our minds will we be able to sit down and talk things out."

In closing Sam writes that he is in fine shape physically and that he'd like very much to go home, but prefers the Rome-Berlin-Paris route, which will probably delay him till "let's say, April, 1944."

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### IN APPRECIATION

I thank all my friends, the taxpayers of Lowell, for their splendid cooperation thus enabling me to collect 100 per cent Lowell Village taxes. I appreciate it very much. Elmer S. White, Village Treasurer

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## Notice From The Palace Cleaners

For the present, it is impossible for us to get cleaning fluid, forcing us to get our cleaning done at the Baxter Laundry.

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