

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

BETTER CARE

MODERN WARFARE is so advanced in design that it becomes more destructive in nature and consequently there are more wounded in this war than in any early ones.

A REAL SCRAPBOOK

WE PASS ON this suggestion of a reader and since there is hardly a family hereabouts who hasn't someone in the armed forces.

KNOWING VALUES

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES which beginners encounter in many trades, is that they do not know the value of the things they are handling.

THE NATION'S HEALTH

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are standing a heavy strain of anxiety a great many of them are working very hard, and it might be feared that under these conditions the health of the nation would suffer.

Hunters Should Mail Game Report Cards

A good New Year's resolution for thousands of Michigan hunters who wish to start the new year right is to mail their game kill report cards to the state conservation department at once.

DIES ON 84th BIRTHDAY

Charles E. Clark (better known by the name Ed. Clark), for many years a resident of Lowell, passed away on his 84th birthday, January 1, 1944.

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, JAN. 6, 1944

No. 35

Ernest Colby, 72 Killed in Crash

Friends and relatives in Alto and vicinity were greatly shocked to learn of the accidental death, on Tuesday, of Ernest Colby, 72, who was killed in a traffic crash a few miles north of St. Johns, while enroute from Midland to his farm at Alto.

Mr. Colby was born in Bowne-tp. and had lived nearly his entire life in the vicinity, with the exception of about ten years spent on a farm in North Dakota.

Surviving besides the son in Midland, are two sisters, Mrs. Theo Lane of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Pearl Yetter of Lowell-tp., and four brothers, George of Bowne-tp., Ray N. of Chicago, Roland E. of Mc-Cords, and Earl V. of Alto.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2:00 p. m. at the Methodist church in Alto. Interment in Bowne cemetery.

Mr. Colby was held in highest esteem by all who knew him, and all join in extending sincerest sympathy to the bereaved relatives over his unexpected death.

Esteemed Alto Farmer Laid to Rest at 85

James Omer Scott was born at Bradford, Ontario, Canada, on February 20, 1858, and passed away at his home at Alto, Jan. 3, 1944, at the age of 85.

He was united in marriage on November 10, 1886, with Mabelia Warner, who preceded him in death on April 7, 1935.

Mr. Scott was held in high esteem by his many friends and neighbors. He leaves to mourn their loss, the five children, a sister, Mrs. Mary Sears of Lansing, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1944 Car Plates Go On Sale Here

Michigan's 1944 automobile license plates which are being issued one to a vehicle are making their appearance on the streets of Lowell this week.

The new plate is made of 26 gauge steel which is slightly lighter than in previous years and was allowed the states by the War Production Board when it was shown that the 1942 plates which had been used through 1943 with a small tab would not last through another licensing year and because of the necessity from a law enforcing standpoint that tags bearing easily read numbers be on all cars.

In a press release, Herman H. Dignan, Secretary of State, calls attention to the fact that the one 1944 plate must be attached to the rear of the car or truck and that no plate, either new or old, is to be displayed at the front.

Bertha M. Quick, 69 Laid to Rest Here

Mrs. Bertha M. Quick, who passed away Christmas Eve in St. Joseph hospital, Elgin, Ill., after a five weeks' illness, was brought to Lowell last week Wednesday for interment in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Quick was born in Rutherford, Pa., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Silsby, and came, with her parents, when a small child, to Lowell, where she spent all of her school days, being a graduate of Lowell high school.

She was married to Edgar R. (Joe) Quick of Lowell and later moved from here to Grand Rapids. Mrs. Quick is survived by an only son, Edgar, of Chicago, and her mother, Mrs. Lewis Haner of St. Johns, who will soon reach her 90th birthday.



News of Our Boys

Harold Dawson has been promoted to the rank of corporal at Camp Hahn, Calif.

Wayne M. Kingdom, who has joined the marines, is now stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Clifford Klump, Jr., S 1/c, spent the holidays with his parents and left on New Year's Day for Rhode Island.

Pfc. Elmer Graham of Kelley Field, Tex., is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cren Graham.

Miss Doris Christiansen, who enlisted in the navy, left Wednesday for Hunter College, New York, to report for training.

Pvt. Bob Christiansen is home this week on furlough and will leave Saturday for the Marine Air Base at Mojave, Calif.

Pfc. Phil Covert, stationed at Camp Adair, Ore., has completed his basic training and has been assigned to the Intelligence Section of the Headquarters Company at Camp Adair.

Correction in an item of last week, which should have read Sgt. Kenneth Ayres has been assigned as engineer gunner on a B-17, and is training for combat being at Sioux City, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller have been receiving some cheerful letters from their son, Pfc. Bernard Miller, who is in Australia. He had received all his Christmas packages, and is receiving and enjoying the Ledger.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander of the safe arrival of their son, Opi. Tech. Winfred J. Alexander, in Australia. Another son, Pfc. George Alexander, has been in Australia the past few months where he is serving with the Army Exchange Service.

The name of Sgt. Joe Hill of Lowell appeared in the December 26th Detroit News, in an interesting account of the Black Panther unit, which has been playing an important part in the Southwest Pacific air war by attacking enemy shipping along New Guinea and New Britain coasts.

The 32nd Division, which has a good many Lowell and Kent county boys serving with it, is back in the news again after about a year since the Buna campaign. The division is now reported in action several hundred miles up the New Guinea north coast at Saldor.

A Japanese flag taken in a jungle on an island somewhere in the S. Pacific has been on display in the window of the Ledger office, and has attracted considerable attention. The flag was sent to Supervisor Frank L. Houghton by his son, Sgt. Lewis A. Houghton, who has spent 30 months in that war zone.

STRAND CALENDAR: Thursday, Jan. 6 - 'The Youngest Profession' with Virginia Weidler; also Added Shorts. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7-8 - Harold Perry in 'Gildersleeve's Bad Day', also Annabella and John Sutton in 'Tonight We Raid Calais'. Sunday and Monday, Jan. 9-10 - Mary Martin, Franchot Tone and Dick Powell in 'True to Life', also News and Added Shorts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11-13 - Tyrone Power and Anne Baxter in 'Crash Dive', also Added Shorts. REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS: Martin P. Schneider and wife to Philip H. Schneider and wife, part northeast 1/4, section 28-8-9, Lowell township. Diamond Oil Company to Willard Simmons, part section 2-6-9, Village of Lowell.

Waste Paper Is Now Prime Weapon of War

Collection Day is Wednesday, January 12

Wastepaper, once a nuisance, has become a prime weapon of war. Today, a growing pile of waste paper down in the basement or tied in neat bundles waiting for collection time is a BADGE OF HONOR for any family.

Why? Because the amount of paper that goes into our war effort is so great that our national stock is running low. We can't get pulpwood in sufficient quantities; we must depend on wastepaper.

To back up our fighting forces we have to keep up a constant flow of supplies involving more than 700,000 different kinds of items. In each and every one of them paper is a factor, either as a production material or as a wrapper or container. In strictly military uses more than 600,000 tons of paper are consumed every month.

Every shell we ship to shoot at the enemy travels in a paperboard container. A ton of waste paper will produce 1,500 shell containers; or 47,000 boxes for 30-caliber ammunition; or 71,000 dust covers for airplane engines; or 36,000 practice targets.

To keep the armed forces supplied with milk, the army needs a million paper milk containers a day. To pack the 10,000,000 army shirts purchased in 1943, 750 tons of paperboard were required.

Every scrap of waste paper salvaged is a contribution to the war effort! Albert Hall, head of the Ag. department of the Lowell high school, and his F. F. A. boys have volunteered to assist in the waste paper collection in Lowell and surrounding country.

The collection date is Wednesday, Jan. 12. Please leave your waste paper on the porch or in a conspicuous place near the curb or driveway.

Waste Paper Preparation: To get waste paper into the hands of paper mills as rapidly as possible, tie or bundle all material.

Governor Kelly Offers New Year's Resolution: There is reason to hope that 1944 may bring the end of the European phase of the war.

Farm Repair Class To Resume Tonight: Farmers Urged To Make Use of New Machinery and Improved Facilities; New Entrance Now Completed.

Workers Should Report Social Security Number: You may lose money if your employer does not have a record of your social security number.

BOMBS AWAY!: 'Zeros coming up! Bombs away!' And the Flying Fortress hits for a friendly cloud.

QUEENS DIE PROUDLY: The beautiful theory of the motor-car use tax is that you save enough to pay it by not using your car.



A stray turkey, much bewildered, created more or less excitement on Main-st. Tuesday forenoon, until rescued by L. A. Tanner.

Lowell fire department was called to the old Leon McCarty farm, 3 miles southwest of Lowell, about nine o'clock Tuesday night.

Bert Myers luckily escaped serious injury Wednesday morning while headed for work in Grand Rapids.

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The L. W. Lamb Company is spending the winter reconditioning their equipment for another busy season.

The New Year brought with it a continuance of the unusually good weather which has prevailed in this section ever since the beginning of last fall.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: You can't blame our boys being shocked by seeing an African native in a Dorothy Lamour serial.

Another thing about living in the U. S. is that when your mail is opened it is usually your wife's, remarks Bill Kekes.

The farm machinery repair class, started in the local shop early in December, will resume meetings this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

More new machinery and tools have been received from the State Board of Control for vocational education, and new lights and electrical outlets have been installed.

Farmers and young farmers are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to make use of the improved facilities offered.

Without your social security number the Board cannot keep a record of your earnings.

All persons should protect themselves and their families by making sure they get credit for what they pay for.

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Schools to Push Fourth War Loan

The schools of Michigan will take an active part in the Fourth War Loan Drive. In general, the students will act as sales people and in this way it is felt that there will be a personal aspect to the drive.

The Music department will put on a rousing entertainment, and Mr. Jessup announces that admission to the concert will be the purchase of a War Bond.

The quota for Lowell has not yet been determined but will probably be announced next week.

Two in Same Family Die Within Two Weeks: Funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. G. Wood, Tuesday afternoon in the Roth Chapel for Miss Daisy Ranney, who passed away suddenly New Year's night in Watertown, N. Y.

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Summary of Annual Report

Another annual report has been finished and sent to the extension department at Michigan State College.

These reports have two parts, a narrative and a statistical. We always try to make the narrative readable and to pass it around to folks who might be interested.

The office doesn't have a complete file of reports but those on hand go back to 1917 or 1918, when Harvey Smith was county agent.

But we were going to write about this year's report. Figures are not always interesting but here are some you might be interested in.

These are totals for the county agent and home agent. Miss Denmore spent about half time each in office and the field.

Miss Ranney was born in Adams, N. Y., in 1888, and in 1885 came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ranney, to Lowell where she attended the Lowell schools.

The body was brought to Lowell for burial in the Ranney lot at Oakwood cemetery and was accompanied here by a sister, Mrs. Bert Quick, and two nieces and a nephew.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. H. D. Ranney of Seattle, one son, Major Daniel Ranney, with the coast guards in Alaska, and one grandson, Daniel Ranney III.

This is the second bereavement for the family within two weeks, a brother, Bert Ranney, having died suddenly December 19, at his home in Seattle, Wash., after an illness of several months.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. H. D. Ranney of Seattle, one son, Major Daniel Ranney, with the coast guards in Alaska, and one grandson, Daniel Ranney III.

Funeral services were held last Friday at the Roth Chapel for Sidney Hull, aged 73, who passed away at Hodgegott hospital Wednesday, Dec. 29. Rev. C. E. Pollock was the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Hull was born in Bowne-tp., January 5, 1870, the son of Sylvanus and Isabel Hull, and attended district school in the Morse Lake neighborhood.

Mr. Hull was engaged in farming most of his life, but was recently employed by the Lowell Municipal Plant. He had been in his usual good health until a week ago on Wednesday when his daughter found him on the floor unconscious.

Mr. Hull was a man well thought of by all who knew him, and many friends join in expressing sympathy to the bereaved daughters.

MOTORISTS AGAIN ASKED TO TURN IN OLD 1942 PLATES: Mrs. John Fahrni, local branch manager of the office of Secretary of State, announces that all motorists are asked again this year to turn in their old 1942 license plates.

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CAMPAU LAKE

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WARE DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dekker and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Garret Dekker spent New Year's with Jake Boushander in Grand Rapids.

The Briggs family received a letter from John and Evelyn of Camp Roberts, Calif., saying that Sgt. and Mrs. Miles Hodges, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ware Story and Mrs. Gene Cahoon returned to Buffalo, N. Y., last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Ware spent New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ware. Mrs. Lyle Ware is spending the week at Maple Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Faac announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lillian Faac, to William Fryer of Lowell, who is serving with the armed forces. The marriage took place at San Diego, Calif., on Friday, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kolpak had as Sunday afternoon guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Krum of McDora, and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. D. Krum of Vergennes were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wittbach attended the wedding of their niece, Eleanor Fitzgerald in Grand Rapids Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harker of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived last week Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Jenson of Grand Rapids called on their niece, Mrs. Ware Story, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton had as New Year's dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Row of Grand Rapids and Miss Neal Pullen of Cascade.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Slager, Betty and Bob, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warner.

William Slager and sister, Miss Annetta Slager and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Slager, attended funeral services last Wednesday in Grand Rapids for their niece and cousin, Miss Annetta Slager.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Slager, Betty and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Slager and Miss Annetta and Don Drollinger spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Hoag of Grandville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackall and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Row of Grand Rapids and Miss Neal Pullen of Cascade.

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Ada Township Mourns Esteemed Citizen

Sympathy is being extended to members of the Nellist family at the unexpected death of Charles H. Nellist at his home on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, at the age of 74 years.

Surviving are the widow, the former Myrtle Clark, with whom he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in November; three sons, Charles, Myrtle and George; and a daughter, Myrtle. He was a member of the American Legion and the Grand Rapids Lodge of the B. P. O. Elks.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF The State Savings Bank

OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1941. ASSETS: Loans and discounts, \$230,879.90; United States Government obligations, \$220,740.00; Other bonds, notes and debentures, \$15,075.00; Cash, \$4,000.00; Real estate, \$1,000.00; Total Assets, \$1,784,800.00.

LIABILITIES: Demand deposits, \$36,298.98; Time deposits, \$746,275.00; Deposits of United States Government, \$90,824.34; Other deposits, \$2,000.00; Total Liabilities, \$1,175,398.32.

REMEMORANDA: Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value), \$150,900.00; Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law, \$139,554.34.

Directors: H. Harry Day, Cashier; M. W. Gee, C. H. Runneman, R. VanDyke.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 24th day of January, 1942, at Lowell, Michigan, by me, Notary Public.

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WANT-ADS

Want Adv. Rates—35c for 25 words or less, if over 25 words, add 1c per word. If ordered by mail, please enclose coin or stamps.

FOR SALE—1937 Dodge Tudor, radio and heater. Exceptionally good tires. Large Postal telephone electric clock, suitable for office. Mrs. Earl Kropp, 2194 E. Main St., Lowell.

FOR SALE—2 new mch. heaters with calving. Bangs vaccinated. Otto Wisner, Phone 295-74.

FOR SALE—Wash. terrier, reasonable to right party. Marie Somerville, Ada Phone 7217.

FOR SALE—190 White Rock pullets. 300 and 100. 2 miles east of Bowne Court.

FOR SALE—4 or 6 tons of straw in bales. Also about 30 bushels of barley. Ray N. Parker, 1 mile north of Pinkey center, Keene-tp. Lowell Phone 118-71.

FOR SALE—2 purebred O. C. cows, ready for service, wt. about 200 lb. Est. Erickson, 14 miles south and east from Alto, on M. 10. Also Phone 699.

WANTED—Quantity of hay and cornstalks. Also five fall calves for sale. Earl Thurnham, Lowell Phone 638-31.

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein, Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each up. Shipped C. O. D. If desired, Bull, Hattie and her calves. Homestead Farms, M. Grw., N. Y.

FARMERS—We need more cream. Paying 50c for butterfat. Open daily 10:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Lowell Phone 638-31.

ELECTRIC WORK—all kinds of electric wiring. We furnish the wire and other material. Minaker Electric Co., 313 West of Tomon on M. 10, S. 1011.

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Christmas guests at the Lowell Stevens home were Mr. and Mrs. Jean Parker and children of Ionia, Joyce Naurens and Edna Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dornbos of Grand Rapids were afternoon callers at the Stevens home.

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CBS for Grand Rapids TWO NEW DAILY FEATURES! No. 1—"THE OPEN DOOR" at 9:30 A.M., Mon. thru Fri. Dramatic, tender, warmly human—in which we live—the lives of people in a plain American college town—daily at 9:30 A.M. on WKZO!

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STAR CORNERS Mrs. Ira Briggs. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Winger and sons enjoyed a fish dinner with their family at the home of Mrs. Ada New Year's day. Rev. and Mrs. Wardlaw of Lowell were in the city on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

COOK Plumbing and Heating Sheet Metal Work Call 78 DAVE CLARK, Mgr. Fresh Mix Egg Mash - made fresh daily at our Freeport Mill—reasonable in price and really produces the eggs. Cars of Corn, Government Wheat arrive weekly. Place your order! Ask us for prices at car or delivered to your farm. O. L. BUCHANAN CO. Lowell, Michigan



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4:40 a. m.	9:05 a. m.
7:10 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
10:20 a. m.	2:25 p. m.
2:40 p. m.	2:35 p. m.
9:35 p. m.	6:50 p. m.
To FLINT	8:10 p. m.
7:40 a. m.	11:20 p. m.
12:15 p. m.	1:05 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	

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HENRY'S Drug Store
Buy Tickets before Boarding Bus.

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Barnum
Mrs. Mary Barnum, 68, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Rose, in Lowell, R. F. D., December 24. She was born February 5, 1875.

Survivors are the husband, Franklin; a brother, Walter Abson of Walkerville; three sons, Louie Abson of Grattan, Clair Barnum of Middleville, Herald Barnum of Hastings; also three daughters, Mrs. Earl Scofield of Lowell, Mrs. Ernest Karrer of Dundee, Ohio, Mrs. Floyd Rose of Lowell, Vergennes-tp.



To A Lady in A Hurry!

We know you're busy—busier in war time than ever. But we'd like to ask for just a few seconds a day. So many of our bottles have been getting lost lately that it has been almost impossible for us to keep enough on hand. If you will always put your empty bottles on the porch, it will help a great deal.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. (Capt.) James N. Woon of Detroit was a guest over the weekend of Rev. and Mrs. N. G. Woon.

Miss Jane Peckham returned to East Lansing on Monday to resume her studies at M. S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff were New Year's eve guests of her brother, H. A. Johnson and family in Bowne.

Roberta Hahn went back to Michigan State College Monday after spending the holiday vacation with the home folks.

New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davenport in Keene were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton and Frank VanDusen spent the New Year's week-end in Howard City with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Behnke.

Mrs. Gordon Hale and daughter of Lansing attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Eva Tefft, Monday and called on Mrs. J. C. Hatch, a relative.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick MacNaughton were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eagen of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hicks of Grand Rapids.

Quite a number from Lowell attended the funeral of Charles H. Nellist in Ada Sunday afternoon, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Blakesie, C. H. Runciman, D. A. Wiegeler and Mrs. Bert Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Quinn of Ann Arbor were Friday night and Saturday guests of Mrs. Quinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Smith, Mrs. Quinn called on her brother, Albert and family, and on Miss Ann Lasby.

Ralph Sherwood was taken to St. Mary's hospital Sunday night, suffering from a recurrence of diabetes. He is reported better at this writing, but will remain in the hospital a few days for a rest before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gray of Detroit were guests New Year's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyser, then went to the home of Mrs. Chris Wittenbach in Vergennes to visit for a few days before returning to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Niles of Detroit spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Lowell and met their son, Cadet Gene Niles, who came Saturday night from Northfield, Minn., to spend a 7-day leave at the John Fahrni home.

PITIFUL FLIGHT OF EUROPE'S WILD CHILDREN
Homeless and starved, subjected to unspeakable horrors by the invading "Supermen," fifty million vagabonds are devising astonishing ways of taking care of themselves. Ninon Tallon, former French newspaper woman, tells... in the American Weekly with this Sunday's (Jan. 9) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times... the tragic story of the suffering the roving children of Europe have endured.

Phone 9101, Harry & V's Sweet Shop, for delivery.

Phone your news to the Ledger.

WEDDINGS

Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Tefft of Barryton announce the marriage of their daughter, Lucille Alice, to Sgt. Alwyn Neil Rosenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rosenberger of Clarksville, on the evening of December 24, in the presence of their immediate families, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Tefft, father of the bride, at the Free Methodist parsonage. Wedding music was played by Mrs. Rosenberger, mother of the groom.

The bride wore a white satin gown trimmed with lace and beads, with a fingertip veil and carried white roses and orchids. Miss Arlene Tefft, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a pink satin gown and carried a mixed bouquet. Gordon Rosenberger, a brother of the groom, was best man.

Both Mrs. Tefft and Mrs. Rosenberger wore dark silk dresses with corsages of white carnations.

Sgt. and Mrs. Rosenberger will reside in Mishawaka, Ind., where Sgt. Rosenberger will spend the week-ends from Fort Sheridan, Ill.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bell, in Blodgett hospital, December 23, a son, Richard Allen. Mrs. Bell is the former Bertha Holland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Stinchcomb of Lansing, a 5 lb., 13 oz. daughter, on December 16. She has been named Judith Mary. Mrs. Stinchcomb was formerly Miss Lorene Sterzick of South Boston.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Barton, an 8 lb. boy, January 3, at St. Mary's hospital. Erwin Orr is the young man's name.

Lowell's first New Year's baby arrived at 2:39 a. m. in Blodgett hospital when an 8-lb. 11-oz. son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Washburn. He has been named George R.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our relatives, neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the recent passing of my wife, also Rev. Ellis for his comforting words, and Mrs. Edith Speaker.

235 Franklin Barnum and Family

Tax Collection Notices

Vergennes Township
I will be at the Lowell State Savings Bank to collect taxes on Saturday, Jan. 8.

Vernice Franka, c20-54 Vergennes Twp. Treas.

Ada Township
I will be at Ada Township Hall to receive property and dog tax on Jan. 7 from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Also will be at Paul Thome's store on Jan. 6, from 2 p. m. until 4 p. m. Make all checks and money orders payable to Henry Fase, Treasurer, Ada, Mich. c30-51

Bowne Township
I will be at my hardware store to receive taxes on the following dates, January 6, 7, 8, and 10.

Elmer Dintman, c35 Bowne-tp., Treasurer.

Home Government Is More Efficient

Government Must Be Near To The People If It Is to Attain Effectiveness; Important Meeting Being Held Today

Michigan Press Association Service Gene Allemen, Manager

Is local government more efficient than state or federal government?

Ask State Treasurer D. Hale Brake, and you'll receive a prompt and emphatic reply: "Yes!"

So deep rooted is his conviction that government must be near to the people if it is to attain effectiveness, Brake has been quietly working for months in preliminary spadework organizing the officials of all local governments—township, county and municipal—into a "Michigan Institute of Local Government". The name is tentative at present. The institute would function as a state clearing house for research studies of governmental problems and for cooperative action.

This Thursday (Jan. 6) the executive committee is meeting at Lansing. A constitution and by-laws are being drafted, and presiding as godfather over non-state officials will be State Treasurer Brake! This fact, being unusual, merits an explanation.

Whenever a state official bands together the key men of influential interests, politicians sniff the air suspiciously and newspapermen sharpen their pencils.

The power of township supervisors has been utilized for years by Mel McPherson, former chairman of the state tax commission. His affiliation with the supervisors was recognized generally as a political asset that served to bulwark a long and successful career in the public taxation field.

It is inevitable that the state treasurer's zeal in behalf of local governments, which he sincerely believes to be superior to either state or federal public administration, should be interpreted by others in varying ways. Is Brake trying to build a "political machine"? Is he looking ahead to the governorship? Here is the story, as he relates it.

For years I have believed that long distance control in government is always expensive control, and today I am more convinced of this fact than ever," he said. "County governments, as I have known them in upstate Michigan, are more efficient than state government, and they certainly are far more effective than our federal government.

"State government, for example, is just too big to be as efficient. It is too far away from the people back home. Grant and waste of public funds may exist in a state government for a long time before they are uncovered by a grand jury investigation. Back home, practices of this kind don't survive very long.

"I should explain that my observations of local government are based, for the most part, on counties in upstate Michigan. I have limited knowledge about Wayne county (Detroit).

"The state institute is not a partisan movement, and I have no political axe to grind. William Dowling of Detroit, president of the state association of prosecuting attorneys, is active on the executive committee, and Dowling, as you know, is a Democrat. We are inviting the president of each affiliating organization to name four or five delegates, and we may open a limited membership by invitation to laymen who are interested in good government. That's all there is to it."

Affiliating organizations, all state-wide in their scope, represent the following public officials: County—Clerks, treasurers, sheriffs, prosecutors, register of deeds, probate judges, circuit court judges, grain commissioners, county school commissioners, road commissioners and welfare commissioners.

Municipal—All officials represented through the Michigan Municipal League.

Township—Township supervisors.

Schools—Michigan Education association and its membership.

If and when the voters of Michigan are asked to consider proposed changes to the Michigan state constitution, the new "Michigan Institute of Local Government" would become a logical channel by which the case of home governments could be presented. Its objectives embrace a defense of local governments against "unjust" criticism and attack as well as united opposition to the "unnecessary" removal of any local government function to state and national level. The qualifying words, you will note, as "unjust" and "unnecessary."

Formation of the clearing house (critics will probably tag it a "lobby") is further proof of a current trend, accelerated by regimentation, to decentralize public administration. Washington has discovered it was becoming too heavy with bureaus and red tape. Many offices have been transferred elsewhere.

Now a Michigan state official, custodian of many millions of public funds, advocates openly the defense of home rule as a protection

EPIC OF OUR FLYING FORTS

Old 99, a Flying Fortress, is smashed by Jap bombs on Clark Field in the Philippines. Lieut. Col. Frank Kurtz finds eight of his men lying in an irregular line—killed as they ran for shelter.

Lieut. Kurtz promised his dead boys that whatever plane they gave him, Old 99 would be flying right in formation.

QUEENS DIE PROUDLY, by W. L. White, who wrote THEY WERE EXPENDABLE, is the magnificent story of how Lieut. Kurtz kept his promise. In this splendid piece of reporting, Mr. White lets the boys who flew the avenging Fortresses tell their story in their own simple, moving way.

QUEENS DIE PROUDLY

By W. L. WHITE
Author of "They Were Expendable"
READ IT IN THIS PAPER

SOUTH BOSTON GLEAN

The children presented a very nice Christmas program on Sunday evening. Numbers being presented from seven schools. Santa stopped and made a brief call, having candy, peanuts and nuts for both young and old. There was also plenty of popcorn which all enjoyed.

Next Saturday evening, Jan. 8, a card party will be the evening's entertainment, everyone invited. Potluck supper.

The Ecce chairman reports that Mrs. Pearl Roth and staff of helpers will have charge of refreshments for the next dance on Saturday evening, January 15.—Worthy Lecturer.

FARM SAUSAGE RECIPE

An "average" recipe for seasoning 100 pounds of sausage trimmings suggests the following: 28 ounces of salt; 2 to 4 ounces of rubbed sage; 2 to 4 ounces of black pepper; and, if desired, one ounce of ground cloves or nutmeg or one-half to one ounce of red pepper.

An experimental four pounds can be seasoned by using four level teaspoons of salt; four level teaspoons of rubbed sage; two of black pepper; and, if desired, one level teaspoon of cloves or nutmeg or a half teaspoon of red pepper. By sampling this small quantity, the family can decide if the sausage needs more or less of any of the ingredients.

CLEAN GARDEN TOOLS

Garden tools are going to be scarce but important again in 1944, according to members of the horticulture department at Michigan State College. Tools should be gathered up, cleaned and covered with grease or oil before storage.

against further encroachment of centralized state government and as the taxpayers' best insurance for economy.

..If the institute becomes solely a defensive weapon to resist the now and to perpetuate the old, it will become an overnight target of reformers who regard local governmental machinery as "obsolete" and who place upon it the old-fashioned tag of "horse-and-bug-ssy."

State Treasurer Brake, six years chairman of the senate's judiciary committee, is not swayed by the modernize pleas of the political science professors. He agrees that changes should be made, but he is inclined to keep, for the most part, what we already have and seek to improve the quality of office-holders rather than scrap machinery itself and adopt a substitute.

This attitude is predicated on a belief, as we analyze it, that good government depends more upon the ability and honesty of office-holders than upon the form of government itself. Thus, a county commission form would probably bring no substantial improvement over the present system of county boards of supervisors unless members of the commission, as chosen by the people at the ballot box, were men of MORE ability, more industry and more integrity. It's the man, not the office, that makes good or bad. office is the voter—you and I—who get pretty much what we deserve through our sponsorship of good candidates for public offices and then through our support of these candidates at the polls. When we fail in our responsibilities at the grass roots of democracy, the chickens of bad government come home to roost right on our front steps. That's where they belong. The only trouble is that in the case of state and federal governments, the chickens have to go farther to get there; sometimes it takes a grand jury to make them move.

Even in Lent?

Kind Gentleman (to little boy eating an apple)—Look out for the worms, sonny!

Little Boy—When I eat an apple the worms have to look out for themselves.

COMING EVENTS

Job's Daughters will sponsor a euchre party in the Masonic hall on Monday evening, Jan. 17. Remember the date.

Regular communication of Lowell Lodge, F. & A. M., Tuesday evening, Jan. 11. Work in E. A. degree. Life memberships will also be conferred.—Adelbert Odell, W. M.

The Alton Ladies' Aid will be held in the church basement Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13, with no hostess.—Carrie Ford, Sec'y.

The Child Study Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Dick Rutherford on January 20, instead of January 16 as previously announced.

The McIntyre school P. T. A. will meet Friday, Jan. 7, at 6:30 p. m. for a pot-luck supper.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sixteen young people were entertained with a New Year's party by Miss Jean Freyermuth, at her home, Friday evening.

Job's Daughters of Bethel 13 entertained their mothers at their regular meeting last Monday evening, giving them an opportunity to witness the ceremony and business meeting. Refreshments of sandwiches and tea were served.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Graham entertained the South Lowell Extension Group and their families at a New Year's eve party. Among the guests present were two service men home on furlough, Elmer Graham and Phil Schneider.

Little Miss Kay Rose Wood celebrated her fifth birthday on New Year's Day with a party for six little friends. Refreshments included ice cream and a birthday cake, and the afternoon was spent playing games.

IN MEMORIAM

In kind memories of our husband and father who passed away four years ago, January 8, 1940.

Mrs. Myrtle Alexander.
Lucille and Merle Alexander.
Ray Alexander and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shultz and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Slater and Family.

In memory of Mrs. Ruth Carlson Smith, who passed away January 7, 1942. As sister and aunt, she was near and dear to us, and we loved her much, but to Another One, she is nearer and dearer and embraced by a greater love.

So near, so very near to God, I cannot nearer be;
For in the Person of His Son I am near as He.

So dear, so very dear to God, More dear I cannot be;
The love wherewith He loves the Son—
Such is His love for me.

c35 Enoch Carlson and Family.

In loving memory of our dear husband and father, George Goide, who passed away from this life one year ago, January 5, 1943.

c35 Mrs. Geo. Goide and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and relatives for their kindness at the death of our father, Sidney Hull. We also thank those who served as pallbearers, the Lowell Power Co., and Rev. Pollock for his words of comfort.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Morris.
Margaret Hull.
Roy Hull.

WAR BONDS



Your money goes into battle every time you invest in War Bonds—concocted up to the German lines in the form of tanks, planes, assault boats as pictured here in the Mediterranean area.

Success of our troops depends upon the help they get from the home front. Bullets fired yesterday won't win tomorrow's battle. War Bonds bought last month won't pay for our next offensive. Give your dollars action: Buy More War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Neither in law nor in fact is there any way of disbanding the League of Nations.

The Covenant was destined for "eternity," and its articles allow no one, not even all the League members together, to extinguish the organization.—Hans Habe, lecturer and author.

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Up and Down Kent County Roads
Continued from first page)

Right-of-Way to Pines

Who owns the right-of-way when a railroad takes up its track? Chris Larsen, of Spencer township, asked us that question the other day. The Pere Marquette has removed its tracks from Greenville to Lakeview. This railroad cuts across the northeast corner of Spencer township. Larsen's deed stated that the land "in question," included 3 and 44/100 acres of railroad right-of-way, so did his abstract. We have discussed the subject with two or three folks and they tell us the land belongs to the farmer. I asked Chris Larsen what he would do with his right-of-way. Said he would plant it to pine trees. Immediately I could see that right-of-way across Spencer planted to pine trees. The railroad was built in the late '70's to haul white pine. Why not plant it back to the same kind of trees?

Keilogg Scholarship

John Spangenberg, of Sparta township, is the seventh Kent county boy to get a Keilogg Scholarship to Michigan State College. This winter John was on the reserve list and when a vacancy arose at the college he was notified to come. By the time you read this column John and six other boys, plus three girls, will be enrolled and at work on a most interesting and valuable two months' course in agriculture and home economics.

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