

FOOD PRODUCTION

TOTAL CROP PRODUCTION for 1943 was about six per cent below production for 1942, but it rose nine per cent above the average of five preceding seasons.

Considering all the troubles that farmers had to meet, they did mighty well. There was labor shortage, lack of equipment and supplies, in many cases, and the weather last spring was generally unfavorable.

WAR SAVINGS

WAR STAMP SALES reached last November 30 the great sum of \$1,068,000,000. Heavy sales through the holiday period should have largely swelled this total.

Children's penny saving banks, in which the youngsters drop small coins regularly, will yield quite a treasure if the youngsters stick to this habit.

So the war stamps have been a grand bank which has taken in charge more than a billion of the people's money, paid in small amounts, which will give them the ownership of war bonds if they keep on saving.

\$100 BILLS

THE NUMBER of one hundred dollar bills in circulation is said to be four times what it was 10 years ago.

At a time when people have unusual purchasing power is a time that gives business opportunities, even if many kinds of goods are scarce.

Also we inherited in our good American communities the chance to learn things we need to know, from newspapers, magazines, books, churches, organizations, etc.

Cars For Resale Must Have Receipt

It will be necessary for all motor dealers, including factory branches, loan companies, banks, etc., to have a receipt (form OPA R 569) in duplicate for each new or used automobile, truck or motorcycle which they are holding for resale.

Any person who scrapes a motor vehicle on or after Jan. 1, 1944, shall keep on hand for a period of 12 months at the place of business where such vehicle was scrapped, duplicate copies of a receipt on Form OPA R-569 for every vehicle received on or after Jan. 1, 1944.

TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL DROPS

Deaths resulting from automobile accidents in Michigan last year will not exceed 976, according to a state health department estimate.

Return your empty bottles to the Lowell Beer Store.

M. S. C. Advises Lunch Baskets

Farmers' Week Feb. 1, 2, 3 to Find The Campus Crowded for Eating Facilities—Program Planned to Meet Present Conditions

Lunch baskets and thermos jugs brought from home will be stylish during the 1944 Farmers' Week at Michigan State College, Feb. 1, 2, 3.

In the meantime, interest in the 29th annual program has been heightened with the promise that Governor Harry F. Kelly will appear on the program Wednesday afternoon, addressing a general meeting with his description of "The Place of Agriculture."

Thursday afternoon the general session will feature two men. Felix Witt of Jasper will offer visitors a picture of his farm plans for 1944.

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At the annual meeting of the State Savings Bank of Lowell, held on Tuesday of this week, all officers were re-elected as follows: R. Van Dyke, president; C. H. Runciman, vice president; Harry Day, cashier; D. A. Wingleter, asst. cashier.

Bank Makes Large Gain in Resources

The bank's footings at the end of the calendar year, December 31, 1943, were \$1,734,800, breaking all records in the bank's history.

Mr. and Mrs. Munroe and their year-old son, Bruce, will occupy their home here as soon as it becomes available.

Carl Munroe Buys Hahn's Food Store

Robert D. Hahn, who has operated a food store in Lowell for the past twenty years, has sold his business to Carl Munroe, who will take possession on Monday, Jan. 17.

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ONE-TIME LOWELL PRINTER PASSES AWAY IN KEENE

Funeral services were held last Friday in Saranac for Edwin Davidson Gardner, who passed away on January 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young in Keene-tp.

Mr. Gardner lived in Lowell from 1870 until 1876, where he worked as a printer.

Buy and sell through want ads.



News of Our Boys

Pvt. Mathew Briggs is home on a furlough from Camp Sutton, N. C.

Pfc. Kenneth F. Smith has been transferred from Camp Butler, N. C., to Ft. George G. Meade, Md.

R. Jack Maxson is now training at the West Coast Sound School, San Diego, Calif.

Bertram Scott, serving with the navy somewhere in the S. Pacific, has had a promotion to Fireman, first class.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Condon received a telegram from their son, Bry, Jr., from somewhere overseas, sending holiday greetings.

Lieut. (jg) Jurl Armstrong returned Sunday to Casco Bay, Me., after spending a ten day leave with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Armstrong.

Word has been received from Pfc. William Haysmer that he has been transferred to the Perry Air Base at Perry, Fla., from Daniel Air Field, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peck of Keene received the sad news of Kenneth Peck, had been killed in action in the Southern Pacific.

Cpl. Frank Carr, somewhere in the S. Pacific, sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr, that he has received his Christmas packages O. K. This is their first letter in a long time.

King Doyle, who has been in the Navy V 7 program for over a year, has been called to active duty and has been assigned to Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

Pvt. Ernest Voshurg of the Armored Command, Fort Knox, Ky., arrived home Friday morning, returning Sunday to his camp. He reports rain and sleet and a little snow in Kentucky.

Stanley Watters, S 2/c, U. S. N., has been spending a few days with his brother and wife, Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Watters, at Edenton, N. C., before going to Key West, Fla., where he has been transferred to sound school.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sherman have received cheerful letters from their two sons, Lester and Bill, saying they are both well and busy.

Pvt. Harlan "Dick" Lee is now in England. According to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee, Dick is glad to be back with English speaking people after having tried to "savvy" French in Africa, and Italian in Sicily and Italy.

Clifford Klump, Jr., was a recent graduate from the Training Center at Navy Pier, Chicago, having qualified as an Aviation Metal-smith, third class. He is now stationed at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and has been promoted to the final flight checker.

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Not until the end of the reign of James I was royal permission given to print foreign news.

Michigan Farmers Make Important Contribution To Nation's Battlefront

M. F. A. News Service Gene Alleman, Manager

"Sure, Michigan is on the fighting front! Don't forget for one minute that Michigan, as well as being the arsenal of democracy, is one of the five states in the Nation which were responsible in 1943 for fully 50 per cent of all vital essential war foodstuffs."

"It's about high-time that the consumer in our industrial centers realized the importance of the Michigan farm battle front," he continued. "Of course, Michigan factories produce needed weapons of war—airplanes and tanks and cannons and the like. They're all mighty important in the coming invasion fronts of Europe and in the Pacific fronts, too."

"Too many people overlook the significant fact that Michigan, while being a key industrial state in the production of war material, is recognized nationally as being one of five states which account for half of all essential foods that are needed most for war. Here they are: First, livestock products—meat, milk, eggs, and butter. Second, white beans, the old dependable protein food which is non-perishable and can be moved readily with fighting armies.

The fighters on this Michigan front are the operators of 188,000 farms of which 107,000 are regarded as being commercial farms. Michigan's farm population totals 865,000 men, women and children—quite a sizable host.

Visualize this home front army, said the dean. You have 75 county agricultural agents throughout the state as key commanders. Nine of these men, all of whom are members of the college extension teaching staff, have full-time assistants. Cost of the service is financed cooperatively by federal, state and county governments.

"The county agricultural agent has come into his own in public recognition and esteem, especially during the past year, as an indispensable man and service in this war battle for foods," said Dean Anthony. "I am happy to pay them this tribute in behalf of the farmers of the state."

"Queens Die Proudly" by W. L. White, author of "They Were Expensible", is a story about American Heroes in a Flying Fortress. W. L. White has again written a superb story of our fighting men.

Beginning with that tragic day in the Philippines when most of our Far Eastern Air Force died on the ground, we follow the Fortresses from island to island southward, through the fall of Java to the heroic stand off Australia, when American planes and American ships stopped the Japanese and started us back on the long road to Tokyo.

W. L. White has interviewed Lieut. Col. Frank Kurtz and his Fortress crew—survivors all of the famous 19th and 7th Bombardment Groups—and woven their personal narratives into a story of the first great air campaign in our war.

Michigan lumber production is vitally important to the war effort, not only because of the large number of board feet produced but also because many of the particular species obtained from Michigan forests are used in the manufacture of war materials.

White Oak from the state's southern forests is used in ribs and keel stock for sub chasers and minesweepers. Birch veneer and plywood go into airplanes and a large amount of Michigan wood is used for crates to ship farm produce and other necessities.

Michigan now produces approximately 40,000,000 board feet of lumber a month, one to two per cent of the total United States output. There is enough timber in the forests to increase the amount of lumber produced and make an even more important contribution to the war effort if regular woodsmen work to capacity and farmers and business men cut logs and pulpwood in any time they can spare from their regular work, foresters state.

Farmers Institute For Ionia County

Friday, Jan. 21, is a big day for farmers in Ionia County. This is the day scheduled for the county-wide farmers' institute meetings, at which time dairy, farm crops, and soils projects, which are so important to every farmer in the county, will be discussed.

The day meeting starting at 10:00 a. m. will be held in the high school at Lake Odessa. Farm families who come to this meeting can, if they wish, bring their lunch.

Money in circulation in this country amounts to \$19,019,000,000, exclusive of what's behind the davenport cushions.—Indianapolis News.



Along Main Street

The Lowell Bakery is again doing business at the old stand after being closed through the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Walt Zerby, well-known man about town, is now pedaling around on a "bike", and thereby saving more or less gas, according to reports. Walt wrecked his car up Sparta way recently, when he drove into a concrete abutment, of something or other, which happened to be right in the spot he was headed for.

What the Farm Market Will Be: A U. S. Chamber of Commerce survey shows the following goods that farmers will want to buy at the close of the war in order of demand: Automobiles, stoves, linoleum, electric refrigerators, washing machines, radios, sewing machines, rugs and carpets, bedroom furniture, electric irons, living room furniture, dining room furniture, vacuum cleaners and electric mixers.

Plastic ration tokens, to be used by merchants in making ration point change, will make their appearance about February 27. In order to get the new tokens, the merchants have to fill out an application which they will turn over to the bank in which they have their ration account.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: It takes wrinkles on their faces and callouses on their hands before some women are appreciated by their husbands.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Roth Chapel with Rev. John Gouw officiating. Burial in Pinkney cemetery. Many friends join in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Michigan Timber Aids War Effort

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All Ration Books Should Be Signed

Because of a lack of addresses, and incorrect addresses, hundreds of lost ration books dropped in the mails by finders are being sent to the dead-letter office every month, according to the District Office of Price Administration.

Through the cooperation of the Post Office authorities, lost ration books deposited in the mails are forwarded directly to the owners whenever they can be located. When no address, or an incorrect one, is on a book, however, it has to be sent to the dead-letter office, although every effort is made to trace the address of the ration book owner.

The loss of ration books not only causes inconvenience to the loser, but also adds to the workloads of local boards at which applications for replacement are received and handled.

IONIA CO. DATES FOR DAIRY FEED PAYMENTS

The Ionia County Dairy Feed Payment on milk and butter-fat will be made at the following places on the dates listed below, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M.:

January 18, Beattie's Hall, Clarksville; January 18, Keene Grange Hall; January 19, Lyons Town Hall; January 19 and 20, Odd Fellow Hall, Portland; January 20 and 21, Ionia County Office, 401 1/2 West Main, Ionia; January 24, Council Room, City Hall, Belding; January 25, Lake Odessa, High School Gym.

Applicants may apply at any of the above places that is most convenient, or at the County Office anytime during the balance of January.

Fourth War Loan Opens On Tuesday

It was decided by the Lowell War Bond Committee Wednesday night, that Lowell's quota for the Fourth Bond Drive should be \$125,000. The County Chairman left the matter of determining the quota to the local committee, and it was felt that the quota assigned this community last time was too large.

The actual drive will start on Tuesday the 18th of January and will close February 15. However, any bonds sold by the local post-office or bank during the entire month of January and February will count toward the quota.

School children will be asked to solicit their immediate relatives who cannot be reached by salesmen. The children will be asked to purchase enough bonds and stamps to make possible the purchase of two jeeps by the government.

Ray Rickert Passes After Short Illness

Ray Rickert, aged 59, passed away Friday, Jan. 7, at his home in Lowell after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy; one son, Paul; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Oesch, and seven grandchildren, all of Lowell; his mother, Mrs. Mary Rickert of Saranac; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Brown and Mrs. Iva Cahoon, both of Saranac; Mrs. Bernice Dennis of Lansing; one brother, Guy Rickert of Saranac; one foster son, Russell Wheaton.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Roth Chapel with Rev. John Gouw officiating. Burial in Pinkney cemetery. Many friends join in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Ionia Co. Home Ec. Leaders to Meet

The leaders of the Ionia County Home Economics groups will meet at the Ionia County courthouse on January 20 and at the Lake Odessa high school on January 21.

Marjorie Eastman will teach the lesson, "New Tricks for Old Clothes." Each leader should bring a dress or some other garment to be remodeled.

"Indication of Illness," the first of two Health lessons to be studied by the groups, will be given February 22 and 23.

FORMER CASCADE MAN LAID TO REST TUESDAY

All five weeks, Edwin L. Thomas, 75, native of Cascade and long a resident there, died Saturday morning at his residence in Grand Rapids.

Surviving are the widow, Jessie; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Burns of Eowlerville, Mrs. Charles Buttrick of Cascade and Mrs. Bertha Anderson of Muskegon; a stepson, Norris Parr of Ingleswood, Calif.; three brothers, Sam of Galista, Calif., William of Cascade and Norman of Caledonia; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

RED CROSS NOTICE

Workers are needed in the Red Cross surgical dressing classes to help get out the quota of 3,600 dressings for January. Classes meet in the City Hall on Tuesdays.

Vergennes Co-op. Club

The Vergennes Cooperative Club held their annual party at the Grange hall January 6 with a chicken pie supper, about 42 being present.



UP and DOWN

Farmers' Week War Program

Annual Farmers' Week at Michigan State College is not far off. February 1, 2, 3 are the dates. For the second year the folks at the college are planning a war program in cooperation with some 100 or more farm organizations.

Along with the many interesting programs scheduled there will be many exhibits in all fields of Michigan's agriculture and home life. Watch for announcements of some most prominent speakers.

Mid-Winter Fruit Meeting: Directors of the Kent-Ontonagon Horticultural Society have set February 15 as the time of their annual mid-winter fruit meeting.

The Christmas Tree Mess: A little side light on the recent Christmas tree mess in this and other cities. Coming home the other day on Breton Road, in Paris township, we found that some fellow had dumped his surplus trees in the highway, just like some folks dump a box of empty cans and rubbish on the highway.

Howard Rether Will Speak: Lowell Rotary Club is planning its annual Farmers' Day program for Wednesday, Jan. 19. Each Rotarian will have as his guest some farmer from the Lowell vicinity.

Remember Now Location: Kent County Agricultural and Home Extension Service has been in Room 413 Murray Building on North Division Street for two months but many folks will go to the Y. M. C. A. looking for the County Agent or Home Agent. The Murray Building is just north of the Majestic Theatre on Division Avenue.

Gardeners Are Planning: Seed catalogues are beginning to arrive in the mail and the hot stove league of home gardeners are getting into action.

Food Production Meetings: Watch for announcements and plans for a series of War Food Production meetings in Kent County. One of the Extension Service jobs this winter is to assist and stimulate in any way food production.

Recently a group representing various agricultural interests in the county met with the County Extension staff to discuss the situation. It was decided to hold from eight to twelve meetings in the various towns and villages in the county.

Some people believe that all hitch hikers are residents of Washington, D. C. They want to ride, but at the other fellows' expense.

Phone your news to the Ledger.

















### Bus Schedules SLOW TIME

To Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo	To Gr. Rapids
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.	11:30 p. m.
12:15 p. m.	1:05 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	

—LOWELL STATION AT—  
**HENRY'S Drug Store**

Buy Tickets before Boarding Bus.

### WEDDINGS

#### Sherman—Murphy

Work has been received of the marriage of Corp. Loren Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sherman of near Ada, to Miss Rita Murphy of Pearlton, Miss. The marriage took place January 6, in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman will later make their home here at Lowell.

#### Cosier—Braden

Joyce Braden and James Cosier, Pm., third class, U. S. Navy, were married at a quiet home wedding, Saturday evening, Dec. 25, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Braden, 205 N. West Ave., Jackson, Mich. Mrs. Braden will be remembered by many as the former Blanche Perry of Lowell.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Braden. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Roth and family of Lowell were listed among the out-of-town relatives attending the wedding.



### 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.

**Lowell Creamery**  
E. A. COMPAGNER, Prop.  
Lowell Phone 37



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IT IS GOOD PAINT & VARNISH

**FARMERS - Buy your lumber for next year's service buildings now. We have the stock now but it is going fast.**

**ORDER COAL NOW!**

Our coal stocks are large but we can only deliver coal orders in the order received.

**Lowell Lumber & Supply Company**  
BRUCE WALTER  
Lowell, Mich.  
Phone 16

### MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weekes were Sunday dinner guests of the Herman Strongs in Grand Rapids.

Bert Conklin, local painter and paper hanger, left today for St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ware of South Boston visited Monday with Mrs. Wm. Cosgriff.

Ralph Sherwood is reported to be better, but still seriously ill at Blodgett hospital, where he is now recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Blocher and little sons, Billy and Loren, of Muskegon spent Sunday and Monday at the Grant Sherman home on M-21, west of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Stanley Quinn of Ann Arbor and Miss Ann Lasby were week-end callers of Mrs. Quinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Smith.

Mrs. Frank M. Newell attended the book review Thursday morning at the Women's City Club, given by Mrs. Arthur Hurst, "Pages From An American Album."

Pfc. Anin E. Gornell of Camp Attaberry, Ind., with some friends of Grand Rapids, called on his aunt, Mrs. Alice DeCommerce, in Segwun last Sunday.

Miss Nettie Wilson, who suffered a stroke last Saturday, is being cared for at the home of her niece, Mrs. E. D. Hahn. Her condition is critical. Miss Wilson, who is in her 81st year, has lived her entire life in Lowell.

W. V. Burras left for Helena, Mont., last night where he was called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Florence Webster. Mrs. Webster was born in the Snow District, where she resided until about twenty-five years ago.

Dr. C. C. Warner, Mrs. Mable Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geary attended a reception last Sunday given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bloom in Grand Rapids in honor of their son, Robert Bloom, who was 13 years old on Saturday, and was united with the Jewish church.

### IONIA POMONA GRANGE

Judge Tucker of Allegan will be guest speaker at Ionia Pomona Grange meeting with Portland Grange on Saturday, Jan. 15. Dinner at noon, program following. Judge Tucker's topic will be "Keep Your Shoes On Till You Reach the Water", relating to the plight of agriculture and what can be done about it through the Grange.

### WELL-KNOWN SARANAC WOMAN DIED SATURDAY

Mrs. Carrie E. Densmore, 73, of Saranac, passed away Saturday night in Ionia Community hospital, following a two weeks' illness. She was the widow of William Densmore, former Saranac funeral director, to whom she was married in December, 1894.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Winifred Hart, and two grandchildren of Flint, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Crane of Lansing.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the residence with burial in the Saranac cemetery.

### Tightwad

I stop at hotels while away And pay two bucks or more per day; I often wait upon myself, I make the bed and dust the shelf; But one thing I consider tough, I never tip myself enough!

### Short Story

#### Fitten an' Proper

By BARBARA BENEDICT

Associated Newspapers. WPU Features.

"NOW, Minnie," declared Mrs. Falmouth, "you must be sensible. Jock Bowman said he'd buy two tickets to the Charity Bazaar if my maid would use the other one. Apparently," said Mrs. Falmouth striving to appear coy, "he's become quite smitten with you."

Mrs. Falmouth took a deep breath. "Now, Minnie, let's not be stubborn. This year we're determined to make the Bazaar bigger than ever. We've decided to solicit contributions from everyone, every man and woman who has a job. If I do say so it was very clever of me to ascertain that Jock Bowman, who clerks in the chain store on the corner, is the most popular young man in the district. If I can get his support and endorsement, all the other working people will follow. So you see how important it is that you accompany him to the bazaar."

"Nopel!" Minnie's features were grim and determined. "That wouldn't be fitten an' proper, neither. It wouldn't be natural, if you know what I mean, Miz Falmouth."

"Oh, for heaven's sake, Minnie!" Mrs. Falmouth cried in exasperation. "I declare, this is the first I've known that—that other people stood on such principles."

A dangerous glib began to creep into Minnie's blue eyes as the possibility of this being an insinuation against her character began to batter against her sluggish brain. Feeling unequal to a continuance of the verbal bout, Mrs. Falmouth threw up her hands in despair and departed to more familiar recesses of the house.

"Such an impossible creature!" she exclaimed to her husband,



"Ain't I seen you before?" said the young man.

whom she discovered sitting in front of the fire with his shoes off. "I declare, I don't know what I'm going to do. It would mean so much if I could persuade her to accompany Jock Bowman. Edgar, put your shoes on!"

In the kitchen, Minnie finished the supper dishes, pulled a beret over her straw-colored hair and went out for a breath of air. As usual, Minnie headed for the park. She was an unusually pretty girl and long ago she had discovered that the park of a warm evening offered no end of adventurous entertainment for a pretty girl walking alone.

Presently she heard somebody walking behind her. Casually she glanced over her shoulder and her heart quickened its beat as she recognized the young and handsome boy who had attempted to flirt with her on previous occasions. She smiled briefly. Among other things Minnie had learned the correct timing for her smiles of encouragement.

Soon she found an unoccupied bench beneath a live oak tree and sat down with a casual and indifferent demeanor.

She looked up droopingly. The good looking boy had approached and was grinning at her uncertainly.

The good looking boy sat down beside her. "Ain't I seen you somewhere before?"

Minnie sighed wearily. "What a line. If it was Monday I'd tell yuh to go hang your wash on it."

"Listen, babe, you got plenty what I go for. Did anyone ever tell yuh what a knockout yuh was?"

"Aw, go flap your ears."

The boy edged closer. "How about us steppin' out together some night, huh? The Charity Bazaar next week."

### Use of Chemical Breaks

#### Rest for New Potatoes

Chemical treatment is the quickest means of breaking the rest period of new potatoes used for seed in order to prevent delayed, uneven sprouting.

Rest periods for immature potatoes are less readily broken than for the mature tubers. The latter, which normally show little or no peeling, should be used for seed when it is necessary to break the rest period. The potatoes should be cut immediately before treatment.

Materials found to be most effective are ethylene-chlorohydrin and thiocyanates or sodium and potassium. Seed may be treated with ethylene-chlorohydrin either by soaking or gassing. For soaking, the pieces should be dipped in a 6 per cent solution and placed in an air-tight container for 24 to 48 hours. The freshly cut seed may be gassed by placing it in an air-tight container with ethylene-chlorohydrin in a shallow pan.

The chemical should be used at the rate of one pint for each 3.3 cubic feet of space for a period of 12 hours. Temperature during treatment with this chemical should be held between 70 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

With sodium thiocyanate, the seed should be dipped in a 1 to 2 per cent solution and held in an air-tight container for 24 hours. Temperature during this treatment does not seem to be important.

### Use First Aid Measures to Control Mildew Fungus

Seasonal rains, humidity and floods launch the active season for mildew. This small fungus growth, while it not only leaves unsightly stains and a musty odor but often causes decay in wood and weakens fabrics such as cotton, linen, rayon and wool, is subject to simple first aid and preventive measures.

Home economists of the department of agriculture recommend treating fabrics while the mildew spots are fresh and before the growth has had a chance to attack the fibers.

Simple rinsing with soap and water followed up by sunning will usually remove fresh stains, but if they persist moisten the spots with salt and lemon juice and place the garment in the sun.

Old and stubborn spots are difficult and sometimes impossible to remove without damaging the material. Don't risk a bleach on colored fabrics, but on uncolored linens, cottons, or rayons a bleach such as Javelle water, sodium perborate or a weak solution of oxalic acid will often do a satisfactory job of spot chasing.

### Restores Energy

Investigators found that diets with about one-third of the vitamin B complex of the recommended daily requirement do produce subjective symptoms of easy fatigue, irritability, lack of pep, anorexia (lack of appetite for food) and increased leg pain during work periods, in spite of the fact that no objective evidence of deficiency disease is present. These aforementioned subjective symptoms of fatigue all disappeared and work output returned to normal or better within a few days following the supplementation of vitamin B complex to the deficient diets fed four complex students. It was also found that the supplementation restores work output to efficient levels.

Not all people who use the touch system operate typewriters.

### Lowell Mich. STRAND

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 14-15

LUM and ABNER in their funniest

TWO WEEKS TO LIVE

Rosemary LA PLANCHE

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JAN. 16-17

1943's Show of Shows!

Thank Your Lucky Stars

A WARNER BROTHERS PICTURE

HUNDREDS OF TOP FLIGHT STAR ENTERTAINERS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18-19

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD!

FIVE GRAVES TO CAIRO

FRANCHOT TONE

ANNE BAXTER · AKIM TAMIROFF · ERICH VON STROHEIM

Also "HAIL TO THE RANGERS"

### Rationing Facts At a Glance

#### Processed Foods

Green Stamps D, E and F valid through Jan. 20. G, H, J and K good now and through Feb. 20.

Meats, Cheese, Butter, Fats and Canned Fish

Brown R, S and T good through Jan. 29. Book 4 spare stamp No. 2 good for 5 points of fresh pork and sausage through Jan. 15.

Sugar

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

Shoes

Stamp 18 good for 1 pair indefinitely.

Stamp No. 1 on "airplane" sheet in Book 3 good indefinitely.

Gasoline

Stamp 5 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. New serially numbered T coupons now valid.

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. 2 valid until Feb. 7, for 10 gallons. Period three coupons also valid through March 13.

Waste Fat

Dealers will give one brown ration point and 2 cents for each half pound of waste fat turned in.

### OVER-CONFIDENCE

HERE IN LOWELL and elsewhere, many people are happy in believing that Germany is collapsing within. There have been reports by certain commentators that have led one to take hope in the prediction that the people inside Germany are becoming so terrified over the bombings, suffered so long under Hitler, that they are ready to seek peace and a probable unconditional surrender. Such type of wishful thinking is not good for national morale for it is not a completely true picture of the conditions. Analysis insist that the people are so controlled by the Nazi party, the military organs, they are practically helpless in overcoming them. Bear in mind that not one Allied soldier occupies one foot of Germany and consider that if they are crumbling within, they are holding out mighty well. Wishful thinking perhaps on our part. We on the home front must not relax for one minute our effort to make it come true. Over-confidence has jeopardized many a position in history's past wars. We must not make this mistake.

No good and efficient commander of any army or any of its parts appeals to hate. He appeals to heroism, sacrifice, honor, comradeship, loyalty, courage—all the great list of affirmative virtues.—Dorothy Thompson.

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### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### Social Brevities

Mrs. John Roth entertained the Goofus Club last Wednesday to a one o'clock luncheon. Prize winners at each were Mrs. W. A. Roth, Mrs. Gene Carr, Mrs. Verne Ashley and Mrs. Clyde Collier, who was guest for the day.

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harold Englehardt with Mrs. Carl Freyermuth, assistant hostess. The main part of the program was a talk on "Banking" by Dan Wingeier.

The Vergennes December Extension meeting on Wartime Point-Saving Meals, met with Mrs. Michael Myckovialk last week Tuesday afternoon. Pamphlets concerning these points were given to all. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

At the annual meeting of the Past Noble Grand Club of the Rebekah Lodge, held recently at the home of Mrs. Ray Rogers, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Elvyn Potter; first vice president, Mrs. Ray Rogers; second vice president, Mrs. Peter Mulder; secretary, Mrs. Elmer S. White; treasurer, Miss Goldie Collins.

Mrs. Percy Read entertained on Monday evening, a party of sixteen friends for Earl Maloney of the U. S. Army Air Corps, and for Lawrence Potter, who is home from the navy for the first time in over four years. They were also entertained at a dinner by the American Legion Monday night.

### JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Ralph Roth and Mary Farrell attended the Bond Purchase banquet, held at the Home Dairy in Lansing, on January 8. Governor Kelly was present and sold the \$13,500 War Bond to the Junior Farm Bureaus.

The State Council meeting was held in conjunction with the banquet, at the Farm Bureau Building, 221 North Cedar Street. Three major decisions were discussed at this time. 1—A decision on the State Program of work 2—A decision as to whether a contest shall be put into operation. 3—Final decision on the Junior Farm Bureau Manual.

Mr. Hall attended the January 12 meeting of the Junior Farm Bureau. He showed two fine films, one the much publicized "Soldier of the Soil."

A euchre party is to be held at the Vergennes Grange Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 14, sponsored by the Bureau. Light refreshments will be served and small prizes awarded.

A Regional Directors' banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, at Grand Rapids. Eight Junior Farm Bureau groups from Allegan, Ottawa, Barry and Kent counties will attend. All officers should be present also.

### OREN FORD, PUB'Y. CHMN.

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For we have, I believe, at long last learned the reason that we cannot grow richer if the rest of the world becomes poorer; and that the surest guaranty of our prosperity of others.—Sumner Welles.

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**News of Our Boys**  
(continued from first page)

Cpl. Alfred Hemmingsen Was In On Capture of San Vittore

A local boy made the front page of last Sunday's paper, in an Associated Press article describing the capture of San Vittore, Italy, Corp. Alfred Hemmingsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hemmingsen, Lowell. R. F. D. was in the first group to enter the town, only to find themselves cut off by German machine-gun fire, from the rest of their attacking party. A couple of anxious days were spent digging the Germans and hiding out in cellars before the rest of the company arrived, and officially took the city.

The Hemmingsens were thrilled to read of the exciting adventure of their son, and happy that he had come out of such a dangerous situation safely. Up to now they had known only that he was somewhere in Italy.

Cpl. Hemmingsen, 23 years old has been in the service over three years, two years overseas. He has a twin brother, Pfc. Albert, stationed in England, and another brother, Sgt. Donald, 23, in the army air corps at Charleston, N. C.

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**COMING EVENTS**

The Lila Group of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Altenburger on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 2:30 p. m. The Perry Group will meet this week Friday with Mrs. Gumsar at 2:30 p. m.

South Lowell Aid will serve a chicken dinner at noon Thursday, Jan. 27, 50c a plate, at Alto Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

The original date for the box social at the Congregational church stands. A program by the young people of the church beginning at 8:00 p. m. will be followed by the sale of the boxes. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 18.

**Pvt. Clark Morse Finds the Red Cross Friend in Need**

A letter from Pvt. Clark Morse in Australia to his sister, Mrs. Helen Meengs, gives high praise to the Red Cross and what they are doing for the service men in this war. Writes Clark:

"Believe me, if it were not for the Red Cross I do not know what a lot of fellows would do. They arranged for the two emergency furloughs I had and lent me money. While on the boat they gave me a small carry-all bag filled with cards, cigarettes, candy bars, razor blades, pencil, paper, comb, soap and book. (Here in Australia) they furnish us with a cafeteria, which serves salads and all forms of nice food one cannot find in the 'mess hall' or buy in Australian restaurants—and at a low price too.

"Best of all, they furnish us with a nice clean club in which we can find all forms of clean, fine entertainment. I spend most of my time here in the Club. They put on shows, movies, card games, and many other things. All-in-all—if it were not for the Red Cross this army life would be a great deal different.

"Denny Bewler works in the same camp as I do. He looks exactly as he did ten years ago. I also met Red Hickman, who went to school with me in the 7th grade and then moved to Detroit. I hardly remembered him but we had a long talk and he let me with a peculiar thought in my mind—"What a mug I must have for a fellow to remember it sixteen years!"

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