

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

POST-WAR BUILDING

THE PREDICTION was made by a high official of the Federal Housing Administration that some 20,000 builders will construct 350,000 or more dwelling units in the United States the first year after the war.

It will be pleasant to hear the sound of the hammer in all these places where homes are going up. The people who work on this construction will only be a part of those benefited, as this new building will create an enormous demand for a variety of materials.

The progress of the new construction will be watched with the keenest interest by the many families that will then be looking for homes. Many families that have been living in crowded quarters will welcome these dwellings. Many women who went to live with their parents while their husbands were in the service, will be candidates for such homes when their men return.

Probably it will be quite a number of years before the supply of new dwelling units is equal to the demand. The construction of homes has not kept up with the growth of the population. The demand for new houses will probably be greater than it ever has been before in the history of the United States.

The possession of one of these new homes will realize the dream that many families have cherished. They will be happy to feel that they have a home all their own, and can develop it and furnish it according to their taste. Many will plan how they can decorate the surrounding grounds, and make these dwellings nests of beauty.

The new homes built before the war were very attractive, and those to be constructed after the war will be equally so. There will probably be new features which modern ingenuity has devised. The sight of all these new homes going up will cheer the people, and give evidence of a new period of hope and prosperity.

DOGS FOR THE BLIND

ONE FUND to be supplied by the Veterans Administration would be that of training the seeing-eye dogs for our blind war veterans. The cost of buying and training each dog is figured at \$250 and a total of \$5 million is asked. This bill would provide a seeing-eye dog as a guide for any veteran who is entitled to government compensation for loss of sight. The good done by these animals is notable and that which is most satisfying is the new world of courage they build for their owners.

The training of the dogs is guides and eyes is no simple matter but requires time, patience and intelligent handling. There are many wonderful deeds told at the feet of these dumb animals, numerous instances of almost uncanny behavior. We criticize much useless spending of government funds, but to provide seeing-eye dogs for each blind veteran is not on our list of criticisms.

DURING LENT

IF EVER LENT should be observed by the religious followers, it should be this year. The forty days that prepare us for the observance of Easter, should find us offering prayers abundant for those lives in our army and those of our Allies. If we have been negligent in our applications that peace might soon come to the world, we should use the observance of Lent in which to beseech most earnestly for the well-being of our loved ones and our country. Whatever man's faith, the time for prayer comes to all and we know its power and acknowledged force will sustain the ones for whom we ask protection.

Liberty Ship Named For Lowell Native

The 32nd Liberty ship to be launched in less than a year at a port in Florida was named for James L. Ackerson, a native of Lowell.

Ackerson, who died in 1930, was appointed to Annapolis at the age of 15 and studied naval architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the first world war he rose to the rank of captain in the navy and was considered an expert on ship building and design. At the time of his death he was director of the shipping board bureau of construction.

The ship which was named for him was sponsored by his widow, Mrs. James L. Ackerson of Washington, D. C., at the christening March 1.

He was a cousin of Mrs. Lotta Ruben Frost of Ada rd., formerly of Lowell.

Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny.—Charles Reade.

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, MAR. 23, 1944

No. 46

Red Cross Drive Going Over Good

People Giving Generously To Worthy Cause; Drive Ends March 29

Early reports received from the Red Cross War Fund campaign, according to Frank Stephens, chairman of this region, show a good response to the drive. "Everyone in Kent county is interested in the success of the Red Cross in meeting the needs of our men in the armed forces and prison camps," James F. Healy, county division chairman stated. "But to keep the Red Cross at his side next year we must meet our quota here in Kent county."

Mr. Stephens reports that the response thus far has been most gratifying, a total of more than \$2,100 having been pledged by Tuesday morning of this week. This amount includes \$699 from the Lowell Manufacturing Company, half of this sum being pledged by the employees and half by the company. A similar plan of the employer matching the gifts of the employees brought \$400 from the C. E. Runciman Company. Most of the factories however are yet to be heard from, as well as part of the business section, part of the residential section, and some of the rural districts. The quota for Lowell and the township is \$2,457.

"Red Cross needs are greater this year than ever before, so too, Red Cross gifts in this campaign must be considerably larger in order to meet the need," John D. Hibbard, general chairman reported. "The Red Cross this year needs \$11 for every dollar contributed in 1940. Roll call dollars will not longer do the tremendous job the Red Cross has ahead this year in serving men overseas, in prison camps, in hospitals or in training."

Final reports on county gifts to the Red Cross will be given at the final report meeting of the county area division to be held March 29 at the Pentland Hotel. Every worker in the county division is being invited to attend. Herpolzheimer's department store is giving the dinner to these Red Cross workers in recognition of their services in the campaign.

Last week meetings were held in every region in the county division with representatives of the Red Cross executive or campaign committee present. Also attending were staff workers from the War Chest or Community Chest agencies who are volunteering their services to the Red Cross for the drive. Attending the meeting held at Lowell City Hall were John Hibbard and Willis Atwell.

This campaign and the War Chest are the only two fund raising drives in Kent county each year bearing the approval of the President's War Relief Control Board and working in months set aside nationally by the president for war work of this kind.

MRS. NORA OLIVE KEISTER MOURNED BY MANY HERE

Another link has been severed in the ranks of the Michigan Press Association in the death of Mrs. Nora Olive Keister of Ionia, 86, widow of the late Fred D. Keister, editor of the Ionia County News for many years, and past president of the M. P. A. of which Mrs. Keister was always a faithful member.

Mrs. Keister passed away at Ionia County Memorial hospital, Friday after a few days' illness, after all that medical science could do, failed.

Mrs. Keister leaves to mourn their loss, one daughter, Mrs. John Cox of Ill. two sons, Fred, Jr., of Ionia, William of Royal Oak, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday in S. S. Peter and Paul's church at Ionia, with interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mrs. Keister had hundreds of friends in this community who are deeply grieved over her passing, and who join in extending sincerest sympathy to the surviving relatives.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP FARMER LAID TO REST AT AGE 85

Samuel Dausman, 85, retired Boston township farmer, died Sunday at his home after a six weeks' illness. He was born June 7, 1858, at New Paris, Ind., and had resided on his farm 52 years. He retired 24 years ago.

He is survived by the widow, the former Louise Peck, two daughters, Mrs. Homer Walter of Boston township and Mrs. Lynn Butler of Berlin township; a son, Marion of Boston; a step-daughter, Mrs. Madamie Murphy at home; a step-son, Verne Peck of Miami, Fla.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the home with burial in Saranac cemetery.



Every time a store clerk pleases some customer from out of town, he helps his home town.

The folks who think the old home burg is the best place on earth, are apt to make it still better by taking hold to help good movements.

Spring entered officially on March 20, at 1:45 p. m.—one day earlier than usual because of Leap Year's 29 days. Spring's entry brought sunshine and delightful weather.

Ed. Reynolds is helping out in the Lowell postoffice in the absence of Garfield Ford, who was obliged to quit work for a while because of illness.

The Lowell exchange of the Bell Telephone company now has a total of 783 subscribers. This is the largest number of phone users ever carried on the local exchange.

Most everybody seems to be looking forward to the senior class play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works," a farce in three acts, which will be given at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Lowell high school auditorium, Friday, March 31.

Jokes, jests, jaos and jibes just by Jeff: The more civilized we become the more the demand exceeds the supply. . . . Some soldiers spend almost their whole furlough trying to catch up with the girls they left behind them. . . . Florida isn't going to look as sweet to tourists who have been stranded there by ration boards. . . . There are a few folks who are still trying to get rid of the coffee supply they stocked during rationing. . . . Playing cards isn't a crime, but the way some people play them, is.

Native of Lowell Buried Here Monday

A graveside service was held on Monday afternoon in Oakwood cemetery for Mrs. Margaret L. Eaton, who was brought here for burial from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where she passed away Thursday in a hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Eaton was a native of Lowell, having attended and graduated from the schools here. She was married in Lowell to Dr. Roy R. Eaton, a physician practicing with the late Dr. O. C. McDannell, and after a few years moved with him to Grand Rapids, where she resided until about five years ago.

Surviving are a son, Everett R. Eaton; a daughter, Mrs. Eric Lamourne, and four grandchildren, all of Stamford, Conn.; three sisters, Mrs. C. W. Benson, Alvin, Tex., and Mrs. Eric T. Maynard and Mrs. Elizabeth Egger of Grand Rapids, and a brother, George M. Tate, also of Grand Rapids.

The body was accompanied to Lowell by the near relatives, except the daughter and sister from Texas who were unable to come.

The pallbearers, all old friends of Dr. and Mrs. Eaton, were M. E. Simpson, H. L. Weekes, F. J. McMahon, Dr. F. E. White, Art White and F. M. Newell.

AUCTION SALES

John B. Brannan Estate, April 1

The personal property of the John B. Brannan Estate, will be sold at public auction at the farm home located 1/2 mile west of Alto, on Saturday, April 1. List includes team of horses, cows, implements, tools, etc., and household goods. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Earl V. Colby, clerk; Betty Brannan Wakefield, administratrix. See complete adv. on another page of this issue.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Beginning March 26th, letter postage advances everywhere from 2c to 3c, therefore Ledger correspondents living on Lowell routes will please comply by adding a 1c stamp to the 2c stamped envelopes on hand. If this is not convenient, mail your news letter with the 2c stamp and the Ledger will pay the additional 1c at Lowell postoffice.

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

The date of the Annual Township Meeting for Lowell Township, is Monday, April 3, at one o'clock at the usual voting place, City Hall, Lowell. At that time the proposition to raise the sum of \$2,000 for road purposes, said amount to be matched by Kent County Road Commission, will be acted upon, and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ELMER S. WHITE, Township Clerk.

"Some men in high places grow up to their responsibilities—others just swell up."

Word Picture of Awful Suffering of Italians As Seen by Pvt. Earl Doyle

Pvt. Earl Doyle, who has been serving with the U. S. Army in Italy for the past few months, writes to his father, Renis Doyle, under date of Feb. 13, 1944, in which he tells of the awful sufferings of the Italian people from cold, hunger and fear. They are literally starving to death and Earl's story of what he has seen cannot help but touch to the uttermost the hearts of Ledger readers. The letter follows:

Dear Dad:—Received your letter of January 31st today. I have been thinking about you ever since I read it, wondering what to write, wondering what I can say. Yes, Dad, it's been a long time since I was grow fonder. It's tough, but what can a guy do? Whenever I think about having been away so long, of course I feel blue and discouraged, that is until I see some of the tragedies that the people of this poor country are enduring.

The infantry soldier has it pretty tough at times, but at least, they are well clothed and when it is possible, well fed. These Italian people are the most miserable race on the earth today. They have no clothes to keep them warm in the winter, and they have very very little to eat.

I know you will find this hard to believe, but after mealtime there are always about twenty or thirty Italians hanging around the garbage pits. They are not only destitute, they are starving to death, they will sit around and watch you eat, if there is a scrap of bread or meat left on your plate they will come up and ask you for it, not just one, but four and five. Where they live, there is a mystery forever to me, their houses are gone, their older children are gone, and they live in constant fear of being shelled. I have been in many Italian houses and there is nothing left for a great use, usually you will find a great bunch of onions hanging from the ceiling. They just sit and stare when they hear a shell, regardless of whether it's friendly or enemy.

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Kent G. O. P. Backs Dewey Slaps Kelly

The Kent County Republican convention, held at the courthouse, Grand Rapids, on Monday for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican state convention to be held in Detroit, April 20, resulted in a victory for organization forces.

The delegates chosen from this part of Kent County are as follows: Ada, William Furner; Bowne, Percy Raymond; Caledonia, Claude S. Ford; Cascade, Reid C. Towne; Grattan, Lee Jakeway; Lowell, M. N. Henry; Vergennes, Theodore Bailey.

M. E. McPherson was chairman of Monday's convention, being chosen by a vote of 75 to 24. Outstanding features of the convention were two resolutions, one of which strongly supported Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York for president; the other resolution was one offered by Fred P. Geib, attorney, who urged that the convention commend the state administration of Gov. Kelly and that his candidacy for governor be supported by the Kent county Republican party. This resolution was defeated.

Monday's convention was an emphatic victory for the "organization" forces and defeat of the so-called Home Front group.

Board of Trade Annual, March 29

Preparations for the 38th annual banquet of Lowell Board of Trade to be held at Lowell City hall next Wednesday evening, March 29, are well under way, and the occasion promises to be of more than ordinary interest. The speaker will be Mr. Maynard DeVries of Grand Rapids who will discuss post-war planning and economic development. There will also be appropriate music. Supper will be served at seven o'clock, by the O. E. S. President Bruce Walter announces the appointment of the following committees for the annual banquet and yearly membership:

Ticket sales—H. J. Englehardt, Jay Bolens, Frank Stephens. Decoration—Ray Avery, Charles White, Byrne McMahon. Entertainment and Speaker—M. N. Henry, W. W. Gummer, W. A. Roth. Audit of Books—Herbert Elzinga, C. A. Hall. Nominating Committee—D. A. Wingeler, Dr. F. E. White and James Gee.

BOWNE TOWN MEETING

To the electors of Bowne Township, notice is hereby given that the annual town meeting of Bowne Township shall be held at the Town Hall at one o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, April 3, 1944, being the first Monday in April; and to raise money for Highway purposes or any legal business that should come before this meeting.

Leonard Johnson, Bowne Twp. Clerk.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, March 23, one day only—Cary Grant, Victor McLaglen and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in "Gunga Din."

Friday and Saturday, Mar. 24-25—Your favorite radio stars, Lum and Abner in "So This is Washington"; also "Spotlight Scandals" with Billy Gilbert, Frank Fay and Wee Bonnie Baker.

Sunday and Monday, Mar. 26-27—John Garfield and Maureen O'Hara in "The Fallen Sparrow." News and Short Subjects.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Mar. 28-29-30—"Guadalcanal Diary" with Lloyd Nolan as Sgt. Hook Malone and Preston Foster as Father Donnelly.

NEW ORDER BY ODT

Effective March 27, 1944, over-the-road truck operators will be required to register freight and empty or partially-loaded vehicles with the Office of Defense Transportation district office nearest the point at which these vehicles are located, as announced by Paul J. Winkler, district ODT manager in Grand Rapids.

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Important News By Ration Board

Store Survey Findings

The OPA "Store Survey" which was conducted last week on compliance and violation covering: ceiling prices and posting of ceilings, shows that in the Western Michigan District there was only 20% compliance. The items on which there was most divergence from regulations were canned peas and corn and fresh cabbage, while on the matter of postings, soap was the item most neglected. A total of 3,400 stores were contacted by 350 volunteer price panel assistants, and 150 paid workers. Out of 23 stores checked in Lowell, Ada and Alto, only four were complying fully with regulations, but these violations were of a minor nature.

Longer Period for A Coupons

The local ration board reports that many people were evidently of the opinion that value of "A" coupons had been reduced from 3 gallons to 2 gallons per coupon. This is erroneous. The value per coupon for "A" coupons still remains the same as before—3 gallons. The reduction recently announced will be accomplished through the procedure of making the coupons last for 3 months instead of two as formerly.

Canning Sugar Information

Sugar for home canning will be available to housewives at the same rate as last year—a maximum of 25 pounds for each family member. Five pounds of the allotment can be obtained with sugar stamp No. 30 in War Ration Book IV, already validated. Beginning this week Thursday, Mar. 23, local ration boards will grant certificates for an additional supply, up to 20 pounds a person. As was the case last season, the maximum supplementary ration will be allowed only to families who have large amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables available. Applications may be obtained and returned to local boards by mail, but this year, instead of enclosing ration books with the application, spare stamp No. 37 from ration book No. 4 must accompany the form.

Non-Highway Gasoline

Farmers and users of non-highway gasoline are advised that, when making application for gasoline to be used for off-the-highway purposes, they might be allotted only 50% of their needs for the next 6 months. This does not mean that only 50% or half of the amount needed will be allowed, but simply that at this time the local war price and rationing boards do not have a sufficient number of gasoline coupons on hand to give every applicant his full allowance. The remainder, or the second allotment of 50% of the gasoline needed to conduct the business during the six months period will be given to the applicant at a later date. In the case of a farmer the next six months' needs will constitute approximately 70% of his total needs during the full year.



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Pvt. Edward Rash writes that he enjoys the Ledger very much, and that he is now in the Hawaiian Islands on the island of Oahu. He had the pleasure of visiting Honolulu and Waikiki Beach, saying the scenery is very beautiful there.

Pvt. David F. Coons, who has been receiving special training for the army at an eastern educational institution, expects soon to be assigned to new duties. He was in Detroit over the week-end where he was visited by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coons.

Pvt. Gerald Wood, who is serving somewhere in the Pacific, writes to the Ledger in which he says in part: "We know that the folks back home are doing their part and they can rest assured that we are doing ours." Gerald is the son of Mrs. Will Wood of Lowell, and was among the first to go overseas.

Tech. Sgt. James L. Knapp of the U. S. Marines, who spent last week with his uncles, John and Frank Ruesegger and other relatives and friends, left Friday to report at San Diego, Calif. He has been in service eight years, this being his first visit home in four years. He has seen service in Iceland, China and the South Pacific.

Lt. E. W. MacDonald (Ted) of the Clovis, New Mexico, Air Base, was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps and daughters.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Fletcher, who has spent the last fifteen months in South America and Africa, arrived home Friday morning to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fletcher, and other relatives. Sgt. Fletcher has been serving in the U. S. Army air transport service, with headquarters in Brazil.

Pvt. Paul Murray of California has completed his basic training and was home on furlough for a few days. He visited his children at Alto, and spent Sunday night and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Murray, in Grand Rapids. Paul will be sent to a new camp on his return.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., is Francis Eugene Eickhoff, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Martin Eickhoff, Lowell.

Clifford Klumpff, Jr., who is now home on leave from Groton, Conn., received a promotion to A. M. 3/c on the 18th of March, which date also happens to be his birthday. March 18th seems to be an important date in the life of this seaman, as that is the date he entered the service, a year ago, and the date he received his promotion and furlough papers, also his father, Clifford Klumpff, entered the first World War on March 13 and was discharged on the same date. Who said 13 was unlucky?

Town Meetings Same as Usual

Will Be Held at Town Hall Election Day, Monday, April 3 at One p. m.

The annual town meeting day is still an every-year occasion—but, it WILL be different.

That is the conclusion of one public official after reading an analysis of the new acts relating to townships as passed by the special session of the legislature recently held. There will, of course, be no township election. That question was taken care of when the expiring terms of justices and members of boards of review were extended for another year.

IT IS necessary, however, for the township boards to meet at the townhalls at 1:00 p. m. on the first Monday of April (Monday, April 3, 1944) and conduct the regular township business. This business varies in different townships, depending upon local policies.

In the routine business of every township it seems there must be an itemized list of the township expenses displayed and the township board, which consists of the supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two senior justices, on hand to explain any questions regarding those items. Also, if it is necessary to make any appropriations for township expenses for the coming year, that will be the duty of the board in session that day.

In some cases there may be a drain-tax-at-large to be spread on the township. This will require the approval of the board and instructions to the supervisor to make the assessment.

In some townships there will also be submitted at the town meeting the matter of raising money for road purposes to be matched by the county road commission.

This will be the first year since the organization of the county that the annual township election will not be held, as under the present law township officers will in the future be chosen at a biennial election held in odd-numbered years.

Seniors Announce Laughable Farce

"Aunt Susie Shoots the Works"—the funniest and most exciting mystery comedy ever put on in Lowell High School—will be presented Friday, Mar. 31, at 8 p. m. in the high school gym. Fun and frolic are provided by the man-hating spinster, Aunt Susie, who thinks all male creatures are shiftless and lazy. Aunt Susie meets her Waterloo at the hands of Omar Graves' colored valet, LaSalle Johnson. The timely blackouts, screams, disappearance of important characters provide an atmosphere for the mystery surrounding Aunt Susie's new home. The play cast includes Ardith Kyrer, Peggy Schloss, Priscilla Johnson, Roger Krum, Cecil Goo, Joe Rogers, Barbara Thorne, Vivian Wingeier, Edward Stormand, Dorothy Peckham, and Patty Wallace.

Don't miss this night of fun and suspense. Reserved seats are 40c and are available at Christiansen's Drug Store. General admission buys a bleacher seat; the price of these tickets is 30c and can be purchased from anyone in the Senior Class. These general admission tickets, with 10c, can be turned in at Christiansen's in exchange for a reserve ticket. Make your date with Aunt Susie or March 31.

Baby Boy Dies in Drowning Accident

James Ford, year and a half old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford of Alaska, route 1, Alto, was drowned Monday afternoon in the Thornapple river, near his home.

Mr. Ford discovered the tragedy when, finding the child missing from the yard, traced his toddling tracks to the river bank.

The body was found about a mile north of where the child was believed to have fallen into the stream.

In addition to his parents, the child is survived by an infant sister, Sandra; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore, of Lowell, and Mrs. Kathleen Ford of Grand Rapids. Mrs. George Golds of Lowell is a great-grandmother.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Caledonia with burial in St. Mary's cemetery at Cascade.



UP and DOWN

Victory Garden Seeds—Now!

Have you made your plans for a Victory Garden this year? War Food Administration is asking for 22,000,000 gardens in 1944. This is a 10 per cent increase over last year and with this increase goes a request for a 25% raise in production. This means either larger gardens or a better managed garden than last year.

Folks are thinking about gardens judging by requests coming into our office for bulletins and for information where they can get a garden site. One of the larger Grand Rapids industrial plants is planning on community gardens for employees.

We would like to suggest that if you haven't purchased your seed you better do so for the supply isn't too plentiful. We carried over some varieties from last year. Asked Bob Leavenworth at the Grand Rapids Growers what seeds carried over might not germinate. Parsnips, beets and Swiss Chard are three. If these are carried over in your stock, better plant a little extra to take care of any low germination. Soaking the beet seed will help. If you carried over beans, check to see if they have any weevil. Holes in bean seed show the weevil has been there. If your corn is carried over either run a germination test on it or plant an extra kernel or two per hill and then thin if the plants don't do it for you.

Last week we had a chance to talk to Mr. R. H. Winters, of the Larson Canning Company, who operates a factory in Kent City. We were discussing the Victory garden situation. "By all means," said Mr. Winters, "Get all the Victory gardens you can and then encourage folks to can, freeze or preserve all the food possible from these gardens."

This sounds funny from a commercial canner but we know there will be less canned goods on store shelves next year.

Make Requests Early

A request comes from the State Department of Agriculture at Lansing asking that folks who will have berry plants, particularly raspberries and strawberries for inspection, to get their requests in early. So many folks wait until the last minute to make application that unnecessary travel and expense is caused. Also two inspections are necessary. There is a shortage of these plants this year and undoubtedly there will be a healthy demand next fall.

The department wants to save



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Editorial Comment HAVE FAITH IN CONGRESS When the founders of our country established a Constitutional form of government, they sought a system of checks and balances which would prevent usurpation of political power.

ADVERTISING IS NEWS BUSINESS PEOPLE often ask what is the best way to write advertising notices for a newspaper. Perhaps the best answer is to be frank and to state the facts.

CARE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY THE BUILDINGS and streets and public places owned by a community are the property of the public and everyone should do his share to keep that property in good condition.

ALCOHOL FROM POTATOES The potato shortage of last spring induced farmers to plant a great crop of this favorite vegetable.

HICKORY CORNERS Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timpon of Davis Lake spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Truette.

FERTINENT AND IMPERTINENT We heartily approve the movement to change the Republican national committee from Michigan.

SPRING HILL - EAST ADA Mrs. EARL VOUGER, Mrs. EARL VOUGER, Mrs. EARL VOUGER, Mrs. EARL VOUGER.

Dr. C. T. Pankhurst Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Your eyes scientifically refracted; frames and mountings made to order.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 to 12:30 1:30 to 4:30 Saturday Nights, 7:30 to 9:30

ALTO NEWS Mrs. Fred Pattison The regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell was held at the City Hall Council rooms, Monday evening, March 6, 1934.

ALTO LOCALS Mrs. Orin Graham called on Sala Wilson Friday. Mrs. Gretta Procter is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacNaughton.

ALTO LIBRARY NEWS New Books: Also the Hills by Frances Parkin Keys; Death of an Angel by M. P. Keay.

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Local News Mrs. Verne Ashley and Mrs. Elsie Racine spent Friday in Lansing. Miss Mary Ann Ashley was home from Wyandotte over the weekend.

Local News Mrs. Genevieve Scherzinski of M. S. C. is spending this week of spring vacation at home.

Local News Mrs. Jean Roth of Clarksville spent the weekend with Marion Yeller at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Leyler.

Local News Mrs. Nettie Ellis of Alto spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Layner, Elmer, Dittman of Alto was a Sunday caller.

Local News Mrs. Helen Briggs and sister, Mrs. Emma McDonald, of Grand Rapids were callers Sunday.

Local News Mrs. L. M. Chubb and Nina spent the weekend in Jonsville with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ruseh.

Local News Mrs. Ernest Althaus, Sunday, spent the weekend with her husband and family.

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Advertisement for Parnell. P. H. Parnell, D. A. P. Chas. Hurley spent over Sunday, Mar. 22 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hurley.

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"Yet there seemed like minutes One second before the bombs left my plane. I see that Jap cruiser ...

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

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### Processed Foods

Blue Stamps, Book 4, A, B, C, D, E, and F 8 valid Feb. 27 through May 20.

### Meats, Cheese, Butter, Fats and Canned Fish

Red Stamps, Book 4, A, B, C, D, E, and F 8 remain good through May 20.

### Sugar

Stamp 30 in Book 4 good for 5 lbs. indefinitely. Stamp 31 valid April 1 for indefinite period for 5 lbs. Stamp 40 good for 5 lbs. for early canning, good through Feb. 28, 1945.

### Tires

Next inspections due: 'A' Book vehicles by March 30, 1944; 'B' period from now to June 30; 'C' period from now to May 31; commercial vehicles every six months or 5,000 miles whichever is first.

### Shoes

Stamp 18 expires April 30, 1944. Stamp No. 1 on "airplane" sheet in Book 3 good indefinitely. New Stamp to become valid May 1.

### Gasoline

Stamp A-11 good through June 21 and 'B' and 'C' Stamps which bear the words "mileage ration" good for two gallons until used. E-2 and C-2 coupons good for five gallons each. New serially numbered T coupons now valid. (Write state and license number on face of each coupon immediately upon receipt of book.)

### Fuel Oil

Periods 4 and 5 coupons good now and until September 30, 1944, good now and until Sept. 30, 1944, 10 gallons per unit. All change making coupons are now good.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Mother to Be Honored on Her Ninety-first Birthday

Mrs. E. A. Hayward of Saranac will celebrate her 91st birthday on Friday, March 24. Mrs. C. E. Hathaway of Grand Ledge and Mrs. E. S. White of Lowell, daughters of Mrs. Hayward, will hold open house for their mother at her home, from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.

Mrs. Hayward is the wife of the late Rev. Charles Hayward, who served churches in the Michigan Methodist Conference for over forty years. Rev. Hayward passed away seven years ago.

Mr. Hayward has two sisters, Mrs. Emma Stitt of Dwight, Ill., who spent the last summer here with her, and Mrs. Nellie Pear of Saugatuck, Mich., who will be here for the birthday celebration. These sisters are both past 80 years of age.

### Vergennes Co-operative

Mrs. Wm. Roth was the March hostess for the Vergennes Co-operative Club. A short St. Patrick's Day program, including a reading by Mrs. Charles Collar, and singing of Irish songs was enjoyed by all. A very delightful lunch was served by the committee. The next meeting is to be at Mrs. Orlando Odel's April 6.

### Farewell Party

Fifty friends and relatives met at the Lawrence Bieri home Saturday evening for the pleasure of Merle, who left on Tuesday for San Jose, Calif., to visit the V. H. Matthews family, formerly of Lowell. Merle will attend college, a short course commencing April 3. Guests at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Webb, Mrs. Helen Butterfield, Miss Esther Olson, Mrs. Frances Vanderweele and daughter Kathleen and Mrs. Abbie Lee of Grand Rapids, Floyd Stahl and family of Logan, Byron Hoag and family, Clare Wingler of Alto, Arthur Schneider and family, Oswald Bieri and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Durys, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Avery, Mrs. Hoyt Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tanis and the Misses Genevieve Scherbinski, Lois Altenberger, Bertha, Dorothy and Marilyn Alexander.

One of the features of the evening was moving pictures furnished by Theron Webb, after which a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Bieri. All left for their homes wishing Merle a very happy and safe journey.

### Birthday Party

On Sunday, Mar. 19, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller were hosts to a group of relatives and old neighbors who met at their home on Chatham St. to celebrate the birthday of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Miller. "Aunt Net", as she is known to friends, was 94 years old March 22.

Refreshments were served, including a beautiful cake made by Mrs. George Miller.

Guests present were Mrs. Miller's granddaughter, Mrs. Carolyn Schultz of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Dennison of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. M. Vanderveen and son, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. J. Kingsley, Mrs. Anna Richardson, and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Ada, Mrs. A. Veneman and Mrs. H. DeBonte of Lowell.

Mrs. Miller received many cards and gifts and the good wishes of her friends.

### Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Stern, Sr., entertained the Jolly Euchre Club Saturday night. A lovely luncheon was served with decorations in keeping with St. Patrick's Day.

Last week's meeting of the Book Review Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Reynolds on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Warner Roth reviewing "The Walsh Girls" by Elizabeth Janeway.

The Book Forum met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Roger McMahon as hostess. Mrs. Bruce Walter reviewed "Care of Postmaster" by Corporal Thos. R. St. George.

Mrs. Bruce McQueen was hostess to the Gofus Club last week Wednesday afternoon, with a one o'clock luncheon followed by euchre.

The Lowell Extension Class met at the home of Mrs. Harold Enghardt on March 9. Potluck luncheon was followed by a lesson on "Time Saved in Money Saved", given by Mrs. Ray Rogers and Mrs. Martin Houseman. The following officers were elected for next year: Chairman, Mrs. John Headworth; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Martin; project leaders, Mrs. Ray Rogers and Mrs. M. Houseman; home front chairman, Mrs. John Coe. The final meeting of the year will be April 28 at the City Hall.

The Fortnightly Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Gordon Johnson Tuesday evening with Mrs. Harry Stauffer as assistant hostess. Mrs. R. G. Jeffries presented the program, describing a week in a newspaper office. She displayed some of the earliest Ledger files, comparing them with those of today, for the entertainment of the members and guests.

Over 8,000 people find the Ledger Want Ad Department one of the most interesting features of this newspaper. If you want to buy or sell make your wants known.

## Earl Doyle Letter

(Continued from first page)

they just moan, especially the old men and women. You understand that these people are not the ones who live in big cities, they are people who live in towns the size of Lowell, towns like (censored).

Things in Naples are plenty tough too, the last time I was there, I saw two elderly women faint on the main street, starvation. The Black Market is really thriving, you can eat very good if you've got the money.

These Italian business men would rather starve their own countrymen, and make money for themselves. It's hard for you to conceive of conditions as they actually are. It's the God's truth, Dad, that many husbands offer their wives for money or cigarettes, and the same thing applies to mother and daughter combinations. Of course, any one who would take advantage of this pitiful situation is a worthless..... However, there are American soldiers who do.

We are being relieved soon. We have been in the lines 126 days; we have had six days' rest in that length of time. Probably the next letter I write will be from a rest area. I am not driving near as much as I used to, most of my time is spent working on rationing, kind of interesting work and I get a lot more exercise throwing the stuff around, I feel lots better that way. Driving was all right but I wasn't getting any exercise and I feel a lot better when I do some real work. I haven't been near a pair of scales for a long time but I think I must weigh about 160.

I had a wisdom tooth pulled the other day and my gum is still a little sore; first tooth I've had pulled since Aunt Bertha took me to a dentist about 15 years ago.

There's a lot of talk around about some two-year bill that was passed in Washington. Have you heard anything about this?

Well Dad, this will be all for tonight. Take care of yourself. I'm a lot more worried about you getting sick than I am about getting hit, so don't let me down, Dad.

Love, Earl.

## BIRTHS

To C. Sp. and Mrs. Rudy Bartels of Lansing on March 6, a daughter, Claire Anne. Mrs. Bartels is the former Lucy Paulinkas of Lowell.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Wm. Krum, 612 Clancy ave., Grand Rapids, a 6-lb. Clancy, March 13, named Robert William. Mrs. Krum was the former Eveline Miller.

## HONOR ROLL AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Marilyn Bozung, Marilyn Clark, Marcia Fonger, Patricia Frolund, Elaine Houghton, Janet Kleefisch, Nancy Ann Kreuger, Susan Krum, Dolores Kutchev, Jimmy McCarthy, Vivian Rickert, Colleen Yeiter, Marian Zwemer.

Eighth Grade: Anita Doyle, Robert Eickhoff, Susan Coe, Dolores Kleefisch, Carol Kropf, Marjorie McQueen, Josephine Reynolds, Ronald Watis, Douglas Wingeler.

### Perfect Attendance

Seventh Grade: Marlene Abel, Robert Andrews, Marilyn Bozung, Harold Brezina, Robert Carnahan, Jack Coe, Gardner Collins, Dora Dawson, James Ford, Wayne Hoag, Elaine Houghton, Susan Krum, Leo Miller, Edward Minard, Joan Priebe, Vivian Rickert, Billy Schrauer, Colleen Yeiter, Marian Zwemer.

Eighth Grade: Dorothy Alexander, Charlene Austin, Alger Ayres, Saralee Chrouch, Marilyn Collins, Anita Doyle, Roland Doyle, Robert Eickhoff, Susan Coe, Berwyn Kloosterman, Russell Lock, Marjorie McQueen, Virginia Parker, Thomas Quillan, Darle Rickert, Luellie Speaker, Bertha Strom, Ronald Watis, Shirley Williams, Douglas Wingeler, Marilyn Woodman.

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## MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Louise Waskiey of East Lansing spent the week-end at the Austin Coons home. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Coons of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests.

Mrs. L. J. Benson and daughter, Beulah of Jackson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ayers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, Joan and Catherine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson and family at Cooks Corners.

Friends are extending sympathy to Mrs. Byrne McMahon over the death of her father, L. J. Donahue, a resident of Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

Saturday guests of Mrs. Kittie Charles and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dennis, were Mrs. Harley Lawyer and Dorothy Lawyer of Cascade and Mrs. Hattie Showers of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Emma Klipfer and Mrs. Lacy of Alto and Mrs. Stuart Draper of Lowell were callers of Mrs. John Lyster, Tuesday.

Pvt. Paul Murray of California visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Ward recently.

Miss Cora Mae Gates of Detroit spent the week-end here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Condon called at Butterworth hospital recently to see Mrs. Gerald Bainbridge and little son, David Lynn.

Mrs. Guy Ford was one of the prize winners in a Michigan Farmer household hint contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Newell were among those to hear Mrs. Paul Goebel of Akron, Ohio, give the review "Weeping Wood" at the Women's City Club following the Thursday evening dinner.

Mrs. Frank M. Newell entertained a small group of friends Wednesday noon at the Women's City Club for luncheon preceding the Spring Style Show and Tea.

The Rev. S. B. Wenger, chaplain at Southern Michigan prison, Jackson, Mrs. Wenger and their son, Kent, were guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hartman. Chaplain Wenger spoke at a meeting in Clarksville, Saturday evening, and occupied the pulpit of East Congregational church, Grand Rapids, on Sunday evening. Their son, Kent, has passed his physical examination and will soon be entering the service.

A/T Howard R. Acheson and wife spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denton in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denton and children and Ann Denton enjoyed a chicken dinner with Howard Acheson, Sunday, at the home of Nancy Denick, before his return to school.

Mrs. Alice Denny attended a chief operators' management conference at the Rowe hotel in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. Chris Klump, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rena Watson, Gheddale, Calif., for 4 months, returned to her home here March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacTavish and daughter Doris and Mr. and Mrs. A. Velzy visited their sister and daughter, Mrs. C. French, in Holland on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perce of Grand Rapids spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mrs. B. A. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Plumb of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Fred Malcolm and daughter Abby.

Eileen Friedli was home from Grand Rapids over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Friedli.

Mrs. Jacob Bultendyk of Ada, R. I., entertained for the pleasure of Mrs. Daisy Rigney with a potluck dinner on Thursday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rigney, Miss Madge Hanshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Teat, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Osbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Meyers of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Maude VanDusen, Howard-st., spent a happy birthday last Friday, receiving numerous greetings and flowers from many well-wishers. A birthday cake and dinner in honor of Mrs. VanDusen was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jeffries, the guests present being Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson, Mrs. Jean Wachterhauser and Mrs. Addie Daniels.

## COMING EVENTS

Hooker Chapter will meet at the lodge quarters here, Monday, Mar. 27 at 6:45 to leave for Grand Rapids for Sixth degree work.

All the net proceeds received from the dance at the South Boston Grange on Saturday evening, Mar. 25, will be given to the Red Cross.

The W. S. C. S. meeting which was postponed will meet this week Friday at the home of Mrs. Frank MacTavish.

"Whenever my wife needs money, she calls me handsome."  
"Handsome?"  
"Yeah, hand some over!"

## Up and Down Kent County Roads

(Continued from first page)

### Beekeepers Meet, April 4

Beekeepers in Kent and adjoining counties will meet Tuesday evening, April 4 in Room 203, Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. for a discussion of war time bee problems. Mr. R. H. Kelly, of Michigan State College, will lead the discussion. The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock.

### Better Than Weeds

For five years the Farm Crops Department at Michigan State College, have successfully seeded grass mixtures in corn. We can remember such a procedure on the farm on which we worked as a boy. Not every year or in every corn field was it practiced but in a good many it was carried out.

You may ask if it competes with the corn. Sure it does and so do weeds. We have seen some Kent County corn fields that a grass mixture might better have been growing than weeds.

Sweet clover and common rye grass, seeded in corn provides effective erosion control and excellent green manure.

Properly made seeding reduces the weed growth and while competing with corn the college observes that corn has yielded within two to four bushels an acre of that left unseeded.

See that the weeds are killed, and seed the first ten days in July, using a mixture of 10 pounds sweet clover and 10 pounds of rye grass per acre. Cultivate with any equipment that will leave the land level.

Such a crop can be used for late fall pasture and can be turned down the next season providing a good green manure.

### Still Loves the Soil

Was certainly pleased to have Sgt. Edward Cramton, of Ada township, drop in to see us the other day. Ed or "Red", as he was known in school and his 4-H Club days, is stationed in the A. S. A. weather outfit. He hasn't lost his farming interests for he wanted to know if he could go through our bulletin files and collect some reading matter and wanted to know what chances were to get some U. S. D. A. year books.

He is enjoying his army work and also enjoying a furlough with Mrs. Cramton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cramton, in Ada township.

### CARD OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.

E. O. Wadsworth  
Mrs. P. H. Schneider  
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hunt  
Mrs. George Winegar  
Nieces and Nephews

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## Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lodi Shear of Battle Creek, formerly of Lowell, were honored on their silver wedding anniversary by a family gathering and party, Sunday, given by his mother, Mrs. Oma Shear and son, David, and Mrs. Anna Yardley, at the home of Mrs. Yardley.

Guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. LaBreece and daughter, Mrs. Merton Alderink and son, and John Feutz of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Lawrence Steffes and son of Belding, Mrs. Jerry DeVine and daughters of Smyrna, Mr. and Mrs. James Shear and daughters, Mrs. Minnie Shear, Mrs. Emma Bradley and friend of Knapp Road, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Luthera Berlin of Ada-twp., Leonard Bozung and sons of Keno-twp., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Collins of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Shear were married in Ionia, Sunday March 19, twenty-five years ago and have three children: Coxswain Lee Shear, Jr., at Treasure Island, Calif., Mrs. Ernest Collins of Muskegon, and Pvt. Ivan Shear, Low in England.

A gift of silver was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Shear as a remembrance of this happy occasion.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

At the annual election of officers the following members were put in office for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Ray Rogers; 1st vice president, Mrs. Royden Warner; 2nd vice president, Mrs. A. Zwemer; secretary, Mrs. Bert Purchase; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Don Dickerson; treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Foreman; press reporter, Mrs. John Coe; and parliamentarian, Mrs. C. H. Horn. Board of directors, Mrs. George Johnson and Mrs. James Gee.

At the meeting held Wednesday, Mar. 15, at the home of Mrs. N. G. Woon, the members were delightfully entertained with a book review by Mrs. Alice Peckham of Grand Rapids, "Good-night Sweet Prince" by Jean Fowler, also with singing by Mrs. Charles Doyle, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Wachterhauser.

The next meeting will be April 5 at Mrs. R. D. Hahn's.

## APPRECIATION

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## CARD OF THANKS

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John Yeiter.

## Notice to Patrons

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