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News of Our Boys



Both the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges are enjoying increases in membership. War has always affected fraternal orders thusly.

What are you planning for Lowell's post war period? We have a good town, of course, but there's always room for improvement.

Are you one of those who were notified recently by the state that your driver's license was about to expire? Better attend to it before you get into trouble.

We see where one of the government bureaus says we are now going to have more milk and more and better ice cream. That will be good news for the youngsters, so perhaps they won't have to dump any more milk into the sewers.

The Lowell Community Victory Gardens are now ready for planting, and some already have their gardens in. Mr. Runciman has had the ground disked and fertilized, and anyone desiring space or information call Mrs. N. E. Borgerson, Phone 291.

The State Highway Department will spend \$371,261.00 during the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, on maintenance of state trunkline highways in Kent county, an increase of \$137,610.00 over the \$233,651.00 spent for the same purpose during the 1942-43 fiscal year, Highway Commissioner Chas. M. Ziegler reports.

One day recently Ray Parker called at the Ledger office and said: "You ought to take it up in your paper about the present length of men's shirts." We were interested, so Ray continued, "These shirts we have to buy nowadays are too short. There's hardly enough shirttail to tuck in the pants. Every time I bend over my shirttail pulls out." Ray could have his wife wear a strip of awning on his shirttail so he'd have something more ample to tuck in.

Jokes, jests, fibes and jabs just by Jeff: With the pencil-line silhouette in ladies clothes, it is practically impossible for a man to hide behind a woman's skirts. You can't blame Congressmen for wanting to go back home to find out from folks what they did in Washington that was right. Skirt, a noun, often becomes an abbreviation, according to a Ledger reader. No one seems to find any more wrong with the Universe than a syndicate columnist with a chip on his shoulder. Some of our politicians act as though they thought they were Adam, the one indispensable man. The fellow who said man's next great war will be with insects, must have known at that time who we would be fighting in '44.

Many Lowell business men and other citizens here will be interested in the first steps which were taken last week at a preliminary organization meeting of the Chase S. Osborn Memorial association, at the Hotel Ojibwa, at the Soo, to perpetuate Chase S. Osborn, in the minds of future generations. Paul S. Bond, former Consumers Power Co. manager, said "Erection of a memorial, possibly of iron as a tribute to 'The Iron Hunter' is contemplated as a climax to the annual celebration honoring Saint St. Marie's first citizens, and by proclamation of the Michigan legislature, Michigan's first citizen as well. The marker," said Mr. Bond, "possibly weighing 50 tons, may be brought by steamer from one of the Michigan iron ranges. It is planned to affix to the iron mass appropriate bronze tablets setting forth the accomplishments of the woodsman, statesman, iron hunter and philanthropic citizen."

Mrs. Mary Soules, 59 Laid to Rest Wednesday

Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids, Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary Allen Soules and the body then brought to Lowell for interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Soules, 59, widow of Benjamin Soules, died Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Woodworth in Grand Rapids.

She was a native of Livingston county, New York state and moved to Lowell at the age of 10, living there until the death of her husband several years ago when she went to Grand Rapids. She has been a member of Lowell Methodist church since 1885.

Surviving besides the daughter are one sister, Mrs. Meda Githens of Republic, Kan.; one brother, Hector Allen of Formosa, Kan., and two granddaughters, Mrs. Blith Keith and Mrs. John E. Casey, Jr. both of Grand Rapids.

It is better to lead a narrow and intense life; or to branch out in more unconventional ways? How much experimenting is worth while? Every man must decide this for himself.

Baccalaureate Talk By Rev. N. G. Woon

Address to Be Given Sunday Night At 8 o'clock; Editor Frank M. Sparks to Give Commencement Address on June 8

The final week of the sixty-sixth Commencement exercises of Lowell High School will start on Sunday night. Baccalaureate services to the sixty-one graduates will be held in the high school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock with Rev. Norman G. Woon as the speaker. Everyones is invited to attend these exercises on Sunday evening. There will be no reserved seats.

The program will include a number, "Pomp and Chivalry" by the high school orchestra, conducted by Orville E. Jessup; "Bow Down Thine Ear" by the faculty octette, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Lyman; "The Lord's Prayer", a vocal solo by Patricia Wallace, accompanist, Alvia White; and the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the audience.

The address of the evening by the Rev. Woon will be on the topic, "A Famed Rubbish Heap and a Great Sorrow."

Rev. C. E. Pollock will give the invocation and the benediction.

Commencement, June 8 The graduation exercises will be held Thursday evening, June 8 in the school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock with Mr. Frank M. Sparks, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald as the speaker. Three hundred reserved seats will be held for the holder of tickets until 7:45, after which time there will be no more reservations. The complete commencement program will be published in next week's issue of this paper. The names and pictures of the probable graduates will be found on page 6 of this issue.

Michigan to Make Its Own Penicillin

The Michigan Department of Health plans to add penicillin to the list of products distributed free to physicians in the state. Already plans are underway for building a \$15,000 penicillin laboratory in Lansing. This building will be completely separated from the other state laboratories, because penicillin, a mold, cannot be grown in laboratories with other biologic products, without the risk of contaminating them.

Dr. William DeKleine, state health commissioner, stated this week that the department hoped to start production of its own penicillin supply at an early date. When the program is underway he believes it will be possible to furnish this drug to any resident of Michigan who needs it, regardless of whether or not he can pay for it. Penicillin is now allotted to Michigan through the Office of Civilian Penicillin Distribution. Beginning with May, 100 million Oxoid units have been made available each month for Michigan hospitals. This amount is purchased from 18 private companies manufacturing the drug. The cost varies from \$4.50 to \$10 for an ampoule containing 100 thousand units. For treatment of a serious infection authorities advise that at least four ampoules of the "wonder drug" be available.

Mrs. Cora E. Fox, 81 Laid to Rest Sunday

Cora E. Hotchkiss, eldest daughter of Newell and Betsy Hotchkiss, was born November 19, 1862, at Woodland, Mich. With her parents she moved to Boston-Tp.

In 1883, she was married to Jacob Bovee. Two sons were born to the union—Arthur S., who died in infancy, and Lyle J. of South Boston. Her husband passed away February 5, 1927.

She was married to Joseph B. Tallant October 18, 1896, living on the farm until his death, July 23, 1916. Later moving to Lowell she was married October 11, 1924 to William Fox who died January 15, 1938.

After a lingering illness, she passed away at the home of her son Lyle, May 26, 1944. Leaving to mourn their loss is the son, Lyle; two grandsons, Glen and Vercel Bovee, and two stepsons, Guy Tallant of South Boston and Irwin Fox of Port Huron; a brother-in-law, Walter Blakeslee, Lowell; three sister-in-laws, Cassie Hotchkiss, Lowell, Minnie Allen of Saranac, Viola Foreman of Grand Rapids; three step-grandchildren Bernadette Tallant Norton of South Boston, William Fox and Elnora Fox of Port Huron and several nieces and nephews, besides a host of friends.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Roth Chapel, Rev. David F. Warner officiating. Interment in South Boston cemetery.

Laugh, Love and Live Longer.

92-Year-Old Lady Seriously Injured

Mrs. Frances Mead, who resides on South Riverside-dr., received serious injuries late Saturday afternoon when she was overcome by a dizzy spell causing her to fall down the back steps into the woodshed. After regaining consciousness Mrs. Mead crawled back into the house and Dr. H. R. Myers was called. Mrs. Mead, who is 92 years of age, was removed to the Osteopathic hospital, Grand Rapids, in the Roth ambulance, where it was found she had sustained fractured ribs and a head laceration. At last reports she is resting comfortably and will be able to be brought home the latter part of the week if nothing further develops.

State Prepares to Pause For Prayer On Invasion Day

Lumberjacks in the logging camps of the north woods, sailors on Great Lakes ships, factory workers, clerks and shopkeepers, and persons in their homes—all will take part in Michigan's state-wide "D-Day" minute of prayer when that day arrives, according to reports sent in to the Michigan Civilian Defense. Since announcement recently that Governor Kelly was asking for a simultaneous state-wide pause in all activities for one minute when it is definitely known the invasion is under way, there has been a steady flow of responses from every corner of the State expressing approval of the proposal and the intention to participate in the observance.

Municipal and county Defense Councils have the responsibility of arranging the observance. Notification of the moment when all activity is to cease is to be sent to each community over the state air raid warning system. Immediately preceding the 90-second pause there will be a 90-second signal period during which air raid sirens, factory whistles and church bells will be sounded. This signal will not only announce the one-minute pause, but also designate that this is the day when churches will open their doors and many will hold special services to offer prayers for those taking part in the great offensive.

"Use of the air raid warning system was decided upon as the only means to prevent premature or spontaneous observances, keep the general situation under control and within the limits of propriety, and effect a simultaneous pause to invoke the power of universal prayer for the safety of our sons and the success of our cause," said Capt. Donald S. Leonard, State Director of Civilian Defense. "It is emphatically desired to avoid any development that might have the tinge of a celebration, and to stress that this will be a day set aside for a united appeal to Providence.

"In using the signal system we are not attempting to bring first news of the invasion to the various communities. This will be done by the press and radio. Our only purpose is to accomplish the one-minute pause, and therefore about three hours will be allowed from the time the D-Day message is sent out by the state until the signal is sounded. If news of the invasion is received during the evening the observance will be held the next day to prevent confusion."

COMMITMENT SERVICES FOR MRS. ALICE McDANNELL

Commitment services were held Saturday at the family lot in Oakwood cemetery, for the ashes of Mrs. Alice McDannell, who passed away February 20, in San Jose, Calif. Rev. N. G. Woon officiated. Services were attended by a group of close friends, and relatives from Grand Rapids, and by Mrs. George M. Winegar who accompanied the ashes from California.

RURAL YOUTHS ELIGIBLE FOR KELLOGG SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph W. Tenny, director of short courses at Michigan State College, has announced that rural youths 16 through 21 years of age in Kent county are eligible to apply for the Kellogg scholarships in agriculture and home economics which will be given at the college during the coming year. Each scholarship provides for eight weeks of training at the college, course fees, books, room and board. Requests for the scholarship should be made to the county agricultural agent, who has application forms.

Some men let their wives buy whatever they want on credit because they would rather argue with bill collectors than with their wives.

There never was a better piece of advice than, "Don't make customers of your friends, but make friends of your customers."

Plant More, Then More Pine Trees

(EDITORIAL) Mention was made in last week's Ledger of the planting of 5,000 more pine seedlings in Lowell's municipal forest, which brought the total number of plantings in this locality, during the past 13 or 14 years up to right around 50,000 trees.

The continued planting of pine trees is one of the most important and necessary undertakings that could possibly be accomplished here. Whether the trees are on public or privately owned property makes little difference since much value will accrue to all from this worthwhile project.

The Lowell Municipal Forest at present is one of the finest young stands of pine in the state, and it is a fairly safe assertion that if these trees are protected from fire, and a few thousand trees are added each year, that it can become one of Lowell's richest assets. These trees will not only add much in beauty to our community but will provide excellent game cover, as well as much valuable timber at some future time.

Nearly every acre like Lowell where rivers meet, has a certain amount of marginal land, which without some attention will become as barren as a desert. One only has to look at the fields east of the Consumers dam to see a first class example of this. The blown sand from this section will eventually cover other fertile land until hundreds of acres are destroyed.

It has been suggested that one day be set aside each year on which every community organization, including the churches, the schools, and all clubs, cooperate in expanding the village forest. Perhaps plantings of other species of evergreens should be tried, and also some hard woods. The seedling trees are available. It only requires a little leadership, a little hard work, and a lot of what Lowell is noted for—that is, cooperation.

Lowell Pays Honor To Nation's Dead

Lowell paused Tuesday to honor the memory of its veterans of the present conflict and those veterans of previous wars who had paid the supreme sacrifice "that our country might live a free and independent nation. The parade, which formed at the west side park at 9:00 a. m., was composed of the colors and color guards, firing squad, Veterans of World Wars I and II, and Spanish-American War, high school band, boy scouts, school pupils, members of the W. R. C. in cars, and the public.

The procession, passed on Main-st. bridge to cast flowers on the waters in honor of our navy dead, after which the procession moved to Oakwood cemetery, where an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. C. E. Pollock at the Soldiers' Monument, at the base of which was a basket of flowers, placed by the W. R. C.

Merriman Memorial Services

Memorial services were held at the Merriman cemetery Sunday afternoon with all taking part in the singing of patriotic songs and the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address. The address of the afternoon, "Memorials", was given by Rev. Wm. E. Timms, and special music was furnished by the Barber Shop Quartette of Ionia. Memorial Day Thoughts were given by Elmer Yelter.

Rites Are Held for Mrs. Mary Devine, 82

Mary Compton, daughter of Sarah and Eber Compton, was born December 1, 1861, in Berlin Township, Ionia County Michigan. Later her parents moved to Keene township where she lived and was united in marriage to Sullivan Sage on July 2, 1880. To this union were born five children: two sons, Leo of Belding and Sid of Lansing, and three daughters Mrs. Howard Potter and Mrs. Earl Kaufman of Lowell. One daughter died in infancy.

She was left a widow when Mr. Sage died in February 1911. In June 1912, she was married to Frank Devine of Cedar Springs, who passed away in June 1929.

Mrs. Devine was of pioneer stock, her family coming to this country from England in the 17th century. Two great grandfathers were soldiers of the Revolution. Her great-grandfather and her grandfather participated in the War of 1812. She lived to see her father return from the Civil War and a son and son-in-law from World War I and a grandson and grandson-in-law and several nephews leave for World War II.

Mrs. Devine passed away Friday, May 26 at the home of her son in Lansing. Besides the immediate family, she leaves to mourn their loss, ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, three step children, two brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Roth's Chapel, Rev. Ellis of Belding officiating. Interment in Smyrna cemetery.

Timely Discovery Prevents Bad Fire

The timely discovery of fire in the Richmond Cafe by Nightwatch Eugene Carr about 11 o'clock Monday night and the calling out of the fire department, prevented what might have been a much more serious fire. As it was, damage estimated around \$300 was done to counters and other fixtures and in addition damage from smoke will make it necessary to redecorate the entire room.

Mr. Richmond had closed up about 10 o'clock and everything seemed to be alright at that time. The cafe was able to reopen by noon on Tuesday.

Country Editor Gives His Views

Thinks Bureaucracy Is A Costly Way of Helping Ourselves; But What of Tomorrow?

Michigan Press Association Service Gene Allemen, Manager

The country newspaper editor was in a retrospective mood.

"Some of today's trends disturb me," he began.

It was a warm spring afternoon, and we were traveling in an automobile together on a short business trip.

"Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, or perhaps it's because I am getting older and my hair is turning gray. But I do observe that changes are taking place in the lives of the people of my town and county. And I wonder what will be the outcome of these changes, tomorrow, after the war."

"Take the farmer for example. I attended a meeting of the county AAA committee the other day. There was a time when all this government control and regulation were highly repugnant to the grower. He shied away from the government's efforts to regiment his affairs."

"Now some of our best farmers are members of the county committee. They talk enthusiastically about (Continued on page 8)

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Stopped at W. G. Mawby's the other day to see about some transportation for Central High students to plant trees. Noticed that contractors had started on an addition to the Mawby apple storage. In one end was quite a sizable hole. Asked what it was to be and was told it was a cistern for emergency water supply in case of fire or for spray needs. It was a good place for a cistern. The roof water from the storage will fill it. Capacity was about 14,000 gallons. In case of a fire it could keep a county truck in operation a long time. Couldn't help but wonder if all farm cisterns were kept in repair. With the advent of electricity on farms and the piping of water from the well to the house the old farm cistern should be kept in repair and full of water if nothing but a source of water for fire protection.

Are there more cotton-tails around this year or have I been seeing things? Seems like more bunnies jump up at the roadside this spring than I have seen in a long time. The other day when planting trees on the Grand Rapids property the school youngsters kicked up a rabbit. I don't know who was the most surprised, the rabbit or the youngsters. At the Lowell school forest I jumped three in one bunch. The men planting at Lowell were discussing the rabbit situation and all remarked they had seen more rabbits this spring. That speaks well for hunting this fall, oh yes, and I saw our Bates Street rabbit in a neighbor's backyard.

Here's a war story I heard the other day. Seems that a young chap was headed for his preinduction examination recently but he knew he wouldn't pass, in fact he just knew he wouldn't for he had a bad set of teeth. But much to his surprise he did pass. Then he went back to one of the doctors who examined him and asked how any one could pass a physical exam who had such a bad set of teeth. "Young man," said the doctor, "when you are going you are going to fight, not bite."

The Guernsey Breeders of the Grand Rapids area, will hold an evening meeting Thursday, June 8, at the home of J. Neal Lamoreaux, Comstock Park, at 8 o'clock. Alden Cole, Guernsey fieldman, will be present. There will be no set program except there will be an informal discussion of Guernsey affairs in this area.

Walk fast. A fire department looks just as much like business when answering a false alarm as it does when going to a real conflagration.

Fifth War Loan Under New Plan

Kent County to Be Divided Into Areas of Four Townships Each; W. W. Gumsier Named Chairman of 7th Area

The Fifth War Loan Drive which starts intensively on June 12 and ends on July 8 will be conducted on a slightly different plan.

Richard Krause of Rockford, chairman of Kent County outside the city of Grand Rapids has set up areas consisting of four townships each. The internal organization of each township or village will work through the area chairman.

The following citizens have been asked to take charge: Area 7, W. W. Gumsier; Ada township, Merle Cramton; Vergennes township, O. J. Odell; Cascade township, Gerritt Baker; Lowell township, Seymour Hesche; Village of Lowell, Frank Stephens. A meeting of these chairmen will be held soon so that they may organize their respective districts. It will be disclosed at this meeting just what quotas have been set by the state and county for each township and village. We will divulge at this time that the total for the four townships and village is \$373,300 worth of "E", "F" and "G" Bonds.

The quotas have been based upon assessed valuations and population, on a strictly per capita basis. The amount for every man, woman and child will be \$166. This is only the individual quota, and the total of the state quota in personal bonds (E, F, G) amounts to \$11,222,000 out of a total state quota of \$21,838,000. The plan this year will be to have the bank and post office credit the village or individual townships as the orders for bonds are filled.

Any bonds purchased during the month of June and up through July 8 will count in the quota. Bonds sold under payroll savings plan during the entire months of June and July will count toward the quota but only if the employer acts as a governmental agent in the sale of the bond.

NEW STRAWS FOR MEN

Panamas, Bangoras, tweeds, straws and reeds in interesting weaves and becoming shapes, lightweight, air-cooled and head-conforming, \$1.75 to \$4.95. Coons.

Annual Commencement St. Patrick High School

The Very Rev. J. W. McNeill will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at ten o'clock Mass on Sunday, June 4, at which Mass the graduates will receive Holy Communion. The program will include special numbers by St. Patrick's choir, and "Ave Maria" by Margaret Sobie and Mary Sobie.

STRAND CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, June 2-3—"The Great On", starring Mae West, Victor Moore, William Gaxton and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra; also Chester Morris in "The Chance of a Lifetime." Sunday and Monday, June 4-5—"The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," starring Eddie Bracken, Betty Hutton with Diana Lynn, William Demarest, Porter Hall, Emory Parnell, Alan Bridge, Julius Tannen.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 6-7-8—Marsha Hunt and Alexander Knox in "None Shall Escape."

RAILROAD MAN RETIRES AFTER LONG SERVICE

Melvin Kunkle finished his work as a Pere Marquette railroad conductor, Saturday, May 27, 1944, after 44 years of service. Mel, as he is called by his associates, first started work as a section laborer in 1900, at Blanchard, then in 1910 switched to the train service at Ionia. At that time Ionia was the terminal of the P. M. road, and there were 7 passenger trains a day out of Ionia. He moved to Lowell in 1941 to take charge of the Lowell-Greenville freight job.

We have plenty of all five flavors of Par-T-Pak, 1 1/2 quart, plus bottle. Lowell Beer Store.

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Editorial
THE FOURTH TERM

It is a healthy sign when an outstanding American business man champions "sound government" furnishes the right answers. The man who is doing that is Eugene W. Castle, who rang the bell in his appearance before the Cincinnati (Ohio) Club last week. The need for good Federal Government now is not an issue in the rank and file of labor or the rank and file of management or between Republicans and Democrats; it is not a partisan issue; it is a patriotic issue," he declared, and added that the question is: "to what that it goes down to the roots of Democracy and fundamental rights." The speaker emphasized the importance of reminding ourselves just why it was that we went to war, and then he pressed that issue: "We went to war because the treacherous Japs attacked us at Pearl Harbor, and a few days later their criminal partners in Germany and Italy declared war upon us. We went to war solely to preserve and protect our way of life and our country. We did not go to war to permanently feed and finance the entire world. We did not go to war to impose our way of life and our form of government upon other peoples and nations. We did not go to war for any imperilistic purposes. For us this about means a new concept of the four freedoms: 1. Freedom from autocratic management. 2. Freedom from bureaucracy. 3. Freedom from entering to pressure groups. 4. Freedom from violation of State's rights."

Ledger Entries
WE HAD IT COMING

We might just say "good" and let it pass at that, but when the House passes a tax simplification bill, approximately \$5 million folks should do their applauding vehemently. Not knowing whether they are mentally below the average level, filling out the tax forms issued by our government tend to make us appear as if we are not a part of the nation. It is a patriotic issue," he declared, and added that the question is: "to what that it goes down to the roots of Democracy and fundamental rights." The speaker emphasized the importance of reminding ourselves just why it was that we went to war, and then he pressed that issue: "We went to war because the treacherous Japs attacked us at Pearl Harbor, and a few days later their criminal partners in Germany and Italy declared war upon us. We went to war solely to preserve and protect our way of life and our country. We did not go to war to permanently feed and finance the entire world. We did not go to war to impose our way of life and our form of government upon other peoples and nations. We did not go to war for any imperilistic purposes. For us this about means a new concept of the four freedoms: 1. Freedom from autocratic management. 2. Freedom from bureaucracy. 3. Freedom from entering to pressure groups. 4. Freedom from violation of State's rights."

VERGENNES CENTER

The Memorial services at the Vergennes Methodist church were held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The Rev. J. W. Read, pastor, presided. Flowers, special music, a grand organ, and baptismal service were given. Mrs. Alice and Mrs. Annie M. McPherson were the soloists. The Arvill Hillman family attended the 8th grade graduation exercises in Grand Rapids Friday morning. The Rev. J. W. Read, pastor, presided. The Vergennes Methodist church was the scene of a service for the Rev. J. W. Read, pastor, presided. The Vergennes Methodist church was the scene of a service for the Rev. J. W. Read, pastor, presided.

Liberal Prizes for Victory Gardens

Mrs. N. E. Borgerson, president of the Lowell Gardeners Club, announces that the Community Victory Gardens are now ready, and all those who have signed for gardens may now select their plots. Any others wishing a garden should contact Mrs. Borgerson at Lowell 281. The Victory Garden prize list for Kent county includes, for Community or Group Gardens, prizes of \$25, \$10, and three awards of \$5. In addition sweepstakes awards will be made to community gardeners as follows: First \$25, second \$10, and three awards of \$5. Community Gardens took a number of prizes and should have a better chance this year with more favorable planting conditions. Other prizes offered of interest include \$25, \$10, \$5, and \$3 for residential gardens outside the Grand Rapids area, which has its own list of awards, and the same list of prizes for farm gardens. The minimum size of all Victory gardens, except entries in classes 5 and 6, is 1,200 square feet. The minimum number of varieties in gardens of all classes will close June 1.

VICTORY GARDEN CONTEST

Class Entered.....

Name.....

Residence.....
(Street, Number and Town, or R. F. D.)

Location of Garden.....
(Specify as Possible)

Print or type the information asked and return this coupon to East County Defense Council, 523 Michigan Trust Building, Grand Rapids, Mich.

ALTO NEWS
Mrs. Fred Patton

HONOR ROLL UNVEILED
A large crowd gathered in Alto, Michigan, Sunday afternoon, to witness the unveiling of the Honor Roll by Mrs. Harold Nye and Mrs. H. Dudley Smith, who have enrolled boys and girls in service for three years. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Nye originated the Honor Roll Club at that time to see that boys in service received gifts and news of home. There are 117 boys enrolled and two girls stand for three years. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Nye are assisted by Mrs. Kate Curley.

ADJUSTMENT TO WAR
The American people are entitled to a deal of credit for the way they have adjusted themselves to the conditions of war. The more adjustments they make, the more they are entitled to credit. The more adjustments they make, the more they are entitled to credit. The more adjustments they make, the more they are entitled to credit.

REGULAR ADVERTISING
A GREAT HELP to business, it follows the policy of publishing advertising notices regularly in the home newspaper. It informs the public of the buying opportunities in that country and the advantages of the service which it gives. People form the habit of looking at those notices, and if things are offered that they want, the chances are good that they will buy them.

WHEN IT STARTS
THERE HAS BEEN a most eloquent, meaningful prayer written by the president of the Federal Churches of Christ in America, the Bishop Henry, which has been offered at all churches, all over the country, on a certain day of note, to offer prayers for the hearts of all citizens back home for the lives of our American and Allied soldiers. A fitting and potent gesture. Every home in Lowell would find comfort in the thought that a nation prays for its sons. Their blood and their sacrifice will be greeted at this time that ere before in battle. We are to face losses that will plunge many homes into deep sorrow. Hence that we may gain a victory and bring about peace. We may pray in union on the day the invasion begins.

IT HOLDS TODAY
ILLUSTRATE A POINT, if you will, with this conversation that took place long years ago when an ambitious general was being dissuaded from staging a war against Rome. Asked Chines of the general:

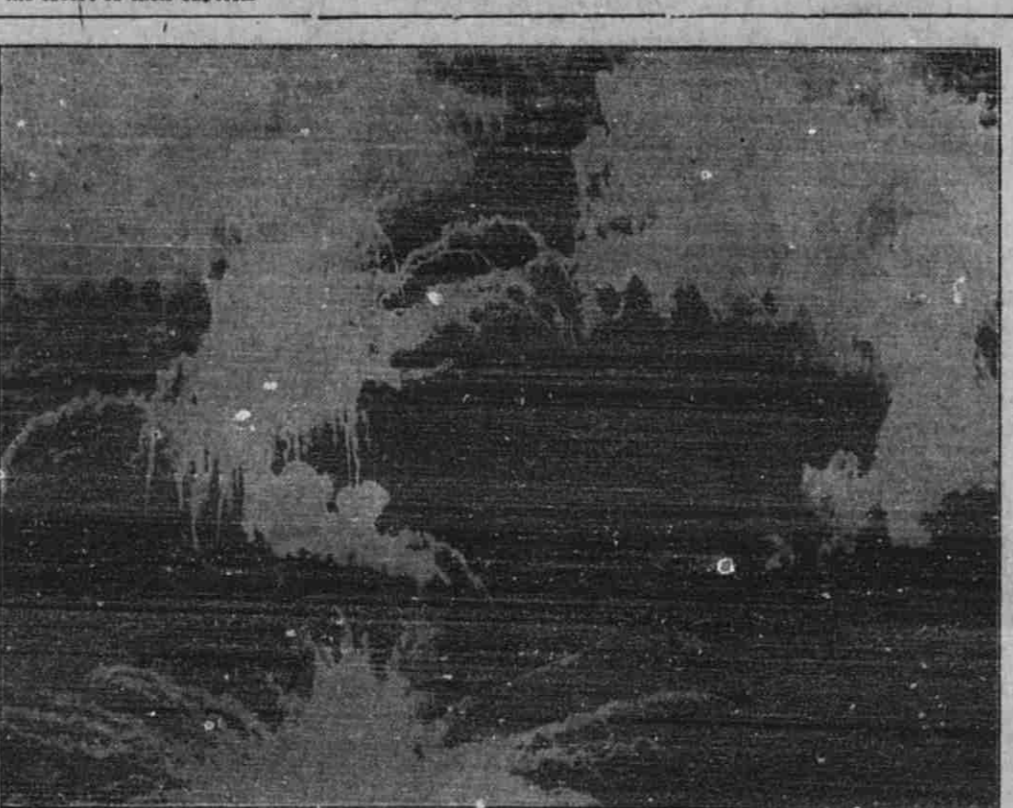
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Saturday Night, 7:30 to 9:30

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RECORDED MATTERS
Mrs. E. W. Williams
A. E. Wood and R. E. Cobble moved to Mantion for trout fishing over the week-end. Mr. Wood was busy in looking a brown trout 1 1/2 inches long and four lovely rainbows.

FALLSBURG & VICINITY
Mrs. WESTLEY MILLER
Mrs. Marie Parker and daughter Virginia went to Crystal center Saturday and were dinner guests of her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Edwards of Crystal Center and Mrs. Eugene Bryant of Ann Arbor called on Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Edwards and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Coe spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hay at Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bopp of Grand Rapids visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong Sunday afternoon.

Miss Joan Lillis and Miss Ellen Priddy of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Friedli.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sherwood and daughter Deanna of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood and Mrs. Wm. Dennis, formerly of Greenville.

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LOWELL ITEMS OF 25 AND 35 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1919—25 Years Ago
Mrs. Charles Stoughton, one of Lowell's oldest residents, passed away at her home, aged 80 years. She was born in Lowell, and spent her childhood in Lowell. She was the wife of Mr. Charles Stoughton, who died in 1915. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Allen, who died at the age of 63 on May 27, 1909—35 Years Ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook of Grand Rapids were Saturday and Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. George Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. John Van Dyke, formerly of Greenville.

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Fourth Row—Virginia Blaser, Lorraine Bloomer, Keith Franks, John Fredericksen, Lilly Kent, Kathryn Kloosterman, Dorothy Peckham, Calvin Preston, Genevieve Seeley, Treva Seese, Roger Wilson, Clare Wingeier
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QUEENS DIE PROUDLY

CHAPTER XXIII

"So the Major started out on an ordinary house-visit problem, trying to find this Cloncurry—you see, so many minutes north, and then east, and then south, and then west, and then, lengthening your time, north again, and so on. We kept this up for quite a while, but Cloncurry, and our gas was running out. I'll say this, though, the Major sure wasn't giving short advice. What with his cockpit full of air generals of all nations, he had plenty of that, and every different kind you can imagine—they all knew just what to do.

"They were all looking pretty worried by now, except the Swoses. One particular high officer was really carrying the ball here, only he couldn't worry so well sitting down, so he'd pace back and forth from the cabin up to the cockpit, asking Frank did he think he had enough gas, and why did he think so, and how could he be sure!

"The trouble was, every time he paced from the nose of the plane back to the tail, it would throw the plane out of balance, and Frank here would have to trim ship, in addition to all the questions he was answering. I guess this pacer had never thought of that.

"By this time Frank had decided the only thing to do was to make a forced landing, so he was leaning over the side trying to pick a spot."

"We have a saying in the Air Corps that any forced landing you can walk away from is a good one," said Frank, "and yet with all this rain aboard I know I pulled them all over Central Australia, there would be hell to say. I wanted to make it as easy as possible. None of that country looked any too good, but we finally spotted a couple of white houses where we thought there might be some help in case we cracked up badly and yet some one would be the most likely place to land."

"So one day when he's up 'inspecting' Moresby—he spent most of his time there—without any formality, Buzz steps into a P-30 and leads them. They were all agog. They've heard of the Great Wagner, but they aren't sure the stories of what he'd done in the Philippines might be a myth.

"He led twelve of them out above New Guinea, over the Owen Stanley range, on a mission in the direction of the big Jap base at Lae, from which they were returning over the ocean when they ran into a Japanese trap.

"The Japs had a flight of Zeros circling a spot which our boys must pass on their homeward leg. Buzz said it was partly his fault for not having told his gang of twelve to refrain from combat on this homeward leg, because they needed all their gas to get back, while the Japs were freshly fueled from a nearby base and full of ammunition.

"Now I was getting the jump, for even if the Major is the best pilot in the business, a crash landing is no joke, even for old-timers. I grab this pacing guy and 'Now look,' I says to him. 'You may carry plenty of tank on your shoulders, but to this pilot you're just two hundred pounds of ballast. So now you quit shuffling around—you get on back there and sit down.' And I banded him back to the very tip of the plane, and pushed him down, parachute and all, on that little seat. You've probably been wondering all along, just where the Red seat is, and it would be any place else—even on a farm—will you do it follow the clothes line, back down to the end of the grape arbor, and there she sets.

"Well, I pushed him down on the seat, and in about a minute there was quite a bump, but still it was a perfect three-point landing. In four seconds the Major had her rolling smooth. The ground was soft. Twenty-five tons is a lot of bomb-er, and her wheels began to sink in—about six inches. But the Major could sense this, so he gave gas to all four engines to keep her rolling, and taxied her up to high ground hard enough to hold her up.

"We got out. Pretty soon Australian ranchers began crawling out of holes in the ground—I don't know where else they came from—and right away Lieutenant Commander Johnson gets busy. He begins to get acquainted. They tell him where we are and some of them go off to get a truck to take us into town where we can telephone, and more keep coming, and Johnson is shaking hands all around, and he comes back and tells us these are real folks—the best darn folks in the world, except maybe the folks in his own Texas. Pretty soon he knows all their first names, and they're telling him why there ought to be a high tariff on wool, and there's no question he swung that county for Johnson before we left. He was in his element. I know he sure swung the Swoses crew. He can carry that proud as a peacock any day."

"Listening to him made us all homesick," said Frank, "so I suppose it was a good thing we got suddenly ordered back to the States at the end of the month. In a curious way I was ready now to come

ounding the field. Our fighters are getting better every day, and pretty soon they're chasing them out over the coast, letting them know, which whistle down harmlessly to tear up empty jungles.

"For a while we had a labor problem. The tame village natives we'd hired to work on the field didn't like the bombs, and when the alarm sounded, instead of jumping into the bushes they'd beat it into the jungle, and maybe not come back for a couple of days. However, this soon stopped, because the cannibal hunters who lived in the jungle used to stalk them and chase them back, and as between the bombs and the head-hunters, the natives chose the bombs, so we got plenty of work done.

"By now we weren't worried about Port Moresby. We had that in fair shape, and our bombers were going over almost every day to pound the Japs. But we were uneasy about the other shore of New Guinea. The Japs had already dug in at Lae and Salamaua, and they came on down the line and got in an airfield at Buna, right opposite Moresby. They could cause us plenty of trouble, intercepting our bombers on the way out and back.

"General Brett was particularly anxious, and wanted to move in an attack Buna in May. There was nothing there but a native village and an aboriginal mission. But Melbourne said no, because it would mean landing troops to defend an airbase there.

"But the Air Force knew if the Japs ever got Buna it would take a first-class expedition to get them out. Finally General Ralph Royce, who was General Brett's operations chief, flew over northern New Guinea on a personal inspection of the whole coast, and sent to Melbourne a detailed report, endorsing a field at Buna as vital to our future air operations.

"Presently his reply came. In reference to his report on the establishment of a landing field at Buna, Melbourne headquarters commended him for his initiative in making the reconnaissance, but found that owing to lack of facilities, it wasn't possible at this time.

"But this friendly little ground-air argument over Buna was soon settled. The third week in July our reconnaissance spotted a Jap Naval task force moving toward the north coast of New Guinea, and now just off Rabaul. We weren't sure where they were headed—maybe around the island, to capture Moresby itself.

"We were taking no chances, so on July 24 General Brett hit them with everything he had, little as it was—medium and light bombardment, Forts and obsolescent dive bombers.

"Even though the weather gave us this very short time to pour them, we made them pay for their Buna landing. But still they could make a transport through during the night to get troops ashore. Had we had only a little infantry and artillery at Buna, they could have held them off, giving the Air Force a chance to pound their landing barges at dawn. But we didn't have, and when morning came their transport was steaming away empty.

"In only two days the enterprising little devil had chopped a landing strip out of the jungle. A few days later their fighters were rising up to attack our bombers as they took off or returned to Moresby after pounding the Jap base at Rabaul.

"It took almost six months of hard work by both Australia and the American infantry, down over the Owen Stanley range—finally led by General MacArthur himself—to clear the Japanese out. What we have now is real co-operation. The ground forces know the vital importance of airfields, and I hope we in the Air Force have come to appreciate the tremendous importance of the unity of air, land, and sea."

"A man doesn't know what distance means until he flies that end of the world," said Red, the crew chief. "Remember the time we had to make a forced landing right in the middle of the place?"

"I'll never forget," said Charlie, the bombardier. "It was about the time of that Buna business."

"We had left Darwin," said Red, "and were flying across the Australian desert headed for Cloncurry. We hadumpy-ump rank aboard, about sixteen in all—General Royce, General Perrin, General Harcourt, and some Australians—Air Marshall's probably were—and also Lyndon Johnson, a big lanky guy from Texas, a real Congressman, only now he was out inspecting this area as a Navy Lieutenant Commander.

"Well, we're flying along over the wilderness which looks like the rumpled parts of New Mexico or Arizona, heading, we think, for this Cloncurry, only our arrival time goes by, and no Cloncurry.

"Harry, the navigator, begins to check things, and discovers that his ocean has gone out on him—it's like a sextant on a ship, only you use an air bubble instead of the horizon. Harry's fault—the prism was turning all right, but now he could see the recorder wasn't. He came up out of the navigator's compartment into the cockpit shaking his head, and told Frank here what had happened—that he had no idea where the Swoses was. 'You can have her now, Major,' he says. 'She's all yours!'

"Well, first the Major got our ration man to working, trying to wake up some Australian station which would give us bearing. But I guess they were all asleep. Our gas was getting lower and lower, and the sun was sinking, too. And that country below us was all rumpled up like someone had slept in it. (to be continued)



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Mrs. Harry Stauffer Presents Piano Pupils

A large audience of parents and friends filled the Congregational Church Sunday evening to attend the piano recital of Mrs. Harry Stauffer's 25 pupils whose ages ranged from 7 to 17 years, who did credit to themselves and their teacher. The pupils introduced their own numbers from a platform decorated with large baskets of spring flowers.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. P. E. Vos of Flint and Mrs. Earl Brown of Owosso spent Decoration Day with Mrs. B. A. Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wisner of Grand Rapids were Decoration Day guests of her sister, Mrs. Phil S. Krum.

Dinner guests at the F. F. Coons home Decoration Day were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor and Mrs. Wm. Lowe of Grand Rapids.

Hadley Schaefer arrived home Sunday from his school at Laurel, Md., to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schaefer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill of Grand Rapids and Anna Mae Heffran of Parnell spent Sunday at the Art Hill home. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Conklin of Chicago were callers.

Mrs. Ralph Gilmore of Lansing was a guest of her sisters, Mrs. Orval Jessup and Mrs. Art Young, from Saturday until Wednesday. She also visited relatives in Grand Rapids.

BIRTHS

On Decoration Day, May 30, at St. Mary's, N. Mex., to St. Sgt. and Mrs. Charles E. Housman, a 7 lb. baby girl, Marilyn Sue.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reusser of Belding, at Belding hospital, May 23, a son.

Marriage Licenses

Charles Dickson Jewell, Jr., 24; Doris Parkhurst, 22.
Lisle I. Watterson, 29; Lowell Jean E. Gingrich, 23; Grand Rapids.

One death in every twelve is because of accident, and twice as many people die from accident and illness as from old age.

SPORTS

By Forrest Buck
Board of Trade Sports Chairman
Tennis Team

The L. H. S tennis team carried on in spite of lack of experience and insufficient coaching. Their labors were repaid when they won from Godwin May 22. Harold Maxson won the single matches from Wyoming Park for one of the outstanding performances of the season.

Lowell was represented by Cecil Good and Jake Callier in the doubles, and Chad Lampkin, Harold Maxson and Tom Hall in the singles. East Grand Rapids won the league crown with one of the finest high school teams in this section.

COMING EVENTS

The Lowell Garden Lore Club will meet June 7 with Mrs. C. H. Runelman for an afternoon tea. The committee has planned a program of interest with an outside speaker, and all members are urged to be present.

The Cheerful Doers will meet at 3 o'clock Monday evening, June 5, at the home of the Perry sisters.

Special communication of Lowell Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday evening, June 6, with work in the M. M. degree. Dinner served at 6:45—Adelbert Odell, W. M.

The Lila Group of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Fred Wingler on Thursday afternoon, June 1, at 2:30.

Regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary at 8 o'clock Monday evening, June 5, at the City Hall.

The Good Will Club will meet with Mrs. Will Garfield at Saranac on Wednesday afternoon, June 14.

Bowen Center W. S. C. S. will meet Wednesday, June 7, at 2:00 p. m. at the hall. Potluck lunch at 3:30. Visitors cordially invited.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sage, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Sage and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pötter and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kaufman and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

I sincerely thank all my friends and the Lowell Sprayer Club for the magazines, flowers, cigarettes and fruit sent me during my stay at the hospital and my convalescence at home.

John Swanson.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OF LOWELL

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the Township and Village of Lowell will meet at the Office of the Township Clerk on Tuesday June 6, for the purpose of reviewing the tax rolls; and on Monday and Tuesday, June 12 and 13, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and continue in session during the day for at this time at the request of any person whose property is assessed thereon or of his agent, and on sufficient cause being shown, shall correct the assessment as to such property, in such manner as in their judgement will make the valuation thereof relatively just and equal.

E. S. WHITE,
Township Clerk.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Book Forum enjoyed a potluck supper at the farm home of Mrs. Don McPherson Wednesday evening. "Four Jills and a Jeep" by Carole Landis was reviewed by Mrs. Wm. Arehart.

One hundred students attended the Spring Swing given by the Child Study Club May 19. Games were played downstairs while dancing was going on upstairs. Orval Jessup's five-piece orchestra furnished the music for dancing. Refreshments were served free by the Child Study Club. The door prizes were won by Marion Zwemer and Walter Byke.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Doyle entertained Sunday evening in honor of their son, Ensign F. King Doyle, with open house for a group of his high school classmates and young friends. Ensign Doyle has also been entertained while home by numerous friends in Grand Rapids, Parnell, Alto, Sparta and Lowell.

Miss Virginia Hosley Plans Church Wedding

Postmaster and Mrs. Fred J. Hosley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia I. Hosley, to Herbert Elzinga, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elzinga of Ellsworth.

The marriage will take place on June 24 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the Congregational church in Lowell.

Miss Lucille Hosley will attend her sister as maid of honor, and Henry Elzinga will serve his brother as best man. A reception will be held in the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony.

Miss Hosley is a graduate of Lowell high school and of Central State Teachers college, Mt. Pleasant, in 1942, and a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She has been teaching in the Mason public schools for the past two years. Mr. Elzinga attended Ferris Institute and is making his home here. He is assistant cashier of the State Savings Bank.

SOUTH BOWNE Mrs. Jennie Pardee

Bert and Russell Gray and Mrs. Esther Rowland of Pleasant Valley were Monday visitors at the Steve Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blough of Freeport were Sunday guests of Steve Millers.

Mrs. Jennie Pardee and Mrs. Lydia Porritt were in Caledonia on business Wednesday afternoon.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Poll is under the doctor's care at this writing.

Mrs. Edna Hostettler, Mrs. Ed Waite of Carlton and granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Gronewald of Freeport were callers the past week at Jerry Blough's.

Miss Elizabeth Porritt of Butterworth hospital is having a three weeks' vacation. She was a Sunday guest at the Lacey-Porritt home. Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Burns of West Bowne and C. M. Benedict were callers during the week.

D. D. Holcomb remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lemmer of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Vivian Anderson of Hastings were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Jake Glass and Corrine.

Mrs. Jennie McCormick of Chicago is visiting her brother-in-law, Jake Glass and Corrine. Jake Glass and Corrine and Mrs. Jennie McCormick visited Friday evening at the Archie Thomas home in Cascade.

Josie Roush of Ionia was an overnight guest, Saturday, of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mishler. They all spent Saturday evening with their brother, Warren and family in Hastings.

Frank Martin and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Will Mishler's.

Mrs. Bertha Porritt and daughters Elizabeth, Martha and Marilyn, and mother, Mrs. Lydia Porritt visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Jennie Pardee.

Country Editor Gives His Views

(continued from first page)

the very things they once condemned. What about this thing called free enterprise? As I see it, we're losing something that made America great—freedom of the individual to think and to act for himself. Now, he expects the government to do it for him.

"And the merchant in town! Well, you know the story.

"Several things have happened to him. First, the fast-motored automobile and the modern concrete highway have given the consumer a choice between my town and the nearby large city. Progressive merchants who study the needs of the public and who tell the public about their merchandise through effective advertising are meeting this new trend pretty well. But some of the merchants are not.

"And there is the growing concentration of industry and business into the hands of corporations and their stockholders—offering more and better things often at lower prices. The merchant who ran the average business in my town used to own the business himself. Now, the chances are increasing that he now works for corporate owners.

"Community leadership is going to suffer unless such merchants take a personal active interest in the welfare of the town and county. These men should participate in affairs of our village—such as the Community Chest, Parent-Teacher association, Board of Trade, and the churches. We need their leadership. They should assume responsibility for helping to make a better world, right here at home. The place to begin is in our own home town—our own back yard.

"More and more, our people are inclined to look to someone else for a solution of their problems. We want Washington or Lansing to authorize an appropriation and build a postoffice or increase teachers' salaries or do this and that—things which our fathers wouldn't have asked for unless they were willing to pay the cost themselves.

"Cities refuse to increase school taxes and yet they demand that the State of Michigan return one-third of the state sales tax to local governments—counties, municipalities and schools. Plans are now under way, you know, to initiate by petition a constitutional amendment in Michigan to do just this very thing.

"Well—whose money is it, anyway? It surely isn't 'state' money or 'federal' money. We pay it in taxes. During the state's fiscal year ending last June 30, the State of Michigan distributed a little more than \$134,000,000 back to local governments. That's a lot of money. And it was 55 per cent of all state revenues.

"Centralized distribution of public funds is breaking down our local tax responsibility. It invites a mad scramble to get yours while—the getting is good—and all the time adding to the cost of our government.

"Maybe I'm an old fogey. But as one newspaper editor who is trying to keep up with developments I'm frankly puzzled.

"I know we've abandoned isolationism. Sure, it's as dead as the dodo bird. The other day didn't an army airplane span the continent, California to New York in a little more than six hours? Bombers fly across the Atlantic like Michigan pheasants winging over a pond. Only a few months ago airplane watchers by the thousands were scanning the skies in northern Michigan for enemy airplanes that, thank God, never arrived.

"This global war is costing the American taxpayers a fabulous sum, and we've got to buy more war bonds if we are to defeat Hitler and Tojo. Can free enterprise—the right of the individual—survive such an ordeal? Well, obviously we've got to fight fire with fire, and lick fascism with strong economic controls exercised by a centralized authority that regulates our entire lives. That's total war.

"And what is happening in Europe doesn't help matters either. You can't destroy wealth that has been accumulated by toil and thrift of many generations, without invoking more centralized authority to restore order out of disorder.

"No, I don't like the prospect one bit but my guess is that Europe is going to see more state socialism in the postwar reconstruction period and that this same trend, to a less degree, may take place in the United States unless we do something about it.

"Of course I don't want it. Neither do the insurance companies, or the medical doctors. Bureaucracy is a costly way of helping yourself. "A business friend of mine is a staunch believer in the idea that you can't beat a trend and that you shouldn't buck a condition. What's a trend or condition but the combined thinking or non-thinking of a lot of us folks. Well, I'm still old-fashioned enough to wonder why the individual isn't smart enough to solve his own problems without running to the government all the time."



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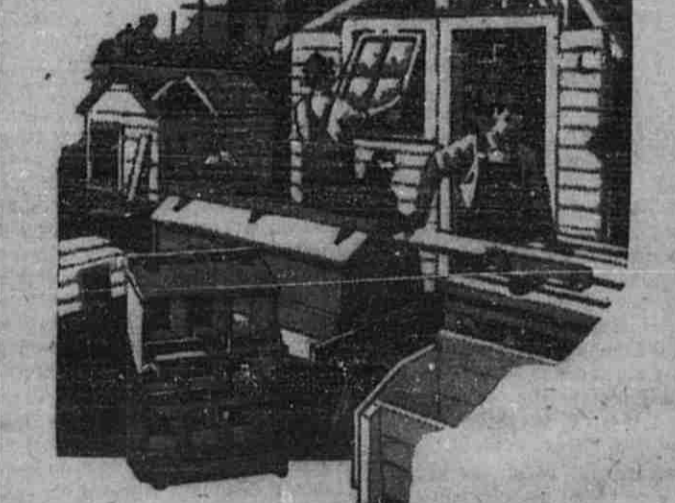
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