

Grandson of Paul Bunyon Spins True Yarn Recalling Awtful Forest Fires of '71

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GAYLORD—"Holy Mackinaw! So you think this 1944 summer is hot and dry? H'mp!"

"Old Eagle Eye" Jim Bunyon, the same old spindle-legged tobacco-chewing printer of yore, squinted through his spectacles as he snorted. The tone of his voice was enough to indicate an old-timer's scorn.

"We hadn't encountered Jim since we visited Gladstone last August, we were surprised to find him, busy at his printer's trade, at the office of Paul MacDonald's Otsego County Herald-Times here. En route to a publishers' meeting at Sault Ste. Marie, from whence next week's column will be written, we paused for a minute while Jim unfolded the story.

"I was just a youngster, that summer of 1871. Pappy was working in a sawmill at Alpena, and I was being weaned on a plug of Kentucky. There's never been a town in Michigan so burned out as Alpena. Back in 1862 the slash in the cut-over lands caught on fire, and flames raced along Thunder Bay river, wiping out the big sawmill of Lockwood and Minor. Alpena was left a smoking ruin.

"Alpena folks built her up again, but forest fires returned in 1863, and 1867, and 1868. By the year of 1871, Alpena lumberjacks were kinda getting lonesome. The town hadn't burned down for two years, and life was almost in a rut.

"That big fire of 1871 came after a long, dry summer. The sun shown day after day, and nary a cloud appeared in the sky. Crops were parched, and by the time of Sunday, Oct. 8, the whole northern country was crisp as tinder.

"Holland was the first town to be hit by forest fire, fanned by a high wind. The Hope College town was pretty near razed to the ground. College buildings were in smoldering ruins, and 73 business houses were cleaned out. At Manistee, some 150 miles north of Holland, the fire jumped out of the woods Sunday afternoon and destroyed 206 homes.

"At Lansing the Michigan Aggie students turned out and saved the state capitol. Yes sir! And in Midland county the shingle mills of George Rockwell, Collier & Garbar, and Reardon & Anderson, and Dowlers, all of Midland, were laid waste. Gretiot county too, was badly hit, while flames raced through the entire Saginaw valley from St. Charles to Birch Run.

"And up in the thumb! Why the forest fires on that same Sunday, Oct. 8, back in 1871, destroyed a lot of bustling towns, such as Sand Beach, Huron City, Elm Creek, Richmondville, Forestville and White Rock. Most likely you never heard of White Rock, except on a bottle. White Rock was a booming town, on paper anyway, and when Douglas Houghton, state geologist, visited it on his way to northern Michigan, it was just a naked rock, plastered with seagull's droppings, where White Rock creek emptied

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Kent County Rural Schools will have a fine exhibit of art, science, and work at the Kent County 4-H Club Fair. Mrs. Hazel Allyn of the School Commission Office has been collecting the best in the county and will display them at the fair. The fair management is glad to give space and offer premiums for rural school exhibits. We have had occasion to visit fairs in neighboring counties and have always wished that Kent County Schools could be better represented at our 4-H Fair.

Looks like a good livestock exhibit. Many requests have come in from dairy and beef club members for Bangs tent, enough to keep the extension office with Dr. Morris Lamoreaux and Dr. John Trumble busy for a couple of days. All 4-H club members who own purebred cattle must have them registered in their own name and present their certificate to Richard Machiels at the fair in order to claim the 50 per cent increase in any premium money they may win.

West Michigan Holstein Breeders' Association will have their annual black and white show at the Blodgett Riding Stable on East Leonard Street, Thursday, August 24. This show has become a real Holstein feature in this area. Martin Butch, Jr., of Comstock Park is in charge of arrangements. Sorry this date conflicts with our 4-H club fair.

Edwin Parmeter and Carl Hessler & Sons of Courland township, are Kent County's two certified seed potato growers this year. Parmeter will have 55 acres of seed and the Hesslers 15 acres. Varieties

Once I met a little girl, whose skin was fine as silk. For every day beside her plate There was a glass of Lowell Creamery pasteurized milk.

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into Lake Huron.

"Other towns in the fires' path were Uby, Bad Axe, Port Huron, Tawas City and Cass City. The big lumber town of Saginaw was spared, somehow, although five buildings were destroyed over in East Saginaw.

"All in all, about two million acres of land were blackened by the great fire of Oct. 8 in the Lower Peninsula alone. And up in the U. P.—well, maybe you've heard of the big Peshtigo disaster 7 miles south of Marinette in Wisconsin. This story was reported by Luther B. Noyes in his Marinette Peshtigo Eagle which he'd started in June of that year. More than 600 persons died in a raging inferno that swept Peshtigo.

"My pappy often told me that this Oct. 8, 1871 fire was the greatest forest fire in the history of the United States. They estimate the total dead at 1,152 of whom more than 600 were lost at the town of Peshtigo.

"But strangely enough, this 1871 disaster up in the north country and across the lower peninsula of Michigan wasn't reported in the newspapers for several weeks. Not that the journals in those days weren't on the job. They were. Their headlines for many days were all about another news story you've heard about. The Chicago fire started also on Sunday, Oct. 8, and it was weeks before Harper's Weekly printed anything about Michigan Peshtigo. Can you beat that?"

Gaylord, with its altitude of 1,350 feet, has had its fires too. Paul MacDonald, who owns the local newspaper, tells of the time when the smoke of forest fires could be seen in all sides of the town.

"To old-timers such as Jim Bunyon and his tribe, forest fires have been a familiar part of the life of Michigan's north country. In the fall of 1923 a fire sprung up near Silver City, in the Porcupines, and swept over at least 600,000 acres of timber and several lumbering camps. Near Escanaba, as late as 1933, a forest fire burned stubbornly from August 1 to September 29, despite the efforts of more than 600 men.

Michigan, once a lumber-producing state, has become a great industrial empire, world-famous for its automobiles and furniture and other products. Its north country is becoming, more and more, the beautiful haven for vacation-seeking city dwellers from cities through the mid-west.

And when the hot and dry summers appear, a few ageless natives, such as Jim Bunyon, scan the cloudless skies and sniff the air and then spin those yarns about old Michigan when lumber was king and forest fires were something to tell your children about.

We almost forgot to tell you about Jim Bunyon's grand-pappy. He was a Michigan lumberjack whose stature was befitting such a great state. Yep, his first name was Paul.

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Back the invasion with war bands

to be grown are Russet Rural, Chippewa, Katahdin, and Menominee. The last named is the new scabproof variety developed by M. S. C.

Looks like Kent County fruit men will have a chance to use German War Prisoners in harvesting apples and peaches. A meeting of farmers, farm labor assistants, and county agents met at Peach Ridge one day last week to make preliminary plans. Muskegon, Kent, and Ottawa farmers will share in the labor from the camp. Muskegon folks have a certificate for the camp. Sparta folks had done some advanced work on a camp site. No definite decision has been made by the army but it looks promising. The camp would probably contain 200 prisoners. More details later if the camp is o. k'd.

Plenty of publicity has been given to a new insecticide known as D. D. T. The extension office has had a number of calls in regard to getting this material. It is all allotted to the army except some for more destructive insects but it also kills beneficial ones. The college is using some of this material in a local orchard for control of Oriental Peach Moth. Potato growers have a small amount for use. Folks shouldn't get it into their heads this is going to be a curtail insecticide. It will kill honey bees as well as codling moth.

Oh yes, this week's column starts another year of writing it. Guess it is number 5 of number 6.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Lowell Public Library will be closed for the annual vacation from Aug. 15 to Aug. 26th inclusive, opening Tuesday, Aug. 29th. Patrons may draw extra books for this period.

12-14 Inez Rutherford, Librarian.

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The Paper Shortage Grows More Critical

The Washington authorities report that the shortage of waste paper is still acute. Waste paper is called the nation's number one critical war material. The shortage is so great that the army is now preparing to salvage what little it can in the North African and South Pacific war zones.

If the army has to send, across the oceans to get the waste paper it needs, there is still more reason for the people to save all the paper they can from their homes and working places. The homes receive each week a large amount of paper in the form of newspapers, magazines, paper boxes, etc. It takes very little effort to tie up this stuff, and systems for collecting it should be organized as thoroughly as possible.

Hints For Farmers Who Hire Labor

By Donald J. Holbrook

Observation so far this year and conversations with workers in the fields last year, have proved one thing—the farmer who used inexperienced labor successfully must follow a rather definite pattern in handling that labor. Therefore, we are presenting some ideas which have worked successfully both last year and this year. Farmers should adapt these to their own situation. If our fall crops are to be harvested we must get the most work out of the labor at hand. Following these procedures may mean savings both in money paid out for wages and in a greater amount of work accomplished by the worker.

First of all, the farmer should be sure that the machinery is in proper repair and working order. The worker should not be penalized when sent out to work with machinery that is out of repair.

In the second place, the farmer should get the good will of the inexperienced worker by pointing out the advantages of the job. It is important that the worker be put at ease at the start.

This done, the farmer and worker go to the field, experience has proved. If the four following steps are followed successful work can be done by these workers. One quite important rule to be remembered is this—if the worker has not learned, the farmer has not taught him. The instructions are as follows:

1. Prepare the worker—Get his complete attention on the job. Find out what he already knows about the job. Get him interested in learning the job. Show its importance. Place him in correct position.
2. Present the job—Tell, show, illustrate, and question. Take up one point at a time. Stress key points. Point out safe working habits.
3. Try out performance—Have him perform the job. Have him tell and show you. Have him explain key points. Ask questions and correct errors. Continue until you know he knows.
4. Follow up—Put him on his own. Advise him clearly what to do in emergencies. Check his work on the job to make certain he is working correctly.

The Emergency Farm Labor Office and its staff stand ready to help in every way in breaking in these new workers on farm jobs this fall.

Library Gets Bonus From State Board

The Lowell Public Library has received a check for \$125.75 from the State Board for Libraries, according to Miss Inez Rutherford, librarian. This is the grant from the General Library Fund for which the library has qualified this year.

Our library receives this bonus because the local tax support is being maintained. If the local tax support drops, the library would not be eligible for this additional assistance.

The library board decides how these grants are spent so the projects are designed to fit our library. Miss Rutherford explains. Only capital expenditures are prohibited.

Our grant is part of the State Aid to Public Libraries Fund set apart by the Legislature for the development of Michigan libraries. The 1944 Special Session appropriated \$300,000 for the 1944-45 fiscal year, which will help libraries hold the line under wartime conditions.

SPEAKER COMING SUNDAY

Rev. V. W. Waltman of Grand Rapids will be the speaker at the First Methodist church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Mr. Waltman is a representative of the Temperance Foundation of Michigan and will receive contributions for temperance work from any who wish to give for this purpose.



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Sgt. Joe Hill Home After 57 Missions

His Plane and Crew Given Credit For Destroying a 3,000-ton Jap Freighter and Damaging Others in Same Convoy

Tech. Sgt. Joseph L. Hill, veteran of 57 missions totaling over 200 hours in the southwest Pacific theatre of operations, has been enjoying a three weeks' visit at home with his wife, Mrs. Beulah G. Hill in Ionia and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill, in Lowell. He graduated from Lowell high school in 1937 and has been in service two years last May, the last 15 months of which have been in the Pacific area.

Holder of the coveted Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters awarded him recently in ceremonies in New Guinea, he has participated in the outstanding raids made by the Air Apaches, hottest Mitchell strafers unit in the fifth air force.

Sgt. Hill was a crew member on one of the planes commanded by Capt. Jack Manders, who was given the Distinguished Flying Cross for diving his plane into the side of a Jap warship. Sgt. Hill's plane and crew was given credit for demolishing a 3,000-ton Jap freighter and damaging others in the same convoy. The plane was hit several times and ripped through the wing by flak. Though dangerously close to the water, and still under enemy fire, his pilot completed the run and, with part of the wing gone, nursed his ailing plane back to the base, making a perfect landing.

Sgt. Hill was awarded the Air Medal for his part in this mission. He has six floors on missions in the capacity of radio-operator-gunner, over Hollandia, Wewak, Madang and Biak island.

Sgt. Hill, accompanied by his wife, left last Friday for Miami Beach, Fla., where he is resting for two weeks, awaiting assignment for further duty.

Well Known Farmer Claimed by Death

Clyde Francisco, 56, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Grattan township, passed away late Friday, July 28, at his farm home, following a stroke which he suffered on Thursday. Mr. Francisco was a lifelong resident of Grattan, having been born there December 12, 1888, the son of Charles B. and Emma Francisco.

On June 24, 1908 he married Blanche Jakeway, who survives him. He also leaves to mourn their loss two sons, George at home and Corp. Charles Francisco in West French Africa with the armed forces; his father, Charles B. Francisco; two brothers, James and Glenn, all of Grattan; one sister, Mary Zahm of Grand Rapids; and four grandchildren; also several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the farm home, with the Rev. H. S. Ellis officiating. Burial in Oakwood cemetery, Lowell.

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The all-time record lake trout, caught last year out of Marquette, weighed 33 pounds.

Warning Issued to Users of Fuel Oil

Mrs. George DeGraw of the Lowell Ration Board states that early this spring renewal forms were sent to all users of fuel oil for heat. A vast majority of consumers have failed to return their renewal forms to the local board for processing and issuing.

OPA recommends that all tanks be filled during summer months to eliminate extra work and non-tail deliveries.

If the heating equipment is non-portable with a factory built-in blower or fan, please add this information to your application.

More Furlough Gas Given Servicemen

A New Policy Provides That a Member of the Armed Services on Leave Will Be Entitled to One Gallon Per Day Up to 30 Gallons

Members of the armed forces on leave or furlough will be granted gasoline rations of 3 to 30 gallons, L. W. Rutherford, Chairman of the Lowell War Price and Rationing Board announces.

The new policy, provides that a member of the armed services on leave or furlough for a period of three days or more will be entitled to one gallon of gasoline for each day of his leave or furlough up to a maximum of 30 gallons. This new rule, Mr. Rutherford explained, replaces one granting a flat five gallons to every member of the armed services on leave, furlough or pass, regardless of the length of the leave.

Mr. Rutherford said that this new rule, which will adjust the amount of the ration to the length of the leave or furlough, will eliminate the unfairness of the old policy. There have been many complaints that it was unfair to the man serving out of the country and returning after a long absence to receive only 5 gallons of gasoline for one long leave or furlough, while a member of the armed forces who got many short leaves received much more.

The new furlough rations, worked out by OPA in conjunction with representatives of the Army and Navy, will now range between a minimum of three gallons for a three-day leave or furlough to a maximum of 30 gallons for 30 days. At the suggestion of the Army and Navy, no ration will be granted for passes (to Army personnel) or liberties (to Navy personnel), or for leaves or furloughs of less than three days.

To receive his ration, Mr. Rutherford said, the member of the armed services should apply to the War Price and Rationing Board having jurisdiction over the automobile he expects to drive, and present proper leave or furlough papers. The ration will be issued in the form of coupons or gasoline purchase permits, or a combination of the two.

Botulism is the latest scare-word. It's the bug that gets into non-acid foods and spoils them in canning. Vegetables and fruits for example. The acid foods, like tomatoes, are not so dangerous, but that botulism germ is hard to kill in non-acids, except by the high temperatures made certain with pressure cookers. The whole land over, Mrs. Housewife is being warned to use pressure cookers in canning, even if she has to borrow one or beg its use. Death lurks in the jar of chicken or peaches that has not been cooked hot enough. And when you throw the spoilage out—burn it, to prevent the spread of the germ.

B. of T. Announces Community Picnic

The Lowell Board of Trade will sponsor a community picnic at Fallsburg Park, Thursday, Aug. 17, from 2:00 p. m. until dark, with transportation furnished for all those who have no way to get there. These picnics used to be an annual affair but have not been held the past two or three years on account of the war.

A. H. Stormzand is general chairman and will be assisted by George Herald, Carl Munroe, Ray Avery, Arnold Fairchild, George Goul and Harold Englehardt. Mr. Stormzand states that there will be a softball game, horseshoe contests, various games with prizes for the women, and races and games for the children with plenty of prizes for all.

The sports and recreation committee is composed of Forrest L. Buck, Byrne McMahon, Carroll Burch and Adrian Zwemer.

Folkluck supper will be served at 6:30. Bring your own service. Hot and cold drinks will be furnished.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Aug. 3—"The Sullivans" with Anne Baxter and Thomas Mitchell.

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4-5—"Nine Girls" with Ann Harding, Evelyn Keyes and Jinx Falkenberg; also "Whispering Footsteps" with John Hubbard and Rita Quigley. Latest News events.

Sunday and Monday, Aug. 6-7—Margaret O'Brien in "Lost Angel" with James Craig and Marsha Hunt; also Selected Short Subjects and News.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8-9-10—Frank Sinatra in "Higher and Higher" with Michele Morgan, Jack Haley, Leon Errol and Marcy McGuire.

Lowell Soldier Writes of Battling Germans in France And First-Hand Impressions

Pfc. Robert D. Yetter, paratrooper, and son of Mrs. Rosella Yetter, is back in England again after having been with the 82nd Airborne Division that spearheaded the Normandy invasion. Bob writes:

"Well, you want to know what happened, and my impressions. Here are a few things: My outfit, the 505th, took the first town to be taken in France. We accomplished all of our missions on the jump and the Division stayed at the front longer than any of the D-Day Divisions. We were with the first to land on France, 4 to 6 hours before the beach landing was made. The aggressiveness of the guys and their unorthodox methods and their willingness to press forward at night as well as day had Jerry scared to death, as we found from many different prisoners. Of course he wasn't the only one, at times! They were afraid to surrender, too, because they were told we would kill them, which did happen many times in the initial phases. One group of prisoners said 'If you'd take those guys in the boots and baggy pants away (the paratroopers) a heck of a lot more would surrender.' We found many Russians, Poles, and Czechs who were forced to fight, using their families as a threat. Always, the true German was a hard nut to crack. Oh, I could tell you countless things but you would gain nothing. I know how you feel but someday it'll come out in the wash.

News of Our Boys

Cpl. Hugh A. Young has been transferred from Westover Field, Mass., to Charleston, S. C.

Rodney Kropf, S 2/c, has been transferred from Newport, R. I. and is now stationed at Farragut, Idaho.

Mrs. Alvin J. Wells has received word from her son, John J. Frye, U. S. N., that they had left the invasion area and would not be home as soon as expected.

Corporal Perry Peckham arrived Saturday from Las Vegas, Nev., for a ten day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peckham and will leave August 8 to report at Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Norma Doran of Parnell has received word that her son, Lieut. Donald Doran, who was first reported missing in action over Hungary since July 7, is safe at his base in Italy. No other details were given.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Condon have received a message from their son, Bry Condon, S 1/c, from France, saying that he was well and O. K. and to tell the folks back home "Hello."

The war department announced Saturday the award of the distinguished flying cross to Capt. James B. McMahon of the U. S. Army 8th air force. It is expected that Bruce will be home on leave in the not distant future.

Lt. (jg) Bruce C. Walter has been made a skipper of an LCI (L), a ship quite complete in every detail, over 150 feet long with four officers and 26 enlisted men. He expects to go to some ship yard and pick up his own ship in about three weeks.

Paul Johnson, who has been stationed in the Aleutian Islands the past two years, has returned to the States and is in California at present. His main statement when he talked with his cousin, Mrs. Elsie Summers, was "Boy, do these trees look good to me. Michigan sure is a beautiful place!"

R. Jack Maxson, S M 3/c, son of Mrs. A. J. Young of Lowell, is serving on the S. S. Buchanan, the destroyer which recently won the coveted Presidential Unit citation, presented by Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations.

Horace Summers, home for the week-end from the Naval base at Dearborn, where he is attending school as a machinist, says that it is a very nice place with new barracks and excellent food. The swimming pool is entirely marble, the "largest one he ever saw." The boys are required to swim daily. Horace is a member of the Naval choir.

Lieut. John J. Lalley and Mrs. Lalley came last Thursday for a three day leave with his mother, Mrs. John Lalley, Lt. Lalley having just finished required work at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va. The training received there is physical therapy and educational reconditioning for disabled soldiers returning from combat, to prepare them for return to civilian life. This is the 2nd class of its kind to graduate in the U. S. and 120 officers were chosen to attend this school. Lt. Lalley is assigned to headquarters of the 8th Service Command at Chicago. Mrs. Lalley will stay with her mother in Ionia.

Maynard E. Tucker, S K 1/c has returned to Miami, Fla., after a 15-day leave with the home folks in South Boston. Maynard, who has been on the staff in the disbursing office there, expects a change of duty and will be transferred to New Orleans in a few weeks, where he will be commissioned to a ship. His wife, who resides with her people near Nashville, returned with him for the remainder of the summer vacation when she expects to resume her school duties as a teacher in the rural district near her home. Maynard was a guest of honor at a family gathering held at Fallsburg Park on Sunday when all enjoyed a fried chicken picnic dinner.

"We did more walking every day than we did in 7 days of normal training. It seemed like, did a lot of dancing, that is the biggest amusement outside of movies, and they do have some nice dances. We were surely impressed with the Scotch people, they were swell to us. Saw the beautiful Loch Lomond, spent a couple of nights in Carlisle, a northern English city, and our last night, in Leeds, the center of the clothing industry. Here the gals were even more beautiful and thicker than Glasgow! Next day the train pulled in, already full and hundreds waiting. We had to get that train—sooo—thanks to our slim hips—thru the narrow window we were on the staff in the disbursing office there, expects a change of duty and will be transferred to New Orleans in a few weeks, where he will be commissioned to a ship. His wife, who resides with her people near Nashville, returned with him for the remainder of the summer vacation when she expects to resume her school duties as a teacher in the rural district near her home. Maynard was a guest of honor at a family gathering held at Fallsburg Park on Sunday when all enjoyed a fried chicken picnic dinner.

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With Ernie Pyle at the Front Pillboxes and Tanks Wrecked in Street Fighting Yanks Take Another City With Only Snipers and One Pillbox Left

By Ernie Pyle IN NORMANDY.—On up the street a block there seemed to be fighting. I say seemed to be, because actually you can't always tell. Street fighting is just as confusing as field fighting.

One side will bang away for a while, then the other side. Between these sallies there are long lulls, with only stray and isolated shots. Just an occasional soldier is sneaking about, and you don't see anything of the enemy at all. You can't tell him the time just when the situation is.

About a block beyond the hospital entrance two American tanks were sitting in the middle of the street, one about 50 yards ahead of the other. The tank in front was toward them. Our infantrymen were in doorway along the street.

Private Rains was the oldest of the bunch, and the only married one. He used to work as a guard at the Sears, Roebuck plant in Kansas City.

"I was M. P. to 1,500 women," he said with a grin. "and how I'd like to be back doing that." The other tankers all expressed good approval of this sentiment.

"I went back to the doorway and tank peering out at the tank. It started backing up. Then suddenly a yellow flame pierced the bottom of the tank and there was a crash of some intensity that automatically halted my own tank.

A second shot ripped the pavement from under the tank. I spent the next excited hour with my tank. There was smoke all around, but the tank didn't catch fire.

What had happened to the tank was this: They decided to back up in order to get their bearings, but after backing a few yards the driver was so blinded that he stopped. Unfortunately he stopped exactly at the foot of a side street.

The main worry of these boys was the fact that they had left the engine running. We could hear it chugging away. It had for a tank motor that had little very long. But now they were afraid to go back and turn the motor off, for the tank was still right in the way with the hidden German gun.

Also, they had come out wearing their leather car helmets. Their helmets were still inside the tank, and so were their rifles. "We'll be a lot of good without helmets or rifles!" one of them said.

Ledger Entries LEAD A HAND THE HARVEST comes to part of America, and the combine of the countryside go rolling over the land to top and deliver the wheat crop.

FOR A WEEK I have devoted a portion of each day to an effort to fathom the intricacies of government farm financing as operated by 10 different agencies of the government.

In a brochure of less than 30 pages the Citizens National committee, 100 L street, Washington, has attempted to interpret how it is done and with what result, through only a small portion of them ten or more agencies. It is not the fault of that committee that I do not understand it.

I think my week of stultified effort succeeded in ungluing one small corner. As I interpret it, the U. S. established in 1933 the Production Credit Corporations and Associations, the Production Credit Associations being the offspring of the Corporations.

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VERGENNES CENTER R. M. K. SOUTHWEST BOWNE Mrs. L. T. ANDERSON Mademoiselle Nora and Myrtle Anderson attended a shower on Mrs. Nellie Souma at the home of Mrs. Glenn Sauters Friday evening.

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Marjory McKinnon is spending this week in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sigler. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sweet of Ionia were guests at the Clyde Colter home Sunday evening.

Jimmie King spent several days with the Clifford Cook family in Grand Rapids, returning home on Tuesday.

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SHEELEY CORNERS

Mrs. Lester Antonides will be hostess for the W. S. C. C. on Wednesday evening, August 16. Ice cream and cake will be served. About thirty former pupils of Snow school will be present. Friends met Saturday at the W. S. C. hall for one of the pleasantest reunions in the history of the organization. After the picnic dinner was served at noon the business meeting and a most enjoyable program was given and ice cream and cake were served.

STAR CORNERS

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PARNELL

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SOUTH BOSTON
Mrs. Earl Harker entertained a group of relatives and friends recently honoring the birthday of her brother, Sgt. Kenneth Tucker, who was home on furlough. Sgt. Tucker and wife have returned to his army base at Camp Howe, Texas.



SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING
A shy young lady sat next to a distinguished bishop at a formal dinner. For some time she hesitated to speak to him but finally, seeing some bananas passed, she seized the opportunity to start conversation. "I beg your pardon, but are you fond of bananas?"



WACS IN NEW FIELD UNIFORMS—Left, members of the Women's Army Corps, dressed in their overseas field uniform, set out for a hike somewhere in England. Leading them is Pvt. Ann P. Dietrich, New Kensington, Pa. WACS have been assigned to behind-line jobs in France. Right, a group in their new field clothes, take time out for a drink from their canteens and a "brush up" on their study of the French language. Left to right, Pfc. Lucille Collins, 829 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.; Pfc. Goldie Johnson, 720 Second Street, Louisville, Ky., and Pfc. Mollie Weinstein, 2554 West Euclid Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

U. S. A. UNIFORMS—WAC Lieutenant Irene D. Jennings, 809 South Kenwood Street, Royal Oak, Michigan, helps with the fitting of a new blouse for WAC Pfc. Nelda J. Turner, New York City. Pfc. Turner with the other American-born women, until recently served with the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service), the WAAPS (Women's Army Air Force), and the WRENS (Women's Royal Naval Service).



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Ada News Church News

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
W. B. Kolenbrander, Pastor
Morning services at 10 o'clock.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Evening services at 7:30 o'clock.
Christian Endeavor at 8:40 p. m.

VERGENNES METHODIST CH.
The minister will preach and conduct the morning worship service at 10 o'clock. Following the sermon, the Sunday School will meet at 10:45.

ZION METHODIST CHURCH
John Chan, Pastor
English preaching at 10:00 a. m.
Bible School at 11:00 a. m.
You are cordially invited.

ALTO METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. W. E. Wilson, Pastor
Morning worship at 8:45. Subject, "Christian Perseverance."
Sunday School at 10:45 a. m.

ALTON CHURCH
(Un denominational)
Alton Anderson, Pastor
Sunday School—10:20 a. m.
Young People's Meeting—7:15
Evening services at 8 o'clock.
Subject, "The Man That Remembered God."

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH
W. B. Gardner, Pastor
Bible School—10:00 a. m.
Charles Thompson, Supt.

UNION BROTHERS CHURCH OF WEST LOWELL
Rev. C. Clay, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Praying Service—11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—7:30 p. m.

ST. PATRICK'S—PARNELL
Rev. William J. Murphy
8:00 a. m. Low Mass and sermon.
10:00 a. m. High Mass and sermon.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lowell, Mich.
Rev. B. C. Warland, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

ELMDALE NAZARENE CHURCH
Rev. Wm. Kelley, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Worship Service—11:00 a. m.
N. Y. P. S.—7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting—Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.

CONFESSION HALL MEETINGS
at German Methodist Church
8:00 p. m.—Sunday School. Interesting lessons and classes for all ages, from God's complete textbook, the Bible.
8:00 o'clock Thursday evening—Prayer meeting and Bible Study.

HICKORY CORNERS
Mrs. Ethel Yetter
Margot and Paula Hilton are spending this week with their grandparents at North Park.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Kendall, Mich.
Rev. Wm. E. Tombaugh, Pastor
Clarksville, Mich.
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Worship Service—11:00 a. m.
Young People's meeting—7:30 p. m.
Evangelistic Service—8:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Bus Schedules SLOW TIME

To Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo	To Gr. Rapids
7:10 a. m.	9:05 a. m.
10:20 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
2:40 p. m.	2:25 p. m.
9:35 p. m.	2:35 p. m.
	6:50 p. m.
	8:10 p. m.
	1:25 a. m.
To FLINT	Trip to Grand Rapids
7:40 a. m.	11:10 p. m.
12:15 p. m.	Fri., Sat., Sun.
5:00 p. m.	

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COMING EVENTS

Annual Kent County 4-H Club Fair, at Lowell, August 23-24. 11:15

The Hatch reunion will be held with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch on Sunday, Aug. 13.

The Cheerful Doers will meet at the Congregational Church on Monday, Aug. 7, at 8:00 p. m.

The McIntyre District No. 9 will hold their annual school reunion Saturday, Aug. 12, at the school.—Melvin Court, Sec'y. 12-13

The Lila Group of the Congregational Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Arthur Armstrong this Friday afternoon at 2:30.

The annual Yeller reunion will be held at Fallsburg Park Sunday, Aug. 6. Picnic dinner at 1 o'clock. Please bring own drink.—Sec'y.

The 18th annual Ford reunion will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 4, in the Alton church basement. Your service will be furnished.—Mrs. Hazel Ford, Sec'y.

The Good Will Club will hold their annual picnic at Fallsburg Park, Sunday, Aug. 6. Dinner at one o'clock, near the pavilion. Please bring your own table service, drink, sandwiches and a dish to pass. All members and their families are invited.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all those who so kindly remembered me with cards, letters, flowers and gifts during my stay at the hospital.

Mrs. George Alexander.

APPRECIATION

I wish to take this way to thank all my kind relatives and friends for their many acts of kindness, flowers and gifts during my unexpected trip to the hospital and since my return home. Thanks.

Mrs. Archie Condon.

Keep your address up to date and avoid missing copies of the Ledger.

John W. Freyermuth Laid to Rest at 85

John W. Freyermuth, 85, who had been a resident of Olivet for the past several months, passed away at his home there Sunday morning, July 23, following a long illness. The deceased was born September 11, 1858 at Havana, Huron county, Ohio, the son of John and Caroline Freyermuth. When he was six years old, the family came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Lowell township, Kent county. October 6, 1886, he was married to Inez J. Horn of Carmel, who survives him.

Mr. Freyermuth was a member of the Alto Methodist church. A prayer service was held at the Burkhead chapel, Olivet, at 12:30 Tuesday, July 25, and at 3 o'clock the funeral services were held from the Alto Methodist church. Rev. W. E. Beckett of Charlotte, who was pastor of the Alto church for several years, officiated. Interment was in Whitneyville cemetery.



Bowne Kitchen Maids

A group of very efficient 4-H members served a delicious demonstration dinner at the Bowne Aid Hall, Wednesday, July 26, guests being Mesdames Posthumus, Krebs, Russell, Wingleter, Clarke, Simpson, Blough and Flynn.

The menu, prepared by the girls, consisted of pineapple cocktail, cheese crackers, scalloped potatoes and ham, peas, vegetable plate, molded salad, rolls, pickles, jelly, and apple pie a-la-mode.

The 4-H color green and white were carried out in the attractive table decorations with candles and place cards with the 4-H in monogram.

After dinner a short program was presented, in charge of Frances Posthumus, who gave a few words of welcome and called on Isabelle Boulard for a toast to the mothers and guests; Mrs. Freda Russell, responded with a toast to the girls. Mrs. Esther Simpson gave a beautiful vocal number and Mrs. Edwina Wingleter, leader, spoke a few words commending the girls on their projects in food preparation. The 4-H pledge was given by the group.

Those completing work in this project are Frances Posthumus, Dorothy Russell, Ellene Russell, Peggy Posthumus, Kathryn Oesch, Isabelle Boulard, Geraldine Flynn and Evelyn Johnson.

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

The Junior Farm Bureau met on Thursday evening, July 27, at the Vergennes Grange Hall and new officers elected as follows: President, Ralph Roth; senior vice president, Louis Baker and Barbara Canfield; junior vice president, Kenneth Anderson and Avis Lamphear; secretary, Marilyn Fritz; treasurer, Royal Clark; publicity chairman, Bud Condon; sergeant-at-arms, Edward Koolman and Shirley Gross; counsellor, Donald McPherson; assistant counsellors, Aileen Myers, Oren Ford, Mrs. Oren Ford, Donald Anderson and Mary Farrell; camp chairman, Mary Farrell.

—Oren Ford, Pub. Chmn.

SO. KEENE—NO. BOSTON

Mrs. Ed. Potter

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Blanchard are visiting their son, Paul Smith and family for awhile, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunter and Mrs. Moore of Plymouth are spending this week of his vacation at their home in Lowell.

Mrs. Gerald H. Gardner and Mrs. Donna Gardner of Lansing were guests Sunday at the Joe Multikaite's home.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rickert attended the celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Royden Warner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gain Bangs, Sr. in Segwan.

Mrs. Marian Pinkney of Grand Rapids was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pinkney.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Franks entertained for supper, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Franks and son of near Fox's Corners, as a farewell party for the son of the Fred Franks, who is leaving for the Navy.

Vivian Hale of Lansing was a week-end guest of her mother, Leona Hale and family. Mrs. Jack Hale of Ada was a Sunday guest.

Lois Eva Ralmer is visiting a while at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson.

Betty Lou Franks spent the week-end at the Fred Franks home.

Mrs. Ida Stasi was a dinner guest Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ed. Maloney in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill and sons of Detroit were Thursday guests at the Ed Potter home.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. B. A. Charles is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Peter Vos, in Flint.

Mrs. Bert McNelly spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Roth, in Vergennes.

Mrs. Harold Yaiter and Colleen left today (Thursday) for Toronto, Canada, for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Walter Houghton, who lives in the Yakima Valley in Washington, visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis.

Fred Teets of Yale, Mich., and Polk City, Fla., spent Friday night with Elmer Ellis. He formerly lived on a farm near Alto.

Miss Margaret Beanblossom of Dayton, O., is spending this week with her grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. David F. Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis visited their mother, Mrs. Jennie Flynn and John Nash and daughter at South Bowne Sunday evening.

Guests at the Dr. H. Myers home since Monday are his mother, Mrs. J. B. Myers and nephew, Stewart Myers, Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Wells were in Lake Odessa Sunday to attend the memorial services for their nephew, Carol E. Goodsell, who was killed in Italy, May 23.

Ken Weed, proprietor of Ken's Recreation, became ill Tuesday night and was removed to Osteopathic hospital at two o'clock the next morning for observation.

Mrs. Phil S. Krum is spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Barrowell, in Grand Rapids, and attended the Batey family reunion at Reed's Lake on Sunday.

Mrs. Newton Coons was taken to Blodgett Memorial hospital last week Wednesday for x-ray treatments, and returned home Friday, since which time she has been improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pratt of Buffalo, N. Y., have been guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schaefer, for the past week, leaving for home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard T. Thurtell returned home Tuesday after spending a week in Montgomery, Ala., where her husband, an air cadet, graduated from his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field.

Frank L. Houghton and children and their families met Sunday at the Houghton home at Morse Lake for a dinner and family reunion in honor of Sgt. Lewis Houghton and Walter C. Houghton from Wapato, Wash.

Mrs. Ida Young entertained her granddaughter of Grand Rapids and Silver Lake on Wednesday until Saturday. Wayne Young was a dinner guest on Monday, also a welcome caller was Mrs. Virginia Slayton of Detroit.

Don Dickerson who has been in University hospital, Ann Arbor since the 26th of June, having undergone an operation there, was returned to his home Tuesday noon of this week and his friends will be glad to know that he is making rapid recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers have moved to the former C. W. Rulison farm in west Lowell, which they recently purchased. Their many Lowell friends wish them best of luck. The Myers home on Amity street has been sold to Mrs. Geo. Golds who moved in this week.

Michigan State Radio Highlights

Station WKAR...870 KC
 Michigan State College

Discussions on Czechoslovakia and the stake of small nations in the war and the peace have been resumed by Dr. Karel Hujer, of the Michigan State College physics department, each Thursday at 8:15 p. m. over the college radio station WKAR.

Another program which was shifted temporarily has been changed back to its old time of 10:30 a. m. on Tuesday and Thursday. That is the "Bookman", a program of reviews of the latest books conducted by B. J. Knittel, of the department of speech.

The Interlochen music camp broadcasts will continue through Saturday, Aug. 26. These broadcasts come to WKAR by direct wire from the camp. A variety program of chorus and soloists is heard at 7 p. m. each Thursday; the National High School band each Friday, at 7 a. m., and the National High School orchestra each Saturday at 7 p. m.

Housewives Should Avoid Shocks on Wash Day

Of all the casualties of washday, burns and scalds are no doubt the most common, but if you are using an electric washer don't forget about the danger of shock. Wet hands and wet floors, especially wet cement floors, carry electricity almost as readily as wires. Dry your hands thoroughly before touching a cord, switch or other electric fixture. Where damp floors increase the danger of shock, wear an ordinary pair of rubbers or rubber-soled shoes for the sake of safety.

It is a good plan to have your electric washer grounded. This may be done by attaching a copper wire to a bolt on the frame of the washer and connecting it to a water pipe or some other nearby "ground." Then, any electric current that might, in an emergency, come in contact with the frame, would carry off through the ground wire without injury to anyone touching the washer.

Be especially cautious in connecting the washer. If possible, make the connection at a convenient outlet in the wall. If it is necessary to plug it into a drop cord in the basement, be sure that the socket is of bakelite or porcelain. In an emergency you have to make a connection from a metal socket—take no chances—play safe by standing on a dry rubber mat or a piece of dry board while "plugging in" or turning on the switch and always make sure both the cord and your hands are thoroughly dry.

Expert Figures Amounts Needed for Home Canning

An extension nutrition specialist at the Pennsylvania State college, offers a few equations to show how many cans the housewife may expect from fresh fruits and Victory garden vegetables.

Snap beans—1 bushel (28 pounds) cans 14 to 18 quarts, or 2 pounds can one quart; lima beans—1 bushel (before shelling) cans 6 to 8 quarts or 4 to 5 pounds, unshelled, can 1 quart; beans—1 bushel (60 pounds) cans 18 to 20 quarts, or 2 1/2 pounds can 1 quart.

Berries, except strawberries—1 crate (24 quarts) cans 18 quarts, or 1 1/2 to 2 quarts can 1 quart; carrots—1 bushel (50 pounds) cans 17 to 20 quarts, or 2 1/2 pounds can 1 quart; cherries—1 bushel (56 pounds) or 1 crate (24 quarts) cans 18 to 22 quarts, or 1 1/2 quarts unshelled, can 1 quart; greens—1 bushel (12 to 16 pounds) cans 5 to 7 quarts, or 2 to 3 pounds can 1 quart.

These figures are only approximate, but they will give the housewife some indication of the quantities she may expect.

Attack Few Flants

Gardeners, alarmed by the emergence of Japanese beetles, are advised that relatively few plants are seriously attacked and damaged by the pests. Hand-picking and killing where there are only a few beetles is recommended. In small gardens the plants may be dusted with lime or, if a sprayer is available, sprayed with a solution composed of one pound of hydrated lime and three gallons of water.

Of the vegetable plants, asparagus, beans, rhubarb, and sweet corn are the most eagerly sought by the beetles. The flowers most often attacked are cannas, dahlias, hollyhocks, marsh mallow, rose mallow, snapdragon and zinnia. Among shrubs, the beetles concentrate on rose, shrub-althea, virginia creeper, barberry, butterfly bush, cramp-tree, lespedeza, and Oriental flowering cherry.

Mildew a Parasite

The mildew is a true parasite and obtains its nourishment by an absorbing system which penetrates the plant tissue, extracting the sap which otherwise would nourish the host. Mildew plants are usually weakened, their leaves become yellow and fall prematurely. Since the powdery mildew lives over winter in the form of resting spores that mature on fallen leaves, the collection and burning of fallen leaves is an additional precaution against spread of the disease. Infected shoots of plants are also a source of infection in the spring and these should be removed and destroyed.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Celebrate Silver Wedding

On Sunday, July 30, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson, assisted by Lucille and Dora Jean Warner, held open house for the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Royden Warner, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

About 100 guests were entertained on the lawn where an arbor had been built, and covered with daisies and ferns.

Among the relatives from out of town were Robert Warner A. M. 1/c of Gross Ile and his wife of Grand Rapids; also Mrs. Mary Warner and Olga, mother and sister of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Warner and daughter of Mulliken.

Past Officers Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Radford entertained the past officers and line officers of Palestine Shrine and their families at their home Sunday afternoon. Tables were arranged on the lawn where forty-five guests enjoyed a six o'clock picnic dinner. This was followed by a social hour after which they were entertained with travel pictures and lecture by Dr. Bert Quick of Lowell. Arrangements and program were planned by Mrs. Pearl Keene Girdler of Grand Rapids, president of the past officers' association. Guests were present from Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids, Greenville, Hastings, Rockford, Marne and Pasadena, Calif.

Social Brevities

The Misses Kathryn and Anna Lalley entertained with a family dinner at their home last Tuesday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lalley, and Jim McManon entertained the same group at the Laden Tea Shop in Ionia on Wednesday.

Mrs. Reuben Lee entertained with a stork shower in honor of Mrs. Jette Elliott of South Lowell Monday afternoon at her home. Friends and neighbors enjoyed brain teaser games which were won by the guest of honor. Many useful and pretty gifts were presented to Mrs. Elliott and delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Oscar J. Nelson of South Lowell was pleasantly surprised last Thursday by a birthday luncheon given in her honor at her home by Mrs. Clara Kingdom, Mrs. Ira Marshall, Mrs. Rebecca Clark, Mrs. Olive Ayres, Mrs. Mable Miller and Mrs. Beatrice Stevens. A potluck lunch was enjoyed and each one left a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blossom, Leonard, Jr., and Susan attended the wedding of Mr. Blossom's daughter Barbara Sunday in Grand Rapids, when she was united in marriage to S. 1/2 John Loewinger, also of Grand Rapids. The couple will spend their honeymoon at Grand Haven, after which the groom will leave for duty on his ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boerma served a chicken dinner Sunday to 24, who helped erect a cottage on their lot at Murray Lake. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boerma, Patty and Garry Kane, David Hogan, Violet Kitchen of Comstock Park, Dick Fonger, Albert Albright, Robert Whitby and son, Maryan LeDuc of Washington, D. C., and Melvin Boerma.

Mrs. Lucy Duell of Alto spent last week Tuesday at the home of her friend, Mrs. Leo Denny, Mrs. Denny, enjoying a surprise, invited seven of Mrs. Duell's friends in Lowell to spend the afternoon with her, and when the door bell rang she requested Mrs. Duell to answer, and there stood the surprise party. Lunch was served by the hostess and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by all.

Little Marcia Althaus celebrated her 10th birthday, Thursday, July 27, with a party for the following guests, Jean and Joan Blonshine, Johnnie Stauffer, Sandra Thompson, Darlene Johnson, Shirley Winks, Joyce Hyder, Jill McMahon and Marilyn Goff. Mrs. Lloyd Blonshine and Mrs. Lloyd Stauffer also attended. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mapee at Washington, D. C., on Sunday, July 30, a son, John Joseph, weight 7 lbs., 14 ozs. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rancelman on their first grandson.

Long Illness Fatal to Mrs. Emily E. Buchanan

Funeral services were held last Sunday in Cridersville, O., for Mrs. Emily E. Buchanan, who passed away Wednesday, July 26, in Christ hospital, Cincinnati, O., after an illness of six years.

Mrs. Buchanan was well known to many Lowell people, having lived here for a number of years with her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Wingleter. For twenty-five years she and her husband, the Rev. C. S. Buchanan, served as missionaries in Java and Malaya.

Surviving besides Mrs. Wingleter, are two other daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Spaude, who teaches in Kelloggville while her husband is in service, and Miss Elma Buchanan, nurse at Christ hospital in Cincinnati.

Good Care of Refrigerator Aids Food Preservation

The warmer the weather, the more essential it is to take the best care of the refrigerator. Spilled foods should be wiped up immediately with a cloth moistened with soapy water. Every time the refrigerator is defrosted it should be given an all-out washing. Everything in the box, including the shelves, should be taken out and washed in warm soapy water, rinsed, dried, and replaced when cooled. In the regulation ice-box, the ice compartment usually needs weekly cleaning to prevent formation of slime and clogging of the drain pipe.

Vegetable crispers and other glass and enamel containers should not be overlooked in the regular cleaning, and if lettuce or other vegetables have rotted in them the washing should be done with good hot soapy water followed by boiling for several minutes to kill the mold that may have formed on the dish. Leftovers of cooked foods, too, should always be placed in thoroughly clean containers, and preferably containers with covers. For bowls without covers, use the pastry-pantries or cover with a saucer or plate.

While the inside of the refrigerator is the most important part as far as food is concerned, the outside should not be neglected. Finger marks, food splashes and mop splashes should be removed as soon as they occur to preserve the fine finish. A soapy cloth will do the trick in a trice, and save more laborious cleaning later on.

German Canals

Before the present war, Germany's canals alone would have formed a ditch half way from New York to San Francisco. Canals and navigable or canalized rivers formed a great inland waterway system totaling 7,500 miles, including the Rhine, the Elbe and Oder, and a lesser extent the Danube and Werra. Operating on this network was a fleet of 17,500 vessels which each year handled 150 million tons of freight. A fifth of the fleet, used in the Rhine district, carried more than half the water-borne traffic.

Huge barges up to 2,500 tons plied the Rhine. The Dortmund-Ems canal could accommodate 1,500-ton barges, while the Elbe river was being dredged for freight carriers up to 700 tons. Smaller barges traveled the upper Danube below Regensburg and the Oder river system.

RATIONING FACTS

Processed Foods
 Blue Stamps, Book 4, A3, through 23 and A5, B5, C5, D5, E5, and F5, good indefinitely. Five new stamps to be valid Sept. 1.

Meats, Cheese, Butter, Fat and Canned Fish
 Red Stamps, Book 4, A3, through 23 and A5, B5, C5, and D5, good indefinitely. Three more stamps to be valid Aug. 26.

Sugar
 Stamp 30, 31 and 32 in Book 4 good for 5 lbs. indefinitely. Stamp 40 good for 5 lbs. for early canning, good through Feb. 28, 1945.

Shoes
 Stamps 1 and 2 on "airplane" sheet in Book 3 good indefinitely. Certificates for purchase of men's rubber boots and rubber work shoes good indefinitely.

Gasoline
 Stamp A-12 good for three gallons through Sept. 21, B-3, B-4 and C-3 and O-4 coupons good for five gallons each. (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. 10 gallons per unit. All change making coupons are now good. Period 1 coupons for new heating season good now.

The press is good or evil according to the character of those who direct it.—Bryant.

Late Blight

Late blight, a common disease of potatoes and tomatoes, is wet seasons, causes a loss of leaves, and is likely to kill the entire tops of potatoes. If the disease comes early, it greatly reduces the yield of potatoes; if it comes late it causes rotting of the tubers. The greatest damage to tomatoes is the rotting of the fruits.

A dust or spray is the only sure means of control for blight and the material must be applied regularly. Plants must be kept covered with a copper dust or spray at all times which means frequent application to keep new growth covered. Spraying before a rain is most effective as infection by blight often occurs before the copper material can be applied to the crop after the rain has passed.

Prune Berry Bushes

For best results with raspberry and blackberry bushes the bushes should be summer-pruned by pinching or cutting off the tops of the new shoot when they reach a height of about two feet.

Heading back will cause the plant to grow into a tree-like form with lateral branches instead of tall, unbranched canes that are easily blown about or bent over by the wind. Summer-pruning needs to be done at weekly intervals for two or three weeks.

All blackberries, black raspberries and purple raspberries need to be tipped back. Red raspberries should not be headed back because they do not form lateral branches readily but send up more suckers from the roots. This is undesirable.

"Good gracious, doctor!" the hostess exclaimed as the chicken he was carrying landed squarely in her lap. "I don't know whether I would trust you to operate on me or not."

Terrifically embarrassed, the doctor pulled himself up to his full height and said, "You, madam, are no chicken."

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 A. A. Giffith, Ionia Co. Agent

The extreme response shown by Ionia County residents to the drive made by 4-H Club and F. F. A. leaders throughout the county to obtain funds to support their 4-H Club and F. F. A. Fair was so good that leaders are making all necessary plans for staging the second 4-H Club and F. F. A. Fair to be held at the Ionia Free Fair grounds on August 17, 18 and 19, 1944.

There will be classes available for every project that any 4-H Club member has carried during the winter and summer of 1943-44.

4-H Club members are expected to make an exhibit for each project which they have carried.

It is expected that the premium book will be available from the printer about August 4 and will be distributed at that time to 4-H and F. F. A. leaders and members throughout the entire county.

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