



News of Our Boys

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kerekes have received word that their sons, Sgt. Lloyd and Lt. Carl Kerekes have arrived safely in Italy.

Sgt. Kenneth L. Ayers, who was taken prisoner of war by the Germans in September, writes his parents from Stalag Luft No. 3 Germany that he is fine and "stays in every night."

Clare Erb, 2 1/2, has been spending a 15-day leave with relatives in Clarksville and Lowell, and will return Sunday night to Treasure Island.

Pvt. Kenyon Vickery hurt his back in his last jump and is out of the Paratroops, at least temporarily. He hopes to get back soon if he recovers. Otherwise he'll be in the infantry.

T/4 Raymond Barber of Lowell has been admitted to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C., for treatment. He has served in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations.

Mrs. Harold Raymer received a V-Mail letter from her brother, Pvt. Cornelius Geelhood, Jr., that he was transferred from England and is now stationed somewhere in Belgium.

Mrs. C. E. West has received word of the death of her cousin, Staff Sergeant Oliver Shaw, Jr., of Albion. He is the first service man from Albion to sacrifice his life for his country.

Howard R. Archeson, stationed at the Charleston Army Air Field, Charleston, S. C., where he is receiving training as a member of a Liberators Bomber crew, was recently promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washburn that their son, Harold, who is in the Merchant Marine, has arrived at Baltimore, Md., and will reach home the latter part of this week to spend his leave. He has been in Africa and France.

Pvt. Bill Stephens has been transferred from Camp Robinson, Ark., and is at Fort Meade, Md., Wednesday after a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephens, Jim Stephens, A. S., from Ann Arbor, also spent the week-end at home.

Pvt. D. Rogers called his parents from New York Monday that he had returned from overseas and after a short time there expected to be sent to Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek. D. served in the Mediterranean area and has been in a hospital in England for over a month, with malaria fever.

Horsea Summers, 2 1/2, who has been stationed at Norfolk, Va., since January 4, writes home that it is just like summer there, with the thermometer at 75 degrees. Horsea won the prize for answering questions at a U. S. O. party last week, the prize being an evening's entertainment with a Cosmopolitan cover girl, with all expenses paid. He says they had one grand time.

Recent letters from Jack Maxson to his mother, Mrs. Arthur Young, tell of his meeting and spending a night with his uncle, Ralph Gilmore of Lansing, on the latter's ship. Both are on destroyers, in Philippine waters, and Jack's ship was recently assigned to the same fleet as that of his uncle. His last letter also told of spending a night on a scaphs tender with his cousin, Dick Maxson of Galesburg.

Pfc. Robert H. Howard, 21, who resided with his aunt, Mrs. Hattie Davis in Grattan township, drowned January 25 in the Philippines area, where the war department has announced. A pupil at St. Patrick's high school, he left to enter service in January 1943 and received his diploma after induction. He went overseas last March. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lucille Norton of St. Louis, Mo.; his father, Thomas D. Howard of Grattan; two brothers, Pvt. Thomas D., Jr., of Fort Myers, Fla., and Louis, residing with the aunt; a sister, Eileen Howard of St. Louis, and his grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Davis of Grand Rapids.

KEENE TOWNSHIP WOMAN LAID TO REST SUNDAY

Mrs. Marcia K. Scott died in her home in Keene township Thursday afternoon. She was 68 years old. Surviving are one son, Bill Scott, of Keene township; one daughter, Mrs. Mae Clements of Grand Rapids; one brother, Frank Blough of Keene township; one sister, Mrs. Ellie Jankens of Watervliet. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday from the home of the son. Burial in Marble cemetery, Keene township.

Country Store Party

Every Saturday night at the I. O. O. F. hall. All games. Everybody welcome. Lowell Odd Fellows.



Village caucus, City Hall, next Monday night, Feb. 19, at 7:30.

Leon Rogers reports seeing the first robin in these parts last week Thursday. It seems that Mr. Rogers always sees the first robin.

Hats off to the Paper Troopers for their accomplishments in the collection of waste paper. They are doing a grand patriotic work.

Sam Ryder and Ted Elhart of Lowell are among the grand jurors chosen for the March term of federal court, summoned to report for duty Tuesday, March 6.

Give Old Sol credit for getting rid of some of the snow and ice on the main drag. It might lessen the danger of more broken bones, if coarse salt were applied to slippery places.

The State legislature has passed a bill making Central War time the official time in Michigan, effective at midnight Saturday, March 17. Except for the usual hokum emanating from Detroit newspapers and radio stations the new law will be welcomed by almost everybody.

When the mercury's at zero Or a little bit below, And the wind is blowing strongly And the air is full of snow, When the folks are all a-shiver And to walk fast makes you wheeze, Then wonder how girls stand it With legs bare from shoes to knees. -W. H. Berkey, Cassopolis Vigilant.

Lowell plays Grandville in the last home basketball game of the season in the local gym this Friday evening. This game marks the final appearance of Kropf, Collins and Roth, who enter the navy in the near future. These boys gave their best on gridiron, diamond and hardwood court, and the good wishes of local fans accompany them on their new fields of endeavor. Let's all turn out for the final home game Friday night.

E. V. Durling, noted columnist, has been trying to find out the truth about covered bridges, and the following comment is taken from one of his recent columns: "So far have received 97 different explanations as to why covered bridges were covered. Right answer is the covering was designed to protect the structure from the elements. Rain and snow falling on the bridge hastened the decay of the structural members."

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: The biggest mystery in a radio crime story is when they cut down on the commercial and give more time to the story. . . . You send for the police when you hear a scream on the street, but you have to call it singing when you get it on the radio, in many cases. . . . The returning soldiers first notice that our women wear shoes, but how can they tell when they see those toes sticking out the front and heels uncovered in the back? . . . Do you remember when they used to print designs on the tops of butter pats? Now you can hardly get enough in a pat of butter to make a dent. . . . The little boy taking an interest in government, wonders who will be our second president.

Carl Roth Sr. Dies In His 80th Year

Carl Roth, Sr., aged 79, passed away Saturday, Feb. 10 in Blodgett hospital. He had been in declining health for several months.

Mr. Roth was born in Switzerland, Canton of Bern, Switzerland, on April 13, 1865, the son of John and Anna Gerber Roth. He came to the United States at the age of eighteen and settled in the vicinity of Lowell, being one of the original Swiss settlers in this community.

In 1887 he returned to Switzerland, where he was married to Maria Althaus. In 1888 he returned with his bride to Lowell and settled in the township of Vergennes, where he spent the major part of his life.

Mrs. Roth died August 1, 1910. Three children, Anna Moyer, Rosa Moxon and Warner also preceded him. He is survived by eight children; Fred, Ernest, Carl, William, Elsie and Mrs. Claude Williams of Lowell, Mrs. Earle McKinnle of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Robert Yates of Dearborn, Mich.; eighteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Roth was held in high respect by neighbors and friends, all of whom join in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. C. E. Pollock at the First Methodist church of Lowell on Feb. 12. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Spring Gabardine Rain Topcoats Rain-proof yet dressy, rayon linings, tan and putty shades, \$5 to \$6, \$15 to \$18. Coons.

\$10,000 Blaze Hits Elevator Fire Starts Suddenly in the C. H. Runciman Co.'s Sorting Room

Fire of undetermined origin broke out suddenly on the second floor of the C. H. Runciman company elevator about 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and although the flames were soon under control, damage in the neighborhood of \$10,000 is estimated.

The fire began in an office adjacent to the room where 132 electric eye beam sorting machines were operating on a 24-hour shift. Two employees in the sorting room noticed smoke, but as they turned in the alarm, flames ate through the partition and swept through the entire room, covering the ceiling in less than five minutes.

The Lowell fire department brought the fire under control within half an hour after it was discovered, although the building was quite badly damaged. Only the presence of fire walls around the sorting room prevented the flames from spreading to other parts of the elevator.

The electric sorting machines were seriously damaged, mostly by water, and Mr. Runciman states that they are expected to be again in operation within a few days. There was some loss of beans also, due to water and smoke. The loss is covered by insurance.

Sheriff's Deputies Frank Stephens of Lowell, George Laman and James Tooley, as well as LeRoy Hunt of the Michigan State Police, were dispatched to investigate the fire.

The Runciman elevator fire, the burning of the Hooley block a few weeks ago, and the more recent gutting of the Lowell high school, makes three serious conflagrations to hit this community within a short period of time. Let us hope that the old saying, "Three times out, holds true."

Lowell Quintet Defeats Godwin

In spite of lack of practice the local Redbirds grabbed a 37 to 24 victory over the Grand Rapids suburbanites in the Lowell gym last Friday evening.

An epidemic of fouls threatened the local cause early in the game but some accurate shooting, coupled with nice floor work, gave Lowell all a 10 to 6 first quarter lead which lengthened to a 21 to 9 margin at half time.

Godwin came back strong in the third stanza to cut the lead to 28 to 21, to give the home town fans a few uncomfortable moments. However, the lads turned on the steam to finish off with a well deserved 37 to 29 victory, which is something, considering the fact that Godwin held East Grand Rapids, the league leaders, to a one or two point victory. Collins was high point man for Lowell with 11 points, while Koorndyk lead Godwin with 10 points.

Bry L. Condon Dies In His 67th Year

Bryan L. Condon, better known as Bry Condon, passed away from a heart attack at his home in Lowell, on Friday, Feb. 9, 1945. He had not been in the best of health for some time past.

Mr. Condon was born October 30, 1878, in Vergennes township where he spent his entire life until May 1936 when he moved his family to Lowell. For twelve years he served as a member of the school board in Vergennes.

He was united in marriage February 16, to Miss Jennie Mische of Keene, who survives him. Surviving also are three sons, David and Bry, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, Lee of Lowell, one daughter, Mrs. Truey Need of Lowell, five grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Maude Sager, one brother, Archie of Lowell and a host of relatives and friends.

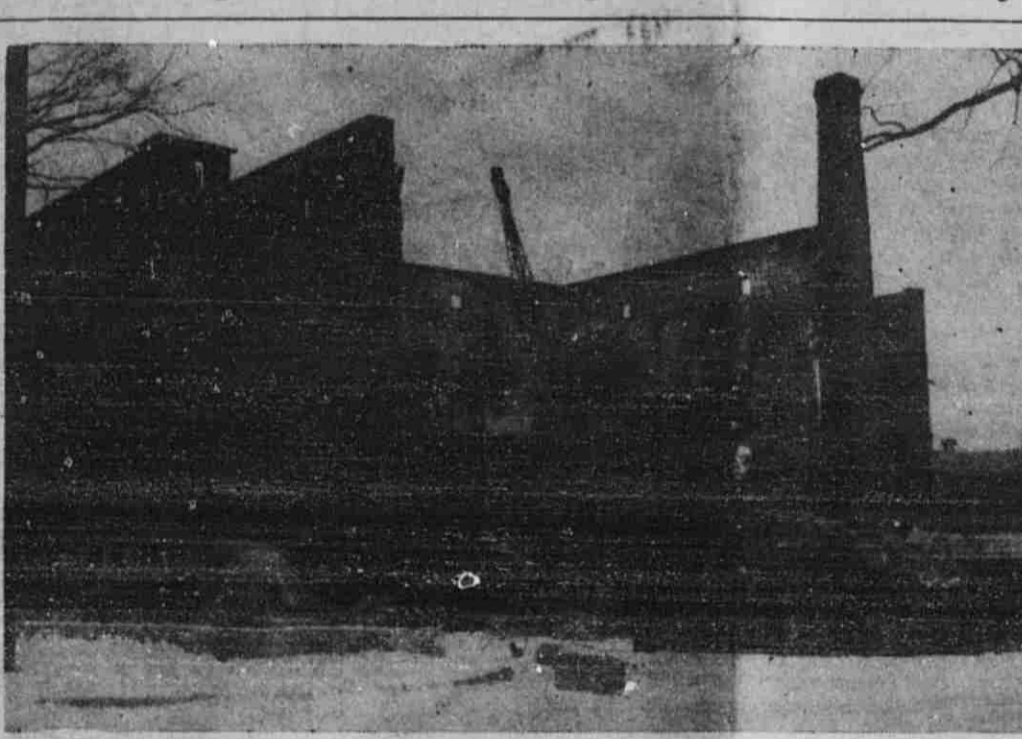
Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Alfred A. Anderson, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Alton church. Interment in Alton cemetery.

NOTICE—FOOD SALE

The Blue Star Mothers of Lowell will hold a food sale at Mabel Scott's beauty shop on Saturday, February 17, to raise money to add to the State Veterans' fund, which will aid Michigan returning soldiers in need of rehabilitation.

Members and anyone interested are asked to donate all types of food—fresh, cooked, baked or canned. Sale starts at 10 a. m., Saturday, Feb. 17. Please help in this worthy cause.

Lowell High School Building As It Looks Today



The work of clearing away the debris from the burned high school building is progressing, as can be seen from the above view taken this week, showing the crane of the Lamb Construction Company in operation.

Ada Soldier Killed On Morotai Island

Pvt. Jasper L. Spideell, a telegram from the War Department to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper D. Spideell of Ada, brought the sad news of the death of their son, Pvt. Jasper L. Spideell, killed on Morotai Island in the Dutch East Indies on January 4.

Private Spideell, 20 years old, had attended Ada school, and entered service on the 5th of March two years ago. He was serving in the infantry.

Sprayers Are Now On Critical List

E. G. Schaefer, manager of the Lowell Manufacturing Company, announced this week that the manufacturing of sprayers has been placed on the "critical" activity list. This means that the need for sprayers on the fighting front is highly important and that more and more sprayers are necessary.

A recent issue of the "March of Time" showed views of the sprayers being used in Italy. They are used with the new DDT insecticide, to prevent typhus and many other diseases that are transmitted by insects.

Mr. Schaefer states that the production of the Lowell plant forms a large part of the sprayers used on the fighting front. He also reported that the need for employees is still great.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 15—"Casanova Brown," starring Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright with Frank Morgan, Anita Louise, Patricia Collings, Edmond Bron.

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

The next meeting of the Junior Farm Bureau is to be a box social held at the Vergennes Grange hall, Thursday, Feb. 22. This party has prospects of being a big time. We hope to see a lot of you girls there with boxes, and fellows there with money. Let's all come out and have a good time and also help our Junior Farm Bureau along financially. We have games for all to enjoy, and good music for dancing. -Russell Coons, Pub'y. Chmn.

Love of knowledge is akin to wisdom—Confucius.

Boy Scout Banquet Attended by 100

The Boy Scout banquet Monday night was an entertaining evening for the more than a hundred Scouts, parents, and guests who attended. Salute to the flag, and singing of America were followed by a bountiful carry-in supper, after which Percy Willard, assistant Scoutmaster, presided as toastmaster. Group singing was followed by the introduction of guests. John Kremer, Scout Executive of Grand Rapids, then presented the Lowell troop with their charter for another year and also the Presidential citation for the outstanding advancement made by the local organization in the past year. Not many troops in the District earn this citation.

R. E. Springett, who organized the first Scout troop in Lowell some thirty years ago, gave a brief history of its growth, contrasting ways of Scouting then and now. J. M. Townsend responded with a few pertinent remarks when called upon.

Lowell Schools In Full Swing By Next Monday

Lowell public schools will soon be in full swing, in spite of the disastrous fire which recently gutted the high school building. Final arrangements have been made by the Board of Education to accommodate all pupils who are enrolled. Supt. W. W. Gumsier states that fulltime sessions will be held for all pupils beginning Monday, Feb. 19.

School for Grades

Kindergarten, grades one, two, three and four will be housed in the Methodist church. The kindergarten will take over the Boy Scouts' room and the room adjoining, the first and second grades will be located in the dining room, and the third and fourth grades will be housed in the gym. Grade five will return to its own quarters in the grade building. Grades six, seventh, and eight will continue sessions in the City Hall and the high school will continue in the grade building.

One or two of the rooms in the high school building are already being used on a part-time basis by some of the high school classes. As more rooms in the high school building become available the grades will be brought back to their own quarters. It is expected that the grades will be in their regular within six or eight weeks. High school classes will probably continue in the municipal garage, and Junior high classes in the City Hall for some time to come, with the assembly in the grade gymnasium.

William K. Ross, 75 Enters Into Rest

William Kennedy Ross passed away early Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gus Wingeier of Hastings, having been taken to the hospital six weeks ago suffering from pneumonia and complications from which he never recovered. Mr. Ross was born in Tucker-smith, Ontario, February 17, 1870, son of Archibald and Jessie Ross. He came to Lowell at the age of 35 and was employed by his uncle at the Lowell Cutter Company for a number of years. For the past 27 years he has been connected with the Lowell Mfg. Co.

Union Observance of World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Congregational church. This is to be a union service of all denominations, and all ladies of the community who are interested are most earnestly invited to attend and participate in this service. Women in 51 countries in the world are observing this day with the same program.

ESTEEMED COUPLE MARRIED 67 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Miller of S. Washington-st., Lowell, will have reached their 67th wedding anniversary today, Feb. 15. They are the parents of three sons and one daughter, grandparents of four grandsons and three granddaughters and great-grandchildren of two great-grandchildren. Both are in fairly good health. Mr. Miller has been a very ambitious man and worked each day at whatever he could find to do until Thanksgiving Day, since when he has been suffering with a lame back. He was 79 years old January 13. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have lived in the vicinity of Grand Rapids and Lowell for the past 45 years.

1st Graders Collected 2,640 Lbs. Waste Paper

In reporting the splendid work being done by the paper troopers in last week's Ledger, a typographical error failed to give the first graders, under the leadership of Miss Marion Bushnell, proper credit for the full amount of paper they collected, the correct amount being 2,640 lbs.

Ways Suggested For Communities To Aid Veterans

Dr. Charles P. Loomis, head of the department of sociology and anthropology at Michigan State college, points out that great changes must be taken into consideration by rural communities in helping their war veterans to become re-established.

Not only will the veteran have changed since leaving to join the service, but also will his community in many instances, according to Dr. Loomis. He urges communities to take steps to coordinate various programs designed to help the returned veteran, and suggests a seven-point program as follows:

- 1. Machinery for getting the names of all veterans; 2. provision for a preliminary interview to welcome him and discover his needs; 3. assessment of job possibilities in the local community; 4. adaptation of welfare and case-working agencies to the needs of the veteran, including legal aid and aid for psycho-neurotic; 5. adaptation of school systems to the needs of the veteran; 6. mobilization of medical and veterans; and 7. provision for assisting financially and cooperating with the agencies administering financial provisions of the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

More than half the men in the armed forces have never completed high school, almost a third are under the age of 20, many have never held jobs as civilians, and most are in the age group for which there is the least amount of educational and recreational facilities available.

Memorial Services For Pvt. Robt. Kiste To Be Held Sunday

Memorial services will be held for Pvt. Robert Eldon Kiste, killed in action in Germany, at the Congregational Church at Belding at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18. The service will be in charge of the Rev. Henry I. Rust, minister of the church.

Robert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kiste, 676 Pearl Street, Belding, who survive with the other members of the family. Three brothers in service are Cpl. Lloyd, Cpl. Ralph, Jr., and Cpl. Paul. All are in foreign parts. Two younger brothers, Bruce and Stanley, are at home. There are also five sisters, Janet, Betty, Shirley, Peggy Ann and Rose Marie.

Robert lived the first eleven years of his life in the Moseley community, when the family moved to Belding. After leaving school he was employed first by the Pere Marquette and later by the Extruded Metal Corporation. He entered service at Ionia on April 26, 1944, received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., on October 2, where he left for overseas duty about October 12. He was killed in action in Germany on December 18, 1944.

Jim Maloney Badly Hurt; Fog is Blamed

Early Saturday morning, when on their way to the market in Lansing, James Maloney, Lowell, R. 3, and Garry Raimer ran their car into a parked truck on US-66, which, because of the heavy fog, was not seen in time to avoid a crash. Mr. Maloney was taken to the Ionia hospital where it was found he had a crushed hip and broken arm, and was badly cut about the face and body. He was later removed to Blodgett hospital in Grand Rapids, where it is said he will be obliged to remain for several months.

ATTENTION TRUCKERS Both Farm and Commercial

When buying license plates please have the following information for War Department: The annual mileage, also miles per gallon.

KENT COUNTY IS WELL REPRESENTED AT M. S. C.

Kent county is represented by 124 students at Michigan State college this quarter. Registrar Robert S. Linton has announced. 21 men and 113 women from here are among the 3,632 civilian students registered at MSC for the winter term.

More Telephones For Rural Homes

Michigan Bell Announces Great Program for Post War Period

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company has further emphasized the role that rural service will have in its postwar plans by announcing the appointment of Theodore H. Dawson, district commercial superintendent at Lansing, to head up its farm-line development and improvement program.



THEODORE H. DAWSON

George M. Welch, president, in announcing Dawson's appointment said the company expects that its rural program, which has been curtailed by the war, will be resumed full scale "just as soon as we have the materials and the manpower to do the job."

Dawson, who carries the title of general development supervisor, brings to his new post a background of long experience in the telephone business. He is observing his 30th service anniversary with the Michigan Bell this month and has served the company as district commercial superintendent at Lansing 19 years.

Easy Payment Plan

An installment plan for financing farm-line construction was set up by the company in 1940 in cooperation with the Rural Communications Committee, comprised of leaders of representative agricultural organizations in the state. Prior to that time, rural residents in isolated areas paid for their telephone line construction in full in advance. Today, they are permitted to make monthly payments over a 5-year period.

No construction charge is made if the number of applicants averages one per 3/10 mile of rural-line extension. The charge is only 48 cents a month per 1/10 mile in excess of that initial allowance and is prorated among those served by the extension.

Other advantages of the plan include a reduction in the maximum construction charge from \$300 to \$270 a mile, no charge for wire from the main line to the house up to 500 feet from the highway centerline, and location of lines on private right-of-way, furnished by applicants, to eliminate, possible tree interference.

Expansion Since 1940

Since the plan went into effect late in 1940, the Michigan Bell has built 1,100 miles of rural line, serving 4,800 farm families, under its provisions. Despite the wartime curb on telephone construction, the number of rural telephones today in Michigan Bell territory, which covers 25 per cent of the state's total area, is up to 62,275 compared with 31,442 in 1930. More than two-thirds of the company's rural customers now are served by dial telephones.

Michigan Bell's rural development plans are in line with those recently announced for the entire Bell System. A 4-way program, planned by the System to achieve its objectives, follows: 1—Application of new construction methods and materials to reduce the cost of building new lines. 2—Use of carrier systems on telephone lines to increase talking circuits by means of high frequency transmission. 3—Use of telephone carrier systems on power lines in areas where there are no telephone lines. 4—Possible application of microwave radio systems to provide service without constructing lines to farms.

Pour a few drops of ammonia in to every greasy roasting pan after filling the pan with hot water. If the pots and pans are treated in this way immediately after being used and are left to stand until it is time to wash them, the work of cleaning them will be found half done.

In freezing weather windows can be cleaned with a soft cloth moistened with kerosene.

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Editorial

NO PLACE LIKE HOME "The right of ownership is more important than ownership itself." True enough, says W. J. H. Blake, editor of the Putnam County, New York, Republican...

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The memory of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday February 12 is widely observed, will always be venerated. He was a grand exponent of democracy...

THE CASE OF WALLACE

The nomination of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce by President Roosevelt has been the most controversial issue in Washington since election day...

LIVING BY LAWS

Man's rights come under two headings, moral and positive. With out either the individual is lost and we hear much discussion of both today...

Dr. C. T. Pankhurst

Lowell, Michigan Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Your eyes scientifically re-fracted, frames and sunglasses styled in the latest modern styles to fit you individually.

FALLSBURG & VICINITY

Mrs. Will Kesch is improving a little at Stogard hospital at the writing. Mrs. Dave Garfield called on Mr. and Mrs. Emile Doying in their new home in Lowell Saturday...

LEDGER ENTRIES

WHEN PEOPLE decide where they shall live, the question of the job they hold or the business they are running is apt to be the first consideration...

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

A MINEOGRAPHED news sheet published by the Seabees from "Somewhere Under Udder," carries the motto: "Not to die for the world, but to live for it; to think for it; to keep sharp and unsharpened by the sword of the spirit..."

ATtracting the Dollar

A NEWSPAPER philosopher remarks, relative to arguments about stabilizing the dollar, that some people will say it is important also to show the dollar how to travel in its direction...

FARMERS COME FIRST

Agriculture is our major industry so far as population goes. That is the real background of the United States election year...

FAM FACTS

Plans for the reorganization of the Grand Valley Artificial Breeders' Association have been proceeding very satisfactorily...

SOUTH BOWNE

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glass and daughter, Mary Clara, of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests at the Glass home...

She's the Queen of the Milky Way

Minetta Moo is a regal cow, who fills pail after pail with creamy milk and fills her owner's pockets with good American cash!

SHOP A P

PRODUCE DEPARTMENTS ONCE... GRAPEFRUIT 5 for 29c, HEAD LETTUCE 2 for 19c, CELERY 10c, CARROTS 15c, APPLES 49c, WHITE HOUSE EVAPORATED MILK 35c, ANNI PAGE MACARONI 25c, WHITE TOMATO SOUP 11c, DELISH CUCUMBER PICKLES 19c, BERRY BARBECUE SAUCE 9c, CORN FLAKES 12c, GARDEN RELISH 13c, PANCAKE FLOUR 19c, ASPARAGUS SOUP 11c, PEANUT BUTTER 35c, COCOA 9c, APPLE BUTTER 21c, ASPARAGUS SOUP 11c, BERRY BARBECUE SAUCE 9c, CORN FLAKES 12c, GARDEN RELISH 13c, PANCAKE FLOUR 19c, ASPARAGUS SOUP 11c, PEANUT BUTTER 35c, COCOA 9c, APPLE BUTTER 21c, ASPARAGUS SOUP 11c...

Local News

Mrs. Ida Brown of Alto spent a few days last week with Mrs. Gerald Finia. Mrs. Grace Moon of Grand Rapids visited Lowell friends Thursday and Friday last week...

LOWELL ITEMS OF 25 AND 35 YEARS AGO

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Spring-Filled, Sterling Quality Studio Couches



Modern studio couches tailored in attractive new covering fabrics. Spring construction, specially designed backs and seats that fit you, open to full size for sleeping...

From \$51.95 tax included

All Metal Smokers

These are the first all-metal smokers we have had for some time. Finished in walnut \$8.95

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Furniture Lowell Phone 55

Comments on Sentences

"Harry, I wish you'd avoid trouble remembering to add more water to the water compartment of the double boiler and almost burn your plan, a fruit jar lid in the water container and when more water is needed the lid will rattle and tell you so."

Laws are made for the good

Bird feeding always should have protection from snow, sleet, and rain.

GEE'S Home and Farm Supply Store

Pittsburgh Waterspar Enamel and Interior Paints Good House Brooms Galvanized Garbage Pails Electrical Supplies Wire and Fittings Coal and Wood Ranges Warm Morning Heaters FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES FAIRBANKS-MORSE Shallow Well Electric Pumps Plumbing Supplies Fixtures - Pipe and Fittings Electric and Oil Breeders Founts and Feeders Drake's Sanitary Hog Feeders Milk Cans . . Pails . . Stirrers . . Can Brushes . . Strainer Pads . . Lo-Bax GEE'S HARDWARE Lowell Phone 9

Local News

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SOUTH LOWELL BUSY CORNERS EDITH WIELAND Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gushwa Sunday evening...

KEENE BREVES Mrs. Ella Jenkins of Waterman, U. P., arrived Saturday, being called by the untimely passing of her sister...

EAST CALEDONIA Mrs. Dora Struble returned home from San Diego, Calif., last Sunday. All members of the family were present...

SOUTH BOSTON MISS BELE YOUNG Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rankin were calling in the neighborhood Sunday...

PUBLIC NOTICE Harry Day, Attorney at Law APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR STATE OF MICHIGAN

CHORUS OF ECHOES ON GRAND RIVER DRIVE BURLEIGH MAR BYRMA Mrs. Irma Johnson and sons of Potter's Corners spent Tuesday with their mother...

McCORMACK MATTERS Mrs. R. Postma visited Mrs. De Groot Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Myron Henry called on Mrs. John Rutledge Monday.

HONEY CREEK Folkie, don't forget the shadow social to be held at Egypt Grand Hall Friday evening at 8 p. m. Movies and prizes.

FLORIDA ORANGES Sweet, full of juice 8 POUND BAG 59c HEAD LETTUCE head 7 1/2c NEW GREEN CABBAGE lb. 8c

QUICK RELIEF FROM Symptoms of Dizziness Arising from STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

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BETTER FLAVOR Sliced MILD SAUSAGE SAVES YOU MONEY! 3 large loaves 25c

Gold Medal or PILLSBURY FLOUR 25-lb. sack \$1.19 Churngold Margarine 2 lb. 49c Soda Crackers Country Club 1/2 lb. 15c

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Sirloin Steaks Choice Cuts. lb. 37c ROUND STEAK 1 1/2 Pts. Choice Cuts lb. 38c RIB ROAST STANDING 6 Pts. lb. 29c

Sprayers have now been placed by the War Production Board on the "CRITICAL" List of the nation's war production...

SOLDERERS WANTED MEN & WOMEN Good Wages and Pleasant Working Conditions No Experience Necessary, We Will Train You

Monarch QUALITY FEEDS We are here to help you make efficient and profitable use of your home grains and roughage...

Help Wanted Finishing Room Women or Men Interesting Work SUPERIOR FURNITURE COMPANY LOWELL, MICH.

ASSORTED PRESERVES (8 Varieties) CASE OF 24 1 1/2 JARS \$5.95 COTTAGE CHEESE 2 1/2 lb. cartons 25c

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We Are Buying POULTRY All kinds of live poultry Highest Prices Paid Bery Bros. Elevator

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BREYER'S BRED SHOW SALE Saturday, Feb. 17 1 p.m. 50 head, including 25 Registry of Merit Girls. Bred to our famous herd sires.

WANTED—A waitress, day or evening. Lowell Cafe. Today's Paying Prices per dozen for Eggs—Federal-State Grades

WANTED—Small house with modern conveniences, on 2 1/2 acre of land, close in. R. & R. Real Estate, Lowell.

BUY SEED EARLY FIELD SEED We Will Have Ready For Sale Next Week The Following: JUNE (Medium) Clover

Timothy, Red Top, Bromegrass and Kentucky Blue Grass We have purchased 300 bushels of Michigan Alfalfa, 75 bu. of northwest grown Alfalfa and 40 bushels of Montana Blue Ribbon (Ladakh) Alfalfa Certified.

STEEL FENCE POSTS 6 1/2 and 7 ft. Good Supply NOW! We expect our first car of field fence in March. C. H. RUNCIMAN CO. Lowell, Michigan

COMING Evangelist Rev. John Erskine March 4 through 18 LOCAL MARKET REPORT Corrected Feb. 14, 1946

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ALTO NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. John Keiser called on Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dintman Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Swift Winegar and Josephine Salabury spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sipple in Rockford.

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College Active Diagnosing State's Animal Diseases

During the fiscal year ending June, 1944, the department of animal pathology and hygiene at the University of Illinois colleges of agriculture examined a total of more than 84,000 specimens. Included in this total were 29,000 bovine blood samples for diagnosis of Bang's disease or contagious atrophic, 7,000 turkey blood samples for pullorum diagnosis and 26,000 milk samples for mastitis testing.

In swine, necrotic enteritis was detected more than any other swine disease, there being 233 cases. Erysipelas was second with 203 cases and cholera third with 191. Of the 29,000 bovine blood samples examined for Bang's disease, 2,034 or 8.4 per cent. were positive. This may be taken as a fair estimate of the prevalence of contagious abortion in Illinois cattle.

Some of the most important factors in success with poultry are the inheritable characteristics in birds. This is why poultry authorities all agree stress good breeding. The age at which birds mature sexually, the rate of egg production, the size of the eggs, the ability to continue laying for a long time, and the hatchability of fertile eggs laid by the birds are among the inheritable characteristics.

By culling out inferior birds and breeding only those which have the desirable traits, poultrymen can build up good flocks that will pay big dividends through the years. When birds mature early, they start laying sooner and all spent the early laying, the sooner they start returning a profit to the poultryman.

The rate of egg production means the number of eggs a bird will lay during her laying period. Those which lay irregularly cannot be as profitable as those which lay every day.

The sold entilage harvester has come into use very rapidly during recent years. Unless there is good entilage harvesting to be done on any particular farm, however, the farmer cannot see to it justified without use of several farms. This is particularly true in a time when there is such a shortage of labor and machinery, so that we find that most farmers who have held entilage harvesters are doing a little custom work filling silos throughout the neighborhood.

One of the world's most versatile airplanes is SCAT, which delivers the mail addressed to APO calls on Mr. and Mrs. San Francisco, evacuates American wounded and sick from jungle islands in the South Pacific, answers carry-up calls for special arms and equipment, and even flies Japanese prisoners out of forward area.

Lucky Lady

By EVELYN SMITH

AT THE far end of the row of potato beans, Dave North scratched on his back, watching Mrs. Meek's singular body inch backward along the row of carrots. Not until she reached the screen of corn would he be safe to dash to the garage.

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The success of your farm sale depends on having a large crowd present... a crowd which wants to buy the things you have to sell. And there is just one way to get such a crowd. That is to let the farmers of this territory know you are having a sale and enumerating the things you have to sell.

You can do that job best by using The Lowell Ledger's farm sale service... the only means by which you can get the story of your sale before the vast majority of farmers living in this territory.

The Lowell Ledger Farm Sale Service OFFERS YOU THESE OUTSTANDING FEATURES:

- 1. A large advertisement in The Ledger, which will be read by the farm people of this territory. Through The Ledger, you take the news of your farm sale directly into the homes of your prospective crowd, where they can examine it carefully.

Remember This! When you hold a farm sale, you are offering several thousand dollars worth of merchandise for sale. It will pay you to advertise your sale thoroughly and completely.

Planning a Farm Sale? - Advertise It Through THE LOWELL LEDGER FARM SALE SERVICE

Ada News

(Mrs. Hattie B. Fitch)

AGED MAN KILLED BY HIT-AND-DRIVEN Peter Noon, 71, of Ada was killed Saturday evening when he was struck by a truck driven by one of Grand Rapids bridge on M-21. The body was discovered by Robert Hamilton of Ionia, R. 1, a truck driver, and Mrs. Chaffee left Monday night to spend a week at Tahalassa, Fla. to visit Lt. Vernon Chaffee, who is stationed at Dale Mabey Field, and Mrs. Chaffee.

Early Sunday morning after an extended chase at 70 miles an hour, three Muskogean negroes were apprehended and held for questioning. The men were Alvin Howell, Jr., 23, Hoover Gerald, 23, and Willie Roy Howell, 18, who confessed he hit Mr. Noon and being frightened, "got out of there fast."

Mr. Noon's body was taken to locally funeral home of Grand Rapids. Surviving are two sons, Edward and Clarence, a sister, Mrs. Julia Price of Portland, Ore., and three brothers, Jacob and Joseph, all of Grand Rapids.

Services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with interment in Fairlawn cemetery. A warrant charging the driver with leaving the scene of a fatal accident was issued against Willie Howell, but the two passengers were released.

Past President's Day Observed Mrs. Doris Boyer opened her home for the pleasure of the Ada Ladies' Literary Club on Thursday, Feb. 18, when Past President's Day was observed.

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VERGENNES CENTER

Rev. N. G. Wason, Pastor

The Roth family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement of the late Mrs. Lawrence Biggs, Larry and Elmer of Belding and Rudolph Biggs of Grand Rapids called on the late Mrs. Roth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bieri, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wride and Marion spent last Tuesday evening in East Paris visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter VanLan.

Mr. Myrtle Nellist spent the past week in Grand Rapids visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Friend and on Sunday being with Mr. Friend to celebrate his 28th birthday anniversary. This week Mrs. Nellist is visiting her three brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nellist.

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ALASKA NEWSLETTERS

MRS. BILLY LACK

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Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner and Miss Alice Racine of Lowell were Sunday dinner guests of the Ted family.

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Church News

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH School-10:00 a. m. Morning Worship at 11 o'clock. This is the first Sunday in Lent. How many will try seriously not to miss a Sunday in Lent?

VERGENNES METHODIST CH. Public worship at 10:45 a. m. Sunday School at 10:45 a. m. The February Church Family Night will be held at Lone Pine Inn on Friday evening, Feb. 23.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY Of Washington and Kent Morning services at 11 o'clock every Sunday.

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Mrs. D. D. Krum

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You'd be mighty glad that—in this war—everything is being done to give the American soldier the best possible chance to live and win... money no object.

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That's what your War Bond money does right now. And in the future it will do still more...

War Bonds are your safest, and smartest, investment. In ten years, they'll bring you back four dollars for every three you put in. And that money will mean purchasing power... for you. It'll mean jobs and a healthier economy in America. So buy more Bonds than you've been buying. Buy more than you think you can afford. They help toward a quicker Victory... and a happier peacetime for you.

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Passenger Accident Coverage pays up to \$500.00 doctor's, hospital, dentist's ambulance and nurse's bills for each passenger injured while riding in, entering or alighting from your automobile. Costs less than 2c a day.

Sheep are excellent weed destroyers and eat a greater variety of plants than do other livestock. Because of the construction of their legs they are able to graze closer than other animals.

Corrupted terms are the worst of all. Clean.

Have some of your old jar rubbers to hold the paper covers on your paraffined jars or jams or jellies. It's easier and quicker than taping with string.

Read the Ledger Want Ads

Why will some people throw waste paper and refuse into the street as they walk along, when they would not throw it down and leave it on the floor of their own homes? It looks no better in the street than it would on the floor at home.

Don't salt liver before frying. Salt it afterward, for salt causes liver to shrink and toughen.

Odorous cooking is the promise of a new deodorant. It is a white powder which turns pink in water. If a solution of the deodorant is stirred into the steam, the odor is absorbed or completely obliterated.

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BOWNE CENTER W. S. C. S.

More than 100 members of Bowne Center W. S. C. S. and guests from Alto, South Lowell, West Lowell and Freeport and Grand Rapids, gathered at the Bowne hall Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1945 for an all day fellowship meeting...

The next regular meeting of the Bowne Center W. S. C. S. will be March 7.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Bowne Center Ladies Aid for the fruit, and everyone else who so kindly remembered me during my recent stay at the hospital.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Irene Chaffee spent the week-end in Grand Rapids visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Christie of California spent Tuesday evening at the Don Phillips home.

Mrs. Beulah Curtis of N. Monroe is recovering nicely from a serious illness. Mrs. Orville Lint has been caring for her daughter.

Mrs. H. P. Gofredsen was here from East Lansing Saturday, for a few hours. Her son, Capt. George Gofredsen has been transferred from Orlando, Fla., to Robins Field, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Condon had as their guests during the week, Mr. and Mrs. Albers of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stitt of Saranac, Mrs. Wm. Huffman of Keene and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bainbridge of Grand Rapids.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keiser Sunday were Henry Geldersma and son Don, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reed and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis and two children, all of Grand Rapids.

Darlene Keiser had her tonsils removed at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, last week Wednesday, and Thursday went to the home of her cousin, Betty Geldersma, where she remained until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freyermuth entertained with a family dinner Sunday for Pfc. Ed Kiel. Other guests were Mrs. Kiel, Mrs. Rose Kiel and Adelbert Kinyon of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunn and family of near Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Behler of Lake Odessa.

Mrs. Saloma Good, age 75, mother of Vern Good of Lowell passed away Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Ruels of Caledonia. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the United Brethren church in Dutton, with interment in Holy Corners cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness during our bereavement and throughout the illness of our father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Nesman and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wingle and Family, Miss Ella Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ross and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ross and Family.

South Lowell Extension Class The South Lowell Extension class will meet at the Brannan-Wakefield home on Feb. 20 at 1 o'clock. A Mexican dish and drink are to be served so please come early.

Secretary Pro Tem.

BOWNE CENTER PTA

Friday evening, February 15, will be Founder's Day. Mrs. Joe Dyke and Mrs. Henry Johnson are arranging a program, and Mrs. Orley Burns and Mrs. Pete Bencker are in charge of refreshments, which will be potluck.

Saur Reports on The Legislature Senate Committee Begins Trek to the State's Institutions

In this week's legislative letter, State Senator M. Harold Saur tells how the senate finance committee is trying to learn how to lop off \$0 millions in order to balance the budget.

Last week's news letter gave you a synopsis of state income and expenditures. It also gave you a cross section of a typical day's hearings before our Senate Finance Committee and mentioned the necessity of a follow-up personal visit to these state institutions to get an intelligent and first hand picture of the most pressing needs for, as mentioned before, our state's painful duty of lopping off \$0 millions from the administration's program, if we are to show a balanced budget.

We always have to plan to miss a few sessions of the Senate as possible. On this trip we left immediately after the session on Tuesday, and returned five minutes before the session today, Thursday, thus missing only the one session on Wednesday. In this time we visited five state institutions and covered several hundred miles. Two of the three state police cars in which we travelled had 2-way radio equipment and several messages were transmitted both ways to different members of our party consisting of 8 senators, our budget director, Fred Striffler, and 3 drivers.

After Senate Finance Committee hearings 8 to 12, lunch and a Senate session we left Lansing at 2:40 p. m. and reached the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Howell at 4:00 p. m. and the Superintendent, Dr. Labo, took us through the many buildings and wards which have 250 men and 100 women tubercular patients. They have plenty of unskilled help but only 6 doctors and 9 registered nurses.

That day they had performed 15 operations, mostly in lung deflation; 51.7% of them get well, 25% recur or leave before recovery, and 25% die, mostly because the disease is too advanced before discovery.

From here we went to Detroit, reaching there at 9:00 p. m., up bright and early the next day and at 10:00 a. m. were at the State Mental Institution at Lapeer, 50 miles north. This is the largest institution of its kind in the world, having 87 buildings and caring for 4,700 feeble minded, and another 600 out on parole. They have a fine training system with 600 children as students up to the 8th grade and 23 teachers, 5 psychiatrists, and 8 psychologists. The boys are trained for farm work and some carpenters, printers, etc., and the girls for domestic science, and become useful citizens on parole throughout the state.

At 2:00 p. m. we were at the State Hospital for Epileptics at Caro, where they have 1,425 patients. The Superintendent, Dr. Dixon, told us there are 20,000 epileptics in Michigan, with at least 10% needing hospitalization. They are treating hundreds of patients throughout the state besides the inmates. This is the finest and most modern of our state institutions.

We spent Wednesday night in Saginaw and this morning went through the Industrial School for the Blind there. It was established in 1903 and at the present time the blind inmates are making 600 dozen brooms per month and hundreds of cocoa mats, both brooms and mats going to the army and navy. They normally also weave baskets, chair seats, etc., and teach Braille reading. Then 50 miles to the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint, covering 350 acres and housing 350 blind students. It is practically all school work, and the children go back to civilian life trained in lip and sign reading, and with a good education.

Reached Lansing for the 2:00 p. m. session, passed the Porter session bill to take effect March 17, and settled down to committee and session routine again.

ADDITIONAL MOSELEY

(Too late for regular letter) Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wert had as week-end guests, their daughter, Marjorie of Lansing, Pvt. George Hawley of Camp Fannin, Texas, Pfc. Wayne R. Wert, Marine Veteran of two years in the Pacific, who is spending a 30-day furlough at his sister's home in Rockford. He has served in New Zealand, Iliho, Hawaii, The Marshalls and Salpan. He joined the Marines in August, 1942. Other guests were Miss Mary Hawley, Miss Betty Woodruff of Kent City, Earl and Virginia Wert of Newaygo. Pvt. Hawley received his basic training at Camp Fannin, and will report at Fort Meade, Md., on Thursday.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Abe VerWys, a son, Stuart Frederick, weight 9 lbs. 12 ozs., in Biudget hospital on February 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nech, February 5, in Biudget hospital, a son, Gerald Charles.

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

We have received a new shipment of: POTTERY Stop In And Look Around! KIEL'S GREENHOUSES AND GIFT SHOP One Block North City Hall Flowers Telegraphed Anywhere Phone 225 or 49 Lowell Flowers For All Occasions

LaBARGE RIPPLES

Mrs. VERN LORING Mrs. B. M. Proudft and Mrs. Gilmer Huyck entertained 14 neighbors last Sunday in honor of Alfred Finkbeiner, who was home on a 10-day furlough, leaving Monday for a station in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bruton spent Tuesday with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Timm, it being their wedding anniversary. Mrs. Louis Lundeke was an afternoon caller.

Miss Beverly Jousma spent over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jousma, who left Monday for St. Louis Falls, S. D. Miss Harriet Hynes spent Sunday with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Denise gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their mother, Mrs. Mina Denise of Freeport. Miss Betty Denise of Hastings was also home over the week-end.

Mrs. Colin Campbell spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Vern Loring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson and three children and Mrs. A. J. Hoover of Fruitport and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Larson and daughter of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frisbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Huyck visited her sister, Mrs. W. O. McNulty, at Green Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higley and twin boys spent last Thursday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Loring.

Mrs. Rex Jousma called on Mrs. Jake Bouscher in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mrs. Claude Loring spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Duell, at Alto.

WHITNEYVILLE

MARIJANE BATES Sunday callers at the Levi Cooper home were Tom Skahan and Ted Cummings of Grand Rapids and Reed Cooper, Arlene and Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cooper.

Mrs. Frank Warner entertained her sister and family of Grand Rapids Sunday.

Jerald Raab and daughter Carol Jean went to Spencerville, Ohio, to visit Rev. and Mrs. Paul Graham and Mrs. Raab.

Mrs. Margaret Vandenhout entertained for her brother, Raymond Reynhout of the U. S. Navy Wednesday evening for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Reynhout had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Reynhout, Jr., and children, Mrs. Margaret Vandenhout and children and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reynhout. Raymond left for the West Coast Monday.

Neal Reynhout is staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Reynhout.

ADDITIONAL ALTON-VERGENNES

(Too late for regular letter) Funeral services for Bry Condon were held Tuesday afternoon at the Alton Church. Everyone around this part of the country knew Bry as a good friend and a willing neighbor. His family have the sympathy of their old Alton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Condon and other relatives are enjoying a visit with Sgt. Delos Buckingham, who has come home on rotation from the Philippines.

Alton Sunday School had 83 in attendance Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Condon received a crate of fruit from Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Rattenbury, who are wintering in Florida.

Lee Francisco has arrived in Miami, Fla., and thinks he will be sent to Fort Custer for treatment.

Mrs. Mike Weeks was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Lloyd Ridgeway home in Lowell. Guests were Mrs. Lizzie Compton and Mr. and Mrs. Vern DeGroot and children of Detroit.

Moseley and Alton community were shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Robert Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Condon entertained Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark, Miss Shirley Schief and Miss Dell Johnson of Grand Rapids, Royal Clark and Delos Buckingham.

Mrs. Blanche Francisco entertained the Ladies' Aid Wednesday. Next month they will meet with Mrs. Essie Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gauw of Grand Rapids and Rev. and Mrs. Anderson were dinner guests Sunday of Sarah Purdy and Frank White.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Driving north of Lowell, a couple weeks back, we met a team of horses and sleigh. This brought a flood of memories of the days in Lakeview when "hopping bobs" was a favorite winter pastime. Transportation was by sleigh or cutter. Roads were not scraped as they are today. If the snow got too deep now and then, a road was shoveled out but generally the snow was packed down by travel. But we kids in town loved to hop bobs. The main street was long so you had a good ride. Saturday was the favorite day. Folks came to town in cutters, light bobs, heavy bobs, and now and then there was just a front bob with a box on it. Cutters were hard to ride on as the runner was small and your feet scraped the snow. A heavy bob sleigh with a box on it was the favorite for hauling logs. This kind had a pole between sleigh bunks and a wagon box for the driver. There was a bit of technique in "hopping a ride." If the team was walking it was no job but come along a spirited team, moving in good shave the method was to run parallel to the sleigh, jump on the runner and grab the box. Now and then a driver would speed up the team to make you hustle in catching on. Missing your catch you generally took a spill. Sometimes the driver had a long whip with which he delighted to touch up certain parts of a boy's anatomy.

The usual procedure was to ride a southbound bob until you found one going north. Sometimes you rode south too far on a Saturday afternoon and then had to walk home. It was a lot of fun to hop bobs, one of the small town pleasures that the automobile took away.

To our deak today came five reports on rural fires. Three of them were caused by defective chimneys. We wonder how often chimneys are really checked or gone over to see

if there are any cracks or holes where sparks on a windy day might blow out. Making some far visits the other day we saw a shingle roof that was old with a good setup for a fire. They were curled and loose, just the right place for a spark from the chimney on a cold windy day to lodge and start a fire. Cleaning out and checking chimneys, and watching old shingles and roofs, are some of the fire prevention things that pay dividends.

This column last week called attention to a pruning demonstration in the Lowell school forest for February 16. We have had to change that date to Friday afternoon, Mar. 2. Couldn't get together with Ira Bull, extension forester at Michigan State College. On that morning we will hold a farm woodlot meeting at H. W. Hart's in Oakfield township. Mr. Hart recently sold timber from his farm woodlot that had been marked by Mallory Stickney, extension forester in this area. The meeting at Hart's will be to discuss the handling of this land after the timber is out. The Hart farm is on Section 38 of Oakfield township, just west of the Lincoln Lake road.

Much to our regret the extension office has had to cancel plans for a series of farmers' institutes planned for this month and early March. Too much war work to give us time to properly set up and advertise these meetings. Five were held last year with enough success to warrant making them annual affairs. Our staff regrets their cancellation but hopes to resume them in 1946.

Fruit farmers in the Sparta area are holding their adult night school meetings in Klein Brothers' warehouse on Peach Ridge road instead of the S. H. Hughes room in the Sparta high school. This is really taking education out to the farmer. Reports coming to our office indicate some mighty fine meetings with plenty of discussion.

COMING EVENTS

The Lowell Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the home of Mrs. R. Hahn, Mrs. J. T. Rynes of Grand Rapids will speak on the subject "Madonnas". All members are urged to attend.

IOOF Notice—Monday night, Feb. 19, Lowell lodge will hold a regular meeting to prepare for degree work for two new candidates. All members are needed. Hot lunch will be served.—Clare Phillips, N.G.

The Martha Group will meet Monday, Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Walter. Miss Ruby Boyenga will lead the devotions and Mrs. D. A. Wingle will present a missionary program on the Philippines.

The Ladies Aid of the Ada Congregational church will serve dinner, at the church Monday, Feb. 19, start serving at 12 o'clock. For the convenience of primary voters. This money goes for the maintenance of the church.

The Sr. Farm Bureau of Vergennes will meet at Vergennes hall next Friday night, instead of the Fred Roth home, as stated in last week's Ledger. We expect to have Mr. Arthur Guenther to talk to us on the Consolidated School proposition. Remember to bring food for potluck lunch.

Mrs. Wesley Miller, Reporter

The Jolly Community Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, with Mrs. Irene Blakeslee in Lowell for dinner. It is hoped we will have a good turnout.

The Peckham Group will meet at the home of Mrs. George Story Friday afternoon at 2:30.

If the farmer is interested in improving hunting in his woodlot, he should remember that: White oak acorns rate A-1 with fox squirrels as food. Their second choice is black oak. Walnuts and shagbark hickory are also favorite foods.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Valentine Potluck

Thirty-two junior Segwinites were guests Tuesday evening at the home of Dorothy and Shirley Thomas, for a Valentine party. Valentines were exchanged, a good program and a potluck supper were enjoyed by all. No business meeting was held, as none of the sponsors were present. Plans for future meetings will be announced later.—Dorothy Thomas, Pres.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Jeannett Martin of Ionia announces the engagement of her daughter, Bernice Farrell, to Seaman First Class Stanley Watters of Lowell. The wedding will take place in February.

Social Brevities

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Byrnes McMahon. Mrs. D. H. Oakley, Mrs. George Story, Mrs. R. D. Hahn and Mrs. Warner Roth are reading the play, "Jacobowsky and the Colonnade."

The Book Ten met Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, at the home of Mrs. A. F. Zwemer. "Young'un" by Herbert Best was reviewed by Mrs. Royder Warner.

The P. D. Club was entertained Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Roth.

The Gofus Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arnold Krueger. A bountiful luncheon was enjoyed and Mrs. Krueger was presented with a farewell gift, as the Krueger family are leaving soon to make their home in Michigan City, Ind.

Last Friday evening three of the Grand Rapids firemen and their wives came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graves on Oberly Dr., with a carry-in dinner. An enjoyable evening was spent. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saxton and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Warner.

The Book Forum met at the home of Mrs. Theron Richmond last Wednesday evening and enjoyed a dinner party which was given as a farewell to Mrs. Arnold Krueger, who is soon moving from Lowell. Mrs. Roger McMahon reviewed, "Mother Went Mad on Monday."

Miss Gretchen Hahn entertained eleven boys and girls to a Valentine birthday party at her home Wednesday evening.

Pat Gallagher celebrated his 9th birthday Friday by giving a dinner and theatre party to nine of his boy friends.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation and thank all our good customers for their loyal support during the years we have been in business here.

Having sold our store building and merchandise to Carl L. and Lovisa H. Smith, we gladly recommend them to all our old customers. They will be glad to serve you. For the present they will continue their work in Grand Rapids and endeavor to keep the store open from 9:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.

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STAR CORNERS Mrs. IRA BLOUGH Elithe Seese of Ionia spent the week-end at the Stahl-Seese home. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman and family attended a family dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. David Hoffman's birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs, sons Harold and David, Mrs. George Krebs and daughter Barbara Jean and Philip Seese were dinner guests at the Philip Wingle home Sunday evening.

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LOWELL CAFE GERTRUDE READ, Prop. Lowell, Mich. Official Call For Citizens' Village Caucus Notice is hereby given that a Citizens' Village Caucus will be held at Lowell City Hall on Monday, February 19, 1945, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination the following candidates for village offices for the ensuing term: Village president, village clerk, village treasurer, village assessor, all for one year; and three trustees for two years; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. By order of Harold Englehart, Frank Freeman, George Aerehart, Village Committee. Dated Jan. 17, 1945. c87-8t

CARD OF THANKS I wish to thank my friends for flowers, calls, letters, and all other kindnesses during my stay in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated. Henry Klahn. Twelve million members in thirty-five years is the record of the Boy Scouts of America.

STOR Bus Schedules SLOW TIME To Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo 9:05 a. m. 9:20 a. m. 9:35 a. m. 9:50 a. m. 10:05 a. m. To Flint 1:25 a. m. Trip to Grand Rapids 11:10 p. m. Fri., Sat., Sun.

—LOWELL STATION AT— HENRY'S Drug Store Buy Tickets Before Boarding Bus

Unless man has the wit and the grit to build his civilization on something better than material power, it is surely idle to talk of plans for a stable peace.—Francis B. Sayre.

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