

# Lester Sherman Has Lucky Star

Over 500 Days of Actual  
Combat With Famed  
32nd Division

Sergeant Technician Lester L. Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sherman, Route 2, Lowell, an anti-tank platoon leader in the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division's 126th Infantry Regiment, doesn't want to have calls much closer than his recent brush with a Jap machine gun, according to a letter received by the Ledger from General Headquarters in the Pacific.



Sgt. T. LESTER SHERMAN

The action took place among the mile-high peaks of Northern Luzon's rugged Caraballo Mountains. Sgt. Sherman was over talking with his next-fox-hole neighbor, Sergeant Marvin Gunn of St. Louis, Missouri, when a Jap popped out of a cave and opened fire with a machine-gun. The first burst swept the area around Sgt. Gunn's fox-hole and four bullets tore through the sand bags, wounding the St. Louis man.

Sgt. Sherman summoned a medic, crawled from the hole under continuous machine-gun fire to give the aid-man room to work, took cover in a nearby ditch and returned the Jap's fire. The enemy gun was finally silenced. Sgt. Gunn's wounds proved to be slight.

It was only after the shooting was all over that Sherman discovered a machine-gun bullet had sliced into a leg of his fatigue trousers, six inches above the knee, and passed through without touching him.

## Joined Army in 1939

Sgt. Sherman entered the Army in October of 1939 and left for overseas duty with Michigan's famed Red Arrow Division in April 1942. He saw his first action at Buna in New Guinea and participated in the epoch 43-day march over the rugged Owen Stanley Mountains. He was in the landing at Saido, New Guinea. Next came Aitape, New Guinea. Sherman was in the landing on the island of Morotal in the Netherlands East Indies, when the 32nd opened the road to the Philippines. Sherman was also in the final drive down the Ormoc Corridor when the Division cracked the Yamashita Line on Leyte.

## In Six Main Engagements

He is one of the few men who have never been hospitalized during the six major engagements in which the Division has participated. He has never missed a day of action, running up a total of more than 500 days, 13,000 hours of actual combat. He is one of the three men left who landed with the anti-tank platoon in Australia in May of 1942.

Before entering the service, Sgt. Sherman was employed as a shipping clerk at the Universal Metal Products Co., in Saranac. His brother, Loren, was discharged from Sgt. Sherman's battalion for wounds received in New Guinea. Another brother, William, has left his battalion on a rotational furlough home. The three brothers went overseas together and Sgt. Sherman expects to be home on furlough soon.

## STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, May 17—Eud Abbott, Lou Costello in "Here Come the Co-eds," also Short Subjects.  
Friday and Saturday, May 18-19—"Tabiti Nights" with Jinx Falkenburg and Dave O'Brien; also "Youth Runs Wild" with Bonita Granville and Kent Smith; and Latest News.  
Sunday and Monday, May 20-21—"To Have and Have Not" with Humphrey Bogart and introducing Lauren Bacall. Short Subjects and News.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 22-24—Errol Flynn in "Objective Burma."  
Coming Sunday and Monday, May 27-28—"Thunderhead, Son of Ficks," in technicolor.

## FEDERAL LAND BANK LOANS

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# THE LOWELL LEDGER

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, MAY 17, 1945

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## Board of Trade Holds Big Meet

Committee Chairmen Give  
Interesting Reports  
Fine Talk Given

The May meeting of Lowell Board of Trade was held last Monday night in the dining room of Lowell Cafe, with upwards of 75 members and guests present. Following the supper, President Claude Thorne called upon C. H. Runciman, who introduced the guests, these including Captain John Sullivan of Parnell, who was wounded in action while serving with the American army in Germany, and is now home on leave, and his brother, Eugene Sullivan, who saw service between South America and the African theatre of war, and Major Ben Hardy former Lowell student, who told of his two years of service in the Aleutians. Major Hardy is now stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

Father Sullivan told of the American advance in France against the German fortifications, and how their great courage and sufferings from bitter cold and rain, took them through.

"We should return thanks to Almighty God every day of our lives," said Father Sullivan, "for the defeating of the brutal enemy saved our country for us and our posterity. Had the enemy been successful, a town like Lowell could have been utterly destroyed in two hours' time."

Also among the guests were eleven boys of the Lowell FFA, who were given recognition because of their splendid work in waste paper collections, each one of the boys receiving a deserved hand as his name was called. The eleven, who turned in over 1,000 lbs. of paper each, were as follows: Raymond Hesche, Clifford Dalstra, Kenneth Elhart, Ronald Hesche, Jack Smith, Fred Klahn, Walter Huffman, Calvin Seese, George Mueller, Richard Smith and Bill Chauden.

## Committee Chairman Report

C. H. Runciman, chairman of the Civic Improvement committee, stated that a thirty acre field on Vergennes road, about 1 1/2 miles north of town had been leased for an airport and that it is already operating successfully. He called on Roger Hoffman, flying instructor at the new airport, who stated that interest in flying was increasing every day among Lowell people, some students being almost ready to solo, and he looked for a busy summer. Mr. Hoffman explained also that the state is interested in every town like Lowell having an airport, and has appropriated money for that purpose and is now checking on desirable sites.

E. G. Schaefer, chairman of Salvage for Victory committee called upon John Kleinhekel, head of I. H. S. Ag. department to report on waste paper collections.

Mr. Kleinhekel emphasized the work of the FFA during the last five months, during which time the boys and the Lowell and rural schools turned in a total of over 45 tons. He told how the money thus earned was being used for worthy enterprises, not the least of which will be the development of swine breeding on a big scale.

During the summer vacation the collection of waste paper will be in the hands of the Boy Scouts, under leadership of Carl Freymuth, Scoutmaster.

A. A. Rather, superintendent of schools at Ionia, gave the principal address of the evening. His subject was the United Nations conferences, at Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks and the present conference at San Francisco. He spoke optimistically of the final outcome of these efforts, declaring that when representatives of nearly fifty nations comprising all shades of color and religious beliefs, can meet together to work out a program looking towards peace and prosperity for all, there is every reason for holding high hope. The address attracted the interest of all, and much general discussion followed.

## Budget Totals \$700

President Thorne then called on the heads of the different committees appointed for the coming year, asking for the financial requirements of each. Most committee chairmen responded, and the total amount allocated for committee work was about \$700.

## HEALTH CLINIC FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Pre-School Health Clinic will be held in the kindergarten room of the grade building on Friday, May 18 from 1:00 to 2:00 o'clock. All children who will reach the age of five before January 1, 1946, are requested to attend, as a preliminary examination for entrance into kindergarten next September.

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

## 4-H Club Members Produce Much Food

The contribution that Michigan 4-H club boys and girls have made to the food campaign during the past year totals into formidable figures.

A report from A. G. Kettunen, state 4-H club leader of Michigan State college, reveals that club members during 1944 milked 3,990 dairy cattle; raised 746 beef cattle, 2,401 sheep, 1,697 swine, 129 colts, and 87,795 head of poultry.

Livestock sales amounted to \$116,803.91. In addition club members raised 4,855 acres of corn, beans, potatoes, sugar beets, and garden vegetables valued at \$424,385.00.

In the school forest projects 857 boys and 478 girls in 28 counties planted 1,106 acres of forests.

## Dr. Barker Here Wednesday, May 23



DR. CHARLES E. BARKER

Dr. Charles E. Barker, noted lecturer on the principles of health and right living, will be in Lowell on Wednesday, May 23 for two addresses before local groups. In the morning he will talk to the students of Lowell high school; at 4:30 p. m. he will address the members and guests of the Rotary Club, under whose auspices he comes to Lowell.

During his lecture career of more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Barker has addressed some four and one-half million adults and four million high school and college students in more than 2,700 communities in the United States and Canada. Much of his success as a lecturer is due to his homely philosophy and humor, his understanding of young people, and the direct appeal which he makes to their mentality. His talks deal with the idealism of youth, its problems and future possibilities.

Dr. Barker is being brought to Lowell by the Rotary Club as a service to the community.

## Cooker Testing Service Offered Women of Kent

To aid Kent county women in preparing for the most important canning season in many years, a pressure cooker checking service is being offered by Ruth Edison, War Food Assistant.

It is highly essential that the pressure cooker gauge be accurate, for if it isn't, food may be spoiled. If the pressure is lower than the gauge reading when food is canned, it may spoil; if the pressure is higher than the reading, the food will be overcooked. By testing the gauge with any standard gage tester, recording error can be detected. Pressure cookers can be taken to 413 Murray Building, Grand Rapids, for this service.

Mrs. Vivian F. McFawn, Michigan State extension nutritionist, says that the pressure cooker gauges often become inaccurate if the cover is not removed immediately after the indicator returns to zero when processing of food is finished. It is necessary, for safety's sake, to allow the indicator to return to zero, but unless the lid is removed immediately the indicator needle may be dislocated. This can be corrected only by having it checked and adjusted.

In getting the cooker ready for the canning season it should be cleaned to see that it is free from rust and odors. Sunning will help. New rubber gaskets to replace those stretched out of shape are sometimes necessary.

All used jars should be examined before processing again. Any that contained spoiled food should be washed thoroughly with soap and water and then sterilized by boiling 20 minutes in clear water.

The world, laments a philosopher has lost its sense of humor. Well, there's nothing like a war to fracture one's funny bone.

Next time you cover your ironing board, tuck the cover on while it is damp. It will be tight and smooth when dry.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pvt. Theodore VanOcker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted VanOcker, is now overseas in the Pacific area.

A/S James Stephens of Ann Arbor spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stephens and family.

Cpl. Wm. Richard Young returned Sunday evening to Ft. Sheridan, Ill., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Ward of Ada received a telegram May 12 from their son, Pvt. Maurice Ward of Ionia, that he had arrived safely at Camp Lee, Va.

Mrs. Art Hill received a wire from her son, Mo. M. 3/c Gordon Hill from San Diego, Saturday evening, stating that he expected to reach Lowell Wednesday of this week.

S 2/c Gurney Hahn, accompanied by his father, returned by plane to the Great Lakes Training Camp Saturday morning. Gurney received orders that he would be shipped out to the Naval air field at Memphis, Tenn., for further training. Mr. Hahn returned by train Sunday night.

Lower Michigan must provide at least 120 WAVES each month as its share of the Navy's new national quota of women needed to help speed final victory. This was announced by Lieut.-Comdr. Byron B. Fiechtner, Officer in charge of Lower Michigan Navy recruiting. The Navy wants 2,000 WAVE enlistments per month nationally for the remainder of 1945, he said.

Private Paul M. Terrell has been awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two campaign stars by the Philippine Commonwealth Government. In addition Pvt. Terrell has been authorized to wear the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with one campaign star and the Good Conduct Ribbon. Overseas for 9 months, Pvt. Terrell landed on Leyte with his unit, the 85th Chemical Mortar Battalion. He also served with the 85th in the steps of Manila and the bitter fighting along the Antopolo-Wawa Line east of Manila. Prior to his induction he was an employee of the Cook Plumbing and Heating Co. His wife, Mrs. Marie Terrell lives at 309 1/2 East Main St.

Sergeant William Dawson, who is now somewhere deep in Germany, writes home that he saw flour and meal from the King Milling company stacked up with a big pile of food, and also a quantity of canned goods from the Lake Odessa canning factory. Dawson and three other Lowell boys enlisted 43 months ago last Tuesday and have managed to keep together through everything up to the present time. The others are John Jones, Don Yeiter and Bob Sayles.

A letter from Pfc. Ralph Clark, dated May 2 at Munich, Germany, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark, Ada, R. I., says that he has been liberated after being a prisoner of the Germans since the 8th of last October. Ralph tells them not to worry and he will be seeing them soon. Good news.

Correction: Pfc. Harold Emlender was wounded on Iwo Jima, not on Okinawa, as stated in last week's Ledger.

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## Lowell Boys Meet In Western Pacific

The Ledger is happy to acknowledge a letter from Raymond E. Kretzman, S 1/c (R. M.), serving in the Pacific area for the past year. Raymond says:

"Thanks a million for sending me the Ledger. It really cheers the Lowell boys up. It sure will seem good to see the old home town again. I have met a few more of the Lowell boys. I saw Jack Maxson and spent a day with him. I also saw Ensign King Doyle and we had a swell talk. He sure got some bad news about his father. Something like that is awful hard to take out here. It's bad enough to be out here without getting bad news from home."

"I am studying radio and like it very much. As for the war, we are doing a swell job. If only they would quit striking back home it would make us fellows feel great. I only wish they would send some of those people that strike, out here. They would change their tune."

S 1/c Dave Clark, Jr., arrived this week from the western Pacific to spend a 30-day leave with the home folks.

Lieut. A. B. Howard left last night for San Francisco to resume his duties with the Army Transport Command, after spending a 30-day leave at home.

Among the crew members of a new LSM is Howard Gerald DeGood, fireman, second class, 15, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit DeGood, live on R. 1, Ada.

A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Will Kerekes from their son, Carl from Italy, states that he has been promoted from 2nd to 1st lieutenant.

Ensign King Doyle is home from the Western Pacific for a thirty-day emergency leave with his mother, Mrs. Wm. C. Doyle, and brother, Roland. He arrived last Saturday.

John A. Clark, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lissie Clark of Lowell, R. 2, who was recently sworn into the Navy, left Thursday for the Great Lakes naval training station to take his boot training. John would graduate from Lowell high this June.

Major Ben Hardy, who spent two years in the Aleutian Islands, and for the past six months has been stationed at San Antonio, Texas, came to Lowell by plane to spend Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hardy. Ben expects to spend 12 days in Lowell which was his former home.

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## Land Prices Now 54 Percent Higher Than Before War

Research Specialist Warns  
Farmers to Avoid  
Speculation

Michigan farm land prices, along with those throughout the nation, are on the march up the old inflationary trail. Dangerous precursors and yawning caverns are directly ahead.

Karl T. Wright, research specialist in farm crops at Michigan State College, so warns farmers of the state after examining the latest figures on land purchase prices. He is frankly worried about future consequences, if the upward spiral continues.

Right now farm real estate prices in Michigan are 54 percent higher than prewar levels.

Although during the past year 10 percent fewer farms changed hands, this didn't keep farm prices from jumping 10 percent higher.

Farmers who are thinking about buying more land are especially cautioned to consider the long-term earning capacity of that land. That is an important point, because, if the land is mortgaged, it may be harder to pay for if prices decline and production drops. Right now farm income is high, but that may not continue. So, above all, avoid speculation.

There are two other ways that the farmer can help to prevent an inflationary boom and a repetition of the collapse that followed the last war, when one farmer out of every four lost his farm through foreclosure. One way is to use wartime income to build up reserves. The other is to help keep farm product prices stable.

Surplus earnings can profitably go into war bonds for future use.

## Annual Poppy Day Saturday, May 26

Saturday, May 26, has been proclaimed Poppy Day in Lowell by President Theron Richmond. The president calls upon all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of the men who have given their lives in the nation's defense.

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is predicted by Elizabeth Phelps, president of the local unit, who said yesterday she would not be surprised if more than double the usual number were sold.

As few people know what the arrangements are for making these Memorial Day flowers, Mrs. Phelps explained that the materials are furnished free to the veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteer workers teach the disabled men to make the poppies. The entire poppy program, from the supplying of the poppy materials, to the distribution of the finished flowers to the American public, is under the management of the Auxiliary.

Helps Veterans and Dependents

"The veterans and their dependents are the ones who benefit from our poppy sale," she said, "not only from the money that results from selling poppies, but also from having something tangible to do instead of having to rest, read or talk. These men in the government hospitals are delighted to keep their fingers busy and their minds occupied with the intricacies of fashioning the poppies. Needy wives and children also reap benefits from the sale of the flowers."

"We have been selling these Memorial flowers for twenty-five years and each year the poppy becomes more closely identified with the American Legion Auxiliary and with our disabled men. We hope the service will continue indefinitely."

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Lowell, Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, will receive publicly, open bids for one fire truck, on or before May 21, 1945, at 8:00 p. m., one 1,000 gallon pumper capacity, water tank carrying capacity 100 gallon, with a compartment for carrying at least 1,500 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and 600 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose.

All bids shall have complete specifications.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

By order of Common Council, Village of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan.

By Lewis E. Johnson, Clerk.

New Lightweight Felt for Men

New arrivals in Champ hats, in tans, grays and blues. From every angle the best buy of the season. \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50.

Coons.

It pays to advertise in the Ledger.

## Along Main Street

At the May 9 meeting of Lowell Rotary Club, L. W. Rutherford was elected president for the ensuing year, and Theron Richmond, vice president. Installation will occur on June 27.

Jokes, jests, jibes and jabs just by Jeff; Tobacco is found in the southern states but in today's cigarettes it is hard to tell. . . There isn't anything more disappointing to a lad than to study the wrong lesson by mistake! . . . Children should have home training, we admit, but it is hard to get children to stay home long enough to train them. . . Perhaps a hen should say, "An egg a day may keep the hatchet away." . . . A boy says that our chewing gum habit has earned us the name of the land of the wide open faces.

E. E. Crampton, superintendent of the Lowell schools some 30 years ago and for the past 2 1/2 years an instructor in the mathematics department of the Ford Trade school at Dearborn, on May 15 assumed his new duties as head of the research department at Camp Legion, a new Ford project at the Ford farms in Dearborn. The project is a rehabilitation camp for returned veterans.

Readers will be glad to know that the serial story, "Thunderhead," which is running in the Ledger, will be shown at the Strand Theatre, Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28.

Well, anyhow, we had a nice summer in March. The traditional straw hat day, due to arrive May 15, is postponed for the time being.

## East Siders Ahead In Last Tin Drive

On the last tin salvage drive held on May 7th, Lowell turned in 1,000 pounds of scrap tin cans. This is a slight improvement over the previous collection which netted only 640 lbs.



The Lowell Ledger and ALTO SOLO... Editor: J. D. Jefferson, Publisher: H. F. Jefferson, Advertising: H. F. Jefferson...

Editorial... DON'T LIKE TO WAIT... A PHILOSOPHER remarks that "wait" used to be the most hated word in the language...

MATURE SERVICEMEN... DARENTS REMARK that when their boys come home on a furlough from the armed services...

13,000 MILE JOURNEY... THE GREAT MAJORITY of American soldiers and service units now in Europe are to be transferred to the Pacific theater...

THE BAIT SMELLS... At a time when our government is scratching the bottom of the tax barrel to find funds to meet current obligations...

The manager of a touring theatrical troupe wired the proprietor of a theater where his company was booked to appear: "Would like to be rebooked next Monday afternoon at 3. Have your stage manager, carpenter, property man, electrician and all stage hands present at that hour..."

Up and Down Kent County Reads... Nine head of Kent County dairy cows are finding themselves new homes in the Upper Peninsula...

The Lowell Chapter of the F. F. A. has been very active in the collecting of waste paper in that area the past week. They needed some of a baler to take care of the paper collected so they went up to Winton White's farm in Vergennes township and got a tractor and baling press...

The Farm Corps Department, at Michigan State College, is cooperating with the Army and Navy in regard to the use of proper grass mixtures in the armed services...

HICKORY CORNERS... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kapuga brought their son, Frank Victor, home from the hospital Wednesday evening...

New SARANAC THEATER... SARANAC, MICHIGAN... FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MAY 18-19... SUNDAY - MONDAY, MAY 20-21...

SOUTH BOWNE... Paul Hoffman and family were Sunday dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. Julius Wester, at Alto...

McCORDS - E. CASCADE... Sgt. Fred A. Cox of Tyndal Field, Fla., is home on a furlough for 15 days...

VERGENNES CENTER... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kapuga brought their son, Frank Victor, home from the hospital Wednesday evening...

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gault of Ionia spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Ruth Gault... Mr. and Mrs. John Layer spent Mother's Day at the Dintman home in Alto... Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth of Detroit were in Lowell a few days of last week...

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfield of Muskegon and Mrs. Edna C. Whitfield and family of Grand Rapids... Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers spent Sunday with the Rogers family...

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Behler and Mrs. W. W. Young, young daughter Eleanor and son Richard of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ida Young...

Mr. and Mrs. John Krum of Grand Rapids were a weekend guest of Mrs. Margaret Dennis and Mrs. Ethel Charles Saturday evening...

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Von of Traverse City, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kramer of Oshtemo...

Mr. and Mrs. George Horner of St. Johns who have recently returned from spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., were Friday guests of their sister, Mrs. Crabb and Mrs. Duell Sunday callers at the Crabb-Duell home...

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LOWELL ITEMS OF 25 AND 35 YEARS AGO... May 13, 1920-25 Years Ago... Mr. Joe Richmond died at her home in Lowell...

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### MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Maude Jenks of Bostwick Lake was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Jennie Berry.

Mrs. Mattie Rulason resumed her duties at the telephone office Monday after a two months' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Henry were Mother's day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Henry at McCords.

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Stryker and sons of Grand Rapids were callers at the L. E. DeVries home Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Knight of Detroit came Wednesday to remain until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bahler of Lake Odessa spent Sunday with Mrs. Bahler's sister, Mrs. Carl Freyermuth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunn and family and Miss Margaret Dunn from near Lansing were Sunday guests of Mrs. Dunn's mother, Mrs. Rose Kiel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rush and Mrs. Mayme Smith, who have been spending the winter in Tulsa, Okla., returned to their home in Lowell last Friday.

Mrs. Emily Murray received word of the serious illness of her son, Philo Murray in Toledo, Ohio. Her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Watson will probably go to Toledo some day this week.

Mrs. Jennie Flynn of Bowne, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Ellis, for the past two weeks, returned to her home Wednesday and Mrs. Ellis returned with her for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden Greene of East Hampton, N. Y., were in Lowell on business last week. Mrs. Greene is remaining a part of this week. Their aunt, Miss Marilla Chapman, accompanied them to Grand Rapids, where she is visiting friends.

Next Tuesday, May 22, will mark the 95th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Hattie Rouse, who in spite of dimming eye-sight is able to get around remarkably well for her years. Congratulations and greetings will be in order for this estimable lady.

Mrs. F. F. Coons, Mrs. Wm. Kerekes, Mrs. W. W. Gumsier, Mrs. Frank MacTavish and Mrs. Maurice Summers were among the Lowell mothers who received telegrams, cablegrams and flowers from their sons in the service as a Mother's Day remembrance.

Miss Effie Potter passed away May 10 at the Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 12, with burial in Greenville. Miss Potter was a former resident of Lowell and was very active in the Methodist church. She will be remembered by many Lowell residents.

VE-day and Mother's day were appropriately observed Sunday morning, May 13, at the Congregational church. The service was in charge of the ladies of the church, Mrs. R. D. Hahn, Mrs. John Coe, Mrs. George Hale, Mrs. Royden Warner, Mrs. Eugene Carr, Mrs. D. H. Oatley and Mrs. E. G. Schaefer participating in the service. Mrs. C. W. Elson of Grand Rapids gave a very inspiring sermon on "Faith, Hope and Love" and the Girls Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Stauffer, furnished the music. It was an impressive service and the church was filled to capacity.

Formal award of a \$150 scholarship to Wayne University, presented at the end of each semester to the outstanding member of the graduating class at Denby high school, was made to William Murphy, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murphy of Detroit recently. Young Murphy, who has already enrolled in Wayne, plans to take a course in chemical engineering. He will attend summer school and hopes to complete nearly three semesters of work before he passes his 18th birthday in December and becomes subject to call for duty in the armed forces. William began his elementary school education in the Lowell schools. He is a grandson of Mrs. Mary Wingeler, his mother being the former Kathryn Wingeler.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the friends, neighbors, relatives, and the Lowell Mfg. Co. for their lovely flowers, cards and kind words to us at the passing of our mother and grandmother. We also wish to especially thank the Christian Apostolic Church for their many kind deeds and words in the past and at this time. It is all very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wingeler and Kenneth.

### IONIA POMONA GRANGE

The May meeting of Ionia Pomona Grange will be entertained by Keene Grange on Saturday evening, May 19. Following the business session, a memorial service will be given by the officers of the South Boston Grange. This will be the last meeting of Pomona until fall—Pomona Lecturer.

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## News of Our Boys

(continued from first page)

Mrs. John Baker received a telephone call from her son, Lyle, on Mother's Day. The call was given by the Christian Service Center of Tacoma, Wash., to ten boys, Lyle being one of the ten. He has started in his medical training and says it is very interesting.

Tom Hall has been accepted for the navy and is now at home awaiting his call.

Mrs. Wesley Miller of Fallsburg received a Mother's Day telegram from her daughter, Sgt. Elaine Miller, who is in Paris.

Mrs. Bernard J. Kropf has received a copy of a letter of commendation from the commanding general of the Brooklyn Army Base to her husband, sergeant Kropf, and other personnel on the E. B. Alexander, U. S. army transport, for the excellent and sometimes superior manner in which they operated the transport in times of necessity. Bernard is back at Pearl Harbor now on rest leave. He was at two Jims and sent out teletype news reports all during the operation.

Memorial services honoring Lt. Edward W. McDonald, were held Saturday, May 12, at the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids. Edward or Ted, as he was known, was a graduate of Lowell high school, class of 1938, where he was active in many high school affairs and was on the baseball and football teams. He had also attended school at Cascade and in East Grand Rapids. Lt. McDonald was seriously wounded over Japan, March 17, 1945 and died March 25 in a hospital on Saipan.

## Ration Calendar

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps Y6, Z6, and A2 through D2 good until June 2; E2, F2, H2, J2, good until June 30. Stamps K2 through P2 good through July 31. Q2 through U2, good through August 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps H2 through M2 good until June 2; N2 through S2 good until June 30. Stamps T2 through X2 good through July 31. Y2, Z2 and A1 through C1, good through August 31.

SUGAR—Stamp 35 good through June 2. Stamp 36, good for 5 lbs., valid May 1, must last 4 months instead of three. Canning sugar has been reduced to 15 lbs. per person, based on need, with a maximum of 120 lbs. per family for the season.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in book three, good indefinitely. Certificates for purchase of men's rubber boots and rubber work shoes good indefinitely. A new shoe stamp will become valid August 1, 1945.

KITCHEN FATS—Take to retail meat dealers when a pound or more has been accumulated. Dealers will give one red ration point and 2 cents for each half-pound of kitchen fat turned in.

Lowell ration board office hours are from 9:00 to 4:30 daily, except Wednesdays, 9:00 to 12:00.

## ADDITIONAL ALTO NEWS

The fire department was rushed to Chas. Deming's Wednesday morning, where fire started from a chimney burning out and caused considerable damage, and some new roofing required.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends who have so kindly remembered me with flowers, fruits, greetings, letters, thoughtful messages and calls during my stay in the hospital and since returning home, all of which is helping me to regain my health. Sincerely, J. Mort Townsend.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for the many cards received during my illness, also for the fruit from the Good Will Club and the lovely plant from the O. E. S. I appreciated them all very much.

Mrs. C. E. Bowen.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

**Bowne Farm Bureau**  
The Bowne Farm Bureau met Thursday, May 10, at the home of Ralph and Ethel Raeside. Games were played and lunch was served by Mrs. Raeside. Bob and Helen Near of Caledonia were visitors. Harry Cobb will be host at the next meeting, June 14, at Campau Lake. It will be a weiner roast. Each person will please bring two red tokens.  
Ethel Raeside, Pub. Chairman.

The Spring meeting of the Kent County Association of the O. E. S. was held in Cedar Springs Monday afternoon and evening of this week. Those in attendance from Lowell were Mrs. Edward Bennett, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Peckham, Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, Mrs. Geo. Story, Mrs. Lloyd Shultz, Mrs. Howard White, Mrs. Wm. C. Hartman, Mrs. R. G. Jafferles, Mr. and Mrs. George DeGraw and Mr. and Mrs. Mert Sinclair. Mrs. Charles Snay of Farmington accompanied the Lowell delegation.

The "Last Woman's Club," with only seven remaining members, held their annual dinner at The Cottage Monday evening at 7 o'clock with five attending.

### Social Brevities

The Mapes Community Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schmidt, Friday evening, May 11, all members being present except three.

The Book Review Club met at the home of Mrs. Byrre McMahon Tuesday evening, Mrs. D. A. Wingeler reviewed "Syrian Yankee" by Salam Risk.

The Book Forum met Wednesday evening with Mrs. George Aehart. Mrs. Roger McMahon reviewed "You Can't Stop Living" by Fern Rives.

Mrs. Bernard Kropf entertained the members of the Ex Libris on Tuesday evening. "The Sign of the Ram" by Margaret Ferguson was reviewed by Mrs. Kenneth F. Wood, Jr.

### 4-H NEWS

**West Keene 4-H Club**  
The first meeting of the season of the West Keene 4-H Club was held at the home of Sam Patterson, the club's adviser.

Election of officers took place and the following people were elected: President, Leroy Stockholm; vice president, Carl Shores; secretary and treasurer, Pauline Kirchen; reporter, Maxine Kirchen. Calvin Pinkney was named assistant leader and Mrs. Fuller is to assist the sewers.

The next meeting is to be May 23 at the Fuller home. Meeting will be called to order at 7:30 sharp and anyone not there for roll call is to be counted absent.

The club will meet every other Wednesday at the different members homes.

—M. Kirchen, Reporter.

### Bowne Center Livestock Club

The Bowne Center 4-H Livestock club met April 30 at the Aid Hall Meeting was called to order by temporary chairman, Earl Posthumus. Seventeen members were enrolled. Earl Posthumus and Walter Wingeler are our leaders. Luther Sterzick, Herbert Clark and Alex Wingeler were appointed advisors.

The following officers were elected to serve for the year: President, Verda Johnson; vice president, Dick Johnson; secretary, Dale Johnson; treasurer, Betty Johnson.

—Dale Johnson, Secretary.

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### COMING EVENTS

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the City Hall on Monday, May 21, at 8:00 p. m.

The American Legion Auxiliary will observe Poppy Day, May 26, 1945.

The Garden Lore Club will meet with Mrs. W. W. Gumsier, Riverside Drive, Wednesday, May 23, at 2:30. Mrs. Harold Englehardt is chairman of the program. Mrs. Votey of Ada, State chairman of Trails and Sanctuaries, will be the speaker.—Reporter.

Peninsular Chapter, No. 65, O. E. S., is having a reception and dinner honoring Garnet Wolfs Baker, Grand Organist; Gertrude N. Parkhurst and Katherine Leonard Howe, Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of Michigan O. E. S., on Wednesday evening, May 23. Reservations must be made by May 19.

The Martha Group of the Methodist Church will meet Monday evening, May 21, at the home of Mrs. H. L. Weekes. The wives of our service men are especially invited. The program will be in charge of Norton L. Avery.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will meet Friday, May 18, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. John Roth.

The Senior Farm Bureau of Vergennes expect to play euchre at their meeting next Friday evening, May 18.—Mrs. W. Miller, Reporter.

### JOB'S DAUGHTERS

On Monday, April 14, the Lowell Job's Daughters held their regular business meeting, one of the subjects discussed being a Mothers' and Daughters' banquet. As it is impossible to put on a banquet, it was decided to have a potluck picnic on Sunday, June 10. This is just a tentative date.

A letter was received inviting the Lowell Job's Daughters to a special meeting in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple on Saturday evening, May 26. A committee was appointed to provide transportation for the members who wish to attend.

Another letter was also read, inviting the Lowell Job's Daughters to give a memorial service for the deceased members of Michigan Job's Daughters. It is to be held in Grand Rapids on Saturday evening, June 9.

The picture of the Lowell Job's Daughters was taken as scheduled on Sunday, May 6. The Kruegers were able to be present.

It was voted that due to late installation of officers we will hold our present officers over until next December if a special dispensation can be secured.

The next business meeting will be Monday, May 28. It is requested that all members be present as this is the last scheduled meeting before we disband for the summer.

The Celestial Choir is now practicing on Tuesdays at 4 p. m. with Miss Payne in the second grade room.—Betty Hall, Reporter.

## Plant Beans From May 28 to June 12

From May 28 to June 12 is the safe period for planting beans, says H. R. Pettigrove, research specialist in farm crops at Michigan State college. Some farmers may try to "beat the gun" this year since spring came prematurely and much early plowing was done. He contends that such a temptation should be resisted, as too early planting generally reduces the yields.

It is pointed out that moisture and temperature conditions are often favorable for growth when early planted beans are beginning to mature. The bean plants then send out new leaves, make buds and blossoms and try unsuccessfully to mature a second crop. Such growth conditions make the harvest very difficult.

As cool, moist weather often carries into early June when spring opens as early as it did this year, early planted beans may cause growing for long periods of time. This reduces the vigor of the plants, thus cutting yields.

Most bean growers find it advantageous and economical to work their soil at intervals up to planting time in early June. This makes weed and grass control most efficient.

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