

Closing Date June 1
For '45 Farm Plan

June 1, 1945, is the closing date for signing 1945 AAA Farm Plans. Kent county farmers desirous of cooperating with the AAA Farm Program, but who as yet, have not signed their Farm Plan, are advised that eligibility to receive payment under the 1945 program is contingent upon the signing of such a form before the deadline date.

According to John McCabe, chairman of the Kent county AAA, unassigned Farm Plans have been mailed to the farmers in instances where enough information such as complete name and address was on file in the county office.

Time and mail may be purchased independently and the credit for the material applied will be the same as for material purchased through the 1945 AAA Farm Program provided the Farm Plan is signed. Farmers desiring to order time or mail through the Farm Program should make this known at the time of signing their Farm Plan.

The Kent county AAA chairman suggests that Kent county farmers interested in signing their Farm Plans call at the county AAA office located at 207 Spencer St., N. E., Grand Rapids 5, Michigan, before the closing sign-up date, June 1, 1945. For further information call Grand Rapids 73623.

Alto Soldier Drowned In Germany, April 16



ORLEY C. RICHARDSON
T/5 Orley Charles Richardson, of the Third Armored Division, Service Co., 38th Arm'd Inf. Regt., the First Army, died in Germany on April 16, 1945. He was reconnoitering an area when the bank of an abandoned canal, on which he was standing, collapsed and resulted in his being drowned.

Cpl. Richardson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Richardson of Alto, R. 2, and lived and worked on his parents' farm previous to his induction into the armed forces of the United States on June 20, 1941. He received specialized training at Camp Folk, La., Camp Young, Calif., Camp Pickett, Va., and Indiantown Camp Military Reservation, Pa., for two years previous to going overseas where he served in England and on the European continent for nearly two years, taking part in major battles with the First Army.

Cpl. Richardson's officers state he was an excellent soldier whose performance was in keeping with the highest standards of his organization and the tradition of the United States Army.

Memorial services for Cpl. Richardson will be held at the First Methodist church, Lowell, at two o'clock on Sunday, June 3rd. Services are under the auspices of the American Legion with Rev. Cecil E. Pollock as officiating clergyman.

Memorial Day, 1945

We are waiting your homecoming To march to gayer drumming, We'll all share with hearts elated For your homecoming we have waited.

When this world war is ended, And all wounds are mended, Then may all our years hereafter Be filled with song and laughter.

For every dream you've cherished, There is no hope that's perished, Of all that you've prayed In America to be realized.

—Written by H. S. Schreiber, formerly of Lowell.

MATERNITY CARE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE MEN'S WIVES

More than two million dollars spent in Michigan to help care for over 22,000 wives and new babies of servicemen is the record of the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program which completes its second year in Michigan on May 27. Although financed by the federal government this project is administered by state health departments.

The Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program pays for all medical care for maternity cases from the beginning of pregnancy, through the postpartum examination, which is given about six weeks after the baby is born.

Application blanks for this care are available from local health departments and from American Red Cross Chapters.

It's easy to pick out the best people. They'll help you do it.

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Decoration Day Next Wednesday

Fitting Program Honoring Our Nation's Heroes Will Be Given

The customary memorial services for the soldier boys of all wars will be conducted as usual this year, the date being next week Wednesday, May 30. William Christiansen, Commander of the American Legion, has appointed W. W. Gimsar as program chairman, and Frank Stephens as Marshal of the parade.

The parade will form at Richgals Park at 8:30 and the march will start promptly at 9:00 o'clock. The lineup will be as follows:

The colors and color guard.
Firing squad.
Veterans.
High School Band.
Boy Scouts.
School Pupils.
The Public.

The procession will pause on the bridge over Flat River in honor of the boys who served in the Navy. Flowers will be strewn upon the water by the Camp Fire Girls, the Legion squad will fire a salute, prayer will be offered by Rev. Robert C. Warland, and taps will be sounded.

The ceremonies at the cemetery will be the same as usual with Rev. Warland giving the address. The W. R. C. will place wreaths upon the graves and will place a tribute to the soldiers' monument. Individual flags will be placed on the graves by the Scouts and the American Legion.

Day of Full Significance
Memorial Day, 1945, returns in full significance to the purpose for which the day was dedicated, and we feel the urge to bow in reverence to these men who have given their lives in the greatest measure of devotion.

Our patriotism is awakened by the fresh memory of our boys who have given their lives in this present conflict, and who are numbered with the dead of the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I who now lie sleeping souls in far away places, or in the depths of the sea.

Let all who can attend these services to pay their respect to these honored dead.

Story of Our Schools

Second Article

Rural Pupils—Program of Studies

During the past twenty years the number of non-resident pupils has more than doubled. It has always been the policy of local village and school officials to encourage and develop a community-wide atmosphere throughout the surrounding territory. Every effort has been made to encourage a neighborhood spirit between village and rural citizens. There have been mutual problems and mutual interests, and insofar as possible, the limits of the village and the limits of the school district have been forgotten.

To open the doors of the Lowell schools to the non-resident boys and girls has created many interesting problems for the local Board of Education, but their attendance in the Lowell High School has also provided many educational advantages for the boys and girls of the village. For the past twenty years the enrollment of students in the upper four grades has been about evenly divided between local and "tuition" pupils. It is very evident, therefore, that additional facilities had to be provided to take care of those outside the district who requested admission. This has meant that local taxes had to provide the plant and the equipment but this is only partially true.

State Aid
For several years the Board of Education has received about 80% of all the funds at its disposal from Lansing. We hasten to admit that to a large extent this represents a return of the sales tax paid by local citizens. It must be noted that money received from Lansing is based on a per-pupil basis which in turn is partially dependent on actual per-pupil costs. It is vital to note that Lowell Board of Education receives \$25 more for each non-resident high school pupil than it does for local high school pupils. This differential is due to the fact that the per capita allowance for pupils in the grades in the primary or "rural" districts is not as much as it is for the grade pupils in the village. This difference of \$25 per high school pupil, therefore, is largely made up by the lesser amount that the rural district receives for its elementary pupils.

Advantage of Tuition Students
The greatest argument in favor of admitting non-resident pupils is that it gives the Lowell district an opportunity to be of service to its neighbors, and it creates favorable community relations. From strictly the selfish point of view the increased membership makes it possible for the Board of Education to enlarge and enrich its program of studies which in turn benefits the resident pupils. Without an adequate enrollment, costs would be prohibitive to teach such courses as shop, band and orchestra, commercial subjects, home economics, and athletics, and it would be very questionable whether as many courses could be offered in the academic subjects. Classes would be too small and costs would be beyond that which is allowed by the State.

It appears, therefore, that the long established policy of opening the doors of Lowell schools to non-residents should be continued just so long as local boys and girls are not deprived of their rights. It must be acknowledged, however, that non-residents in the grades cannot at this time be accepted because of the lack of adequate facilities.

The matter of transporting non-resident pupils has raised many questions. The facts are that those

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Village Orders New 1,000-Gal. Pumper

At the regular meeting of the common council Monday night it was voted to purchase a new pumper having a capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute. The pumper will be purchased from the Seagrave Co., of Chicago, and delivery is to be made within six months.

The Council has also submitted plans to the State Planning Commission for sewer construction as a postwar project. If approved, the state will stand half of the engineering costs. There may also be federal aid.

Engineer Albert Roth reports that good progress is being made towards locating additional and better water supply for Lowell, and it is expected that drilling will begin by mid-summer.

Junior Class To Honor Graduates On Friday Night

The Senior Class of 1945 will be honored by the Junior Class at the annual Junior-Senior Reception at the High School Auditorium, on Friday, May 25.

The theme is to be based around pirates but due to the misfortune of the fire and the lack of materials, the Reception will be less extensive as compared to past years. The best is being done under present circumstances.

The Class officers elected the following people as committee chairmen:

Don Keiser, decorations; Vera Belle Doran, programs; Joann Ellis, refreshments; Flora Myers, invitations.

Harry Nanzer, from the Plantation in Grand Rapids, will provide the music. He will feature his vocalist, Anita LaCaze.

The Juniors have invited the Board of Education, the Faculty, and the Senior Class of Lowell High School to attend.

A buffet supper will be served.

Rockford Shutout by Lowell Ball Team Here

Lowell high baseball team handed Rockford its first Grand Valley defeat when it scored a 5 to 0 shutout at Recreation Park Monday afternoon. Collins was the winning pitcher while Fanchett was on the mound for the losers.

Seaman Dave Clark of Lowell Relates Graphic Story of the Gallant Flat Top Franklin

Dave Clark, Jr., 31 1/2, of Lowell, was one of the survivors of the U. S. aircraft carrier Franklin, whose story, told for the first time last Friday, is one of the war's great episodes of heroic action. Dave says it was all too real to even be called a nightmare. It was, however, a miracle, that the mighty carrier could survive the vicious destruction wrought by the exploding of her load of tons of bombs, torpedoes, rockets and high octane gas, set off by a Jap dive bomber, and came into her home port at the Brooklyn navy yard under her own power.

In fact, Dave stated with a touch of pride that she led the procession back to Pearl Harbor, after valiant crewmen, working in the boiler rooms where it was 130 degrees, got the engines working again.

According to Dave's story he had just been relieved from all-night duty, eaten his breakfast, and was in the washroom on the second deck, when a 500-lb armor-piercing bomb hit in the next compartment. He made his way to the third deck where he was trapped for three hours with 300 men in a mess hall approximately 22 by 25 feet, with only one officer, a lieutenant commander, in charge. The men had sealed the hatch and there was no air, no light and no communications, so they could only imagine what was taking place on deck.

Prayers Answered
After 2 1/2 hours the lieutenant commander asked the men to pray, which they did fervently, although silently, so as to save precious air. Their prayers were answered, for fifteen minutes later a lieutenant found them and said he thought he had found a way out. Taking 15 men, he led them through a ventilator intake to the outside. After a half hour he came back for fifteen more, and then again and again, until all the imprisoned men had been released. Groups were offered after each prayer.

Dave was among the last to be taken out. He said, "We hung on to each other's belts and felt our way through the smoke and darkness to the flight deck, where we went to work evacuating the wounded, and carrying on the work of the ship."

Dave's duty on board was with a repair crew or crash party, but he could find only one man out of his fire group of 11. Only one gun and two fire hose were operating. All material had to be piled around to keep the ship from listing as the men made ready to get off the stricken ship.

Dave was taken off by a cruiser, to a troop ship, and then to Pearl Harbor, where he spent about a month before coming by boat and train to his home in Lowell. While at Pearl Harbor he was happy to see and visit with Dick Peckham, another Lowell boy on duty there. King Doyle of Lowell was eight miles from the Franklin when she was attacked, saw her hit and saw the ship burning.

One of Original Crew
Dave has been on the Franklin since she was commissioned on January 30, 1944. Their first engagement was an air strike on the Bonin Islands, July 4, 1944, when 2,000 lb. bombs were dropped. From then on they took part in all invasions, supporting attacks, and air attacks, including the Philippines, until October 30, at which time the carrier was hit and had to put into port for repairs. One day and 36 hours after she put out again, on his first air strike against Japan, last March 19, at 7:07 a.m. the U. S. S. Franklin, a veritable arsenal, with planes on deck loaded with bombs and gas ready for the take-off, was struck by two 500-pound armor-piercing bombs, setting off a series of explosions that

THE SONG
Big Ben the Flat Top
We're the Franklin, the Franklin, Statesman of the sea;
We legislate with fighting planes; And we're making history.
No wind nor wave nor deadly foe Can stand against our might;
Our scrappin' crew will bring her through,
With that good old Navy Fight.

Chorus
Big Ben the Flat Top! Mistress of the sea and sky;
With every ounce of strength we'll help her fighting axes fly;
As from our decks those motors roar and rocket off to sea,
We'll give a mighty, heartfelt cheer—
—Her Wings of Victory!
—The Franklin Orchestra.
"Saxie" Dowell, leader.

**Sailor Robert Baldry
In Pacific Campaigns**

The Ledger is in receipt of an interesting letter dated April 30, from Robert Baldry, Lowell, R. 3. The letter reads:

"A few lines to let the home folks know I am still kicking. Things here have gone along fine lately. Mail, etc., is coming pretty regularly. I received four Ledgers a few days ago and sure got a lot of enjoyment out of them.

"I got a slight advancement this month, from fireman, 1/c, to water tender 3/c. I guess maybe the water tender permit me to mention a few places I've been around lately. A while back I was over around Hong Kong and French Indo China way, also have taken part in the two Jima campaigns. At the time of writing this letter I am near Okinawa.

"I guess this is about all for now so I'll ring off by saying 'hello' to the home folks, and I hope we'll be together soon."

Yours truly, R. W. Baldry, U. S. N.

SPORT SLACKS FOR MEN
Brown, tan and blue gabardines and covert trousers, striped and patterned worsteds and gien plaids, a wide selection at \$4.95 to \$12.50. Coons.

Read the want ads in the Ledger.

School Year Enters Its Final Activities

Sixty-eight seniors of whom five are in the armed forces, are expected to graduate on Thursday, June 7. Commencement activities start on Friday of this week with the Annual Junior-Senior party in the school auditorium. Senior examinations will be held during regular class periods on Tuesday, May 29.

Baccalaureate services will be held for the members of the class and the public in the school auditorium on Sunday, June 3, with Rev. John F. Grzybowski of St. Mary's Church as the speaker. Professor William Schrier will give the Commencement address on Thursday, June 7.

Annual Poppy Day This Week Saturday

Poppies to honor America's dead warriors of two World Wars will be worn in Lowell on Saturday, May 26.

The little red flowers will pay tribute both to those men who have died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the swaying poppies. The money that is received for the flowers will be used to aid the afflicted veterans of both wars and their families.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day are being made by the Unit of the Auxiliary here under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, unit poppy chairman. Everyone will be able to buy the flowers of remembrance from the many volunteer workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets all through the day.

Try using honey to sweeten your rhubarb pie.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pvt. Gerald Fineis is now located in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Pfc. John M. Phelps is spending a 10-day delay with the home folks, while enroute to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

The parents of Jack E. Green, former Lowell boy, have news that he has been promoted to S. F. 2/c, also that he is serving in the Pacific and was in the operations and taking of Iwo Jima.

Mrs. George Fonger received a telegram Monday morning from her son, Communication Sgt. Jack Fonger, stating that he had arrived in the United States, after 36 months in Africa, Sicily and England. Jack was with the 316th Troop Carrier.

Sgt. James T. Huffman, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Aron Condon of Lowell, is serving at the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, being chosen for his talent and past good conduct in the army. He has had 40 months' service in the Pacific theatre of war.

Among those liberated recently from German prison camps were two former Lowell boys, Lt. Allen J. Wisner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wisner of Lowell, who was shot down over Austria June 26, 1944, and Sgt. Fred T. Beahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Beahan, former Lowell residents, who was captured November 21, and who had been in a German hospital.

Lt. A. A. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Curtis of Lowell, is back on combat service after having been on the "Bismark Sea," which was sunk February 21. Curtis had just flown a passenger to the ship when it was hit and sunk. He spent some time in the water before being picked up by a destroyer. Curtis was made full lieutenant on May 1st. His brother, Lt. Richard Curtis, is in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve at Camp LaJue, N. C.

Staff Sgt. Forrest D. Smith has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. army after nearly three years of service in the present war. He arrived here Saturday from Las Vegas, N. Mex., and is now visiting his mother, Mrs. Chas. Peterle. Forrest was a veteran of the first world war in which he was awarded the Purple Heart. Forrest was commander of the local post of the American Legion at the time of entering the service three years ago. His wife, who has been living in Minneapolis, Minn., will join him here in the near future.

STRAND CALENDAR
Thursday, May 24—Errol Flynn in "Objective Burma."
Friday and Saturday, May 25-26—"Nevada" with Bob Mitchell and Nancy Gates; also "Babe on Swing Street" with Peggy Ryan, Andy Devine and Leon Errol.

Sunday and Monday, May 27-28—"Thunderhead, Son of Flicks, in technician, with Roddy MacDowell, Preston Foster and Rita Johnson. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 29-30-31—"Here Come the Waves" with Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton, Sunny Tufts with Ann Doran.

SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE
Regular meeting will be held on Saturday evening, May 25. The lecturer has found it necessary to change program for this meeting, and a farewell party will be given honoring one of its members, Verell Bovee, who will be inducted into the service of Uncle Sam on June 4. Potluck lunch.—Worthy Lecturer.

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU
The next meeting of the J. F. B. will be a dance in honor of the high school seniors, to be held at the Vergennes hall, Thursday evening, May 31. Members of the committee for the party are Bill Mueller, Joe Koning and Louis Baker.

—Russell Coons, Reporter.

Rural School Boards Form Organization

Key rural school board members from Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties met at Kent City, Thursday evening, May 10 and organized the State Rural School Board Association.

A very interesting panel discussion was held, Supt. C. B. Leaver of Kent City schools being present to assist with the legal technicality of the Association.

A. A. Throop, Kent county, was elected president; Romaine DeCamp, Muskegon county, vice president; Mrs. H. E. Strohm, Ottawa county, secretary-treasurer.

It was decided to hold a general meeting June 19 at Kent City high school auditorium at 8 p. m. and to extend an urgent invitation to every school board member in the three counties as a beginning.

Other counties throughout the state will be asked to organize and send their representatives to the quarterly meetings, which will be held in a centralized location.

This meeting showed a great deal of enthusiasm and interest in the need for a strong rural organization for the protection of education of our boys and girls. The organization grew out of the expressed ideas of a group of rural people who know their needs, know their desires, know what they don't want and can be reached systematically at any time.

At the June meeting the Board of directors will be chosen to represent the counties organized.

Kent county was represented by Boyd Anderson, Ada, B. Rooker, Grand Rapids, R. 3, Henry Fase, Ada, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Williams, Rockford, A. A. Throop, R. 3, Grand Rapids, Floyd Prayter, Casnovia, and Arthur Edison, R. 2, Grand Rapids.

—Mrs. H. E. Strohm, Sec'y-Treas.

Along Main Street

Wear a poppy Saturday.

Weather: Fair and warmer, says the weather man. Hope he makes good. We have had our fill of soggy, lousy weather.

By action of the Board of Trade at its last meeting, it was voted to close Lowell stores Thursday afternoons, beginning June 7.

Lowell public schools and all business places will be closed on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, in order that all may participate in the day's program.

John Fahrni has purchased the A. D. Oliver residence property at 905 East Main from M. E. Simpson, who had bought it from Mrs. Oliver's sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hutchens. Mr. Fahrni contemplates re-decorating and other improvements.

Washington reports that during the three years fat salvage campaign 325 million pounds of waste fat have been collected. This huge amount of fat has played a vital part in our war effort, and shows what can be accomplished by united effort. Too often the housewife thinks that the small amount of fat that she can save in her kitchen doesn't amount to anything. Multiply her small savings by millions of other homes, though, and the results are amazing.

Almost continuous rains during the past several weeks have caused Grand river to overflow its banks, and as a consequence the flats south of town are covered with water. Rain stopped falling last Saturday and, believe it or not, dust was blowing on country roads Sunday. However, it rained again Monday night, but in spite of this, Gordon Johnson, keeper of the rain gauge at this point, states that Grand river had receded three points by eight o'clock Tuesday morning, the reading being 12.1. Flood stage is 15 feet.

Jokes, jests, jibes and jabs just by Jeff: The chap who brings home the bacon today, must be the one who carries the ration book. . . The couple who get along so well as life partners shouldn't tempt their luck by playing bridge together. . . The bride of today can't open cans like yesterday's bride, unless she watches the ration point system. . . A woman may regret the loss of her schoolgirl complexion, but a man thinks back to his flat schoolboy stomach. . . It sometimes looks as though there should be a book club to select the nation's naughtiest book of the month. . . A boarding house reach today down? Include reaching for the butter.

**Busy Day Sunday for
American Legion Post**

Charles W. Clark Post No. 182, American Legion, will be busy on Sunday, May 27. In the morning the members will meet at the City Hall at 10:30 and will attend services at the Congregational church at 11 o'clock.

In the afternoon they will again meet at the City Hall, at 2 o'clock and will then proceed to Merriman cemetery where they will conduct memorial services.

**GUESTS ARE INVITED TO
COUNCIL FIRE CEREMONY**

Parents, sponsors and friends of Lowell Camp Fire Girls are cordially invited to attend a Council Fire, to be held in the school gymnasium, Monday, May 28, at 7:15 p. m. At this time the girls will receive their honor beads in recognition of their accomplishments, and those who have completed the requirements for the rank of Trail Seeker will receive this award.

The customary Indian ritual based on the watchword, "Wahelo," will be followed. Thus, the program is centered around the candles representing the flames of work, health, and love. They are to be lighted by Marcia Aho, Genevieve Kutchev and Susan Krum. The council fire will close with the traditional singing of "Mammy Moon."

Following the program, guests are invited to stay for refreshments and to see the display of work done by the Camp Fire girls during the year.

**MRS. ELLEN GOODELL, 80
LEAVES BROTHERS HERE**

Mrs. Ellen Goodell, 80, former resident of Lowell, died in Bay City General hospital Thursday night. For the past eight years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Clifford Bollman in Bay City.

Surviving are two sons, Harry C. Goodell of Grand Rapids; and Arthur Goodell of Charleston, W. Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Bollman, Mrs. Grover Aten and Mrs. Theron Simpson, both of Lansing; two brothers, James E. Green and Arthur Green of Lowell.

Funeral services were held at Lansing Monday with burial in Mt. Hope cemetery, Lansing.

A man with knowledge but without energy, is a house furnished but uninhabited.—John Sterling.

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Editorial

MUST WE HAVE STRIKES? Not many years ago the workers in coal mines were paid miserably. The labor unions broke up the game of selfish owners of anthracite and bituminous coal mines. The early strikes called by the United Mine Workers were justified, and they were so reasonable that wages were increased. But the time came when annual strikes were precipitated for very doubtful reasons. In this year 1945, with a great war still hanging heavily over the United States, most of the bodies feel that strikes of all kinds are out of order. What have we got a Labor Department for, anyway? Unless that Department is operated to control labor disputes it should be abolished—not only on account of its uselessness, but for the furtherance of ridding the country of the ridiculous method by which another Cabinet Officer, the head of the Interior Department, drops into the game and takes over the mines for the Government, while at the same time stabilization directors, war labor boards and brass-banded edge in and add to the confusion. Let's hope that a way can be developed to prevent labor strikes during and after the war.

OUR WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Our 21 American Republics have made a great record during the war, Argentina, has finally come in as a member of the San Francisco Conference. Evidently Argentina has been going through a very difficult period in its history. It is to be hoped that it has cleaned and fumigated its house.

SCHOOLS RACE FACTORIES

Industrial development in this war approximates the scientific progress of 15 normal years. Peace, it is estimated by Rufus T. Strohm, dean of the International Correspondence Schools Faculty, because of this extraordinary development, schools and colleges of all kinds have a proportionately greater problem in their never-ending race of keeping their instruction in step with industrial practice. It was recently announced that I. C. S. itself spent approximately \$100,000 in 1944 on revision of standard material and preparation of new courses.

WARTIME CONDITIONS

To date, the war has been most used in combination with rayon and cotton, where it is creating a wide range of new fabrics. It is in the labeling of these new fabrics that the average consumer will first come across the mention of "mercerized" cotton. It is because of this basic characteristic that we know it is not a substitute. Though it has many of the properties of wool, it is not a wool. It is made somewhat as rayon is made, it is not a rayon. Aralac is itself a fabric standing on its own merits—possessing characteristics distinctly its own—with a vast potential market now, and in post war development.

BABIES FOR SALE!

War-time conditions and an increasing demand for children for adoption have set up a black market so brazen that it is notorious. Genevieve Parkhurst, nationally known research authority, presents a frank revelation of this shocking social problem. In The American Weekly with this Sunday's (May 27) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

Dr. C. T. Pankhurst

Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Your eyes scientifically re-fracted; frames and mountings styled in the most modern types to fit you individually. Homefront Hoop Tramp "Sure word!" exclaimed the grubby husband, when his wife asked him if he would like to see some bubble dancing. "Okay," said Willy, comes out in the kitchen and help me wash the dishes—you'll see plenty of bubble dancing."

LEDGER ENTRIES

AN OFFICIAL TIP YOUR UNCLE SAM, voting his judgment through the Department of Agriculture, makes the use of qualified statement that "the rule that water should be boiling-vegetables go to cook" has been supported from recent research at the Alabama and Michigan experiment stations. The way they figure it out is that the boiling process saves about three-fourths of the vitamin C, which is twice as much as the cold water treatment.

APPLES WELL RECOMMENDED

THE FEDERAL War Food Administration is promoting some thing of a boom to encourage the use of apples. It has recently endorsed apples grown everywhere, from Pennsylvania to California, Texas to Virginia, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and all points east, west, north and south. Evidently there are plenty of apples in the country and the labor unions going to the states says they are "good to eat." So hop to it!

NEW FIBRES OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

THE AVERAGE CONSUMER is faced today with the need of a good sound education in product developments that have occurred during the recent war years. The retail customer is continually faced with content labels that have not been in existence before. The consumer is a mystery. Important among these are the new synthetic fibers that have grown in importance among these are the first practical means of years of laboratory research. One of the most important among these is rayon, which is a man-made fiber to meet the exacting requirements of American textile manufacturers. Scientists of the National Dairy Products Corporation developed aralac in searching for means to increase the cash value of the farmer's milk crop. The annual production of whole milk in this country is around one hundred twenty billion pounds. The separation of cream has been done and the boys have been materially cut down. We know the boy in question is going to make a good soldier, and heaven help the Jap who ever meets him, but we cannot sometimes help but think that boy at home producing food would have been just as essential as in the army. And speaking of soldiers apparently our boys do not like Texas.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

The West Michigan Holstein Breeders Association is planning a sale for October 2, at the Blodgett Riding Stable, east Leonard St., Arnold Blyck, president, tells me they are planning to have a very good head of cattle to sell. It's been over 20 years since the Holstein people had a consignment sale in western Michigan. Time was when this association held some good ones at the old West Michigan fair grounds and they are looking forward to just as good a sale next fall.

How is your Victory garden?

Mine has been one wet, soggy mess and I am glad I haven't planted anything more. When I put peas in the ground on the second of April, I was smacking my lips for some fresh peas the first part of June. It doesn't look now as if we would have them as early as we did last year, although the plants look good and with some warm weather they will come along. Charlie Elliott says that plants peas in November and has them around the first of June, he tells me his fall planted peas this year were not so far ahead of those planted this spring.

How is your Victory garden?

Of all the appearances of the war situation we are going to need every bit we can produce. And while we are talking about the war situation let us connect our mind a discussion with one of our fruit men whose boy was inducted into the army in the past winter. I asked him what he was doing with one of his orchards. He said when the orchard was in full bloom he sprayed with lime sulphur to kill the blossoms and succeeded. There may be a few scattered apples but they won't bother with them. He said that he had planted an orchard that will not produce this year and may not produce until the middle of the summer. Then on another farm we found a situation where a boy who had been inducted into the army in the war, where we think was warranted, where there were 12 cows and now there are seven. The poultry flock has been cut and the boys have been materially cut down. We know the boy in question is going to make a good soldier, and heaven help the Jap who ever meets him, but we cannot sometimes help but think that boy at home producing food would have been just as essential as in the army. And speaking of soldiers apparently our boys do not like Texas.

VERGENNES CENTER

Mrs. Arvil Hellman

Cpl. Albert Kerr and mother spent Tuesday in Holland, Sunday Mrs. Arvil Hellman, Mrs. and Mrs. Earl Maloney, Mrs. Lyle Rigney, Mr. and Mrs. De Baidis, Susie and Selma Kerr and Leonard Kerr and family spent the day with their brother, Albert, who leaves Thursday for camp. Mr. and Mrs. John Husar were evening callers.

Township coming along

Kent county. The Cannon township people will have a building ordinance in effect very shortly. The Okemos town board has taken the proper steps to set up a zoning committee. Walker township is definitely working on an ordinance and Grattan township is planning to have an ordinance similar to the one in Cannon. This all speaks for better living conditions, better communities and a better county.

Here's a new one on trees. A lady,

lives in Plainfield township, started a grass fire. The chap who drove his truck to see it burn, was angry because the fire department came and put it out. He informed them that he did not call the department and wanted to know what they did. They told her the State police. She said she started the fire because she liked to see it burn. Probably if the lady could meet up with a Justice Court she would find out there is a law about setting fire which she probably doesn't understand.

This little pig went to market

and what a big price he brought! No wonder—he was full of KING'S 16% PIG RATION — with layers of sweet, tender meat; a fine hide and strong bristles. When you feed your porkers and sows our quality, vitamin enriched feed you soon realize richer profits—greater productivity.



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King Milling Company Lowell, Michigan

An enterprising baker, who had put his money's worth, so he and his help higher wages than he ever paid before, concluded he wasn't "Bread is the staff of life, but loaf!"

Advertisement for BOKAR BRAND COFFEE, featuring a picture of a coffee can and promotional text.

Advertisement for AP produce, listing various items like green beans, peas, and tomatoes with prices.

Advertisement for SATIN CHEEN flour, highlighting its quality and availability.

Advertisement for Gee's Farm and Home Supply Store, featuring a pig illustration and text about color dynamics in painting.

Advertisement for Sun-Proof Two-Coat House Paint, listing various paint products and their uses.

Advertisement for Aermotor and Fairbanks-Morse Electric Pumps Systems, featuring a picture of a pump and technical details.

Advertisement for Galvanized Dairy Tanks and other dairy equipment, listing various models and prices.

Advertisement for Fresh from Our Modern Bakery, listing various breads and pastries.

Local News

Mrs. Sam Roudsbush spent the weekend with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Roy Webster of Grand Rapids was a Sunday guest of Mrs. G. W. G. Hoffman.

Sup. W. W. Gummer delivered the Commencement address in Luther last Thursday.

Mrs. Jean Wachterhaus went to Lansing Sunday to spend a few days with her sister.

Miss Lucille Warner of Greenville spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks.

Mrs. Ethel Naary of Detroit spent the weekend with her father, C. L. Williamson in his home.

Weekend Dry Goods store will be closed all day Thursday during June, July and August.

Mrs. Mary Potter spent from Friday until Tuesday in Grand Rapids visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bannan were Thursday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Julius Eber and husband in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Mabel Knapp returned Monday evening from Flint, where she has been spending the past week with her cousin, Mrs. Peter Vos.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gimbaugh of Indianapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Don Parker of Ionia spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson in his home.

Mrs. Edward Watson spent from Thursday until Saturday with her brother, Philo Murray and family in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. O'Harrow of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boyce Saturday guests of Mrs. Marie Godfrey were Mr. Howard Marthur and Mrs. Leland Godfrey of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Plumb of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mrs. Plumb's aunt, Mrs. Lettie Malcolm.

Mrs. L. J. Diehahn and Misses Kathryn and Anna Lally of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. John Lally.

Mrs. Kittie Charles went to Grand Rapids Sunday to see her uncle, Harry Sexton, who is in 311 in St. Mary's hospital.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Margaret Dennis were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick of Ada.

Mrs. Allen Bohler of Lake Odessa is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Rose Kiel, and sister, Mrs. Carl Freyermuth.

Mrs. Arthur Schneider is suffering another attack of erysipelas and will necessarily be confined to her bed for several weeks.

Chester Church of Ewart and Mrs. Norma Frost of Moseley were dinner guests of their niece, Mrs. Ed. DeVries last Thursday.

Mrs. and Mrs. L. D. Emmons of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers and family.

Mrs. Richard Palmers and little son Ricky of Grand Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beimers and family of South Lowell Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Dalloway of Muskegon spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Miller. All called at Lone Pine Inn Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Peterson and daughter, Mrs. George Peterson of Alma, were in town Sunday with Mrs. Chris Bergin and the Art Hill family.

Mrs. Harry V. Camp left Friday to spend several days with Mrs. Wm. H. Hays in his home at Health is the wife of E.L. Camp's copilot.

Misses Janet Thorne and Martha Lou Stephens attended the Pilgrim Fellowship Council at Second Congregational church in Grand Rapids Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Horn is spending the week with relatives in Olivet, and expects to visit her son, Carl Horn and family, in Lansing before returning home.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Ella Robinson were her son, Glenn Robinson and wife of Lansing, and her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Connor and husband of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ems Williams, while attending a demonstration at the home of a neighbor, tripped on a rug and fell, breaking her hip. She was taken to Butterworth hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dinkel and Nancy and Mrs. Wm. Heath of Ashley and Mrs. Amanda Dinkel and Shirley of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davenport.

Mrs. Paul Rickert, Mrs. Ray Rickert, Mrs. George Golla, Mrs. Chris Lus and Mrs. Frank Daniels attended the Extension Committee Club meeting at Mrs. Ed. Potter's last Wednesday.

Janet Thorne of Lowell has been awarded the Extension Department scholarship to study to be a teacher, the Central Michigan College, Marquette. The scholarship covers tuition and fees for the school year 1944-45.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanVorst and Mrs. VanVorst's mother, accompanied by Mrs. Inez Avery, went to Sturgis Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Avery remained to spend the week-end with her son, Harvey and family, the VanVorsts returning Sunday evening.

Sunday callers at the Collings-Gaunt home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burdick of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. John Dage, Sr., of Ewart and John Dage, Jr., of Ewart and Mrs. Edna Gault of Ionia, John, Jr., has been returned from Italy, they are brothers of Mrs. Bud Gaunt.

Advertisement for PLUMBING & HEATING, Sheet Metal Work, Ray Covert THE PLUMBER, Phone 317.

Advertisement for LOWELL ITEMS OF 25 AND 35 YEARS AGO, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for SOUTH BOWNE, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for Coons, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for Shirley Temple, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for HICKORY CORNERS, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for PALLASBURG & VICINITY, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for Obituary, listing various obituaries.

Advertisement for For Today's Girl Graduate... GLORIFIED GIFT OF HER HEART'S DESIRE, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for SATIN CHEEN flour, highlighting its quality and availability.

Advertisement for Save Up To 33% on your fuel, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for Camp Lake, listing various items and prices.

Advertisement for one of our customers was in the other day wearing his 1940 TIFFANY WORSTED, listing various items and prices.

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COMING EVENTS

The services of the Merriman Cemetery Association will be held at the cemetery Sunday afternoon, May 27, at 2:30.

The members of the P. N. G. club will meet with Mrs. Don L. Phillips at her home on Center St., next Monday evening, May 28, at 7:30, with Miss Nina Chubb as co-hostess.

Vergennes Methodist Church will observe its annual homecoming next Sunday, May 27, starting at 2 p. m. The event will mark the 82nd anniversary of Sunday School services in the same spot, and the 103rd anniversary of continual church services. All friends of the church are cordially invited.

The less people speak of their greatness, the more we think of it.—Bacon.



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To Gr. Rapids

9:05 a. m. 9:50 a. m. 2:25 p. m. 2:35 p. m. 6:50 p. m. 8:10 p. m. 1:25 a. m.

To FLINT

7:40 a. m. 12:00 p. m. 5:00 p. m.

LOWELL STATION AT HENRY'S Drug Store

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WEDDINGS

Clark-Stiles

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kyser announce the marriage of their daughter, Alma Stiles to Herbert Clark, Storekeeper 2/c, Saturday at 2:15 p. m. The ceremony was performed by Justice R. E. Springett.

The bride wore a brown suit and lavender orchid. The maid of honor was Mrs. Jack Stiles who wore a blue dress and a gardenia corsage. The groom was attended by the bride's brother, Robert Stiles.

The bride is a graduate of L. H. S. class of 1944. Since her graduation she has been an employee of the King Milling Co. as stenographer. The groom attended Eaton Rapids High and is the son of Newton Clark of Lansing. He enlisted in the navy December, 1942. He has been serving in the Pacific area for over two years.

The reception was held Sunday afternoon at the bride's home at 903 N. Monroe, and was attended by the relatives of the bride and groom from Grand Rapids, Lansing, Saranac, Lake Odessa, Byron Center and Lowell.

After a honeymoon trip to Sault Ste. Marie the groom will return to service and the bride will resume her work at the King Milling Co.

Vaughan-Bollock

Irene Bollock and S/Sgt. Harry K. Vaughan, both of Fallsburg were married last Saturday, May 19, at 4 p. m. at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. Norman Wood. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Emelander, brother-in-law and sister of the groom. Others who witnessed the ceremony were the groom's mother, Mrs. Harry Vaughan, Sr., his sister, Mrs. Ed Storey and sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Vaughan.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Vaughan were entertained at a supper and jolly evening at Locks, in Ionia. Those seated at the long table besides S/Sgt. and Mrs. Vaughan were Mrs. Harry Vaughan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Emelander, Mrs. Ed Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughan, Mrs. Roman Maloney, Miss Virginia Booth and Mr. and Mrs. John Geger. Staff Sgt. Vaughan will leave Thursday for Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Vaughan will remain with her mother until her husband is settled at a camp where she can be with him.

IN MEMORIAM

This is in loving memory of Glen A. Barnes, who passed away on May 30, 1943.

Gone is the face we loved so dear; Silent the voice we loved to hear. 'Tis sad, but true, we wonder why The best are always the first to die. He is gone, but not forgotten, And it has dawned another year; In our hours of lonely thinking, Thoughts of him are always near.

The blow was hard, the shock severe, We never thought his death so near; Only those who have lost can tell The pain of parting and farewell.

George Barnes and Family.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

The students of St. Patrick's high school, Parnell, wish to express their sincere gratitude to W. A. Roth, W. W. Gunser and Ray Avery for the cooperation and assistance which they gave to make the class play, "Almost Eighteen", a success.

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to all who so thoughtfully remembered me during my recent illness.

Goldie Collins.

Roosevelt's Appeal for 7th War Loan

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Before his death President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a statement in support of the Mighty Seventh War Loan for 14 billions of dollars in which he reminds the Nation it is still locked in a deadly struggle with its enemies. The President stressed the importance of greater production together with the buying and holding of War Bonds to help achieve the victory. He said: "I don't need to tell you that we are still locked in a deadly struggle with our enemies—the enemies of our way of life—and the war is still the chief job of each one of us. The greatest production of which we are capable, faithful adherence to regulations that make it possible to supply our boys in battle with everything they need, and buying and holding War Bonds—these are things we at home must do to speed victory."

"In the past three years more than 85 millions of Americans have invested billions of dollars in bonds. Never before have so many people held such a direct share in a great national effort. To save—to buy and to hold all we can for war bonds—this is a small service to ask of us who do not fight—yet it is one of the biggest things we can do for our fighting men."

Noted Revolutionary Song Composed by Moderate

The Marseillaise, beloved anthem of France, has spread throughout the world the name of the great Mediterranean seaport of Marseille. Yet the song was not composed in Marseille but entirely across France in Strasbourg on the Rhine. In fact, the song was first named the "Battle Hymn of the Army of the Rhine."

A second paradox concerning this greatest revolutionary song ever written is that it was composed not by an ardent revolutionist but by a moderate republican, Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, a captain of engineers. The immortal notes were picked out on a harpsichord and the accompanying words set down on paper during the nights of April 24 and 25, 1792, while de Lisle, attached to the army of seething and only half-liberated France, was stationed at the French-German frontier to ward off threatened attack from beyond the Rhine.

The anthem was sung during the next four months at scattered places in France but was practically unknown in Paris. It first gained spectacular notice there when revolutionary soldiers from Marseille sang it lustily as they marched into the French capital and took part in the storming of the Tuileries Palace.

Reconditioning Programs Aid Patients' Recovery

Strides being made in the operation of the army reconditioning program will probably lead to radical changes in the civilian hospital of the future, Maj. Henry B. Gwynn of the reconditioning division of the office of the surgeon general, said. Through the pioneering carried on by the army in this comparatively recent field, reconditioning is proving "as scientifically important in its way as the development of sulfa drugs and penicillin," Major Gwynn said.

Civilian hospitals, capitalizing on the progress made by the army's reconditioning program, will probably include motion picture theaters, gymnasiums, public address systems and areas for physical and occupational therapy in their buildings of tomorrow, according to the speaker.

Anticipating the objection of increased costs in such a program, the speaker pointed out that the army is finding hospitalization time is curtailed from 10 to 34 per cent as a result of reconditioning.

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KEENE BREEZES

MRS. A. LEE

Keene Grange entertained the County Pomona Grange Saturday evening, 200 members being present for a bounteous chicken pie supper. Preceding the supper a memorial service was held honoring departed members and soldiers. The services were well received and in all it was a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Jack Hale and son Michael of Ada were week-end guests of Mrs. Leona Hale. C. T. M. Hale is stationed at New York City, where his family expect to join him May 28.

Mrs. Orlow Weeks is spending a few days in Grand Rapids with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brestley and Hazel Corne were supper guests at the Dell Lee home Sunday.

Mrs. Phoebe Stevens has been ill and under a doctor's care the past week.

Mrs. Mildred Ellison will be at the home of her mother, Mrs. Maggie Carr, following a recent operation at Blodgett hospital.

Orlow Weeks of Saranac spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Lee.

Seventeen relatives of A. W. Goodell's family, who attended the Robert Goodell funeral, gathered at the Russell Stebbins home for a family dinner and get-together last Sunday. The occasion marked the 3rd birthday of Kennie Stebbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodell and Mr. and Mrs. Mertz of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Goodell and daughter of Flint and Mrs. Ruth Walters of Lowell were present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jesko and daughter of Belding were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pierce.

Norman Higgins, who has been ill with the flu, is able to be up and around.

Corwin and Theron Cahoon motored to Lansing Monday.

The Potter Corners school held their picnic at Bertha Brock Park Sunday, and the Cutler school enjoyed a fine picnic at Fallsburg Park last Friday.

Alberta Weeks is still confined to her bed after a recent back injury. Jimmie Hardy returned home from the Ionia hospital and is very much improved from his recent injury.

Notice—Please use heavier pencil.—Linotype operator.

Ration Calendar

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps Y6, Z5, 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 36 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 PADS—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 4:00 daily, except Wednesdays, 9:00 to 12:00.

Ignorance is the night of mind, but a night without moon or stars.—Confucius.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Bridal Shower

The Misses Alice and Marie Nash of Bowne entertained at their home last Friday evening with a bridal shower in honor of Mrs. Earl Posthumus. Twenty-eight neighbors and friends were present and enjoyed a pleasant evening of games, followed by a cafeteria lunch. The bride was presented with a purse of \$36 and the good wishes of all friends and neighbors.

Social Brevities

Mrs. Melvin Lewis gave a party last Thursday evening in honor of the tenth birthday of her daughter, Phyllis, which occurred on Friday. Fourteen guests were present to enjoy the games and lunch. Phyllis received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denny held open house Sunday for Major Ben Hardy of San Antonio, Tex. Guests were present from Grand Rapids, Alma and Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gunser entertained their Bridge club at their cabin near Baldwin, the past week-end.

Mrs. Maude VanDusen and Mrs. Addie Daniels were hostesses to the Birthday club and a few invited guests Tuesday afternoon when they met to celebrate the 98th birthday of Mrs. Hattie Rouse. A pleasant social afternoon was enjoyed and refreshments served. Mrs. Rouse was the recipient of many birthday gifts.

Mrs. F. E. White was hostess to the Monday Book Review club, at her home on South Washington, with Mrs. Leona Borgerson reviewing "Suds in Your Eye," by Mary Lasswell.

The Jolly Community Club met last week Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Potter in Keene, with 18 members and guests partaking of a bounteous supper. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Bird Thompson.

"The Bridge Experts" club enjoyed a potluck supper at the home of Mrs. C. E. Martin Tuesday evening. Each member presented Miss Dora Jane Thomas with a guest towel.

Mrs. H. L. Weekes was hostess to the Martha Group of the First Methodist Church Monday evening, at her home on King street, over thirty members and guests being present. Following devotionals beautifully given by Mrs. Byrd Beachum, and an interesting business meeting, conducted by the group president, Dora Jane Thomas, a very educational photographic lecture with accompanying colored slides, was given by Norton Avery.

Most of the slides were pictures of local scenery, bringing to each one's attention the beauty of Lowell and its surrounding landscapes, in winter dress as well as in summertime. A lovely tea, served by the hostess, followed the lecture, and as a compliment to the leader, Miss Thomas, a beautiful blanket was presented to her as a gift from members of the group, in honor of her approaching marriage.

BOWNE CENTER 4-H CLUB

The Bowne Center Livestock 4-H club met at the Aid hall May 14. In the absence of the president and vice president, meeting was called to order by secretary Dale Johnson. Roll call was answered by 18 members. Five new members were added at this meeting, so we now have a club of 22 members. Jim Howard gave us some very good pointers on livestock care and keeping our feed sheets.

Our next meeting will be held on June 11 at the Aid hall, followed by a weiner roast.

—Dale Johnson, Sec'y.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation to the Elmidae Nazarene Sunday School, the Bowne Center Ladies' Aid Society and the PTA, also my many friends and neighbors for the lovely gifts and cards and other acts of kindness shown me during my recent weeks of illness.

Mrs. Elsie Johnson.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends and relatives who remembered me during my stay at the hospital, also the Island City Rebekah Lodge, Lowell Moose Lodge, No. 808, and the Cheerful Doers for the flowers.

Mrs. Jack Winks.

News of Our Boys

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ten months and served in Australia with an Ordnance Unit of the A. A. F. before landing in the Philippines.

Sgt. Raymond Barber is home on a 60-day furlough with his father, Raymond Barber, Sr. of Lowell, and his wife, whose home is in Ionia, after having been hospitalized in South Carolina. Sgt. Barber has been with the famous 82nd Red Arrow Division during the past three years, since its organization, April 22, 1942. What that division did during those three years is now an important part of our country's military history. It has a total of over 13,000 combat hours, as well as being the first full army division to sail from the United States in one convoy, first American ground force to be airborne into combat and the first army force to defeat the Japanese in the southwest Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayres have received the good news that their son, S/Sgt. Kenneth L. Ayres is well and safe in British and U. S. hands, and will be home soon according to a letter received this week Wednesday. The letter stated that he was in France making preparations to return home at once. He had been held in a German prison since Sept. 13 after being reported missing in action over Germany. He had been serving as a tail gunner on a B-17 in the Army Air Forces.

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Terry and Sharon Dintarman spent Monday with their grandmother, Mrs. Hobbs, while their mother went to Grand Rapids.

MORSE LAKE

MRS. LESLIE HOBBS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Klahn are the proud parents of a baby girl, Pam Ella, born at Blodgett hospital, May 17, weight 9 lbs., 3 ozs.

Mrs. Verba Schwander of Belding and Mrs. Wm. Klahn went to Indianapolis Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr. Klahn's cousin, Henry Miller, who was a resident of South Lowell as a boy. They returned Tuesday morning.

Miss Donna Dalestra was an overnight guest of Evelyn Hobbs Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deukema of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Metternick and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yelter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Watson and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Jennie Yelter Sunday.

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Our Schools

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who are being transported actually pay the costs and this includes depreciation, drivers, and all operational expenses. This must be done in conformity with the law, and annual comprehensive, complicated reports must be made to Lansing showing that the transporting district neither makes a profit nor a loss on the transaction.

In Article III we shall discuss the needs of the future and in subsequent articles we shall discuss alternatives or possibilities, and the recommendations of the Board of Education.—W. W. Gunser.

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Advertisement for Strand Theater featuring 'Thunderhead' and 'Son of Flicka'. Text: 'STRAND THEATER', 'SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MAY 27-28', 'Continuous Show Starting at 3, 5, 7 and 9', 'Admission 12c and 30c', 'Exciting Story of Youth!', 'Thunderhead', 'Son of Flicka', 'MacDOWALL FOSTER JOHNSON', 'Bing Crosby Betty Hutton Sonny Tufts', 'Ann Doran', 'HERE COME THE WAVES'.