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YOUR WASHINGTON REVIEW

Howard P. Loyd Jr.

"The big news" in Congress last week was the Rankin pension bill for World War I and World War II veterans. On Monday Rankin served notice that he was bringing the matter up. In his characteristic fashion he challenged his opponents with these words, "I want those gentlemen who have been sticking their noses in, to have a chance to stick their necks out." On Tuesday he forced the matter to the floor and bedlam broke loose.

Politically, the pension bill was considered "TNT" by most congressmen. The administration didn't want it, no-one was sure where the money would come from, and even in the veteran's organizations there seemed to be a lack of unanimity on the merits of the bill. In a poll conducted among the members of my own post the vote was better than 2 to 1 against it. As the facts came out in debate it became clear that the proposal had not been given mature consideration by the House committee.

Legislation costing billions of dollars, hadn't even had the benefit of thorough committee hearings. That in itself was enough to make a conscientious Congress hesitate.

Politicians, however, will be politicians. The average congressman was afraid of the veteran reaction if he turned this proposal down. For myself, I feel confident that veterans who elected me cast their votes for me because I promised to represent all citizens, impartially and fairly.

Facts of history give the following highlights. Pensions for veterans of the Revolutionary War were given 35 years after the war ended; the War of 1812-18 years later; 30 years after the Spanish American War. It is 51 years since World War I ended and therefore there can be no denying, consideration of this question for veterans of the first great war is in order. However, that is no sound reason for an omnibus bill that includes everyone who ever donned a uniform.

I have issued this statement and I repeat it: "At the proper time I will favor sound pension legislation for veterans who are in need. The entire question of veteran's pensions for those who have no service-connected disability should have thorough and exhaustive study. We now have a law that the books which show real economic need. For example, a single veteran who is 65 years old, who can show a non-service-connected disability of 10% or more, who is unemployed with an income of \$1,000 or less, can now receive sixty dollars a month." In my opinion, the adjustment of this law to provide greater benefits may be a sounder approach to World War I pensions.

We have not heard the end of the pension battle—that's for sure. However the present delay will have the healthy effect of giving legislators a chance to study the facts. That is as it should be.

Last week in Washington was a veritable old-home-week. The Mayor's conference brought George Walsh of Grand Rapids, Garratt Gruber, Frank Goebel, Stan Davis and Ed Stevens—all from the city hall. In addition Mrs. Albert S. Koontz from Wyoming Township paid me a visit as well as Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Davis. Fay Benjamin's daughter and son-in-law from Cedar Springs were in the midst of all the hurry-burry of congressional activity. It was pleasant to see these folks. Hope they'll come again soon. I'm looking forward April 12 to the visit of the Rockford High School Senior Class.

AUCTION SALES

O. C. Austin, April 14

Having sold his farm, O. C. Austin will sell at public auction, Thursday, April 14, a list of high grade milking Shorthorn cattle and good tools, at his farm at 11441 Keim Ave., (6th St. in Kent Co.) George VanDerLaan, auctioneer; Al VanderLaan, clerk. Sale under direction of the Caledonia Livestock Co. See complete list in next week's Ledger.

Lowell Minister to Speak

At Preachers' Meet, April 5

The Rev. Paul Z. Hoornstra, pastor of the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, is scheduled as the special speaker for the Thumb Zone Preachers' Meeting to be held in Saginaw next Tuesday, April 5. He will be speaking in both morning and afternoon sessions, on the topic, "Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy."

Board of Trade Annual Banquet Program Committee Secures World-Wide Traveler For the Address

The forty-third annual banquet and election of the Lowell Board of Trade, which will be held in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, April 5, at seven o'clock, promises to be an interesting affair.

The program committee, which consists of W. W. Gumaer, Ed Kiehl and C. H. Runciman, has secured Dr. Lewis Albee, principal of East Grand Rapids, as speaker. He will tell about several experiences he had while in the United States Intelligence Service during the war. He was in the Office of Strategic Services, and his duties took him all over the world in the activities of the Army and Navy.

The Miscellaneous Four, Lowell's own experiment of the Barber Shop singing technique, consisting of Glenn Yelter, O. Starkins, Wm. Reynolds and Forrest Buck, will sing two groups of songs. The Methodist Ladies will serve the banquet.

Retiring President Jay Boelens will give an address of inspiration and Norton M. Henry will read the names of the members who passed away since last meeting on February 3, 1948. Banquet and membership tickets can be purchased from Charles Hill, George Story, or Orison Weaver, for \$2.00; \$1.50 for the dinner and 50c for the membership.

Spring Fashions to Be Shown April 6

The Home Economics sewing class of Lowell high school, under the direction of Miss Phyllis Thielan, will hold their second annual Spring Fashion show next Wednesday, April 6, in the high school auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The show will consist of nearly a hundred girls from grades seven to eleven who are either in their first or second year of sewing. Each girl will model her own dress, formal, suit or skirt and blouse, which she was required to complete in class.

Jill McLaughlin and Reathel Kloosterman will preside at either end of the tea table following the show when light refreshments will be served.

Farm Bureau News

Snow Community Farm Bureau

The Snow Community Farm Bureau held their annual banquet on Friday evening, March 25 at the Sunny Acres Hall, with about 60 people in attendance. The Sunny Acres Farm Bureau Group served us a very delicious dinner and the tables were very prettily decorated with Spring flowers and a paper cap for each guest to wear. An short business meeting was conducted by the chairman, Meno Baker, who appointed Frank Lewis and Wilbur Buras to select a Dairy Queen to represent our group in a state contest.

The program chairman, Francis Campan introduced Mrs. Chamberlain of Grand Rapids, who gave several humorous readings which was much enjoyed. Russell Mabury, who is a senior at M. S. C., held us spell bound as he talked to us and showed pictures he took while he was in England last summer. The April meeting will be held at the Community Hall with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Antonides as hosts.

Kent Farm Bureau

The Kent County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the selection of a Dairy Queen. She must be a farm girl between the ages of 16 and 18 years and unmarried. The contestants will be judged as to personal appearance, personality and ability to appear over radio. This judging will be at Rockford on April 12. The Vergennes Community Farm Bureau would like to have a contestant from the Vergennes community to compete. Any interested please see Mrs. Arnie Hellman as soon as possible.—Mrs. Wm. Roth, Reporter.

Bowling Tournament Set For Local Ladies Apr. 20

Lady bowlers of Belding sent two representatives to the Lowell Alloys Tuesday evening to arrange to be played off on Wednesday evening, April 20.

Any Lowell woman with an established average is eligible to enter this contest for trophies and prize money.

A seventy-five per cent handicap will be figured and the only requirement is that your entry must be in and your fee be paid before April 13.

For further particulars, contact Dorothy Lusk, Lowell Phone 509-77, after 5:00 p. m. or on Saturdays.

The farm which makes profit is the one that produces as much of its own food and feed as possible.

Phone Service Extended To Nearby Communities

"District exchange" telephone service will be inaugurated here on April 19, it was announced today by Beris D. Slack, manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The plan is somewhat similar to that which has been in operation throughout the Detroit metropolitan area for many years.

With this new type of service, Lowell, Grand Rapids and 14 nearby communities will receive "extended calling areas" for a flat, monthly rate. Also, subscribers in most exchanges will receive "interzone" calling privileges. These generally result in lower charges on calls to zones outside their extended calling area but within the district.

4-H Girls Preparing For Achievement Day

Notes from Kent County Extension Office by Richard Machiele

I was interested in seeing the official reports of the South Kent and Central Kent D. H. I. A. Associations. We see good records in this report. Here are some of the herds making over a 600 pound average this past year: Otto Flaher—427 lbs., Erin Johnson—423 lbs., Lois Hunsberger—420 lbs., Arthur P. Edison—419 lbs., C. B. Dodge—413 lbs., R. D. Bancroft—410 lbs., William Boonstra—402 lbs., Clifford Allee—406 lbs., Helen P. Vredenberg—405 lbs., Fred Roth & Sons—400 lbs.

Each year we see more and more herds making the 600 lb. mark. We must keep in mind that it's harder to make these high records with a larger herd than a smaller herd.

Talked to Charles Roberts of Kent City at the dairy day program held last month. As all of us know Charles is much interested in conservation of all types. He wondered whether there would be a small group of farmers in Kent County interested in going to the Ouse Bromfield Farms in Ohio for a two-day trip and see his conservation practices. This sounds like a good stunt to me.

Plans would be to spend all two days on this trip so that both Bromfield Farms could be visited. The trip would come along sometime in June or July. If you are interested will you please drop a card to the Extension Office.

The new spray calendars are here. Drop a line if you would like one.

We'll soon be needing some help at the 4-H Lodge at Botwick Lake. As you know, the quota of \$25,000 was not collected. This means we'll need a little more volunteer help in construction. Don't be surprised if we give you a call some day to come help us out.

I see one of our 4-H boys will be growing some certified Kent oats this year. Paul Fuss of Lowell is planning to put in a small field. We think more of our boys should be thinking about that type of project in the future.

I noticed some nice Brahman calves on the Klein farms at Sparta these past two summers. We have invited the Klein boys to show these calves at the Lowell Fair this next year so folks can have a better look at them.

Everyone I go, I run into 4-H girls who are frantically putting in those last stitches and getting their projects in readiness for the district and county achievement days. It's as indicative of spring as roller skates, marbles and playing hooch. Every year we think will avoid this last minute rush by getting an early start in the fall and then being well ahead of time. What becomes of those resolutions, I wonder? Perhaps it's just as well. I doubt if many leaders could give the shock if a club finished ahead of time.

Somehow, they do get through though and troubles are forgotten when the last exhibit is in place. The leader leaves a sign of relief and hope for the best. It's in the hands of the judges now. And the poor judges don't think they don't have a time. They go over and over the exhibits, and many times hold consultations over them. They are most conscientious and do their level best to be fair. You may not always agree with their decisions, but that's one of the things about fairs and exhibits. They teach youngsters (and leaders too, sometimes) the sportsmanship of contests. It's sometimes as difficult to be a graceful winner as a good loser. In any case, it's good training and on the whole, the kids have the right attitude. It's we adults who are more often the poor sports. Let's not spoil something really fine for these youngsters.

Lowell High School Senior Class Honor Winners



Janet E. Kleefisch, David P. Stiff, Carolyn Groenboom

In evaluating the records made by the members of the Senior class in Lowell high school, it was discovered that no choice could be made for second honors.

Janet E. Kleefisch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kleefisch, outdistanced her classmates in scholastic attainment and won the undisputed right to be the valedictorian.

In selecting second honors, however, it was found that David Parker Stiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Stiff, and Carolyn Groenboom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Groenboom, had attained the same average and hence were declared co-salutatorians. The message of welcome will be composed by Carolyn and delivered by David.

COMING EVENTS

Plan to attend the W. R. C. birthday dinner at 6:30, April 6. Business meeting will follow.

The Lila Group of the Congregational Women's Fellowship will meet Thursday, April 7, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. E. Johnson.

The W. F. M. S. of the Lowell Church of the Nazarene will meet Tuesday evening, April 5, at 8 o'clock at the church.

The Good Will Club will meet with Mrs. May VanderVeer at Falsburg on Wednesday, April 6, for a dinner meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Cheerful Doers will be held Monday evening, April 4, in the parish house of the Congregational Church.

The South Lowell Extension Club will meet Tuesday, April 5, at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Graham.

The Bowne Center W. S. C. S. will hold their regular meeting and dinner at the hall on election day, Monday, April 5.

Monday, May 2 has been set as the date for the Dad-Daughter dinner for Blue Birds, Campfire Girls and their fathers. The dinner will be a planned potluck, with a committee of mothers helping to serve. The theme of the decorations and the program will be "Make Mine Democracy," the National Campfire Birthday theme for 1949.

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church will hold their White Breakfast on Thursday, April 14, at 9:30 a. m. in the church dining room. Mrs. Gillis Vandenberg of Grand Rapids, Devotional Life Chairman of the Grand Rapids Association of Congregational Churches, will review "Behold Thy Mother," a new book by G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop of Boston.

The Evening Extension Club will hold its monthly meeting next Wednesday, April 6, at the home of Mrs. Arle Lehman. Mrs. DeRushia and Mrs. Bowen will give the lesson on "Building Sound Attitudes in the Home." Meeting begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

The next regular meeting of the Rebekah Lodge will be held Tuesday, April 5, beginning with a carry-in supper at 6:30. There will be initiation of new members. The general staff of the Lodge will meet for rehearsal on the evening of March 31. All members of the staff are urged to be present.

The next meeting of the I. O. O. F. will be held at 8:30 p. m. Monday, April 4, in their hall. An "old times night" has been postponed to April 13.

The Senior Garden Lore Club will sponsor the organization of a Junior Garden Club. Anyone owning their own home and interested in gardening and improving their yards are cordially invited to come to the home of Mrs. Hulda Finck, 516 W. Main, at 8 o'clock, next Monday evening, April 4. Mrs. Ora Chadwick of East Grand Rapids will assist with arranging the new club. Come and bring your friends.

The Moseley Extension Group will meet Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Vern Winget. The discussion will be on "Building Sound Attitudes." Everyone interested is cordially invited.

The Augustana Choir will present a concert Friday, April 8, at 8:30 p. m. at Fountain Street Baptist Church, Grand Rapids. Sponsored by the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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Important Subjects To Be Discussed at Tp. Meetings, Apr. 4

At the biennial town meetings to be held in Lowell township at one o'clock p. m., on Monday, April 4, 1949, the following propositions will be presented to the voters:

Proposition I—Shall the township of Lowell purchase a building for township purposes, the cost of which would be \$5,000? (If approved such action would not mean additional taxes as the township has \$7,800 on hand in its Building and Property fund.)

Proposition II—Shall the township of Lowell contribute \$1,000 to the Clark Memorial building from sales tax monies?

Bowne Township

At the biennial town meeting to be held in Bowne township at one o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 4, 1949, the following question will be submitted:

"Shall the Township of Bowne erect a building to be used as a Township Library and Township Fire House and for other township purposes, and appropriate and pay therefor, out of the sales tax diversion receipts in the township fund, the sum of \$_____?"

Vergennes Township

At the biennial town meeting to be held in Vergennes township at one o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 4, 1949, the ordinance concerning the establishing of so-called "Bottle Clubs" will be brought up for discussion.

Lowell Joins State In Safety Campaign

Lowell police are joining with the law enforcement officers of the entire state in staging a safety campaign in checking brakes, lights, steering gear, windshield wipers, defective vision and defective mufflers and straight pipes, Frank L. Stephens and Lawrence Armstrong announced this week.

This check will be made on all cars halted for moving violations of traffic rules. A stepped-up campaign against speeding and wreck-prone driving will be carried on in Lowell with extra penalties against drivers with cars having defects found in checking.

Lowell Graduates Make Fine Showing

Lowell high school graduates have established another record. Of the three hundred seventy-eight students that have graduated from 1944 to 1948, inclusive, one hundred and three have entered colleges and universities granting degrees, and thirty-one others enrolled in courses preparatory to entering the fields of commerce or nursing.

The general average for high school graduates entering advanced training is about 20%. The record made by Lowell graduates is in excess of 30%.

The graduates of this year's class are being given the Kuder Preference or Aptitude tests, and representatives from various colleges and vocations have appeared before groups of seniors.

All of this is being done to help graduates make plans for the future. In addition there is also counseling service.

Operative Employees of King Mill Entertained

The fourth annual meeting of the operative employees of the King Milling Company was held at the Lena Lou restaurant Wednesday evening, March 23.

King Doyle, president of the company, presided and introduced Robert D. Hahn, the featured speaker of the evening, who in characteristically clever style, kept the assembly in roars of laughter.

Musical entertainment was furnished by the Flat River Four, who were in fine voice and form, and Lee Keesh and Raymond Heche, Jr. with harmonica, jew's-harp and guitar.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Roundbush (nee Carmen Powell), on Sunday, March 27, a 6 lb. boy, Joel Edward.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jules Erier, Friday, March 25, in St. Mary's hospital, a 9 lb. 6 oz. daughter, Beulah Kay.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rex Collins (nee Dolores Dalloway), Monday, March 28, in Blodgett hospital, a 7 lb. boy, Steven Rex.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson of Granger, Ind., at St. Joseph hospital in Mishawaka, Ind., a 10 lb. boy, Charles Ariwo.

Important dates: Palm Sunday, April 10; First Day of Passover, April 14; Good Friday, April 15; Easter Sunday, April 17.

Effective this week Friday, the retail price of milk will be 18c per quart, a drop of one cent on regular grades. The producers price will be \$4.25 per hundredweight.

No fooling... another special week beginning Friday, April 1... "Laugh Week." "Bigger Laughs for Better Living."

William M. Graham, 908 Vergennes-Rd., Lowell, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court listing liabilities of \$24,448 and assets of \$24,530. Of the liabilities \$17,594 are in secured claims. Graham gives his occupation as laborer.

The Lowell Fire Department has been called out several times during the month of March to subdue grass fires inside the village limits.

Over at Hastings the other night Bill Otto, general secretary of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, was asked to name what he considered to be the three best small towns in the state. Bill stuck his neck out and chose Howell, Hastings and Lapeer.

A lot of local folks will be gunning for Bill the next time he shows up in Lowell.

Paul A. Martin, publisher of the Lansing State Journal, spoke before the Lansing Rotary club recently on the subject of "Democracy Works Here." He warned that socialism threatened the United States with a creeping paralysis which eventually would lead to dictatorship.

"When socialism takes over, democracy and freedom will be a thing of the past, and freedom a dream long dead," he said. He criticized the "paternalistic" trend whereby cities looked to the state and the state to the federal government for financial assistance.

The moon will hold the astronomical spotlight during April, according to Dr. Hazel M. Losh, assistant professor of astronomy at the University of Michigan. Besides eclipsing in a total eclipse, the moon will play its usual role in setting the Sunday to be observed as Easter. Dr. Losh reports a total eclipse is due Tuesday evening, April 12. The full moon on this same night is the factor that sets Sunday, April 17, as Easter, she points out. The eclipse will start at 9:28 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, April 12 and continue until 12:34 a. m. on April 13.

IOOF Old Timers Night Date Set for April 18

Brother William Brown of Lodge No. 12, Grand Rapids, visited Lowell, Michigan, No. 115, I. O. O. F., last week Monday and gave the members present a wonderful resume of Odd Fellow activities, including the home of Jackson. Many points of interest were discussed and clarified.

Brother C. H. Runciman accepted the chairmanship of the Old Timers' Night to be held on April 18. All of the older members should be present not only for a good time, but to assist in clarifying lodge records, which are needed for the presentation of Long Service Pins at a later meeting.

The usual lunch was served and the brothers visited until midnight.

Parents Responsible For Juveniles Using Firearms Illegally

Spring fever that sends juveniles afield with 22 caliber rifles to shoot crows, foxes, and illegal targets such as songbirds, may get their parents into trouble.

Small boys held after the winter confinement have been guilty of indiscriminate shooting in a number of cases. Few of them, roaming the countryside with a gun, realize that, just as in hunting season, they must have their licenses and be accompanied by parent or another qualified older person until they pass their seventeenth birthday. Laws against trespass affect them just as strongly as in hunting season.

Conservation officers who find unaccompanied juveniles using firearms to shoot predators in a way to alarm suburban residents may hold the guns until the parents are interviewed. Other offenders may be prosecuted for careless use of hunting arms.

LOWELL HIGH BAND WINS THIRD DIVISION

The Lowell high school band, under the direction of Orval E. Jester, Lowell high music instructor, participated in the Western Michigan School Band and Orchestra Festival held at South and Central high schools in Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Class "B" standing at Central high school ran as follows: First Division, Grand Haven and Greenville; Second Division, Belding and Fremont; Third Division, Lowell, Ontonagon, North Muskegon and Holland Christian.

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Lowell Church of the Nazarene... Rev. Paul Z. Hoornastra, Pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Edw. R. Ferguson, Preacher and Singer.

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LOCAL NEWS... Catherine Phelps of Lowell was chosen to serve as hostess at a tea given Sunday afternoon, March 27, by the women students of Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo.

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WEST LOWELL... Mr. and Mrs. Guy Monks were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinton of Spring Lake.

SOUTH BOSTON... Funeral services for Vern Church were held in East Lansing Monday, March 19, 1940.

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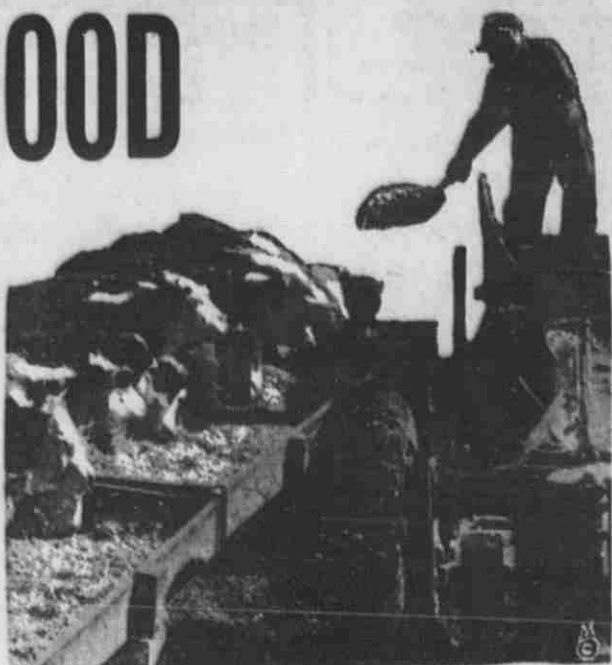
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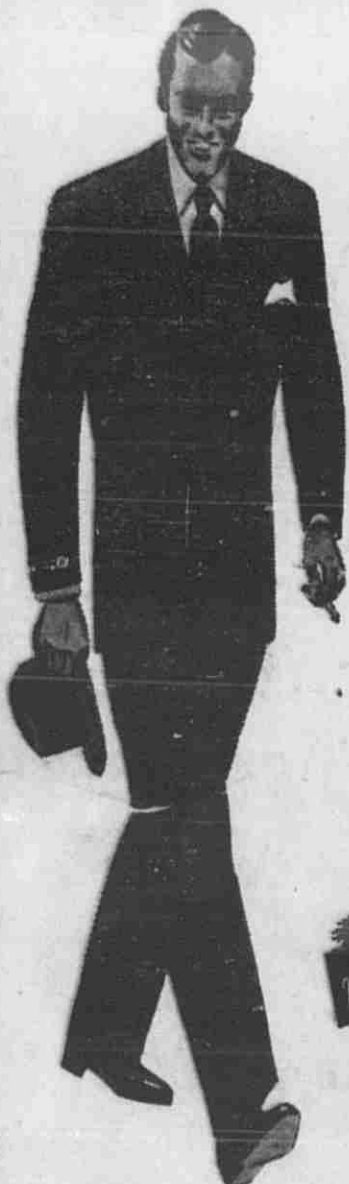
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Editor, Lowell Ledger
My dear Sir:
In your March 10th issue of the Ledger, you printed an article on socialized medicine, also a reprint of an editorial in the Farm Journal on the same subject. Both articles gave a very clear picture of what socialized medicine would mean to our country. I wish to thank you for printing them.
I am sure many of your readers will not only think about this proposed compulsory health insurance plan but will also do something about it, by writing to their Congressmen and Senators and telling them just how we folks back home feel about giving up our precious American freedoms to these socialistic health plans as proposed in the Ewing report.

Very sincerely yours,
Fannie Roth Wenger.

Merriman Farm Bureau

The Merriman Community Farm Bureau met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yetter. The meeting opened by singing led by Mrs. Erwin Merriman. Several reports were made. Miss Yvonne Shade was chosen as a candidate for the dairy queen contest to be held in Rockford. The discussion leader, Keith Graham, then led the group in a discussion on our school system today. A very nice lunch was served by our host and hostess.

Lowell Locals

Letha McLean Olds, a former resident of Lowell, recently passed away at the home of her son in Portland, Oregon. She graduated in the class of 1904 and for a number of years was on the faculty of the Michigan State Teachers' College at Ypsilanti. Committal services were held at Otisville, Michigan. Lyle Norcott of Clarksville called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geary last week.

Misses Norma Jean and Roseanne Haglund of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Dean. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Condon and daughter of Ohio spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Carrie Condon in Vergennes and with Mrs. Florence Condon and children in Lowell.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Lewis P. Morse, who passed away fifteen years ago today, March 27, 1934.
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SOCIAL EVENTS

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bibbler announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret M., to Mr. Ralph Bunn, son of Mrs. William Little of Ada, Michigan. The wedding will take place in St. Mary's Church, Lowell, on May 28.

Thirteenth Birthday

Mrs. G. R. Thompson gave a chicken dinner Tuesday evening for ten little friends of her daughter, Sandra. The occasion was Sandra's 13th birthday. Following the dinner, games were played and Sandy opened her gifts.

Saranac Couple to Hold Open House Monday, Apr. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Raymond will hold open house at their home on East Main St., Saranac, Monday, Apr. 4, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Doors will be open from one to four in the afternoon and seven to eight in the evening. Arrangements will be in charge of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Fred N. Raymond and Susan A. Walker were married April 4, 1899 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, in South Boston, Iowa, by the Rev. J. W. Rochelle.

P. N. G. Club

The P. N. G. Club was entertained in the home of Mrs. Peter Mulder on Monday evening, March 28, with an attendance of more than one hundred. The business session was conducted by the president, Lee Johnson, of Rockford. George King and an assistant entertained with several selections on electric guitars, after which the local Barbershop Quartet favored with several numbers which were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the Rebekah ladies. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Grand Rapids.

I. O. O. F. County Association

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To Hold Open House On 35th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwab of Lowell will observe their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary Saturday, April 2. Their sons and daughters have arranged for open house from two until five in the afternoon and seven until nine in the evening at their home, 723 Vergennes Road, Lowell. Friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Rose Keim and Charles Schwab were married April 2, 1914, in Clarksville. The first years of their married life were spent on a farm in Boston township and for 21 years they lived on a farm west of Clarksville. They lived in Ionia and Orleans for a few years. Mr. Schwab was associated with the Ionia County AAA. All the children will be with their parents to help celebrate the anniversary. They are Mrs. William

Coats, Harold Schwab and Leonard Schwab of Ionia; Mrs. Lewis Beatty of Grandville and Margaret and Sam of Lowell.

Social Brevities

The Ex Libris met Tuesday with Mrs. Howard Thurtell, Jr. Mrs. Richard Court reviewed "Throw Me a Bone" by Eleanor Lathrop.

The Goofus Club met Wednesday, March 30, for a 1:30 luncheon and social afternoon in the home of Mrs. Paul Kellogg.

The Monday Book Club met at the home of Mrs. R. G. Jefferies. Mrs. Bruce McQueen reviewed "Cheaper by the Dozen," by Frank B. Gilberth, Jr., and Ernestine Gilberth Carey.

Mrs. David Washburn entertained Sunday with a birthday dinner honoring her mother, Mrs. Rose

Wingeier of Alto. One of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Steude and family of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ford of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wingeier and family of Alto.

Sadie Fuller Seagrave, Lowell's gifted poet, whose latest volume of poems "These Wisser Years" was recently reviewed in the Ledger and the Book Magazine section of

the Chicago Tribune, was the guest speaker at the March sixteenth meeting of the Sparta Women's Club.

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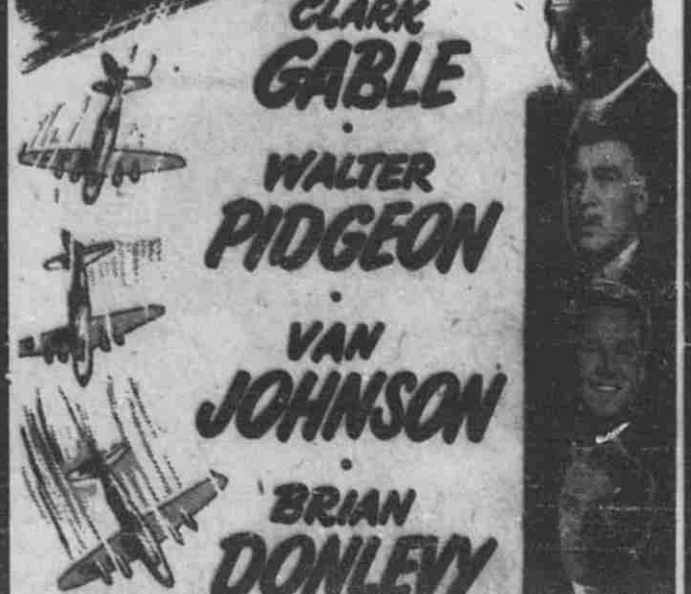
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