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Your home-town newspaper, the medium that specializes in home-town news, the goings and comings, the births, deaths and marriages, of home-town folks.

In other words, we are trying to do a good job in serving our community.

Some men envy Robinson Crusoe, who had his island and didn't have to worry about what to spend his vacation.

The Ledger has received a surprising communication from a party who claims to be the originator of the Lowell Showboat.

The article in this column a few weeks ago regarding "Cruising Down the River on a Sunday Afternoon" continues to draw interest.

The big talk around the county for the past two weeks has been centered around heat and the humidity.

We'd be tempted to wear nothing but a French bathing suit, if we had the "figger" for it.

Ten people were asked about this hot weather and no two answers were alike.

Eastern Star Picnic Sunday at Caledonia

Kent County Association Order of the Eastern Star will hold a family picnic Sunday, July 17, at one o'clock at Caledonia Park.

FARM BUREAU NEWS South Boston

South Boston Farm Bureau met June 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mulder.

RAINBOW LEAGUE

The girls' softball teams known as the "Rainbow League" have completed their first round of play.

LOWELL BOYS ATTEND CAMP

The V. F. W. sent two boys, Loren Barton and Martin Schneider, to Camp Trotter at Bill's Lake near Newaygo this week.

NOTICE, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

There will be a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous every Friday evening at eight o'clock at Lowell city hall.

49 Lowell Showboat Talent Scout Night This Week Saturday

The big Showboat Talent Scout night will be held at the Showboat Stadium this week Saturday, July 16, at 8:00 p.m.

The event is run by the American Legion with Admiral C. H. Runciman as master of ceremonies.

The following contestants have already signed up and many more will be here Saturday:

Joyce Kubick, Dearborn; James O'Brien, Grand Rapids; Dale F. Smith, White Cloud; Carol Lynne Rena, Grand Rapids; Joe Grayson, Wyand; Shirley Cahoon and Jackie Stair, Saranac; Connie Cahoon, Saranac; Jolene Cox and Robert Poulis, Bayonna; Vern Plieck, Lansing; "Ionia Fair", Ionia; Maureen Sheehan, Detroit; Carl Wood, Greenville; "Max and His Hungry 8", Max Udell, Grand Rapids; Carolyn Parker, Flint; Terry Ross, Roseland, Grand Rapids; E. W. Anderson of Carson City has three acts; Mildred Gardner, Lyons; McCoye act; Hastings Parkers, 1 and 2; and Wm. Moyer, Belding.

James E. Compton, 73 Laid to Rest Monday

James E. Compton, 73, died early Thursday morning, July 14, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ted VanOcker, near Whites Bridge, northeast of Lowell, following an illness of several months duration.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Roth Chapel with the Rev. Philip R. Giotfally officiating. Burial was made in Saranac cemetery and the graveside services were in charge of the Lowell Odd Fellow Lodge of which Mr. Compton had been a member for a number of years.

There were many members present to pay last respects to a faithful brother. R. G. Crouch, P.N.G., was in charge of the burial rites and Sam Myers acted as chaplain; Don Phillips, D. D. and Frank Stephens assisted. Berrers were C. H. Runciman, Howard Rittenger, L. A. Weaver, Carl Venneman, Lewton and George Hale. The Rev. Giotfally made the prayer.

Mr. Compton was born on the old homestead in Keene township, June 23, 1876, and lived most of his life in this vicinity and in Saranac and Lowell.

He was married March 6, 1905, to Miss Minnie Day of Saranac, who passed away May 1, 1920. To this union were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy.

One son, Ernest, of Saranac; five daughters, Mrs. Nina VanOcker of Belding, R-1; Mrs. Sarah Clark of Morris Lake; Mrs. Iva Routt of Caro; Mrs. Esther Archer of Lowell; and Mrs. Cassie Compton of Detroit; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Charles, of Keene; and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Barr of Grand Rapids, survive him.

Michigan First State To Get Highway Signs

The Michigan State Highway Department has chalked up another "first" by receiving Public Roads Administration approval of its program for installation of a complete new and modern sign system on the 9,400 miles of state trunkline in the state.

Kalamazoo Hospital Resumes Annual Picnic

In July, 1942, the Kalamazoo State Hospital held its 22nd Annual Annual Picnic. Then came the war years and the picnics were discontinued. This year it is planned to renew the custom and the date has been set for Saturday, July 30th, as the date for the 23rd picnic.

GULF STREAM SLACKS

Lowell Postoffice Has Record Quarter

Mabel H. Bibbler, Acting Postmaster reports the receipts for April, May and June totaled \$65,364.03, the largest total for any quarter in the history of this postoffice. Totals for the same quarter in 1948 were \$56,136.58.

Big Treat in Store For Softball Fans

The rains descended on Recreation Park Friday night where the Vanderveens of Grand Rapids and the Moose had played three and a half innings of scoreless ball with each pitcher allowing one hit. This game will be played at Recreation Park Aug. 5.

The K. C's. of Grand Rapids came to town Monday night and were defeated by a 7 to 3 score. One of the features of this game was another home run by Seelye. This week Friday night, July 15 one of the outstanding games of the season will be played at Recreation Park when the Muller Baking team of Grand Rapids will tangle with the Moose in what should be one of the highlight games of the year.

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DOROTHY DORREN GIRLS ON SHOWBOAT



Among the many professionals who will appear on this year's Lowell Showboat July 25 through 30, will be the beautiful Dorothy Dorren Girls direct from the world famous Chez-Paree in Chicago. They will present several colorful dancing numbers that will set a new high in Showboat entertainment.

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"Summer in Lowell" Contest, Big Hit, Is On

The contest to name the beauty spots around Lowell sponsored by Cary's Weekes Store, is attracting a great deal of interest. The beautiful full color scenes of the community must be viewed to be appreciated.

All entries to the contest should be turned in at the store by July 23rd. If you haven't entered drop in at the store and obtain your entry blank. There is no charge no obligation.

C. Kent Jakeway, 70 Ex-Supervisor Dies After Long Illness

C. Kent Jakeway, 70, former Kent county supervisor, died Saturday night in St. Mary's hospital, where he had been a patient three weeks. He had been in failing health five years.

A lifelong resident of Grattan township, Mr. Jakeway had taught in Oakfield and Grattan township schools and for five years was assistant to Allen M. Freeland, county school commissioner. He was on the board of supervisors six years.

More than 50 years ago he was a pitcher for the Grattan Center baseball team which used to play to large crowds.

As chairman of the county finance committee in 1910 he set up a budget system and he also sponsored a proposal that county road commissioners be named by the board of supervisors.

Surviving are a son, Gerald V. of Grand Rapids, two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Bryson and Mrs. William Manning of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Lee and John of Grattan; a sister, Mrs. John Corrigan of Grattan and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's church, Parnell, with burial in the church cemetery.

State Health Dept. Warns Canned Food Can Be Poisonous

Here's some advice on safe canning and safe canned foods issued by the Michigan Department of Health in pointing out that improperly canned food can be poisonous when it has neither had taste, odor or appearance.

It is best to can everything except tomatoes and fruits by the pressure cooker method. Other non-acid foods such as vegetables, meat or poultry are canned by any other method they must be boiled for 15 minutes before tasting or serving.

The boiling water bath method of canning is safe for tomatoes and acid fruits. Do not cold-pack. Never can in the oven.

Follow Directions Carefully

When using the pressure cooker method of canning follow government timetables and directions exactly. Keep the opening of the pressure cooker's safety valve petcock and gauge clean. Have the gauge checked.

Can only fresh foods in the very best condition. Be sure that all food for canning, hands, towels and all canning equipment including cans and tops are immaculately clean.

Good Seats For All Are Still Available For 1949 Showboat

Just how many people can be seated at the Showboat will probably always remain a military secret of the first order. The truth about it is that no one knows, Chief Usher, A. H. Stormzand, who has handled the problem since 1932, claims he has seated as many as 600 after the place was jammed full.

1200 Additional Seats

There is one thing certain according to the committee on design and construction, Elmer Schaeffer, L. W. Rutherford and S. D. Wingeier, and that is there will be 1,200 additional seats this year. Multiply this by 6 nights and you will find that there will be almost 10,000 new customers. The new seats are constructed with the cooperation of the Price-Rite Hardware.

The Showboat Corporation has erected two walls and installed steel supporting beams and will have free use of the building for permanent seats as long as the Showboat is operated as a non-profit corporation. There is the assurance this year that there will not be a poor seat in the stadium and it is hoped the ground, entrance and aisles can remain open so that all may enjoy the show.

Plenty of Showboat Tickets

As usual the story is being circulated that there are no good Showboat tickets left, this is particularly untrue this week as there are so many more seats for each night's show. According to L. E. Johnson, who has charge of all ticket sales, there are at least 3,000 seats for each night still available. Seats for Monday and Tuesday night are available in some of the best spots with the more choice seats being taken for the last three nights.

Bernard Nummer Home From Hospital Shows Marked Improvement

Bernard Nummer, 17, received near fatal injuries last week Tuesday night when his car ran head-on into a tree on US-6 near South Boston Grange hall. He was taken to Blodgett hospital and on Sunday he was brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nummer, on M-21 a mile east of Lowell.

Bernard received severe head injuries, a fractured right shoulder and left ankle, cuts and abrasions on legs and chest, some of which required several stitches, and while under treatment in the hospital it was found necessary to operate for removal of his right eye.

Investigating officers said the accident happened when Nummer apparently fell asleep and hit the tree while traveling westward on his way home. The car which struck head-on folded itself in horse-shoe fashion and was completely wrecked.

Bernard said he had felt sleepy but that he thought he was able to drive the few remaining miles to his home, and he could tell nothing about the accident as when he first woke up he was in the hospital on Thursday, having been unconscious during the time after the accident.

ONIA POMONA GRANGE TO HOLD PICNIC SUNDAY

The annual picnic of the Pomona Grange will be held Sunday, July 17, at Bertha Brock Park at table No. 7. Potluck dinner promptly at one o'clock. Each family or grange to furnish own beverages.

Judge Irving J. Tucker of Allegan who is a member of the State Grange executive committee will be guest speaker. Harmonica players come prepared for the contest.

There will be entertainment for young and old. The Grange dress judging will also be held at this time.

4-H BOOSTERS CLUB

The 4-H Booster club met at the town hall July 7, and decided to have a calf demonstration at the McPherson farm on August 1st.

YOUR WASHINGTON REVIEW



Farmers will be interested in a bulletin I received last week from the Department of Agriculture announcing that two publications on grain storage are now available: Bulletin 2009, "Storage of Small Grains and Shelled Corn on the Farm"; and 2010, "Storage of Ear Corn". A letter to your representative at 221 House Office Building requesting either or both of these publications will bring them to you.

I've been very much interested in the trips that farmers of our district have made to Louis Bromfield's famous model farm known as Malabar. Bromfield is certainly a man of real accomplishment and I've decided to try to visit his place on my way home from Washington.

It seems to me that Bromfield is remarkable in that he is both a man of action and a man of theory. To be able to successfully combine these two human qualities for the good of one's fellow man is an achievement worthy of recognition.

Being a Republican in a Democratic Congress is not always the most satisfying situation in the world. Two proposals recently got converted into administration "credits".

The bill which I proposed to give members of the military reserves points toward retirement during the period when correspondence courses were not available will undoubtedly come out as a Democratic bill, but the motion I was going to make to properly adjust FBI Director Hoover's salary went astray when the speaker refused to recognize me in order to let Rep. Rogers of Florida take the credit.

Well, what does it matter? Much more important than the question of who gets the credit is the fact that legislation gets through which is sound and desirable.

Many small manufacturing plants in Western Michigan have been sitting on pins and needles since the United States Supreme Court's decision regarding freight rates. The question was whether steel companies could absorb freight charges, or any other industry for that matter, legitimately. In order to clarify the situation the Senate and House have now approved legislation which permits "non-collusive" freight absorption as long as it is not a part of a scheme for monopolistic control. During consideration of the bill several amendments were approved which will protect the independent grocer and druggist. I supported the bill.

The House of Representatives has been meeting the past week in the Ways and Means Committee Room while repairs are going forward in the regular House Chambers. There are two disadvantages in this situation which in a way are rather amusing. First, if all Congressmen attended the sessions at once, there would be 100 too few seats. This has not happened thus far and probably won't unless there's an extremely important piece of legislation being voted on. Secondly, the acoustics in the room are so perfect that whispers sound like a roar and the Speaker has a frantic time trying to keep order. No visitors can be accommodated at the present time so that Washington is temporarily without its "great-est show on earth". Fortunately, in summer months there are only a few visitors.

Last week's visitors: Seaman 2e Gerald Wigor, son of Hugh Blacklock's popular assistant, Arnold Pigorah. An enthusiastic Navy man, Jerry is stationed at Norfolk and came up for the Fourth. Keith King, a Marine stationed at Quantico paid a visit and H. Brunink and his son from Grand Rapids. Harold Seikema came from Rock-ord.

Lowell Board of Trade thanks the customers of Lowell vicinity and trading area for the fine response to their recent citywide 49-C Sale.

The many fine bargains were welcomed by equally fine customers, and we do appreciate your patronage.

Please watch for our next Big Sale July 29, 30.

"SHOWBOAT VALUES OF '49"

Notice to Workers in Gibson Refrigerator Company Plant

Workers of the Gibson Refrigerator Company, members of Local 137, UAW-CIO, will hold their first annual picnic Saturday at Meyers Lake, it has been announced.

Union officials pointed that the lake is situated 14 miles west of Greenville on M-57, two miles south on Myers rd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Houseman of Grand Rapids visited at the J. Cox home Saturday.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. Mabel Gregory is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cox and son Fred spent Saturday evening at the Robert Cox home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gillett of Detroit were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Douglas Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swanson visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hayes at the home of Mrs. William Hopkins and baby are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hopkins at Big Rapids.

Miss Naomi Thomas of Cascade was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Aldrich Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffery of Grand Rapids were afternoon callers of their sister, Mrs. George Graham and family, Thursday.

Whitneyville Mrs. Louis M. Douglas

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mitt, Marie Johnson and Miss Pauline Chatham all of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mrs. Louis M. Douglas.

Jerry Draper of Comstock Park visited at the home of Mrs. Douglas on the former's brother, Andrew at the Shriver home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meyers of Grover Hill, Ohio, Mrs. Charles Lloyd of Brian, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. John Harris of South Bend, Ind., called on Jim McBurne at his son Noble, last week Wednesday and is convalescing nicely.

Elwin Flynn and children James, Rosalie and Errol of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Koester and Dannie of Cascade were Sunday callers at the Walter Flynn home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dahle and Larry spent Friday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Snyder of Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hahn and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors with her sister, Mrs. Charles Aldrich and family.

South Lowell Busy Centers Mrs. Mahlon Estes

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So. Keene—N. Boston Mrs. Mary Potter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vandenhout and family spent Saturday evening with the Riding Club at Boatwicks Lake and Sunday evening they were guests at the Wm. VanVoorst home.

Patty Hale returned from the hospital last Thursday afternoon.

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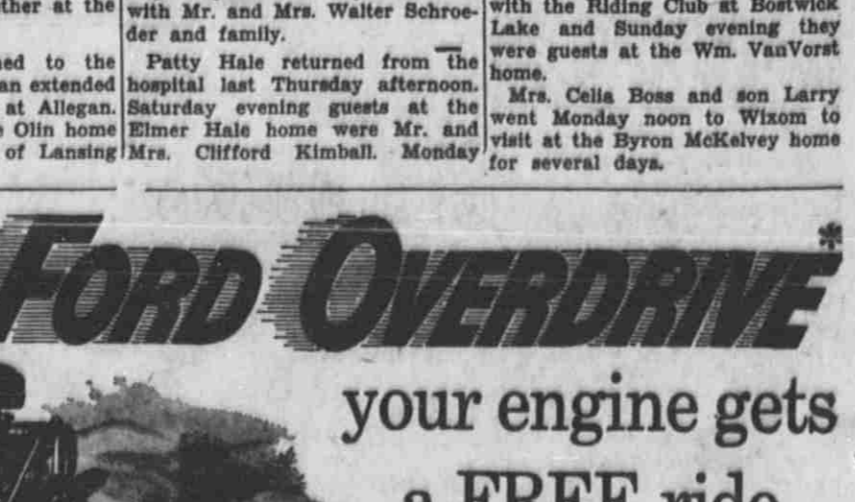
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LOCAL NEWS

Rev. Paul Z. Hoonrath pastor of the Nazarenes Church left Monday for Indian Lake near Wisconsin, where they will attend the Annual Assembly of Michigan District Conference during the week of July 15-19.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Lawson left Sunday via Milwaukee on a week's trip through Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula and will attend the State Convention of the Rural Letter Carriers in Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alexander left Saturday for a week's vacation in northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hiller of Ionia called on his aunt, Mrs. Chas. Williamson, Friday, Saturday her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Parker of Ionia, called.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw and daughter Beatrice of London, Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw and son Jimmie were Saturday evening visitors of Mrs. Myrtle McGee in Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ytterhoeck and Mrs. Ed Hoekwater were in Grand Rapids spent the weekend in Burr Oak visiting friends.

Lowell Locals

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Michigan 4-H Girl to Europe



Margaret Haviland, 20, is making preparations to spend three months this summer living on farms in France as one of the 30 United States delegates in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program. Miss Haviland, a student in Adrian college, now lives with her parents near Romeo but did her 4-H Club work in Lenawee county. Russell Mawry, right, Michigan State College, senior, who was one of the 30 representatives last year, wishes the Michigan girl a pleasant summer. A. G. Kettunen, state 4-H Club leader, is on the left.

Caves Gain New Attention; Had Big Role in Last War

Mysterious recesses of the earth, long fascinating both to adventurers and to scientists, are getting an extra share of attention lately.

U. S. army and navy authorities, advised by underground experts, have been making extensive study of the many caves that underlie most of the 48 states. To reveal suggestions, however, that these and other cavities of the world might offer easy protection against atomic or bacteriological warfare the answers are possible.

One army map service spokesman declares that most natural caves surveyed in the last eight years are suitable only for storage because of remoteness, dampness and hazardous formations.

Whether their future value, caves and mines had a role in World War II. From the Far East to western Europe, men used them for personal and industrial shelter, as well as for essential storage space.

China's wartime capital, Chungking, was noted for its vast system of new and old tunnels in which the city's population of hundreds of thousands kept their lives going through years of relentless Japanese bombing. Two of the world's most heavily bombed spots, the English channel port of Dover and the British Mediterranean island of Malta, made life-savers of old catacombs.

Athens hid priceless statuary from the Acropolis in secret caves on the site of the "Prison of Socrates."

And the salt and copper mines of Germany and Austria gave up enormous collections of art and other treasures looted from conquered countries or removed from Germany's own museums and castles for safekeeping.

Wide Railroad Gauge Used Almost Exclusively by U. S.

An interchange of railroad equipment throughout the world is unlikely because of the difference in track gauges in the various countries. Once a gauge has been long used in a country it is difficult to make a change because bridges, tunnels, stations and other railroad appendages have been built to match it.

The United States, which, with about 25,000 miles of track, has by far the largest amount of track in the world, uses the so-called standard gauge of 4 feet 8 1/2 inches. Other countries that use the standard width track include Canada, Cuba, Holland, Hungary, New South Wales and Turkey.

Russia uses the five-foot gauge. As a result of the wide track, various experiments had to be used to supply that country with new equipment in the war.

Another gauge widely used is the so-called meter gauge of 4 feet 3 1/2 inches. This is almost the exclusive gauge in Puerto Rico, French Indochina, the Malaya peninsula, Bolivia and Dutch Guiana. It applies to a large part of the mileage in Brazil and it is found on some mileage in nearly all the principal countries of Europe and Asia.

Paint Products for Fabrics

A function of the paint, varnish and lacquer industry little known to the general public is the formulation and production of finishes for fabrics and paper. These finishes are made by the manufacturers of specialized production finishes. Some have a pyroxylin base and are used very largely on fabrics. Other types have other bases. One use for such specialized finishes is in the making of ordinary cloth, as distinguished from bookbinding. Paper products which are made to resemble leather, including certain types of book and catalog covers use their attractiveness to specialized production finishes. Use of such specialized production finishes for fabric and paper is so extensive that the bureau of census issues monthly statistics on the subject.

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Ben Franklin on Taxes

In his autobiography, Benjamin Franklin says: "Friends and neighbors, the taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might the more easily discern them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our envy, and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the commonest cannot escape or deliver us by allowing an abatement. However, let us harken to good advice, and something may be done for us. God helps them that help themselves."

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EAT SUNDAY DINNER IN OUR COOL, CLEAN DINING ROOM
 Hours: Sunday Noon until 6:00 P. M.
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 Home Cooked Dinners, Short Orders, Sandwiches
 Cor. Main and Hudson Sts. Lowell, Mich.

A Want Ad makes the buyer and seller both happy

THOMAS STORES
Self Service
WEEK-END SPECIALS

- Miracle Whip Dressing, qt. 49c
 - GLENDALE Cheese Food 2 pound Box 69c
 - BROOMS, good quality only 79c
 - NORTHERN TISSUE 3 Rolls for 23c
 - BUTTER - Freeport per pound 59c
 - POTATOES 10 pounds for 49c
 - Skinless FRANKS per pound 40c
 - Automatic Soap Flakes per box 19c
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

ADA NEWS
 Mrs. Hattie K. Finch
 Library Room Now Open in Ada's New Township Hall

Mrs. Grace Whaley, librarian for Ada Branch of Kent County Circulating Library, announces new hours for the library which is now established in the new library room in Ada township's fine new hall. The library will now be open from one o'clock to six o'clock each Tuesday and Friday for your convenience and Mrs. Whaley will answer any call in regard to library services any day in the week if you call her on Ada phone 7241. Ada patrons of the library can well be proud of the attractive new room with its cool green walls, new book shelves and new table. Other improvements are planned and will be added soon. To the town board for their help in making this new room possible, to the library board for the many hours of work they have given and money contributed and to everyone for their loyalty and support comes a "Thank you". Our librarian has given six years of service and will continue to do so. The district library center for your pleasure is reading. Visit your library!

Annual School Board Meeting
 The annual meeting of the Ada School District No. 1, was held Monday evening at Ada high school with more than 100 present. Bernard Rooker and Clark Nellie were elected as trustees. The district voted to increase the tax rate 3/8 for the years 1949-50, 3/8 for the years 1950-51 and 3/8 for the years 1951-52. The board members were: Bernard Rooker, Clark Nellie, and Fred J. Gillard, Jr., Treasurer of the Board. The annual meeting of the Ada School District No. 1, was held Monday evening at Ada high school with more than 100 present. Bernard Rooker and Clark Nellie were elected as trustees. The district voted to increase the tax rate 3/8 for the years 1949-50, 3/8 for the years 1950-51 and 3/8 for the years 1951-52. The board members were: Bernard Rooker, Clark Nellie, and Fred J. Gillard, Jr., Treasurer of the Board.

To Hold Picnic July 22
 Members of Vesta No. 302, O. E. S. and their families and members of Ada Lodge No. 280, F. & A. M. and their families will hold a joint picnic party on Friday evening, July 22. The party will be held in the shelter house on Grand Rapids and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lunn. The picnic supper to be served at 7:30 o'clock. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Ice cream will be furnished by the messons, games will be the evening's diversion. All members of the chapter and log are given a cordial invitation to be present. Mrs. Ruth Bates, president of Rooster Club is general chairman and she will be assisted by a committee on entertainment and a music committee.

Celebrate 18th Birthday
 Mrs. Lee Washburn invited several of her friends to help her celebrate her 18th birthday on Monday, July 11 at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Nora Washburn. Gaily wrapped gifts were placed in a wheelbarrow lavishly decorated in pink, white and blue crepe paper. Attending the party were Sharon Dawson, Joan Marks, Lorraine Averill, Willie Bishop, Gloria Peters, Shirley Todd, Suzie Moore, Bonita Clark, Shirley Brunson, Jack Strach, Carolyn Butts, Nora Lee Coger, Carol Washburn, Jerry Brunton, Duane Rillig, Raymond Washburn and Leonard Washburn, also Miss Virginia Lynn Washburn, Mrs. Edna Rillig, Mrs. Martha Washburn, Mrs. E. C. Washburn, Mrs. Elmer Coger and Mrs. Nora Washburn. A dainty lunch was served buffet style from a table holding a beautiful cake and decorations in the pink, white and blue motif.

Bond Issue Approved
 Ada school voters voted a bond issue of \$70,000 for building purposes and 3 mills above the 15-cent tax limit for the next two years and 13 mills for the next 15 years. The District previously had a bond issue for building purposes for three years, 1948, 1949 and 1950. The addition, said Joseph B. Gillard, Jr., Treasurer of the Board, will include two classrooms, kitchen, showers and lockers, a convertible gymnasium and auditorium which also can be used for classrooms and other service rooms. It is hoped to have completed for use the second semester. As rapidly as possible the school plans to increase its present 30 grades to 32 grades. The two board members whose terms expired, B. Rooker, and Clark Nellie, were re-elected. Officers were re-elected: President, Willard Marks; Secretary, John Adams; Treasurer, Gillard.

Ada Locals
 The officers of Vesta No. 302, O. E. S. are notified chapter will open promptly at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, July 27 for a brief business session. The early opening hour is made necessary because of a memorial to be held for the late Miss Nellie Smith, following the chapter session. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Martin and son and Mr. and Mrs. a and Mrs. Melvin St. Townsend. Part with a picnic supper to be served at 7:30 o'clock. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Ice cream will be furnished by the messons, games will be the evening's diversion. All members of the chapter and log are given a cordial invitation to be present. Mrs. Ruth Bates, president of Rooster Club is general chairman and she will be assisted by a committee on entertainment and a music committee.

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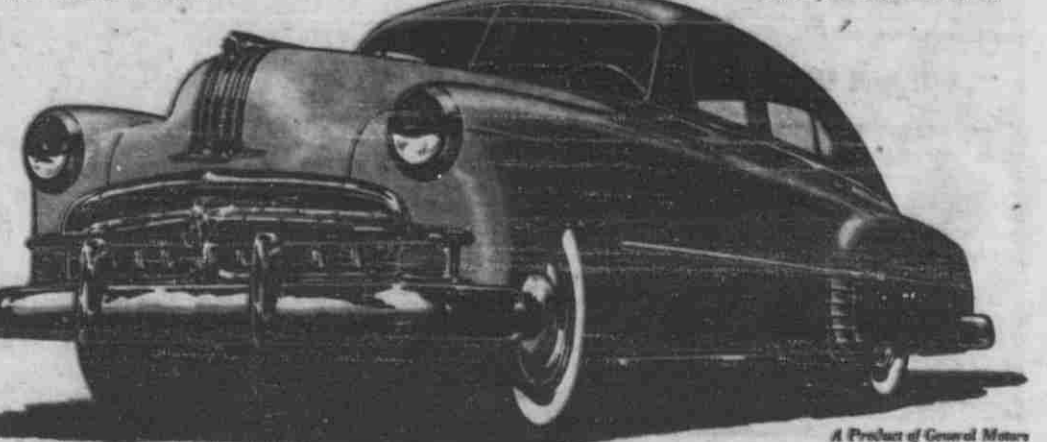
Ada Locals
 Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ward and Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brock and Jimmie of Dutton spent the last week in camp at Lake Leelanau near Traverse City. They visited many of the scenic spots near by and enjoyed the fishing and boating. They returned to Freeland, Mich. on Monday.

Ada Locals
 Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and Mrs. John Adams and family, visited at Detroit, Mich., and then into the northern peninsula and home and report having a wonderful time. They were accompanied by Mrs. Alice Ward of Grand Rapids, who has been ill, is spending a few days with Mrs. Tom Morris. A family party was held on Wednesday, June 29 at Fallsburg Park to celebrate Eugene Morris' birthday anniversary. A picnic supper was enjoyed and Eugene received many nice messages from the date. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morris and Sandra were the hosts. Mrs. Homer Morris and Joanne and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris and family were also present. Mr. and Mrs. Alice Anderson and Mrs. Mable Green will attend the Extension Club women's meeting to be held at Camp Vining the 12-14 of July. On the 14th an Achievement Day will be held and club women from all over Kent County will be present for the day. An interesting program has been planned and many from Egypt Extension class are planning to attend.

Ada Locals
 Orville Kellogg and his mother Mrs. Lettie Kellogg, and his sisters, Mrs. Joan Doran, Mrs. Hazel Boyton of Grand Rapids attended the Bell School reunion held at Jamestown on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCormick and daughter Florence were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kellogg. Mrs. Kenneth Dumas and daughter Kathleen of Belle Creek and sister Helen Farrell, 2nd Lieut. U. S. Army Corps, are spending a week with their father, Pat Farrell.

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You ought to be driving a **1949 PONTIAC**



L. E. JOHNSON
 Corner Main & Vergennes Road Phone 24

Rockford with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Davis. Mrs. Peter Kamp, Esther and Ethel, Miss Gertrude Kemp of Ephraim and Bonnie and Jack Kemp of Grand Rapids left on Thursday morning for an auto trip into the upper peninsula. They visited many points of interest including Mackinac Island and they made the return trip via Chicago, Ill. getting back to Ada on Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller and Elgin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jurgens, Mr. and Mrs. Ada Verbeke of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jurgens and Sarah Beth of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman and children of Grand Rapids celebrated a picnic party at Holland Beach on Sunday.

Daily Vacation Bible School
LOWELL METHODIST CHURCH
July 18 -- 29, 1949
9:00 to 11:30 DAILY
THEME: Building Christian Character
REGISTRATION FEE — 50c
 This school is open to every child from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. Registration on Friday, July 15th at the Parish House

Surprise Birthday Breakfast
 Mrs. V. L. Watts entertained with a breakfast at Fallsburg Park Saturday morning, in honor of Mrs. Elmer Dintman's birthday. Besides the guest of honor and hostesses other guests were Mrs. Yetter, Florence Richardson, Inez Colby, Mabel Boltho, Mildred Dintman, Elizabeth Dintman, Howard Hayward and Mandie Pattison. After the delicious breakfast on the shelter house porch overlooking the lake, packages were brought in at the tune of Happy Birthday and then the party was over. It was a very pleasant forenoon.

Alto Community Grange
 At a regular grange meeting at the Alto Community Grange on Friday evening, July 15, the worthy lecturers, Marion Stauffer and Mrs. Elmer Dintman, announced that Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dintman will be the guests of honor and hostesses at the 4th of July party to be held at the Alto Community Grange on Saturday, July 16. The party will be held at the Alto Community Grange on Saturday, July 16. The party will be held at the Alto Community Grange on Saturday, July 16. The party will be held at the Alto Community Grange on Saturday, July 16.

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ALTO NEWS
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Legion and Auxiliary Picnic
 The Alto American Legion and Auxiliary held a picnic at Caledonia Lakeside Park Sunday, July 10. The attendance was very large and there were enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner which included plenty of ice cream and cake. As Mrs. Louise Hubka, who was to act as entertainment committee, did not get there the most of the afternoon pitching quoits and the ladies visited ice cream was served again before home. All members who didn't go missed a very good time. Next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on Monday evening, July 18. We hope to have more than five members present.

Annual School Meeting
 At the annual school meeting and election held at Alto school house Monday evening, June 27, Mrs. George Laue was elected president and Mrs. Fred Pattison was elected treasurer in place of Mrs. George Laue. Mrs. Laue served faithfully the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Martin DeVenney and family of Marshall spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Pimore and sons of Grand Rapids were Saturday evening guests at Mrs. Grant Warner of Lowell was their Sunday guest. Mrs. Josephine Fouts spent Friday with Mrs. Chas. Rittenberg of South Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Grand Rapids spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunker, and George Ann Bunker visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Don Krueger in Grand Rapids and Little Linda Krueger spent the week-end with Mrs. George Laue and Mrs. James McClure is convalescing nicely at the home of his son Noble and Mrs. Mary Sprague of Tampa, Fla. were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dintman. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bilcox visited their niece and husband Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barton of Lansing, Sunday. Mrs. E. D. Yetter entertained at the home of Mrs. Elmer Dintman on Sunday with Mrs. Lewis Wieringa of Hastings for dinner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Linton spent Sunday with J. W. Thaler of Green Lake.

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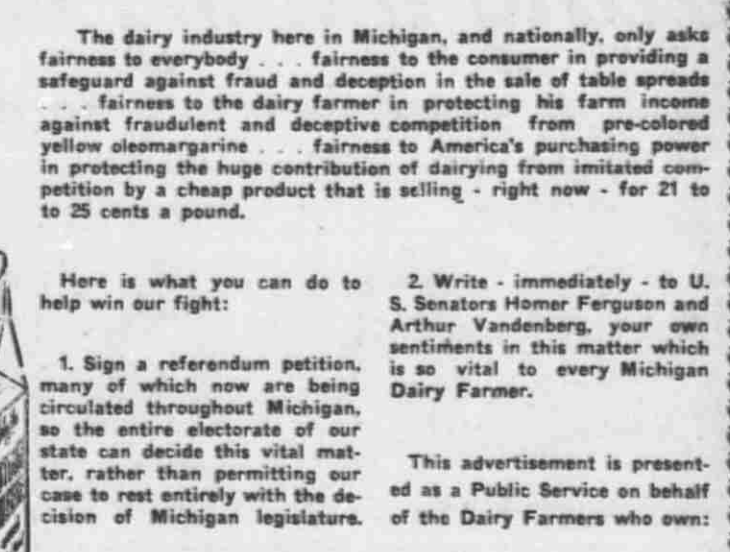
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The Dairy Stand is in the Public Interest

There still is a need for protecting the housewife against fraud and deception. There still is a need to protect the restaurant patron against yellow oleo being served. More than 85 million people in this country are served in the nation's restaurants. Diners who get also instead of butter are being cheated, and so are dairy farmers. The dairy industry is entitled to protection because of its vital contributions to the nation's diet, health and food conservation. In cities and localities where yellow oleo can be sold, it now brings as much as 27 cents a pound more than the uncolored product, although the federal tax on yellow oleomargarine is only 10 cents. Oleomargarine in its most economical, uncolored form, would tend to disappear from the market if manufacturers had their way. With only yellow oleo available, the housewife no longer would be able to buy a low-priced spread for bread. The housewife in the lower income bracket would suffer. The latter producer - who also would suffer. But more than 10 million Americans who derive their livelihood from the dairy industry would suffer most. The oleo industry demands the right to color its product yellow in imitation, or semblance, of butter. That demand has no justified basis unless the oleo manufacturers wish to resort to outright deception in their drive for still bigger volume and still higher profits.

The dairy industry here in Michigan, and nationally, only asks fairness to everybody - fairness to the consumer in providing a safeguard against fraud and deception in the sale of table spreads and fairness to the dairy farmer in protecting his farm income against fraudulent and deceptive competition from pre-colored yellow oleomargarine. Fairness to America's purchasing power in protecting the huge contribution of dairying from limited competition by a cheap product that is selling - right now - for 21 to 25 cents a pound. Here is what you can do to help win our fight: 1. Sign a referendum petition, many of which now are being circulated throughout Michigan, so the entire electorate of our state can decide this vital matter, rather than permitting our case to rest entirely with the decision of Michigan legislators. 2. Write - immediately - to U. S. Senators Homer Ferguson and Arthur Vandenberg, your own constituents in this matter which is so vital to every Michigan Dairy Farmer. This advertisement is prepared as a Public Service on behalf of the Dairy Farmers who own Dairyland Cooperative Creamery Company CARSON CITY, MICH.



McFall Chevrolet
 222 W. MAIN PHONE 228

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO
 OF ALTO, MICHIGAN, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1949. A STATE BANKING INSTITUTION ORGANIZED AND OPERATING UNDER THE BANKING LAWS OF THIS STATE AND A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM. PUBLISHED BY ACCORDANCE WITH A CALL MADE BY THE STATE BANKING AUTHORITIES AND BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF THIS DISTRICT.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection	\$ 12,371.23
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	605,888.49
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	6,145.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	642.50
Corporate stocks (including \$1,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	1,200.00
Loans and discounts (including \$119.00 overdrafts)	206,294.12
Bank premises owned \$800.00, furniture and fixtures \$1.00	621.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,022,812.35
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$ 417,882.45
Time deposits of individual, partnerships, and corporations	408,628.38
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	8,130.30
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	29,984.68
Other deposits (certified and office's checks, etc.)	7,025.85
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,171,651.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$1,022,812.35
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided profits	10,652.15
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	60,652.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,022,812.35

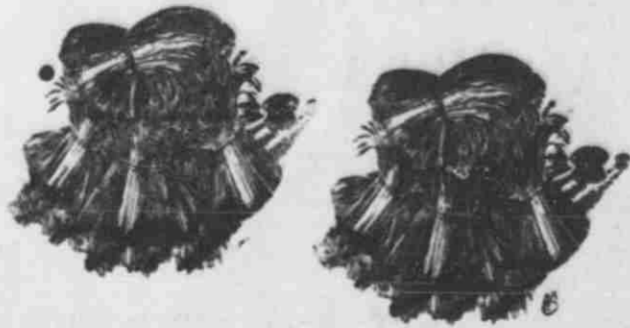
This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00.

MEMORANDA
 Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 27,500.00
 Deposits of the State of Michigan (included in Deposits of States and political subdivisions) 7,200.00
 E. Earl V. Colby, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certifies that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
 EARL V. COLBY, Cashier.
 Correct—Attest: John E. Rockafellow, Leon T. Anderson, John Kerlan, Directors.
 State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss: I, Earl V. Colby, Cashier of the above-named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, My commission expires May 31, 1951.

COLBY AGENCY INSURANCE
 Charles I. Colby
 Office: 381 Clarksville
 Res.: 3421 Alto
 Earl V. Colby—Alto
 Office: 2421 Res.: 3151

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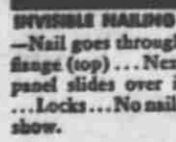
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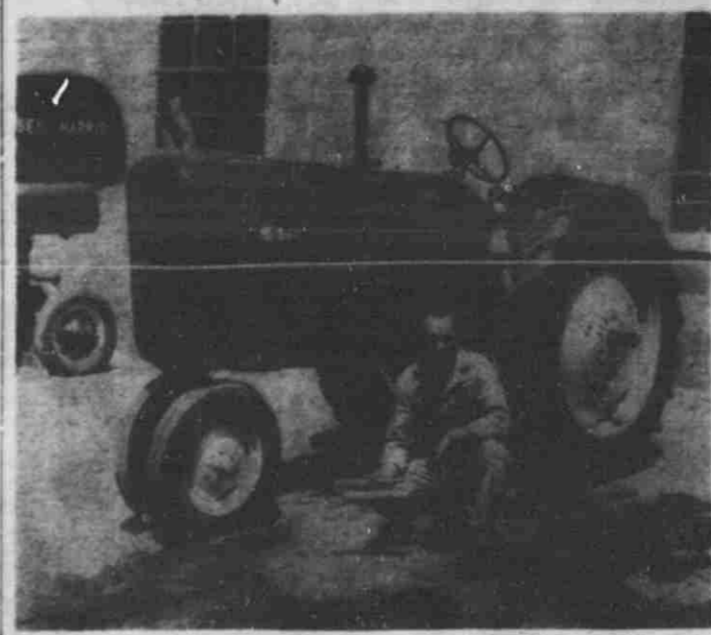
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Mr. Brownell has always been a farmer and for five years operated the Murray Farms of 440 acres, located at Muir, leaving there to purchase the Sam Davis farm of 100 acres and establish his own well-regulated farm home. Here he does general farming, raising all kinds of grain, cultivated crops, and dairy cattle.

The Brownell family consists of Rollin, his wife, Cora, and six children, three girls and three boys. Sharon, the oldest girl, is twelve, and is already quite proficient in some of the duties about the farm. Karen is eight and Jill, two. Robin is the oldest of the boys. He is six, and gets his name as a reward for being born on the first day of

spring. He has charge of the dairy herd and with his collie brings the cows to the dairy barn and has them ready for the milking machine which his father operates (though Robin knows how it works and would like to handle this part of the job too, if he could get permission).

David is four and helps Robin most of the time. Randy, the youngest member of the family is only three months old. There is another important member in this family which is not to be overlooked - the white Spitz who functions as a sort of child attendant, as he is constantly with the children and keeps them close around the home plate.

Brownell says he has been sold on the machine-age type of farming for years and has been able to efficiently manage his farm and work five days a week selling and setting up machinery in Lowell, if he did not have the best of equipment for his own private farm business.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness and understanding during the recent illness and death of our infant son. p11 Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ruehs

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We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our many friends and relatives. Especially we wish to thank Rev. Grottel, the Lowell L. O. F. and all those who sent flowers and who assisted in any way during the death of our father, James E. Compton. p11 The Children

Live only for today—yesterday is gone and tomorrow is as yet unborn.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Myrtle R. Willis
Mrs. Myrtle Ruby Willis, widow of the late Fred W. Willis of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Rickner of Vergennes, after an illness of about five months.

Mrs. Willis was a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors Auxiliary and the Pennsylvania Railroad Women's Aid, in Grand Rapids.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Rickner, and her brother, William Arnold of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. E. Todd officiating, and burial was made in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Willis passed away April 28, 1949.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to my many neighbors, friends and relatives for their thoughtful expressions of kindness during my stay at the hospital and at home. p11 Lloyd C. Ridgeway

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I wish to thank all who sent me cards, flowers and gifts to help make my stay in the hospital more pleasant. I appreciate it a lot. p11 Mrs. Carl Wittenbech

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I wish to thank my many friends for their thoughts of me while I was in the hospital, visits, cards and flowers were appreciated very much. p11 Hattie Lynn

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Donna Thorne, to Fay Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Johnson, Cascade Rd., SE. Plans are being made for an August wedding.

Stork Shower

Mrs. Marie Terrell and Mrs. Henry VanTatehove were hostesses at the latter's home last Wednesday evening to a stork shower for Mrs. C. E. Martin. Twelve ladies were present and enjoyed the games, refreshments and watched Jean open her many lovely gifts.

Annual Class Reunion of '36 Held

The class of '36 of Lowell high school held their annual reunion Sunday at Fallsburg Park. A very good crowd was in attendance. Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Kenneth Pietscher; sec'y-treas, Pauline LaDuc; historian, Janet Huyck and games Doris Ellis.

Engagement Told

The engagement and approaching marriage of Patricia Bignall to Homer H. Baldwin has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bignall, of Lowell. The marriages will take place Friday, July 22. Mr. Baldwin is the son of Mrs. Sue Whipple of Newago and Mr. G. Baldwin of Grant.

Social Brovities

The 33's of the Methodist Church enjoyed a pot-luck picnic supper last Thursday evening on the lawn of the Carl Freyermuth home.

WEST LOWELL U. B. CHURCH

F. W. Moxon, Pastor

Rev. D. H. Carrick, District Superintendent will hold the Fourth Quarterly Conference Thursday at 8:00 p. m. and on Sunday at 8:00 p. m. will hold the Fourth Quarterly communion service.

The Sunday School and morning worship will be held at the usual hour.

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