

Now we begin to see the effort of nature at work. It began with the flow of sap in the dead of winter, where roots lie in the dark underground. Where much of winter was extremely mild, flowering things have already rushed to proclaim their living cells. The rising sap, the pumping cells, the process of osmosis, brings pressure to bear. Nature pours forth buds and blossoms. The sharp bitterness of cold days will soon go. March will hold an earlier rising sun. Floods come from swollen rivers accompanied by low mists and edgy air. But February passes and ahead lies the joy of spring donning her floral cap and cape.

THESE CRAZY PEOPLE

A Minnesota farmer sold 160,000 pounds of potatoes to the government at \$1.45 per hundredweight, then bought them back for livestock feed at 1 cent per hundredweight. The potatoes never left his farm. This is under the government program to reduce surplus stores that might rot in the bins for fertilizer. During this last fall and winter our country imported five million bushels of Canadian potatoes, when the native potato market was so over-loaded they didn't know what to do with them. Canadian potatoes cost less here.

Our government has the potato subsidy that buys American grown potatoes to hold up the price. With a surplus of 49 million potato bushels, they will pour a commensurate dye on them, sell them back to the farmer for fertilizer at two cents a bushel. The dye costs one cent a bushel. The same farmer who buys them back, was paid, on the average, \$1.10 a bushel.

The consumer buying potatoes at the supported price is the taxpayer who helps the government keep the price up, at least enough above the level of Canadian potatoes that they can be shipped to Louisiana and Florida for less than American grown.

Now if all of this doesn't add up to crazy kind of planning, nothing Coe. And, with the government's help, farmers will grow another surplus potato crop this year!

YOUR WASHINGTON REVIEW

Charles P. Ford

On Wednesday, the House had a marathon session which lasted 15 hours and 20 minutes. We started at noon and adjourned at 3:30 a. m. the next day. It was the longest session in 6 years. I marvel at the endurance of some of the older members who seem to stick it out along with their younger colleagues. For example, Representative Bob Doughton of North Carolina, who is 84 years old, seemed mighty chipper at 3:30 a. m.

What caused the 15 hour session? F. E. C. technically known as the Fair Employment Practices Act. The proposal aims at eliminating job discriminations based on race, color and creed. I agreed with the desired result but did not favor compulsion by the use of Court orders or criminal penalties. When the bill was amended to put the emphasis on education and conciliation I voted in the affirmative.

Everybody but the President seems to have realized that the nation's coal supply was serious in November and December of last year. If Mr. Truman had taken positive action then and not waited until we were down to the last shovelful, the United States would not be in the present predicament. The national health and welfare provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act could have been invoked several months ago if the President really wanted to prevent needless suffering. The blame for the present crisis rests properly on Mr. Truman and not on me.

As far as the House of Representatives is concerned the penny post card is a thing of the past. We admit the cost of everything else has about doubled since the war—now, at last, the blow has struck mail rates.

Symbolic perhaps, the fact that henceforth it probably will take a two-cent stamp to say, "Having a wonderful time—wish you were here," this small incident may give citizens more cause to think that more spectacular evidences of inflation. When Mr. Truman's trillion dollar economy becomes a fact, how much will a penny post card cost? Ten cents? Then divide the trillion by ten and see where we actually wind up.

Visitors this past week: Bill Schulling, John Whetzel and Harry Pottery, all of Grand Rapids. Upsala University is in Sweden.

6000 Boy Scouts to Hold Circus Event Stadium April 21

Lowell Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are uniting with the vast number of Scouts from seven counties to take part in the huge Scout and Cub Circus to be staged at the Grand Rapids Stadium April 21-22.

"It is going to be a circus with bears and elephants and things?" many people are asking when they learn that all of the Scout groups of 7 counties in Western Michigan are uniting in a huge project of presenting a scout circus.

Any bears or elephants present will be two legged ones—or a combination of two legged ones—boys somewhere between 8 and 11 years of age if it is a Cub Scout act—and a few years older if put on by a group of Scouts or Explorers, Scout officials have explained.

What are some of the acts: The Melting Pot of Scouting; Communications through the ages with demonstrations of Log Drums; Pony Express; Field Signals, Semaphore signalling and Flashlight signalling.

Knot tying contests, larval twirling and tug of war games will show rope work in action. Mass games—with several hundred Scouts in action on the floor at one time—will demonstrate Horse and Rider games, cock fighting, skin the snake, battle royal, barrel tilting, black and white, elephant roll, compass relay, undressing game and jump the shot and others.

In the Scouts-to-the-Rescue act you will see the burning house, bicycle wrecks, live wire rescue, ice rescue, water rescue and demonstrations of Artificial Respiration in emergency situations.

The Famous Characters Parade—put on by a thousand Cub Scouts—will be a most interesting event, as will be the Indian Dancing Marching drill, breeches buoy drill, U Control planes, wall scaling, Canoe Camp, sleeping bag camp, bicycle camp, pup tent camp and Pioneer events.

It's going to be a big event. No wonder the scouts and their leaders in Ottawa, Allegan, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Ionia, and Barry counties are all pepped up about their Circus.

Lee Cummings, Utica Officer Fatally Shot Formerly of Lowell

Lee Cummings, 52, Conservation Officer and State Park Overseer, at Utica, was shot and killed Tuesday afternoon while in the discharge of his duty, by John Skurya 39, of Hamtramck, Mich. Skurya then shot his companion, Marie Kinsler of Detroit, seriously wounding her and turning the 16-gauge on himself, blew his head off.

Mr. Cummings, before going to Utica 22 years ago was a resident of Lowell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cummings who now reside in Saranac. He was married in March, 1917 to Miss Lillian Karr of Keene township who survives him.

Other survivors are his five children, Mrs. Leona Albright, Mrs. JoAnn Morang, and Mrs. Jacqueline Godwin of Utica; Mrs. Wanda Beauchamp of Flint; and the son, Frank J. Cummings of Indiana; three grandchildren; his parents; one brother, Frank of Bridgeton; and a sister, Mrs. Aaron Carlson, of Consock Park.

Mr. Cummings was a World War I veteran and served on the borderline between U. S. and Mexico before going to Utica to take the position on the Michigan Conservation post 22 years ago.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed but relatives here believe he will be buried at Utica where a small son who died in 1937 was laid to rest.

IRRIGATION CONFERENCE AT M. S. G. MARCH 9-10

With irrigation taking a prominent place in Michigan's agriculture, Michigan State College has planned another two-day irrigation conference this year. Dates have been set for March 9 and 10 with meetings in Fairchild Theatre on the campus and exhibits of equipment in the agricultural engineering building.

Discussions will include irrigation as protection against frost damage suggested legislation for surface water rights and irrigation experiments research results.

'ORMER RESIDENT WILL OBSERVE 97TH BIRTHDAY

Many older residents and some of the younger ones will want to remember the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary McAndrews, who formerly lived near Lowell in the Murray Lake area for many years.

Mrs. McAndrews, who will be 97 years old Saturday, March 4, is now a resident of the Little Sisters Home, 240 Lafayette Ave. in Grand Rapids. A card of greeting will help to make her anniversary a memorable one.

FIRST ROBIN REPORTED

Mrs. Frank Graves, living on R. 3, Lowell, reports seeing a robin and hearing it sing Monday morning as she was hanging out the family washing at her home.

Mrs. Evia L. Watters, 86 Passes After Long Illness

Mrs. Evia L. Watters passed away Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at the home of her son, Harry, in Lowell. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Roth Chapel, the Rev. Philip R. Grottel officiating and burial was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Evia Louise Hastings was born January 20, 1864 at Lowell the daughter of Thomas and Almida Hastings.

She was united in marriage to Devello H. Watters of Ada February 28, 1883 and he preceded her in death June 22, 1929. To this union four children were born, one daughter, Jessie, who passed away October 14, 1929, and three sons, Harry of Lowell, Fred of Detroit and Howard (address unknown).

Surviving also are ten grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Mae Tarleton of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Kate Braman of Belding.

Mrs. Watters had resided in Belding the past few years.

Lowell Music Pupils Win High Honors in West Michigan Event

All of the solos and ensembles entered in the Western Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble festival at Muskegon last Saturday were placed in the honor divisions. Those placing in Division I were: Renee Fairchild and Phyllis Lewis, drum solos; Joyce Williams, bassoon; the Junior Brass Sextet, made up of Carl Kutschinski, Douglas Lang, Charles Croninger, Robert Clark, Nancy Oatley and Tom Morse; and the Junior High Trombone Quartet, who were Nancy Oatley, Rosemary Stauffer, Michael Miller and Steve Myers.

Division II winners were: Senior High Brass Sextet, whose members are Marvin Leach, James Marvin, Constance DeGraw, Arthur Tusch, Yvonne Shade and Kenneth Shaler; the Senior High Flute trio, Jean Dalstra, Phyllis Chaterdon and Patricia Schroeder; the Senior High Clarinet Quartet, Norma Jean Land, Carol Burch, Beverly Bedell and Barbara Watters; the Junior High Woodwind trio, Beverly Bedell, Joanne Davenport and Joyce Williams; Judy McMahon, tenor Saxophone solo, and Beverly Bedell, clarinet solo.

Both Division I and II are eligible for medals and Division I winners are eligible to enter the State festival to be held in April.

Saturday's festival was the largest ever held in this district, having 454 separate entries, requiring nine judges, and having approximately 10,000 students participating.

Marvin Schaefer USSCS Assists Kent Farmers

Kent County farmers now have additional assistance in carrying out soil conservation work on their farms, Ervin Klenk, chairman of the Northwest Kent Soil Conservation District, announced today.

Marvin Schaefer of the United States Soil Conservation Service is now assisting the directors of the Northwest Kent District.

Mr. Schaefer whose home is on a farm near Conklin Michigan, is well qualified to help plan and carry out soil conservation work. He has been practicing soil conservation on his father's farm since 1942 when they became cooperators of the West Ottawa Soil Conservation District.

The district headquarters is located in the Rockford State Bank building, Rockford, Michigan.

VFW Auxiliary

The regular meeting of the VFW Auxiliary to Post 8303 of Lowell was held Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8:00 p. m., with 13 members present. After the conclusion of opening ceremonies, three ladies, Mrs. Fern Kelley, Mrs. Janet Purchase and Mrs. Rose Dowling, were initiated with due ceremony into membership.

After a short recess when the new members were greeted informally by those present, the meeting resumed with the business of the evening. Discussion was mostly general of activities planned for future months and reports given by various chairmen of committees standing.

The meeting adjourned to a lunch served by the committee in charge and cards were played for entertainment.

All members in good standing are urged to attend the next meeting to be held on March 9, as there will be nomination of officers for the next year.

LOCAL INSURANCE MAN SEES RATE REDUCTIONS

Gerald E. Rollins, local representative of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Co. of Howell announces his company has plans for decided advancement in 1950 by writing other lines of coverage and expanding the territory in which it now operates. The 1949 business showed a 20% gain over 1948.

Mr. Rollins states the efforts of safety councils, insurance companies, and of many other organizations interested in highway safety were rewarded by a decrease in both the frequency and the severity of automobile accidents in Michigan. This has enabled the insurance companies, in most of the territories, to reduce rates and premiums on automobiles.

Marriage License Applications

Robert G. Denick, 33, Lowell; Ruth W. Slinger, 29, Ada.

LATVIAN COUPLE MAKE HOME WITH R. V. FORDS



A young married couple arrived in Lowell Tuesday to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Royce V. Ford in their Vergennes farm home. They are Sigrids and Veita Kornet, displaced persons, who spent five years in a Camp in Germany and whom the Council of Churches has recommended to Mr. and Mrs. Ford.

The Fords have quite an extensive dairy business and Mr. Kornet was a bit puzzled at first with the milking machine and other standard equipment on the modern American farm, and there were many things intriguing to this young man whose native land is Latvia.

Mr. Kornet is 24 years old and his wife is 22 both natives of Latvia and both had lived on farms before being confined in the Camp in Germany. Mrs. Kornet will assist Mrs. Ford about the house and an apartment has been established for the young people on the second floor of

Red Arrows Defeat Wyoming Vikings in Season's Final Game

The Lowell Red Arrows avenged an earlier season defeat, when they outdid the Wyoming Park Vikings by a 45 to 37 score in the last home game of the season. This victory enabled the Arrows to tie for fourth place in one of the toughest leagues of the State. The fact that Godwin is ranked as number one team in class B and East Grand Rapids in class C in Michigan interscholastic standings attests to quality of Grand Valley Conference competition.

The Arrows and Vikings battled on nearly even terms during the first half with Lowell having a two point edge. The victors jumped to a 9 to 7 lead at the first quarter and maintained this margin by a 19 to 17 half-time lead.

Coach Howe's lads increased the tempo during the third period when they increased their lead to a 32 to 23 score. Scouting victory the Arrows really turned on the heat in the last quarter when they rained in 14 points while holding the Parkers to 4. With three minutes of playing time remaining Coach Howe pulled out his regulars four of whom were Seniors who received a fine hand from the fans.

Scoring for the Arrows was well divided, Kline led with 12 points, followed by Well, recently nominated to the All Conference squad with 9. These two were closely followed by Collins and Bieri with 8 apiece and McMahon with 7. Wieland accounted for the remaining two points. Wyoming's high scoring Vanderwert was held to 6 points.

The two second teams put on a rousing battle which was won by Wyoming by a 41 to 38 score. Brown was high point man with 13 points followed by Faulkner with 9.

Meet Belding Thursday

This week the Arrows will meet the Belding Redkins in tournament play at Greenville Thursday night. Regardless of how the Red Arrows fair in the tournament they have set one of the best won and lost records in many years for Lowell.

South Boston Grange

Everyone had a good time at the Grange meeting last Saturday night. The South Boston Extension Club had charge of the program and presented their lesson, "Legal Phases," after the business meeting.

A short one-act play, "Jim's Mistake," with Mabel Bovee, Mabel Smith and Madeline Vickery, started the program off. Then the lecturer introduced Mr. Flint Watt prosecutor of Ionia County, who very competently answered questions based on the play and of many others as we could think of.

After the legal discussion we all enjoyed our hotluck supper. Saturday, March 4, will be dance night and the next Grange meeting will be March 11. Hotluck supper unless otherwise solicited. Be sure to come.

—Madeline Vickery, Reporter.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

DOG TAXES are now due and payable to the township treasurer. This is to notify you that after March 1, 1950 will be doubled.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Twp. Treas. -43-4-

CHAMP HATS FOR SPRING

So light you'll forget you're wearing it! The new Champ featherweight, \$7.90 at Coons'.

Kent Co. Received Red Cross Service Abundantly in '49

Red Cross services in Kent county last year reached, numerically, an average of two of every three persons living here, according to a report of 1949 operations released by the Kent County Chapter, American Red Cross, this week.

The chapter's water safety program served the largest number of persons in Kent County, O. B. Snow, chapter chairman, reports. Red Cross-trained lifeguards supervised swimming activities at nearly all public and private pools and county lakes to serve an estimated 200,000 persons.

Hundreds of Kent County persons received training in first aid and accident prevention from the Red Cross, contributing to a healthier and safer community.

In keeping with an ultimate Red Cross goal of having at least one person in every family trained in home nursing procedures, the Kent County Red Cross in 1950 will seek to triple the 500 persons trained in Care-of-the-Sick courses last year. In addition, increased enrollment of Red Cross nurses will provide a ready corps of nursing help in every disaster should strike in Kent County.

Home service, working chiefly with servicemen, veterans and their dependents, in 1949 received an average of five per day new requests for aid of some sort. The chapter now officially represents the obligations, Red Cross conducts a fully developed Home Service program, including counsel in personal and family problems, reporting and communication service, assistance with claims for government benefits, financial assistance based on need, and referral to other community sources of help. The Red Cross officially represents the Red Cross and veteran in filing claims against the government for benefits due.

The chapter chairman also cited the work of the Gray Ladies who serve as volunteers at three Kent County institutions, Butterworth and Osteopathic hospitals and the Michigan Veterans' Facility, working an average of two 8-hour days each month to provide countless morale-building services to convalescents. In addition, Gray Ladies volunteered 1300 extra hours during the 1949-50 outbreak to help youngsters at Mary Free Bed Convalescent Home.

Approximately 40,000 Kent County school youngsters are enrolled in the Junior Red Cross, engaged in youth activities designed to build character and leadership.

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Spring Fashion Show At Lowell Hi School

The Home Economics clothing classes of Lowell high school, under the direction of Miss Phyllis Thielan, will hold their third annual Spring Fashion Show, March 15, in the high school gymnasium, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The show will consist of a hundred girls from grades seven through twelve who are either in Junior high classes or first or second year of high school clothing.

Each girl will model her own dress, suit, formal, which she was required to complete in class.

Refreshments will be served following the show.

The public is invited to attend.

Open House Success Picture Exhibit Fine Though Nearly Lost

Even though the weatherman was staging the first real storm of the winter season here there was a good attendance at the high school open house and the art exhibit sponsored by the PTA last Wednesday, Feb. 22. The pictures on exhibition were especially good and highly appreciated though many did not know how near they came to being left in an Express office that night.

There was feeling of disappointment among the committee people, the school faculty and PTA, that afternoon when the last express came into Lowell and no pictures arrived. The storm raged outside and everything inside was in readiness for the evening except the pictures.

Supt. Gummer, via telephone, located the exhibit in an express office in Jackson, held there because of curtailment of train service due to the coal shortage. Mr. Gummer drove the 200 miles and brought the pictures to Lowell in time for the exhibit, and teachers aided committee heads to get the exhibit placed and properly grouped in the gymnasium.

A neat little sum of money was raised which will provide some of these fine pictures for schoolrooms which do not have them.

PTA Purchase Cots

The PTA has purchased three cots or day beds to be used in clinic rooms for boys', girls' and teachers' clinic rooms and thanks to the generosity of Gerry Roth and Cary Stiff, who have donated blankets, sheets and pillows, the beds are ready for use, and as necessary equipment in cases of sudden illnesses or accidents at school.

Ferris Institute Open Spring Term Starts

Registration for the spring term started as usual Monday after an enforced vacation for Ferris Institute students last week when two of the buildings were destroyed by fire.

School opened on schedule Wednesday though some of the classes were inconvenienced by having to convene farther out through the city, a few being away from the campus.

Two of the older buildings were burned and the Alumni building was slightly damaged. All the other buildings were undamaged.

Plans are already afoot for rebuilding the lost buildings and the Institute authorities hope to have them far enough along for use by next fall.

Keene Grange

Keene Grange meeting will be held Friday evening, March 3, at 8:30 p. m. There will be a fare-well party for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker and family who have sold their farm and are moving back to Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are both officers of the Grange.

At our last meeting, Feb. 18, we held Community Day with a delicious ham dinner being served at noon to about 100 people. A musical program in charge of Mrs. Fuller, was enjoyed by all in the afternoon.

It was also decided that the profits from the February 11th dance would go to the March of Dimes drive.

AGED SOUTH BOSTON MAN SUFFERS STROKE IN HOME

John Callier, 88, suffered a slight stroke at his home in South Boston last Wednesday morning. He was taken to the Ionia Convalescent Home Thursday afternoon, still in a semi-conscious condition. His daughters, Mrs. Walter Peters and Mrs. Ralph Mullen of New Hudson and Mrs. Claud Holliday of Lansing have been staying with his other daughter, Mrs. Myron Kyser, of South Boston, so as to be near him. Many relatives have called at the Home to see him. Mr. Callier remains about the same at this writing.

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There will be no brown-out in Lowell since the diesels which furnish power for the electric plant have plenty of fuel oil.

Owing to the continued increasing price of coffee the Lowell restaurant and snack bar operators have finally broken down and will raise the price of their coffee to 6 cents the cup, rather than to lower the quality of coffee served.

If the old adage holds true, and March coming in like a lion goes out like a lamb, we can expect a more pleasant ending to the month. March sure came in a-roaring.

Old Dame Nature was at her best here in Lowell Thursday, all the shabby and dirty spots on the landscape were covered with a beautiful white mantle of glistening snow. Six or eight inches on the level and piled higher here and there, especially on the north and south streets which had quite sizeable drifts in places. The sun came out and shone so beautifully and so warm, even the job of shoveling seemed easier and the air was not cold or disagreeable.

One gets an object lesson from mornings like this. After the storm all during the night, and then, with no effort on our part we have a morning like Thursday. If we could be sure the storms of life would sooner or later develop into a serene and peaceful morning, it would be less difficult to withstand them.

Queer beings we humans! Sit quietly at home and stoke the fire for comfort while waiting for the storm to subside, knowing that it won't last. And yet when things in life get "stormy" we rave and rant and struggle against the inevitable and never once think of resting ourselves and patiently waiting till the storm is past, conserving our strength and energies for the task of adjusting when the sun does come out on the world again.

Life can be beautiful but we have to see it that way and have a certain faith in nature, in God, and in our fellow man.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: After reading numerous magazine articles, I might wonder what kind of stuff the editor rejected. . . . One Lowell man believes the reason so many men are short of breath is due to their running expenses. . . . Our girls today aren't fat, they are just overemphasized. . . . Some folks use a rabbit's foot as a substitute for horse sense. . . . Marriage is the only sentence that is suspended by bad behavior.

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LOCAL NEWS... Mrs. Carl Freyberger spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyster.

LOCAL NEWS... Mrs. Iva Linton, Mr. and Mrs. John Watts and Mrs. Dick Johnson, Jack Fahrl, Shirley Coles and children of all ages.

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Governor Williams' Corporation Profits Tax Strictly Political, Reports John L. Lovett

An Application of CIO Leaders' Philosophy

Governor G. Mennen Williams' program for the state corporation profits tax is "strictly political," according to John L. Lovett, general manager, Michigan Manufacturers' Association.

"It is the application of the philosophy of the present leaders of the C. I. O.," states Lovett.

"I wish I might say to the business men of Michigan that the state government wants you to stay here. I wish I might say to those young men who want to go in business that Michigan is a friendly state. I wish I might say to those with capital to invest that Michigan welcomes you.

"I wish I might say that in the statehouse there is a governor whose administration wants to make Michigan a better place to work in and better to own a business in.

I regret that I cannot make that statement truthfully. At every crossroads in the state the governor is telling the people that he wants to make the corporations of Michigan pay a four percent income tax.

It is a characteristic of indirect taxes to pyramid the taxation cost to the consumer, observes Lovett. As the income tax must be added to the cost of the product, the corporation has to add its overhead if it is going to stay in business and arrive at a selling price. Thus the four percent tax may easily become six percent by the time it is added into final selling price paid by the consumer.

As the people of Michigan on four different occasions voted by a large majority against a state income tax, Lovett believes that a corporation income tax would be promptly taken to court for test of constitutionality.

"Corporations in Michigan now pay approximately 50 percent of their profits taxes paid in the state," states Lovett. "This tax cost amounts to about \$200 million a year. General Motors Corporation in the city of Pontiac pays 44 percent of the total taxes of that city. In Flint it probably pays a larger proportion, and it would pay a similar proportion in Saginaw, Bay City or Lansing."

Furthermore, corporations in Michigan pay a rather high unemployment compensation tax rate, as compared with corporations in adjoining states such as Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Our minimum is one percent, while in these other states the unemployment compensation tax rate goes down as low as four tenths of one percent.

"We used to say that Michigan was a good place to run a factory because we had highly skilled labor which was very productive," continued Lovett. "We paid high wages and got the best workers. Now, however, with the restrictive output theory of the unions you can no longer rely upon the better per man production to meet our competition in other states. Those surrounding states average 20 to 40 cents an hour lower wage rates than Michigan, so the labor advantage today has been entirely removed.

"Utilities in Michigan have spent millions of dollars in bringing natural gas and cheap fuels. That is important to the state. However, the last few years has seen a gradual reduction in the number of industries operating in Michigan. Just in mid-January, two firms which had been in Detroit for 50 years announced they were moving to adjoining states.

"The Chicago Pneumatic Fuel Company came to Detroit with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company. The Diamond Farm Speciality Company was born and developed in Michigan.

"In Muskegon at least five old reliable, substantial industries have closed their doors. There are vacant plants in Jackson and Port Huron." Large automobile companies are carrying on a widespread decentralization program. Why? "There is a general feeling among Michigan corporations that the state is unfriendly, that corporations are confronted with an unfriendly administration, and that with other advantages elsewhere, Michigan no longer is inviting," states Lovett.

"The Farm Bureau Women's committee will meet Friday, March 3, for a one o'clock lunch and discussion at the Y. M. C. A. in Grand Rapids.

The Cheerful Doers will meet Monday, March 6, at 8 o'clock at the Congregational Church Parish house.

The Alton Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Ruegger Thursday, March 9. This is an important meeting and all members should be present.

VFW card party, VFW hall, Friday, March 3, at 8:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

COMING EVENTS

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church announces they are sponsoring a Thrift Shop and Food Sale at the V. F. W. rooms on East Main St., commencing March 4 and continuing through the 11th. Anyone having articles to give please call Mrs. Will Kereske or Mrs. J. E. Bannan who will pick them up. c41-44

The Mary Group of W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. S. R. Nixon, 112 N. Hudson St., at 2:30 Friday afternoon, March 3.

The Honey Creek PTA will hold its annual potluck dinner Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p. m. in the Ada town hall. An especially entertaining evening has been planned with Senator John B. Martin, Jr., as the speaker of the evening, followed by musical entertainment.

VFW Auxiliary meeting March 9, at VFW hall. Important nomination of officers.

The Deborah Group of the Congregational Church will hold a bake sale at Dollaway's Home Service store Saturday, March 4, beginning at 11:00 o'clock. c44

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday night, Mar. 6, at 8 o'clock at the City Hall.

The Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club will meet Monday, March 6, at the home of Mrs. John Abraham. Mrs. Effie Curran, district chairman, will attend.

The Degree Staff of the Rebekah Lodge will practice at the hall at 7:30 p. m. Friday, March 3. If you can't be there be sure to send someone in your place.

Regular Odd Fellow meeting, Monday evening, March 6.

Rebekah Lodge meeting Tuesday, March 7, beginning with a 6:30 carry-in supper. All Odd Fellows and families invited. Regular business meeting at 7:30 with guests expected from Grand Rapids Lodge. New members will be admitted. For transportation please call Thelma Page, Lowell phone 445.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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The Book Forum met at the home of Mrs. Jack Bergin Wednesday evening. Mrs. George Arhart reviewed "Red Cloud Flying" by Margaret Widdemer.

Mrs. Alice Wingeler entertained the Gocelus Club at the home of Mrs. Paul Kellogg Wednesday beginning with a 1:30 luncheon.

The ExLibris Book Club met at the home of Mrs. Orice Gwathkin Marjean Fonger reviewed "West of the Hill" by Gladys Hasty Carroll.

The P. N. G. Club met at the home of Mrs. Agnes Watson Monday evening, Feb. 27. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses, Ina Alger, May Boerman and Sarah Chrouch.

Snow Com. Extension

Eleven members and a guest of the Snow Community Extension Group met at the Snow Community Hall Thursday, Feb. 23, at ten o'clock with Mrs. Carl Hadden as hostess. A Bohemian luncheon was served at noon.

Following the business session a second lesson on rug weaving was given by Mrs. Alex Robertson and Mrs. Merle Champion.

The next lesson which will be on Program Planning will be given at the home of Mrs. Frank Transeau at a date to be announced later. —Mrs. N. L. Avery, Pub. Chrmn.



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Lowell Loafers Club

The Lowell Loafers Club members were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Faulkner and Miss Bess Faulkner of Delton, Mich., Saturday evening, Feb. 18, at their winter residence in Eustis, Fla. Pedro was enjoyed and a lovely lunch was served.

Mrs. Clyde Himebaugh, president of the club, read a very interesting letter from her son, Keith Himebaugh, written from Ankara, Turkey. He was sent to the following countries by the U. S. government: France, Portugal, Italy, Greece and Turkey as special representative in Europe, of the Economic Co-operative Administration to consult and advise farmers and rural communities with the idea of assisting them in their agricultural pursuits and advancement. Keith said he had not been warm since he had been in Europe and would be glad to be home again to soak up some heat. His home is in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Himebaugh will be hosts for the next club meeting at their residence at 230 Magnolia Ave., Eustis. Several guests will be present at this meeting.

The club members have visited Bok Tower, Cypress Gardens, Silver Springs and Juniper Springs. They are planning a picnic with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bartlett at their home at Lake Como in the near future; also one with Mrs. Hulda Finels at Lake Minnetonka.

Several of the club members assisted with the "Michigan Night" program Monday evening, Feb. 20, at the Tourist Club, receiving many compliments, especially Mrs. Himebaugh, who made a huge map of Michigan for the stage background, which was enhanced by evergreen trees and floodlights. Those from Lowell taking special parts in the program were Mrs. Jessie Rogers, Mrs. Himebaugh, Mrs. Minnie Pinkney, Glenn Martin of Ada, Rev and Mrs. David Warner and Will Laur.

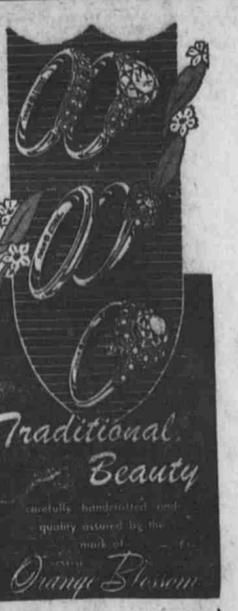
IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother Mrs. Ella Nash, who passed away five years ago March 7, 1945. Sadly missed by Earl, Harold, Alice, Marie and their families.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the relatives, friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and the many other kind words and thoughtful deeds shown us during our bereavement, the death of our mother. We also thank Rev. Philip R. Glottelty for his kind words of comfort.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bloomer and family
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hesche and family

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation of the loving sympathy extended by our friends, neighbors, and relatives in the death of our mother, Mrs. Evia Watters, and to thank those who sent flowers. We also want to thank Rev. Glottelty for the comforting service which he conducted.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watters and family
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Uncle Chan and Aunt Josie.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my brother, Leo Ward, who passed away three years ago, on February 28 1947. His memory still is ever dear. So many times he seems so near. Though oft with tears my eyes do fill I trust in God, it was His will.

Mrs. Frank Farnham.

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