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A number of Lowell Rotarians will attend the District Conference which will be held in Grand Rapids June 4 through 6. Secretary Frank F. Coons will be a speaker at the luncheon session Monday.

Sherwood Smith, publisher of The Daily News over at Greenville, is organizing a club that a good many Lowell people would like to join. He calls it the Society to Encourage Shorter Meetings.

There will be no dues nor initiation fees. Membership is to be open to all persons who will promise faithfully to stick to the point under discussion at meetings and never, never to meander off into alien fields. Members must also promise and swear to immediately depose and expel—by force if necessary—any general chairman or presiding officer who fails in his duty to keep things moving and prevent digressions.

"The waste of time at meetings is appalling," writes Smith. "My research department has just completed a survey to determine how many man hours were lost around here last year in meetings that rambled all over the lot and wound up in the exact spot where they started—with little or nothing accomplished."

I can't find the figure right off hand, but it seems to me it was something like 371,218 man hours.

Civilization perishes through the years in adhering to its books. Catastrophes and halocausts, depressions and prosperity, plus all the facets of living, pass into history, but the love of books stays.

The trend in reading does change, however, with environment, current events, weather, reflecting on our choice. There is a range with historical fiction, psychological problems, war plots, international intrigue, and non-fiction covering a wide field of thought. Behind the contemporary writers are the old standbys of yesteryear, the classics, the volumes of the sages, the ever-popular novels of decades ago.

However, the best-seller list of any generation includes works of spiritual content. When a world is at peace, man perhaps does not feel as great a need of literature of a spiritual cast. But when men are seized with hopelessness, when the future outlook is foreboding, when the present is not promising, restful thought and comfort for the soul comes from reading spiritual works.

This is a truism that the ages have not changed, nor would any of us in Lowell deny its worth.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: A Los Angeles ball team is wearing shorts this season. We hope they won't be trimmed with lace next year. . . . Even though winter is supposed to be past, many a man is skating on thin ice. . . . If you want a good laugh, look at a photo of yourself taken thirty years ago—and notice the collar.

Honor Safety Patrol At 3rd Annual Picnic

In appreciation of the fine work done by the Safety Patrol in keeping Lowell's school children safe on their way to and from school, several organizations united to make possible the third annual Safety Patrol picnic last Thursday afternoon.

School buses transported the 67 boys and girls and their sponsor Mrs. W. J. Smith, to Fallsburg Park where sports were conducted with prizes furnished by the PTA.

A picnic supper for the group was planned and carried out by the Child Study Club with Mrs. Herbert Davis in charge of arrangements assisted by Mrs. Victor Clemens, Mrs. Lloyd Connors, Mrs. Jerry Jasperse, Mrs. Orion Thaler and Mrs. Smith. Expenses of the picnic supper were shared equally by the American Legion Auxiliary, Board of Trade and the Rotary Club.

The members of the Safety Patrol have worked faithfully in good weather and bad, and parents are urged to remind little children to respect the authority of the Safety Patrol. Children can be encouraged too, to look forward to the time when they can become members of this very valuable organization.

AUCTION SALES

Mrs. Wm. Furner, June 6

Having sold her home, Mrs. Wm. Furner will sell at public auction, at the home in Ada, on June 6, a list of good household goods, garden tools, etc. George VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. See complete adv. elsewhere in this issue of the Ledger.

Louis T. Thomas & C. C. Travis

An auction sale of registered and grade cattle, implements, chicken equipment, hay, and some household goods will be held June 8 on west side of Murray Lake. Louis T. Thomas & C. C. Travis, Props.; George VanderMeulen, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. A complete adv. will be found on another page of this issue of the Ledger.

NOTICE

Garbage collection in the village of Lowell will be handled by Roy Thompson after June 18th. All collections must be arranged by individuals through Mr. Thompson, or by burning or burying, in compliance with the village ordinance. Violation of this village ordinance will draw a fine of up to \$25.00.

Louis W. Kingsley, Village Clerk.

'50 Commencement Lowell High School Thursday, June 8

All arrangements have been completed by the Lowell Board of Education for the 1950 commencement activities. The 72nd annual exercises will be held on Thursday, June 8, when seventy seniors, the smallest class in years, expect to graduate. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, June 4th.

The annual Junior-Senior reception was held on Monday of this week. The banquet was served in the new Masonic Temple by the Eastern Star, and the party was held in the school gymnasium which has been decorated for the occasion by the members of the junior class. The senior trip to Detroit was taken last Wednesday, but inclement weather interfered with the plan of attending the baseball game. The other social activity for the graduates will be held on June 8th, when they go to Lake Michigan for their annual picnic.

Graduation Exercises

Howard C. Rafter, dean of the Basic College at Michigan State College, has been secured as the commencement speaker. Other features of the program will be the musical numbers by the school band under the direction of Orval Jessup, a piano solo by Linda Johnson, the salutatory by Joan Winsler, the valedictory by Gretchen Hahn, the presentation of the spade by Ronald Wood, president of the senior class, and its acceptance by Arthur Tusch, president of the junior class. The rest of the program will be the awarding of honors by Mrs. Berenice Smith, representing the American Legion Auxiliary, and by Oscar Nelson, Commander of the Clark-Ellis Post 152 of the American Legion; and by C. H. Runciman, president of the Board of Education, who will on behalf of the Board, present the diplomas. The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. Norman G. Woon of the Congregational Church.

About 350 reserved seats will be held for the immediate relatives of the members of the graduating class, and these seats will be held only until 7:45 for those who have tickets. The rest of the seats and bleachers will be available for the general public and the policy of first come, first served, will be followed.

Baccalaureate Services

By a vote of the class, Rev. Roy A. Mumau, pastor of The Church of the Nazarene, has been invited to give the baccalaureate address on Sunday, June 4, at 8 o'clock, to which the public is invited, and there are no reserved seats. Rev. Mumau will address his own daughter, Barbara, who is a member of the class. The Rev. Philip R. Giesfeldt will give the invocation and benediction and there will be a vocal solo by Thomas Richmond, a selection by the high school chorus and the procession by the band.

Senior Plans

Many of the graduates will attend college and have already sent in their applications. Several have applied for scholarships and it is hoped that some awards will be made at commencement, although one or two of the colleges have stated that their scholarships will not be available until mid-summer. Some of the members of the class will remain in Lowell to take up positions of various descriptions, and several of the boys will be engaged in full time employment on their own farms.

Bob Hall, Lowell, Is State Champion Miler

When Bob Hall, Lowell miler, clinched his undefeated season by winning first in the State Championship class B mile, he covered the distance in 4:34, faster than any other runner in the state, regardless of class. Hall now holds the Grand Valley Conference record, the District Regional record, and the fastest time for any mile run in this year's State Championship meet.

In class A competition the entire city of Grand Rapids could win one State Championship when Joe Host of Catholic grabbed a first in the 880.

East Grand Rapids upheld Grand Valley prestige when they romped off with the team championship in class C, thus giving them an undefeated football team, a State championship in basketball, track, golf and tennis. East must, however, pay dearly for its success.

Three championship teams never in class A competition at Flint.

Incidentally, Grand Valley will lose another of its successful coaches as Jim Vanderhulst, Godwin coach, is moving to Dearborn.

"Bucky," Sports Reporter.

ANNUAL ALUMNI DANCE

Lowell High School Annual Alumni Dance is scheduled for Friday evening of this week at the High School gymnasium. Music will be furnished by the Rose Ball Room Aristocrats and the dancing will be from 9:00 to 1:00.

NOTICE

American Legion show your interest in the young people of this community by attending graduation exercises at Lowell High School June 8 at 8:00 p. m. Oscar J. Nelson, Commander

Lightning Hits Twice Lowell Woman Injured

Thursday evening about eleven o'clock a severe electric storm visited Lowell and lightning struck and caused damage in several places in this area.

Mrs. Lyle Denick, 511 Front St. had a close call when a bolt of lightning struck the kitchen sink near where she was standing and also struck the stove. Mrs. Denick was stunned and a hole was burned in her clothing and a spot on her flesh was burned. She has apparently recovered with no bad effects. The sink was badly damaged.

At about the same time lightning came in through the radio in the Bert Purchase home west of town, and set fire to the davenport in the living room. Mr. Purchase was able to extinguish the flames without help.

Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Seeks Re-Election

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Michigan, today announced his candidacy for re-election to that office. Ford said, "On January 3, 1949, I took office with a pledge to serve no pressure groups or special interests but rather all of the citizens of Kent and Ottawa Counties to the best of my ability. I've made a sincere effort to accomplish that purpose and will strive if re-elected to continue that policy in the future."

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Paying Proposition A municipal power system is a paying proposition to a community if properly managed and a good fiscal policy followed, the same as in any other business. There is a limit to what money may be taken out without handicapping it. Avoid questionable practices of so-called "tax free towns" where taxes and other services are paid with

Three Lowell Youths To Attend Boys' State At MSC June 15-23

The local American Legion Post is sending three Lowell boys to Wolverine Boys' State on the campus of Michigan State College June 15 to 23. Gerald Rollins, chairman of Boys' State committee, announced today.

The boys who are to attend are Sidney Kerr, Robert Litsewski and Stephen Carlson. Clark Parsons, Arthur Tusch and Robert Kline are also eligible to attend, but due to the fact there were sponsors for only three, the names were drawn from the hat.

Clark-Ellis Post No. 152, Lowell Board of Trade and Lowell Rotary Club are each paying for one boy, and the Legion wishes to express appreciation to these organizations for their interest in making it possible for these fine young men to have this privilege.

Wolverine Boys' State provides a program for the young citizens of America intended to develop the responsibility of leadership, to prove the advantages of citizenship, to promote the art of clean sportsmanship, and to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation.

Brady Motors Meets Moose Here Friday

The Brady Motors of the West Michigan fast ball league will come to Lowell for a game at Recreation Park Friday night. There will be a game Monday with as yet an unnamed opponent. Friday, June 9, the Zealand team of the fast ball league will come to town.

Monday the fast Muller Bakers took the locals into camp by a 7 to 2 margin. The Moose hitting guns were definitely silent. Friday night the Moose defeated the Grand Rapids Plating team by a 22 to 10 decision. Features of this game were three touchdowns and a point after by the Moose, not to mention six errors all in one inning. A good time was had by all except the losing pitcher.

"Bucky," Sports Reporter.

National Guard Unit Coming Here June 9

Representatives of Co. I, 126th Infantry, Michigan National Guard, of Grand Rapids, are planning to conduct a recruiting program and display in Lowell on Friday, June 9. This will be of particular interest to all young men and there will be more about this program in next week's Ledger.

NOTICE

Law offices of McMahon & Cook will be closed Thursday, June 8.

Municipal Systems Will Pay Out When Good Fiscal Policy Is Used

J. Bryan Sims, Supt. of Board of Public Works, Grand Haven, Mich., gave an interesting talk recently at Lowell Rotary Club, in which he contended that a municipal electric system may be a paying proposition when managed properly and good fiscal policy is followed.

The speaker was introduced by Supt. Frank J. McMahon of the Lowell municipal plant. Mr. Sims said, in speaking of the municipal system, that:

It belongs to each and every member of the community. You have dollars invested in it. Your investment has grown with the years, and will grow at a faster rate in the foreseeable future. It requires your interest in its development.

Three important aspects as follows: (1) What does a community have in the way of an electric power system?

(2) What are you getting out of it?

(3) What do you have to put back into it to get the most out of it?

How did it happen? Brief history. In Grand Haven it was established in 1896. Original appropriation \$998.85.

Cause—necessity and lack of venture capital for this purpose in those days.

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Lowell Cub Scouts Final Pack Meeting

The last regular Pack meeting of the Lowell Cub Scouts was held on Tuesday evening, May 23, at the city hall.

Charles Hill, Cub master, announced that of the 52 boys that were registered as Cub Scouts this year 36 have earned their badges which entitles them to attend a Tiger baseball game in Detroit, also to see a game of the Grand Rapids Chicks and a game of the Grand Rapids Jets. The final arrangements for going to the games have not been completed, but they are scheduled for sometime during August.

Eight boys joined the Cub Scouts too recently to have been able to earn awards. Other boys have transferred to the Boy Scouts, having become eleven years old during the year or have moved out of town. A high degree of interest and cooperation has been shown this year both on the part of the boys and their parents.

Mr. Hill is going to try and plan some form of a summer program for the Cub Scouts.

At the Pack meeting was a good sized display of "Wishing Wells" made by the boys as their handicraft project for this last month. They were greatly admired by many parents and friends who attended the meeting.

Awards Received

Boys receiving registration cards and awards for work completed this last month are as follows: New Registrations—Gerry Raymond, Jim and Jon Walter, James VandenHost, Vernon Osborne, Roger Wittenbach, Dick Ward, Lawrence Martin.

Wolf Badges—George Moore, Jerry Kellogg, Robert Thaler, Joe Strouse, Raymond Murray, Donald Bowen.

Bear Badges—John Laux, Terry Buck, Dick Harris, Tony Stormanz, Bruce Schneider, Vincent Jeluso.

Lion Badges—George Henderson, Gold Arrow Points—Raymond Yaeger, George Moore, Jerry Kellogg, Robert Thaler, Joe Strouse, Jimmy Williams, Guy Watrous, Donald Bowen, John Aehart, John Laux, Terry Buck, Dick Harris, Chuck Ryder, George Henderson, Billy Covart, Stewart White, Jimmy Fahmi, David Maxson, Vincent Jeluso, Orson Abel.

Silver Arrow Points—Raymond Yaeger, (4) Rex Dowling, (2) George Moore, (3) Jerry Kellogg, (4) Robert Thaler, (3) Joe Strouse, (2) Brad White, (2) Jimmy Heim, (2) Raymond Murray, (3) Joe Maves, (3) Terry Shepard, John Laux, Terry Buck, Dick Harris, (2) Dick Connors, (2) Bobby White, (2) Jimmy White, Chuck Ryder, George Henderson, (3) Roger Maves, Billy Covart, Stewart White, Vincent Jeluso, Danny DeGraw, (3) Jack Nash, (2) Jerry Jacob, Orson Abel.

Other Activities

Other activities of the Cubs this month were to help the American Legion distribute flags on the graves of veterans for the Memorial Day ceremonies and march as a group in the Memorial Day parade.

On Wednesday a few of the Cubs presented an Indian ceremonial program at the Rotary luncheon. Rotary is the sponsor for the Lowell Cub Scouts. At the May meeting of the Lowell PTA the Cubs participated in the Youth Organization program.

CLOSED ON THURSDAYS

Hobart's Dinnerbell, on M-21 west, will be closed every Thursday.

AMER. LEGION AUXILIARY PLEASED WITH POPPY SALE

The American Legion Auxiliary reports they are very well pleased with the response to the "Poppy Sale" and desire to thank all who so generously gave of their time and assistance in selling the poppies on the street, especially the Campfire Girls.

Funeral Services for C. F. Hoffman Friday

Funeral services were held Friday, May 28, for Charles F. Hoffman, who passed away Wednesday morning, May 24, after a long illness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones on E. Main St., the Rev. Philip R. Giesfeldt officiating and he was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery.

Charles F. Hoffman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, was born March 31, 1876 at Springfield, Ill., and has spent the past several years of his life here in Lowell.

Surviving are a brother, A. Hoffman, of Grand Rapids; a half-sister, Mrs. Frances Willoughby, of Grandville; nephews and nieces.

Martin to Run For Secretary of State

State Senator John E. Martin, Jr., of the 17th District, has announced that he will be a candidate for Secretary of State in the 1950 Republican State Convention.

"The Republican ticket this fall will need six aggressive campaigners, every one of whom can carry his own weight in a concerted attack on the incompetence and tightly bossed operations of the present administration," Senator Martin said. "If I can contribute to the ticket in this way, I want to do so."

"From the date of legislative adjournment," Senator Martin said, "I shall devote my efforts to giving the people a full picture of the constructive job accomplished by the Republicans in the 65th Legislature and the obstacles placed in the way of economy and minimum taxation by the Governor."

Working with other Republicans in the legislature, Senator Martin has been an active supporter of the Good Roads Federation program, of adequate conservation law enforcement, of important improvements in the Workmen's Disability Compensation Act, of the Hittite Bill to remove gross abuses in car financing, of a long-range program for construction of mental hospitals, of adequate benefits for old age assistance recipients and of a tightening of tax and welfare laws to prevent chiseling.

STRAW HAT SEASON

The season is here for you to step into the cool shade of a Champ straw hat, \$2.29 up at Coons'.

Fitting Program Honors Our Heroes On Decoration Day

Probably one of the largest Decoration Day crowds ever assembled in Lowell was here Tuesday and the program as announced in last week's Ledger was carried out in detail. The parade to Oakwood cemetery was several blocks long.

The program at the Soldiers' Monument was highlighted by the address by W. W. Gummer, Supt. of Lowell Schools.

Day Belongs to Veterans The theme of the address delivered by Mr. Gummer was centered about the idea that Decoration Day belonged to the Veterans of all wars, and that the day was not a celebration, but rather a commemoration, meditation and dedication.

He stated that in commemorating the veterans who slept beneath the waving of flags, we gave them our hearts; in meditating about the accomplishments of the wars in which the members of our armed forces participated, we must conclude that they handed down our American heritage inviolate, including the rights and privileges enjoyed by all of our forefathers—and in dedicating ourselves to do something to prove that we are not breaking faith with those whom we honor, we must pledge our actions to eradicate all forms of "isms" from our midst, except the Americanism for which they fought.

Those from Lowell and vicinity who are receiving degrees at this graduation are Thomas S. Hall, Michael C. Hoover, Roger H. Krum, Martha L. Stephens, William L. Stephens and Kenneth J. Wingeier, all of Lowell; Donald Joseph Karl of Ada, and Floyd F. Stahl of Alto.

Degrees will be awarded 4,469 undergraduate and advanced graduates, three honorary degrees will be presented outstanding former students, and five alumni will be given Distinguished Service Awards. More than 70% are veterans of World War II.

VFW Delegates Meet In 31st Encampment

Lowell members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary are in attendance at the 31st annual Encampment in Grand Rapids this week. Elected delegates and post commanders from all parts of the state will convene to set the policies of the organization for the next year and to elect officers.

In addition to the business of the three-day session there will be memorial services, drum and bugle corps competition and a military ball.

The principal feature of the Encampment will occur on Friday, June 2, when the highest VFW award of merit will be presented to Charles S. Mort, Flint industrialist, in recognition of outstanding community programs developed under his guidance.

Nazarene Missionary Visits Lowell June 7

Miss Dorothy Ahlemann, missionary under the Church of the Nazarene, who is now on furlough from Argentina, will be heard at the Lowell church Wednesday evening, June 7, at 7:30.

Miss Ahlemann is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College with two degrees and had done evangelic work in Indiana. Her message is thrilling and dynamic.

GRAND RAPIDS VISITOR FALLS AND BREAKS HIP

Mrs. Lottie Reidsman, 74, of Grand Rapids, who came over to Lowell to visit relatives Monday evening fell and fractured her hip. She was removed to Blodgett hospital in Roth's ambulance and latest reports are that her condition is fair.

KEREKES STILL GOING STRONG IN HARNESS MAKING BUSINESS

The following article was written for the Prairie Farmer by K. K. Vining, Michigan Editor of that farm magazine, through whose courtesy the Ledger is enabled to reprint the article with illustration.

In a pleasant shop overlooking Grand River, east of Lowell, Mich., on M-21, Ben Kerekes still makes and repairs harnesses, almost an extinct business. Outside of a harness shop in Grand Rapids, he is the only harness maker for many miles around.

Kerekes was a young chap around the village of Lowell, C. J. Bradish and his son owned a harness and shoe repair shop. They hired Kerekes to learn the shoe business.

When business was slack, he learned the harness work. Then the Bradish family moved to Detroit, Kerekes bought them out, later moving the shop from the village to its present location.

He will tell you that once it was not uncommon to make and sell 20 sets of harness in a spring. Now he is fortunate to sell three or four sets a year. Twenty-five years ago a good hand-made harness sold for \$45. Today the same harness is worth twice that.

When Kerekes isn't making new harness he is repairing and cleaning up old ones. Farmers come to the shop from miles around.

The riding horse has provided a demand for home made bridles and martingales. FFA and 4-H club members come to his shop for the fine hand-made show halters he makes.

Repairs on saddles and riding horse equipment keep him busy. He also repairs many binder and combine canvases every year.

It takes him about five full working days to make a hand-made farm harness. His son Richard works with him.

But Ben Kerekes isn't too busy that he can't find time to take his fly rod and trout basket and go to some West Michigan trout stream for some fishing.

Lowell Students in Largest MSC Class To Graduate June 4

The largest class of graduates in the 95-year history of Michigan State College will be addressed by Vice President Alben W. Barkley in the commencement ceremonies June 4, at two o'clock.

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Summer Schedule for B. of T. Softball Play

Tuesday, June 6—Ada vs. Rittengers; Wednesday, June 7—VFW vs. Christiansens and King Mill vs. Runcimans; Thursday, June 8—King Mill vs. Ada.

Tuesday, June 13—Runcimans vs. VFW; Wednesday, June 14—Christiansens vs. Rittengers and Runcimans vs. Ada; Thursday, June 15—Christiansens vs. King Mill.

Tuesday, June 20—Rittengers vs. VFW; Wednesday, June 21—VFW vs. King Mill and Ada vs. Christiansens; Thursday, June 22—Rittengers vs. Runcimans.

Tuesday, June 27—Runcimans vs. Christiansens; Wednesday, June 28—King Mill vs. Rittengers and VFW vs. Ada; Thursday, June 29—Ada vs. Rittengers.

Wednesday, July 5—Runcimans vs. King Mill and Rittengers vs. Christiansens; Thursday, July 6—Ada vs. King Mill and Christiansens vs. VFW.

Tuesday, July 11—VFW vs. Runcimans; Wednesday, July 12—VFW vs. Rittengers and Ada vs. Runcimans; Thursday, July 13—King Mill vs. Christiansens.

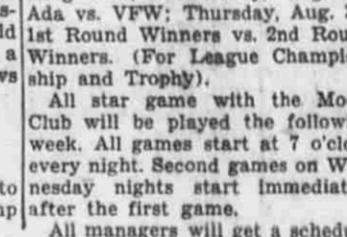
Tuesday, July 18—King Mill vs. VFW; Wednesday, July 19—Christiansens vs. Ada and Runcimans vs. Rittengers; Thursday, July 20—Christiansens vs. Runcimans.

Tuesday, Aug. 1—Rittengers vs. King Mill; Wednesday, Aug. 2—Ada vs. VFW; Thursday, Aug. 3—1st Round Wins vs. 2nd Round Winners. (For League Championship and Trophy.)

All star game with the Moose Club will be played the following week. All games start at 7 o'clock every night. Second games on Wednesday nights start immediately after the first game.

All managers will get a schedule.

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MICH. 4-H LEADER HONORED IN WASHINGTON



A. G. Kettunen, state 4-H Club leader at Michigan State College, received national recognition May 25 in Washington, D. C. Charles F. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, presented him with the Superior Service Award on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture at special ceremonies.

Municipal Utilities Will Pay Out

(Continued from first page) able seasonal purchasing of fuel oil.

Had no Gas Possibility. Worked with Federal Power Commission at Washington to encourage building interest in gas line, looking to possible gas for future, but quantities so far planned by local gas distributor and rates suggested show that the source of fuel to be of the question.

Present and future plans. His were asked. Diesel engine generator of from 2700 kw to 4000 kw, with an alternate on 5000 kw. The first 100 years are the hard part. Meet him in The American Weekly, with this Sunday's (June 4) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, in the first of two colorful articles on the life of this famous wit.

helpful in advising and aiding in the short term financing. Final action must be approved by the Council, and there has always been a spirit of cooperation between the two bodies and the citizens. This is particularly true at the present time. During recent years, when operating costs became quite burdensome and load growth necessitated, the State Commission allowed the private companies to meet this competition. Obviously, this is to the benefit of those communities who have to pay higher rates because there is no alternative.

What do we have to put back into the plant? The municipal electric utility is an old and reliable institution. Many of these plants including Grand Haven were in operation before some of the private owned utilities came into existence. Many were built in the matter of twenty years ago. The last payment was made at a time when the plant could have been replaced by a more modern one. The last payment was made at a time when the plant could have been replaced by a more modern one.

Substantial Contributions. What do the citizens get out of the municipal electric system? Most of our citizens know of the very substantial contributions made by the Board. Since its inception, by owned power company. Our largest engine is 21 1/2 "x 30", 9 cylinders. Privately owned power companies in Iowa have installed one of these large engines along with two of the same size as the largest in Grand Haven.

Grand Haven is constantly on the alert for any improvement in the plant. It has been installed in Iowa by private owned power company. Our largest engine is 21 1/2 "x 30", 9 cylinders. Privately owned power companies in Iowa have installed one of these large engines along with two of the same size as the largest in Grand Haven.

Made Careful Study. In line with our practice of looking for improvement, we made a careful study of gas turbines which have been rapidly advancing in importance and which is being developed commercially by such well known firms as General Electric, Allis-Chalmers, Elliott and others.

Obviously, the problems of the relatively small plant differ from those of the larger plant, and treatment must be made accordingly. Plans for the future of the Grand Haven plant include such studies as replacement of the small Diesels with larger units in the same space, gas turbine development, high pressure and temperature steam production etc.

Another Advantage. There is another advantage of municipal ownership of the electric utility which the general public should know. It is a growing business, not stagnant. A municipal electric utility, if it is to prosper, and not ultimately fall into the hands of a private owned company, must produce, must show results. To show results it needs the backing of its citizens and a chance to use its own funds. Fortunately for us in Grand Haven we have these advantages. The experiences of 1918 and more particularly those of 1929 which our people were made aware of the value of their property after winning a bitter fight to retain it.

PLEASE COUNT US IN. My address on April 1, 1930, was: House Number and Street, City, Town, Village, State.

THE 1930 FEDERAL census is nearing completion. If you live in Kent County and have not been counted here or anywhere else, please fill out this form and mail it immediately to the "U. S. Bureau of Census, 148 Ransom Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan." Failure to be counted in the census will cost your school, township, village or city at least \$100 in sales tax return over the next 10-year period.

Safe Picnics

Summer picnics are designed for fun and relaxation. They always are (barring insects and rain) when participants use a little thought in preparing the food. Experience is the one thing you have left after everything else is gone.

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10c SALE. Tomato Soup - 10c. Niblets Corn 7 oz. can 10c. Mustard 6c. br. 10c. Kitchen Klenzer can 10c.

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California Potatoes LONG WHITE 15 lb. pack 69c. Tomatoes 39c. Watermelons each \$1.98. Carrots 3 bunches 25c. Gladiolus BULBS pkg 40c & 39c.

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OTTO HAZARD. WHO KNOWS WHAT LIES BEYOND THAT CURVE? HASSING TREE TAKES LOTS OF NERVE.

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South Boston Miss Belle Young... The May meeting of the South Boston Farm Bureau discussion group was held at the Lyle Condon home with a good attendance...

Public Notices... McMahon & Cook, Attys. Lowell, Mich. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR... State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent...

Public Notices... Charles Lee Francisco Lowell, Mich. ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS... State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent...

Public Notices... Pleasant Valley Mrs. Bert Hank... Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cool and two sons of Waterbury and Mrs. Niva Cool of Grand Lodge were visitors at the Fred Cool home on Sunday...

Public Notices... Water Well Drilling And Repairing... 17 Years Experience Guaranteed Materials Free Estimates... No money down, up to three years to pay...

Public Notices... ORSON MELLE Your Wall Man Phone 157... Lowell 410 N. Jackson... Call from 5 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Public Notices... State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent... In the Matter of the Estate of DeEtta Dennis, Deceased... It is further ordered, that publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county...

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Public Notices... Plumbing and Heating SHEET METAL WORK... Fashion Note: While America is going in for flared jackets a British journal indicates that "billiard table green" is a new color for fancy waistcoats...

Public Notices... State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent... In the Matter of the Estate of John Dalton, Judge of Probate... It is further ordered, that publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county...

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South Lowell Busy Corners Mrs. Mahlon Estes... A picnic celebrating the end of the school year was held at Sweet School Friday. The children were enjoyed by the cream furnished by the school board and the candy given by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Morris...

Star Corners Mrs. Ira Bough... Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Edna Hoffman...

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GUMSER NAMED PRESIDENT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

W. W. Gumsier, superintendent of Lowell schools, was elected president of the Kent County School Administrators Association at a recent meeting.

COMING EVENTS

The Lila Group of the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church will meet Thursday, June 1, at one o'clock in the basement of the parish house.

The three M's will meet Thursday evening, June 1, with Mr. and Mrs. Arie Leeman.

St. Anne's Guild meeting, Monday, June 12, at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Gee.

The Alton Ladies' Aid will be held Thursday, June 8, at the home of Mrs. Ida Fairfield.

The Mary Group of the Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet June 2, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Frank MacTavish.

The W. R. C. will meet in Lowell city hall on Wednesday, June 7, with a birthday supper, potluck, served at 6:30.

The W. S. M. S. and Young Peoples' Chapter will meet at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene and will have election of officers on Tuesday evening, June 6, 8 o'clock.

The Sweet School Busy Bodies Boys' Club will meet Monday evening, June 5, at the school.

Priscilla Group of the Methodist Church and their husbands will have a potluck supper Sunday, June 4, at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fonger.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, June 5, at 8:00 p. m. at the Legion building.

The regular meeting of the Rebekah Lodge will be held on Tuesday, June 6, at 8:00 p. m. in Odd Fellow hall.

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will hold a bake sale Saturday, June 3, at the Vanity Beauty Shop.

"No Saucers," murmured the husband at the breakfast table as he read the White House comment pooh-poohing the "flying saucers" reports.

Kent Ag. Topics

Notes from Kent County Extension Office by Richard Machiele
Agriculture
Next year's pastures seem a long time ahead but now is the time to plan for it.

We have a supply of the revised bulletin on preventing damage to stored wheat and other grains. Many had heat damage or insect damage in the last year.

Strawberry and raspberry growers will have an opportunity to discuss marketing and grading problems at Comstock Park high school on June 6, 8:00 p. m.

Hunter Herring or someone from his department will take up grading and packing strawberries and raspberries.

Our doctors and hospitals in this area have frequently been recognized for being progressive and meeting emergencies before they happen.

Dr. David B. Hagerman at Butterworth hospital has arranged for cases of parathion poisoning to be taken care of in their emergency ward.

A district leaders' meeting will be held at Emmons school June 6, the meeting to start at 8:00 p. m.

4-H Service Club is sponsoring another cake walk and recreation meeting on Friday evening, June 2, at Bostwick Lake.

We hope all 4-H Clubs have organized or are making plans to organize in the near future.

Extension women are getting ready for their June lesson which will be on "Dollar Saving Meals."

Here is the schedule:
Tuesday, June 6—Alpine Trinity Church
Wednesday, June 7—Lowell Methodist Church
Thursday, June 8—4-H Lodge, Bostwick Lake.

Miss Roberta Hershey, nutrition specialist, Michigan State College, will teach the lesson at the Alpine Trinity Church and the Home Demonstration Agent will teach the other two centers.

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C. R. Feenstra Seeks State Senatorial Post



Charles R. Feenstra of Paris township, Kent county, announces that he will seek the Republican nomination for state senator from the seventeenth district, the seat being vacated by John E. Martin, who has announced his candidacy for secretary of state.

Mr. Feenstra served in the lower house in Lansing from 1935 to 1948, and has been active in public office since he was 21 years of age.

A farmer all his life, Feenstra is 55 years old and the father of seven daughters. His church affiliation is with the Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed church.

He said he would run on his record in public office and on a platform of home rule and constitutional government.

Lowell Garden Lore

Guests of Ionia Club On Thursday, June 8

Good attendance and good weather combined to make the May 23rd meeting of the Garden Lore Club an enjoyable event.

Mrs. Michael Myskoviak gave some of the history of iris and pointers on its cultivation.

During the business meeting Mrs. Bannan, president, announced that the Ionia Garden Club will entertain our members and husbands at a meeting in the Episcopal parish house in Ionia on Thursday, June 8, at 2:30 p. m.

Fatal Home Accidents Do Not Just Happen

Give a thought to your safety, it may save your life, the Michigan Department of Health warned today.

Out of every 15 Michigan people who died last year one lost his life in an accident, 3,837 were killed by accident in Michigan last year, of which 1,499 were fatal home accidents.

No age level is safe from accidental death. No time of year is safe from accident. Only continual year around carelessness on the part of the Michigan school children and adults can cut the cost of accidents in Michigan lives, the department says.

Kroger Cuts Rate on 'Family Fare' Book

A special edition of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's new 96-page cook book "Family Fare," is being printed by the Kroger Company for distribution through its stores starting May 31st.

The Kroger printing is a limited special edition and after the present supply is exhausted no more books will be available through Kroger stores.

89th Anniversary of Vergennes Methodists

The Vergennes Methodist Church will celebrate its 89th anniversary on Sunday, June 4, at 2:30. Dr. C. E. Pollock of Holt, formerly of Lowell, will be the speaker.

Come early and enjoy an afternoon of visiting and meeting old friends and welcoming new ones.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Grand Rapids an 8 lb., 15 oz. daughter, Constance Sue, Friday, May 26. Mrs. Williams was the former Beatrice Schneider of Lowell.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kindra, Jr., of Detroit, at the John R. hospital, on May 27, a 7 1/2 lb. daughter, Charles E. Kindra was formerly Miss Jean Blaser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blaser.

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We wish to thank those who assisted us during the illness and at the time of the death of our friend, Charles F. Hoffman, the minister, pallbearers, and for the music and flowers.

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