

Winners Head for State Show After Successful Kent 4-H Fair 43 Head of Livestock Scheduled



Daniel Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Golden, R. 1, Lowell, is the proud owner of this Kent County 4-H Grand Champion. He, along with some 37 other Kent County dairy exhibitors will exhibit his Grand Champion Holstein cow at Michigan State College next week at the State 4-H Club Show.

Daniel, 17, will be a sophomore at Lowell High school when it opens in September. He has been an active member of the Wolverine 4-Hers for seven years and has exhibited twice before but this is his first Grand Champion. His sister Marcia Ann, 13 years old, with two years of club work, placed second with her Holstein entry. In addition to 4-H work Daniel helps his father operate their 120 acre farm. The Grand Champion Holstein cow is a four year old which Daniel has owned since she was a little over a year old. The Golden's have a herd of 17 Holstein milk cows with a herd average of 1764 lbs. of milk per year, and an average butterfat production of 413 lbs.

From the 250 head of livestock on exhibit more than 80 qualified for the State 4-H Club Show at East Lansing.

Friday, Aug. 22 marked the closing of the 18th Annual Kent County 4-H Fair at Recreation Park, Lowell, after a most successful four days. Officers, directors, leaders, and 4-H Club members are to be congratulated on this splendid exhibit of the work accomplished, the quality of livestock raised, the vegetables, fruit, flowers, arts and crafts, which have been brought to the fair for judging.

The Kent County 4-H Club Fair is a Free Fair. There are no entry fees nor admission charges, as it receives public support. The State of Michigan, County of Kent, the Lowell Board of Trade, ladies and professional folk throughout the county have contributed largely to the financial support through generous contributions.

Many contests were featured during the week, among which were horse pulling, plowing contests, tractor exhibitions, rodeos, softball, archery, etc.

Tractor Plowing Contest
Daniel Golden, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Golden, and a Lowell High School student, was named top 4-H Club tractor plowman in the contest Thursday. Following the contest, 4-H Club members will work up the ground and seed it to wheat under a rental agreement with Earl Thomas of Lowell. The ground includes about 10 acres of river bottom land adjacent to the fair grounds and should produce an excellent wheat crop.

Rowland Ryder of Lowell placed second in the contest. The winning plowman used a three-bottom plow and a tricycle type tractor and has been plowing since he was ten years old.

Dan plans to be a dairy farmer and besides winning the plow contest he showed the grand champion Holstein cow and is competing in the state contest at the State 4-H Show at Michigan State college this week.

Slayers Take Top Honors
In the Guernsey division two slayers took top show honors. They are Phyllis Cole, 14, of Lowell, who won the grand championship, and Bonnie, whose junior calf was named the reserve champion.

First place winners in the livestock events were as follows:
Hog—Duroc gilt, Stephen Carlson, 19, Alto; Duroc sow, Darlene Francisco, 14, Lowell; Duroc boar, Arnie Stahl, 17, Greenville; Poland China gilt, Owen Trumble, 10, Lowell; Poland China sow, James Trumble, 13, Lowell; Poland China boar, Doree Reyer, 14, Alto; Yorkshire gilt, Anderson, Lowell; Yorkshire sow, Richard McCarty, Caledonia; Hampshire gilt and boar, Chester White gilt and boar, Carl Anderson, 18, Alto; Gen.-dam class, Baker, best pen of three (Hampshire) sows, club breeding herd, Grand Valley 4-H club, Lowell.

Other Winners Listed
Sheep—Shropshire: Carl Batham, Shade; ram lamb, Asahel Fairchild, Lowell; two more than 2 years old, Caroline Kliner, 220 Twenty-eighth St., S. E. Grand Rapids; yearling ewe, Caroline Kliner, aged ewe, Harold Skinner, Saffola; Ram, J. C. Jendick, Alto; ewe lamb, Cheryl Tomlin, aged ewe, Marian Berdick, Alto; Corriedale: Ewe lamb, Robert Benefield, Sparta; Dair. coffee—Holstein: three-year-old, Leon Namy, Cedar Springs; two-year-old, Kathryn Hall, Caledonia; senior cow, Leon Namy, Caledonia; senior calf, Stephen Carlson, Rockford; junior calf, Leon Covell, Cedar Springs; products of dam, Douglas Antonio, Lowell; bull, Antoinette, Guernsey; Senior gilt, David Hunsberger, Grand Rapids; junior yearling, Antoinette, senior yearling, Harold Potter, Cedar Springs; three-year-old, Phyllis Cole, bull, Arnold Eringa, Grand Rapids; ewe, Jean Hancock, Alto; 3-year-old, Willie, same, Ida; 2-year-old, Jean Hancock, Alto; senior yearling, Josephine, junior yearling, Kenneth Estelle, Caledonia; ewe lamb, Richard Hancock, Alto; junior calf, Jerry Thompson, Rockford; ewe lamb, senior yearling, Irma Flanagan, Alto; junior yearling, Bernadette Ryder, Lowell; senior calf, Linc Ryder, Lowell; junior calf, Bernadette Ryder, Ayrshire; aged ewe, Leon Snyder, Grand Rapids; yearling, order, Emma, Bessie Carter, 2-year-old in Cornell, Alto; senior yearling, Royal, Lowell; cow, L. M. Miller, Grand Rapids; Sand Lake, Milking Shorthorn, four-year-old, Sam McPherson, Lowell; 2-year-old, Sharon Brigham, Sand Lake; senior yearling, Peter McPherson, Lowell; junior yearling, Dale Lane, Sand Lake; senior calf, J. H. Holliday, Lowell; junior calf, David Hill, Sand Lake.

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Man's Neck Broken as Car Leaps Embankment

Herbert Harris, 36, recent Lowell resident, is in St. Mary's hospital in fair condition following an accident Tuesday afternoon in which he received a broken neck in which Mr. Harris was returning home from Grand Rapids and lost control of his car as it cut off the right edge of the pavement onto the soft gravel shoulder of the road about 2 1/2 miles west of the village limits, and went over the embankment turning over several times. The car was demolished.

Police Officers Report Record License Business in Lowell for One Day

Monday, Aug. 18, was a busy day at the city hall when police officers issued 35 drivers' licenses; 4 chauffeurs', 2 duplicates, made three road tests and recorded five changes of address. This may be a record number for Lowell, according to Chief of Police Frank L. Stephens.

Must Renew Licenses
Some drivers are not aware that they must renew their licenses whenever they have a change of address. The license is not renewed for one year if the address is not reported.

Bureau Closed Next Week
The bureau will be closed all next week for the issuance of licenses because of the holiday and pressing traffic work for the officers.

Current News Items About Our Servicemen

A 3-c. Allen G. Lashy is home from Chasuto Field, Ill., on a seven day leave, which expires Thursday of this week.

A change of address has been received for Stanley Kelley as follows: A 3-c Stanley W. Kelley, AF 16354377, 47 A.T.S., 1300 A.T.G., APO 953, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Reserve Champions
Reserve champions among the dairy and dual purpose cattle breeds were shown by Jerry Avery of Cedar Springs, Holsteins; Bonnie Cole of Lowell, Guernseys; Richard Bancroft of Alto, Jerseys; Russell Merlington of Sand Lake, Ayrshires, and Dale Lorne of Sand Lake, milking shorthorns.

Ruth Ann Shade of Lowell showed the reserve champion ewe among the sheep, a Shropshire lamb.

Sweeps Sheep Honors
Harold Skinner, Jr., known among his playmates as "Chuck," 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner of Caledonia, virtually swept the honors in sheep competition, showing both the grand champion ram and grand champion ewe as well as the reserve champion ram, all Hampshire, and winning the showman's award. He is the third generation in his family to work with sheep.

Dairy Grand Champions
Dairy breed grand champions included Dan Golden of Lowell, Holsteins; Phyllis Cole of Lowell, Guernseys; Jean Bancroft of Alto, Jerseys; Bernadette Ryder of Lowell, brown Swiss; Leon Snyder of Grandville, Ayrshires, and Susan McPherson of Lowell, milking shorthorns.

A Hereford steer, shown by Kay Kober of Sparta was grand champion in the market beef division and Francis Nielson of Rockford showed the reserve champion steer, an Aberdeen Angus.

A Yorkshire shown by Connie Place of Lowell was grand champion barrow in the market hog class and George Baker of Ada had the grand champion pen, three Hampshire. Baker also showed the grand champion gilt in the breeding classes, a Hampshire.

The work that these boys and girls put forth raising and growing their animals for exhibition makes these 4-H fairs the success they are. They are to be commended for their fine work.

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Increased Enrollment Expected As Lowell Schools Open Tuesday Information Advanced for Pupils

Children in this area will join over one million other children in Michigan in returning to school early in September. In some instances the inauguration of the school year will be deferred until a week after Labor Day, but the Lowell Board of Education has decided to conform with the usual custom of opening on the day following Labor Day, or on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Supt. W. W. Gummer announces that all children residing in Lowell School District No. 1 are to report at 2 o'clock; all others are to report at 1 o'clock. Those who ride on buses are advised that the drivers will make the same run as they did in June, but will leave at 11:30 instead of 7:30 and riders should plan accordingly. Bus routes will be arranged later according to the demand. Patrons have always been very considerate and courteous in waiting for the exact routes to be established.

Grade Children
It will not be necessary for children in kindergarten through the eighth grades to make advance registration. They should report at 2 o'clock to the following places: Grade Building: Kindergarten, in charge of Mrs. Olive Clark; first grade to room 105, Miss Bushnell; second grade to room 203, Mrs. Williams; third grade to room 201, Mrs. White.

High School Building
Grade four to Mrs. Krum, room 218; fifth grade to Mrs. Gummer, room 216; sixth grade to Mrs. Borgerson, room 301; seventh grade to Mrs. Claus, room 201, and eighth grade to Mr. Howe in room 220.

Some of the grades will be divided and the following tentative assignments have been made: first grade, Miss Root; first and second grade combination, Mrs. Brillhart; fourth and fifth grade combination, Mrs. Weber. Miss Root is a new beginning teacher who graduated from Wheaton college.

Textbooks
W. C. Hartman will again handle the textbooks. It is hoped that advance purchases will be made so that congestion on the opening days might be averted. However, it is suggested that high school students only purchase their texts on Tuesday. There will be no school for children in grades Kindergarten through 8th on Wednesday morning, and parents are requested to purchase the texts at that time.

Teaching Staff in High School
There have been two changes in personnel in grades 9-12. Miss Carolyn Engel of Toledo, will be in charge of the commercial department, Miss Frakes, who was in charge of the department during the past year, resigned to teach in Kalamazoo where she resides.

Miss Grace Eaton of Cedar Springs, who has had two years of experience at Hart, Mich., will take up the duties of Miss Diane Wheelock, who resigned to be married.

Mr. Richmond, who was in Lowell on a one-year plan to help with the Veterans' program, will teach in Grand Ledge, and Mr. Hagen will again have full charge of the agricultural department.

COMING EVENTS
The Lowell Rebekah Lodge will open the fall and winter season with its first regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2 at 6 p. m. at the I.O.O.F. hall. All members should plan to attend.

The Martha Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 8 instead of Sept. 1, because of Labor Day.

The W. F. M. S. of the Lowell Church of the Nazarene will meet with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Duncan on Tuesday evening, Sept. 2 at 7:45. The Martha Group will meet with Suzanne Miller Thursday evening, Sept. 4 at 7:45.

The regular meeting of the Chevrolet Dealers will be postponed from Sept. 1 to Sept. 8 on account of Labor Day.

The Good Will Club will meet at the Roynton Cottage at Fallsburg on Wednesday, Sept. 3, for a supper meeting.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Elmer Ellis Monday, Sept. 1.

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet Sept. 4, at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. George Johnson.

Book Ten will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the home of Mrs. Harry Stauffer near Ionia. Mrs. George Houghton will review "The High Hills Calling" by Ann Miller Downes.

South Boston Grange Makes Extra Points in State Service Contest
South Boston Grange held its regular meeting on Saturday evening, August 23, with a fair attendance.

After a short business meeting, a card party was held. A voluntary offering was taken which netted about \$15, the money to be used for gifts and games to be sent to veterans at Percy Jones Hospital.

Any Grangers who have done extra cleaning along roadsides and helped to destroy noxious weeds please contact our home ec. chairman, Hope Sargeant, as any efforts made to clean and beautify our countryside will count extra points in our State Service Contest.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday evening, September 6, with potluck lunch unless otherwise solicited.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Doyle, at Blodgett hospital, Monday, Aug. 25, a 6 pound 15 1/2 oz. girl.

To Major and Mrs. Erwin A. Hoag, Aug. 19 in Oklahoma City, a son, Charles Earl, weighing seven pounds.

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Sgt. Lester Stauffer Receives Promotion

Among the promotions and appointments made at Michigan Reformatory and announced by Warden Garretus last week, was one affecting the rank of a Lowell man.

Lester Stauffer who has been employed at the Reformatory a little less than twelve years was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant when the line was stepped up because of the transfer of Deputy Warden Wm. Bannan to become warden at Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson.

L. Stauffer is one of the younger officers on the staff and the promotion has been well placed, believes his many friends in his home town of Lowell.

4-H Club Fair Grounds Astir With Activities

The 4-H Club Fair Grounds are astir with activities most of the year and at the closing of the annual Fair other announcements are made. The new exhibition building has proven to be a great asset and bids to be in use much of the time throughout the year.

Guernsey Sale, Sept. 13
The Grand Rapids Guernsey Breeders Association will hold its annual fall sale Saturday, Sept. 13 in this new building.

The annual fall sale of open gilts and boars, sponsored by the West Michigan Swine Breeders Association will be held here Saturday, Nov. 1.

Other activities are planned for the future use of the building recently completed and used for the first time in the 1952 4-H Club Fair.

Funeral Rites Monday For Oliver E. Simpson

Oliver E. Simpson, 87, passed away at his home in Keene township Thursday, Aug. 21, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held Monday at Morris Funeral Home in Saranac and burial was made in Oakwood cemetery in Lowell. The Rev. Glenn I. McCarty officiated at the services.

Mr. Simpson was born Feb. 18, 1865, son of John and Dianah Simpson, and lived most of his life near Lowell. Before moving to Keene he lived on the home place west of Lowell on M21.

Surviving besides his wife, Clara and his son, Harold of Keene, are three grandchildren, and a brother, M. E. Simpson of Lowell. His daughter, Mrs. Harry Mathews preceded him in death two years ago.

LOWELL YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND SUMMER CAMP
Eight young people from the Lowell Congregational Church enrolled Sunday, August 24, for a week in the Trailmakers' Conference at Camp Talahi on Lime Lake near Brighton. This camp is a part of the Youth Summer Conference sponsored by the Michigan Congregational Christian Conference.

Those boys and girls attending are: Barbara Court, Marcia Koch, Bob Lind, Nancy Outley, Martin Schneider, Darrell Swift, Kay Wood, and Michael Wood.

Among the thousand visitors registering at McFall Chevrolet display area during the Fair the name of Theo Stauffer, R-3, Rockford, was pulled from the box as the winner of the beautiful lamp, given by the McFall service as a memento of the 1952 Fair.

Mrs. Wm. Hull of Fresno, Calif., was a guest of her friend, Mrs. M. B. McPherson Monday.

Mrs. Earl Speaker of Lake Orion has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Austin L. Coons.

Kropf Family Reunion Well Attended Sunday
The seventh annual Kropf reunion was held at Fallsburg Park Sunday, Aug. 17th. There were 89 members present, ranging in age from 5 months to 82 years. Potluck dinner was served to guests from Pawnee, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Battle Creek, and the vicinity of Lowell. The afternoon was spent playing bingo and visiting.

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Lowell Board of Trade and Showboat Meeting Set for September 8

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