



New 1945 full-year license plates will go on sale January 2 in the Lowell branch office of the department of state. The plates will be black letters on an aluminum colored background. Sale of half-year plates will be delayed until Feb. 1. The color of the half-year plates will be the reverse of the full-year plates.

The first snowfall of the season worth mentioning began Sunday afternoon and continued without interruption until late Monday afternoon, leaving a blanket of snow from 8 to 10 inches deep. Travelling on all highways was difficult and hazardous. Trains and buses ran late, and all R. F. D. carriers had a time of it making their routes. Charlie Radford, carrier on Route 3, did not get in from his trip until 5 p. m., or about four hours late. Some families were kept snow-bound, pending clearing of the highways by the Keni county road commission trucks. Drivers on all six Lowell school buses had a heck of a time on their respective routes and had to be hauled out, ice under the snow causing the trouble.

Lowell citizens were no doubt somewhat surprised to read in a recent news dispatch from Washington, that the civil aeronautics administration had included Lowell in a recommendation to Congress for a billion dollar postwar program which listed 213 airport projects in Michigan. The recommendation for Lowell was \$25,000.

One day recently the boys of the F. P. A. of L. H. S., gathered eight tons of waste paper from farm homes in the vicinity of Lowell. Waste paper continues to be a vital war necessity.

During the period from Sept. 1, up to Wednesday morning of this week, the C. H. Runciman company has shipped 12,540,300 lbs. of beans, for a total of 159 carloads, averaging 80,000 lbs. to the car. Ninety-eight per cent of this amount was on government order. During the month of October approximately 25% of all the beans sold in the state were handled through the Runciman company.

Weather: Spitting more snow as this is written, Wednesday, and looks like another storm brewing. Temperature down to 29 above Wednesday morning. Dr. F. E. White says we have already had more snow than last winter up to the beginning of spring, after which we had some heavy falls of snow.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: With the most shortage, many a new bride won't know how to fix a roast until after the war. . . . Even the man who is hailed as a good listener has a hard time keeping his mouth shut during some conversations. . . . Overheard a man remark that the way he got his black eye was falling over his own bluff. . . . We approach that season when we skid around an icy corner while the car radio blares forth a comment on the dangers of jungle warfare.

Lodge Elections
Hooker Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
At the annual convocation of Hooker Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., held December 5, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. F.—Willard N. Mark
K.—Gordon B. Johnson
S.—George A. Bory
Treas.—D. A. Wingler
Sec'y.—Carl Freyermuth
C. of H.—Edward Bennett
P. S.—Arnold Wittenbach
L. A. C.—Arnold Krueger
M. of 23—Ralph Roth
M. of 22—Homer Morris
M. of 12—Edwin Mueller
Sentinel—G. W. Bangs

Lowell Lodge No. 90, F & A M
At the annual convocation of Lowell Lodge No. 90, F & A M, held on Tuesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Gordon Johnson
S. W.—A. R. Krueger
J. W.—D. H. Oatley
Treasurer—D. A. Wingler
Secretary—George DeGraw
J. D.—Ralph Roth
Organist—Royden Warner
Tyler—G. W. Bangs

Notice to Public

We have purchased the Myrtle A. Taylor fire insurance agency, effective December 1, 1944. We wish to assure all policy holders through this agency that the same high standard of service will be maintained. We welcome you to our office at 210 W. Main St. and will be glad to be of service to you in any way.

Rittenger Insurance Service, 210 W. Main St., Lowell, Mich.

In all the literature of the world, there is no book that has contributed so richly to the upbuilding of character and to the serenity and peace of the human spirit as the Bible.

The real measure of a man's character is what he'd do if he knew he would never be caught.

Ens. King Doyle Participated in Leyte Invasion Battle Scenes at Time of MacArthur's Return Graphically Told

A thrilling eye-witness account of the invasion of Leyte has come to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Doyle of Lowell in a letter from their son, Ensign King Doyle, who took part in this now historic battle. Ensign Doyle is an officer aboard the U. S. S. Hale, and the Ledger feels privileged to publish the following graphic account as given in his letter of November 20:

Invasion of Leyte
"My dear Mother and Father, for the first time in the history of the Pacific phase of World War II the Navy Department has allowed members of war ships to mention that they participated in a particular operation. For this reason I am permitted to state that the Hale was present at and took part in the invasion of Leyte Island, Phillipines.

"Our destroyer was part of the greatest armada ever assembled in the history of mankind. As we were steaming from an advanced base some several thousand miles distant from the objective, everyone was well aware of the seriousness of the undertaking, we were to accomplish. We were constantly on the lookout for Japanese mines, submarines and planes; but for the exception of a few mines that were taken care of without injury to anyone, nothing eventful happened until we reached the entrance to Leyte Gulf.

"It was early in the morning and still very dark when we passed between the two small islands of Dinigat and Homobon. Everyone had been at his battle station for hours and was extremely alert because we were told that the entrance had not been completely swept by our mine craft and that we could expect attacks by Jap P. T. boats. Twice someone sighted the outlines of small ships hovering close to the short of Dinigat. We were more tense than ever as our guns trained on the objects and we

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Camp Fire Girls Start Program of Activities
The four g-ups of Camp Fire Girls recently organized in Lowell have already begun a full program of activities. Each group has chosen an Indian name, and the girls are now choosing Indian symbols to be combined into appropriate designs. Nature hikes were popular while the brisk fall weather lasted, and are now being replaced by equally popular potluck suppers. Each group holds at least one meeting a week at the school.

On Tuesday evening, December 19, the groups will combine to sing Christmas carols throughout the town, with special serenades for the group sponsors, recently chosen from among the town's leading citizens. When the rounds have been made (and no contributions will be accepted!) the girls will return to the City Hall, where eight mothers will be waiting with hot chocolate and cookies.

There are about sixty new Camp Fire Girls in Lowell, and their groups are working in close cooperation with Mrs. Ruth D. DeWint, Camp Fire executive in Grand Rapids. The leaders of the 5th grade group are Miss Barbara Payne and Miss Margaret Waltz. Miss Betty Lyman and Miss Mildred Gaedcke are leaders of the 6th and 7th graders; Miss Elaine Watson and Miss Barbara Thorne have the 8th grade group; and the 9th grade group is led by Miss Janet Haselwerdt and Miss Betty Roth. Mrs. Ann Roth and Miss Norma Jean Haglund are also assisting with special projects.—Camp Fire Reporter.

Len Kellogg Dies At Ripe Age of 92

Orlando F. Kellogg, known affectionately as "Len" died Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Philo Blakelee, in Lowell. He was born May 23, 1852 in Madison County, New York, and at the age of 11 years came to Lowell with his parents. Except for these 11 years, he lived his entire life in Lowell.

In 1873 he was married to Clara Squires. To this union were born 11 children. Mrs. Kellogg passed away in 1907.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Emma Klump, Mrs. Della Osborn, Mrs. Leah Staal, Mrs. Cora Hand, and Mrs. Irene Blakelee, and one son, Fred; three granddaughters, and four great grandchildren. His life was an active and useful one and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Roth's Chapel, Rev. C. E. Pollock officiating. Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Basketball Team Off to Bad Start

By Forrest Beck
Board of Trade Sports Chairman

A group of 45 boys, the largest in Lowell high school's history, greeted Coach Burch when basketball practice was first announced. Lowell, in recent years has not been basketball minded, but such a turnout indicates that the court game is on the upswing. Encouraging is the fact that many of the boys are underclassmen with several years of play ahead of them.

A large crowd watched a small aggressive Belding team jump to a 12 to 24 halftime lead and finish off with a 25 to 42 victory. The locals were in no condition to match the race-horse type of Belding play. This was to be expected in view of the fact that this was Belding's third win of the season in comparison with Lowell's opening game of the season.

The Lowell seconds dropped an interesting game to the Belding reserves 20 to 1, after tying the score midway the last period. Fourteen local boys took part in this game.

Fast Game With Wyoming Park
Last Friday Lowell played a league game at Wyoming Park and lost 39 to 40. In this game Lowell matched the victors nearly point for point during the first half. Lowell jumped to a 14 to 11 lead at the first quarter and was behind only 17 to 18 at the half. Wyoming went on a scoring spree to sink seven field goals and three foul shots to take a 35 to 22 lead at the three quarter mark. The last quarter was played on even terms, the scoring being about even. DePuit, Viking guard, and Kropf, Lowell guard, lead the scoring with 10 points each.

The Lowell seconds defeated the Wyoming seconds 32 to 26.

Lee High Plays Here Friday
The next home game will be this Friday when a high flying undefeated Lee High team visits Lowell.

Sgt. Dennis Bowler Home From Pacific

Sgt. Dennis Bowler is home after having served 32 months in the Southwest Pacific Theatre of War. After a three weeks furlough he will report at Miami, Fla., Jan. 1.

Sgt. Bowler went first to Australia, then to New Guinea, where he took part in the Buna campaign with the famous 32nd Division. After contracting malaria fever he was sent back to Australia for treatment and was later transferred into the branch of service and supply, where he did administration work for 18 months.

Denny wears three service ribbons, the Asiatic, S. W. Pacific, and good conduct ribbon, also two stars for the New Guinea and Papuan campaigns, and a Presidential citation. He has a brother, Cpl. Fred Bowler, serving in Africa. They are the sons of Mrs. Mary Bowler, Vergennes Road.

There were a number of other Lowell boys serving with the 32nd whom Denny had the pleasure of meeting while in that area. Among them were Lt. Col. Manning Jones, Capt. Charles Colyer, Capt. Edwin Nummer, Wesley Adrians, Lawrence Armstrong, William Peckham, Bernard Miller, Bernard DeHaan, Dick Raglan and Stoughton Wright, Roland Acheson and the Sherman boys. A number of these have also returned to this country under the rotation plan of issuing furloughs.

Have you ever wondered how long you would live? Just to get an idea subtract from the figure eighty your present age, multiply the remainder by seven and divide that result by ten. That result is the approximate years insurance actuaries estimate you are going to live.

War Is Coming Home to Us In Long Casualty Lists; An Open Letter to GI Joe

Michigan Press Association Service
Gene Alliman, Manager

Dear Michigan GI Joe: Paraphrasing Lincoln's immortal words at Gettysburg, the world may little note nor long remember what we folks in Michigan do this December, 1944.

The Nation, however, cannot forget what you and a half million other gallant sons of Michigan—and your buddies, too, from other states—are doing on fighting fronts around the world in staunch defense of America's future.

Funny, isn't it, how we have so much in common—you on the fighting front and we in Michigan on the home front? Just because we are separated from you by an ocean and half or more of a continent, don't think for one minute that we're not a member of your team. For we are! We're all on the same team together, Joe. That makes it so difficult for both of us.

As we read your home-town newspaper and note what you have been doing, we are moved by several kinds of emotions. Of course, we are proud of you. News from your letters is being printed every week or so, telling your friends of what you are doing—that is, what the censors will permit you to write.

Then we try to imagine what it must be like, over in France or Germany or Italy, this December, 1944. The mud is ankle-deep. It is cold. We remember that well from our teen-age experience in France back during the first World War, and that was a picnic compared to yours today.

We try to picture in our mind what it must be to live in a trench or fox hole—maybe a tent, if you're lucky, or perhaps an old building—without heat and without any of the conveniences we have back here in Michigan.

You know, Joe, it's not easy for us to picture all this. The war isn't being fought in the United States. Sometimes we wonder if that isn't the reason why we sometimes act as we do—we just cannot comprehend the reality of modern war because the war is so far away. It gives us a feeling of frustration. No, the enemy airplanes never arrived. But again we had nothing to say about that. The Office of Civilian Defense got a lot of us in Michigan to prepare for possible air attacks. Thousands of people in north Michigan and Canada volunteered to scan the skies in details 24 hours around the clock, summer and winter. Fire wardens organized to combat incendiary bombs.

In those days after Pearl Harbor our military experts at Washington were genuinely concerned over this menace. But the Nazi airplanes never arrived. No bombs were dropped on our homes.

Why? Well, it just didn't work out that way, it seems. The Germans were too busy fighting the Russians, and then there was the British navy guarding the Atlantic ocean while we recovered from the loss at Pearl Harbor.

Try as we do, we still cannot picture what a bombing raid must be like.

Last summer after you and your buddies landed on the beachheads of Normandy and the Allied breakthrough resulted in the great German withdrawal to the Siegfried line, Washington officials were pretty optimistic about a quick victory.

You know, Joe, the newspapers still print the news as Washington gives it out. Officials at Washington possess vital war information. Much of it is censored and not disclosed to newspapers at all.

For example, don't blame us back at home for any failure to send over enough shells. If the military experts couldn't foresee the tremendous consumption of shells by MacArthur's men at Leyte or forecast the amount of munitions to be consumed in the big push into Germany, how could we back here in Michigan be expected to produce it?

Quoting from the United Press: "The present shell shortage is explained partly by the fact that while Gen. Dwight Eisenhower has asked for two-thirds of the present mortar shell output, Gen. Douglas MacArthur has used more mortar shells on Leyte than in all his previous actions. In addition, there are the demands of other Pacific and Mediterranean fronts."

We understand fully why you're sore at the war workers who quit their jobs because of some grievance—higher wages, for example. It is true that Michigan has had a lot of unauthorized strikes. They were unauthorized because the leaders, in many cases, could not keep the workers on the job. Unions have pledged not to strike. Still the workers, now and then, get mad and quit.

The daily newspaper prints the news, and a labor strike is news. But did you ever think that these same Michigan labor strikes represented only a small fraction of the total army of Michigan people who work in war plants? And did you know that several hundred thousand folk from other states have come to Michigan since Pearl Harbor—men and women who do not own property in Michigan? They

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There's a difference in our milk, taste it. Buy Lowell Creamery pasteurized milk.

Michigan salt is produced by evaporation of natural brines, and of artificial brines made by the introduction of steam into salt formations with consequent dissolving of the salt.

It is what we learn after we think we know it all, that counts.

Mrs. William Precious Laid to Rest at 54

Mrs. Rachel May Precious, wife of William J. Precious of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1944, in Royal Oak at the home of her son, Laurence Precious, where she had been for a couple of weeks. She had been in poor health for the past year.

Mrs. Precious was born in Antrim, Mich., March 17, 1890. She was married to Mr. Precious in Grand Rapids on the 17th of March, 35 years ago, and had lived in Lowell for about twenty years.

Surviving, besides the husband, and son Laurence, are two daughters, Mrs. Loraine Gilbert of Lowell and Mrs. Ruth Gleaser of Cleveland, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Precious was a member, the pastor, Rev. N. G. Woon officiating. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Former Lowell Couple Observing Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa G. Dupree are holding open house, today, Thursday, Dec. 14, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary, at their home located three miles northeast of Grand Rapids on 3 Mile Road. Mr. Dupree is now 80 years old and was born and raised in the vicinity of Lowell. He is the son of the late David C. Dupree who then resided on a farm south of Lowell.

Mr. Dupree was united in marriage to Mary Jane Pettit in Fountain Street Baptist Church parsonage on Dec. 14, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Dupree have spent their entire married life on their present farm, where they have been in the horticultural business and have witnessed many changes during this time.

They have two sons, Warren and Howard who are carrying on the fruit business, and reside in adjoining homes; two daughters, Myrtle, living at home, and Mrs. Fred Rohr of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, Ellen and Mary Rohr, and Treva and Vera, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dupree.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Annual Report time has descended on our office again. Miss Densmore is the fortunate one as her report is finished and gone on to headquarters.

Machle and Vining are writing narrative reports. Mrs. Sattler is collecting statistics and writing the narrative. Maps, pictures and publicity is in the process of sorting, mounting and getting ready for incorporation into the report.

Reports are tedious affairs but they give a yearly picture of the agricultural work and conditions in the county. One would be surprised how many times reports of previous years are hunted up for information as to when one kind of work was done or who came into the county. The report is a historical record of not only extension work but agricultural work.

Copies go to the U. S. D. A. at Washington, Extension Office at Michigan State College, a copy in our office and for several years we have filed a fourth copy in the Grand Rapids Public Library.

The many friends of James Hays, dairy extension specialist at Michigan State College, will be sorry to know that his youngest son, Johnny, was killed in France late in November. Johnny had recently been transferred to his brother Andy's outfit. Andy is a Captain in the tank corps. We didn't know Johnny but friends tell us he was much like his father, a most genial likeable fellow.

Kent County has many a good father and son partnership. I couldn't help but notice why many of them were among our fruit men. At the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society last week there seemed to be as many sons as dads in attendance. One of our friends found his 12-year-old porling over the program. Dad asked the boy what he was interested in. It was the discussion of airplane dusting and the high speed sprayers. That boy was on the job all day, sitting up in front to get everything. He will be a fruit grower before many years.

Letters from some of our 4-H Club members in service have come to our desk recently. Lewis Brown, of Cannon, former dairy club member, is with a photographic unit in England. The censor was rather rough on his letter. Dean Bradford, of Sparta, with the Marines, writes a letter from the South Pacific. From the tone of his letter imagine

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Individuals Slow In Buying Bonds

E, F and G Bonds Count for Most in Backing War Effort

Reports on Wednesday of this week show that Area seven, comprising the townships of Ada, Cascade, Vergennes, and Lowell has gone over the top in the Sixth War Loan Drive. Over \$230,000 worth of bonds or an excess of \$22,000 over the quota has been sold in bonds, exclusive of \$80,000 worth of bonds purchased by the bank.

The total is gratifying but on closer examination it is found that only \$60,000 of the E, F, and G bonds have been purchased by individuals. The quota in the area for these "personal" bonds is in excess of \$100,000 and it is to be hoped that this total will be reached before the end of December.

The co-chairmen of this area hope that the total sale of bonds exclusive of bank purchases will exceed the quota by at least 50 per cent. Anyone in the community who wishes to purchase a bond from a "worker" may call the school and a salesman will be sent to take the order, and the same salesman will deliver the bond. If possible, this should be done on Friday of this week.

Jamboree to Aid Drive
Kent County's Sixth War Loan campaign will wind up Saturday night with a Million Dollar Jamboree in the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium.

Featured attraction will be the NBC National Barn Dance which will bring 50 popular singing, dancing and musical stars from Chicago. They will give an hour and one-half show, the first half of which will be broadcast from coast to coast over the network of the National Broadcasting Company.

Admission will be by purchase of a War Bond. Anyone showing a bond or receipt for the purchase of one, dated on or after Dec. 7, is entitled to a ticket from the Civic Auditorium box office.

Ticket holders must be in their seats by 7:45 p. m., on account of the broadcast. No one will be seated between 7:45 and 8:30 o'clock.

Technical Sergeant John Jager, Jr., Having Spent 28 Months Overseas on the Ascension Island, is Home on a 21-day Furlough with his wife, the former Doris Kimble and her parents of R. 2, Ada. His many friends and relatives welcome him home.

Marine Sgt. Lewis A. Houghton came Sunday from camp at La-Jeune, N. C., on a ten-day furlough, which he will spend with relatives in Lowell and his wife and daughter in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Elmer E. Marshall informs the Ledger that her son, Pvt. Edwin Y. Marshall is now getting his mail through an APO out of New York City, and Cpl. Edward J. Danoski is getting his through an APO out of San Francisco.

Rodney C. Kropf, stationed at Farragut, Idaho, was recently advanced to seaman first class.

George Roth has been advanced from T/5 to T/3, according to word received by the Ledger from his mother, Mrs. Albert Roth, who writes that George is now in the European Theatre but she cannot give his exact location.

F. O. Dick Lampkin of Wilmington, Del., is enjoying a 10-day leave at the home.

The Ledger learns that Gene Niles is now a staff sergeant and is in England from where he writes that he has been on so many hikes he knows they are going to make them walk to Germany. Gene is also playing bridge each Tuesday night with a group of elderly people, one of them an English lord.

Pvt. John J. DeVries, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett DeVries of Lowell R3, is now wearing the "Wings and Boots" of the U. S. Army Paratroopers, having completed four weeks of jump training at the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Word has been received from the War Department that Staff Sgt. Kenneth Tucker was wounded in action on Nov. 27th in France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tucker of Clarksville. His wife is the former Crystal Swiger, also of Clarksville.

Orin Smith of Lowell was among twenty-nine 17-year-olds who left Grand Rapids for Detroit Tuesday to enlist in the U. S. Naval reserve V-6 program.

Edward F. Oney, 24, husband of Mrs. Marjorie A. Oney, 517 Chatham St., is receiving his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Alvah Peet arrived Tuesday evening from Clearwater, Fla., to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Sgt. Cornelius A. Hoffman brings down Messerschmitt
Delayed confirmation from an Eight Air Force division headquarters has credited Staff Sergeant Cornelius A. Hoffman, 20-year-old B17 Flying Fortress tail gunner, of Ada, with the destruction of a Messerschmitt 109 during the sensational delivery of flight equipment to Polish patriots at Warsaw, in September, by bombers of the 3rd Division.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Selger Hays of R1, Ada, and formerly engaged in farming with his father before entering military service, Sgt. Hoffman watched the fire from his twin 50-caliber machine guns explode the Nazi attacker during a running fight with a strong force of enemy interceptors over the Polish capital.

STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 14—Entertainment galore in the Crosby manner. Bing Crosby and Rise Stevens in "Going My Way"
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16—Joel McCrea and Betty Field in "The Great Moment."
Sunday and Monday, Dec. 17-18—Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman and Charles Coburn in "The Impatient Years."
Tuesday, Dec. 19—War Bond Premiere, "An American Romance."
Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 20-21—"Tampico," starring Edward G. Robinson; also "The Girl Who Dared."

BOYS ALL WOOL MACKINAWs
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Editorial

IT'S TIME TO HALT

The need for increasing government revenue drives the alert tax official to the side of the least...

INDEX OF HOME TOWN

A BOOK of history or information is provided with a good index in which the subjects and people...

FEDERAL CONTROL, COSTLY

Most people, in order to eat, must work. Therefore, most people, whether they realize it or not, are interested in how America's great industries will be governed after the year.

WE ARE PROUD

One wonder sometimes if the hometown weekly means as much to subscribers as we hope it does, and whether the dailies have the personal hold on the reader as the small town publication.

DON'T LET THEM DOWN

It isn't just hearsay, just another appeal to patriotism, just words without guts to make conversation, not an exaggeration or unfounded rumors—it is a sure thing.

SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

The December meeting of Poma Grange will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 with Danby Grange with an all day meeting.

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WELL, SH, TO TELL DE TRUTH

"Well, sh, to tell de truth, we're kind sorta 'shlep up haak."

Try a want ad in the Ledger.

LEDGER ENTRIES

SERVICEMEN'S CHRISTMAS

MORE THAN \$200,000 gift packages have been cleared for shipment to army and navy men abroad...

NEWS FROM THE WOUNDED

THERE WAS GOOD NEWS FROM the war department some days ago in the form of plans to give relatives of servicemen who are wounded or sick quicker and more detailed information about their loved ones.

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Some people are always inclined to look on the dark side of such news, and to fear that their man is off there, really in it.

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Farm Facts

BY JOHN KLEINHERSEL

What's ahead? In this week's column let's consider what may happen if the European war continues through the winter and into the spring and the war with Japan continues another year.

WHY A DROP IN PRODUCTION?

The following facts seem to prove one point: (1) Farm production will be lower. A duplication of this year's record crop production is next to impossible.

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LOWELL ITEMS OF 25 AND 35 YEARS AGO

December 11, 1818-35 Years Ago

William Lally, 65, died at his home here after a year's illness. The coal strike hit Lowell, two trains being taken off both the P. M. and G. T. railroads, due to coal shortage.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. E. Starbard and Mrs. S. Draper attended the W. S. C. S. dinner at Whitneyville church last Thursday.

Hiram Hilton of Tripoli, Wis., arrived Tuesday to spend the winter with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Laux, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Radford attended the Rural Mail Carriers Christmas party at the Town Hall on the Bell Line, last Friday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dawson were, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Houghton of Ionia and their daughter from Mt. Pleasant, Frank Houghton of Lowell and Sgt. Lewis Houghton, home on furlough.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Phelps, president of the American Legion auxiliary, attended the state mid-winter conference of presidents and secretaries at Lansing, December 9 and 10.

Miss Elen Dora Graham of Washington, D. C., was an over-night guest of her aunt, Mrs. Earl Starbard and family last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham of Clarksville were evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Starbard, Allen, Joanne and Ann Lasby attended the funeral of Mrs. Jerry Elough at Bowne Mennonite church last Sunday, and called at the Marvin Stahl home.

WEDDINGS

Shimmel-Van'Hof

Marilyn Jean Van'Hof, daughter of Mrs. Joe Geelhood of Cascade, became the bride of Hubert Shimmel, Machine Mate 3rd Class, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Shimmel also of Cascade, at the home of the bride on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25.

Rev. Green of Cascade performed the double ring ceremony, in the presence of the immediate families. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shimmel acted as bridesmaid and best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Shimmel left December 1 for Norfolk, Va., where he is stationed.

Turpin-Gillespie

Miss Margaret Mary Gillespie, a graduate of Lowell high school class of 1942, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gillespie of Grand Rapids, was married recently in the South, to Willis Gordon Turpin, son of Mrs. John Butler of Columbia, Tenn.

After a wedding trip through the South, Mr. and Mrs. Turpin will be at home at 2 Vernon Willow Court, Ypsilanti, Mich., where he is employed.

Houghton-Turner

The Ledger has received the announcement of the marriage of Walter C. Houghton of Harrah, Wash., to Mrs. Ora E. Turner of Yakima, Wash., which took place recently in the home of his son, Donald Houghton, at Yakima. The news will be of interest to many Ledger readers as both Mr. and Mrs. Houghton grew up in Lowell but have now lived in Yakima for many years. The bride used to be Ora Sterling, daughter of Wellington Sterling and Mattie Kiel Sterling. After a wedding trip to the coast, the couple will be at home at Harrah.



Bus Schedules SLOW TIME

To Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Toledo

9:05 a.m.	To Gr. Rapids
9:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
7:10 a.m.	2:55 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
7:40 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
9:35 p.m.	1:25 a.m.
To FLINT	Trip to Grand Rapids
7:40 a.m.	11:10 p.m. Fri., Sat., Sun.
12:15 p.m.	
5:00 p.m.	

LOWELL STATION AT HENRY'S Drug Store

Buy Tickets Before Boarding Bus

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Howard Thurtell was hostess this week for the Monday Book club. Mrs. B. A. McQueen reviewed "Ridin' the Rainbow" by Rose Mary Taylor.

The Book Review Club enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner Wednesday evening, after which they met at the home of the president, Mrs. W. J. Smith for a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fahri gave a birthday dinner Sunday for their daughter, Jacqueline. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webster of Grand Rapids, Jerry Harricks of Ionia, Richard Dixon of Belding, and the Misses Cleone Collins and Merry Swan of Lowell.

Mrs. Agnes Stevens celebrated her eighty-first birthday Sunday, Dec. 10. Her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Byrne gave a birthday dinner in her honor, the guests being her grandson, Austin Byrne and wife from Willow Run and Miss Hazel Hoag.

Mrs. Alice Dennis gave a birthday dinner to the telephone operators in honor of Miss Merry Swan, Friday noon. She was presented with a birthday gift.

The Fortnightly Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Stauffer. Mrs. Jack Thorne gave an interesting talk on modern drugs used in the treatment of war veterans.

Mrs. Harry Greshowick gave a surprise party Sunday afternoon in honor of her husband's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nolan of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rutkowski of Caledonia, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greshowick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fedowicz and John Greshowick of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone and Elison McIntyre of Lowell. Luncheon and refreshments were served, and the guest of honor received many nice gifts.

The W. E. C. held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. M. J. Lewis, Monday evening. A chicken dinner, games, and exchange of gifts was enjoyed.

Intolerance of tardiness at the dinner hour increases with age.

COMING EVENTS

The Junior Class of L. H. S. is selling tickets for a show called "The Impatient Years," starring Jean Arthur and Lee Bowman, at the Strand Theatre on Monday, Dec. 18. All Juniors are selling tickets to make money for class expenses. How about everybody giving them a boost?

The Martha Group will meet Monday evening, Dec. 18 at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps for a Christmas party and election of officers. Mrs. Chas. Doyle will have charge of the program and will give a history of the Methodist church in Lowell.

All women of the Congregational church are invited to attend a Christmas program and Palestinian lunch at the church Friday evening, Dec. 15 at eight o'clock.

The W. S. C. S. will hold its Christmas meeting in the church dining room, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A special Christmas program will be presented and refreshments will be served.

The Lowell Women's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. C. Foreman on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

The Jolly Community Club meets next week Wednesday, Dec. 20, for Christmas meeting and chicken pie dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James Denton. Each lady is to bring a 10c gift to exchange.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

(Continued from first page)

The annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association at the Palmer House.

Dick had a place on the program discussing Kent County's rural fire protection program, using colored slides, charts and maps of Kent County. Kent County's program is receiving national attention. Hardly a week goes by but a call comes to our office for information on how to do it.



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Mrs. Wilbur N. Pennock, Loree, Gloria and Flynn.

In memory of our dear wife, mother and grandmother, Alma Blakeslee.

Two years have passed, since that sad day, When one we loved was called away.

Husband, Children and Grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors, for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother, especially to the Rev. Pollock for the kind and comforting words, to the pallbearers and to those who sent the beautiful floral offerings.

William J. Precious, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Precious and Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilbert and Family, Mrs. Ruth Giesper.

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GARDEN LORE CLUB

Plans for the coming year for the Garden Lore Club were made Saturday, when the new president, Mrs. Lee Z. Lampkin entertained.

Mrs. Norman Borgerson, the past president, Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Mrs. P. J. Finels and Mrs. F. E. White, the three vice presidents, Mrs. J. H. Bann-n, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Gunser and Mrs. Wm Wichterhauser, at a luncheon at Chadalee Farms.

The January meeting will be held on the 28th at the home of Mrs. Mildred Davis.

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