

FINE TALENT IN CHARACTERS OF PAGEANT CAST

BIG UNDERTAKING IS PROGRESSING IN SPITE OF MANY DIFFICULTIES TO BE SURMOUNTED—WOMEN IN CHARGE ARE WORKING HARD AND UNITEDLY.

The historical pageant to be presented during Lowell's Centennial is progressing in spite of disappointments, necessary changes and all the unexpected things that can come up. This is due to the wonderful work of the public spirited citizens who are helping to make it a success. It is emphatically not a woman's club project, and the chairman have been selected regardless of any club affiliation but because they were individuals who would "stand by" and see the pageant through to the finish.

There are many characters including squaws, braves, Indian children, white children, while guests at the wedding and others. The leading characters are as follows:

- Indian chief, Cobmoosa—Dr. J. K. Alland.
- Ottawa Brave—Warner Roth.
- Ottawa—Oscar Brezina.
- Runner—Jack Lally.
- Porters—Charles Houseman and Jim Hill.
- Daniel Marsac—Lynn Clark.
- Indian maid, Jenute—Mrs. Chas. Doyle.
- Catherine Baird, the first school teacher and bride—Mrs. J. K. Alland.
- Caleb Page, bridegroom—G. D. Cook.
- Bride's uncle—Edwin Fallas.
- Best man—R. D. Hahn.
- Circuit Rider—Rev. A. T. Carl-land.
- Organist for wedding—R. D. Stocking.
- Fiddler—Ira Moore.
- Dance caller—Grant Warner.
- Chairman of Town Board—Elmer White.
- Other members Town Board—Pat Bowers and men from other episodes.
- Pioneer Women—Mesdames Fallas, Stowell, Hooker, Elmer White, Van Duzen and Miss Hattie Lynn.

There will be singers, dancers and members of the band, veterans of three wars and those taking part in Episode 8.

Children attending the pageant must be accompanied by an adult. Some arrangement should be made for the older people who cannot walk from Main street to the pageant, but who wish to attend. Could two or three autos be used to take care of such a condition?

Flower Show Big Feature of Centennial

One of the big features of the Centennial will be the flower show which is sponsored by the Garden Lore club of Lowell. Over 200 prizes will be awarded and a great many entries have been arranged for, both by professional florists and individual entrants.

O. J. Yeiter has donated the entire west floor of his furniture store for the display. All of the furniture will be removed in order to make plenty of room for the display.

New Wheat Runs 35 Bushels to Acre

New wheat is coming into the local market daily, the King Milling Co. reporting the receipt of ten big loads up to Tuesday night. The largest single load was from the farm of Mrs. John G. McCarthy, of Vergennes, 175 bushels. Others early to market were the following: Joseph H. Brewer, Plainfield; Mrs. Abbie Laver, Lowell; George Denton, Lowell; Freeport Creamery, Freeport; E. Tucker, Lowell; L. R. Flesher, Shelbyville; J. D. Wise, Woodland; Miles O'Harrow, Lowell; Matt Fasse, Ada. The average was about 80 bushels to the load. It is estimated that the average yield per acre this year in this section is from 35 to 38 bushels. About half the wheat has been threshed. The Brewer farm near Plainfield will have a yield of about 1,500 bushels.

The King Milling Co. has been paying 45c per bushel, which is from 5 to 7 cents above the market.

STRAND ATTRACTIONS

Friday and Saturday: Lew Ayres in "Up For Murder." Comedy. "Three Hollywood Girls." Cartoon. Movie-tone News. Sunday and Monday: Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter in "Daddy Long Legs." Glen Tryon comedy. "A Happy Little Honey-moon." Audio Review. Parade Sound News. Tuesday and Wednesday: William Haines in "Just a Gigolo." Comedy. "All Gunned Up." Cartoon. "The Farmer."

Queen Candidate
I am a candidate in the contest for Centennial queen and will greatly appreciate your support. Thank you. **ESSIE CONDON.**

Ledger Entries

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

ONE DAY IN CHICAGO

The editor of The Ledger appreciates the courtesy shown by so many in this section who took time to listen in last Friday on the occasion of the broadcast for the Lowell Centennial, made possible through courtesy of Swift & Co. It is to be regretted that static interference at the time of the broadcast prevented listeners in this section from hearing the boost for the Lowell Centennial. However, we are in receipt of reports from other sections of this group of states stating that the reception was fine so it was not entirely a case of "love's labor lost."

Perhaps in another hundred years we'll all be able to listen in with more gratifying results. Who knows!

It was a hot drive to Chicago, the thermometer registering 102 in the city. Thanks to Officer Charles A. Knapp and E. D. Cook, both of whom know city driving like old veterans, we arrived on time and right side up.

Kamp Charles, radio announcer at the Swift & Co. studios, extended every courtesy to the Lowell party. He is a most gracious gentleman.

The Swift Melody Men had prepared a special program of Indian music as a part of the Lowell broadcast. This was a thoughtful consideration and although their efforts were lost in the static, is none the less appreciated by the people of Lowell.

The trip through the Swift & Co. plant was both interesting and instructive. It is a great institution—so great that volumes would be required to describe it. Sales aggregate a billion dollars annually, yet the net profits amount to but a fraction over the amount of the cost. The sanitary methods employed are the best known to science.

Kamp Charles himself conducted the Lowell party through the plant preceding lunch, following which we were conducted by Mr. R. D. Hebb, another gracious gentleman. It may be of interest to state that Mr. Charles and Mr. Hebb are old time newspaper men, the latter having been editor of the Daily Chicago News previous to going to Swift & Company. Mr. Charles is a native of Kansas and comes from a family of newspaper men.

Mr. Hebb has a natural fondness for youngsters and soon had Master Harold "Jeff" under his wing, telling him the story of the "Swift jewel box."

The Swift jewel box is not much larger than the jewel box on milady's dresser, but the reader will agree that there's a heap of difference in the contents of the two.

The Swift jewel box contains gall stones, taken from slaughtered animals. About once a year a Chinaman calls and the contents are sold to him at a price ranging from \$25 to \$50 the pound.

What do Chinamen do with gall stones? Well, that's a mystery that Swift & Co. have never been able to solve.

Friday night we stopped at the Morrison hotel. The Morrison tower is among Chicago's tallest. Saturday morning we were on the go long before the stores were open for business. We went to the top of the Tribune tower and saw what must be one of the most beautiful sky lines to be seen anywhere. We saw the teeming life on Michigan avenue, said to be one of the most heavily traveled thoroughfares in the world. We drove for miles on the South Shore Drive, a wonderful experience. We saw some of the world's derelicts, many of them still asleep, the hot morning sun pouring into their upturned faces with nothing but an old newspaper between their bodies and the cement steps on which they lay—decrepit old men and fair faced youths—across the street an opposite scene—the homes of wealth.

We paused for a moment in the shade of a beautiful fountain on one of Chicago's busiest thoroughfares. On the opposite side a tramp was performing his morning ablutions, after which we saw him shave himself with an outfit which he carried in his pocket. Thousands passed during the process, yet we doubt if he was observed by a half dozen.

Young Jeff thought he would like to visit the Field museum so "Ferry" Cook led the way to a large building with a classic front. It took us about an hour to discover that we were in the Arts Institute. It's a wonderful place all right, but our early education had been too much neglected to know how to appreciate what we saw.

We haled the roar and noise of the elevated.

We saw a business section where one street is built directly over another. That's conservation of space.

We shall never forget the beauty of the sky scrapers and other tall buildings as seen from the vicinity of the new Tribune building. The chords in our neck still ache.

We could write a lot more about Chicago but we have come to the last line in this column.

CITY OPPOSES COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT

GRAND RAPIDS AND EAST GRAND RAPIDS SUPERVISORS OPPOSE TRANSFER OF ROAD FUND BALANCE—HOPE FOR CHANGE AT AUGUST SESSION OF BOARD.

The Kent County Road Commission is paving as much as possible of the West River road this season.

A resolution to transfer certain money to the West River road fund and permit paving of that highway to the Belmont road lost by one vote in the recent session of the board of supervisors. The road commission decided that the question of transfer would be submitted again in the August session and that an effort would be made to secure its passage.

Notes against the extension of the West River road were from Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids, and it was considered by the commission that full evidence in the matter had not been considered in making the decision.

Warren R. Townsend, chairman of the road commission summarized the matter as follows: "Our city streets do not end at the city limits any more, for the automobile has made highways continuous from city to country and from city to village."

Mr. Townsend said: "There is no reason why Turner-ave. should end at the city limits. It is the city's thoroughfare on into the country on the West River road and into US-131. The West River road can do more than any other highway to relieve the traffic on US-131 south of the Plainfield bridge.

"The West River road if improved to handle heavy traffic would divide the flow of vehicles about in two.

"It is costing us at this time \$1,869 a mile to maintain the gravel surface. If the county were permitted to do it, it would be cheaper to borrow the money at six per cent and pave the road than to maintain it on the present basis.

"It is our hope that this transfer can be made in August."

Descendants of Marsac Coming

It will be of interest to state that two great granddaughters of Daniel Marsac, Lowell's first permanent white settler, will be present at the Centennial, definite promise to that effect having been received. It is declared that the young ladies in question have considerable reputation as beauties.

A feature of the Centennial which will be appreciated by old-timers will be "School Night," which will be held on Saturday night, August 8, in the Central building. The following committee will be in charge of the program: Mrs. H. L. Weekes, Miss Audie Post, Mrs. Albert Roth, Miss Kathryn Lalley, E. R. Kniffin, Frank Coons, Wesley Roth and W. W. Gumsier.

The American Legion band, accompanied by fifteen or more auto loads of people, captained by E. C. Foreman, visited Saranac, Ionia, Belding and Greenville Wednesday night, boosting the Centennial. Open air concerts were given at each point. Other towns will be visited next Wednesday evening.

The parade of floats on Friday, August 7, at 1 p. m. gives every promise of being one of the greatest ever held in Michigan. It will be more than a mile in length and many of the floats will be of outstanding beauty.

For the worst looking vehicle not mechanically propelled a first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5. Must be entered by a boy or girl under 16.

The worst looking automobile in the parade will win a prize of \$10, the second \$5.

Those who can and will bring teams of horses for the parade, please notify Centennial headquarters at once, or call Paul Kellogg.

Ada Plays Ball Here Sunday at 3 o'Clock

Ada plays Lowell Independents at Recreation park Sunday at 3 p. m. The Ada team has been re-organized and will face the home team with a strong lineup. Ladies will be admitted free.

Lowell defeated Parnell last Sunday in a one-sided game, 13 to 0, before a large audience.

Housing Committee Wants Information

The housing committee for the Lowell Centennial wishes to know if you have rooms for the accommodations of visitors, and if so, how many, and whether you can provide meals.

Any one desiring rooms reserved will also please make their wants known.

Notify Harvey Coons, secretary housing committee, Lowell.

HERE'S PROGRAM FOR CENTENNIAL

(Subject to Change)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH.

Thursday Forenoon—Registration at Centennial headquarters. 12:00—Ox-roast at Recreation Park.

Afternoon

2:00—Program at Recreation Park. Address by Former Gov. Chase S. Osborne.

Cong. Carl E. Mapes.

Band Concert—Lowell American Legion Band.

3:30—Base ball game.

Lowell Independents vs. (To be decided later.)

7:00—Ballroom Ascension and Parachute Drops.

8:15—Pageant at Recreation Park.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Forenoon

10:00—Sports and Contests at Recreation Park.

11:30—Basket picnic at Richards Park. (West Side.)

Afternoon

1:00—Grand Centennial Parade.

3:00—Program at Recreation Park.

Speech—Gov. Wilbur M. Brucker.

Mayors of adjoining towns and cities.

4:30—Base Ball Game.

Ionia Reformatory Nine Vs. Finest Oils, (Colored)

7:00—Ballroom Ascension and Parachute Drops.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

Forenoon

10:00—Sports and Contests at Recreation Park.

12:00—Basket Picnic at Richards Park, (West Side.)

Afternoon

2:00—Racing Matinee at Recreation Park.

Three Harness Races.

One Running Race.

7:00—Ballroom Ascension and Parachute Drops.

7:30—Reunion at Lowell High School. Former Students.

8:30—Out-Door Dance. Recreation park. (tennis courts).

In Connection With Program

During the three days the Lowell American Legion Band under the direction of Legionnaire Charles H. White will furnish music at all occasions day and night.

There will be free acts interspersed throughout the three days at intervals for the entertainment of everyone.

It is quite possible that we will have a grand display of fireworks the night of August 8th at some suitable place.

The Michigan Greater Shows will be present with plenty of concessions, shows, merry-go-rounds, ferris wheel, chair plane, motor drome. There will be plenty at all times for everyone to see.

Quoit pitching contests will feature the forenoon of the first two days, with other contests to be announced.

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Sammy Yeiter Earns Highest Scout Honors in Record Time

Gerald Samuel Yeiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yeiter, received the highest rank achieved in scouting, that of Eagle Scout, while at Camp Shawanodosee on Sunday night, July 19.

Sam joined the Scouts at the age of 12 years and won the twenty-one hard-earned merit badges it takes to become an Eagle Scout, in one year and seven months.

Becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 13 is considered quite an honor among all Scouts.

Other honors won by Sammy at camp were Junior Red Cross and Scout Life Guard certificates, also Junior N. R. A. badge. Sam also won highest camp award, based on the point system. This honor was won by only one other Scout out of 175 boys.

He assisted in the Indian dances of three Council Fires, and was assistant clerk at the camp store.

The Council Fire that took place on Sunday night in the natural amphitheater of their Camp was impressive in itself, but the elements assisted in making it doubly so, with its electrical display and the rolling and rumbling of the thunder.

After the Scouts and Camp Officials, dressed to represent Indian braves, had marched in and around the camp fire, to the music of the tom toms, the ceremony started with the reciting of the story of how the Indians first found fire, which was then demonstrated by rubbing sticks together to make fire. This also included the Spectacular Fire Dance given by a Brave.

"Big Chief" Miller ceremoniously approached the Council Fire and was appropriately greeted by his Braves after which he gave a short talk. This was followed by the reading of the names of all Scouts receiving merit badges and ranks of honor. These were received before the Grand Council of Big Chiefs, and the honors awarded them by Scout leaders, officers and assistants from the

Grand Rapids area. After the honors were received the "Cheer Leader" and his braves gave appropriate yells and applause.

Four Scouts including Sam were given the rank of Eagle Scout, this was followed by a short reception of the other Eagle Scouts, parents and friends.

The feature of the evening in which Sam participated was the "False Face Dance" given by four Scouts, represented as Indian Braves, with false faces on, in which they portrayed all the grotesqueness, characteristic of Indian dances.

The elements caused a sudden finale to the evening's events by a sudden down pour of rain causing every one to rush to the cars or tents. Sam returned home Monday afternoon after three eventful weeks at Camp, a very happy boy.

HELEN AVERY TELLS OF LIFE EARLY DAYS

HAS LIVED HERE 77 YEARS AND IS PROBABLY LOWELL'S OLDEST RESIDENT—ATTENDED INDIAN POWWOMS AND KNEW INDIAN CUSTOMS.

Some incidents of early days in Lowell by Mrs. Helen Avery:

A few days ago Mrs. Avery was asked if she remembered anyone now in Lowell who attended church in the "little red school-house" which stood where the Methodist church now stands.

Mrs. Avery immediately replied that she attended both school and church in the "little red school-house."

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Verne H. Church Says Good Crop Prospects

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NOT SO BAD
Evidence that the economic depression was not as severely imagined as that the "turn of the corner" has been reached, is seen in Department of State records. Several weeks ago, it was estimated that the annual corporation tax for the fiscal years beginning July 1 would fall nearly \$1,500,000 below that raised by the same tax year. In the first 12 days of the new tax year, 354 corporations paid their tax and the average was \$125 for corporation. For the first 12 days of the previous tax year, 467 corporations had paid an average tax of \$136. These statistics show that the corporation tax is \$11 per company less than a year ago and that the state business concerns are slower in paying than a year ago. The surprising figure, however, is that the corporation tax at this rate will be only about \$300,000 under that of last year.

A brighter outlook for the future is seen from the fact that the Central Products Terminal of Detroit took out incorporation papers with a declared value of \$90,000. This company is given the right to build a warehouse for all sorts of farm produce and also the right to merchandise its wares. Here is one company that has nearly a million dollars' worth of faith in the future of Michigan.

THE BEST CURE
Automobile owners who are careless and try to mix liquor with driving cars deserve no tolerance. A drunken driver endangers the life of innocent people all along his pathway. The most important deterrent for reckless driving is the suspension of the driving privilege. Anyone found driving an automobile while drunk should have his license taken from him for a period, which should be made long enough to make him respect the safety of others.

GENERAL REGISTRATION
The Department of State is making plans a year in advance for the general registration of all voters before the presidential election in 1932. Under the changes in the election laws adopted by the 1931 legislature, the Department of State has greatly increased powers in regard to elections. Already the department, in conjunction with the election commission, have approved forms for the next registration, which is mandatory on all counties of over 5,000, and these forms will be available for local election officials within a short time.

PROGRAM COMPLETED
Five years ago a naval aviation program was instituted by the United States with the avowed purpose of having a thousand modern airplanes available at the end of this period. The last plane in this program was delivered a few days ago.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS
The United States will participate in the general disarmament conference to be held in Geneva next year. An invitation to send representatives to the party was received by the President. It will be accepted formally, according to a White House announcement. The invitation was forwarded to the League of Nations, evidently impressed by Mr. Hoover's recent utterances regarding disarmament and the American Government's clear purpose to use its influence toward a reduction in military expenditures and general rehabilitation. The Administration's welcome of the invitation is further evidence that this Government is determined to press for disarmament as a sequence to the Hoover's moratorium. It also demonstrates that the Administration's view of our relation to the arms conference has changed radically and that Mr. Hoover now regards it as America's duty to be an active participant.

The Stars and Stripes have again taken a leading place on the high seas. The United States Shipping Board has issued information showing that American flag-ships sail regularly from 16 Atlantic ports, from 18 Gulf ports, and from 29 Pacific Coast ports, a growth since the World War that is amazing. This statement by the Shipping Board also informs the public that 40 foreign ports



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now have from 15 to 15 daily United States flag services, while only 11 such ports had regular service prior to the war. American ships sail into the ports of every civilized country of the globe. They bear American-made goods and products abroad and bring their merchandise from many lands to enrich American homes.

Despite the sharp decline in the value of commodities exchanged between the United States and other countries last year, the "invisible" trade, and particularly international financial operations, continue close to the level of the preceding "boom" year. This was brought out by Assistant Secretary of Commerce in a foreword to the department's delayed report on the balance of international payments for 1930. Part of the international financial operations reflected in the study, he pointed out, have a close relationship to commercial operations.

The most important result of the accord between France and the United States is to relieve Germany of the burden of reparations payments. If President Hoover had made his announcement on June 20, the German Reichsbank would have closed its doors June 22. If the negotiations at Paris had not been successful, the same disaster would have been inevitable, for even after Mr. Hoover's proposal for suspension of reparations payments had been made, the condition of the bank continued to grow more and more critical.

In a vigorous defense of the tariff law which is a coauthor, Senator Smoot, of Utah, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, challenged the Democrats to clarify their position and specify the duties they should reduce. He called upon Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the Senate, for a statement, declaring, "It is high time the public is informed as to the exact and specific nature of the Democratic attitude on the tariff." Up to this time Senator Smoot said the only Democrat who has specifically mentioned schedules is Jettett Shouse, executive director of the Democratic National Committee, and the only items he has named were sugar and wool.

Although wheat prices slumped to the lowest level since 1906 in the Chicago grain pit, the Federal Farm Board appeared victorious in its policy of reserving the right to sell from its wheat stocks not exceeding 5,000,000 bushels monthly for the next year. The rebuff which Vice President Curtis and Senator Capper (Rep., Kan.) received from James C. Stone, chairman of the Farm Board, appears to have taken the heart out of the opponents of the board's policy. Better President Hoover's proposal for suspension of reparations payments had been made, the condition of the bank continued to grow more and more critical.

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Various Topics in General News

The Interstate Commerce Commission has allowed the railroads to increase their rates 15%.

A group of merchants having effected a consolidation, Sanquy is added to the list of the county seats serving by one newspaper.

Wheat prices are the lowest since 1905. The drop has been caused by the abundance of a bumper crop. What in these parts looks particularly good.

Detroit's milk supply is shrinking to the point of seriousness. There is a "silent strike" among producers, many of whom have been unable to sell milk at current prices.

London remains the world's largest city, with 8,202,818 people. New York, however, the second largest, is catching up with old London at the rate of 100,000 a year.

The dread army worm has appeared in Michigan, in parts of Ingham county. The M. S. C. advises plowing furrows with the soil turned inward, around the worm, to bury it.

The state legislature appropriated \$100,000 to be expended during the year for advertising Michigan's tourist attractions.

The Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at the local place, with the Rev. Fr. J. McNeil, pastor.

The Congregational Church regular church services, 11 a. m. Prof. R. J. Grether, of Olivet college, will deliver the sermon.

The Catholic parish St. Mary's-Lowell, Rev. Fr. J. McNeil, pastor. 9:00 a. m., High Mass and sermon.

The Episcopalian Church, Rev. Fr. J. McNeil, pastor. 10:00 a. m., High Mass and sermon.

HOYT'S KORNER

Builder's Hardware and Builders' Supplies
Published in Interest of Lowell and Vicinity Edited by H. D. Hoyt, Vol. 2 Thursday, July 23, 1931

Editorial: The woman who reigns will sometimes storm. If you need to roof this summer and for any reason had a garden party and you cannot afford to do so, you surely do not need to let the looks continue another year and do injury to your ceilings and walls and the contents of your home.

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WANTED—NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FORMER LOWELLITES

The Reception Committee for the Lowell Centennial-Home Coming to be held Aug. 5, 7, & 8, 1931 desires the names and addresses of all former residents of this vicinity. Please use the following form and mail or leave same at the Ledger office. They will be turned over to M. N. Henry, chairman of Reception Committee.

Look Says

When this weekly special starts remember you must give reasonable merchandise at prices that you don't have to advertise special prices in large type. Our sales during the past weeks prove that you folks appreciate the items we have offered and so this week we are offering merchandise on a guaranteed to please basis. In case you have accumulated some flies, moths, mosquitoes or roaches—you will need our special.

Look's Drug Store
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Editor's Mail Box

New Smyrna, Florida, July 10, 1931.
Dear Editor: Enclosed please find check for payment of Ledger for another year. I enjoy reading it each week, and shall always be interested in the old home town.

FARMERS DAY TO BE HOME TALENT EVENT
Farmers' Day at Michigan State College, Friday, July 31, will provide a homelike atmosphere for visitors as the economy which has been the farmer's household companion for several years will be apparent on the day's program.

WEST VERGENNES ITEMS
Mrs. Francis Strong, of Grand Rapids, has been visiting Grace Blaine the past week.

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This and That From Around the Old Town

Mrs. H. C. Scott spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. Tony Gaylor.

Mrs. Fred Stein, of Saranac, spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Morse.

Mrs. Helen Brown and son Billy, are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Archie Travis, at Richmond.

Mrs. Donald Whaley, of Ada, spent a few days last week with her relatives at Weston Lake.

Mrs. Carrie Conklin, of Grand Rapids, and Mary Sage Ball, Jan. 20, 1947, and Mrs. E. S. Lister.

Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Edick and son, of Grand Rapids, were in town last week.

Mrs. and Mrs. William G. Gates, of Detroit, spent Wednesday and Thursday with their guests.

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LOWELL DISTRICT NO. 5
The fine rain Sunday afternoon was greatly appreciated by the members.

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- Shoulder Pork Roast, lb. 14c
- Pork Steak, lb. 15c
- Beef Roast, Choice Steer, lb. 15c
- Beef Ribs, Choice Steer, lb. 10c
- Frankfurts, lb. 11c
- Smoked Picnics, lb. 15c
- Boneless Picnics, lb. 20c

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Odds and Ends Here and There

The barn on the farm of Ed Easterbrook was struck by lightning July 15 and burned to the ground, together with contents. Only through the efforts of the neighbors were the other buildings saved. Loss about \$900, partly covered by insurance.

Howard Potter, of the Ford hardware store, met with rather an unpleasant accident on last Thursday while working on the garage roof at the Theodore Mueller home, losing his balance and falling backwards with a pair of pants. After a naphtha bath and lard shampoo, he is "good as new" and about his work again.

Mrs. Eliza Hettle, Grand Rapids, Route 9, writes as follows: "I'm very much interested in the Centennial program and expect to attend. Hope your efforts will be very successful."

Rev. David F. Warner, of Sunman, Ind., writes the Ledger as follows: "Mrs. Warner and I plan to spend the first two weeks of August at our farm and with my parents. Very interesting are your plans for Centennial-Homecoming. We anticipate enjoying some of the event."

People get good results every week by using The Ledger want column. You may no longer need some odd article, but it may be just the thing somebody else wants.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hendee, (nee Lula Brooks,) of Woodland, a son, Raymond Edward, on July 12, 1931. Miss Edna Allen cared for Mrs. Hendee and son.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted in saving the rest of our buildings when our barn burned. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Easterbrook.

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 - Beef Ribs, lb. choice steer. 10c
 - Liver Sausage lb. 10c
 - Dill Pickles 4 for. 10c
 - Pork Liver lb. 10c
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 - Pickled Pigs Feet, 3 lbs. 27c
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This and That From Around The Old Town

Mrs. Charles Doyle was in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Miss Olga Huzar, of Detroit, is visiting Miss Mary Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Morris Peckham, of Grand Rapids, spent Tuesday in Lowell.

Mrs. P. C. Freeman is visiting relatives at Lansing this week.

Mrs. H. Palmer and Emma Ransford spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Alfred Vande, of Chicago visited his cousin, Emma Ransford, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood and son Gordon spent Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakeslee and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner were at Evart Sunday.

Mrs. Tim Conant and daughter Virginia are spending this week with friends in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston, of Ionia, spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone.

Miss Mary Lennon, of Hastings, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson the first of the week.

Jack Davarn, of Pawama, is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. John Kropp.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Miller, of Dearborn, spent the week-end with Theron Miller and family.

Misses Ella Ross and Abby Malcom called on Miss Abby Odell in Vergennes Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ecclesia Nolstine, of Detroit, is visiting her father, R. Cheyne and Mrs. Jennie Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carey and son, of Grand Rapids, spent Tuesday at the Ed. Easterbrook home.

Mrs. Ethel Roth and family spent a few days last week in Detroit, returning to Lowell Thursday.

Miss Frances McCarty is spending a few days with her sister, Miss Alice McCarty, in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Belle Ecker, of Wilson N. C., is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Jennie Hunter and Mrs. R. Cheyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott and daughter Dorothy, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Beebe at Cascade.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oisteen and three children of Bridgetown, called on Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Green one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brake, of Clarksville, spent Thursday evening with the latter's mother, Mrs. P. C. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Turner and daughter Jean spent Thursday evening at the home of Chris Hawk in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Crooks spent over the week-end with the former's brothers, Charles and Ed. Crooks, at Entran.

Mrs. Chester A. Weldon and daughter Esther, are spending the week at Mrs. Weldon's parents near Cedar Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Crooks and daughter Irene spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. Bailey and family at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert David and son Earl and lady friend, of Grand Rapids, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, of Detroit, were Monday guests of Mrs. Albert Roth, of Detroit, who is spending several weeks in Lowell.

Misses Kate, Agnes and Martha Perry and Miss Marion Bushnell returned Friday from Newberry and other northern cities after spending the week.

Mrs. G. A. Plumb and daughter Betty and son Norris and friend, Dick Pendergast, called on the former's aunt, Mrs. Fred Malcom, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howell and son Harold, Warren Howell and Miss Edna Green spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Green.

Mrs. W. A. Minty and daughter Helen spent the week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. P. C. Freeman, and all called on Mr. and Mrs. John Brake at Clarksville Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson and daughter Doris and son Jimmy Lee and Miss Mary Lennon spent Tuesday in Palo with Mrs. Charles Reasoner. Miss Doris remained for a few days' visit.

Members of the Green circle of the M. E. church with their families and a few invited guests, numbering about forty, enjoyed a picnic supper at Fallsbury park last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee motored to Rock Lake Sunday to get their daughter Cassie June and Dorothy Hawley, who have been camping for several days. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Wood, of Holland, were guests at the Lee home and Cassie June Lee and Dorothy Hawley accompanied them to their home and Cassie June will spend two weeks there.

Sunday, July 19th, was held the 10th reunion of the Parker family at Ramona park, Grand Rapids. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by all, and was followed by a business meeting. Mrs. Frank Barlig, of Vermontville, was elected president and Miss Hazel Hoag, of Lowell, secretary and treasurer.

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GOLD WINNERS

The following were the lucky ones to receive gold Wednesday night: Mrs. Elvert Baird, Boston township, \$10; Mrs. Will Burdick, Lowell, \$5; Mrs. Will Klahn, South Lowell, \$2.50.

Social Events

Garden Is Background for Nuptial Service

"Miss Ariel M. Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orrin Lawrence, of Lowell, became the bride of Harry Allen Sisson, son of Mrs. M. L. Sisson, of Romeo and Detroit, in the lovely garden of the Sisson home in Romeo, July 11. The Rev. Ralph Cressman, of the Highland Park Presbyterian church, read the service, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. "The bride chose for her gown a model of pale pink all-over embroidered chiffon over pink tulle. A large pink horsehair hat and pink slippers completed her costume. "Miss Kathryn Lalley, of Lowell, attended as bridesmaid, attired in pale blue chiffon with which she wore a blue horsehair garden hat and slippers to match. Charles Fuller, nephew of the bride, acted as ring bearer. "William Strengson, of Detroit, assisted Mr. Sisson as best man and Mrs. Margaret Johnston and Frederick Strengson received the guests. "A reception followed the ceremony and a buffet supper was served on the lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson left for the East for a honeymoon trip."—Detroit News, July 12, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fallas, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rutherford and two daughters, Ida Belle and Inez Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rutherford and daughter, Mary Jane enjoyed a delicious breakfast at Fallsbury park Sunday morning.

The Garden Lore club was delightfully entertained Tuesday. The hostesses were Mrs. Willard Hunter, Mrs. Frank E. White and Mrs. Harvey Coons. The meeting was held on the lawn adjoining the library building with the garden as a background. Roll call was answered by each member with a question. A flower naming contest was also held after which refreshments were enjoyed.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Tessa Aileen Spinney, daughter of Mrs. Jennie M. Spinney, of Lansing, to Vernon G. Armstrong, of Lansing, on June 12, 1931. Mrs. Spinney and daughter were former Lowell residents.

I have withdrawn my name from the Centennial Queen contest and wish to thank all those who were so kind in offering their help.

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Broadcast of the Lowell Centennial

(Continued from first page)

Good Jesuit Fathers from the age of 10, she acquired high education and though she retained the full tribal garb, she became a remarkable woman, a skilled linguist and a famous beauty. In 1796 she was married to Joseph La Framboise, a young man from the Astors, and departed into the wilderness of Western Michigan on the long journey which was their honeymoon. On the banks of Grand river, near the site of the present village of Lowell, they established a trading post. This post became one of the important links in the chain of the American Fur Trading Co. Indians from various tribes came with their pelts and the post was often the scene of councils. The La Framboises lived happily this way for several years, spending their summers at their post and the winters at company headquarters at Mackinac Island. The fame of Monsieur and Madame La Framboise had spread over all the territory and no man, red or white, was their enemy. It was that fact which made the blow, which fell in the early fall of 1809, doubly tragic. The La Framboises were returning from Mackinac with a crew of 12 men to manage their bateaux. All went well until they reached their last encampment in a Pottawatomie village on the bluffs near Muskegon. They were received cordially, for the Pottawatomies were their sworn brothers, but during the evening one young man, named for liquor, insultingly demanded whiskey from La Framboise who persistently refused. Brooding sullenly, the Indian watched the Frenchman retire to his tent, and while the latter was at prayer, stole through the opening, plunged his dagger into the chest of the kneeling La Framboise and then dashed away.

Madame La Framboise met the future courageously. She journeyed on, bearing the remains of her slain husband. At Grand Haven, Mich., she buried him, then proceeded to the post where she carried on her work. The Pottawatomies tried to wipe out the stain on their honor and the following spring dragged forth the murderer from his hiding and asked her, in the judgment seat, as Madame spoke, her words astonished the Indians: "I have read the Good Book, which bids us to forgive seventy-times seven. My desire is that you do likewise and give him his life." The Indians failed to comprehend, but they unbound Nagat, the murderer, and in flaming words denounced his crime and banished him from the tribe forever. The next season his body was found in the woods, a knife in his breast. He had taken his own life.

Madame La Framboise continued at the Lowell post as agent for the Astor company until 1821, when she sold her business to Rix Robinson, journeyed to Grand Haven, exchanged her husband's body and took it in a canoe to Mackinac. She died April 4, 1846. Her body rests besides those of her husband and daughter, under the altar in St. Ann's Roman Catholic church at Mackinac Island. Madame La Framboise's only daughter, second in beauty only to her charming mother, was the wife of Capt. Benjamin Pierce, a brother of Franklin Pierce, president of the United States.

The first white man to make permanent settlement in what is now Lowell was an 18-year-old Frenchman by the name of Daniel de Marsaque. He came in the year 1828 under authority of the famous Campau family, making his way from Detroit through the wilderness by Indian trails; he built a log cabin trading post, which was located on the south bank of

Grand river, a distance of about four city blocks from the Main street bridge in the present village of Lowell. Here Marsaque married a beautiful Indian girl, Jenute, but when the white settlers began coming into the Grand river valley Marsaque became ashamed of his squaw, so he went to Detroit and married a white woman and brought her back to his trading post. This was more than Jenute could bear and she died soon after of a broken heart. Marsaque lost the respect and trade of the Indians and later turned his attention to farming. Tragedy was interwoven with romance in those early days.

I would like to tell you of another epoch in Lowell's interesting history—her lumbering days when her rivers carried countless millions of feet of pine logs and the town was alive with lumber jacks dressed in their gay Mackinacs, long colored sashes and high-topped, caulked boots, but time forbids.

Come to Lowell during her centennial and see the old days lived over again in pageant and parade. See the big mills of the King Milling Co., the wheels of which have been turned by the waters of the Flat for nearly 100 years, its output of Pure Gold flour and poultry feeds amounting to many carloads annually. See the Foreman poultry farm, which yearly sends millions of chicks of the famous Foreman strain of White Leghorns to all sections of the United States and Canada. Here at the Superior Furniture Co. plant skilled artisans make the finest of furniture, a piece of which may now be lending charm to your living room. You will also see the Lowell Sprayer Co., largest manufacturers of compressed air sprayers in the world, their output going into nearly all countries of the earth. When you dine to-night the makings of the pie you will enjoy will no doubt be the product of the Fallas Canning Co. At the Melody Farms Dairy milk is produced by contented cows to the music of Grand Opera and the latest popular airs.

Come to Lowell, a highly developed dairy, agricultural, poultry and fruit raising section, served by the Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette railroads, over which the Runciman elevator ships annually many carloads of this section's output of grain, beans, apples and other fruits.

Come to Lowell where you will see the beginning of what will no doubt be a national bean center, because here for the first time beans will be picked by the electric eye, a remarkable new invention manufactured by the Lowell company by the General Electric Company.

Come to Lowell and enjoy her beautiful parks, located on running waters and with every convenience for the tourist, all reached by scenic highways. There are scores of beautiful lakes with their acres of diamonds. As my friend Verne Ashley says: "Nature has given to Lowell what many towns are spending millions to attain."

Come to Lowell—"The Friendly Town"—where we hail our friend as Norm and Deck and Jerry and Glenn and Charlie and Bill and Larry—where we call our mayor "Deak" Henry—and where the editor is known as Jeff.

I thank you, Swift & Company and Mr. Charles and my friends on the air, and again bid you cordial welcome to Lowell's Centennial on August 6, 7 and 8.

EAST ADA—SPRING HILL

Mrs. Earl Vosburg entertained twelve little guests at a birthday party Wednesday, July 15th in honor of her son Ernest's sixth birthday. Those present were Mrs. W. V. Burras and daughters, Marguerite, Florence and Marion, Mrs. Lloyd Yelter and daughters, Phyllis, Elaine and Elizabeth, Kismet, Marion and Margaret, Wilson, Benny and Anna Theule.

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