

REWARDS OF SERVICE

PEOPLE who get up entertainments for churches and other organizations often remark that while they were working on these propositions, they felt burdened by the labor involved, and by the amount of time that had to be devoted to these efforts.

That is the universal rule in all kinds of public service. When you give time and effort to community work, you get something more than the direct gains for the organizations.

HOME TOWN DEVELOPMENT

IT IS usually considered beneficial for a city or town to grow. With such increased population, the greater number of people can provide better schools, social and religious advantages, thus making the community a better place in which to live.

Yet there are many towns such as Lowell that are very desirable for residence and business which have not grown much in population. They attract the substantial class of people who are intelligent enough to adopt modern ideas.

THE NATIONAL INCOME

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT says that the goal of all the efforts to re-establish the economic soundness of the nation, should be to bring the national income up to one hundred billion dollars a year. There is no doubt whatever that if that amount of money could be produced and distributed annually by manufacture, agriculture, mining, transportation, public utilities, building and all of the other ways in which income is produced and earned, we would be sitting on top of the world.

Our largest national income for which there are any trustworthy estimates was in 1929. The total turnover of goods and money reached a little more than 80 billions. By 1932 the national income had dropped to less than half of that figure.

It is difficult to think of any good reason why the national income should not climb rapidly to the figure suggested by the President. If economists are to be believed, all that is holding us back is restrictions upon the free play of private enterprise which have been imposed by the Federal government in well-meant but unsuccessful efforts to restore prosperity by artificial and political means.

All that capital and industry need to start them working is reasonable assurance that they will be encouraged, rather than discouraged, in their efforts to produce more wealth and give employment to more workers, and that if they do succeed in making profits those profits will not be confiscated by excessive and arbitrary taxes.

NEEDS OF THE NEEDY

A SURVEY of the relief situation in 28 states was made public a few days ago in New York by the American association. Some of the more conspicuous conditions were reported as follows: Malnutrition commonly reported among relief families, little or no care available in many sections for transients, children kept out of school in many sections for lack of clothing, monthly food allowances in some sections as low as \$1.90 for a family of four.

All such and many other conditions are deplorable. Many will say the government must strain its resources still more, and provide better for these unfortunate people. The only real remedy for such conditions is the stimulation of business. When business is good, it gives the people employment.

Some of our folks here in Lowell may say that business and production in the whole country were good in 1937 about the same as in the boom times of 1929. Probably the population is seven or eight per cent more than in 1929, so business would need to be considerably greater in volume.

The effect of heavy taxes on the ability to employ labor must not be forgotten. The man or the concern that is paying a large slice of income into the government can't employ service and help as if taxes were lighter. "Raise the taxes" is always the remedy in the minds of many, but when money is spent for taxes it can't hire labor.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

Nothing venture, nothing have, says the old proverb. If you can't venture a few of your efforts and a little of your time to help your home town, you can't expect to have much share in any development it may gain.

Some people claim advertising is not worth it. Why then do you suppose so many big stores spend thousands on advertising, if their trade did not fall off when they drop the publicity?

W.J. Smith Quits As Ag. Teacher To Enter Business

Successor Comes Well Recommended

The many friends of William J. Smith were much surprised recently to hear that he had resigned his position as Instructor of Agriculture in the high school in order that he might enter business.

For the past twelve years, Mr. Smith has been connected with the Lowell high school and he has made his presence felt in many activities of the community.

Mr. Smith has been experimenting in business activities outside of the school and he came to the conclusion that he would like to give his full attention to a business which he has organized and maintained in Holland for some time.

100 Masons Witness Degree Work Here

Lowell Masonic lodge No. 90 scored another successful meeting Tuesday evening of this week when upwards of 100 Masons from Lowell and other towns gathered for the purpose of witnessing the conferring of the Master Mason degree upon three brothers.

One of those to receive the work was the Rev. E. Wenger, chaplain of Southern Michigan prison at Jackson and formerly pastor of Lowell Congregational church.

Former Lowellites Injured By Drunken Driver

While driving to his work Feb. 19th, according to the family, Harold Oliver, formerly of Lowell, was seriously injured by a drunken driver running into his car on Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Mr. Oliver sustained two fractures in left leg and dislocated left foot besides head injuries.

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County-Wide Drive For Highway Safety

The Grand Rapids Safety Council, next week will launch an intensive 90-day campaign of county-wide safety education. The aim of the campaign is to answer the challenge of public demand for a reduction in accidents in Michigan homes and industries and on Michigan streets and highways.

State's Book Prices Lowest, Case Says

The Department of State calls attention to the prices at which various official publications are available, in view of the fact that at least one publishing firm is offering them for higher prices than the state charges.

The only source for private publishing houses have official state publications, is the state itself, and there is no limit on the number of books which can be bought at the price available to everyone.

T-B Essay Contest For H. S. Students

"Tuberculosis Undiscovered Endangers You" will be the campaign slogan which will be heard throughout the nation during April. Our own Anti-tuberculosis Society will carry this battle cry in Kent County as a part of the 9th educational campaign for early diagnosis of this hidden disease.

Part of the plans made by the committee include an essay contest which will be open to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in every public and private school in Grand Rapids and the county.

Many Good Laughs In Senior Play

The Senior class of Lowell high school will be engaged in one of the most outstanding and entertaining events of the year when it presents the play, "Skidding."

COMEDY SATURDAY EVENING AT ALTO GRANGE HALL

The Sweet School PTA will present "The Dutch Detective" at the Alto Grange hall Saturday evening, April 2, at 8:15.

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Trial Balloons For New Taxes Soon Deflated

Taxpayers Grow Tax Conscious

State Capitol letter to The Ledger by Gene Allemen, Field Manager of the Michigan Press Association:

Reflecting the administration's concern over the growing treasury deficit is the latest tax "trial balloon" sent up by John W. Ferguson, chairman of the state tax commission, appointed by Governor Murphy to succeed the veteran commissioner, M. B. McPherson of Lowell.

It was last January, you will recall, that Governor Murphy proclaimed the merit of a state income tax at the Jackson Day dinner in Detroit. George Schroeder, speaker of the house, had previously mentioned the income tax as a possibility for legislative action.

Another Balloon Down

The second balloon to go up was the personal property tax, personally sponsored by Chairman Ferguson, and the income tax commission. Ferguson was impressed by success in other states of putting "hidden wealth" on tax rolls by the simple procedure of examining U. S. income tax returns.

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Lad Saves Man's Life

Suicide Is Frustrated By Timely Arrival

The timely arrival of a school boy at his home on Tuesday noon is responsible for the saving of the life of Jesse Davies, a man of about 45 years of age who attempted to end his life in the garage.

Wesley Adriance, the school boy, discovering the man's serious plight stopped the motor, opened the car and garage doors and then hurried to tell his teacher. Officers were notified and a physician summoned in time to save the man's life.

Tentative Proposals For WPA Projects

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Sayings by Noted Editors

DAY BY DAY CERTAIN FACTS ARE CLEAR

There have been a multiplicity of sayings invented for people who work hard and carry on the necessary duties of everyday commerce and business.

Last Friday we passed the fifth anniversary of an administration which has attacked the very people and the very institutions which have made America a better world.

In a fit of premature optimism, President Roosevelt has said: "Don't let anyone tell you we didn't plan it this way."

Business is now being given another "breathing spell." It is faster longer the time for business to catch its breath—not to mention beginning to breathe regularly.

It is not surprising that the coming more and more clear. If the average wage-earning family does not take on the burden of employment which is being taken over by the government.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pennington and mother, Mrs. Eva Colby of Sparta were Sunday visitors of Hill Condon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Weeks and Mrs. Clyde Condon were Sunday evening callers.

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**Strange Food Facts**

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OH! THE BARGAINS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING, TRAIL!

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**Kellogg's Wheat Krispies** box 1c  
With 2 boxes of Kellogg's Corn Flakes

**MONARCH**  
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**RED & WHITE**  
Tomato Juice, tall can 2 for 19c

**White Beans** 4 lbs. 15c

**Red & White Milk** 2 tall cans 13c

**Fresh Spinach** lb. 5c

**Sunkist Oranges**  
Again at only 25 for 35c

**Red Ripe Tomatoes** lb. 9c

**-SEA FOOD-**

**Beef Ribs** lb. 15c

**Beef Pot Rst.** lb. 18c

**Beef Chuck Roast** Cut from choice beef lb. 21c

**BACON** **MILD**  
**Squares** **Cheese**  
lb. 17c 2 lbs. 33c lb. 19c

**LARD** pure home rendered style 2 lbs. 25c

**Veal Stew** breast lb. 15c

**Veal Shoulder Rst.** lb. 22c

**TIP TOP OLEO** 2 lbs. 25c

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**More Local News**

Dances have been discontinued at the Smyrna hall until after Easter.

Mrs. Earl Jones was taken to Sunshine Sanitarium Tuesday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Quast and mother, Mrs. Millie Quast, spent Sunday with relatives in Lansing.

Mrs. Wesley Crooks spent last week Wednesday with Lena Reuser in Ionia. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Crooks attended the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crooks at Ettrick.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Crooks were Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Stahl and nephew Donnie of Elmdale. Supper and evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strinham and son Charles of Freepert.

The property on Pleasant-st., owned by the Fred Kropf Estate, was sold recently to Joseph Snell, section foreman for the Pere Marquette railroad. Mr. Snell is making extensive improvements to the house and grounds.

Mrs. Mary Soules returned Tuesday to her home in Lowell after spending the winter in Grand Rapids with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Woodworth.

The car driven by Melvin Boerma struck Fred Venema, 4, who was riding his bicycle on M-21 in front of the Methodist church. Venema was bruised and cut when he was thrown from the bicycle, which was demolished. Boerma, according to officers, was traveling west on M-21 and claimed that he did not see the boy, who was riding with two other boys going the same direction, because of the lights of an oncoming car.

Dana and Portia Johnson of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, will arrive Saturday to spend their 10-day spring vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Johnson at their home, Quab-quash-tha, near the Rod and Gun club. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson formerly lived in Grand Rapids but expect to make Lowell their permanent home. Mr. Johnson driving to his work in Grand Rapids each day. Portia Johnson just received first place in the 100-yard breast stroke swimming division of the minor league of American colleges.

Ralph Sherwood was brought home last week from Blodgett hospital, where he has been confined since the week before Christmas, because of injuries received in an automobile accident while on the way home from his work in Ionia. Ralph is glad to be home again, and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Henrietta M. Whitford of Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, spent the week-end with her aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Good. On Sunday afternoon they all visited Mrs. Good's father, Henry Whitford in Lansing. He is quite ill at this writing. On Monday Miss Whitford and Mrs. Good visited their father and brother, Claude Whitford at Elwell.

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**Social Events**

**Aldrich-Reynolds**

A lovely wedding took place Mar. 25 at 4:00 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Reynolds when their daughter, Lois, became the bride of Mr. Merle Aldrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Aldrich of Ada. They were attended by Miss Sybil Reynolds, sister of the bride and Edward Aldrich, brother of the groom. She was given away by her father and Mrs. Emo Ausema played the wedding march.

Rev. Emo Ausema, pastor of the Community Reformed Church of Ada officiated.

The bride wore a white afternoon dress and her attendant wore wine crepe. They both wore corsages of sweet peas.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served after the ceremony. Guests included Mrs. Vern Aldrich and sons, Donald and Darrel of Ada and the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, Edward Aldrich and Miss Leah Reynolds of Grand Rapids, Miss Vivian Cole of Lowell.

**Celebrate Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Day were pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening when they arrived at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Leach and found seventy-five relatives and friends gathered there to help them celebrate their 25th anniversary. The host and hostess had their entertainment planned so five hundred guests and bunches were played in separate rooms.

Florentius Vandenberg read the vows for a mock ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark and Bruce House as attendants. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. A silver collection was taken for the silver couple.

Guests were from Greenville, Sparta, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Smyrna, Cedar Springs and Muskegon.

**Extension Class Meets**

The Lowell Extension Class met Tuesday with Mrs. Madge Barkdale. There were twelve members present to study the lesson on refinishing furniture. Pictures of antique furniture of different periods from 1820 were shown. A delicious lunch was served. Mrs. Edith Nevins and Mrs. Ruby Hunter assisting the hostess.

**Entertains for Granddaughter**

Mrs. Harry Kinsley entertained a group of children Wednesday afternoon at a party for her granddaughter, Helen Jean Blomshine on her fifth anniversary.

**Social Briefs**

The Book Forum met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Gerald Finis. Mrs. Ray Avery reviewed "The Elephant Never Forgets" by Ethel Lina White.

The P.D. Club met last week Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Gottfredson, honors going to Mrs. F. E. White and Dr. Gottfredson.

A very pleasant surprise was in store for little George Allen Vervys on Monday afternoon, when five little girls and five little boys came to help him celebrate his fifth birthday. After opening his many lovely gifts, ice cream and cake were served to all present.

Mrs. Aggie Sullivan entertained on Tuesday evening with refreshments and contests for Mesdames Fred Ford, James Baird, Dell Condon, Royce V. Ford, C. L. F. Williamson, Dick Baird and Clyde Condon. Mrs. Dick Baird and Mrs. Clyde Condon proved to have the best memories in the cake contest. The ladies had such a pleasant afternoon and were sorry their hostess was handicapped so she could not enjoy all the games.

Shinju, double suicide, is popular among Japanese sweethearts who find it impossible to consummate their love in honorable marriage.

**Obituary**

Clayton Roth Tucker was born April 10, 1921, the fourth child of Samuel Edson and Rosa Tucker. He came with his parents to live in Clarksville in 1927, and passed away at Blodgett hospital, the place where he was born, Sunday morning after a ten days' illness, just two weeks prior to his 17th birthday. He leaves to mourn his departure his father, and mother, brother Clarence and two sisters, Bernice and Catherine, besides a host of other relatives and scores of friends.

Clayton was an enthusiastic sportsman, being a valued member of the basketball and baseball teams of the Clarksville high school, of which he was a member of the Junior class. His teammates are especially bereft.

He was a boy of jovial disposition, ambitious and possessed many characteristics which made him an outstanding youth and the exemplary life he led is one which other boys might safely emulate.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the relatives, neighbors and friends for their many kindly deeds of sympathy during the recent illness and death of our dear son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tucker, Bernice and Clarence Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Warner.

Reason is safer than emotion.

**CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS**

The Snow District PTA meeting has been postponed until Thursday evening, April 7, when A. F. Zwemer of Lowell high school will show moving pictures.

The South Boston Grange will hold a meeting Saturday evening at the hall in the form of a card party. Refreshments of coffee, sandwiches and pie will be served. Everyone come.

The Vergennes Extension class will meet next Tuesday, April 5, with Mrs. Vernice Franks.

The "Good Will Club" will meet on Thursday, April 7th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mofat, of Keene, for an all day meeting. All welcome. Those who did not bring their gift for the "Wonder Box" for Mrs. Alice Bowen may do so at this meeting.—Secy., Mrs. Miller.

The Bennett Group of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Marie Godfrey Friday afternoon, April 8.

The Peckham Group will not meet in the month of April.

The first meeting of the Garden Lore club will be held Tuesday, April 5, at the home of Mrs. P. J. Finis, who is chairman of the day. An interesting program has been arranged and it is hoped that all old members and all prospective members will be present at the meeting.

The April meeting of the M. E. Ladies Aid will be held Friday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Rosella Yeiter.

The play, "The Dutch Detective," given by members of South Lowell PTA, will be given at Alto Grange hall April 2.

A nutrition class will be held on Friday, April 1 at 2:00 o'clock p. m. in the Lowell City Hall. It will be an open meeting with Miss Roberta Hershey, extension specialist from Michigan State College, teaching the lesson on "Getting Your Child to Eat."

"The Dutch Detective" a play given by the members of Sweet School PTA will be at Alto Grange Hall Saturday, April 2nd.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express my thanks for the flowers, cards and letters, fruit, to the Alto Ladies Aid and to all those who have called on me during my illness.

Mrs. Melvina Biggs

A portrait is something which looks like you, and if it doesn't it's good. —Punch Bowl.

"Why dad, this is roast beef!" exclaimed Willie at dinner one evening when a guest of honor was present.

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**Odds and Ends**  
Here and There

Brief Paragraphs of News and Information on a Variety of Topics

The gross income in 1937 of Michigan's 196,000 farms totaled \$294,000,000. In both Kent and Ionia counties the income was above average, being between \$1500 and \$2000.

Michigan tree nurseries are stocked with every tree, shrub and vine, either for fruit or ornamental purposes, that can be grown successfully in this state. It is indicated by the inspection records of the Department of Agriculture.

Spread of fascist sentiment in Latin America causes concern in high Administration circles. An authority on Latin American affairs has analyzed the situation for Army officers stationed in the Capital for instruction in the military sciences.

Payment of claims for lump sums from the old insurance plan of the Social Security Act reached an average of \$34.69 in February. During the month the Social Security Board certified 16,294 claims for payment, bringing the total claims certified to 93,069.

Nearly half of the business and professional women have other individuals solely or partially dependent on their earnings; comparatively few women of this class work for "pin money." This is shown by a survey just completed by the Public Affairs Committee, Inc.

John L. Lewis, chairman of the CIO, has written to Chairman Edward T. Taylor of the House Appropriations Committee, urging a three billion dollar appropriation for relief during the coming fiscal year providing a minimum of three and a half million WPA jobs for unemployed workers.

Forest fire townsmen will be climbing their posts in another week or two for another season of vigil. Ordinarily townsmen are called for duty in the lower peninsula during the first week to ten days in April and those in the upper peninsula about a week or two later, depending on the weather.

About one in every forty men, women and children is paying a Federal income tax this year, and about one in every twenty-four over twenty-one years of age. Almost as many persons file non-taxable as taxable income tax returns. Altogether about one in every thirteen adults files a return.

**Obituary**

**Mrs. Elizabeth A. MacFarlane**

Elizabeth A. Mann was born on April 29, 1867, at Herkimer county, New York, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mann. At the age of five, she moved to Mt. Morris, Michigan, with her parents.

September 15, 1886, Miss Mann was united in marriage with F. P. MacFarlane at Hershby, Mich. and to this union were born six children. The MacFarlanes moved to Lowell in 1922 and have since been well known and respected residents.

Mrs. MacFarlane passed away at her home Wednesday, March 23. Funeral services were held in the Roth Chapel with burial in Maple Hill cemetery at Cadillac on Friday, March 25.

Surviving are the husband, F. P. MacFarlane, two sons, F. C. of Detroit and John O. of Highland Park; three daughters, Mrs. Verna Yerec and Mrs. Esther Johnston of Highland Park, Mrs. Doris Westinger of Ann Arbor; six grandchildren and one brother, Fred Mann of Cadillac.

Mrs. MacFarlane was of noble character and was loved and respected by many friends and neighbors.

The next meeting took place at Mrs. William Timinsky's home on March 19. The girls are still working on their chosen projects. There are seven girls in this club. They are: Virginia Ford, Eileen and Estelle Greenboom, Adella, Alice, Bernice and Sophie Timinsky. Jello, cake and cookies were served as refreshments.

To fill out their report blanks the Happy Maids met at Miss Estella Anderson's home on the afternoon of March 26. Some pictures were taken of the members and leaders. A light lunch was served by Mrs. Anderson and Estella. The girls mothers are invited to the next meeting.

Mrs. Reuben Lee attended a bridge luncheon in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fellows and children of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McIntyre Wednesday afternoon.

Jean Tucker, Earl Harker and Edwin Marshall were the supper guests Thursday of Louise King in Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Marshall and children visited relatives in Grand Rapids Saturday morning.

Miss Fern McIntyre called on Mrs. Harry VanDyke of Clarksville Sunday afternoon.

S. L. McIntyre and son Keith were in Ionia Monday on business.

South Boston Grange will hold another community meeting in the hall this Saturday night, with a program and potluck supper. People of the community and their friends are cordially invited.

**North Bell District**  
Mrs. Elmer Marshall

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tapley, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bovee, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Marshall, Ed Hotchkiss and son Evert attended the dairy meeting in Lowell last week Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Travis of Berlin called on Mr. and Mrs. Royal Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Marshall Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Guy Tallant and Mrs. S. L. McIntyre attended the Extension Club leaders' meeting in Lowell on Tuesday.

Many of the Boy Scouts of Troop 70 of Lowell took advantage of the fine Spring weather last Monday evening to enter into the troop hike which left the West Ward school building at 5:00 p. m. The boys walked to the park north of the town where they enjoyed building their fires and getting ready to cook their suppers. Some of the boys took tests of firebuilding and various other tests. Games were indulged in and the evening campfire was enjoyed by the scouts. This was the regular weekly meeting being held in the open rather than at the headquarters in the West Ward.

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**4-H CLUB NEWS**

**4-H Club Achievement Day**

The sixth annual all county Achievement Day for 4-H Clothing and Handicraft work will be held in the Rockford High School on Saturday, April 9.

Eight hundred 4-H Club members are enrolled in these projects this year, most of whom will have the completed work on exhibit at Rockford.

Exhibits will be placed on Wednesday and Thursday, April 8 and 9. Judging will be done on April 8. The exhibit will be open to the public Friday afternoon and evening, April 8 and all day Saturday, April 9.

Friday evening four one-act plays will be given by 4-H Clubs. A small admission fee will be charged. With this program will be musical numbers.

The Rockford Chamber of Commerce are cooperating in the program by furnishing free moving pictures at the School house and local theater. Chocolate milk and door prizes for both boys and girls.

Saturday's program will consist of movies in the forenoon for all club members, leaders meetings, wood identification contest and style show rehearsal.

The afternoon's program will start with a concert by the Kent County 4-H Club band under the direction of Louis McKay. The annual Style Show will be given, an announcement of honor groups, club camp winners, presentation of pins and other awards.

The committee from the Rockford Chamber of Commerce are E. H. Thorne, Harry Minion, Carl Hyde, Dr. J. F. Peppier and for the 4-H Clubs, Inez McNitt and Marie Wolfe of Cedar Springs; Mrs. Glendon Richards of Ada, Carl Ledewig and Ralph Mowry of Grand Rapids and W. N. Marks of Ada.

Miss Beatrice Boyle and P. G. Lundin of the State 4-H Club Department at Michigan State College will judge the exhibits and make the awards. Earl Haas, District Club Agent, Eleanor Denmore, Home Extension Agent and K. K. Vining, County Farm Agent, will have general charge of exhibits and programs.

**Circulation News**

By C. WINN JACKSON  
Lederer Circulation Manager

Much interest has been developed in this column and we are very happy to publish the names this week of our older subscribers again. Many claim to have been a reader since the Ledger was first established in Lowell.

The Lowell Ledger should be in every home in this community. It is your home paper, your regional paper, and it covers the territory of the Lowell trading community like the snow. See that you have an opportunity of reading its contents every week. You will profit by it.

We find that the territory is being worked in the Circulation field that many are interested in our paper who are new people in the Lowell community. First, the consideration of a paper is whether or not you can profit by taking it. Or whether you can get acquainted through its pages with the outlying districts and also your home community. Any way, we find that the new people in the Lowell community are subscribing to the Lowell Ledger very rapidly.

**Some of Our Older Subscribers**

Mrs. Cliff Hatch claims to have taken the paper for many years and also to have written items for the Ledger when she was a very small girl. She has seen papers come and go in Lowell, helped them all by writing for them, but she still retains her subscription to the Lowell Ledger.

Mrs. Hattie Rouse of Lowell has been a regular reader of the Ledger since the paper was established forty five years ago.

The Lowell Ledger has been the medium of reading matter in the Lott family of Elmdale, Mich. for many years and very well liked by the entire family. Thanks, Mrs. Lott.

Read the Ledger, digest the matter also. You will be posted on the affairs of the region if you take it. The John Wingeier subscription has been in constant contact for the last 25 years. Thanks, we like those kind.

Miss Anna Easterby reports an interesting fact having lived in the Lowell territory the greatest share of her life and having her interests centered about the Lowell community. Her parents settled in this territory in 1853 and Miss Easterby reports to me that it would be next to impossible to get along without the Ledger coming into their home. If it did not it would be like going for a Camel. "I would walk a mile." We hope, Miss Easterby, that you may read it many more years.

A. D. Rittenger, a subscriber to the Lowell Ledger for the last 35 years, likes it very much and says, "It has served our home as real 'reading matter' for that period of time." Thanks.

Now think it over and don't be without the Ledger when it comes chock full of valuable news. Subscribe!

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