

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

BOOTLEGGING THE TRUTH

THE American people seem likely to support the proposed increases in the government appropriations for defense. They recognize that the world is in a very disturbed state, with nations talking in a warlike way, and in such a world armed protection is necessary.

If the nations only had means for ascertaining the truth freely, the danger that any of them would ever attack the United States would be slight. Whatever danger there is comes mostly from suppression of the truth. The truth is that the American people are a peaceful nation, which does not wish harm to any country, nor does it wish to interfere with any country's rights or prosperity.

It is a terrible thing when truth is suppressed in any country, so that people don't know what is going on. In such a country the truth has to be communicated, if it is communicated, by so-called bootleg channels. People have to seek furtive and secret ways of conveying the truth. They have to hide printing presses in cellars and dark closets, and distribute their information by silent and hidden methods.

Can truth make any progress when it has to contend against such obstacles? What can be done when the government controls newspapers, radio stations, and limits free speech and free assembly?

Nations that are in that situation are up against it. The government may plunge them into wars without giving them any real reason for it. We should be thankful America that truth does not have to be bootlegged. Our glorious constitution gives our people the right to speak and print freely. The people at least have the chance to exercise their judgment and decide what is the truth.

VETERANS OF UNION

NEWS item appearing in the Detroit Courier... While it has taken them two years to discover the fact that the activities of the UAW now admit through their official publication, the United Automobile Workers, that jobs have been moved out of Michigan due to their efforts and hence thousands of their members will be unemployed from now on. The members of the Terwest factory, the one largest local outlet for auto hardware is now located at Trenton, N. J. Less than 500 men working 24 hours a week in the local plant is all that is left of the force exceeding 10,000 on a 44-hour week schedule here two years ago when the sit-down strike hit that spot. Chrysler bodies, once produced entirely in Detroit, now mostly come from Kokomo, Ind., and Helena, Ark. The Ford-Rouge plant now produces half of its own bodies and here 3,000 UAW members made themselves jobsless.

WHY TOWNS GROW

SOME towns remain stationary, neither gaining nor advancing, some slip backward, and some go ahead. What is the underlying difference, and why do some make progress, while their neighbors fail to do so?

The reason is usually that the growing towns have people trying to improve those places, to enlarge the business done there, to carry on useful organizations, to keep their homes and business places up to standard. The town that has these active people is sure to go ahead. The passive towns, where only a few folks can make any town prosper. We are fortunate in having that kind here.

CALLS HIGH GRADE MAN TO LIQUOR COMMISSION

IN ANNOUNCING the appointment of Muri H. DeFoe, Charlotte editor, as a member of the state liquor control commission, Governor Fitzgerald said:

Muri H. DeFoe is one of the best known, and in my opinion, one of the finest men in Michigan. He is a country editor, close to the people of a typical Michigan community. Mr. DeFoe is widely traveled and widely read. He has accepted appointment to the state liquor control commission with the thought that by so doing he can promote the idea of fairness and decency in a business that is difficult to keep within those bounds. In my estimation, no one in the state is more interested in good government than Mr. DeFoe.

In addition to his newspaper experience, Mr. DeFoe has had long experience in public affairs. He was a member of the senate in the term of 1919-20 and was executive clerk to former Governor Chase S. Osborn. At that time the duties of the executive clerk were comparable to those of the present day executive secretary to the governor, with the added duty of handling pardons and paroles. He was a delegate to the last national Republican convention. Mr. DeFoe was associated with me during the year in representing the National Food Administration in Michigan. The appointee is editor of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune. He is married and has two children. Mr. DeFoe is a lifelong resident of Esbon county. He is a member of the Congregational church, and national Boy Scout council representative for three Michigan counties. He is 58 years old.

I am confident that Mr. DeFoe will be a fine asset to the liquor control commission and will faithfully and well represent the people of Michigan. He is a home dry himself, but is the height of intelligent tolerance. I am certain he will do everything in his power to improve the tone of the liquor traffic in every direction.

FINAL WEEK OF CLOTHING CLEARANCE AT COONS'

Many persons have been taking advantage of our annual clearance sale of suits, overcoats and top coats. The reason is clear. Our regular price is from \$3 to \$5 under city quotations on same makes. At 20% off from a low first cost the values are just that much more attractive.

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

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Brief Paragraphs of News and Information on a Variety of Topics

Bank Corporations Make Progress In Liquidation

1938 Dividends Over \$55,000

The adjourned annual meetings of the City State depositors corporation and the Lowell State depositors corporation were held at the office of the corporations on Friday, Jan. 13. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year with F. H. Swarhout again appointed liquidator for both corporations.

Lowell State Report

The annual report of the Lowell State depositors corporation showed a net reduction in assets of \$22,140.48; the payment during the year of one 5 percent and one 10 percent liquidating dividend, totaling \$34,890.04, and remaining assets at book values as of Dec. 31, 1938, of \$177,898.53. Of these total assets \$4,750.00 represents cash received against dividend checks issued but not called for by certificate holders; \$4,732.29 in free cash and a Surplus Deficit of \$20,888.45. While said corporation operated during the year at a net loss of \$83.53, the total income since Aug. 20, 1934 has been in excess of \$1,000,000. The sum of \$4,433.29 surplus remains at the corporation. The present officers of the corporation are: F. F. Coons, president; C. E. Bowen, vice president; and R. G. Jefferies, secretary-treasurer.

City State Report

The assets of the City State depositors corporation reflected a net reduction of \$33,630.04 with remaining resources totalling \$177,898.53 of which \$1,873.04 is free cash and \$3,184.08 as cash reserved against dividend checks issued but not called for. Two 5 percent dividends were declared and paid for a total distribution to certificate holders of \$20,488.22. Net operations for the year revealed a loss of \$73.28, however the total income since Aug. 20, 1934 is still in excess of expense of liquidation by the sum of \$4,433.29. Surplus reserve remains at \$4,022.29. The present officers of the corporation are: George Klahn, president; E. C. Foreman, vice president and E. L. Grant, secretary-treasurer.

Unclaimed Dividends

The officers of these corporations would sincerely appreciate having certificate holders present their certificates for the acceptance of dividend checks still awaiting delivery. The combined total available for both corporations being \$5,000.48.

Good Attendance At Dairy School

The second meeting of the adult night school for dairy farmers, held at the high school Wednesday evening, was well attended. John Potts, Kent county cow tester, was the speaker, assisted by Donald McPherson and Theo Bailey in a practical discussion on "Selection of Breed, Selection of an Animal" and the "Dairy Herd Improvement Association."

Feb. 1 Interesting Meeting

The next meeting of the dairy school, Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, will be an interesting one with Dr. J. W. Trumble, local veterinarian, talking on "Health of the Herd". There will also be a discussion on "Bangs Disease" and "Barnyard Sanitation."

Dividend Payment

The Trustees of the Segregated and Substituted Assets of the Farmers' State Bank of Alto will make a 10% dividend payment on participation certificates on Feb. 1st, next. Checks may be obtained by presenting certificates to Chas. R. Foote, liquidator, at his home in Alto.

CASCADE-TX. CITIZEN DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Isaac VanderJagt, aged 76, passed away at his home in Cascade unexpectedly on Tuesday.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Josephine Joppie of Sunfield; four brothers, Leonard, Peter, Cornelius and Martin, all of Cascade; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Martin VanderJagt home in Cascade Friday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Lester C. Doerr officiating. Interment in the Cascade cemetery at 2:30 p. m.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP COOKIE SALE SATURDAY

The local Girl Scout troop will hold a cookie sale Saturday at the Hahn grocery to make money for their various needs as a growing troop.

Phone orders may be made by calling any of the Girl Scouts or Mrs. Malcolm Correll, troop leader, at 243-72.

Big Song Service Next Sunday Evening

Remember how you used to enjoy group singing of old-time hymns? Well, you are going to have the opportunity to repeat that experience at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The services will last about one hour and will be given over almost entirely to singing except for a brief talk by the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Barksdale, who will tell the history of one or two of the best known hymns and how they came to be written. Mr. Gunner will lead the group singing and there will also be two or three selections by the choir.

B. of T. Annual Next Monday Evg.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Lowell Board of Trade will be held next Monday evening, January 30 at 7:00 o'clock sharp in the high school gym. Dinner will be served by Wm. Christiansen.

A very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion and will include the president's address by D. A. Wingerle, necrology report by C. H. Runciman, selections by high school mixed chorus, music by the high school ensemble, male quartet and group singing. Robert D. Hahn will preside at toastmaster and invocation will be by the Rev. Robert M. Barksdale.

Christiansen to Add Refrigeration Plant

William Christiansen announced this week that he plans on installing a refrigerated locker system in the unused portion of the building occupied by his ice cream manufacturing plant. The lockers will be for rental purposes for the storage of fresh meats, vegetables and fruits. There will be 75 lockers which may be rented by individuals in the community.

Mr. Christiansen also stated that he would have a chilling room for fresh killed meat in connection with the processing room where the meat will be cut and processed.

A set fee will be charged by the year for locker rental and a small charge will be made for processing. The locker department will be open every day and by appointment on Sundays. The back rooms will be remodeled to conform with sanitary conditions required by the state.

Ice Skating Rink Started This Week

The Lowell Board of Education and the village council are co-operating in building an ice skating rink south of the grade school on Monroe-ave. Each group is paying half the expense. The rink was used on Monday this week but snow prevented its use since. It is hoped the clear, cold weather will prevail for a time so that skating enthusiasts may enjoy the rink.

FORMER LOWELL RESIDENT PASSES IN CANADA

Word was received here Monday of the death of Mrs. Will Hamilton, aged 63, on Saturday at her home in Alivinston, Ontario, Can. Funeral services were held on Tuesday with burial at Alivinston. Mrs. Hamilton was formerly Pearl Sweetland, born and raised in Lowell, the daughter of Samuel and Della Sweetland. Her sister, Mrs. Bert Merriman of Lowell, has been in Canada caring for her.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by her husband, the sister, Mrs. Merriman; two brothers, Sam Sweetland of Fort Jones, Calif., and Burr, who lived at the Hamilton home.

Mrs. Hamilton attended school here and had many friends. She had been in poor health for some time preceding her death.

More Free Gold Fish

Because of popular request, Christiansen's Rexall Drug Store will repeat the offer made last week, double the quantity of fish to take care of both days. Two gold fish will be given free with a glass bowl with every tube of Briton tooth paste. Offer limited to available stock. Friday and Saturday.

Wholesale Used Cars

Beginning this week, Webster Chevrolet Sales will sell their entire stock of used cars priced from \$39.00 up at wholesale prices. Before you buy a used car, see Webster's Chevrolet Sales. Open adv-ersing and Sunday a. m.

Beans, Liquor And State Deficit Are Live Topics

Would Reform Highway Dept.

(By Michigan Press Association) A bean grower himself, Governor Frank Fitzgerald expressed delight at the opportunity last week to proclaim Feb. 2 and 8 as "Eat More Beans Week" in Michigan.

Michigan grows 85% of all the navy beans in the United States. In Lima and kidney beans, we're also up high in the national list. For the past two years the weather has been ideal for bean culture, resulting in bumper crops and a surplus stock that has depressed prices. It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 bags of beans constitute a surplus on the hands of Michigan growers.

Hence the lowly bean takes on a new economic significance. When you eat bean soup, you'll help thousands of Michigan bean growers. Among these are Farmer Fitzgerald at whose Grand Lodge country place this month were 3,000 bags of beans, part of the million bag surplus.

Certain members of the legislature are making no bones about it that they are "running" for Mayor D. VanWagoner, No. 1 Democrat and titular head of the state highway department. They would like to deprive "Pat" of some of his power.

Charging "politics" in management of the highway department, Republicans leaders are advocating varied ways to bring about "reform": (1) Create a non-partisan state commission of non-salaried members, such as the set-up for the state conservation commission, who would appoint the commissioner; (2) Compel the department to live within its own revenues and not ask legislative authorization for matching appropriations from the state's general fund; (3) Require the department to provide highway illumination on state roads through towns and villages, free ferry service at the Straits, and so on.

If VanWagoner were a Republican, we doubt if legislators would be so zealous. As it is, 1939 is "open season" for the highway leader.

20 Million Deficit?

In lieu of an official finding, the deficiency in the state treasury is somewhat of an unknown amount. State Treasurer Miller Dunckel, like Mother Hubbard, has "some" some of the cupboard's bare of cash.

Last summer, just before the primaries, the legislature signed a blank check for \$10,000,000 to provide welfare relief. We understand from reliable sources that the state deficit will be closer to \$20,000,000 than \$10,000,000 after all items are considered. With this financial handicap, Governor Fitzgerald has impressed everyone by his grim determination to effect needed economies. At present there are 120 budget cutters at the state capitol at salaries ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,500. The budget director gets \$7,500; the superintendent of construction, \$5,000, and the director of the board of pharmacy, \$5,000. Fitzgerald is ready to wield a vigorous axe on what he terms "high salaries" and "overpaid officials" serving Republicans are swarming the governor's executive office pleading for jobs.

Liquor Again

Getting the "state out of the liquor business," one of the governor's recommendations, will not be easy to accomplish. Members of the legislature are not in accord on proposed elimination of state retail liquor stores. Furthermore, evidence is available that local control as a cure for liquor evils isn't a sure thing so long as local officials look upon liquor licenses as a source of operating revenue. As long as most of the license money stays in the community, many city officials are prone to approve any applicant for a liquor license.

At present, the state buys liquor at wholesale, sells it at retail, and otherwise controls the business. Fitzgerald advocates a return to the private buyer and private retailer, with the state acting as a warehouse agent for collection of a liquor tax. The governor puts it this way: "The state should enforce the law and collect the tax, but that is all."

Advocates of the state store system maintain the control is easiest effect when the state has full responsibility. Otherwise, greed for profits will result in ruinous price-cutting and flagrant law violations, they say.

The legislature is not likely to rush Michigan back to the days of competitive liquor selling. If any action is taken in 1939, it will be after full deliberation of the pros and cons of this problem which is as old as civilization itself. That much is certain.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 26, Paul Muni in "Bordertown" with Bette Davis; also "Unusual Occupations," "Pony Express" and comedy, "Sue My Lawyer."

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28, Jane Withers in "Always in Trouble" with Jean Rogers and Arthur Treacher; also "Campus Confessions" with Betty Grable, Eleanor Whitney and William Henry; also "Wild Bill Hickok" and Fox News.

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 29-30, Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon in "The Cowboy and the Lady" with Patsy Kelly, Walter Brennan; also shorts, "Fashion Forecast," "Murder with Reservation" and Paramount News.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Randolph Scott in "The Road to Reno." Added feature, The Dionne Quintuplets in "Five of a Kind" with Jean Hersholt, Claire Trevor, Cesar Romero and Slim Summerville.

Thursday, Feb. 2, Errol Flynn and Bette Davis in "The Sisters"; also "The Sisters" with Anita Louise and Ian Hunter; also Carlton, "Hunky Spunky" and comedy, "Home on the Range."

Michigan, which is derived from the Indian "Mich-saw-ye-gan" - the "Lake Country" - has 6,000 lakes and a 1,750 mile coast line.

Campus All Set For Farmers' Wk. At Michigan State

50,000 or More Are Expected

All major facilities on the campus of Michigan State College are in readiness for the 24th annual Farmers' Week Jan. 30 to Feb. 3 as agricultural departments of the college complete details in their plans.

No major phase of agriculture in Michigan will be neglected in the program. From horse pulling contests to the lighter touch of the feet of clog dancers in an entertainment skit, the five days of education and amusement are filled with scheduled events.

In 1938 the event drew an estimated total attendance of more than 50,000 rural persons from all sections of the state.

The 1939 program depends largely now upon the weather man, says E. L. Anthony, dean of agriculture and general chairman for the week, and R. W. Tenny, short course director.

For the women, the meat of the program will center around latest scientific knowledge in engineering, poultry, horticulture, soils farm crops, animal husbandry, dairying, conservation, forestry, economics, farm management and entomology.

For the men, the meat of the program will center around a coed style review, hear talks and see demonstrations in food, clothing, psychology, home furnishings and home management.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings some of the lighter sides of the week will occur when Demonstration Hall will see a succession of events beginning with a concert by the college military band and terminating each evening with the horse pulling competitions.

State Mutual Re-elects Burras

Wilbur V. Burras of Lowell was re-elected president of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Michigan at the thirtieth annual meeting held at the company's offices in Flint, January 19. Mr. Burras has been president of the State Mutual in 1912 and has served the company in various capacities during the intervening time, for the past number of years as its very capable president.

During the year of 1938 the State Mutual made a net gain of over ten million dollars in new insurance and at the present time has a total of over one hundred million dollars of farm fire insurance at risk, making it the largest mutual in Michigan writing farm insurance.

During the past few years seven Michigan fire insurance companies have voluntarily surrendered their charters, and turned all of their business over to the State Mutual because of its sound standing and ability to care for its patrons more safely and economically.

A new state law requires that by 1941, all fire insurance companies must do business on what is known as the "advance assessment plan," which in brief means paying an estimated amount of the insurance premium for the ensuing year. Because of its fine financial condition and adequate surplus the State Mutual has already begun putting this plan into operation.

Lincoln Day Banquet Saturday Evg., Feb. 11

Plans have been completed for one of the largest Lincoln Day banquets in the history of Kent county, to be held in the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Saturday evening, Feb. 11.

Speakers will include Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald, Rep. James W. Wadsworth of New York, Miss Marion Martin, assistant to John D. M. Hamilton, Republican national chairman. Rep. Carl E. Tappan will be toastmaster.

Tickets may be obtained from Marie Jay Cady, 212 Gilbert building, Grand Rapids. The price is \$2 per plate.

Mr. Frank Long Opens Dance Studio

Mr. Frank Long, Michigan's foremost dance master, announces the opening of a new dance studio with classes to be held in the Rotary room of the Richmond Cafe every Tuesday afternoon and evening, with enrollment Saturday Jan. 28, from two to five p. m. The latest steps in tap and ballroom dancing are featured in Mr. Long's classes. See another page of today's paper for advertisement.

It's not the high cost of selling but the high cost of not selling.

Along Main St.

Grand Rapids is collecting upwards of \$1,000 weekly from motorists for parking privileges. Shop and save in Lowell—no parking meters here.

The annual report of City State and Lowell State Depositors' Corporations summarized in another column shows dividends of \$58,948 remaining unclaimed. The officers of these corporations would appreciate having the certificate holders call for the checks which are still waiting delivery.

Major William John Purdue was in Lowell last Friday on his 15th annual call in behalf of the Salvation Army. Major Purdue is always a welcome visitor. He has spent 39 years in the services of the S. A. which has for its motto, "A man may be down but he's never out."

Local politicians / continue to keep the name of Lowell in the State's limelight. One reporter says that Mel makes the snowballs and Runci throws 'em, which causes Fitz to wonder who's governor anyway. We, the Scotch are known to be resourceful and everything will probably work out O. K.

Walter Cronin, construction engineer, has been assigned by the procurement division of the treasury department to take charge of the construction of the new Lowell post office. Mr. Cronin is expected here this week and will rent a home and remain in town with his family during the construction of the building.

H. C. Callier, who has operated the Northern Ice Company for a good many years, has disposed of the business to the Consumers Ice Company of Grand Rapids, manufacturers of artificial ice. The rapid growth of electric refrigeration is also the source of less and less demand for artificial ice, like the buggy and cutter business which began to go out as the automobile came in. Mr. Callier will raze the old ice house on the pond the coming spring.

Heard yesterday that Mrs. Grace Niles will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for treasurer of Lowell-tp. at the coming township caucus. Haven't heard whether Mrs. Rosella Yeiter, now serving her third term, is to again be a candidate or not. It is also reported that Elmer S. White, the present village treasurer, will again be a candidate for nomination at the coming Citizens' caucus for the village of Lowell. Village and township treasurers are no longer limited to two terms, the legislature having changed the law in that respect.

In this brief paragraph we shall attempt to tell a story of two dogs—a story of devotion and loyalty worthy of emulation by most of us human beings. While the two dogs in question were playing together in West Main-st., Sunday, one was hit by a passing car and died from its injuries. The uninjured dog succeeded in dragging its dead companion from the street to the curb where it stood vigil over the dead body all through the afternoon and throughout the long night following, not leaving its post until 6 o'clock the next morning when a village worker arrived and removed the dead dog for burial. We are reminded of the words of Confucius, the great Chinese philosopher, who centuries ago said: "To love with the heart of a dog one must see with the eyes of God."

Notice The Names In This Line-Up

On Monday night, Feb. 6th, the citizens of Lowell will have the privilege of attending the outstanding athletic event of the year—a basketball game between the local merchants and the school teachers.

It is seldom that a town the size of Lowell has the opportunity of bringing to the people such an array of ex-stars of the hardwood. Besides displaying a brilliant brand of basketball the two teams are expected also to display some of the best bay-windows, spindle-legs, muscle-bound and soup strainers the locals have witnessed in many years. Matt and Jeff have also consented to put in an appearance and play for a time.

Now for the line-up. The local merchants have imported such stars as E. (Chick) Foreman, L. (Mush-mouth) Holland, J. (Steamroller) Bolens, J. (Butch) MacDonnell, B. (Blackie) Wingerle, E. (Dust-em-off) Kiel and to be sure, H. (the girls' choice) Elzinga. To make certain of a good game and no doubt a victory for the local school teachers, the following outstanding performers have consented to play: A. (Speck) Zwerger, J. (Stretch) Kleinhessel, W. (Sicken) Gummer, R. (Twinkleton) Avery, B. (Toot) Walter and Mr. Carroll R. Burch. Due to their lack of experience and condition, especially (Dust-em-off), the teachers will allow the merchants to have one extra substitute.

Citrus Fruit Sale At C. Thomas Stores

This week C. Thomas Stores receive their first carload shipment of the season of Florida grapefruit and oranges.

This fruit is picked and packed in one day and then shipped by fast freight in refrigerated car out of the South to Michigan and to C. Thomas Stores, taking only four days in transit.

C. Thomas Stores fruit is fully tree ripened and mature to insure the fullest amount of sweet juice. Both Grapefruit and oranges are especially high in the vitamin C content. This vitamin is found in very small quantities in other foods. Vitamin C prevents scurvy, aids digestion, and helps to complete the assimilation of other vitamins. Citrus fruits tend to alkalize the system and thus help to prevent colds.

This fruit is grown and packed at Lake Wales, Fla., one of the areas producing the best grade of citrus fruits.

C. Thomas Stores' requirements are very exacting to insure the best possible grade of fruit for their customers.

See their massive ton displays of this beautiful sunshine fruit with a setting of palmetto leaves and Spanish moss.

Auction Sales

Fred Slamma, February 2 Having decided to quit farming, Fred Slamma will hold an auction sale at his farm located 1/2 mile north of US16 at Yeiter's oil station on Thursday, February 2, commencing at one o'clock sharp. A good list of cattle and farm implements will be up for sale. Auctioneer, N. C. Thomas; clerk, Harry Day. See the complete advertisement on the inside pages of this week's issue of the Ledger.

Vining Now On Eighteenth Year As County Agent

Fourth Year For Eleanor Densmore

The Agricultural Extension and Educational committee of the Kent County Board of Supervisors have closed the deal whereby Mr. K. K. Vining will continue his work as Kent County Agriculture Agent and Miss Eleanor Densmore as Home Extension Agent for 1939.

The committee feels very fortunate in being able to retain as efficient extension specialists as Vining and Miss Densmore.

This will make eighteen years of continuous service as Kent County Agriculture Agent for Mr. Vining and four years of service as Home Extension Agent for Miss Densmore. The committee also feels considerable credit should be given Mrs. Francis Sattler for her efficiency in the office of Mr. Vining and Miss Densmore.

Agricultural extension passed the quarter century mark the past September when the first county agent was appointed in the county and the second county in the state. The work has been financed during this period by the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce, Kent County Farm Bureau, private donations and appropriations for the Kent County Board of supervisors.

Eight years ago the Board of Supervisors, with State and federal funds, assumed the financial obligations of the work.

A group of five men make up the Agricultural Extension and Educational Committee from the Kent County Board of Supervisors. This committee is one of the standing committees of the board and is appointed annually by the chairman. The committee also represents the county school commissioner's office on the board.

The personnel of the Agricultural Extension and Educational Committee consists of: Chairman, Carl Heesler of Courtland township, a farmer; Percy Read of Vergennes township, a farmer; Charles Montgomery of Tyrone township, a farmer; Henry Aikema of Grandville, a merchant; Herman Wierenga of Wyoming township, a distributor of food products; and Herbert W. Hart (Chairman of the Board of Supervisors) of Oakfield township, a farmer.

This committee has charge of the agricultural and home economics extension program. They prepare and present to the board of supervisors the budget, fix salaries, hire all employees and pass on the program of work.

The committee meets three or four times a year to pass on the items mentioned above and appear before the board of supervisors at the annual fall session in October with the budget for the ensuing year.

A year ago the extension committee asked for a \$3,500 budget. The board increased this to \$4,000 with the understanding that a sum be given the 4-H club fair.

When the Committee met this year to discuss the 1939 budget it was their opinion that \$4,000 was the amount of money that could be asked for. This is on the basis of an analysis of expense for an eighteen months period. This amount of money was placed in the general budget and was acted upon with no comment when presented to the board sitting as a committee of a whole. When the general county budget was adopted it was included. The vote on the General budget was 48 yeas, 0 no, five members absent.

The attitude of the board of supervisors has been very friendly to extension work and the committee is looking forward to a more valuable and interesting program for Kent County in 1939.

Benny McCoy Talks About League Baseball

Benny McCoy of Grandville, and a member of the Detroit Tigers baseball team, was the guest speaker at the noon-day luncheon of the Lowell Rotary Club this week Wednesday.

Mr. McCoy spoke on various experiences with minor and major league ball clubs. He will leave soon for Lakeland, Fla., where the Tigers will be in training.

The speaker was introduced by Harry Day, program chairman.

HYBRID CORN BULLETINS

Kent County farmers who are interested in hybrid corn should get a copy of a new bulletin on "Hybrid Corn and Its Place in Michigan." A card to K. K. Vining, County Farm Agent, 201 W. M. C. A. Building, Grand Rapids will bring a copy.

100 Rural Pupils Visit State Capitol

The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo. Published every Thursday morning at 110 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Entered as Second Class, March 28, 1917.

Ledger Entries. AMERICANS GOING TOO FAST? THE American Association for the Advancement of Science...

Plumbing, Heating, Electric Pumps, Stoves, Glass, Roofing and Sheet Metal. We stock a complete line of Plumbing Supplies and maintain a Modern Tin Shop.

Memories. AFTER YOU CLEAN THE KITCHEN, AND BRUSH UP YOUR HAIR, AND CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM, AND WASH UP YOUR FACE, AND TAKE OUT THE TRASH, AND CHOP UP THE VEGETABLES, AND GO TO THE DOOR, THEN YOU CAN GO TO BED!

A SOUND DOCTRINE. Every governmental official or board that handles public money should publish at regular intervals an accounting of it, showing where and how each dollar is spent.

HOME NEWS. Remember that house plants have but one mission to be decorative. But our own blase life cannot care for a plant that does not do its duty.

GROUNDING COMING. FEBRUARY 2, says the old tradition, the grounding emerges from the comfort of his warm bed.

SCHEOL-COLLEGE PAPERS. THIRTEEN hundred young people gathered recently at a conference of school newspaper writers at Northeastern university.

Lowell Items of 25, 30 and 35 Years Ago. January 25, 1914-35 Years Ago. Glenn Titus of Pean Yan, N. Y., and Miss Emma Reed of Lowell, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage here.

Named to High Court. Niles, known as the "four flags city," the only Michigan city to have been under the rule of four nations, they are France, England, Spain, and the United States.

Ware District. Mrs. I. F. Elliott left Wednesday for further treatment. Glenn Titus of Pean Yan, N. Y., and Miss Emma Reed of Lowell, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage here.

Learn How to Throw a Forward. Mrs. A. V. Vaino is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Winger and family at Palo Alto, Cal.

Health - Hygiene. Disseminated through the Kent County Health Department by the State Joint Committee on Public Health Education.

HOW TO ACQUIRE CHARM? THE girls frequently ask how they can acquire that elusive quality called "charm."

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS. This country was built up by the most noble and incessant effort on the part of the men and women who settled it.

SHARROPPER CAMPS ON HIGHWAY. HAYTI, Mo.—This homeless sharropper woman enjoys a bite along highway No. 61 near here. She is one member of the army of more than 1,000 homeless sharroppers.

But It's True. O. HENRY. The man who has a good sense of humor is the man who has a good sense of humor.

Dr. C. T. Pankhurst. Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat. Your eyes scientifically treated; frames and contact lenses fitted in the most modern style to fit you individually.

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This and That From Around the Old Town. Miss Magdalen Niswonger visited her parents at Leola over the week-end.

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New Books at Library

Townsend Club Meeting

Friday - Saturday

News From Grand Rapids

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East Caledonia

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What Shall I Write?

Train Schedules

White Collared Farmers

Used Cars

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Just a Little Smile

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Council Proceedings VILLAGE OF LOWELL Official. The Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell, Michigan, was held in the Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall Monday evening, Jan. 23, 1939.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 13, read and approved. Trustee Christiansen now present.

A street report on the resurfacing with black top was read, and placed on file.

A petition for street extension on North Jefferson street read and placed on file.

Moved by Trustee Day and supported by Trustee Roth that the following bills be passed.

Lowell Light and Power. J. M. McMahon, \$14.00. J. M. McMahon, \$14.00. J. M. McMahon, \$14.00.

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Church Notes. ZION M. E. CHURCH. German preaching Sunday at 10 o'clock.

Hickory Hollow. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sparks and children spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Vanderly...

Spring Hill-East Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Cahoon, Dick and Janice Kay and 'Liz' came and enjoyed the evening...

McCor's Matters. The gospel is a rainbow which is the most beautiful in the world...

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THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS by Mac Arthur. 'PERHAPS ROB'S RIGHT, MY BE I SHOULD INSURE THE WIFE COOKING THAT MY BREAKFAST-I WILL INSIST I'LL GET UP'...

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West Lowell Mrs. Melvin Court. As Rev. and Mrs. Harwood were returning home from church last Sunday evening...

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BANANAS 4 lbs. 25c. CARROTS or Beets 2 bunches 11c. HEAD LETTUCE 40 size 2 for 15c.

PILLSBURY'S FLOUR 24/2 79c. GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 24/2 81c. PINK SALMON 2 doz. 21c.

ADA CONGREGATIONAL CH. Morning service every Sunday 10:00 a. m.

WINTENVILLE AND SNOW. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Cahoon, Dick and Janice Kay and 'Liz' came and enjoyed the evening...

ALASKA BAPTIST CHURCH. A Cedarburg, Minister of the Gospel, Rev. W. P. Ellyson, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., will preach...

LOWELL GOSPEL CHURCH. 10:00 a. m. - Worship. Lesson 'Jesus' Works Power He Is Lord and Christ.' Act 2:22-31.

EXTRA FINAL FOOD NEWS

Good Foods are always good news, but foods as fine and wholesome as these at such low prices are extra good news. Look over this list and see for yourself what values your money will buy at Weaver's.

IT'S NEW—TRY SOME TODAY
Chilla Puree 2 12-oz. cans **25c**
Made in Lowell—it makes a delicious economical meal.

RED & WHITE
Sauerkraut 3 large cans **25c**

BLUE ROSE
Bulk Rice 4 lbs. **15c**

LIBERTY BELL
Soda Crackers 2-lb. box **14c**
Graham Crackers 2-lb. box **17c**
2 boxes WHEATIES box **CORN KIX** all for **23c**
Sweetheart Soap 4 **19c**

XXXX SUGAR 2 lbs. **15c**
RED & WHITE Wheat Cereal 28-oz. pkg. **15c**
STANDARD Tomatoes 4 no. 2 cans **29c**
MONARCH Fruit Juice 3 no. 2 cans **25c**
LARGE Ovaltine **59c**
PurAsnow Flour 24 1/2 lb. sk. **85c**

FRESH GINGER SNAPS 3 lbs. **25c**
SPECIAL 1c SALE Washo Dish Cloth all for **19c**

RED & WHITE Grapefruit Whole sections 2—no. 2 cans **23c**

RED & WHITE Evaporated Milk 4 tall cans **25c**

Cauliflower Fancy Snow-white heads each **15c**
Firm, Green New Cabbage lb. **4c**
FLORIDA SEEDLESS Grapefruit 96 Size **10 lbs. 29c**

Rib Pork Chop **Rolled Veal Shoulder Roast** **Standing Rib Roast**

PORK CHOPS End Cuts **19c** LB.

LARD Pure Home Rendered Style **2 lbs. 19c**

FAT BACK Salt Pork **1b. 10c** **PORK** Sausage **1b. 15c**

CENTER CUT Pork Shoulder Roast - **1b. 16c**

FRESH Side Pork **1b. 19c** **FRESH** Spare Ribs **1b. 17c**

BEEF Beef Ribs **1b. 15c** **Pot Roast** **1b. 19c**

BONELESS Veal Roast **1b. 25c** **BEEF** Chuck Rst. **1b. 21c**

Lamb Shldr. Rst. **1b. 18c**

WEAVER'S FOOD MARKET

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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

Annual meeting of Lowell Board of Trade, Monday evening, Jan. 30, Lowell city hall. Program details in next week's issue.

Women's Missionary Society of the Lowell Gospel Church will meet at pastor's home Friday at 2:30 p. m., Mrs. Boman presiding. All ladies be present. Part of session will be preparing blankets for South China mission.

The Good Will Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Baker Wednesday, Feb. 1, for an all day meeting. All members try and be present.—Mrs. Maude Oesch, Secy.

The Past Noble Grands Club of Island City Rebekah Lodge will meet Monday evening Jan. 30, at the home of Mrs. E. S. White. This is the first meeting of the year and it is urged that every member be present.

Social Events

Shower Honoring Mrs. Briggs
Mrs. Frank Schwacha and Mrs. Lucille Byrne entertained with a stork shower last Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Harry L. Briggs at her home. Around 28 guests were present and euchre and Chinese checkers were played. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. Mrs. Briggs received many lovely and useful gifts.

Farewell Party
Mrs. Adah Norwood will leave Sunday for Flint where she will spend two months with her son and family. The Women's Democratic Club gave a farewell party for her at her home Tuesday evening. Cards were played and first prize went to Mrs. Otis Washburn, second to Mrs. Wilson Potter.

Merri-Ate Club
Mrs. O. P. Dawson entertained the Merri-Ate Club last week Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Will Washburn and Mrs. Wm. Helm. The guests expressed thoughts of an enjoyable evening.

Goofus Club
The Goofus Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Lou Wingeler at Saranac. Prizes were won by Mrs. Gus Wingeler, Mrs. W. A. Roth, Mrs. Will Washburn and Mrs. J. W. Trumble.

Social Briefs
The Fortnightly Club held its annual dinner at the home of Mrs. Lee Miller Tuesday evening. Thirty-three members were present.

More Local News

Mrs. Will Devering visited Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pratt of Saranac over Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Swart had her tonsils removed last week and is improving nicely.

Roy Hubbel of Lansing spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Emma Hubbel.

Mrs. Charles Snay spent from last Wednesday until Sunday visiting friends in Clare.

Paul Kellogg and John Aehart attended the Cannery convention in Chicago on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Fletcher were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobi in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. John Miller, who has been very ill for the past few weeks, is a little improved at this writing. Mrs. Anna Yardley is caring for her.

Miss Darlene Keiser spent last week-end with her cousin, Betty Geldersma, in Grand Rapids and attended a birthday party Friday evening in her honor.

Dr. John R. Stryker took his boys' Sunday School class from the M. E. Church to Grand Rapids Tuesday evening where they enjoyed swimming at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Ernest Roth attended a meeting of the D. R. at the Maple home in Grand Rapids last Thursday. The speaker was Dr. W. W. Whitehouse of Albion College.

Sophie Timinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Timinski, freshman at Central State Teachers College was elected into the Masquers Club, a dramatic organization on the campus.

Mrs. Ernest Roth took a group of children to the Shrine Circus in Grand Rapids on Monday. Those attending were Roger and Susan Krum, Orlo and Ona Roth, Janet and Jean Freymuth and Edward Stormand.

The Ledger extends congratulations to Mrs. Clyde Condon, our very capable correspondent for Alton-Vergennes on the occasion which makes her a Grandmama for the first time, the advent of a son born Tuesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baird.

Dr. J. H. Bergin of Saranac, Fla. has been visiting several days with his father, Christopher Bergin, and sister, Mrs. Art Hill and family. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Pateron and daughter Carol of Alma and James and Janet Hill of Detroit joined them for the week-end.

Mrs. John Pattison, who has been seriously ill at Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, for the past several weeks, is not improving as well as her friends had hoped for, according to information received yesterday. We are informed that she is not able to see many visitors.

Hollis Andrews, proprietor of a local gas station, who has been having some heart difficulty for some time past, became worse last Monday and his physician deemed it best to place him in a hospital for rest and observation. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids.

Find Many Traces of Primitive Man in Lowell Area

Primitive Man Contributed To Past History Of Eastern Kent County.

Mound Builders From Asia Set Up Cultural Seat Here In Dim Past.

EXCLUSIVE: THE LOWELL LEDGER
BY RAY E. COLTON, SCIENCE WRITER

MOUND BUILDERS FROM ASIA ONCE HERE IN KENT COUNTY

Millions of years after the waters of the vast sea had receded, and the Lower peninsula of Michigan had been formed by one of Old Mother Nature's creative efforts, and after the vast jungles and their accompanying reptilian and plant life had passed into oblivion, there came to what is today the eastern portion of Kent County, strange races of primitive man, known to archeologists and anthropologists as the Mound-builders. There remains little doubt in the minds of archeologists who have examined the relics of mounds of this race which have been found around Lowell, Bowne Center and along the south bank of the Grand River, that the Mound-builders were the first cultural race to inhabit what is today the central part of the state of Michigan. The story of the migration of this race to what is today Michigan, would fill a complete book, so only the salient points of this will be discussed in this article. It has been determined from an examination of all known facts pertaining to discoveries of remains, pottery, arrow heads, mounds, etc., of this race, that the Mound-builders were of Mongoloid racial ancestry. Migrating to the North American Continent by way of the Bering Straits, they finally reached what is today central Michigan about 2,000 years before the arrival of the white pioneers. Throughout the state of Michigan from the upper to the end of the lower peninsula, relics of this race have been found. Untouched by the ravishes of nature and the climatic elements, these artifacts and remains of mounds and other artificial earth "tumuli" remain as evidence of the onetime cultural race of mankind which left them.

Mounds Had a Meaning

The mound-builders erected and constructed four different major types of earth mounds. These were the fortification, the burial, the ceremonial and the effigy mounds. In the fortification mounds, generally found along the route of an inland waterway like the Grand River, a two fold purpose was intended, namely: defense and bird control. In the burial mounds, the Mound-builders exemplified the system of burial in use in Asia centuries before the times of Confucius, which they brought to this continent. This system remains today as the Christian burial system of entombing the bodies of the dead in graves. In the ceremonial mounds, the council house was re-templified where religious ceremonies and council meetings were enacted. In the effigy mounds several of which appear in this part of the state, the builders portrayed some bird or animal which they had seen during their wanderings in various parts.

Arrow Heads, Stone Axes Found

Within close distance to the south outskirts of the city of Lowell, several arrow heads, stone

Godwin And Lowell Meet Here Friday

Lowell high basketball team will play Godwin on the local court Friday night with the preliminary starting at seven o'clock and followed by the main event at 8:15. Thus far this season Godwin has won from Grandville once, while Lowell has managed to defeat the Grandville team twice by two and one point margins and Godwin's one point win over Rockford compares to Lowell's four point win. Godwin played East in much the same manner that Lowell did. After they became over-anxious in the final period and allowed East to outscore them. This year Godwin presents the strongest team they have had since the beginning of the Grand Valley Conference.

Win Over Grandville

Lowell defeated Grandville last Friday night at Grandville in a thrilling duel which ended in many fans leaving the floor believing that Grandville had won by a score of 25-24. Lowell was trailing 22-23 with less than one minute to play. Kyser's field goal in the last two seconds brought such a roar from the crowd that the timer's horn was unable to be heard and during this time Grandville shot a field goal from the center of the floor. The final result was Lowell 24 and Grandville 23, as Lowell's basket was made two seconds before the horn and Grandville's basket was made two seconds after the horn. East having lost to Lee last Friday makes Lowell and East tie for first place in the conference with one loss each. Next Tuesday, Jan. 31, Lowell will play Lee there.

Woman's Club

The meeting of the Lowell Woman's Club on Jan. 18th at the home of Mrs. R. S. Miller was well attended and full of interest from start to finish. Preceding the usual business session, the president, Mrs. W. W. Gummer, turned the meeting over to the chairman of the day, Mrs. H. A. Peckham, who in turn called upon Miss Charlotte White, by whom a very fine musical program had been prepared. It was opened by Gloria Doyle who played two piano selections, "Dolores" by Brown and "Espagnol" by Masters. Miss White then read an interesting sketch of the life of Ethelbert Nevin, one of our finest American composers whose "Suite of Violin and Piano" were played in quiet form by herself and Mrs. David Cox in a truly artistic manner. They responded to an encore with an arrangement of "The Old Spinning Wheel" which was also received with ringing applause. Miss White's efforts were deeply appreciated and she was given a rising vote of thanks.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and their kind expressions of sympathy at the death of our dear wife, mother and sister, Mrs. Josephine Livingston.

Winter Weather Makes Driving Hazardous.

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Lowell, Mich.

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Meat and Food Grinder
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79c
Round Oak Duplex Heating Stove **\$35.00**
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BEANO
MOOSE TEMPLE
Every Saturday Night
20 Games 25c
A WIN EVERY GAME
Starts Promptly **Door**
At 8:30 p. m. **Prize**

Obituary
Josephine Livingston
Josephine White was born on August 3rd, 1863, the daughter of Joseph and Susan White. Her parents and her paternal and maternal grandparents immigrated from Nottinghamshire, Eng. to Bowne township in the early forties, when they settled on land taken up from the Government.
Josephine White was united in marriage to John G. Livingston on November 27th, 1884. Both she and her husband have lived their lives in Bowne township. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1934.
She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, her two sons, Glenn R. and John W., six grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Victoria Smith, Mrs. Alice McDiarmid, and Mrs. Birta Howard.
Mrs. Livingston joined the Bowne Center M. E. Church back in '97 under the pastorate of Rev. Westbrook, and was active in the work of the church until failing health came to her. She will be missed by a host of friends in the community.
The funeral services were held Jan. 15 in the Bowne Center M. E. Church, Rev. F. F. Kinney officiating.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Loyde Kiste of Belding, formerly of Moseley, twin children, a boy and a girl, born Jan. 16.
To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Walter, a daughter, Nessens Lee, wt. 7 1/2 lbs., on Sunday, Jan. 24 at Blodgett hospital.
To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baird, Tuesday night, Jan. 24, at Blodgett hospital, an 8 lb. son.

ATTENTION!
MR. FRANK LONG
Announces the Opening of a New DANCE STUDIO
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Fox News - Wild Bill Hickok

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Will you take the job?
SAMUEL GOLDWYN presents
GARY COOPER
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The Cowboy and the Lady
with Patsy Kelly - Walter Brennan
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Screen Play by T. W. BERRIDAN and SYDNEY LEVINE
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"Murder with Reservation" - News

Ionis Pomona Grange

The January meeting of Ionis County Pomona Grange was held Saturday, Jan. 21, with Danby Grange, having an attendance of about sixty. The dinner was one long to be remembered, everything tasting so good and the tables were laden with the products of the land, and were very prettily decorated with sprigs of evergreen and 4-H club decorations.

The worthy lecturer presented a very interesting 4-H club program. Miss Eileen Smith of Berlin township gave a talk on Highlights of 4-H Club Work or Efforts; John Converse chose as his subject, "Helping Our Young People to Select Their Vocation in 4-H Club Work," and County Agent, W. C. Cribbs of Ionis presented some important facts to farmers pertaining to information of Hybrid seed corn.

Farm Account Books To Be Checked

Farm Account Books in Kent County will be checked Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6, 7, & 8. The work will be done by representatives of the Farm Management Department at Michigan State College in charge of Clyde May.
Kent County has the distinction of having more long time cooperators in this project than any county in the state. Eleven farms have kept records 10 years or more and part of this group eleven years.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Cheerful Deers, the Lowell Manufacturing Company, the friends and neighbors for the baskets of fruit, for the many things brought in and their kindnesses during the illness of Mr. Fletcher and Alyn.
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Mrs. Frank Keiser and Mrs. R. B. Starkey attended the concert of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra last Friday evening.
Mrs. Josephine Converse has been ill at her home the past ten days. Callers Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker and son Dick and Mrs. Julia Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cooley and daughter Patty all of Grand Rapids.
Retail deliveries of Pontiac cars for the first ten days of January were 85 per cent ahead of the same period of January, 1938, according to information furnished L. E. Johnson, local Pontiac dealer, by H. J. Klingler, general manager.

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

BOOTLEGGING THE TRUTH

THE American people seem likely to support the proposed increases in the government appropriations for defense. They recognize that the world is in a very disturbed state, with nations talking in a warlike way, and in such a world armed protection is necessary.

If the nations only had means for ascertaining the truth freely, the danger that any of them would ever attack the United States would be slight. Whatever danger there is comes mostly from suppression of the truth. The truth is that the American people are a peaceful nation, which does not wish harm to any country, nor does it wish to interfere with any country's rights or prosperity.

It is a terrible thing when truth is suppressed in any country, so that people don't know what is going on. In such a country the truth has to be communicated, if it is communicated, by so-called bootleg channels. People have to seek furtive and secret ways of conveying the truth. They have to hide printing presses in cellars and dark closets, and distribute their information by silent and hidden methods.

Can truth make any progress when it has to contend against such obstacles? What can be done when the government controls newspapers, radio stations, and limits free speech and free assembly?

Nations that are in that situation are up against it. The government may plunge them into wars without giving them any real reason for it. We should be thankful in America that truth does not have to be bootlegged. Our glorious constitution gives us the right to speak and print freely. The people at least have the chance to exercise their judgment and decide what is the truth.

VICTIMS OF UNION

NEWS item appearing in the Detroit Courier... While it has taken them two years to discover the fact the executives of the UAW now admit through their official publication, the United Automobile Workers, that jobs have been moved out of Michigan due to their efforts and hence thousands of their members will be unemployed from now on.

Chrysler bodies, once produced entirely in Detroit, now mostly come from Kokomo, Ind., and Helena, Ark. The Ford Rouge plant now produces half of its own bodies and here 5,000 UAW members made themselves jobless.

WHY TOWNS GROW

SOME towns remain stationary, neither gaining nor advancing, some slip backward, and some go ahead. What is the underlying difference, and why do some make progress, while their neighbors fail to do so?

The reason is usually that the growing towns have pushing people in them who are always trying to improve those places, to enlarge the business done there, to carry on useful organizations, to keep their homes and business places up to standard. The town that has these active people is sure to go ahead. The presence and activity of such folk can make a town prosper. We are fortunate in having that kind here.

CALLS HIGH GRADE MAN TO LIQUOR COMMISSION

IN ANNOUNCING the appointment of Muri H. DeFoe, Charlotte editor, as a member of the state liquor control commission, Governor Fitzgerald said:

Muri H. DeFoe is one of the best known, and in my opinion, one of the finest men in Michigan. He is a country editor, close to the people of a typical Michigan community. Mr. DeFoe is widely traveled and widely read. He has accepted appointment to the state liquor control commission with the thought that by so doing he can promote the idea of a high grade decency in a business that is difficult to keep within those bounds. In my estimation, no one in the state is more interested in good government than Mr. DeFoe.

In addition to his newspaper experience, Mr. DeFoe has had long experience in public affairs. He was a member of the senate in the term of 1919-20 and was executive clerk to former Governor Chase S. Osborn. At that time the duties of the executive clerk were comparable to those of the present day executive secretary to the governor, with the added duty of handling pardons and paroles. He was a delegate to the last national Republican convention. Mr. DeFoe was associated with me during the war in representing the National Food Administration in Michigan. The appointee is editor of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune. He is married and has two children. Mr. DeFoe is a lifelong resident of Eaton county. He is a member of the Congressional church, and national Boy Scout council representative for three Michigan counties. He is 58 years old.

I am confident that Mr. DeFoe will be a fine asset to the liquor control commission and will faithfully and well represent the people of Michigan. He is a boy of himself, but is the height of intelligent tolerance. I am certain he will do everything in his power to improve the tone of the liquor traffic in every direction.

FINAL WEEK OF CLOTHING CLEARANCE AT COONS

Many persons have been taking advantage of our annual clearance sale of suits, overcoats and topcoats. The clearance is now in its regular price from \$3 to \$5 under city quotations on same makes. At 20% off from a low first cost the values are just that much more attractive.

Bank Corporations Make Progress In Liquidation

1938 Dividends Over \$55,000

The adjourned annual meetings of the City State Depositors corporation and the Lowell State depositors corporation were held at the office of the corporations on Friday, Jan. 12. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year with F. H. Swarthout again appointed liquidator for both corporations.

The annual report of the Lowell State depositors corporation showed a net reduction in assets of \$32,140.46; the payment during the year of one and one percent dividend, totaling \$34,899.06, and remaining assets, at book value of Dec. 31, 1938, of \$177,894.53. Of these total assets \$4,475.40 represents cash reserved against dividend checks issued and un-called for by certificate holders; \$4,733.29 in free cash and a Surplus Deficit of \$30,688.45. While said corporation operated during the year at a net loss of \$83.53, the total income since Aug. 20, 1934 has been in excess of liquidating expenses by the sum of \$5,708.07. The present officers of the corporation are: F. F. Coons, president; C. E. Bowen, vice president; and R. G. Jefferies, secretary-treasurer.

The assets of the City State depositors corporation reflected a net reduction of \$33,630.04 with remaining resources totalling \$177,693.91 of which \$1,873.04 is free cash and \$3,184.08 as cash reserved against dividend checks issued but not called for. Two and one percent dividends were declared and paid for a total distribution to certificate holders of \$20,496.22. Net operations for the year revealed a loss of \$87.28, however the total income since Aug. 20, 1934 is still in excess of expense of liquidation by the sum of \$4,452.52. Surplus reserve remains at \$28,022.29. The present officers of the corporation are: George Klahn, president; E. C. Foreman, vice president and E. L. Grant, secretary-treasurer.

The officers of these corporations would sincerely appreciate having certificate holders present their certificates for the acceptance of dividend checks still awaiting delivery. The combined total available for both corporations being \$58,629.45.

Good Attendance At Dairy School

The second meeting of the adult night school for dairy farmers, held at the high school Wednesday evening was well attended. John Potts, Kent county co-ordinator, was the speaker, assisted by Donald McPherson and Theo Bailey in a panel discussion on "Selection of Breed, Selection of an Animal" and the "Dairy Herd Improvement Association."

Two moving pictures were also shown: "A Word to the Wives," showing the part women have played in the development of harvesting and finally liberated them from the drudgery of harvest time; and "New Reel Thrills," scenes varying from log rolling to auto crashes, thrills, chills, spills and laughs, an exceptionally interesting film.

The next meeting of the dairy school, Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, will be an interesting one with Dr. J. W. Trumble, local veterinarian, talking on "Health of the Herd." There will also be a discussion on "Bangs Disease" and "Barnyard Sanitation."

Motion pictures entitled "Control of Worms in Hogs," showing the methods of various injurious hog parasites: thornheaded worms, nodular worms, stomach worms, roundworms, lungworms and kidney worms, and "Horses and Bots," which shows the three types of bot flies, how they attack horses and mules, how they render horses unusable for work, also methods of treatment and how bot fly eradication campaigns are carried out.

Farmers that have recently cooperated in the horse parasite control campaign will be interested in this picture. John Kleinhekel, high school agriculture teacher, urges all farmers from near and far to attend.

The Trustees of the Segregated and Substituted Assets of the Farmers' State Bank of Alto will make a 10% dividend payment on participation certificates on Feb. 1st, next. Checks may be obtained by presenting certificates to Chas. R. Foote, Liquidator, at his home in Alto.

The Trustees urgently request the holders of certificates to present them at once.

Isaac VanderJagt, aged 78, passed away at his home in Cascade unexpectedly on Tuesday.

Big Song Service Next Sunday Evening

Remember how you used to enjoy group singing of old-time hymns? Well, you are going to have the opportunity to repeat that experience at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The services will last over an hour and will be given over almost entirely to singing except for a brief talk by the pastor, the Rev. E. M. Barksdale, who will tell the history of one or two of the best known hymns and how they came to be written. Mr. Gummer will lead the group singing and there will also be two or three selections by the church choir.

B. of T. Annual Next Monday Evg.

The thirty-third annual meeting of Lowell Board of Trade will be held next Monday evening, January 30 at 7:00 o'clock sharp in the high school gym. Dinner will be served by Wm. Christiansen.

A very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion and all B. of T. members and their friends will surely want to be present. In addition to the annual reports and election of officers, there will be an address by Thomas B. Crawford, manager of the Grand Rapids branch of Halloran National Detective Agency, who will have as his topic "Syndicated Crime." His talk will picture gang killings, machine politics and the inter-workings of the underworld in Chicago.

Mr. Crawford will give in detail the capture of Al Capone and tell what his future status will be at the expiration of his prison term next November. The Valentine Day massacre and the crime life of "Bugs" Moran will also be discussed. The speaker was a member of the "Secret Six" which worked in cooperation with the Chicago Chamber of Commerce in helping to clean up crime in that city and will tell some of his experiences at that time.

Other features of the program will include the president's address by D. A. Winglee, necrology report by C. H. Runciman, selections by high school mixed chorus, music by the high school ensemble, male quartette or group singing, Robt. D. Hahn will preside at toastmaster and invocation will be by the Rev. Robert M. Barksdale.

Christiansen to Add Refrigeration Plant

William Christiansen announced this week that he plans on installing a refrigerated locker system in the unused portion of the building occupied by the ice cream manufacturing plant. The locker will be for rental purposes for the storage of fresh meat, vegetables and fruits. There will be 350 lockers which may be rented by individuals in the community.

Mr. Christiansen also stated that he would have a chilling room for fresh killed meat in connection with the processing room where the meat will be cut and processed. A set fee will be charged by the year for locker rental and a small charge will be made for processing. The locker department will be open every day and by appointment on Sundays. The back rooms will be remodeled to conform with sanitary conditions required by the state.

Mr. Christiansen states that he expects to have the new equipment in operation in about six weeks' time.

Ice Skating Rink Started This Week

The Lowell Board of Education and the village council are co-operating in building an ice skating rink south of the grade school on Monroe-ave. Each group is paying half the expenses. The rink was used on Monday of this week but snow prevented its use since. It is hoped the clear, cold weather will prevail for a time so that skating enthusiasts may enjoy the rink.

The erection of a rink in the 4-H Club farm building which was talked of earlier in the season, was abandoned due to inadequate water facilities.

Word was received here Monday of the death of Mrs. Will Hamilton, aged 63, on Saturday at her home in Alvinston, Ontario, Can. Funeral services were held on Tuesday with burial at Alvinston. Mrs. Hamilton was formerly Pearl Sweetland, born and raised in Lowell, the daughter of Samuel and Della Sweetland. Her sister, Mrs. Bert Merriman of Lowell, has been in Canada caring for her.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by her husband, the sister, Mrs. Merriman; two brothers, Sam Sweetland of Fort Jones, Calif. and Burr, who lived at the Hamilton home.

Beans, Liquor And State Deficit Are Live Topics

Would Reform Highway Dept.

(By Michigan Press Association)

A bean grower himself, Governor Frank Fitzgerald expressed delight at the opportunity last week to proclaim Feb. 2 and 8 as "Eat More Beans Week" in Michigan.

Therein lies interesting news. Michigan grows 86% of all the navy beans in the United States. In lima and kidney beans, we're also up high in the national list.

For the past two years the weather has been ideal for bean culture, resulting in bumper crops and a surplus stock that has depressed prices. It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 bags of beans constitute a surplus on the hands of Michigan growers.

Hence the lowly bean takes on a new economic significance. When you eat bean soup, you'll help thousands of Michigan bean growers. Among these is Farmer Fitzgerald and at present time Michigan country place this month were 3,000 bags of beans, part of the million bag surplus.

Certain members of the legislature are making no bones about it that they are "gunning" for Murray D. VanWagoner, No. 1 Democratic and titular head of the state highway department.

They would like to deprive "Pat" of some of his power. Charging "politics" in management of the highway department, Republican leaders are advocating varied ways to bring about "reform": (1) Create a non-partisan state commission of non-salaried members, such as the set-up for the state conservation commission, who would appoint the commissioner; (2) Compel the department to live within its own revenues and not ask legislative authorization for matching appropriations from the state's general fund; (3) Require the department to provide highway illumination on state routes through towns and villages, and free ferry service at the Straits, and so on.

If VanWagoner were a Republican, we doubt if legislators would be so zealous. As it is, 1939 is "open season" for the highway leader.

In lieu of an official finding, the deficiency in the state treasury is somewhat of an unknown amount. State Treasurer Miller Duckles, like Mother Hubbard, has found some of the cupboard bare of cash.

Last summer, just before the primaries, the legislature signed a blank check for \$10,000,000 to provide welfare relief. We understand from reliable sources that the state deficit will be closer to \$20,000,000 than \$10,000,000 after all items are considered. With this financial handicap, Governor Fitzgerald has impressed everyone by his grim determination to effect needed economies. At present there are six budget examiners on the payroll at salaries ranging from \$3,800 to \$5,800. The budget director gets \$7,500; the superintendent of construction, \$5,000, and the director of the board of pharmacy, \$5,000. Fitzgerald is ready to wield a vigorous axe on what he terms "high salaries" at the very time when deserting Republicans are swarming the governor's executive offices pleading for jobs.

Getting the "state out of the liquor business," as the governor's recommendations, will not be easy to accomplish. Members of the legislature are not in accord on proposed elimination of state retail liquor stores. Furthermore, evidence is available that local control as a cure for liquor evils isn't a sure thing so long as local officials look upon liquor as a source of revenue.

Advocates of the state store system maintain that control is easiest to effect when the state has full responsibility. Otherwise, greed for profits will result in ruinous price-cutting and flagrant law violations, they say.

The legislature is not likely to rush Michigan back to the days of competitive liquor selling. If any action is taken in 1939, it will be after full deliberation of the pros and cons of this problem which is as old as civilization itself. That much is certain.

Because of popular request, Christiansen's Rexall Drug Store will repeat the offer made last week, double the quantity of fish to take care of both days. Two gold fish will be given free with a glass bowl with every tube of Briton tooth paste. Offer limited to available stock. Friday and Saturday.

Beginning this week, Webster Chevrolet Sales will sell their entire stock of used cars priced from \$39.00 up to wholesale prices. Before you buy a used car, see Webster's Chevrolet Sales. Open evenings and Sunday a. m.

Campus All Set For Farmers' Wk. At Michigan State

50,000 or More Are Expected

All major facilities on the campus of Michigan State College are in readiness for the 24th annual Farmers' Week Jan. 30 to Feb. 3 as agricultural departments of the college complete details in their plans.

No major phase of agriculture in Michigan will be neglected in the program. From horse pulling contests to the lighter touch of the feat of clog dancers in an entertainment skit, the five days of education and amusement are filled with scheduled events.

In 1938 the event drew an estimated total attendance of more than 50,000 rural persons from all sections of the state.

The 1939 program depends largely now upon the weather man, says E. L. Anthony, dean of agriculture and general chairman for the week, and R. W. Tenney, short course director.

For the men, the meat of the program will center around latest scientific knowledge in engineering, poultry, horticulture, soils, farm crops, animal husbandry, dairying, conservation, forestry, economics, farm management and entomology.

For the women there will be opportunity to watch a coed style review, hear talks and see demonstrations in food, clothing, psychology, home furnishings and home management.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings some of the lighter sides of the week will occur when Demonstration Hall will see a succession of events beginning with a concert by the college military band and terminating each evening with the horse pulling competitions.

Wilbur V. Burras of Lowell was re-elected president of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Michigan at the thirtieth annual meeting held at the company's offices in Flint, January 19. Mr. Burras began writing insurance for the State Mutual in 1912 and has served the company in various capacities during the intervening time, for the past number of years as its very capable president.

During the year of 1938 the State Mutual made a net gain of over ten million dollars in new insurance and at the present time has a total of over one hundred million dollars of farm fire insurance at risk, making it the largest mutual in Michigan writing farm insurance.

During the past few years seven smaller mutuals have voluntarily surrendered their charters and turned all of their business over to the State Mutual because of its sound standing and ability to care for its patrons more safely and economically.

A new state law requires that by 1942 all farm fire insurance companies must do business on what is known as the "advance assessment" plan. In brief, this means paying an estimated amount of the insurance premium for the ensuing year. Because of its fine financial condition and adequate surplus the State Mutual has already begun putting this plan into operation.

Lincoln Day Banquet Saturday Evg., Feb. 11

Plans have been completed for one of the largest Lincoln Day banquets in the history of Kent county, to be held in the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Saturday evening, Feb. 11.

Speakers will include Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald, Rep. James W. Wadsworth of New York, Miss D. M. Hamilton, Republican national chairman, Rep. Carl E. Mapes will be toastmaster.

Tickets may be obtained from Marie Jay Cady, 212 Gilbert building, Grand Rapids. The price is \$2 per plate.

Thursday, Jan. 26, Paul Muni in "Borderdown" with Betty Davis; also "Unusual Occupations," "Fony and Comedy," and "See My Lawyer."

Along Main St.

Grand Rapids is collecting upwards of \$1,000 weekly from motorists for parking privileges. Shop and save in Lowell—no parking meters here.

The annual report of City State and Lowell State Depositors' Corporation summarized in another column shows dividends of \$8,859.46 remaining unclaimed. The officers of these corporations would appreciate having the certificate holders call for the checks which are still waiting delivery.

Major William John Purdue was in Lowell last Friday on his 16th annual call in behalf of the Salvation Army. Major Purdue is always a welcome visitor. He has spent 39 years in the services of the S. A. which has for its motto, "A man may be down but he's never out!"

Local politicians continue to keep the name of Lowell in the State's limelight. One reporter says that Mel makes the snowballs and Raul throws 'em, which causes Flitz to wonder who's governor anyway. Well, the Scotch are known to be resourceful and everything will probably work out O. K.

Walter Cronin, construction engineer, has been assigned by the procurement division of the treasury department to take charge of the construction of the new Lowell post office. Mr. Cronin is expected here this week and will remain home and remain in town with his family during the construction of the building.

H. C. Callier, who has operated the Northern Ice Company for a good many years, has disposed of the business to the Consumers Ice Company of Grand Rapids, manufacturers of artificial ice.

The rapid growth of electric refrigeration is also the story of less and less demand for artificial ice, like the buggy and cutter business which began to go out as the automobile came in. Mr. Callier will raise the old ice house on the pond the coming spring.

Heard yesterday that Mrs. Grace Niles will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for treasurer of Lowell-tp. at the coming township caucus. Haven't heard whether Mrs. Rosella Yeiter, now serving her third term, is to again be a candidate or not. It is also reported that Elmer S. White, the present village treasurer, will again be a candidate for nomination at the coming Citizens' caucus for the village of Lowell. Village and township treasurers are no longer limited to two terms, the legislature having changed the law in that respect.

In this brief paragraph we shall attempt to tell a story of two dogs—a story of devotion and loyalty worthy of emulation by most of us human beings. While the two dogs in question were playing together in West Main-st. last Sunday, one was hit by a passing car and died from its injuries. The uninjured dog succeeded in dragging its dead companion from the street to the curb where it stood vigil over the dead body all through the night and through the long night following, not leaving its post until 6 o'clock the next morning when a village worker arrived and removed the dead dog for burial. We are reminded of the words of Confucius, the great Chinese philosopher, who centuries ago said: "To love with the heart of a dog one must see with the eyes of God."

Notice The Names In This Line-Up

On Monday night, Feb. 6th, the citizens of Lowell will have the privilege of attending the outstanding athletic event of the year—a basketball game between the local merchants and the school teachers.

It is seldom that a town the size of Lowell has the opportunity of bringing to their people such an array of ex-stars of the hardwood. Besides displaying a brilliant brand of basketball the two teams are expected also to display some of the best bay-windows, spindle-legs, muscle-bound and soup strainers the local boys have witnessed in many years. Mutt and Jeff have also consented to put in an appearance and play for a time.

Now for the line-up. The local merchants have imported such stars as E. (Chick) Foreman, L. (Mush-mouth) Holland, J. (Steamroller) Bolens, J. (Butch) MacDonell, E. (Blackie) Winglee, E. (Dust-em-off) Kiel and to be sure H. (The girls' choice) Elzinga. No make certain of a good game and to doubt a victory for the local school teachers, the following outstanding performers have consented to play: A. (Speck) Zwemer, J. (Stretch) Kleinhekel, W. (Slick) Gummer, E. (Twink-toes) Avery, B. (Toot) Walter and Mr. Carroll R. Burch. Due to their lack of experience and condition, especially (Dust-em-off), the teachers will allow the merchants to have one extra substitute.

Mr. Frank Long Opens Dance Studio

Mr. Frank Long, Michigan's foremost dance master, announces the opening of a new dance studio with classes to be held in the Richmond room of the Richmond Cafe every Tuesday afternoon and evening, with enrollment Saturday, Jan. 28, from two to five p. m. The latest steps in tap and ballroom dancing are featured in Mr. Long's classes. See another page of today's paper for advertisement.

It's not the high cost of selling—but the high cost of not selling.

Vining Now On Eighteenth Year As County Agent

Fourth Year For Eleanor Densmore

The Agricultural Extension and Educational committee of the Kent County Board of Supervisors have elected the deal whereby Mr. K. K. Vining will continue his work as Kent County Agriculture Agent and Miss Eleanor Densmore as Home Extension Agent for 1939.

The Committee feels very fortunate in being able to retain as efficient extension specialists as Vining and Miss Densmore.

This will make eighteen years of continuous service as Kent County Agricultural Agent for Mr. Vining and four years of service as Home Extension Agent for Miss Densmore. The Committee also feels considerable credit should be given Mrs. Francis Sattler for her efficiency in the office of Mr. Vining and Miss Densmore.

Agricultural extension passed the quarter century mark the past September when the first county agent was appointed in the county and the second county in the state.

The work has been financed during this period by the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce, Kent County Farm Bureau, private donations and appropriations for the Kent County Board of Supervisors. Eight years ago the Board of Supervisors, with State and federal funds, assumed the financial obligations of the work.

A group of five men make up the Agricultural Extension and Educational Committee from the Kent County Board of Supervisors. This committee is one of the standing committees of the board and is appointed annually by the chairman. The committee also represents the county school commissioner's office on the board.

The personnel of the Agricultural Extension and Educational Committee consists of: Chairman, Carl Hessler of Courtland township, a farmer; Percy Reid of Vergennes township, a farmer; Charles Montgomery of Tyrone township, a farmer; Henry Alkema of Grandville, a merchant; Herman Wierenga of Wyoming township, a distributor of food products and Herbert W. Hart (Chairman of the Board of Supervisors) of Oakfield township, a farmer.

This committee has charge of the agricultural and home economics extension program. They prepare and present to the board of supervisors the budget, fix salaries, hire all employees and pass on the program of work.

The committee meets three or four times a year to pass on the items mentioned above and appear before the board of supervisors at the annual fall session in October with the budget for the ensuing year.

A year ago the extension committee asked for a \$5,500 budget. The board increased this to \$4,000 with the understanding that a sum be given the committee met this year to discuss the 1939 budget it was their opinion that \$4,000 was the amount of money that could be asked for. This is on the basis of an analysis of expense for an eighteen months period. This amount of money was placed in the general budget and was acted upon with no comment when presented to the board sitting as a committee of a whole. When the general county budget was adopted it was included. The vote on the General budget was 48 yeas, 0 nays, five members absent.

The attitude of the board of supervisors has been very friendly to extension work and the committee is looking forward to a more valuable and interesting program for Kent County in 1939.

Citrus Fruit Sale At C. Thomas Stores

This week C. Thomas Stores replete their first carload shipment of the season of Florida grapefruit and oranges.

This fruit is picked and packed in one day and then shipped by fast freight in refrigerated car out of the South to Michigan and to C. Thomas Stores, taking only four days in transit.

C. Thomas Stores fruit is fully ripe and mature to insure the fullest amount of sweet juice. Both Grapefruit and oranges are especially high in the vitamin C content. This vitamin is found in very small quantities in other foods. Vitamin C prevents scurvy, aids digestion, and helps to complete the assimilation of other vitamins. Citrus fruits tend to alkalize the system and thus help to prevent colds.

This fruit is grown and packed at Lake Wales, Fla., one of the areas producing the best grade of citrus fruits.

Brief Paragraphs of News and Information on a Variety of Topics

Tom Corcoran, Ben Cohen and Judge Sam Rosenman wrote the President's message to Congress on the State of the Union, now being hailed as one of the classics among state papers, as a defense of democracy.

The year 1938 saw a reduction of 20 per cent in traffic fatalities and today there are some 8,000 people alive who would not be alive save for an awakened public conscience on the subject of automobile and traffic deaths.

Senator Wagner (Dem.) of New York, has his own ideas about how the Labor Relations Act bearing his name should be amended. No draft will be made public, however, until the strength of other forces favoring amendment becomes clearer.

Here's a family puzzler for you. An uncle was born just 15 minutes after his niece arrived in this world. This happened when a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Laid Hoover of Sand Lake, and a son was born to Mrs. Hoover's parents a few minutes later.

Instead of measuring height of muskrat houses, testing thickness of racoon fur, or using other Indian methods, Andrew Chipeway, Indian sage of Peashawabtown, has found a new method of weather prediction. Andrew said: "Winter will be mild; Great White Father, he cuttin' down on relief."

Capitol historians said attendance of Mrs. William Howard Taft at the seating of her son, Robert, in the U. S. Senate January 3, marked the first time in 138 years the wife of a former president had seen her son so honored. In 1803 Mrs. John Adams saw her son take the Senate oath.

The Secretary of State cautions all motorists to destroy their old 1938 motor vehicle license plates as soon as they install 1939 plates on their cars. It is pointed out that in some instances criminals have picked up cast off plates for temporary use on their own cars in the committing of a crime.

Ionia residents wondered what strange thing was falling out of the sky recently when an advertising banner being towed by an airplane became detached and fluttered to the ground. The 100-pound banner landed in a vacant field, thus avoiding serious damage. The plane was about 1,000 feet in the air.

A Mr. Hardenburgh and his nephew of Manistee feel that Lady Luck has been pretty good to them. While driving near Norwalk recently, their car left the road and crashed head-on into the concrete steps of a nearby building. It rolled over several times, breaking the front in and tearing the wheels. Both men escaped uninjured.

William Schwandt, Jr., of Wellston, is a truly honest man, not only once, but twice. He found a wallet containing \$169, a garage address, and a tax receipt. He wrote the garage, and the owner's description located the owner of the wallet. Some time later he found another purse on a highway. The owner's card was in it, so Schwandt promptly notified him.

Setting of a practical limit in the use of Vitamin D foods that will supply in winter the lack of normal sunshine means both a minimum and a maximum that children, at least, ought to receive. One teaspoon of a good grade of cod liver oil offers sufficient Vitamin D for a day, it is pointed out by Gladys Everson, research assistant in foods and nutrition at Michigan State College.

Burt Posade of near Elkton recently demonstrated what a tough guy he is, but he doesn't care to repeat the demonstration. While erecting a radio aerial at his home, Posade tossed a piece of telephone wire attached to the aerial across the road. The wire was thrown to the ground by the shock. The wire touching the two high voltage conductors almost simultaneously short circuited the line and saved his life.

BENNY MCCOY TALKS ABOUT LEAGUE BASEBALL

Benny McCoy of Grandville, and a member of the Detroit Tigers baseball team, was the guest speaker at the noon-day luncheon of the Lowell Rotary Club this week Wednesday.

Mr. McCoy spoke on various experiences with minor and major league ball clubs. He will leave soon for Lakeland, Fla., where the Tigers will be in training. The speaker was introduced by Harry Day, program chairman.

HYBRID CORN BULLETIN

Kent County farmers who are interested in hybrid corn should get a copy of a new bulletin on "Hybrid Corn and Its Place in Michigan." A card to K. K. Vining, County Farm Agent, 201 Y. M. C. A. Building, Grand Rapids will bring a copy.

100 Rural Pupils Visit State Capitol

The Lowell, Cascade and Bowne township rural teachers, with their

ALTO DEPARTMENT (Mrs. Fred Patton)

New Books at Library. Our librarian, Miss Adora Clark, announces that Mrs. Roselle will be the library Tuesday evening...

Townsend Club Meeting. The Townsend club met at the Alto Orange hall Thursday night. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. H. Watter, vice president, Roy Deming...

Alto Local. William Harris, Jr. and Miss Ruth Rogers of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lawrence Heston...

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Christiansen's. News From Grand Rapids. Mrs. Charles A. Brandbury. George Ford visited his sister, Mrs. Edna Ford, at her home last Thursday...

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Spotlight Coffee 15c. Oxydol 39c. Golden Grape Fruit BANANAS 4 lb. 25c.

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Diya of Greenville, Mr. Clemens of Lowell, Mrs. Evelyn Lewis, and Mrs. Elva Supton and Laura Lewis, all of Grand Rapids.

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HELP WANTED—Cook for large farm. Prefer good miller and stock raiser. Call Lowell 10-7272.

DINING ROOM SUITE for sale. 2-1/2 bath, good condition. Call 4 1/2 mile south and 1/2 mile west of St. M. church, or 2 miles north of McCords. Mrs. Clayton Richards. p37

FOR RENT—Modern 4-bedroom home on Riverdale. Call Lowell 10-7272.

FOR SALE—Registered Brown Swiss heifer, 2 years old, to freshen in March from an accredited herd for Bangs disease. P. L. Houghton, Alto, R. 1. p37-2

FOR SALE—Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Sam Johnson farm, 1/2 mile north of Lake Odessa, at 1:00 p. m. List includes 15 head young males and geldings for cheap horses; 10 head milk cows; 30 head young Angus, 20 head Jersey, 10 ewes, etc. Also, Haslink, auctioneer; Aas, Burdett, Edinger and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradley. p37

FOR SALE—Four choice of six horses and colts: Pair purebred Percheron mare, black, 4 and 13 years old; pair purebred Percheron yearling, black, 2 and 3 years old; one brown mare, 3 years old; one black mare, 3 years old; one black mare, 3 years old; one black mare, 3 years old. p37

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Church News
ZION M. E. CHURCH
John Claus, Pastor

First Congregational Church
Rev. Robert M. Barkdale, Minister

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Walter T. Ratcliffe, Pastor

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Kitchen Klenzer \$1.00

White House Milk \$1.00

Birdseye Matches \$1.00

EXTRA FINAL FOOD NEWS

Good Foods are always good news, but foods as fine and wholesome as these at such low prices are extra good news. Look over this list and see for yourself what values your money will buy at Weaver's.

IT'S NEW—TRY SOME TODAY
Chilla Puree 2 12-oz. cans **25c**
Made in Lowell—it makes a delicious economical meal.

RED & WHITE
Sauerkraut 3 large cans **25c**

BLUE ROSE
Bulk Rice 4 lbs. **15c**

LIBERTY BELL
Soda Crackers 2-lb. box **14c**

Graham Crackers 2-lb. box **17c**

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Sugar 2 lbs. **15c**

RED & WHITE
Wheat Cereal 25-oz. pkg. **15c**

STANDARD
Tomatoes 4 no. 2 cans **29c**

FRESH
GINGER SNAPS 3 lbs. **25c**

RED & WHITE
Grapefruit Whole sections 2—no. 2 cans **23c**

RED & WHITE
Evaporated Milk 4 tall cans **25c**

Cauliflower each **15c**
Fancy Snow-white heads

Firm, Green New Cabbage lb. **4c**
FLORIDA SEEDLESS

Grapefruit 96 Size **10 lbs. 29c**

Rib Pork Chop **Rolled Veal Shoulder Roast** **Standing Rib Roast**

PORK CHOPS End Cuts **19c** LB.

LARD Pure Home Rendered Style **2 lbs. 19c**

FAT BACK **PORK**
Salt Pork lb. **10c** **Sausage** lb. **15c**

CENTER CUT
Pork Shoulder Roast - lb. **16c**

FRESH
Side Pork lb. **19c** **Spare Ribs** lb. **17c**

BEEF
Beef Ribs lb. **15c** **Pot Roast** lb. **19c**

BONELESS **BEEF**
Veal Roast lb. **25c** **Chuck Rst.** lb. **21c**

Lamb Shldr. Rst. lb. **18c**

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Retail deliveries of Pontiac cars for the first ten days of January were 66 per cent ahead of the same period of January, 1929, according to information furnished L. E. Johnson, local Pontiac dealer, by S. H. Klingler, general manager.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Annual meeting of Lowell Board of Trade, Monday evening, Jan. 30, Lowell city hall. Program details in next week's issue.

Women's Missionary Society of the Lowell Gospel Church will meet at pastor's home Friday at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Boman presiding. All ladies be present. Part of session will be preparing blankets for South China mission.

The Lowell Woman's Club meets on Feb. 1 with Mrs. W. W. Gummer. Rev. W. T. Ratcliff will address the club on the subject, "Can We Say Democracy?"

The Good Will Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Baker Wednesday, Feb. 1, for an all day meeting. All members try and be present.—Mrs. Maude Oesch, Sec'y.

The Past Noble Grands Club of Island City Rebekah Lodge will meet Monday evening Jan. 30, at the home of Mrs. E. S. White. This is the first meeting of the year and it is urged that every member be present.

Social Events

Shower Honoring Mrs. Briggs
Mrs. Frank Schwacha and Mrs. Lucile Byrne entertained with a stork shower last Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Harry L. Briggs at her home. Around 26 guests were present and euchre and Chinese checkers were played. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. Mrs. Briggs received many lovely and useful gifts.

Farewell Party
Mrs. Adah Norwood will leave Sunday for Flint where she will spend two months with her son and family. The Woman's Democrat Club gave a farewell party for her at her home Tuesday evening. Cards were played and first prize went to Mrs. Wilson Washburn, second to Mrs. Otis Potter.

Merrill-At Club
Mrs. O. P. Dawson entertained the Merrill-At Club last Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Will Washburn and Mrs. Wm. Heim. The guests expressed thoughts of an enjoyable evening.

Goofus Club
The Goofus Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Lou Wiegeler at Saranac. Prizes were won by Mrs. Gus Wiegeler, Mrs. W. A. Roth, Mrs. Will Washburn and Mrs. J. W. Trumble.

Social Brevities
The Fortnightly Club held its annual dinner at the home of Mrs. Lee Miller Tuesday evening. Thirty-three members were present.

More Local News

Mrs. Will Devering visited Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pratt of Saranac over Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Swartz had her tonsils removed last week and is improving nicely.

Roy Hubbel of Lansing spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Emma Hubbel.

Mrs. Charles Snay spent from last Wednesday until Sunday visiting friends in Clare.

Paul Kellogg and John Arehart attended the Canners' convention in Chicago on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fletcher were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobson in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. John Miller, who has been very ill for the past few weeks, is a little improved at this writing. Mrs. Anna Yardley is caring for her.

Miss Darlene Keiser spent last week-end with her cousin, Betty Geldersma, in Grand Rapids and attended a birthday party Friday evening in her honor.

Dr. John R. Stryker took his boys' Sunday School class from the M. E. Church to Grand Rapids Tuesday evening where they enjoyed swimming at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Ernest Roth attended a meeting of the D. A. R. at the Mapes home in Grand Rapids last Thursday. The speaker was Dr. W. W. Whitehouse of Albion College.

Sophie Timinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Timinski, freshman at Central State Teachers College was elected into the Masquers Club, a dramatic organization on the campus.

Mrs. Ernest Roth took a group of children to the Shrine Circus in Grand Rapids on Monday. Those attending were Roger and Susan Krum, Orlo and Ona Roth, Janet and Jean Freyermuth and Edward Stormsand.

The Ledger extends congratulations to Mrs. Clyde Condon, our very capable correspondent for Alton-Vergennes, on the occasion which makes her a Grandmama for the first time, the advent of a son born Tuesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baird.

Dr. J. H. Bergin of Saranac, Fla., has been visiting several days with his father, Christopher Bergin, and sister, Mrs. Art Hill and family. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Paterson and daughter Carol of Alma and James and Janet Hill of Detroit joined them for the week-end.

Mrs. John Pattison, who has been seriously ill at Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, for the past several weeks, is not improving as well as her friends had hoped for, according to information received yesterday. We are informed that she is not able to see many visitors.

Hollis Andrews, proprietor of a local gas station, who has been having some heart difficulty for some time past, became worse last Monday and his physician deemed it best to place him in a hospital for rest and observation. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids.

Find Many Traces of Primitive Man in Lowell Area

Primitive Man Contributed To Past History Of Eastern Kent County.

Mound Builders From Asia Set Up Cultural Seat Here In Dim Past.

EXCLUSIVE: THE LOWELL LEDGER BY RAY E. COLTON, SCIENCE WRITER

Note—Closing this series of articles, the writer will tell of the relics of a primitive race of mankind which archeologists have found during various searches around Lowell, Parnell, and along the route of the Grand River, south bank. Republishing of any of the writing of this article by any other newspaper is prohibited.—RAY E. COLTON.

MOUND BUILDERS FROM ASIA OCEAN HERE IN KENT COUNTY

Millions of years after the waxing and waning of the ice ages, etc., relics of this strange race have been found. These relics tell a strange story of prehistoric man in this part of Michigan. A study of the arrow heads reveals master ability on the part of the makers of these points, such ability not being exemplified in later works of the American Indian who from all evidence descended from the Mound-builders who came here from the Asiatic mainland. From this it is theorized that while leading anthropologists and ethnologists believe that the Indian descends from the Mound-builders and that the Indian is himself an Asiatic by lineal ancestry, yet he, the Indian, failed utterly to absorb and improve the cultural ability which his ancestors, the Mound-builders bequeathed to him. The disappearance of the Mound-builders has long been a mystery to scientific circles, but it is believed that they merged with powerful races to the south, probably the Mayas and Aztecs of Mexico. This theory is held by many experts in the archeological field. One of the most brilliant contributors to archeological research in the area around Lowell is Mr. Ray Lewis, who lives south of Lowell. Mr. Lewis has a collection of arrow heads and other artifacts which tell many stories of the trials and tribulations which beset early day man in what is today Kent and adjoining counties.

Yes! Primitive man also contributed to the prehistory of this part of the state. All phases of this prehistory insofar as it pertains locally to the Lowell area, have been discussed here in this series of articles for your entertainment and education.

Mounds Had a Meaning

The mound-builders erected and constructed four different major types of earth mounds. These were for the burial, the ceremonial and the fortification mounds, most generally found along the route of an inland waterway like the Grand River, a two fold purpose was intended, namely: defense and flood control. In the burial mounds, the Mound-builders exemplified the system of burial in use in Asia centuries before the times of Confucius, which they brought to this continent. This system remains today as the Christian burial system of entombing the bodies of the dead in graves. In the ceremonial mounds, the council house was exemplified where religious ceremonies and council meetings were enacted. In the effigy mounds several of which appear in this part of the state, the builders portrayed some bird or animal which they had seen during their wanderings in various parts.

Arrow Heads, Stone Axes Found

Within close distance to the south outskirts of the city of Lowell, several arrow heads, stone

Godwin And Lowell Meet Here Friday

Lowell high basketball team will play Godwin on the local court Friday night with the preliminary starting at seven o'clock and followed by the main event at 8:15. Thus far this season Godwin has won from Grandville once, while Lowell has managed to defeat the Grandville team twice by two and one point margins and Godwin's one point win over Rockford compares to Lowell's four point win. Godwin played East in much the same manner that Lowell did. After they became over-anxious in the final period and allowed East to outscore them. This year Godwin presents the strongest team they have had since the beginning of the Grand Valley Conference.

Win Over Grandville

Lowell defeated Grandville last Friday night at Grandville in a thrilling duel which ended in many fans leaving the floor believing that Grandville was trailing 22-23 with less than one minute to play. Kyser's field goal in the last two seconds brought such a roar from the crowd that the timer's horn was unable to be heard and during this time Grandville shot a field goal from the center of the floor. The final result was Lowell 24 and Grandville 23, as Lowell's basket was made two seconds before the horn and Grandville's basket was made two seconds after the horn. East having lost to Lee last Friday makes Lowell and East tie for first place in the conference with one loss each. Next Tuesday, Jan. 31, Lowell will play Lee there.

Woman's Club

The meeting of the Lowell Woman's Club on Jan. 18th at the home of Mrs. R. S. Miller was well attended and full of interest from start to finish. Preceding the usual business session, the president, Mrs. W. W. Gummer, turned the meeting over to the chairman of the day, Mrs. H. A. Peckham, who in turn called upon Miss Charlotte White, by whom a very fine musical program had been prepared. It was opened by Gloria Doyle who played two pieces, "Dolores" by Brown and "Espagnol" by Masters. Miss White then read an interesting sketch of the life of Ethelbert Nevin, one of our finest American composers whose "Suite of Venetian Songs" were played in duet form by herself and Mrs. David Cox in a truly artistic manner. They responded to an encore with an arrangement of "The Old Spinning Wheel" which was also received with ringing applause. Miss White's efforts were deeply appreciated and she was given a rising vote of thanks.

Business of the day included the re-instating of Mrs. H. P. Gottfredsen after absence of several years and she was gladly welcomed back. The president appointed as Foreign Relations chairman, Mrs. R. G. Jefferies, who accepted the task of keeping the club informed on current topics of interest along foreign lines. It was also decided that a letter of sympathy be sent the sons of Mrs. G. H. Force of Brentwood Heights, Calif., news of her death having just arrived. Mrs. Force was an honorary member of our club, having been actively associated with club work during her years in Lowell.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the examination of the many keepsakes and antiques brought by members of the club, and to listening to the bits of history associated with these treasures, which were many and varied and ranged from fifty to one hundred and fifty years in age. Truth seemed fully as strange as fiction in many instances and even more thrilling because of the personal element.

Ionia Pomona Grange

The January meeting of Ionia County Pomona Grange was held Saturday, Jan. 21, with Danby Grange, having an attendance of about sixty. The dinner was one long to be remembered, everything tasting so good and the tables were laden with the products of the land, and were very prettily decorated with sprigs of evergreen and 4-H club decorations.

The worthy lecturer presented a very interesting 4-H club program. Miss Ellen Smith of Berlin township gave a talk on Highlights of 4-H Club Work of Efforts. John Converse chose as his subject, "Helping Our Young People to Select Their Vocation in 4-H Club Work," and County Agent, W. C. Cribbs of Ionia presented some important facts to farmers pertaining to information of Hybrid seed corn.

Musical numbers were presented by the young people of Danby Grange, also the surprise feature was given by members of that grange, it being a candle lighting service and presented inspiration and new hope for the new year, for all true blue grangers.

Farm Account Books To Be Checked

Farm Account Books in Kent County will be checked Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6, 7, & 8. The work will be done by representatives of the Farm Management Department at Michigan State College in charge of Clyde May.

Kent County has the distinction of having more long time cooperators in this project than any county in the state. Eleven farms have kept records 10 years or more and part of this group eleven years.

Cooperators will be met at various places in the county. Farmers who wish to start books may do so by contacting County Agent K. K. Vining who will assist them in starting the book.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Cheerful Doors, the Lowell Manufacturing Company, the friends and neighbors for the baskets of fruit, for the many things brought in and their kindnesses during the illness of Mr. Fletcher and Alys. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fletcher and Family.

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Obituary
Clayton E. Johnson
Clayton E. Johnson, a life-long resident of Bowne township, passed away Jan. 13 after an extended illness, at the family homestead, west of Bowne Center, leaving his widow, Lena Johnson, and two brothers, Raymond S. Johnson, residing on the family farm, and Harry F. Johnson, an attorney, of Detroit.

Mr. Johnson was born in Bowne township 66 years ago, being the son of Robert and Lavina Johnson, old residents of Bowne, each of whom preceded him in death. His grandfather, Stephen Johnson, was one of the early settlers of Bowne, having removed there from near Troy, N. Y., nearly 100 years ago.

After graduating from the Lowell high school, he taught school near his home for a short time and then devoted the balance of his life to farming, being particularly interested in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. For many years he was active in the Grange, having served as Master of his local Grange for a number of years. He was also a member of the Masonic Order, being affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Freeport and the Lowell Chapter of Royal Arch of Masons, the former lodge conducting the funeral services, assisted by Rev. F. S. Kinney, pastor of the Bowne Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

His many friends knew him as a man who was sincere and straightforward in all his dealings, keenly interested in all matters relating to modern agriculture, and deeply concerned in the welfare of others. His family knew him as considerate, understanding, devoting his life with untiring loyalty to the ideals he held most dear.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15 in the Bowne Center M. E. Church, Rev. F. S. Kinney officiating.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kiste of Belding, formerly of Moseley, twin children, a boy and a girl, born Jan. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Walter, a daughter, Nessena Lee, wt. 7 1/2 lbs., on Sunday, Jan. 22, at Blodgett hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baird, Tuesday night, Jan. 24, at Blodgett hospital, an 8 lb. son.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank my friends for their lovely greeting cards and good wishes on my birthday. I sincerely appreciate them.
Mrs. Alice Gott.

Obituary
Josephine Livingston
Josephine White was born on August 3rd, 1863, the daughter of Joseph and Susan White. Her paternal grandparents immigrated from Nottinghamshire, Eng. to Bowne township in the early forties, when they settled on land taken up from the Government.

Josephine White was united in marriage to John G. Livingston on November 27th, 1884. Both she and her husband have lived their lives in Bowne township. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1904.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, her two sons, Grant R. and John W., six grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Victoria Smith, Mrs. Alice McDiarmid, and Mrs. Birtha Howard.

Mrs. Livingston joined the Bowne Center M. E. Church back in '97 under the pastorate of Rev. Wesbrook, and was active in the work of the church until failing health came to her. She will be missed by a host of friends in the community.

The funeral services were held Jan. 15 in the Bowne Center M. E. Church, Rev. F. S. Kinney officiating.

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