

Being a Collection of Various Topics of Local and General Interest

READ BEFORE SIGNING

A RECENT warning came from an insurance company who advised its customers to read well before signing a policy. This caution is one that should apply to all contracts that we might sign and is a wise order to be considered. One of the most valuable instructions made on behalf of the public is the warning put out by the Better Business Bureau: "Read Before You Sign".

DRAMA OF BASEBALL

TO THE inveterate baseball fan the first ball games are like the first song of the robin and the bluebird to the nature lover. It seems as if life had come out of a hibernating sleep, and was ready to function again.

The heroes of the diamond are already twirling the little sphere across the bases all over the land. The crack of the batted ball is sweeter music to the fans than what the symphonic composers create with violins and flutes.

To the lover of baseball, the league championships are like grand continuous drama, with a scene played on every summer day. Here we see human skill, agility, muscular control and physical vigor contending with opponents of similar powers.

There is a great deal more in a ball game than meets the eye of the casual observer. The persistent fan never tires of seeing these powers compete for the mastery. If he is too far from the league centers to see the game personally, he can form a mental picture from the newspapers and use his wit to tell which is the best team and who the best players.

RISE ABOVE THE AVERAGE

TO OBTAIN any special success in life, people have to rise above the average. They should not be satisfied with just ordinary attainment. They won't attract attention if they are.

To rise above the average, business people have to show the public that there is some special reason for patronizing them. If there are 100 stores in a city, and store owner is content to just take one one-hundredth part of the trade, it won't probably be anything very big. To show that his energy and skill entitled him to get a fifteenth part of a twentieth of the trade, he has to persuade the public that his energy and skill are above the average. The newspaper advertising enables him at small expense to demonstrate what he can do.

THE PONY EXPRESS

THE post office department has issued a commemorative postage stamp in honor of the Pony Express, which consisted of the service by which mail was carried on horseback for 18 months beginning in 1860 between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. The riders were expected to carry the mail 100 to 200 miles before being relieved. It was a dangerous service in those times, and many of the riders lost their lives when attacked by Indians.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

People keep asking how they can get more money. Those who have made money will say they got it by doing something the world wanted done better than it had been done before.

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, APRIL 18, 1940

No. 49

Home Building Is On Upgrade In Community

Remodeling is now underway or about to get under way on 10 homes in Lowell and vicinity, Bruce Walter, owner and manager of the Lowell Lumber and Supply Co. stated this week.

Among the residences that are being improved are the John A. Havel, Byron Weeks and Peter DeWitt homes on Vergennes road, the E. J. Thompson home on Pleasant Street, Mike Lasusky will begin remodeling at once the home which he recently purchased at the corner of M-66 and Bowers road, the Evan Roger farm home in South Lowell, the Farnell farm home of Joe Mathes and Claude Stahl is planning to remodel the former J. K. Moore home which he purchased last fall.

In addition to the three new homes under construction and previously mentioned in this paper should be added the Oscar Nelson home in South Lowell.

Upturn in Home Building

1939 was the best home building year since 1929 and 1940 promises to be at least 20% better than the past year, according to the estimates of competent authorities on the subject. There were 476,000 homes built in 39 and conservative estimates indicate that the number of dwelling units which will be erected in 1940 will exceed 600,000. The upturn in home building started in 1935 and there have been substantial increases each year since then.

Department of Labor statistics reveal that practically every factor is now favorable to the home builder. Lumber, for example, is now selling for less than the 21-year average price. Dimension and boards which cost \$100 in 1938 can now be purchased for \$93. Not only is lumber lower in price but the same thing is true of all building materials.

It is the consensus of opinion of those in the building industry that home builders should take advantage of the unusually favorable factors which exist at the present time.

Readers of this paper will be interested in the announcements of Lowell's new building materials and paint handling wall papers, stoves, varnishes, home decorations, heating, plumbing, bathroom fixtures, etc. which will be found on page 2 of this issue.

Recognition Given To Choir Members

Those who have served the Methodist Church by singing in the choir during the present pastorate are given recognition in the church service the past Sunday. After a few appropriate remarks about "helpers" in church work, the pastor called on Mrs. Frank Coons and Mrs. Wm. Kerekes to assist in pinning a flower on the various singers who assisted in this recognized were Mrs. Harold Weakes, Mrs. R. S. Miller, Bruce Walter, Orval Jessup, Gladys Bieri, Mrs. Wm. Christensen, Russell Coons, Ellery Davis, Mrs. Charles Doyle, Phyllis Huston, Carol Kyser, Lorenz Kyser, Russell Kyser, Dorothy Fletcher, Ardis Schneider, Beatrice Schneider, Mrs. Arthur Schneider, Donna Stormanz, Mrs. Wm. Wachterhauser, Mary Ann Weaver, Roy Webster and Gus Wingeler. Mention was also made for the persons who have assisted in the service of song. As the service proceeded, the pastor preached on the subject, "On Wings of Song."

17 of '39 Grads Attending College

It is interesting to note the success of our recent Lowell high school graduates at college. Each year a score of the graduates obtained for the first term's work done by those graduates who attend college for the first time. These grades or "marks" are then averaged for comparison with accepted standards.

Good Average of Marks Obtained by Students

The students and the colleges they attended are: Michigan State College: Philip Altman, Arthur Curtis, Rita Jacqueline Day, Raymond Danny, John W. Hughes. Sparrow Hospital: Doris Johnson. Grand Rapids University: Margaret Myers, Florence Burras. Western State Teachers College: Katherine Ernestine Althaus, Ardis Schneider. Grand Rapids Junior College: Virginia Wride, David Coons, Lorenz Kyser, Charles Haner, Dorothy Morris. Heaney's Business College: Joy Dennis, Eileen Friedell.

This means that 17 graduates, or an equivalent of 23% of the class of 1939 are attending six different colleges.

The average of marks obtained by these students are as follows: Number A's 8, percentage 9.52; number B's 31, percentage 36.59; number C's 35, percentage 41.65; number D's 6, percentage 7.16; number E's 4, percentage 4.76.

You can't get away with a thrift talk to the family with a 15-cent cigar in your mouth.



The Board of Education has secured the commencement speaker, E. J. Millington of Cadillac, an attorney and former judge. The exercises will be held Friday, June 7.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: One thing in driving an old car, folks don't wonder how much it is paid for. Wonder why they put bed-time stories in the morning papers, but from the hours some youngsters keep, we are beginning to understand.

Silas Onlooker's philosophy: The fellow who is most interested in what a young fellow has in his garage will be more apt to end up with a good home. The fellow who makes a come-back, is just as worthy as the fellow who is a go-getter.

Old friends and acquaintances of John F. Thomas, deputy superintendent of Detroit schools, and at one time superintendent of Lowell public schools, are extending congratulations upon his recent election as president of the Michigan Education Association. He will take office July 1.

We've seen a good many odd things advertised in newspapers and have even run an ad in the Ledger for lost false teeth. Last week the Cheesing Argus advertised for Henry Schroeder's lost hand, it was artificial and after taking it off and putting it in his pocket it came up missing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Howard of Grand Rapids are now occupying the McMahon house on Hudson-st. recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Altenburger. Mr. Howard has purchased the Riverview Inn east of town on M-21 from Henry Showers and will take possession of same on May 1. The new owner states that he expects to do some remodeling and redecorating.

As will be seen in the article elsewhere on this page, the Lowell School Board is asking the qualified voters of the district to decide three important questions at a special election to be held on April 30. Voters must be registered by this week Saturday, April 27. Register with Secretary F. F. Coons at the Coons Clothing store.

A group of about a dozen youngsters engaged in what might be termed fratricide on the banks of Flat river last Saturday afternoon, about a mile north of town, resulted in the death of Charles Armstrong, 12-year-old son of Vern Armstrong. Fortunately no bones were shattered and the young man is recovering at his parents' home. The wound was made by a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of Albert Stryker and it is claimed that the bullet ricocheted into young Armstrong's leg. Other boys in the "army" were equipped with slingshots and an air gun.

Father of Lowell Pastor Dies in Georgia Hospital

C. H. Rundman received a telegram Wednesday morning from the Rev. R. M. Barkdale, pastor of Lowell Congregational Church, stating that his father passed away on Tuesday night, death occurring in the hospital at Sandersville, Georgia, where Rev. and Mrs. Barkdale were summoned about two weeks ago. Funeral services are being held this (Thursday) afternoon.

Strand Calendar

Thursday, April 18—"Mr. Wong in Chinatown" with Boris Karloff, Great Withers and Marjorie Reynolds. Added feature, "Honeycomb Deferred" with Elizabeth Risdon, Joyce Compton and Chick Chandler; also cartoon.

Friday and Saturday, April 19-20—"Richard Arlen and Andy Devine in 'Man From Montreal'" with Anne Gwynne and Kay Sutton. Added feature, "Boys' Reformatory" with Frankie Darro, Grant Withers, Lillian Elliott and Ben Weldon. Added cartoon and News.

Sunday and Monday, April 21-22—"Fred Astaire, king of dancers, and Eleanor Powell, queen of tap" in "Broadway Melody of 1940" with a great cast including George Murphy, Frank Morgan and Ian Hunter; also "Our Gang in 'Aifal-fal's Double'" with Eugene Pallette, Shakespear Spinach, Busy Bears and News.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23-24—"The Showdown" with William Boyd, Russell Hayden and Britt Wood. Added feature, "Main Street Lawyer" with Edward Ellis, Anita Louise, Robert Baldwin and Harold Huber; also Going Places.

Thursday, April 25—"Wolf of New York" with Edmund Lowe and Rose Hobart; also added feature, "Spring Madness" with Maurice O'Sullivan and Lew Ayres. Added feature, "Burgess Meredith and Joyce Compton, plus Cartoon." Coming soon—"Gone With the Wind." Watch for dates.

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Parents are urged to bring all children who will enter kindergarten next year to the Pre-school clinic to be held next Tuesday, April 23, promptly at 9:00 a. m. in the kindergarten room at the grade school building. There will be two doctors and two dentists present to complete examinations. Any mothers who do not have means of transportation, should call Mrs. Lee R. Miller, Phone 228, who will see that transportation is provided.

School Board Asks Voters to Decide

Seek Authority to Sell East Ward School, Raze the Perry School and to Build a Garage for the School Buses; Special Election April 30

The Board of Education of Graded School District No. 1 is authorized and empowered to sell the East Ward school, raze the Perry school and build a garage which will house school buses and other departments of the school? This essentially summarizes the proposals that the electors will be asked to consider at a special election which is to be held at the high school on Tuesday, April 30, between the hours of 4 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Up to the People The school laws definitely provide that the electors must determine whether school property may be sold or wrecked. The voters of the district will therefore decide what will be done in the matter. The Board of Education feels that abandoned buildings are not an asset to the community. It is felt that the Perry school is obsolete and should never be used again. The East Ward school is too far from the center of school activities to be used for educational purposes. The building is in fair shape and could be used for many other purposes. If the people authorize the sale of the building

the Board would undoubtedly sell it to the highest bidder. Garage Needed If the Board could sell the East Ward building and grounds and if the materials salvaged from the Perry school would be satisfactory, it is felt that a garage could be built under auspices of the WPA with very little additional expense to the district. No additional taxes would be necessary and the electors will not be asked to vote a new tax. The space above the garage could be used to house the department of Music and perhaps the department of Agriculture. In this event, evening classes for adult education could be accommodated in these quarters which would make it unnecessary to heat the entire high school building. The Board of Education has a special election in order to give the electors an opportunity to express themselves.

3-Year-Old Tot Can Hit Apple Scab By Spraying Ground

Spraying last year's leaves on the orchard "floor" to eradicate the apple scab fungus is a new wrinkle for orchardists. Killing the fungus in the old leaves before buds open, says Donald Catton, plant pathologist at Michigan State College, has been a success with several different chemical compounds.

The only one of these as yet available to the grower is a sodium salt of dinitro cresol. This material will not injure dormant apple buds, but will kill green foliage and is not safe to use in the orchard after buds have burst. When the orchard ground is sprayed with the right material or if the leaves could be destroyed by salivation or some other means, the number of overwintering scab spores is reduced. A reduced number of these spores in the orchard permits better and easier control by subsequent summer spraying, according to Catton.

However, he warns, there is not yet a method to warrant any specific recommendations to omit any of the usual pre-bloom or summer spray applications when orchard floor treatments are applied. Scab is the most important disease of apples. The entire spraying program in Michigan is based on the control of apple scab. Without spray in summer nearly all the apples on trees are worthless commercially in the average year. Good spraying practices, however, give most growers 95 per cent scab-free fruit in the worst years.

Mr. McDonald, a former Lowell resident, had returned to his work in Flint Sunday night after attending a birthday party for Vern and her cousin, Louella Bartlett, at the home of Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mrs. R. G. Jeffries, who stated that Mrs. McDonald was taken to her parents' home after being treated for minor burns and cuts and the baby was rushed to Bioggett hospital, Grand Rapids, suffering from burns and exposure and was reported to have died.

It was the second tragedy within a year for the McDonalds. A brother of Mr. McDonald, Wyman was killed last August in a motorcycle accident in Ionia.

Woman's Club

The Lowell Woman's Club met April tenth at the home of Mrs. N. E. Borgerson. Mrs. Lee Lampson, program chairman, presented Mrs. O. J. Yelter in two delightful readings entitled "The Last Rehearsal" and "Why Be Good?" Most interesting reports of the State Convention at Bay City were given by Mrs. W. W. Gumber and Mrs. R. G. Jeffries, who stated the theme of the convention to have been "World Understanding Through Education."

The annual luncheon will take place in May, further information to be published later.

FEEL THE FELT Why pay more when The Champ—the undefeated light-weight hat—gives you luxurious quality and authentic style, at \$2.95. Coons.

The Old Home Town

Editorial by Frank M. Sparks in the Grand Rapids Herald, issue of April 2, 1940

A COMMUNITY, big or small, is just as good, and no better than those who live in it. But many a man who, all his life, has lived in a good community, never realizes it, never appreciates it, never takes trouble even to speak well of it, never remembers it. The beautiful village of Lowell right here at our door is an exceptionally fine community. It must be and always has been made up of the finest sort of citizenry. The people who have lived and died here have made it a good community. They have appreciated it, spoken well of it, remembered it in substantial manner even after their bodies have ceased to be familiar objects in that community.

Alaskan Pictures Greatly Enjoyed

The annual Father and Son banquet sponsored by Lowell Rotary Club and held last Monday evening in the high school auditorium was an outstanding success with nearly 300 fathers and sons attending. The main feature of the banquet consisted of colored motion pictures of Alaska by Philip T. Rich, editor of the Midland Daily News, which were described in detail in recent issues of the Ledger. Mr. Rich made interesting comments on the scenes shown and his audience learned much about our great territory of Alaska.

It may interest our readers to know that at 2:30 the next afternoon Mr. Rich was in Washington, D. C. going by transport plane which he boarded at Grand Rapids airport at 9:30 a. m., having been called to Washington by the serious illness of his aged father.

Michigan News Odds and Ends

Unusual Events Picked Here and There Cat Likes Bright Lights Hubbardston—For three nights in a row, a local farmer discovered a light he was sure he had turned off was still burning in the barn. On the fourth night he learned that a kitten, playing with a dangling switch cord, had been turning on the light.

Youngster Is Hero Marion—When his mother discovered the roof of their home was blazing, nine-year old Gerald Helmboldt jumped out of bed and grabbed a pail of water. Barefooted and still wearing his pajamas, he climbed from a shed to the roof of the house and calmly put out the fire. He then went back to bed and was soon fast asleep.

Trees Go; So Does Farm Leland—Sixteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson planted two spruce trees on their farm near here. When she died 12 years ago, Mrs. Olson asked her husband to care for the trees. Later he moved to Ludington, but refused to sell the farm, making frequent trips to it to carry out his wife's last wishes. When on such a trip this winter, he found only roughly chopped stumps of the two trees, he sold the farm.

Blood Donors Organized Merrill—Local Knights of Columbus have organized a group of blood donors among their membership. Under the voluntary plan, blood will be provided without cost to persons needing transfusions and who are unable to pay for them.

License Is Unpopular Iron River—Although Michigan has no special license plate numbers this year, there is one combination that the local bureau would like to get rid of. It is TH-13-13. The plates have been issued and returned three times.

"Meanest Man" Dupes Boy Mason—Termed "another meanest man", an itinerant "advertising" man victimized a local high school youth recently. He asked the boy to oversee addressing of envelopes and delivery of samples and also to endorse a check. When the check bounced, the boy was out \$20.

Works On Old Job Whitehall—Forty-two years ago, Hilda Gustafson read proof on an historical booklet printed here. When parts of the same booklet were used recently in another publication, Mrs. Gustafson, as historian of this region, was given the job of reading the proofs.

Display Huge Lemon Waterville—Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gunn recently displayed a huge lemon sent to them by Florida friends. The fruit weighed two pounds and ten ounces, and came from Plant City, Fla.

Finds Fire Is Handy Northport—Walking home from work, Harold Marsh heard the fire siren and wondered where the blaze was. Arriving home, he was surprised to see the fire truck turn into his own yard. A cookstove had caught fire. His wife, who put out the blaze before firemen arrived, suffered minor burns.

Has Older Skates Olivet—When an Eaton county man revealed last winter that he owned a 54-year-old pair of skates, he met some competition. Walter Grant, Kalemo township farmer, has a pair of ice skates used by his father that are 70 years old, and another pair he used himself as a boy 60 years ago.

Important Meeting At So. Ward School Frank L. Stephens, member of Lowell Board of Education, has called another meeting of all patrons and taxpayers of Segwun to be held next Tuesday evening, April 23, at 7 o'clock sharp in the South Ward school building. Potluck lunch.

There will be a discussion at this meeting concerning the possibility of closing the South Ward school and transporting the pupils by bus to the central building. It is hoped that as many as possible will be present. Generosity gives the giver something, too—satisfaction. Ledger want ads, bring results.

Kent 4-H Clubs Stage Successful Achievement Day

Value of Exhibits Placed At Over \$4,100.00 on 3,821 Articles

Another annual 4-H Achievement Day is past and it was a successful one. Rockford high school was filled to capacity with clothing and handicraft exhibits. Handicraft display totaled 1800 articles, 428 Handicraft Club members were enrolled with 408 finishing. 705 girls were enrolled in clothing project with 641 finishing. The girls made 2021 articles of clothing. Clothing articles had a value of \$2,368.00 and handicraft of \$1,750.00.

The largest crowd ever to attend an achievement day was at Rockford last Saturday. They came early and stayed until the last door prize was awarded. The club members enjoyed the free movie shows, chocolate milk and door prizes awarded by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. Robert Ferris, Principal of the Rockford high school, was in charge of the drawing.

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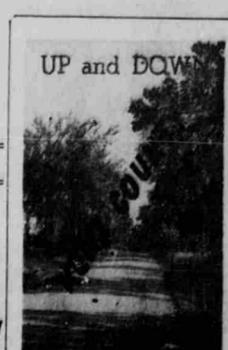
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UP and DOWN

But What About the Land?

Driving in the south part of the county one day last week we saw a farmer burning a straw stack, an unusual sight in a county where dairying is the major farm industry. There is no question but burning the stack is a quick way to get rid of the straw but we can't help but wonder about the land that straw came off from. While applying straw to and is not a common practice, it is done. Of course the right place is the use of straw as manure. No doubt some fruit men would have been glad to have had the straw for a spring. Burning off grass in the field is about in the same class as burning a straw stack. It is a quick way to clean off old grass but rather expensive. The most fertile of soils have been produced from accumulations of grass lands. Another evil burning meadows and swamps is the danger to wild life.

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Kathleen Norris

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- PORK SAUSAGE** Grade 1 lb. 10c
- PURE LARD** Home rendered style lb. 7 1/2c
- FRESH SIDE PORK** lean lb. 10c
- FR. GROUND BEEF** lb. 15c
- BACON SQUARES** mild cured lb. 10c
- BRISK'T BOIL. BEEF** lb. 12c

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CROSTED PEAS
THIS WEEK'S BARGAINS!

- STRAWBERRIES** 25c Box equals full quart.
- BROCCOLI** 23c Garden fresh. Serves 4
- SPINACH** 23c

"Any way you figure it, Birds Eye Foods are a better buy!"

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- NEW CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS** lb. 12 1/2c
- GREEN ONIONS** 3 bunches 10c
- Outdoor RADISHES** 3 bunches 10c
- TEXAS NEW CARROTS** bunch 4c

- Red & White Matches** 6 boxes 21c
- Red King Dog Food** 6 cans 25c
- Michigan Beet Sugar** 10 Lb. Cloth Sack 49c
- Medium Ivory & Lava Soap bar** 5 1/2c
- Blended Orange and Grapefruit Juice** large 46 oz. can 21c
- Drano or Sani-Flush** large can 19c

WEAVER'S Food Market
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Hickory Hollow
Mrs. Mary Rickert

Mrs. Bert Tefft and sister and baby from near Lowell spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Guy Rickert and baby.

Mrs. Mary Hunter and Mrs. Grace Vanderlip attended a meeting of the Ideal Club Thursday at the home of Mrs. Warren Reed at Pottery Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hale and children and Dick Cahoon spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winton Wilcox near Lowell.

A goodly number from this way attended the play at the Keene Grange hall put on by Berlin Center Wednesday evening.

James Dennis and son Lawrence of Lansing spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Cahoon. Other guests on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Graham and daughters, Roberta and Ardis and Walls of Grand Rapids.

Marion Hale and Phyllis Stewart called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rickert Sunday afternoon to see their new baby.

In 1939 the State paid bounties on 2,095 coyotes and 33 wolves. The coyote kill was 527 fewer than in 1938 and the wolf kill was 16 fewer. Which at least was one way of keeping the wolf from the door.

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Social Events

Morse Lake Extension

The meeting of the Morse Lake Extension Class of Modern Cooking was held April 9 at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith. The members were all present except Mrs. Ford Winslow.

The lesson for this month was on Streamlined Suppers. Each member furnished and prepared a part of this meal, and a very bountiful repast was the result.

A very thorough study was made of the value of milk and cheese, and many recipes were given the class. The value of all foods containing Vitamin D was particularly stressed.

The exhibit of Vitamin A products by our class was planned for Achievement Day, May 14.

Mrs. John Scott, Sec'y.

Honor Mother's Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buttrick of Grand Rapids entertained Sunday with a birthday party for their mother, Mrs. Ella Merrill. A very bountiful potluck dinner was served, and many lovely gifts presented to the guest of honor.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Buttrick and sons of Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Peck, Kenneth Klump and Claud Sturges, all of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Rose Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNaughton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buttrick and sons of Cascade, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and family of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner and Lolene Beebe of Lowell.

Twentieth Anniversary

Mrs. Sam Ryder and the Misses Mary and Betty Bailey entertained last Friday evening with a surprise party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Theo Bailey on their 20th wedding anniversary. Sixty-four friends and neighbors met at the Vergennes Grange hall where they witnessed a mock wedding and then enjoyed a rich repast. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were presented with a beautiful 93-piece set of chinaware for which they expressed their sincere appreciation.

Farewell Party

A party of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bieri and family on Wednesday evening, April 3, to celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary. Also to bid them farewell before their departure for their new home in Caseville, Mich., where Mr. Bieri has work as carpenter. The evening was spent in visiting and a bounteous supper was served, after which the guests left, wishing the best of success and happiness to the Bieri family.

I. O. O. F. Degree Work

Thirty members of the Millbrook I. O. O. F. lodge were present at a meeting of the local Odd Fellows Monday evening and conferred second degree work on five candidates. About 100 were present, including several Beiding lodge members. A potluck supper was served following the work.

Next Monday night, April 22, the second degree will be conferred. All members are urged to be present.

Shower for Bride-Elect

A miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Dorothy Fletcher, bride-elect, was given last Friday evening at the Lynn Fletcher home by Mrs. Clark Fletcher, Mrs. Harold Graham and Mrs. Burke Kenyon. About thirty guests enjoyed an evening of games after which Miss Fletcher opened her many lovely gifts. Cake and ice cream were then served.

Child Study Club

The Child Study Club will meet next Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ralph Townsend. The program will be on street safety and Mrs. DeGraw will report on "Keep on the Safe Side." The club is open for new members and will welcome any young mother who is interested.

Book Review Entertained

The Book Forum Club entertained the Book Review at a seven o'clock buffet supper Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Theron Richardson, Mrs. H. N. Blacklock of Grand Rapids, wife of Sheriff Blacklock, spoke on the problems she has of girls at the jail.

Social Brevities

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill were hosts to the P and P Bridge Club last Thursday evening at their home. High scores were won by Mrs. I. O. Altenburger and Art Hill.

The Moseley Extension Club met with Mrs. Chris Kroft Tuesday, April 9. The last lesson on streamlined suppers was given by Mrs. Fred Elaser and Mrs. Frank Ruegger.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Agnes R. Condon to Thomas L. Condon, part lot 98, etc. Sweet & Smith's add. to Lowell.

Myrtle A. Taylor to Paul W. Rickert and wife, part lot 14, etc. block 3, Fox's add.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Springgett of Detroit announce the adoption on April 3, of a son William King.

15 Gallons to a Dress

In some paper that came to our attention recently the statement was made that it took 63 quarts of milk to manufacture enough synthetic wool to make a woman's dress or coat. That would mean about 126 pounds of milk or 15 gallons. Changing styles might affect these figures.

New Social Event

Sebawing-A new social event was held here when Mr. and Mrs. Barney Rothfuss were tendered a surprise housewarming recently. They were presented with a flock of chickens and several bags of feed. The local newspaper termed the party a "chicken shower."

No, Polly Doesn't

Edmore-Polly want a cracker? Not the party owner said Mrs. Bert Brooks. What he wants is a finger. That's probably why the bird bit Tom Huyek, local farmer, on the right hand as he was leading it. Huyek was treated for infection.

More Local News

Miss Mildred Shores of Mt. Pleasant was a Thursday afternoon caller of Mrs. Wm. Gramer.

Mrs. Arthur Curtis spent the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Sadler, of Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harter and family spent Sunday in Belding at the Forrest Switzer home.

Mrs. Ella Robinson was a Sunday caller of Mrs. Mary Andrews at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Elias of Harbor Springs spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coons.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard-Koels of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. F. J. Hooley.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Davenport and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vogelsang of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ella Merrill, Mrs. Rose Hansen and Mrs. Leo Buttrick of Grand Rapids spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Warner.

Miss Virginia Hooley returned to Mt. Pleasant on Sunday after spending a week's vacation with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. F. J. Hooley.

Callers last week at the R. L. Forward home were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Petersen of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fox of Alaska.

Dr. D. H. Oatley announced this week that he has just installed a McKesson-Norggraf gas anaesthesia machine for extractions and fillings.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ella Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robinson and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Connor of Grand Rapids.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gramer were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersen, the Misses Emma and Louise Kraft and Barbara Welsert of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Maynard of Pontiac were Saturday and Sunday guests at the Harley Maynard home. Sunday callers were Ford Haislett and family of Ionia.

Attending the Seniors' ball Saturday evening at Michigan State College's new auditorium, as the guests of James Carothers were Rosalyn Dickerson, Dorothy Lampkin and Clinton Christoff.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Swarthout spent the week-end in Howell and Pinckney and helped Mr. Swarthout's father, F. E. Swarthout, of Pinckney celebrate his 77th birthday.

Mrs. R. E. Springett returned to her home Sunday after spending two weeks in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Springett. Mr. Springett spent the week-end there and Mrs. Springett returned with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harter and family were Monday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Daudert of Middleville, who were the former operators of the shoe shop where the Jack Bannan barber-shop is now located.

Mrs. Mary Soules has returned to her home after spending the winter in Grand Rapids. Her niece, Mrs. Myrtle Striggow of Holly is spending the summer with her.

Mrs. Ina Weldon of Hastings, a former Lowell resident, underwent a serious operation at Hastings hospital recently but is at her home now. Lowell friends hope that she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Rockford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kinyon of Hastings were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Maud Seger. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ford and Donna June of Grand Rapids were afternoon visitors.

Callers Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Condon were Mr. and Mrs. A. Goussard, Fern Treat, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ford of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lock of Alaska, Maud Seger, Mrs. Clyde Condon and Tom Huffman.

Miss Bernice Zahrt of Muskegon was a week-end guest at the Maud Seger home. Miss Zahrt and Howard Seger with some other young folks from Grand Rapids attended the Rainbow dancing party in the Y. M. C. A. in Lansing Saturday night.

THE DRUG VALUES DAYS OF THE YEAR!

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April 17 to 20

CHRISTIANSEN'S
Retail Drug Store
SAVE WITH SAFETY

This is an annual party given for the youths of the state who are deaf.

Mrs. A. Valey has returned to her home here after being in Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, for five days. While at the hospital, visitors were her daughter, Mrs. Carl French and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Webb of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiegeler and three daughters of Palo besides many Lowell relatives and friends.

Coming Events

The Lowell Garden Club will sponsor a mixed card party at the City hall Wednesday, April 24, to raise money for shrubs for the east gateway marker.

The Fremont Rebekah Lodge will be in Lowell Friday evening, April 19, at 8:00 o'clock for a special meeting at which time a large class of candidates will be initiated into the Island City Rebekah Lodge. All members are requested to be present to give new members and the visiting lodge a big welcome.

The South Lowell PTA will be held at the school house Friday night, April 26. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith are in charge.

Don't forget the So. Bell PTA to be held at the So. Bell School on Friday evening, April 19. The school will present their play, "Mama's Baby Boy." A penny supper will be served at 7:30 until all are served. Special music. A grand time.

The Harmony Club of the Congregational Church will be postponed until May 5.

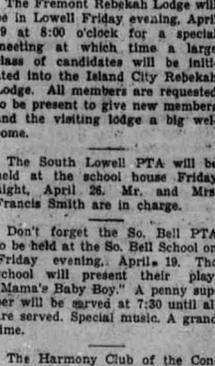
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The Townsend Club will meet Friday evening, April 19, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Kinyon. Fried-cakes and coffee will be served free.

The Townsend Club will hold a food sale on Saturday, April 20, at the Russell Smith store. The sale will begin before noon.

Come to the Logan school Friday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock and be entertained by Dr. Walton of Hastings, who will give a barn storming act, slight-of-hand tricks, etc. It will be well worth your while.

It's a pity that no way has been found to harness the energy that is dissipated on golf courses.



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How the wind is blowing... **BUSINESS**—The commerce department reported a 48 per cent rise in U. S. exports to Latin America during the first six months of Europe's war. Big gain: Mexico and Argentina, 55.7 and 54 per cent, respectively.

SCIENCE—Announced by Du Pont was a rayon cord tire, claimed to be 3,000 per cent sturdier than cotton, having greater tensile strength than structural steel and capable of running 10,000 miles under conditions which destroyed an ordinary tire in 3,000 miles.

AVIATION—Branch always asked for permission to extend its lines eastward from Kansas City to Washington.

POLITICS: Fourth Try

Thrice white-haired, silver-tongued Norman Thomas has run for the presidency on the Socialist ticket in early April, when his party inaugurated the 1940 national convention season. Socialist Thomas came back again.

At Washington, the convention named as its vice presidential running mate a 34-year-old economics professor from the University of Chicago, Maynard C. Krueger (pronounced Krueger). Backed by a \$100,000 campaign fund yet to be raised.

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