

READINESS FOR WAR

WHAT has produced the astonishing successes which the German army has accomplished up to a recent date? The rest of the world has been cherishing hopes of peace. Many generous hearts have been dreaming about social betterment and civic reform. The German people have been thinking principally about one thing, which was how to accomplish the ends they had in view through ability to make war.

In Germany, science, instead of putting its main thought on improving the peace time industries, has devoted its main thought to the arts of war. So when it comes to actual fighting, Germany is like a professional ball team playing against amateurs. The English and French have highly competent professional soldiers, but their war preparation has been sufficiently tardy so that in the nation as a whole it is almost like amateurs against professionals.

Can England and France recover in time to save themselves? If they do not, how serious is the danger that Germany might attack our peace loving land? These are questions over which the American people are worried. An attack on America would have seemed an impossible proposition a few weeks ago. If Germany got possession of the British and French navies, the danger would seem serious, especially so should England, France and Holland lose their islands on this side of the Atlantic. The U. S. does not want war, but one thing is certain and that is that we cannot afford to allow that to happen!

COMMUNITY WORKERS

IN AN advancing town you can almost always find a group of people who are full of enthusiasm for any good home town enterprise. They feel keenly ambitious for the future of that community. They want to see it keep up with the progression. If they have some lack that should be supplied, they are ready to take off their coats, roll up their sleeves, and go to work on that project.

NEW ENTERPRISES

ONE HEARS now and then of some city or town that has made a special drive to obtain new industries. Some of these places have had remarkable success. Probably in many instances where industries have closed up or moved elsewhere, the townspeople have taken hold with great energy to obtain new shops in their place. Apparently some of them have been quite successful in this effort.

THE FIFTH COLUMN

THE PEOPLE read about the activities of the "Fifth column" in the European war. Many newspaper readers do not know the meaning or the origin of the phrase. It is explained in this way by a military authority. As he understands it, when the Germans invaded Holland, their army was divided into four columns. But a group of Nazi sympathizers and agents were working secretly within Holland to co-operate with and aid the invaders, by acts of sabotage, directions on how they could destroy vital services, etc. These secret workers were called the "Fifth column."

FUTURE OF THE BOYS

THE Boys' Clubs of America, an organization including 348 clubs with 300,000 boys, has been holding its annual convention at Boston. This organization was told that lack of adequate physical care is responsible for a good part of crime and misconduct. The modern world spends too many hours sitting still. Very many sit down all day at their work. They sit down in the automobiles and public conveyances that take them to and from work. Hours of recreation are spent by many in sitting down. When a boy sits down most of the time, he is not working off his surplus energy. Some of these boys work off that energy by bad behavior. Give a boy work and play with his hands, and he will work off the steam that threatens an explosion.

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY

The Lowell Board of Education has announced that there will be no school this week Friday, May 31, due to the fact that other schools in the vicinity will be closed on that day and for other reasons.

Successful business proves that an idea limits your business but you.

Census Figures Show Some Gain In Population

Lowell Has 1,943 Souls Add Segun Brings Total to 2,168

William J. Delaney, supervisor of the census for this district, has released official figures for the Village of Lowell.

The new census gives Lowell a population of 1,943

This compares with a total of 1,919 for 1930 or an increase of 24 over the previous census. The population of Segun, which is conservatively estimated at 225, should be added to the figures for the village, for although that community is not within the corporate village limits, it is considered a part of the town. This addition would bring the total up to 2,168.

Comparisons of other nearby communities show that Grandville had a population of 1,346 in 1930 and 1,566 in 1940, an increase of 220. The population of Sparta does not show such an increase with the 1930 population set at 1,939 and the 1940 tabulation is set at 1,945, a gain of only six.

Commencement Speaker



E. J. Millington

Lowell high school commencement exercises will be held Friday evening, June 7 at 8:00 o'clock in the auditorium. Mr. E. J. Millington of Cadillac has been secured by the Board of Education to speak on the topic "At Home in the Universe."

Annual Meeting of Merriman Cemetery

At the annual meeting of Merriman Cemetery Association held on Sunday in the Merriman schoolhouse on account of rain, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Oren Graham; vice president, Glenn Loveland; secretary, Doris Roth, treasurer, Lulu Graham.

Junior Class Sponsors Silver Tea, Wednesday

The Junior Class of Lowell High School will sponsor a silver tea in the gymnasium this Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00. The mothers and friends of the Juniors and Seniors are especially invited and anyone else who wishes to see the unique setting used at the reception portraying scenes from the "Wizard of Oz." The girls will present a fashion parade of their formal gowns worn at the reception.

SPORTS

Scheduled Softball Games

The softball season will open on Friday night at Lowell when the R. C. Cola girls' team of Grand Rapids will play the Sinclair Girls of Lowell at seven o'clock. This game will be followed by a boys game between the Wyoming Park Merchants and the Lowell Mops. The bleachers will be erected before Friday so there will be seats for all.

Next Tuesday night the girls will play Back Jeweler's girls of Grand Rapids at 6:45 p. m. at Lowell.

There is no gate admission to these games and plenty of parking space is available at the 4-H club buildings west of the track.

Declaration Day Doubleheader

Due to rain last Sunday, the Fallenburg Cubs did not play so there will be a doubleheader at the park. Declaration Day with the Schantz Implement Co. team of Grand Rapids. Game will start at 1:30. The Cubs will also play at the Park on Sunday starting at 2:30.

GRADUATION GIFTS

We have an unusually large selection of shirts, ties, hose, summer sportswear, in fact everything the graduate wants—Reynolds' Men's Wear, Lowell.

Paris film studios are again active.



A factory with a \$1,000-a-week payroll is not to be annexed at.

Most of the belly-aching against parallel parking appears to have subsided.

Those bicyclists who ride their bicycles lickety-split on business streets are indulging in a dangerous practice. Better stop it before something serious happens.

Mrs. Charles Doyle, chairman of the American Red Cross war relief fund for Lowell, announced this week Tuesday that up to that time \$199.50 had been turned in.

Remember when a new carriage, purchased by villager or farmer, was of such moment that the local papers made mention of it? Most farmers of that period came to town in their farm wagons, some of which were as long as a motor car and trailer nowadays.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: What is more mysterious than figuring out what is what in medicine bottles on Lowell closet shelves. . . . Happy the Lowell home where a husband can be at ease and the house still remain tidy. . . . The Democrats and Republicans are busy washing up for the party. Don't forget the ears, boys!

When Robert B. Boylan takes the position of honor which is to be assigned to him in this year's Decoration Day parade, he will die as the last survivor of Lowell's Grand Army of the Republic post, which at one time had a membership of 135. Of the 83,347 Michigan boys to fight their southern brothers, only 96 are left to redraw the Blue ranks again on Memorial Day.

A notice in another section of the paper calls attention to the fact that the Board of Education is offering the East Ward and Perry (West Ward) school properties for sale. If the Board receives and accepts satisfactory bids the proceeds of the sale will be used for permanent improvements at the central building. The possibility of erecting a stage will be carefully considered.

Lowell and Sparta are running neck and neck for the honor of being the largest town in Kent County outside of the city of Grand Rapids. According to 1940 census figures Lowell has a population of 1,943 and Sparta a population of 1,939, a difference of only two. However, including Segun, which is part of this urban community, brings Lowell's population up to 2,168. Darn glad that Segun is a part of us!

A call to sportsmen's organizations to assist in local enforcement of the dog quarantine is being issued by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs through the organization's president, P. A. Herbert and its executive secretary, Harry Gaines. They point out that in instances in all localities on strict observance of the quarantine in the 47 southern Michigan counties where the rabies situation is serious will "open the way for lifting the dog quarantine by hunting time."

A subscriber recently returned from a lengthy auto trip, remarked about the number of towns he had entered that failed to display its name in any way. Perhaps the residents feel that it matters little to folks who are driving through, but almost every motorist wants to know where he has been. His citizens must not be as proud as we are of Lowell for the above is one of the big reasons why our ornamental gateways bearing the name Lowell, were built. We're mighty proud of 'em!

Another example of honesty in the returning of lost money took place here last Saturday evening when Mrs. Oscar Bregina found a bill fold on East Main-st. near the Heim Texaco station containing around \$75 in checks and bills and papers identifying it as the property of Gerald Finis. Mrs. Bregina promptly notified the owner and it was returned. There seems to be an epidemic of lost money in Lowell lately. All we've got to say is that the losers are mighty lucky the right person happen to find it.

Mr. M. N. Heary, our pioneer druggist, was guest speaker at the Sparta Rotary Club this week Monday, accompanied by Secretary F. F. Coons and R. G. Jefferies of the Lowell club. Mr. Heary gave an interesting explanation of the new "Fair Trade" law and his remarks were well received by his audience. Before adjourning the Sparta Club voted to attend the opening performance of the Lowell Showboat on Wednesday evening July 31. This was a splendid gesture on the part of the Sparta Club. They will be accompanied by their ladies and a block of the best reserved seats will be set aside for them.

Parallel parking is scheduled to become effective on two trunking highways in the Village of Lowell next Monday, June 3, in accordance with laws and regulations issued by the State Highway Department. The streets affected are Main-st., M-21 and Hudson-st., M-66. Most people seem content to comply with the regulations but there appears to be a large number of people both in the town and from the surrounding territory, who feel that the time parking limit of one hour, as stipulated in a resolution adopted by the Common Council is too short and that the council should amend this resolution by increasing the parking time to two hours.

Germany has loosened its restrictions on the buying of overcoats.

By Order of the Board, F. F. Coons, Secretary, May 23, 1940.

Reception by Junior Class Lavish Affair

Pay Honor to Seniors in Event Long to Be Remembered

Seventy-six Seniors who expect to graduate on June 7 will have had a big time during the last two weeks of school. On Tuesday of this week they were the guests of the Juniors at the annual Junior-Senior Reception, and this event will probably prove to be the high spot of their school careers. The hall had assumed the theme of the Wizard of Oz and undoubtedly the decorations were the most lavish and beautiful that have ever been put up by a Junior Class.

Baccalaureate Sunday

Rev. Robert M. Barksdale will give the farewell address in the school auditorium Sunday evening, June 2. Other features of this program are selections by the Orchestra, the professional and a vocal solo by Lucille Warner. The invocation will be given by Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe. The public is invited to these services and there are no reserved seats.

Annual Picnic

The graduates will go to the State Park at Grand Haven on Wednesday, June 5 for their annual picnic. This is another event which will be long remembered by the graduates.

Commencement

The main event, however, will be the commencement exercises, which will be held in the auditorium on Friday, June 7, at 8 o'clock p. m. Although all of the details have not been completed for this affair the Board of Education has secured Mr. E. J. Millington of Cadillac to give the address of the evening. Mr. Millington is a former judge and he is known throughout the Middle West as a very prominent speaker. His topic will be "At Home in the Universe."

Lifelong Grattan Resident Laid to Rest Tuesday

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning for Mrs. Winifred Grattan, 73, a lifelong resident of Grattan township, who died Saturday night at the home of her son, Patrick J. Abraham. Services were held at the son's home at 8:30 and at 9:00 in St. Patrick's church. Burial was made in Parnell cemetery. Mrs. Abraham passed away after a short illness. She had been a member of St. Patrick's church for many years.

Public Invited to Hear Baccalaureate

The graduating class cordially invites the public to attend the Baccalaureate Services, which will be held in the school auditorium on Sunday evening, June 2, at 8 o'clock. There will be no reserved seats and facilities have been arranged to take care of a large crowd. The complete program follows: Processional, "March Noble," C. Bach, by the orchestra, Mr. Jessup, Conductor; Invocation, the Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe; Solo, "Friend O' Mine," Weatherly, Lucille Warner; Address, "Attitudes of the Educated," Rev. Robert M. Barksdale; Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Audience; Benediction, the Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe.

Presents Classes In Piano Recital

Miss Dora Bangs presents her music pupils from the Visual Method piano classes of the Grade school in recital on Tuesday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium. This is free to every one and all are cordially invited.

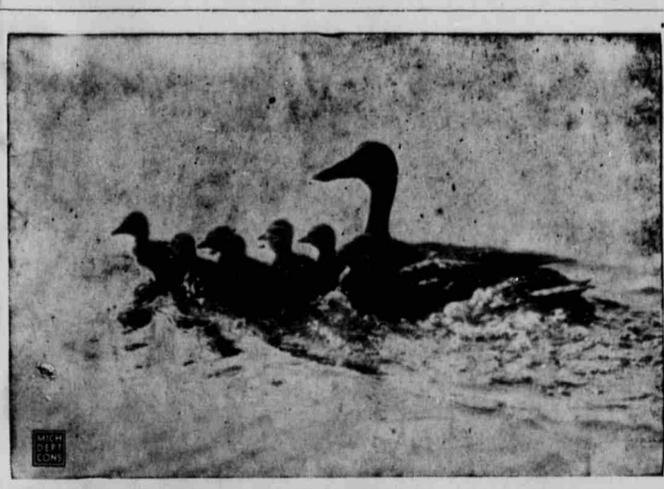
Caledonia Alumni Banquet, June 8

The Caledonia Alumni Association will hold its annual dinner and dance, Saturday evening, June 8, at 6:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Mr. Christian Wenger of Ann Arbor will speak on the program, and Mr. Kenneth Prescott of Kalamazoo will act as toastmaster. Tickets are now on sale at 65c each, at the Caledonia School office, Drug Store and Neumanns. You may also obtain them from any one of the following officers: President, Marian Bruton; vice president, Mrs. Arthur Fischer; secretary, Ethna Bowman; treasurer, Paul Peet. No reservations will be taken after June 4. All alumni members and their friends are invited to attend.

NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Graded School District Number One, Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, offers the East Ward and Perry (West Ward) school properties for sale and has instructed the secretary to receive sealed bids in his office at Coons' Clothing Store until 6 p. m. on Monday, June 3, 1940. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dawn Patrol as Seen From Main Street Bridge



In Michigan during May and June many old mallards and black ducks will be watching over their newly hatched broods like this old mallard at the King bird sanctuary near the Main-st bridge on Flat River

THE ABOVE SCENE is typical of one sighted from Main-st. bridge nowadays as the wild mallards at the King Bird Sanctuary watch over their newly hatched broods. Many local people and a large number of tourists find the antics of the ducks very interesting. On week-ends especially, the bridge is pretty well filled with sight-seers. The project was started as a hobby of the late Frank T. King in 1933 when he secured some eggs from a friend in Grand Rapids and had them hatched at a local hatchery. The little ducks were then taken to the farm home of one of the local mill employees

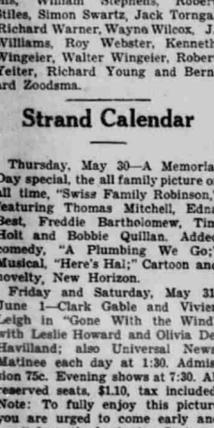
Local Athletes To Hear Finch Awards to Be Presented On Friday Night

From all indications, a large crowd is planning to attend the annual Athletic Banquet to be held in the High School gymnasium, Friday night, May 31, beginning at 6:30. R. W. Finch, former Lowell High School coach and now football coach at Central State Teachers college, will be the speaker. The following boys are to be guests at the banquet and will receive awards: Walter Afton, Winfred Alexander, Russell Aldrich, Charles Barber, Harold Beak, Leo Blocher, Robert Bishop, Clare Bryant, George Buiendyk, Robert Caboon, James and Wm. Cannon, Robt. Christiansen, Keith Clinton, Don Coe, Richard Curtis, Chas. Dawson, Harold Doleway, King Doyle, Russell Faulkner, Robert Flynn, Perry Freeman, Richard Gephart, Walter Gumsier, Richard Harter, Edward Havlik, Donald Hemingsen, Gordon Hill, Russell Holmquist, Gerald Hoover, Frederick Hooley, Ray Ingersoll, Robert Jackson, Wayne Kingdom, Clifford Klump, Carroll Kysler, L. Kerekes, Richard Kinyon, William Lalley, Robert Lee, Jack Maxson, John Phelps, Tom Rathburn, Leroy Roudabush, John Scribner, Ivan Shear, Kenneth Smith, Jas. Stephens, William Stephens, Robert Sims, Simon Swartz, Jack Tornga, Fred The Bartholomew, Tim Williams, Roy Webster, Kenneth Wingleter, Walter Wingleter, Robert Yelzer, Richard Young and Bernard Zoodsma.

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Lewis Gasper Heads European War To Draw From State Reserves

The Lowell F. F. A. chapter held a meeting at Fallsburg Park last Thursday. It was a special meeting to which prospective members were invited. The election of officers was also a feature, results as follows: President, Lewis Gasper; vice president, Walter Roth; secretary, Robert Clark; reporter, George Wittenbach; watch dog, Perry Freeman; conductor, Richard Warner.

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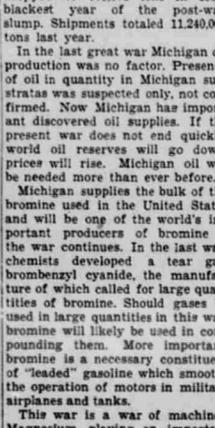
European War To Draw From State Reserves

War in Europe, if it is not ended quickly, is certain to draw on Michigan's reserves of oil, coal, iron and copper, according to the Department of Conservation. Michigan's bromine and magnesium will be sought out and bought by those nations able to pay for and to transport them. If the present war is developed in the pattern of the last great war, Michigan minerals will be returned to employment, Michigan bank accounts will be swelled and Michigan may face another period of reaction when the war ends.

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UP and DOWN



(By K. K. Vining)

3700 Acres Vegetable Gardens

Some time ago we mentioned in this column about the diversity of Kent County's agriculture. We were interested to find the other day that the county has 3700 acres devoted to vegetable gardening of which 800 acres is in Byron township. This information came from the office of the Kent County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

Stores Sell Half of Milk

A recent issue of the Michigan Milk Messenger carried a statement that over half of the milk consumed in Chicago is sold through stores, while the number of milk drivers has decreased from 7,500 to 4,500.

We wonder if this is a trend in milk marketing problems or if the labor situation in Chicago isn't a factor. The producer of milk in that region has been getting four cents per quart for milk used in fluid sales out of which comes transportation from farms to loading station. The delivery man has been receiving the same price per quart for his services—and with no capital investment.

Interesting Reading

"Dairy Profit" is a book by Wilbur J. Faser, Professor of Dairy Farming at the University of Illinois. In one chapter of the book entitled, "Roll Down the Rich Roughage," he discusses at some length the dairy farm of E. W. Ruehs, in Caledonia township. In this chapter alfalfa as a pasture and roughage crop is discussed and how it is handled on the Ruehs farm. Along with the discussion considerable comment is made on the pen type barn that houses the Guernseys on the Ruehs farm. We have only had a chance to glance at this book but it looks like a lot of interesting reading.

Landscape Tour, June 6

Quite definite plans have been made for the annual landscape tour for Kent County folks Thursday, June 6, is the date. The tour will start at Holy Corners, one mile north of Caledonia. Here will be seen landscape work around a rural church, cemetery and parish house. Some nearby farms will be visited the rest of the day. Plans are under way for dinner in the village of Caledonia. The Caledonia Community Club will have charge of a short program after dinner. The afternoon will be spent visiting homes in the village of Caledonia and some farms west of that town.

Got Started Under 4-H

A recent survey made by R. A. Turner, of the Federal Extension Service at Washington, shows that 37.7% of all students enrolled in Agricultural and Home Economic courses in the Agricultural Colleges of the Central States are former 4-H club members. The first of these surveys was made in 1927-1928 and showed 731 enrolled. Similar survey made in 1930-1940 showed 6,934 club members. Illinois had the largest enrollment, a percentage of 49.3.

Growing in Fruit Importance

If requests for spray information is any sign, Kent County, and this section of Michigan, is growing in fruit importance. The list of people getting the spray service letter from the local county agent's office has grown to 500 names. Walter Tonjes, Superintendent of the Graham Horticultural Experiment Station, writes the spray letter. The county agent's office keeps a set of addressed envelopes on hand. The spray letter is mimeographed and in the mail the day received.

More Wheat Crop Insurance

Three hundred and fifty seven Kent County farmers made application for crop insurance on their wheat in 1939. One hundred ninety-seven of them paid premiums on the insurance, the value of the premiums being equivalent to 1458 bushels of wheat. Sixty of this number had losses and were paid the money, the equivalent of 2466 bushels of wheat. Applications for 1940 show an increase of 50%.

Holstein Judges

Lewis Hendershot, Gerard Heyt and Gerald Allen of Walker township; Elmo Stater of Paris and Donald Anderson of Vergennes, represented Kent County in the 4-H Judging Contest at the Holstein Black and White Show in connection with the annual tulip festival at Holland last week.

Livestock Feeders' Day, June 14

A full day's program has been provided for the annual Livestock Feeders' day, Friday, June 14, at Michigan State College. Practically all angles of livestock feeding will be discussed and demonstrated.

Typing paper, 100 sheets, letter-head size, good subbed, 20c—Ledger office.

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Reunion

The 35th Annual Heaven Reunion will be held June 9, 1940 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grey at 638 Dickinson St. Burton Hgts., Grand Rapids, Mich. Basket lunch with coffee and ice cream. They also plan to have a tent in case of bad weather.

Mrs. Edna Lott, Secy.

Swan Gets New Mate

Eaton Rapids—This city's swan, which has led a lone life on the Grand River since its mate was electrocuted last fall by flying against a high tension wire, now has a new mate. Dr. C. J. Winder of Charlevoix recently presented the city with a second swan.

Tie your advertising in with sales promotional events.

DAVIS LAKE

Mrs. William Schrader

Mrs. Lowell McGowan and son spent Monday night with Mrs. G. D. Houghton of Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peck of Middleville called at the Ed. Lind and Wm. Schrader home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dygert and daughter Maxine spent Monday with relatives in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes of Grand Rapids were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Stewart.

Emerson Lind and family of Caledonia were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lind.

Mrs. Dan Foster and sons spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Batey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader called on Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kreiser of Cascade Sunday evening.

Lloyd Dygert of Kalamazoo spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dygert.

Albert Curley was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Loren Dygert and daughter Maxine spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader.

Dog Is Condemned

St. Louis—"Laddie," a valued collie dog owned by Miss Martha Carlson was "condemned" to death by Justice J. L. Smith recently after testimony on the dog's department was taken in his court. The collie was "paroled" at a similar hearing last year.

Squirrel Is Friendly

Ithaca—Theodore Bloss, who has been feeding fox squirrels from his back porch for several years, now has one of them trained to rap on the window when she wants a little attention. A pair of nuts is kept handy in the kitchen for her. The squirrel will eat from Bloss' hand.

It is not dishonorable to fail; the dishonor lies in one's failure to try again.

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More Local News

Mrs. Clyde Richards spent Friday with Mrs. Charles Frary in Belmont.

K. H. Fletcher is seriously ill at his home in Segun, having suffered several strokes.

Miss Marguerite Watters of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watters.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Heare of Decatur, Ind., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Spencer and daughter, Janice Kay of Belding were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weaver.

Stanley Watters has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Miss Kathryn Vaughan of Albion and Glendon Swarthout of Detroit were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swarthout.

Miss Grace Croch, former teacher in Lowell schools, now of Vandenberg, Mich., spent the week-end at the Maynard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher and family of Belding, the Misses Mary and Sadie Fletcher of Flint were callers on Lowell friends Sunday.

Regular meeting of Rebekah Lodge Tuesday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock. Initiation. At 6:30 a pot-luck supper for Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and families.

Fred P. Mason of Ionia, a former Lowell boy, wishes to say that he will miss seeing his old friends this Decoration Day but Mrs. Mason has been very ill and they will be unable to come to Lowell for the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson were Sunday dinner guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Simpson of Grand Rapids. Mrs. J. Schrader returned with them to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wood, Mrs. Lizzie Kropp, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wingler and son Kenneth attended the graduation exercises at Pezamo last Thursday night when their grandson and nephew, Jack Davarn, was one of the graduates.

Mrs. Bob Focht and children returned to Iowa for a short vacation with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Focht of Eagle Grove last week. From Eagle Grove, Mrs. Focht and children will go on to Atlantic, Iowa, to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gallier.

Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Hawk and son Jack Winks were called to Chicago this week by the death of Mr. Hawk's half-sister, Miss Mildred M. Hawk who passed away three weeks. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning. Mr. Hawk is the only near relative surviving, besides several nephews.

Mrs. P. H. Anderson returned last Friday from Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, where she was taken last Monday suffering from a double fracture of the right arm which she received in a fall at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Anderson was just recovering from a broken left arm when this second accident occurred. She has the best wishes for quick recovery from many friends and neighbors. Her daughter, Miss Marian Anderson of Washington, D. C. is spending two weeks at home on vacation and caring for her mother.

We are sorry to hear that Geo. Ford is confined to his bed in the City Hospital on Fuller Ave. He was operated on at the Butterworth Hospital May 21 for double hernia. His condition was rather serious at first. He was removed to the City Hospital Saturday and is reported as coming nicely now. George will be happy to be remembered by his friends with calls or cards and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

John Mishler and wife with Frank Martin wife and Marilyn were Sunday dinner guests of the former's brother, William Mishler and family of South Bowne.

Wayne Ford and family were in Holland Sunday to enjoy the tulip show. They report that the tulips are a gorgeous sight at this time.

John Thaler and son John, Jr., of near Freeport were Tuesday luncheon guests at the Mishler-Martin home.

Wayne Ford and wife with Mrs. Edwin Pottruff visited the Bowne Center cemetery Monday evening and decorated the graves of their relatives buried there.

J. S. Brandebury and wife were at their cottage at Hess Lake from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday noon. Will Glasgow wife and daughter Mildred were Saturday night and Sunday guests of the Brandebury's.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolney (nee Mabel Berkey) and daughter Norda were guests of Frank Glade and family at Hess Lake Sunday afternoon.

Alvin Heintzelman and wife with Mrs. Earl Glidden and daughter Pearl, Wesley Heintzelman and family with Ray Parkinson and wife and Aaron Heintzelman and family from Lansing all drove to east of Remus Sunday and visited and decorated the graves of their parents and Mrs. Glidden's children.

Logan school reunion will be held at the school ground Saturday, June 8, 1940. Pot luck dinner, bring your own table service. All former pupils and teachers who have attended or taught in the school and those who wish to meet friends are invited. We want a good attendance this year. Raymond Norda is president and Clara Brandebury Secretary.

Three Brothers Graduate

St. Johns—Probably for the first time in history of the local high school, three brothers will receive their diplomas at the same time when seniors are graduated this June. They are Jack, 17; Merrill, 18; and Harry, 19; sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter.

New Zealand has postponed its plans for an iron and steel plant.

Flashlights from America may be used in Egypt in case of blackouts there.

Social Events

Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Hattie Rouse celebrated her 90th birthday last Thursday, and received about 22 friends at her home during the day who extended best wishes and congratulations. Mrs. Rouse served coffee and birthday cake. She received around 33 beautiful greeting cards.

Mrs. Arthur Schneider entertained at dinner last Tuesday, May 21, for friends and neighbors in honor of Mrs. Rouse. Guests presented the guest of honor with gifts of canned fruits, jellies, etc. Those present were Mrs. Nellie Yeller, Mrs. Katie Pez, Mrs. O'Keefe, Mrs. Maud VanDusen, Mrs. C. Myers, Mrs. Sam Myers, Mrs. A. Schneider and Mrs. Mabelle Harker.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trednick of Grand Rapids entertained his mother, Mrs. Rouse, to a chicken dinner.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Rouse express best wishes for her good health and hopes that she may live a good many more years.

Shower Honors Miss Petersen

Miss Joy Petersen, bride-elect, was guest of honor at a kitchen shower given by Vivian Shear on May 18. Miss Petersen received many lovely and useful gifts. Daily refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were Mrs. Carl Cordtz, Mrs. H. Klinkhammer, Marge Klinkhammer, all of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Glenn Converse, Belding; Mrs. Walter Hansen, Fenville; Mrs. Robert Denick, Mrs. Louva Petersen, Miss Dorothy Kropp, Mrs. Merton Alderink, Mrs. Frank Reusegger, Miss Gladys Bieri, Mrs. Abe Vervey, Mrs. Dave Garfield and Mrs. Wm. Converse, all of Lowell.

Honored at Shower

Miss Barbara Shower was honor guest at a miscellaneous shower given by the Misses Florence Reynolds and Shirley Bannan at the Sherwood home Saturday evening, about twenty guests being present. Games were played and dainty refreshments served. Barbara received many lovely gifts.

Fortnightly Club

The twenty-six members of the Fortnightly Club held their annual chicken dinner at the Reed Inn, Ionia, Tuesday night of this week.

Child Study Club

The Child Study Club held their last meeting until fall last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Weaver. Two reports were given, one was "Toddler's Dramatics" by Mrs. Al. Martin and Mrs. Lee R. Miller on "Are You Responsible for Your Child?"

Annual Sunday School Party

The former Sunday School class of the Methodist Church, taught by Mrs. Austin Coons, met Sunday at her home for their annual party. Those attending were Carol Kyser, Howard Dennie, Russell Coons, Charles Haner, David Coons, Ralph Roth and David Miller.

Social Brevities

Mrs. Art Curtis was hostess to the Monday afternoon bridge tournament at her home last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. George Lee entertained the Pedro Club last Wednesday at her home. Honors were awarded to Mrs. Alma Ashley, Mrs. Ora Washburn and Mrs. Mary Gramer.

Coming Events

Showboat Dates—July 31, August 1, 2 and 3.

The Good Will Club will meet with Mrs. York Kohn Wednesday, June 5, for an afternoon meeting and tea.

High school athletic association banquet 6:30 p. m. Friday evening, May 31. Admission 50c. Tickets on sale at high school or Palace Cleaners.

Parnell fair and supper, Thursday, August 8.

L. H. S. Commencement exercises, June 7. Alumni banquet June 14.

The Saranac Townsend Club No. 1 will have a program and ice cream social at their club room on the evening of June 4th. The Lowell Club and the public are invited.

The Lila Group of the Congregational Church will meet Friday afternoon May 31, at the home of Mrs. Fred Wingler at 2:30.

Kent County 4-H Club Fair, Recreation Park, Lowell, Aug. 21-22-23.

Send your news to the Ledger.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Summer Clubs

The last few weeks have brought to a near completion the organization of 4-H summer clubs in Kent County.

The enrollments that have come into our office are as follows:

The Bapham and White Dove 4-H Club, of Courland township, was organized with Earl Perry as president; Harold Valtkamp, vice-pres.; Richard Galle, secretary and treasurer. A leader will be selected later.

In Walker township, the Oak Grove 4-H Club was organized with Albert Fales as leader. James Fales is president; Shirley Kilbourne, vice-president; Richard Marckini, secretary and Danny Bunn, treasurer.

The Segun 4-H Club in Lowell township has Mr. Richard Lester for its leader, Ralph Belmers is president; Shirley Preston, vice-president; Marion Needham, secretary and Richard Dennis, treasurer.

In Byron Center a new club led by Rev. George Mayskas as leader, was organized. Warren Dreyer is president; Bill Towne, vice-president; Myrtle Irwin, secretary and Bob VanStrien, treasurer.

The Tyrone Hill Toppers have organized with Mr. Edward Stream as leader. Wayne Stream is president; Carl Anderson, vice-president; Darrell Holben, secretary and Keith Stream, treasurer.

The Snow School Workers of Lowell and Cascade townships, have for their leader Mr. Seymour Hesche. Reginald Smith is president; Clifford Dalstra, vice-president; Richard Smith, secretary and Ronald Hesche, treasurer.

In Solon township, the Solon 4-H Club has Mr. R. L. McIntyre for their leader. Robert McIntyre is president; Richard Goodell, vice-president; Earl Wall, secretary and Ed. Smith, treasurer.

Keith Clinton is the leader of the Ada 4-H Club. Bob Cramton is president; Louis Papp, vice-president; Elliott Bruinekool, secretary and Carol Clinton, treasurer.

The Wabasa Lake Livestock Club have Robert Sowerby for their leader. Russell Larimore is president; Bill Horton, vice-president; Donna Davis, secretary and Ray Thompson is treasurer.

Little Red Mites

Plague Housewives

No Paul Revere was on hand to warn Michigan residents this week of the approach of "red-coats," who silently and without fan-fare moved into numerous Michigan houses much to the chagrin of housewives.

These "red-coats" are clover mites, according to E. I. McDaniel of the Mich. State College entomology dept. The tiny eight-legged insects, about the size of a pin-head, will do no damage during their sojourn in the house except for leaving unsightly red blotches when the housewife inadvertently crushes one of the pests on the wall or on fabrics. Likely the mites will depart as suddenly as they appeared, Professor McDaniel says.

The best control measure, as recommended by Professor McDaniel, is the application of Rotenone dust on the sunny side of the house, and in the nearby grass and shrubbery. This dust, obtainable at drug stores, is non-poisonous to pets and human beings. It is deadly, however, to the clover mites and also will kill plant lice that may be on the shrubbery.

Clover mites spend the winter on deciduous trees or shrubbery and the present infestations are the result of the mites' seeking a warm place to complete their development before migrating to clover plants. Their damage to clover plants usually is not important, Professor McDaniel says.

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SELECTED SHORTS

Church News

ZION METHODIST CHURCH

John Claus, Pastor
English preaching at 10 o'clock. Bible School at 11:00 o'clock. You are cordially invited.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Lowell, Mich.
Rev. R. C. Warland, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. N. Y. P. S. Service at 8:45 p. m. Evangelistic Service at 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Cor. Washington and Kent
Morning service every Sunday, 11 o'clock.
Sunday School at 11:00 a. m. The reading room is located in the church building. It is open to the general public from two to four o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Here all the authorized literature of Christian Science may be read or borrowed. Subscriptions may be made for the periodicals and orders placed for the textbooks, quarterlies or any authorized literature one desires to purchase.

"Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alms Memoriam and Hypnotism, Dehounced" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, June 2.

The Golden Text (Jeremiah 20:13) is "Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord; for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers."

Among the Bible citations in this passage (I Samuel 2:3); "Talk no more so exceedingly proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are weighed."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 106): "Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and love."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Walter T. Ratcliffe, Minister
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
Children's Day program will be given by the Sunday School. The various departments of the school will have a part. There will be the baptism of babies. Everyone is invited to share in this service of joy and gladness.

All our people are encouraged to share in the Baccalaureate service in the evening at the school auditorium.

ALTO AND BOWNE CENTERS

METHODIST CHURCHES
F. E. Chamberlain, Minister
Alto Paragon, Phone 50
Alto
Worship Service—10:00 a. m.
Sunday School—11:00 a. m.
Bowne Center
Sunday School—10:15 a. m.
Worship Service—11:15 a. m.

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH

W. B. Gardner, Pastor
Bible School at 10:00 a. m. Ed. Wood, Supr.
F. E. Chamberlain, Minister
Alto Paragon, Phone 50
Worship Service—11:00 a. m.
Prayer meeting every Thursday evening.
Communion the first Sunday in each month.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CH.

Robert M. Barksdale, Minister
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
We seek to inspire the heart to do the things which the mind knows are right.

11:00 a. m.—Worship Service. Many things are being shaken in our day but there are things that remain firm. The sermon theme will be "Things That Cannot be Shaken." And this word, yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain." We invite you to worship with us.

The Lila Group of the Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Fred Wingler, 726 Vergennes Road, Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Children's Day, June 9.
Cheerful Doors will meet in the Parish house Monday evening, June 3, at eight o'clock. All members are urged to bring some article for our Migrant Relief work.

ADA CONGREGATIONAL CH.

Henry L. Rust, Minister
Sunday School at 10 o'clock every Sunday.
C. E. at 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship at 7:30.
Sermon theme, "The Twelve Men Who Made the Commitment of Their Lives."

Choir rehearsal at 7:30 on Tuesday evening.

CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Mary's—Lowell
Rev. Fr. Jewell, Pastor
8:00 a. m. Low Mass sermon.
10:00 a. m. High Mass and sermon.

St. Patrick's—Parnell
Rev. Fr. McNeil, Pastor
8:00 a. m. Low Mass and sermon.
10:00 a. m. High Mass and sermon.

Cascade and Bowne
Rev. Fr. E. H. Racette, Pastor
Services at 8:30 and 10:00 a. m. 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:15 a. m.—Prayer Services.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting.

ALTON CHURCH

The evening services for Sunday, June 2, will be held at 8:45 with a minister and music from Grand Rapids. After that date the services will be held regularly at 7:30.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF WEST LOWELL

F. B. Harwood, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. Cottage prayer meetings every Thursday night.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Elmdale, Mich.
Rev. Wm. H. Rivell, Pastor
R. 2, Clarksville
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

June 8, Mother and Daughter banquet, 8:00 p. m. Everybody welcome.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Elmdale, Mich.
R. C. Johnson, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
7:15 p. m.—N. Y. P. S.
8:00 p. m.—Evangelistic Service.
8:00 p. m.—Wednesday Prayer meeting.

We are enjoying a nice increase in all of our departments. We are praising God for it.

If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us.

The Daily Vacation Bible School began Monday and we are glad to report a fine class of children attending. It will continue until June 7 and will close with a program on the last Friday night.

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CASCADE CHURCH OF CHRIST

L. C. Doerr, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Church Services—11:00 a. m.

SOUTH LOWELL CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 2:45 p. m. A message from the Word by Rev. Bert Baker of Grand Rapids. All are welcome.

OLD TIME METHODIST CH.

McCords, Mich.
James G. Ballard, Minister
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Preaching—11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday, 8:00 p. m. You will find a welcome at all our services.

LOWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

3:00 p. m.—Sunday School for young and old, in charge of Robert Sykes and Arthur Van Ryne, of Grand Rapids Gospel Hall.

7:30 p. m.—Worship service in charge of Henry VanRyne.
7:30 p. m. Thursday—Prayer, Praise and Testimony meeting.

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

W. B. Kolenbrander, Pastor
Worship Service—10:00 a. m.
Subject, "Profanity."
Worship Service—7:30 p. m.
Subject, "A Hero's Call."
Christian Endeavor—8:40 p. m.
Leader, Gertrude Adriane.

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