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## News of Our Boys

John Williams, F. C. 2/c, left on Monday morning to report at Seattle, Wash.

A/S George A. Rogers has been transferred to Boca Raton, Fla., for further training in the air corps.

Bry Condon, Jr., S 1/c, arrived from Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday to spend a 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bry Condon.

Cpl. Allen Roth of Percy Jones hospital, Battle Creek, was a week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth.

Relatives here received a cablegram from T/A Ray Borgerson stating that he had arrived safely at his overseas destination.

Pvt. Milton D. Rogers is now confined in a hospital somewhere in England, with malaria fever, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rogers.

Capt. James N. Woon, who is on a 30-day leave from the Pacific area, and his wife came Tuesday from Detroit to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Norman G. Woon.

Pfc. Wayne M. Kingdom of the U. S. Marines arrived home on a surprise visit, Wednesday, from the North Island naval air station on the West coast. He has a 15-day leave.

John J. Prys M. O. M. 3/c writes his mother, Mrs. Alvin J. Wells, after several weeks at sea, that he has been transferred to the Pacific Fleet and has a 48-hour leave in Oakland, Calif.

Stanley Watters, Sounaman 1/c USN, arrived home Monday morning for a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watters after spending 10 months in the Mediterranean area.

Sgt. Russell Carr returned Saturday to Camp Wheeler, Cal., after spending a ten-day furlough with his wife in Lansing and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr in Lowell.

Bruce J. Green has been promoted to Private First Class. Word received by his wife of Lowell says that he is now some place in the Philippines. Pfc. Green enlisted in November, 1943, and has been overseas since last April.

Glendon Swarthout, after being hospitalized since September 14, has been given a medical discharge and returned to his home in Ann Arbor, according to word received by the Ledger from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swarthout.

June Rosemarie Roth, S 1/c after taking her basic training at Hunter college, New York, was sent to Millidgeville, Ga., for three months and is now stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Roth of Keene.

Cpl. Delbert Woon reports having shared in the invasion of one of the islands of the Philippines. He says the climate on his island at this time of year is much like that of the western United States. After seeing the army in action he is sure that the war in the Pacific will soon be over.

Carl Hall, gunner's mate on a cruiser, arrived home the first of the week after one and a half years' service in the Pacific theatre of war, with many interesting stories, including one of how his ship rode out a typhoon. Carl enlisted and left Lowell the same time as Dick Sponersta, who also has seen plenty of action. Hall is on a 30-day leave.

Edwin W. Adriance is now stationed at Percy Jones General and Convalescent Hospital, Battle Creek, after a two weeks' rest period at Miami Beach, Fla., following 30 months of overseas service in the South Pacific, where he served with the 32nd Red Arrow Division. He wears two campaign stars for combat duty in the battles of Buna and New Guinea, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Badge, National Defense and Asiatic Pacific Service Badges. He spent Christmas and New Years at home this year for the first time in four years, and also last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Adriance, in Lowell.

Gil Snieder, G. M. 3/c has returned from ten months' service in the Pacific theatre, where he was on a destroyer and participated in most of the Navy's maneuvers and battles. Gil was a shipmate of Walter Gumsir for over a year and he left his buddy "out there" on December 8. Gil's interesting stories include "riding out" a typhoon, downing Jap planes and sinking Jap ships. He will soon proceed to the West Coast, where he will attend school for three months. He reports that Walter is adept in the use of Radar and range-finding.

## Richard Warner In Far-off India Serving As Radio Man on A Transport Flying 'Over the Hump'

Pfc. Richard Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royden Warner, who is somewhere in India, writes home about his Christmas. Richard is a radio man on a transport that flies the hump into China. He was due for a rest leave of seven days, so he and Porter another radio man went to Lucknow, India the 19th of December. In Lucknow, they were put up at a hotel, four fellows to a room. He said it was like being a civilian again, going to a real swanky hotel. And food, the waiters came bringing food, food and more food, and they were not satisfied with the boys having three deserts, they fairly twisted their arms to get them to take fourth and fifth.

The boys were very much in their own. The town is about the cleanest one in India, and has many beautiful buildings. As it is the style to ride a bicycle, the boys rode bicycles and toured the city.

There is an American there who runs a publishing house and is also a missionary. He made arrangements for the boys, about 40 in number, to visit the Isabelle Thorburn College. This is an all-girl college sponsored by Methodists back in the States. There are 12 American women at its head. The girls are Hindu, Mohammedan, Christian and Catholic. The first night the girls put on a Christmas service, featuring their very fine choir. A morning later, they went back to hear the choir sing Christmas carols. All this took place in their chapel, which is really a beautiful place. Again on Christmas eve, the boys were invited to the college for a hamburger fry. Afterward they played games, even did the chicken feed. The girls are pretty well educated, in comparison with the rest of India.

Christmas night the American women invited the boys out to the college, where they were served a chicken dinner and enjoyed a quiet evening of table games.

Richard adds, "We sure do give credit to that college, its faculty, and students, for giving us a Christmas as near as it could be to that which we have had in the past at home."

Further word of Capt. John H. A. Sullivan, received by his brother, H. J. Sullivan of Parnell, states that he is recovering from wounds received in Germany while he was serving as chaplain with the 9th Army on the Western front. After travelling through a number of different hospitals, Father Sullivan has finally been placed in a hospital in Paris. Through it all, it is apparent from his letters that the captain has retained his good nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Kropf received a letter from their son, Bob, written New Year's day, saying that he had received his rating as seaman first class. Bob is striking for a carpenter and is now based on Leyte, where he is attached to the floating equipment maintenance unit of the 7th Fleet. He writes that he hasn't seen Bruce Myers in quite a while now as Bruce has been assigned to a ship. Bob also writes that he likes it where he is a lot; summer is just commencing so it is pretty warm, and he never saw so many bananas. They play dominoes evenings and visit with the Filipinos.

All his good-byes said, Trooper Lincoln Dygert of the Romeo branch of the State Police packed up his gear last week to take to the quartermaster in East Lansing before leaving for military service, only to learn that State Police Commissioner Oscar L. Olander had obtained for him a 90-day extension. Dygert, 25 years old, has been with the State Police for three and one-half years and has a fine record, having been awarded a medal for bravery for apprehending a dangerous criminal in Leapeer county. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dygert of Caledonia, R. F. D., and a brother of Mrs. Tony Kropf of Lowell.

Shrine Circus tickets—advance sale at Lowell Beer Store. c89-37

## A-Car Operators Must Have Mileage Records

All operators of passenger cars with basic "A" rations must have "mileage rationing records" to be eligible to apply for any gasoline rations, Jacob Zweekyk, District OPA Director pointed out today. In the recent re-registration of Western Michigan's nearly 300,000 basic "A" ration holders, each registrant was issued one of these mileage record forms. The form replaced the old tire inspection record. Information has been received from Local War Price and Rationing Boards that many motorists did not understand the use of the record form and lost or destroyed theirs. No supplemental rations or special or furlough rations for cars with basic "A" rations may be issued to an applicant who does not present his mileage rationing record with his supplemental gasoline application, Zweekyk emphasized. In cases where a motorist might not have received a mileage rationing record, or it was lost or destroyed, he should immediately apply to the board that issued his A-book for a duplicate.

## Cries Sales For Quarter Century

A. W. Hilzey, widely known among Michigan farmers, has just completed his 25th consecutive year as an auctioneer. During the past quarter of a century he has conducted hundreds of farm sales, including many forms of business and real estate of various descriptions.

Thirty-two years ago Mr. Hilzey married Edna Moffit, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Moffit, who were pioneer farmers of Alaska, Michigan. He still resides on a farm near Dutton, which has been his home for several years. He has spent a busy life, taking care of farm chores in addition to traveling throughout the country month after month to list and conduct public sales.

Hilzey recalls during one particular season he spent 90 days "crying" sales without interruption.

Among the various sales he has conducted, Hilzey recalls having sold a 60-acre farm for as high as \$11,500. A registered Jersey cow once sold for \$995, while registered calves, three to five months old, were sold on the auction block for prices ranging from \$300 to \$500 each. He once worked in a ring with five auctioneers.

At one time he sold \$18,000 worth of farm equipment in six hours and at another recent sale averaged 1 1/2 sales per minute for 4 1/2 hours, with the assistance of two clerks. Before selling prices on farm machinery and tools became effective, Hilzey states that tractors sold at auction would often bring as much as \$300 above their regular price. He has known people to pay \$2.50 for \$1.50 milk pails and \$2.25 for steel bushel baskets which could be purchased regularly for \$1.40.

Many peculiar things have happened at sales, Hilzey states, and he recalls especially an old gray mare which he offered for sale on the auction block seven times in one year. The first time she brought \$125 and the last time he caught up with her she sold for \$176.

## Board of Trade Supper Next Tuesday at 6:30

President George Story announces that a supper meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at the City Hall next Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, at 6:30 o'clock. A good speaker is being procured by the program chairman, W. W. Gumsir.

Important news regarding an airport for Lowell will be given at this meeting by C. H. Runciman, chairman of the committee, which has been investigating the matter thoroughly, and Walter B. Kropf will give a report of his experiences at the Wolverine Boys' State.

## AUCTION SALES

George D. Hutchinson, January 25 Due to lack of facilities to care for stock and tools, George D. Hutchinson will sell at public auction, on Thursday, Jan. 25, starting at one o'clock, at the farm on M-50, third house south of P. M. railroad tracks, a good list of cattle, feed and miscellaneous household goods. N. C. Thomas, auctioneer; Harry Day, clerk. See complete list on another page of this issue of the Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thum report that their grandson, Pvt. Frank E. Deible was killed in action in Germany on December 12, according to word received by his father, Edward Deible of Bristol, Ind. He is survived by his father, one sister, Mrs. Clara Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Thum. Pvt. Deible arrived overseas in June 1944.

## Paper Troopers Ring Doorbells

Have Waste Paper Ready On Days of Collection January 24-25

The county wide paper drive is getting under way in record style and paper troopers are ringing doorbells as the end of the drive approaches. The Lowell F. F. A. has been appointed to operate the Paper Depot for all rural schools in the Lowell area, as well as for the local grade school.

The following instructions are given as information to local residents. The paper will be collected on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and Wednesday, Jan. 24. If a paper trooper has failed to call on persons having paper to contribute, it can be placed on the curb before noon, securely tied, and it will be picked up by a truck. The part of town lying east of the Flat River, will be covered thoroughly for paper at the curb, on Tuesday and the west side on Wednesday.

No paper will be purchased at the local depot, from private individuals.

A schedule is being arranged to give the grades some free time to aid in the collecting.

The rural schools will deliver their paper to the local depot, which will be located at the East Cattle Barn, 4-H Club Fair Grounds, on Thursday, Jan. 25, and Friday, Jan. 26. The depot will be closed after 4 o'clock each day.

Persons bringing in paper from the rural schools must get weigh bills and present them to the person in charge of unloading.

The paper will be sold and each school will be sent a check according to the amount of paper delivered.

## Lowell Victor In Thrilling Contest

By Forrest Burt, Board of Trade Sports Chairman

A capacity crowd was treated to a rip-roaring basketball game in the local gym last Friday evening. For the first time in many years Lowell was able to take the measure of a Rockford quintet, but not without a real battle.

Both teams squared off at the first quarter at 8 all with Fonger of the locals playing the part of Dead Eye Dick. The half-way mark ended with Lowell ahead 17 to 15. They managed to hold the same margin of lead, the 3rd quarter ending 27 to 25. Rockford rallied to pull up even, as the horn sounded ending the regulation time, with the score 29 to 29. Going into a three minute over-time, Rockford grabbed the lead which Lowell matched later 31 to 31. By this time every spectator was on his feet and the bedlam of noise threatened to tear the roof off. With ten seconds remaining, Fonger sank a beauty from nearly mid-court, which swished through without touching the rim. Before Rockford could get any offensive started the horn sounded ending the conflict.

Fonger was high-point man for Lowell with 13, followed by Collins with 11. Benham was high for Rockford. A remarkable feature of the game was that the victors cashed in on 11 out of 13 foul shots, which is good shooting in any league. Kropf, Roth, and Beachum played well for Lowell, as did McCormick, who started the game. These lads controlled the ball off the backboard to help towards a well deserved victory.

The second team game was equally exciting, with the Rockford 2nds grabbing a 28 to 25 verdict.

## East G. R. Plays Here Friday

This Friday the league-leading East Grand Rapids team comes to Lowell. Rockford took a narrow win from East, on the Rockford floor, so the local Redbirds might spring an upset. Capacity crowds have set an attendance record for the gym this season.

## Juice Has the Vitamins

Use the juice out of the can. That's the sure way for the family to absorb a lot of vitamins when using canned fruits or vegetables, says Miss Pauline C. Pail, of the foods and nutrition department of Michigan State college.

Most persons do eat the juices of canned fruits along with the solids; but in too many homes the juices from canned vegetables serve only to feed the drain in the sink, contends Miss Paul. A recent study shows that of the can contents the liquid portion contains 32 to 54 percent of the vitamins C, 28 to 38 percent of the vitamin B1, and 20 to 30 percent of the riboflavin.

Lowell Creamery pasteurized milk, best for you, and baby too. c87

## Lowell Man Makes Supreme Sacrifice

News that Capt. Erwin Nummer had given his life in the bitter struggle against the Japs, came to his wife in Lowell, Tuesday morning, in a letter written January 6, from an officer friend in the 32nd division, who related that Capt. Nummer lived only a short time after being seriously wounded, although given every possible medical aid. Official notice of his death came in a letter from his wife, who related that Capt. Nummer lived only a short time after being seriously wounded, although given every possible medical aid. Official notice of his death came in a letter from his wife, who related that Capt. Nummer lived only a short time after being seriously wounded, although given every possible medical aid.



The last news received by Mrs. Nummer from the captain was written November 28, when he was in Leyte, and he wrote that it was tough going. He was then commencing Company H, made up of men from Ionia county.

Captain Nummer, 36, who had been in the front lines with the Red Arrow division in every battle the division fought, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry on the field of battle and the Purple Heart for wounds received in December, 1942, during the action at Buna, at which time he led Company F of the 128th Infantry. He also received his promotion as captain at that time.

Captain Nummer was born in the vicinity of Lowell, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nummer, still reside, east of town on M-21. He was a member of the Michigan national guard, and left for duty with the Grand Rapids contingent in October, 1940.

While stationed at Camp Livingston, La., on May 6, 1941, he married Miss Elaine Eaves of Shreveport, La., who has made her home in Lowell while Capt. Nummer was serving overseas.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by one sister, Miss Freda Nummer; four brothers, Oscar in the South Pacific, L. J. in France with an artillery unit, and Bernard and Nelson at home.

## Official Call For Citizens' Village Caucus

Notice is hereby given that a Citizens' Village Caucus will be held at Lowell City Hall on Monday, Feb. 19, 1945, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination the following candidates for village offices for the ensuing term: Village president, village clerk, village treasurer, village assessor, all for one year; and three trustees for two years; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

By order of Harold Englehardt, Frank Freeman, George Archart, Village Committee. c87-37

## Nazarene Societies Rally Here Jan. 20

A combined rally of the Nazarene Young People's societies and the Women's Foreign Missionaries societies of the Grand Rapids zone, will be held at the Lowell church of the Nazarene on Saturday, Jan. 20, with services at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. Reverend W. M. McGuire, superintendent of the Nazarene churches of the Michigan District will be the speaker at both morning and afternoon services.

## TOXOID AND VACCINATION CLINIC NEXT WEDNESDAY

Kent County health department will conduct a clinic for administration of toxoid for the prevention of diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox at Lowell school on Wednesday, Jan. 24, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

## SENIOR FARM BUREAU

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Farm Bureau will be held this Friday evening, Jan. 19, at the Vergennes Grange hall, and Capt. John Kleinhekel, Lowell H. S. agriculture instructor will show the War Department release, "The Nazi Strikes." Everyone interested is cordially invited.

## 33-Year-Old Father Meets Tragic Death

Wayne Weeks, 33, farmer of Elm-dale, R. 1, met tragic death about 9 o'clock last Thursday night, in an automobile accident on US-16, near the South Boston Grange hall, the charred remains of his body being found in the overturned burning car by a passing truck driver. Mr. Weeks had suffered a heart attack a couple of days previous, and it is quite possible that he had another heart attack which caused him to lose control of his car.

Mr. Weeks was born in Vergennes Twp., June 25, 1911, the son of Arno and Flossie Weeks.

On July 2, 1932 he was united in marriage to Dorothy Schwab. To this union were born three sons, Donald Gene, aged 7, Duane Lee, 3, and Roger Dean, two weeks old.

He is survived by his devoted wife and children, his mother and father, two brothers, Charles of Sheridan and Robert at home; also a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 14 with burial at Saranac.

## Treasury Department Thanks Local Sponsors For Bond Advertising

The Sixth War Loan was the most successful sales promotional program ever known in the history of the world—War Bond sales totaled \$21,621,000,000. A letter to the Ledger from the Treasury department has this to say:

"These War Bond drives continue to demonstrate again and again the powerful force of newspaper advertising. All America should give thanks to your newspaper and your sponsoring advertisers. Just as the fighting must go on until final victory, so must the war financing program continue.

"The greater the sale of War Bonds in your community, the greater will be your financial backlog to help absorb any post-war reverses for your people and your local merchants."

## Make Your Gift Now To March of Dimes

The March of Dimes through which is financed the treatment of infantile paralysis, is now under way. W. A. Roth is chairman of the Lowell campaign, with W. W. Gumsir as co-chairman. Mr. Roth announces that they are ready to receive contributions at any time or the State Savings Bank will take them. Coin boxes have been placed in convenient spots in a number of business places, and it is expected that school children will make a house-to-house canvass so that every person will be given a chance to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

## STRAND CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 18—"Dragon Seed" with Katharine Hepburn, Walter Huston, Aline MacMahon, Akim Tamiroff and Turhan Bey; also Short Subjects.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19-20—"My Friend Flicka," in technicolor. Sunday and Monday, Jan. 21-22—"Song of the Open Road" with Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Jane Powell, W. C. Fields, Bonita Granville, Sammy Kaye and Orchestra.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23-24-25—"Till We Meet Again" with Ray Milland and Barbara Britton.

## FORMER LOWELL RESIDENT PASSES AWAY IN HER SLEEP

Mrs. Mary Ellen LePard, 72, of Grand Rapids died in her sleep Sunday morning.

Mrs. LePard and her husband made their home with a daughter, Mrs. Lena LePard in Grand Rapids since moving from Lake Odessa several years ago, where Mr. LePard had been engaged in the sewing machine business.

Besides her husband and daughter, Mrs. LePard is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Hendrikse, in Long Beach, Cal., and a son, Jacob, with the merchant marine on the east coast.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the residence. Burial in the South Boston cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. LePard were at one time proprietors of the East side hotel in the building now occupied by the Christiansen Locker party. They came to Lowell from Lake Odessa.

## SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN FOR IONIA CO. DISTRICT

The Ionia County Soil Conservation District plan will be discussed before different township groups at a series of fifteen meetings, those in this vicinity being as follows: Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p. m., at South Boston Grange; Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a. m., at Smyrna Township Hall; Thursday, Jan. 25, 1:30 p. m., at Clarksville, and on Monday, Jan. 29, 8:00 p. m., at the Keene Grange.

## Lowell Landmark Destroyed by Fire

Blaze of Unknown Origin Threatens The Entire Business Block

The three story brick building at 220 west Main-st., in recent years known as the Hosley block, was completely ruined by fire last Saturday night. The property had been purchased only recently by Albert J. Hermans of Ionia, who planned to open with a Gamble store early in February. The building was insured for \$4,000, which partially covers the loss.

Mr. Hermans states that he and Mrs. Hermans and their daughter were there getting things in readiness, until 4:30 p. m., at which time everything was apparently all right. The fire was discovered shortly after ten o'clock by Mrs. McLaughlin of the Chicago Bargain store, who stepped into the alley to see where the glow of light was coming from. By this time it had a tremendous start, the whole back end of the building being ablaze, and burning fiercely up the elevator shaft. Fire Chief Paul Kellogg states that state investigators placed the start of the fire as near this shaft, either on the first floor or in the basement.

The Lowell fire department fought the blaze for five hours with eight streams of water, in a snow storm and a strong wind from the East, which carried burning embers for two blocks. During this time Main-st. traffic had to be detoured.

The first floor of the building was recently vacated by Van's Super Market and contained only some fixtures being installed by the Gamble company. The second and third stories were used by the W. A. Roth Furniture company for storage, and a considerable amount of furniture, stored by servicemen, was destroyed in the fire. Mr. Roth said the merchandise was insured by the individual owners so no estimate of the loss could be given.

The B. A. McQueen garage next door sustained some loss from smoke and water, as did the Art Hill shoe store and the R. E. Springett attorney office in an adjoining building. The Chicago Bargain store, two buildings away, was also damaged by smoke and water. The fact that there were thick walls of brick on each side, doubtless prevented the destruction of other buildings in the block.

Mr. Hermans, the new owner of the building says that due to present conditions he is unable to make definite plans at the present, but will probably rebuild and go ahead with his store in due time.

The building was erected in 1902 by Vard S. Raymond, from whom it was purchased by F. J. Hosley in 1920.

## Timely Topics for MSC Farmers' Week

Means of improving the educational opportunities for rural youth will be the key topic of discussion on the rural education program on Wednesday of Farmers' Week at Michigan State college January 30, 31, and February 1.

Ways the college extension service can further instructional work in rural schools will be explained by R. J. Baldwin, director of extension at M. S. C. Claire Taylor, of the state department of public instruction, will present proposals for the reorganization of schools in Michigan.

The three-day agricultural economics program will feature the outlook for agriculture, imminent agricultural policies, and controls of agricultural production. H. J. Wyngarden, acting head of the M. S. C. economics department, will predict what is ahead relative to inflation or deflation. Dean L. Anthony will present a view of Michigan agricultural policies.

Farm management also scheduled for three days, will stress father and son partnerships, farm labor management, better landlord-tenant relationships, planning a 1945 farm business, and the problems of farm sons returning from military service.

Farm building construction, with special emphasis on postwar farm building problems, will feature the combined forestry and agricultural engineering meeting on Wednesday. Machinery problems and mowing drying of hay will be other engineering topics.

Save money—Buy your Shrine tickets at Rittenger Insurance Service, Lowell. c87

## Winter Underwear For Men

We have fairly good stocks of all weights in cotton ribbed unions, and two-piece underwear, including fleece-lined. Plenty of shirts and drawers in 10% and 100% wool. Coons.



## Along Main Street

Improvements noted: New decorations at the Bickford Shoe Repair, extensive remodeling at the Lowell Cafe, new awning at the A & P.

The large new truck scales at the Runciman elevator went into operation on Monday. The new scales are 34 feet long, 10 feet wide, and have a weighing capacity of 40 tons.

W. W. Gumsir is always looking forward, and like-wise full of hope. Heard him say Tuesday that the trout season will open in just one hundred days. Which reminds us of the words of a great poet who said, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast", etc. etc.

Street Commissioner Fred Gramer remarked to "Ye Scribe" the other day that he wanted to live four more years. He won't, unless he can persuade the Common Council to provide a way for keeping Main-st. free from snow and icy humpbacks.

Aches and pains of 1,407.7 persons are the burdens of the average Kent County doctor, according to a County Medical Society survey. Residents appear to be healthy, however. Twelve doctors died during 1944, there were 88 called to service and three are ill. That leaves 175 for a population of 46,348.

Renewed warning that recent developments have greatly emphasized the need for conserving coal has been issued by Capt. Donald S. Leonard, State Director of Civilian Defense and also State Fuel Conservation Director, who says, "No opportunity to conserve coal should be overlooked. Coal dealers should be consulted on how best to fire the furnace, air leaks in houses should be plugged up, heat turned off in unused rooms, temperatures held to around 68 degrees, and other measures taken to save every pound of coal possible in order to avoid hardship later."

All Kent county records for war bond purchases were smashed during the Sixth war loan campaign which closed Jan. 31. Kent county bond buyers passed every quota assigned them. These include the "E" bond and other individual purchases, corporations and grand total. The grand total of bonds purchased was \$27,004,190.25, representing not only the largest amount of purchases in Kent in a single drive, but also the greatest percentage of over-subscription, as the over-all quota assigned the county was only \$19,718,000. Keep on buying war bonds—keep on buying them every month. They are the best investment you can make.

In renewing their subscription to the Ledger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Fisher of Evanston, Ill., make the following complimentary remarks, which are greatly appreciated:

"Would certainly miss the Ledger now after having received it for over thirty-five years. Naturally the items of 25 and 35 years ago are the familiar ones to us old timers. The paper surely is a credit to the dear old home town, comparing favorably to the larger city sheets."

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, the former Nina Wisner, were well-known Lowell people before moving to Chicago, where Mr. Fisher has been vice president of the Harris Trust and Savings bank for a number of years.

When the near-blizzard of a couple of weeks ago raged, and a number of Lowell streets were in darkness for a few nights, how the people howled, little knowing how much someone was giving to alleviate all inconvenience to the residents. You see, the big Diesel engine at the Municipal plant was out of commission, due to burned out bearings, and Supt. Frank McMahon made a long, hard drive through the heavy storm to the factory at Beloit, Wis., for new parts. He was accompanied by Theron Richmond, who took his turn at driving. They drove all of one night and were back in Lowell by seven o'clock the next night, bringing with them four new bearings; and before long the big Diesel was again in operation. Had it not been for the tough trip, several days would have elapsed before the bearings could have reached Lowell.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: A best seller today seems to be rated by whether it was banned in Boston. . . . Now where is that fellow who used to wish for an old fashioned winter like when he was a boy? . . . Noticed where a man died of a heart attack while waiting for a bus. It would be less surprising if he had died of old age while waiting. . . . Somebody is always taking the joy out of life. For instance, the love bird is a small short-tailed parrot! . . . It used to be that girls wore sweaters to look warm. . . . What more famous last words, asks a local reader, than the two, "I do."

The Lowell Ledger and ALTO SOLO Your Income Tax And Your Return

Editorial

JAPS GOT IT FROM US One third of the ammunition captured in Japanese hands on Leyte...

WHY TOWNS GROW

Towns grow because of somewhat the same reason that children grow...

STARY RIGHT

To have it in our power to restore life and to refuse it past thinking...

IN FREEDOM'S WAKE

It used to be that self preservation was the cause of war. That hungry people will seek to conquer...

Dr. C. T. Pankhurst

Your eyes scientifically refracted; frames and mountings styled in the most modern types...

State Legislature Receives Another Shock Over Slaying Of State Senator W. G. Hooper

A True Story

This true story that should never have happened was written by Carol Holmes Kurtz in the Sports Sentinel-Leader.

Alaska News

Mr. Geo. Sanborn spent the past week in the state capital, Lansing.

MAPES DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rathbun and son Freddie of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers were Tuesday guests at the S. M. Rowland home.

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 21-22, Lowell, Mich.

MEET THE PEOPLE

Don AMECHE in Tuesday, Jan. 23-24-25

Farm Facts By JOHN KLEINHERRSEL

THE LAND BOOM

The Land Boom now in full swing compares very well with the boom of 1924 to 1929.

Wild Cereals

Wild cereals grow in from one to six feet of water.

GRAFT PAYMENT

Graft payment is said to have been employed to influence legislators in key legislative positions.

THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

In fairness to the average member of the Michigan state legislature, it seems just to remind newspaper readers...

THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rathbun and son Freddie of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers were Tuesday guests at the S. M. Rowland home.

Council Proceedings Official

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Aerehat at 8:00 p. m. Trustees present, Day, Speerstra, Rutherford, 40th, Shepard, Absent, Christianian.

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THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE ME!! WHY DIDN'T I LOOK IN THE YELLOW PAGES OF THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR A PHOTOGRAPHER TO BRING ALONG



LAST WEEK'S LETTERS

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When the Time Comes... We Will Not Fail You



ROTH & SONS CO.

Funeral Directors and Ambulance Service Phone 33

FALLSBURG & VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughan and Tommie of Lowell had supper last Thursday evening with his parents.

Timely Tips for 4th WAR-WINTER

Mom and Pop and the Car... Careful what you say about Mother, George... she's just had her battery charged!

VERGENNES CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Snyder, Jr., of Muskegon were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Ed. Storey.

LOWELL DIST. NO. 5

For centuries physicians have been listening to heart sounds—first with the unaided ear and later with the stethoscope...

Local News George A. Hale is in New York City on a business trip.

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KEENE BREEZES Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Sayles received a letter from their grandson...

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WARM, FLEECY OVERCOATS Warm and Thick But Not Heavy



Albert Ribble fell dead in doorway of his home in Lowell.

Winter Fleece Overcoats

In Camel, Brown, Blue and Oxford Ft. Royal Fleece Overcoats \$35

100% Wool Worsted Suits

\$26.50 to \$39.00

Coons

Only in America could a city arise with wild prairie in an afternoon...

PAINT PROTECTS COLOR CHEERS

We'll Say It Again PITTSBURGH PAINTS MADE WITH VITOLIZED OILS



**DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO DRIVE!**

Michigan's Auto Responsibility Law now in full force, says you C. A. N., unless you are able to pay claims up to \$11,000, or you have Auto Insurance.

**COLBY AGENCY INSURANCE**

ALTO, MICHIGAN  
American States Insurance Co.  
New York, Indiana, Illinois

**ALTO NEWS**

Mr. Fred Pattison

Alto Bank Report

The report of condition of the Farmers State Bank of Alto, which is published elsewhere in this issue, shows resources amounting to \$79,968.88. This is an increase in resources of \$117,687.80 over the report of June 30, 1944. Our bank is rendering fine service to the people of this community.

**8th Birthday Party**

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bancroft entertained Wednesday evening in honor of their mother, Mrs. Lydia Wingfield's 8th birthday. About 150 guests were present and she received many lovely gifts. The evening was spent visiting and singing hymns. Sandwiches, coffee, and ice cream were served. We all wish Mrs. Wingfield many more happy birthdays.

**Alto School Notes**

Those who haven't been absent for the last week are Jeanne, Dick and Barbara Bancroft, Janice and Ralph Colby, John Porritt, Richard Wester, Donna Wingler and Sally Church.

**McCORDS MATTERS**

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wood, Deahli visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Zett Saturday night.

**Methodist Church News**

The 70th anniversary dedication services of the Methodist church last week were well attended. Former pastors, Dr. E. Armstrong of Grand Rapids and Rev. Wm. E. Beckett of Charlotte and Rev. Lloyd Mead, who was a former pastor at Alto, were present. They were assisted by Rev. W. E. Timms who were invited to attend. Musical numbers under the direction of Mrs. V. L. Watts were well received. Last Sunday Dr. Habbitt, District Superintendent, was guest speaker, and Mrs. Jack Simpson sang a very appropriate number. All enjoyed the tenor choir. Mrs. V. L. Watts' family called on Walter Wingler Tuesday night. Walter has just recently returned from Billings hospital in Chicago, where he underwent a major operation on his arm. A bone 6 inches long was taken from his leg and put in his arm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sydman spent Wednesday with their old friend, Mrs. Rather in Lowell.

**Methodist Church News**

Correction: John Austin Baldorf is yeoman 2/c instead of yeoman. Melvin Ellis is Lansing agent. Sunday and Monday with his son, Owen Ellis and family.

**Methodist Church News**

Mrs. James Washburn and son Jimmie and Mrs. Glenn Tyler spent the latter part of the week with their sister, Mrs. Leo Erb and family in Grand Rapids. On Wednesday Mrs. Erb served a birthday dinner for Mrs. Washburn.

**Methodist Church News**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McRoberts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Dandorf in Clarksville.

**Methodist Church News**

Julius Wester enjoyed a duck hunt Sunday with Mrs. Wm. C. Anderson and son Joe.

**Methodist Church News**

Ye scribe and husband received a fine letter from Raymond Parrish on 2/16, stating it was so long that it didn't seem like Christmas, however they had the mess hall decorated for Christmas but would like a snowball. We sure have plenty to spare, Raymond, and wouldn't mind having some of your warm weather. Says he sure followed his Christmas box from the Alto business men and home folks George Metternick, 8 1/2, also wishes to thank business men and home folks for his Christmas box. George has been home on a leave.

**Methodist Church News**

Connie Smith and Janice Colby attended the basketball game in Lowell Friday evening and saw Lowell defeat Rockford.

**Methodist Church News**

Mrs. Joe Metternick and daughter, Connie spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. and Mr. Joe Metternick, Sr. in West Lowell.

**Methodist Church News**

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sison were Sunday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Valda Chamberlain in Lowell.

**ALTO NEWS**

Mr. Fred Pattison

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Methodist Church News

**PRAYER OF THANKS**

While the minister waited in the front room for the lady of the house he was being entertained by her 7-year-old son. The conversation consisted of questions from the visitor and very brief replies from the youngster.

Presently, asked if he always said his prayers, he replied: "Yes, only mummy sometimes says them for me."

"Oh, and what does mummy say?" "She often just says: 'Thank Heaven you're in bed at last for another night!'"

**Wrong Word?**

Harry—How did you get the black eye?

Jerry—Asking a girl if she had a bobby.

Harry—What's wrong with that?

Jerry—Just at that moment he walked in!

**Oh Yeah!**

June—My, that man was polite!

June—Why, what did he say?

June—I just accidentally poked him in the eye with my umbrella.

June—What was he saying?

June—'Don't mention it! I still have one eye left!'

**Wrong Impression**

Boy—Life was just one big desert until I met you.

Girl—Is that why you dance like a camel?

**Thoughtful Gesture**

Sarge—How are things with you?

Bookie—I can't complain, sir.

Sarge—Will you say you can't 'you're in the army now.

**Did You?**

Wife—Did you know how to get a warm reception wherever you go?

Wife—No, how?

Wife—Get a job as a fireman!

**Thoughtful**

Judge—If you were in that house for no dishonest purpose, why were you in your stocking feet?

Accused—I heard there was sickness in the family!

**LIFE SENTENCE**

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, I, the Clerk of the Court, do hereby certify that on page 200, and on page 201, and on page 202, and on page 203, and on page 204, and on page 205, and on page 206, and on page 207, and on page 208, and on page 209, and on page 210, and on page 211, and on page 212, and on page 213, and on page 214, and on page 215, and on page 216, and on page 217, and on page 218, and on page 219, and on page 220, and on page 221, and on page 222, and on page 223, and on page 224, and on page 225, and on page 226, and on page 227, and on page 228, and on page 229, and on page 230, and on page 231, and on page 232, and on page 233, and on page 234, and on page 235, and on page 236, and on page 237, and on page 238, and on page 239, and on page 240, and on page 241, and on page 242, and on page 243, and on page 244, and on page 245, and on page 246, and on page 247, and on page 248, and on page 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**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO**

OF ALTO, MICHIGAN, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1944. A STATE BANKING INSTITUTION ORGANIZED AND OPERATING UNDER THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CALL MADE BY THE STATE BANKING AUTHORITIES AND BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OF THIS DISTRICT.

Loans and discounts	\$ 4,770.99
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	47,789.99
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	10,850.00
Corporate stocks (including \$5000 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	950.00
Bank premises owned \$800.00, furniture and fixtures	167,639.35
Due from other banks	900.00
Due from officers and directors	100.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$170,968.88</b>

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$311,045.74
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	296,934.39
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	25,715.13
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	2,028.82
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	1,767.68
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$637,481.66</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> (including subordinated obligations shown below)	<b>\$669,486.96</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
Surplus	6,000.00
Undivided profits	4,478.92
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$13,478.92</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$682,965.88</b>

**MEMORANDA**

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):

U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$ 27,000.00
Total	\$ 27,000.00

Secured and preferred liabilities:

Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law but not secured by pledge of assets	\$ 25,241.75
Total	\$ 25,241.75

I, Earl V. Colby, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**EARL V. COLBY, Cashier**  
John E. Rockefellow, John Karlson, Directors

State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January, 1945.  
WELLS H. COLBY, Notary Public  
My commission expires May 16, 1947.

**HICKORY CORNERS**

Mrs. Marion Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yetter, was married to Mr. Earl Yetter Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Nancy Gee of Lowell spent the week-end with the Yetter girls.

Mrs. Leola Brough of Chippewa, who was visiting at her mother, Mrs. Ethel Yetter, Thursday forenoon.

Thurs. Ethel Yetter and son Edward spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ivan Brough and family at Clarksville, and attended the funeral of her niece's husband, Wayne Weeks.

Arnold Hight of Morse Lake spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Kenneth Yetter.

Mrs. John Timpon and daughter Carol are now Lowell spent Friday with Mrs. P. D. Hilton.

Donna and Pat Huver attended a skating party at Lowell Thursday evening.

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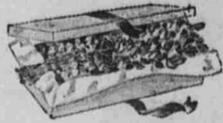
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COMING EVENTS

The Peckham Group of the Congregational Church will meet Friday afternoon at the Wm. Collins home. Mrs. Ruth Gaunt will be co-hostess. Business meeting will start promptly at 2:30.

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. F. Coons Friday, Jan. 19 at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. D. A. Wingeler will have charge of the program.

The Social Club of the O. E. S. will hold a euchre party at the Masonic Temple, Monday evening, January 29. This is a special invitation to everyone wishing a fine evening's diversion, to be with us and have a good time.—Committee.

Vergennes Sr. Farm Bureau meeting will be Friday evening, Jan. 19 at the hall. Members please bring just a light potluck lunch and your own table service. Plans are made for coffee for all. Capt. John Kleinheksel will show moving pictures for the evening's entertainment.

IOOF lodge will hold installation of officers and a business meeting Monday night, Jan. 22. Lunch will be served afterwards.

Mrs. Donald McPherson will be hostess of the Vergennes Cooperative Club at the Lone Pine Inn on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. p37

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

The Junior Farm Bureau meeting on January 12, was a sleigh ride, ending with games and refreshments at the Fred Roth home.

The next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 25, is one at which we hope to raise money for the Bureau. The young people will first present a play after which there will be a Box Social.

The public is earnestly invited to meet with us. —Russell Coons, Pub'y. Chmn.

Vergennes Extension Class

The West Vergennes Extension class met with Mrs. Fred Franks, Thursday, Jan. 11. It was an all-day meeting, with a potluck dinner. The lesson was on redecorating and refinishing lamp shades. This was a very interesting lesson and the day was enjoyed by all.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy, kindness and beautiful floral offerings at the death of our dear husband and father, John E. Lind. We also wish to thank Rev. Chew for his message of consolation. Mrs. John E. Lind and Family. p37

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Save money—Buy your Shrine tickets at Rittenger Insurance Service, Lowell. c37

Mrs. Lois Jean Curtis of Fenton is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Condon.

Mrs. Clarence Blakeslee and son of Rockford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Blakeslee Tuesday.

Last week Wednesday Mrs. S. R. Crabb and Mrs. Albert Duell went to Pewamo to attend the funeral of a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dop Parker of Ionia called on their mother, Mrs. C. L. Williamson and Mr. Williamson, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baker and family of Ionia spent Friday at the C. E. Bowen home at White's Bridge. On Sunday the Bownens went to Ionia to see the boys off for service, their son-in-law, Lyle, being one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Althen Schrouder and son Larry and Mrs. Matie Schrouder of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson, Mrs. Matie Schrouder remained for a longer visit with her sister, Mrs. Simpson.

William Beaver, 68, operator of a riding horse stable in Waukazoo, died Friday afternoon in Holland hospital, where he had been taken after having had a stroke Thursday. Mr. Beaver at one time operated a livery stable in Lowell and the site of the new postoffice and left here in 1928.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Briefs

The Gofus Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Alice Wingeler at the home of Mrs. W. A. Roth. A 1:30 luncheon was served and cards furnished the afternoon's entertainment.

Mrs. Hulda Finesis and Mrs. Ray Avery entertained about twenty guests with a dinner and card party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Finesis.

Mrs. Arnold Krueger and Mrs. Ray Avery were hostesses at a bridge luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Avery, twelve guests being present.

The Past Matrons of the O. E. S. are holding their regular monthly meeting this (Thursday) evening at the Masonic Temple. They are entertaining their husbands and Past Patrons to a 6:30 dinner.

Monday, January 15, was the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Coons. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ausin Coons entertained with a dinner in their honor, other guests being Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Taylor of Grand Rapids and Dr. B. E. Quick of Lowell. A delicious dinner was served by the hostess. The table was beautifully decorated with silver candles in crystal candleabra, and silvered flowers, and the wedding cake was centered with a colonial bouquet in white and silver.

Obituary

Frank J. Fox

Frank J. Fox, 62, formerly of Lowell and Grand Rapids, died at Mt. Pleasant last week Tuesday. One of Lower Michigan's pioneer farmers, Mr. Fox was born January 27, 1853 in Vergennes township, and remained there until 1950, when he retired and moved to Grand Rapids. In 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Fox went to Mt. Pleasant to live with their daughter, Karolena M. Fox, an associate professor of English at Central Michigan College. His wife and daughter are the only survivors. Funeral services were held in Mt. Pleasant Thursday and burial was in the Rlanding cemetery, in Vergennes township.

Jacob Kammeraad

Jacob (Jack) Kammeraad, 58, operator of the White Meat market in Grand Rapids for 10 years, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 9, after a long illness. Born in Holland Nov. 10, 1886, he had lived in Grand Rapids the last 25 years. He retired from business 17 years ago. Mr. Kammeraad was a member of Grand Rapids lodge No. 48, BPOE, and Madison Square lodge, IOOF.

Surviving are the widow, Margaret; a son, Cpl. Fay Kammeraad, with the marines in the south Pacific; one grandson; six sisters, Mrs. J. G. Muller and Mrs. E. Boogaard of Grand Haven, Mrs. A. VanDuesberg of Holland, Mrs. F. Marshall of Rhinelander, Wis., Mrs. Wm. Smith of Lowell and Mrs. Vance Rooks of Muskegon, and four brothers, Frank and Edward of Holland, Arthur of Grand Haven and Leonard of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held at 2 Friday at the Greenhoe chapel in charge of the order of Elks, Rev. Kilpatrick of the First Methodist church officiating. Burial in Restlawn cemetery.

irate Customer: "When I put the coat on for the first time and buttoned it up, I burst the seam down the back!" Tailor: "Yes, that shows how well our buttons are sewed on."

LEDGER ENTRIES

NURSES NEEDED

THE FEAR is expressed that unless many more nurses in this country volunteer for service in the army hospitals in Europe, these centers will be short 1,600 nurses by next April. The increased number of casualties creates an added demand for nursing service.

Those who are able to volunteer for this work will have the intense gratitude of the men whom they serve. The nurses will look back at this experience as one of the most valuable of their lives. They will gain added skill in the healing art, and they can feel that their efforts have been a wonderful contribution to the success of the armed forces.

The nurses, both those who care for the men of the armed services, and those who work in the civilian hospitals in this country, are a wonderful body of women. Their patience and devotion have earned the gratitude of an uncounted number of people.

OLD TIME WINTER SPORT

SOME WRITER in a reminiscent mood, says that one of the popular winter sports in the "good old days" was sawing and splitting the woodpile. Many men used to take pride in the amount of wood they could saw and split in a day. Their saws sang out in the wintry air, and their axes resounded, as they cut the wood into pieces suitable for the kitchen stove.

It was considered a fine exercise for the boys. They did not perhaps relish it, but the idea prevailed that they should make some contribution to the family life, and they accepted it cheerfully. Cutting up a pile of brush, which was chopped into small pieces to make kindling, was also a stunt frequently given them. These things meant real work, but the boys grew strong and vigorous through this exercise.

NO SLACKENING NOW

JAMES F. BYRNES, director of war mobilization, warned the American people in his annual report, against any slackening of war production. He held that the country should give its undivided attention to war production, until the military leaders tell us that they have enough supplies, and that production can be reduced.

As the war seems likely to grow fiercer and fiercer as our men come nearer the heart of the enemy's resistance, the time when there will be enough of these supplies does not seem very near. The American people were given an unpleasant surprise when the German were able to stage a counter-offensive that took some of them 50 miles before they were checked. It is a warning that the time is not yet here for any let-up on war production.

RATIONS REDUCED

HOUSEWIVES have found in recent days that it takes more ration points to buy their food, and their supply of valid points has been reduced. They are assured that there is ample food for all, so we do not have to fear hunger or lack of nourishment.

The American people take the wartime restrictions cheerfully, and they realize that restriction is necessary in order to supply our great armed forces. They get satisfaction out of the thought that the boys at the front and at the camps, and the men on the tossing seas, are well fed, and that a nourishing diet is given them that will help them stand up under days of hard fighting, campaigning in bad weather, and the strain and excitement of their experience. Any sacrifice that helps shorten the war will be accepted willingly.

MARKET INFORMATION

WHEN BUSINESS people are to make purchases, they are apt to look over the market news and trade papers, to learn the most recent developments in their line. Thus they get ideas as to what prices will have to be paid, what kind of goods are being bought, and what the public is demanding. The advertising columns of the newspaper are a kind of a market report which throws light on the purchases people are making. If they look over these advertisements, they will be helped in their purchasing job. When business concerns print notices showing the goods they are offering and the prices people will have to pay, they help the public to buy intelligently, and such notices are eagerly read.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

One way to remove defects in the home town is for people to remove whatever defects may exist in their own work and activities.

People's success in life depends a good deal on their willingness to take in new ideas. If they keep on working in just the same old way year after year, the world may move on and leave them behind.

Visitor (gazing at an historic building): I think your porticoes are very well shaped. Sweet young thing: Yes, that's what all the fellows tell me, but that's a new name for them.

Up and Down Kent County Roads

By K. K. Vining, Kent County Agri. Agent

Our attention has been called in and in second hand sacks. Ring rot from several sources to the 1945 fertilizer situation. Demand is heavy for 1945.

Available supplies of nitrogen, potash, and phosphates are all limited and no manufacturer is going to get all the material at one time, to make the fertilizer he will ship this spring.

Besides a shortage of materials, transportation, labor, railway cars, breakdowns, strikes, and other reasons, all work to the detriment of the fertilizer situation.

The farmer can help in this situation. Place your order early and only for the amount you will really use. Then when your dealer advises you the fertilizer has arrived, help his labor problem by taking your order from the car.

If you have any doubts in your mind as to the kind to use, drop a card to the county agent's office for a bulletin from Michigan State College that discusses fertilizer needs very fully.

And remember the government is asking for another all-out effort in food production. Proper use of fertilizer will help in this work.

The daily Press is carrying stories about the current potato situation. It looks like a shortage and the chap who is looking ahead to this 1945 planting season should begin thinking about his seed supply if not already arranged for. Every year about planting time our office gets many calls for certified seed and generally at that time there is none.

Kent County has two producers of certified seed. Edwin Parmeter and Carl Heasler of Courland township. Both of these men are right now moving seed, most of it out of the state.

The seed they produce could well be used in Kent County. We would like to warn about buying seed from some northern areas

Michigan State Radio Highlights

With a critical food production year ahead, national crop goals have assumed renewed significance. With this in mind a new program series, "Agriculture Looks Ahead," is planned for radio station WKA R, of Michigan State college. Supervised by Clifford M. Hamlin, of the economics department, it is designed to keep the rural listener informed on Michigan quotas and the prospects of attaining them. Representatives of all departments of the college concerned with specific crops will be called upon to participate in discussions at 1:00 p. m. each Friday.

A new all-student program is on the air each Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Titled, "Spartan Varieties", it is presented in cooperation with the Union Board and the Spartan Women's League. Planned as a half hour of entertainment during the weekly Tea Dance, the program contains songs and orchestral selections. Larry Frymire is in charge of production and acts as master of ceremonies. Students will have opportunity to utilize their talents.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my thanks to all my good friends and neighbors who kindly remembered me in so many ways during my recent illness. Mrs. Nancy Leece p37

Bonds Over America



GORGAS HOUSE

Because pioneers in Alabama did not have wives and children with them, education received little attention until statehood was achieved in 1820. Poor and middle-class children attended the public schools while children of planters and other well-to-do families attended private schools up to the War Between the States. The University of Alabama was opened at Tuscaloosa in 1831. Gorgas House, built in 1839 and occupied by the famous Confederate General while he was president of the University, stands as a splendid tribute to education's rapid rise in the State. It is worth buying War Bonds to supply U. S. service men who are fighting to protect educational advantages such as Alabama has attained. U. S. Treasury Department

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BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The Blue Star Mothers chapter met January 10 with 64 in attendance. Mrs. Nielsen of Ionia was present and instituted the group as a chapter and then installed the following officers: President, Garnet Coe; Sr. vice-president, Mabel Scott; Jr. vice-president, Elsie Summers; secretary, Pearl Sayles; financial secretary, Elizabeth Phelps; treasurer, Rose Wingeler; historian, Louva Petersen; guards, Rosalie Young, Alice Young; chaplain, Mrs. Woon; patriotic leader, Minnie Hawk; color bearers, Annie Ellis, Katie Carr; pianist, Hazel Fletcher; assistant pianist, Ella Hayesmer; conductress, Mary Warner.

Mrs. Woon gave a very nice prayer for our boys and girls in service as well as for the mothers present. Our charter was closed with 108 names on it. After the business meeting a light lunch was served by the committee. For entertainment, and profit as well, tickets were sold on a pie, which netted \$2.07, and four cakes brought \$4.75. Lila Armstrong making a very capable auctioneer, and an interesting time was had by all. Any member having a birthday in February please bring a cake to the February 14th meeting.—Chapter Reporter.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear granddaughter, Carlyon Weller, who passed away two years ago, Jan. 21. In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly, tender, fond and true. There is not a day, dear Carlyon, That we do not think of you. Your dear Grandfather and Grandmother and Family. p37

THE CASE OF THE FOOL-PROOF ALIBI

When flames swept the bungalow, with his victim inside, the killer was hundreds of miles away. A perfect alibi, but a lake rose and rosc and fell and brought the slayer to justice. For details, see The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Jan. 21) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times every week. Phone 9101, Harry & V's Sweet Shop, for delivery. adv

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SOUTH BOSTON GRANGE

A class of nine were initiated by the Official Staff, Saturday evening, Jan. 6. Those in the class were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Swiger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes, Donald Barnes, Mrs. Floyd Berg and the Misses Frieda Fährn, Alleen Broadbent and Betty Roth. Floyd Berg was reinstated as a member. Lois and Donald Berg and Duane Barnes were given the ritualistic rites in the Juvenile grange. A fine supper completed the evening's entertainment.—Worthy Lecturer.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation to relatives and friends who so kindly remembered me with gifts and cards. Mrs. Lydia Wingeler. Phone 193 p37

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