

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

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One of the interesting sights seen during the high water of last week was that of a well-known Lowell lady wading in water nearly to her knees gathering her canned fruit.

**Two Lowell Ladies Report Grand Trip To the West Coast**

Mrs. Maude Seger and Mrs. Julia Condon, who returned recently from California, report warm sunny weather and a wonderful trip.

They visited at the Tommy Huffman home in Stockton, enjoyed a trip up into the mountains to see the red woods where they had lunch with the Huffmans. While there they also visited both Ray Fox and Jack Coffert and had luncheon twice at the Parenti home.

Took a trip to San Francisco and then went north 250 miles to Laytonville and back to Stockton. Then they went to Hollywood and had breakfast at Tom Breneman's, and on to Los Angeles for a few days. They spent one afternoon and had dinner with Aggie Sullivan at Cora Kemp's home. She says hello to her friends here and was looking very good.

From there they went to San Diego where four days were spent with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walsh and family. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Coughlin took them to a wrestling match in San Diego that was a cross between boxing and wrestling as no holds were barred. They took a boat trip around the bay at San Diego and saw much war equipment, all kinds of boats and planes.

From there they came east to Pierceport, Ind., where they spent eight days visiting Mrs. Condon's sisters, Mrs. J. A. Barnhouse and Mrs. Curt Lanwell, also called on Mrs. Walter Worley. Before returning home they had a family dinner at Mrs. Condon's brother's in Akron, Ind.

Although they returned home just in time for the high waters of Flat and Grand rivers to maroon Mrs. Condon from her home on S. Division St. for a few days, they were glad to be home and the home folks sure did look good.

**Scouts and Parents Invited to Attend Appreciation Dinner**

The 14th annual appreciation dinner for the scout units in Kent county, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Lions Club, will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 8:30 p. m. at the Civic Auditorium.

L. V. Mulin, Jr., committee chairman, states that the event is to be attended by parents of scouts and other friends of scouting as a means of showing appreciation for the work of unit leaders (cubmasters, scoutmasters, leaders of senior units, their assistants and their wives).

Awards of \$15 credit at Camp Shawanodosee (of \$15 credit on handicraft material if won by a cub pack) will be given for three best decorated tables.

Over 1,000 places have already been reserved.

**Lowell "Jacks" Bowling League Standings, 28th Week**

	W	L	Pts.
Lowell Dusters	49	35	86
Lowell Electric	51	33	64
Lowell Cafe	43	41	60
Lowell Bears	38	46	52
Lowell Moose	38	46	49
Superior Furniture	33	51	46

The first place Lowell Dusters met the mighty Cafe and after dropping the first game, continued their steady bowling to win the last two games and three of the match points, as the Cafe came apart at the seams. Abraham's anchor managed to drag a net 395 total. The second place Lowell Electric stayed in the race with a slam win over the Furniture lads. Over average bowling by Mullen and McMahon, plus a 225 by Willis, featured the Electric's attack.

The Moose won two games and a split of points from the Bears, enabling them to leave the cellar entirely to the Superior Furniture team. Harry Briggs had a 185 single for the winners, as Koerts 200 for the losers, was wasted by his teammates, under average bowling. Six more games—Can the Dusters hold first place.

**AUCTION SALES**

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croninger April 10

Having decided to sell their farm, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croninger will sell at public auction, at their farm, 5 miles southwest of Alto, at east side of Campau Lake, on Saturday, April 10, a list of cows, poultry, implements and tools, hay and grain, and a large list of household goods including a number of antiques. A. W. Hilsey, auctioneer; Forrest Baker, clerk. See complete adv. on another page of this issue.

**Co. L 126th Infantry Seeks to Form Platoon From Lowell**

Co. L 126th Infantry National Guard of Grand Rapids will have two representatives at Lowell City hall on Saturday, April 3, 1948, from 12:00 noon till 5:00 p. m., to interview men to form an all Lowell platoon.

This will be made up of men from in and around Lowell. All men between the ages of 17 and 35, that would be interested, stop and let us explain the National Guard and all the advantages it offers. Men of draft age stand a good chance of being drafted exempt!

Veterans, here's your chance to have the same rank that you held in the service.

### Ma Loveless of Ada Leads Band 25 Years Favors Sweet Music

"I like slow, sweet music." That's still the sentiment of Mrs. Arthur (Ma) Loveless of Ada after 25 years of playing the piano with her own dance band in all corners of the county and beyond.

"Of course, we have to play what the public wants and we have to keep up with the latest hits. But when interest lags, we play a waltz and the floor is filled up right away. There's something about a waltz—slow and sweet," Ma said, reflectively.

She became known as "Ma" many years ago when she was playing an engagement at Crooked Lake. One of the sponsors asked her the name of her band. She replied that it had no name. But her sax player, James Roberts of Lowell, spoke up:

"She's our Ma and we are her boys." After that it always was "Ma and Her Boys."

**Seeks Nomination For State Senate**

John E. Martin, Jr., announces that he will be a candidate in the September 14 primary for the Republican nomination for State Senator in the Seventeenth District.



Martin, 33, a member of the Grand Rapids law firm of Bidwell, Schmidt & Martin, has been active in civic and veterans' affairs since his return to Grand Rapids following the war. A graduate of the Grand Rapids public schools, Dartmouth College, the University of Michigan Law School, he also was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, England. He is married and the father of four children.

He served on the legal staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington in 1936 and then practiced law in Cleveland two years. From 1939 to 1941, he served as deputy chief of the Ohio Securities Commission, under Governor John W. Bricker.

**In Foreign Secret Service**

Commissioned in the Navy in 1944, he was assigned to foreign secret service work with the Office of Strategic Services, with service in Europe. He became a member of the staff of the U. S. Prosecutor of Axis War Criminals at Nuremberg in 1945. He concluded his Navy service as chief counsel of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, U. S. Navy Department, in 1946.

Martin is a farm owner and knows farm problems from practical experience. He is a member of the Furniture City post of the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is active in the Community Chest.

"None of us, the farmer or the industrial worker or the business man, can afford the burden of taxes which are sure to fall on the people of the state if a halt is not called to the trend of unlimited increase in government expenditures."

**JUNIOR FARTHER LIGHTS**

Meeting held March 12 with Myrtle Fuller. Officers were elected as follows: President, M. Fuller; vice president, L. Higgins; secretary-treasurer, Lila Ward, and reporter, L. Higgins.

The new leaders are Mrs. Paul Johnson and Mrs. Edna Ford. The next meeting will be April 9 with L. Higgins.

**BIRTHS**

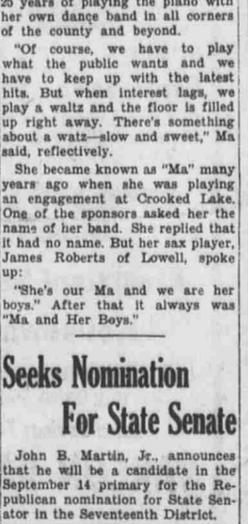
To Mr. and Mrs. Jules Erier, March 25, in St. Mary's hospital, a daughter, Shirley Jean, weight 8 lbs., 10 ozs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Daniels (nee Virginia Parker), a daughter, Charlene Marie, March 23, at Bioggett hospital, weight 8 lbs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christensen, Jr., a 6 lb. 7 oz girl, Susan, at Bioggett hospital, Friday, Mar. 26.

Silo Stimpkins says: Good farming like "the quality of mercy" is twice blessed; it blesses him who practices and him who observes.

### ASBROU AMERICA PEACE AMERICA



### Governor Would Streamline State Government, Now Too Complex

Michigan state government has too many boards, bureaus, commissions and other agencies.

So declares Governor Kim Sigler. He proposed that the state legislature consolidate many of them into a state department of administration. Furthermore, he favors—as a last alternative—placing a state constitutional amendment before the voters in November which would limit the total of state administrative departments to 20 or less, about one-fifth of the present total.

Governor Sigler's observation that Michigan's government has become too complex—to many boards and commissions—has received favorable support from many people in Michigan. There is some evidence to substantiate a belief that many of the voters who supported the sales tax diversion amendment in November, 1946, did so in the conviction that Lansing had too much money for its own good, too many state employees on the payroll.

And so the move to clip the wings of state bureaucrats—curtail the superstructure which has developed from year to year at the state capitol—offers a popular political appeal.

Quoting Governor Sigler: "At the latest count there were more than 100 state boards, bureaus, commissions and agencies. Many of them perform overlapping functions or duties which are not necessary for the welfare of the people. Others enter into the everyday life of many citizens.

"The whole thing is a sprawling maze of organization. Perhaps disorganization would be a better term.

"In well organized states, recognized for their efficient operation, what do you find? Not 100 boards, but perhaps 20 agencies run by commissioners who are directly responsible to the governor."

Right here the governor introduces a second reform. Not only would he reduce the number of state bureaus at Lansing, he would put them under the direct responsibility and power of the governor.

And right here a basic conflict arises. Many state legislators, who are critical of top-heavy bureaucracy at Lansing, hesitate to centralize more power in the hands of the governor by giving him the right to hire and fire department heads.

Fred Green defeated Governor Alex Groesbeck, they recall, on a move to curtail the authority of the governor.

Governor Sigler argues his case as follows: "As it stands now, most boards and commissions are far removed from control of the people. The voters cannot make their approval or disapproval heard because the members of the boards, bureaus and commissions are serving overlapping terms. They frequently are a law unto themselves.

"The people quite properly expect the governor, the legislature, and other elected officials to be responsible for the entire government of the state. The governor of a state, whoever he may be, is popularly considered to be responsible for performance and quality of results, yet under the present system he does not have the authority to fill that responsibility.

"As you may know, I have therefore proposed to eliminate certain commissions and to replace them with commissioners responsible to the governor, with the consent of the senate. The governor, in turn, is responsible to the people. If he does not like his policies they have the opportunity of registering a protest at the ballot box. I also have proposed the merging of certain other commissions and boards to eliminate overlapping, and thus save

### Lewis Grant Warner Life Long Resident Leaves Many Friends

Lewis Grant Warner, who spent nearly his entire lifetime of 84 years in Lowell and Keene townships, died at his home in Lowell Monday evening, March 29.

Mr. Warner was born at Girard, Mich., May 23, 1864, the son of Lewis and Rose Warner. He was the last survivor of a family of twelve.

Mr. Warner was for many years associated with the Nash implement store of Lowell and in later life was an insurance salesman.

He was a life member of the order of Odd Fellows and was known for his many acts of kindness. He was the true personification of a good neighbor.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Roth Chapel, the Rev. Paul Z. Hoornaars officiating. Burial in Cascade cemetery.

Mr. Warner is survived by his wife, Winona, a son, Dr. Cecil Warner of Grand Rapids; two step-daughters, Mrs. John Scott of Alto and Mrs. Frank Spangler of Gresham, Ore.; ten grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

### Clean-up Urged To Cut Fire Loss

A neat, clean farm usually is a farm that is safe from fire.

This observation is made by farm safety specialists at Michigan State College in conjunction with Spring Clean-up Week, April 4-10.

Most of the approximately 600,000 fires which needlessly attack U. S. buildings each year can be laid at the doorstep of the "poor housekeeper," they point out.

Records of the National Fire Prevention association show that spring is a season when the danger from fires is great.

Ninety percent of all home and farm fires could be prevented by cleaning out rubbish and unnecessary combustible materials and by correcting other obvious fire hazards.

The safety specialists urge farmers to remember: a clean farm seldom burns. Spring Clean-up Week is the time to do a thorough house-cleaning job.

### All Are Urged to Observe Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 23 in Michigan's lower peninsula and on May 7 in the upper peninsula.

John Fields, Michigan State College forester, calls attention to the importance of tree planting for all purposes. Not only will it help to conserve our natural resources but will also add beauty to the countryside.

The forester urges citizens to plan now for tree planting during the Arbor Day observance.

### Mobile Telephones In Operation Here

Mobile telephone service is now in operation in this area as a link in a vast network that within a few weeks will provide general highway service over most roads in southern Michigan.

The telephone on wheels became a reality throughout this area on Wednesday when the Michigan Bell Telephone Company inaugurated service over its Grand Rapids station.

How The Service Works

Automobiles in this vicinity are within the coverage of the new station, the range of which extends from Cedar Springs to the north, Zeeland on the west, Wayland on the south, and Belding to the east.

Conversations over mobile service travel part way by radio and part way by telephone. For example, a man in Lowell calling a person in an equipped car, simply contacts long distance and asks for the "mobile-service" operator, giving her the telephone number of the called car. The operator routes the call by telephone line to the transmitter and radio waves carry the telephone message to the called mobile unit.

### KENT COUNTY PTA

The Kent County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will meet at Fairview school Tuesday, April 6, at 10:30 o'clock for a luncheon meeting. After the business meeting, conferences will be held with room mothers, hospitality chairmen, and health chairmen, with Mrs. Blanche DeKoning speaking to the health chairmen.

The guest speakers of the afternoon will be Mrs. A. A. Meeth, Mrs. Harrison Mosher and Mrs. W. E. VerMeulen, their topic being "The Marshall Plan and International Trade."

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Gerald Rawlings.

### FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Kathryn Hefferan, 78 years old, formerly of Lowell, passed away at her home in Detroit on Monday, March 22, and was buried in that city on Wednesday, March 24. Renis Doyle and Verna Byrns, nephews of the deceased, attended the services.

"The height of embarrassment—two eyes meeting through the same keyhole.

### State's Deer Herd Over One Million

Michigan's stock of big game animals has increased considerably, according to conservation department game men, even since the 1946 count by the federal Fish and Wildlife service that ranked Michigan at the top of the national list in big game abundance.

The 1946 summary, just released, credits Michigan with 872,700 whitetail deer—more than a sixth of the national total. But state game men more recently have estimated the Michigan herd at one million animals.

The 1946 estimate of 600 moose on Isle Royale has since been revised upward to 700 by national park authorities on the basis of an aerial survey. The state's elk herd is believed to be about the same now as two years ago, when it was estimated at 250.

Black bear also are believed more abundant now than two years ago when the Michigan bear population was estimated at 7,100, but no numerical estimate of the current population is available.

Other states having large populations of big game animals in the 1946 federal count, following Michigan in the order of big game abundance are: Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, California, Colorado, Wyoming, Maine, New York and Oregon.

### COLD STORAGE

Though this paper has not editorialized upon the subject of a paper shortage, it doesn't mean that such a state doesn't exist. In fact, many cities have continued to have scrap drives, appoint salvage committees, name certain days for paper collections, etc. The Lowell merchant can tell you that a paper shortage exists. He knows about the lack of paper bags, the cost of wrapping paper, of paper cartons.

Thrift isn't something we put into storage until an emergency arises when in a wave of patriotism, we take out thrift, dust it off and put it to use. Thrift has built this nation, it has been one of the factors that have made us great. Let us keep it in use.

### CONTROL CANCER

April is known as "Cancer" month, by presidential proclamation. Cancer research, establishing cancer clinics, advocating examinations to curb the disease in its early stages, trying in laboratories to find the weapon to defeat, all goes on during every month. In the face of all that has been done, no definite cure has been found, no certainty to its cause. Hospitals need more beds for treatment of cancer. Public health organizations must provide home care for cancerous cases. Everyone needs education on how to recognize the symptoms of the disease, the treatment, the chances for a cure. When Lowell contributes to back the march against cancer, it takes a step toward stopping a needless sacrifice of lives.

### WON'T BE LONG NOW

Sounds the early birds that have come winging homeward from the southland and soon will follow the pleasant note of impact of ball against the bat in the baseball parks. The big league clubs will transfer from winter quarters to northern diamonds and soon eyes will focus upon the material for pennant winners. Not only in the "big leagues" is the picture of action attractive, but in every Hamlet there are the fans who row with the umpire of the country cross-road baseball team. The size of the village is no gauge of the emotion that is expended upon the national sport. It won't be long now before Lowell can sit on the sidelines and howl to its hearts content.

### MIGRATION OF BIRDS

The migration habits of many species of birds are one of the most remarkable features of nature. How comes it that they can cover vast distances, thousands of miles in many cases, and yet come back to the same spot where they lived in previous years? Many of them go as far as South America, and some cross the ocean and go as far as Africa. That little thing which you may be able to hold in your hand if you can catch and tame him, is a wonderful traveler, and is likely to cover vast spaces.

The keen powers of observation and memory possessed by animals, seem to be a great factor in this power of the birds to find their way back to the same spots that they previously inhabited. Those wonderful little eyes looking down from their high flight, are keen to detect and remember familiar objects.

Many birds seem usually to do their migrating at night, which is probably due to their timidity and their feeling that at that time there is less danger from their enemies. It has often been noted that the woods at dawn will be full of birds, when there were none at the spot the night before. Some keen instinct is telling the feathered creatures that the time has come to take the long journey, and they are more than welcome when they come.

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### MEMORIES OF FRIENDSHIP

It is pleasant, while one is thinking about the development of his home town, to consider the enjoyment one has had from the great number of friendships formed in the community. One can feel that it has been a great satisfaction to have this close touch with so many fine people. There has been a high enjoyment in association with them, in meeting them in social contacts, in working with them in various activities, and enjoying recreations with them.

The many of these friends who have gone will never be forgotten. The great number who are still with us are valued more than ever, and it is a great satisfaction to be closely associated with them.

### TO BE OUT APRIL 15

The State Highway Department's 1948 official road map will be ready for distribution about April 15 Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler reports. The map is up-to-date, showing new locations of state and county roads with city inserts brought up-to-date. A limited supply of unfolded maps suitable for use on desk tops and framing will be available, however, the majority of maps will be distributed in the usual accordion fold.

The new map again will contain a mileage table giving distances between the larger cities of the state, a section showing the principal roads and streets in the Detroit metropolitan area and inserts showing the trunklines and main streets of the principal cities. State ferry schedules and other steamship company schedules also will be found on the new map as well as lists and locations of state parks, fishing sites, recreation areas, game areas, state and national forests and state police posts. An index of cities, villages, county seats and counties are listed on the map.

Copies of the new maps may be obtained by writing or calling at the Public Relations Division of the Highway Department in Lansing. Maps will also be available at District offices of the Department and at the Michigan State Ferries at St. Ignace.

### Annual Meetings

**Annual Meeting—Ada Township**

Notice to the electors of Ada township: The annual township meeting will be held Monday, April 5, at 1 o'clock, in Ada Town Hall.

**Cascade Township**

The annual township meeting of Cascade township will be held April 5 at 1:00 p. m. at the Cascade township hall.

**Vergennes Township**

Notice to the electors of Vergennes township: The annual township meeting will be held Monday, April 5, at one o'clock in the Vergennes township hall. The annual financial statement will be submitted to the electors, also the adoption of the proposed road program for 1948.

**Lowell Township**

Notice to the electors of Lowell township: The annual township meeting will be held Monday, April 5, at one o'clock at the Lowell City Hall, at which time the annual financial statement will be submitted, also the adoption of the proposed road program for 1948.

**Bowne Township**

Notice to the electors of Bowne township: The annual meeting of Bowne township will be held at one p. m. There will be a financial report on raising money for highway purposes and also to transact any legal business.

**Attention—Softball Teams**

All managers or representatives of softball teams who wish to play at Recreation Park this summer, meet Friday, April 9, at the Lowell City Hall at 8:00 p. m.

It used to be the layer cake that broke down when company came; now it's the movie projection machine.

Spontaneous combustion can start from oily rags used in cleaning the home, the National Fire Council says. Keep them in airtight metal cans.

Next meeting April 30 at the Lloyd Yeter home.

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FALLSBURG & VICINITY

Mrs. and Mrs. Peter DeVries were at the home of Mrs. Peter DeVries...

VERGENNES CENTER

Miss Betty Baker spent the weekend at the Francis Smith home...

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WHITNEYVILLE

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SO. KEENE - NO. BOSTON

Bunco Club members please remember the club date is changed to April 4, 1948...

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DR. R. D. SIEGLE, Veterinarian

GEE'S HARDWARE Lowell

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen and daughter Bernice entertained with a family dinner...

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family were dinner guests Saturday...

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Ada News

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THE NEW LOOK

Sunday Evening, April 4 7:45 P. M.

Lowell Church of The Nazarene "A Church For The Whole Family"

SOME JOBS REQUIRE AN Expert... That's Us

Get Our Spring Check-Up Today!

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The Lowell Ledger and ALTO SOLO... The Lowell Ledger, established June 1891... R. G. Jefferson, Editor and Publisher... H. E. Jefferson, Business Mgr.

of the present two-year term... We are not sure that we are... We are not sure that we are... We are not sure that we are...

Weekly Scrapbook... Golden Butter Waffles: 3 c flour, 1/4 t baking powder, 1 t salt, 4 eggs... Herby Fricassee: 1 lb. round steak, 1/2 c onion, 1/2 c carrot...

AUCTIONEER... My credentials are my record of successful sales and the satisfied people for whom I have sold... Allen Haskin, Ionia, Michigan

Editorial... A GOOD START IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION... It seems to us that Governor Bigler presented a constructive program...

Weather Favors News... Russia's upsurge in world affairs seems to coincide with the present rise in earth temperatures... Weather Favors News...

Mystery of the Lucky Valentino King... Superstitious Hollywood stars believe a plain silver ring, once owned by the celebrated Rockford Valentino, brings good luck to the wearer...

Prepare Your Farm Tools for Spring... Plow Points for all tractor plows... Repair Parts... Hentzen Implement Paint in original factory colors...

American Legion FISHING CONTEST... Opens April 24, Closes Sept. 15... Prizes for the largest fish in eleven classes will be offered...

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## Up and Down Kent County Roads

K. K. Vining, Kent County Agricultural Agent

Another 4-H Winter Achievement Day is history. As in years past, Rockford folks did so much to make the day a success, turning over the high school for three days means a lot in an event of this kind. The wide halls, nice classrooms all on one floor makes setting up and judging exhibits a comparative easy task.

The friendly cooperation of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce with free shows, chocolate milk, and door prizes help we Extension folks who have to be responsible. Many thanks to the Rockford folks.

The work this year was up to the usual Kent County standards of excellence. Dan Anderson found some scrap plastics from which were made wall lamps, trays, shelves and other nice articles.

Kent County had over 1,000 boys and girls enrolled in clothing, handicraft, food preparation and electrical projects the past winter.

The weather man was nice overhead, but bad roads and excess water kept some folks home.

Anyway, it was another fine achievement to the credit of 4-H club members, their leaders and the local extension staff who have

charge of them ork.

**Officers in the Northwest Kent Soil Conservation District for 1948** will be as follows: Chairman, Erwin Kiehk, Sparta; vice chairman, Lloyd Hill, Comstock Park; secretary-treasurer, Norris Heisel, Kent City; directors, Arthur Edison, Grand Rapids; and Russell Braman, Grand Rapids.

In the Northeast Kent District, Carl Hessler of Rockford will be chairman; vice chairman, Lynn Post, Rockford; secretary-treasurer, Victor Weller, Rockford. Directors are: James Williams of Rockford and Justin McCarthy of Ada.

Williams has been elected to a three year term. McCarthy was elected to fill the vacancy of John Jakeway, who resigned.

Wilbur Kellogg is farm planner for the Northwest District and Glen Converse for the Northeast District and Tom Boyce is soil technician for both districts.

Talking with one of our fruit men the other day who has considerable acreage of apples with storability to handle them, I asked him

how his fruit was marketed. When the apples are all in storage and total number of bushels are known, he figures how many each week will have to be moved to clear the storages before spring work starts. Their apples are graded, packed and an effort made to move each week's quota. This practice has been followed for years. This is what might be called orderly marketing. While some low price spots will be hit they would also have the advantage of better prices. Then too there is regular planned work for the help.

Sometimes we have wondered what would become of the six and eight nice pine trees that will some day have to be thinned out of Kent County school and farm plantings of pine. Lester Bell, extension forester at Michigan State College, answered the question recently. Bell told a group of county agents that new wood preservatives have been developed that will make fence posts out of white, red, and Jack pine that are equal in length of life to cedar posts.

Then to our desks came a circular from one of the larger, well-known chemical companies that tells about the material.

The posts would have to be peeled, seasoned and then treated. If understood it right, this treatment could be made a farm job.

Read the Ledger ads.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The Book Review Club met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Bruce McMahon. Mrs. D. H. Ostley reviewed "The Petticoat Surgeon" by Bertha VanHoose.

Mrs. M. N. Henry opened her home on March 29 to the Monday Book Club. Mrs. Sadie Seagraves was a guest and "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck was reviewed by the hostess.

The children and several friends of Mrs. Olive Ritter enjoyed a very pleasant evening at her home Friday, the event being her birthday. A potluck supper was served and a huge birthday cake decorated with yellow roses formed a centerpiece on the table. Guests were present from Caledonia, Dutton, Ada, Saranac, Ionia and Saginaw. Mrs. Ritter received many beautiful gifts.

The P. N. G. Club of Island City Rebekah Lodge were entertained Monday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall with "Hattie Phillips, Mary Scott and Emma Ransford as co-hostesses.

The Goufus Club enjoyed a 1:30 luncheon and afternoon of cards Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Eugene Carr.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and Dr. Myers for their many acts of kindness during the illness of our baby Lola.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaler.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to neighbors and friends for the beautiful floral offerings, to those who offered the use of their cars and the neighbors who did so many acts of kindness during the illness of my wife, also to Rev. Woon for his comforting words. Greatly appreciated more than words can express.

Frank E. Howk.

## Uncle Sam Says



Want to know a Leap Year proposal you can accept whether you are single or married and have a dozen children? It's the proposal to join the Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds, or the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank if you are self-employed. Millions of my nieces and nephews have learned from experience that a growing nest-egg built by regular buying of United States Savings Bonds is the best personal guarantee of a happy future.

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Tuesday-Wednesday, April 6-7  
LAST OF THE REDMEN  
JON HALL-MICHAEL O'SHEA

Thursday, April 8  
AMATEUR NIGHT CONTEST  
ALSO  
Keeper of The Bees  
ON THE SCREEN

## Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keiser entertained Easter Sunday at their cabin at Fallsburg the following: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cahoon, Don Keiser and Mrs. Fannie Rogers. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Keiser of Grand Rapids, who just returned from Sarasota, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis and children, also of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Fannie Rogers is spending some time with her sisters, Mrs. Carrie Gilland and Mrs. Will Hodgkins, in Grand Rapids.

"Dusty" Maxson of Western Michigan College spent the Easter week-end at the home of his mother, Mrs. Arthur Young, and brothers here and called on other friends.

Lola Shaler, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaler, returned home Saturday from Osteopathic hospital, where she had been under treatment and observation since taken suddenly ill last week Tuesday.

Mrs. John Borgerson, Miss Florence Borgerson and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Axford and son John of Detroit were Easter week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Borgerson. Mrs. Borgerson and Florence are remaining for a week's visit.

Merton and Anna Easterby accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Oren Graham to Osteopathic hospital in Grand Rapids to visit their brother James, who submitted to surgery on one foot. They all later called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham and little son. Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Arnton Wingelet and son Tony, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Shade and family and Miss Gladys Johnson.

Mrs. O. K. Graham, with her 4-H girls, Ona Roth, Mary Jean Vandenhuevel and Shirley Colby, at-

tended the County Achievement at Rockford Wednesday, March 24, 2' above zero reading Easter morning on Arthur Young thermometer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Good and Mrs. Ed. Dadds of Saranac called Sunday on Mrs. Ed. Walker.

Mrs. Roland Crane and daughter Frances returned Sunday to their home in Lansing after a week's visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Gramer.

Easter Sunday guests of Mrs. John Lalley were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lalley and two sons of Dowagiac, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dehanty and baby of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lalley and two daughters, Misses Kathryn and Anna Lalley and Loyal Lalley of Grand Rapids and James McMahon. Mrs. Lalley's son Bill, who is in Seattle, Wash., called in the afternoon by telephone to say "Hello" to them all.

Mrs. Helen Eyke flew last Thursday to Florida, where she will join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bartlett. After her visit with them, all will drive back to Lowell.

Cecil Good, a soph at Alma college, is spending a week and a half with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Good.

Though traffic rules they disobey, kids always have the right-of-way.



## The Latest Dope

Is the dope who thinks he is saving rubber by turning corners on two wheels. Recommended antidote: Watch out for dopes, carry good insurance.

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## CARD OF THANKS

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts shown to us and to our husband, father and brother, Fred Gramer, during his illness and death.

Mrs. Fred Gramer and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gramer, Mrs. Cora Cook and sons.

## CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for their cards, flowers and many other acts of kindness shown me during my illness.

Mrs. Will Booth.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Cascade and Ada fire departments and all volunteers who aided us in putting out our grass fire.

Lillian and Dan Martindale.

## AUNT HET

By Robert Quillen



"Men used to stand around outside after church. It wasn't plety, either. They waited for what they could see when women stepped high into bugles."

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He risked death as an ESCAPED KILLER!

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HIGH WALL  
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