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William Christiansen, proprietor of the Christiansen Drug Store, is a patient in Blodgett hospital, where he has been under treatment for the past week and on Wednesday morning of this week underwent surgery. He seems to be making a good recovery and hopes to be back home some time next week.

In some localities the key clicks the lock on school house doors in May. In Lowell it comes in June. But, whenever heard, the youth of America desert the desk and text book for a vacation and respite from study.

School's end is also graduation for many who have completed years of education to reach commencement time and the receipt of a diploma. The graduate is again in line for oratory on the larger life that lies in wait, the future that holds great promise and success.

Youngsters view the school year ending as a time for congenial association with fellows, for pleasure and play until next fall when they return to their studies. For the graduate it is the prologue that has ended, the drama of seeking a job to exercise his talents, to find his position on the stage called life.

The diploma is a fine piece of achievement but a diploma is not a marketable product. It may lead to start one on a career that will lead to fame and fortune but to tackle the job successfully takes more than the diploma.

Cultural training, scholastic background, vocational guidance, are all fine and a step to a goal, but devotion, service and sacrifice come from within the graduate.

Life's pathway will not be a bed of roses, but for the resolute, unselfish and high-minded young man and woman, there will be achievement and a measure of success through clean, hard work.

A Ledger reporter heard on Main street last week a man make the remark: "No, I don't want to buy a Buddy puppy."

It made us think of the "Buddy" who makes these puppies. He didn't want to leave home and family to become a Buddy and to return permanently incapacitated either. But he went, and he fought bravely and well for the freedom of others. He is still fighting bravely to keep sane and to be of some encouragement to those around him who are even in worse condition than himself. Once each year he helps to make bright red puppies, in replica of those on Flanders Field, and the sale of these gives the Buddy a little spare change to use to buy gifts for those he loves, and for some personal comforts not provided in the hospital in which he is a patient. It matters not whether the puppy is sold by one patriotic organization or another, a disabled veteran made it and receives the benefit.

Did you ever see a man working on puppies, mats or rugs, to help pass away the long weary hours of a hopeless lifetime? Well, brother, you have missed something.

A letter to the Ledger from Mrs. Donald Weekes, the former Mary Cameron of Lowell, now of Fort Worth, Texas, tells of the flash flood in May and its wake of ruin in that part of the state.

She says unless one has seen a thing of this kind they have no idea of the destruction that has taken place in that fine city. She mentions that there were many beautiful homes with only their roofs showing above the water. Interiors of these homes are probably at least 85% loss as to furniture and clothing, and with no insurance against water damage.

The Motor Company plant with their many new cars was totally submerged, which will mean a tremendous loss.

People were unable to get into town if they were lucky enough to be out and lights, power, water, etc., were practically nil except that some had artesian wells which were safe, as to water supply.

The Weekes family were lucky as the flood did not reach their home and their only inconvenience was their isolation.

It will take a long, long time for many of these people to reclaim their homes and again live normally. Mrs. Weekes speaks very highly of the generous and cooperative Texans, and of the credit extended to these victims in need and she says Fort Worth may well feel proud of the way they have met this disaster.

Back here in Michigan when a cold spell overtook us, we have been wishing it would warm up a bit, or, when it has been warmer, wish it wasn't quite so hot. Maybe it would be a good time to stop and take stock of our blessings.

Jokes, jests, jabs and jibes just by Jeff: The head of the family is the one who carries the headaches. There's a whole of a difference between the man who fishes for sport and the man who catches something. The old-fashioned girl was serenaded by her admirer with a guitar. Today her date uses an automobile horn. The blotter is the little item for which one searches while the ink dries. An appropriate suggestion for a Father's Day gift, if he's a gardening papa, is a good back plaster.

BAILEY CHURCH HOMECOMING
The Vergennes Methodist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming on Sunday, June 5, services beginning at 2:00 p. m. All members and friends of the church and community are cordially invited to attend. Rev. Lawrence Taylor of Lansing will give the address. Jennie Walker, Cor. Secy.

Humphrey Johnson, Dies of Injuries In Plane Accident

A message reached Lowell Thursday evening, May 26, informing Mr. and Mrs. George F. Johnson of a training plane accident in Texas, in which their son, Humphrey, was injured. Mrs. Johnson left immediately by plane and on her arrival Friday morning at Corpus Christi, Texas, found her son had died shortly before she arrived. Mr. Johnson had been notified of the death just after the mother had started on her way to Texas. The body arrived in Lowell Monday evening accompanied by a Military escort.



Midshipman Humphrey Johnson

Humphrey was born in Grand Rapids December 9, 1928 and moved with his parents to their new home in Vergennes in 1937. He was graduated from Lowell High School in 1948 and immediately joined the Navy. He attended Michigan State College under the Navy Training program for two years and then was sent to flying fields near Pensacola, Fla., where he won a medal for being the outstanding man of his group.

Midshipman Johnson had won his "wings" some time ago, but their presentation had been delayed and he was awaiting his 21st birthday next December to receive his commission.

Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, George Dana Johnson, a College Professor of Bloomington, Ind., and two sisters, Miss Portia Johnson, a teacher at Godwin Heights, Grand Rapids and Miss Priscilla Johnson, also a teacher, at Ashland, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at Lowell Methodist Church, the Rev. Philip R. Glatfelter officiating, assisted by Rev. Lester A. Kilpatrick of the First Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, and Rev. David F. Warden of Lowell. Burial was made in Restlawn cemetery, Grand Rapids.

The entire community joins in extending deepest sympathy to the parents and other relatives in their great loss in the death of this fine young man who gave his life for the service of his country.

See Brides in Revue Wednesday, June 15th

These days many treasured wedding gowns, some very old and some quite recently worn, are being lovingly lifted from trunks and boxes and restored to beauty for another public appearance. They are to be modeled in the "Brides in Revue" show to be presented by the Priscilla group of the W.S.C.S. at 8 o'clock Wednesday, June 15, at the Methodist Church. Bridal music and appropriate refreshments will also be features of the program.

Committee chairmen for the event are as follows: general chairman, Mrs. Harold Zahn; narrators, Mrs. Jack Fonger and Mrs. David Coons; tickets, Mrs. Gerald White; decorations, Mrs. Jack Thorner; refreshments, Mrs. S. J. Ayres; publicity, Mrs. Ted MacTavish.

Moose Still Unbeaten

The Lowell Moose continued their winning ways over the week-end. Friday night at Recreation Park the Nichols & Cox team of Grand Rapids jumped to a 2 to 0 lead only to wind up on the short end of a 9 to 2 verdict.

Monday night Lowell played host to the Grand Rapids Clippers, defeating them by a 11 to 2 score. Leonard Kerr lead the attack in this game with two long home runs. This week Wednesday the Moose journeyed to Greenville in an inter-city league contest. Friday, June 3, Cedar Springs will play a league game at Recreation Park. Monday, June 6, the Lowell Moose will tangle with the Ionia Moose in a non-league game. Record crowds are turning out to see the Moose games. Some of the best teams in the State will appear in Lowell in the near future.

BUREAU CLOSES THURSDAYS

Lowell township license bureau will be closed all day Thursdays during June and July, beginning June 8.

Frank Houghton, Supervisor. Esther Fahrni, Clerk.

Lowell Youths to Go to Wolverine Boys State

Lowell Board of Trade, Rotary Club and American Legion are each sending a boy to Wolverine Boys State at Lansing June 16 to 24 inclusive, has been announced and the boys who have been chosen are Robert Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hall, Lowell, R. 1; Burnett Condon, son of Mrs. Florence Condon, 517 Front St., and Donald Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider, Vergennes Rd.

The purpose of Boys' State, is to acquaint youth with what results attend the successful operation of free government. These lessons are taught at Wolverine Boys' State through participation of the boys in organizing and operating its own State.

It's a district honor for any boy to be chosen to attend this State Assembly. The outstanding characteristic looked for in the selection of a boy is Leadership. He should be physically clean, mentally alert, good personality, honest and a good sportsman.

Boys who have reached their fifteenth birthday on or before the first day of January 1949 and who have not reached their eighteenth birthday on or before the 24th day of June 1949, and who have completed at least two years of high school work at the close of the present year are eligible.

There is to be some sport along with this week of business and the boys have been advised to bring along their ice skates, for some ice rink skating.

The V.F.W. Appreciates Poppy Sale Response

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States wish to thank the people of Lowell and the surrounding communities for their very generous contributions for Poppies during the four days of Poppy sales.

One cent per Poppy sold goes to the V. F. W. National home, one cent to the veterans who made the Poppies and the rest will stay in the V. F. W. relief fund in Lowell for the needy veterans of this community.

We also wish to thank the Strand Theatre for running the film on "Buddy Poppies".

Approximately 2100 Poppies were sold during the Poppy sale.

Lowell Barbershoppers Invite New Members

The official year of all Barbershop chapters begins June 1st. At this time all old members must pay their annual dues, and new members are invited to join their local organization.

The society now has chapters internationally. Its organization and finance is sounder than most professional societies, and has a quarterly magazine for its members. The SPESBQSA has been written up in the Saturday Evening Post, Reader's Digest, Collier's, Look, Liberty, Time, Pic, Children's Science Monitor and other national publications. It has won the respect and affection of organizations everywhere by its musical contributions to worthwhile causes and events and through singing for those who need entertainment most.

Good citizens from every walk of life who love music, who want to get a big lift from being part of a chord, are welcome to membership. Born originally as a release from pressure of modern life, this truly democratic society now does a man's size job in "Keeping America Singing."

The Lowell chapter will meet on Thursday, June 2, in the Odd Fellow lodge rooms at 8 o'clock.

Dog Owners' Attention Called to Nuisances

A warning to dog owners not to allow their pets to run loose has been issued by Harry Bergstrom, Kent county game warden and manager of the county animal shelter.

There have been several hundred complaints lodged this spring at my office about dogs running around at will, destroying gardens, digging holes and doing other forms of damage," says Bergstrom. "We've even had complaints from farmers in the county rural areas, whose fowl have been mangled or killed by stray dogs."

"The state law stipulates that dogs must be leashed or kept at home at all times," explains Bergstrom. "If the owners won't cooperate we have no alternative but to issue warrants for the arrest of those who allow their pets to run loose."

An equally disturbing factor is where dogs are tied or shut in which bark and yelp almost continuously disturbing the peace for blocks around. It is said there is no state law that can stop dog barking, but the owner can do so.

PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 20

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Lowell village council on Monday, June 20, 1949, on the matter of changing the name of Center Street to Central Avenue. Any person objecting to this change should be present to voice his objections at this time.

Louis W. Kingsley, Village Clerk.

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School Year Drawing To a Close Schedule of Events Listed Below

Seventy-three seniors, the smallest number in some years, are looking hopefully and expectantly to graduation exercises, which start with Baccalaureate services on Sunday, and will be climaxed by Commencement on June 9. Several prospective graduates are still ironing out some scholastic difficulties, but it is expected that all will cross the finish line successfully. The names of all the graduates, with individual photographs, will appear in the next issue of the Ledger.

Junior-Senior Party
The start of the closing activities began auspiciously last Friday night with the annual banquet and party tendered to them by the junior class in the school gymnasium, and in the study hall in the new addition. The junior class officers and sponsors headed by Gordon Newell, president, and Mr. Charles White, advisor, respectively, presented a theme of the gold-rush days, appropriately called "the Forty-Niners." Decorations were in accordance with the spirit of the day. The artistic sketches were efficiently done by several juniors, with special credit going to Marjorie Dilly, Ronald Davidson and Frederick Althaus.

Other Closing Events
The senior class went to Lake Michigan for the annual picnic on Wednesday, June 1, in school buses accompanied by members of the faculty. On Friday, June 3, the graduates will entertain the alumni at a party in the school gymnasium, and all former graduates are welcome.

Baccalaureate Services
The farewell address, "Seeking For Gold," will be delivered in the school gymnasium by Rev. Philip R. Glatfelter, at eight o'clock, with everyone welcome to the services. There will be no reserved seats. Besides the professional by the school band, there will be a solo by Elaine Houghton, a number by a quartet composed of the Roth, Dorothy Rice, Marilyn Clark and Vivian Fackert, and an anthem by the high school chorus.

Annual Trip
Virtually all members of the class will embark on the Steamliner from Grand Rapids on Monday morning, June 6, for a day's trip to Chicago. Tours have been planned in the Windy City, and after a strenuous day, the graduates will return home.

Commencement
Graduation exercises, the highlight of all the many festivities which accompany the completion of the high school course, will be held Thursday night, June 9, at eight o'clock, in the school gymnasium, with Howard Wickett, principal of Creston high school as speaker. Admission to Commencement will be at which time all seats will be thrown open to the public. Bleacher seats will be available to all at any time, with the doors thrown open at 7:15. Other features of the program will be the Salutatory, written by Carolyn Groenboom, and delivered by David Stiff, co-salutatorians. The farewell speech will be given by Janet Kleefisch, valedictorian. Coleman Yelzer, president of the class, will present the memorial spade, and Gordon Newell, president of the junior class, will accept the emblematic of Lowell high school traditions and standards. Gardner Collins will render a trumpet solo, accompanied by the band. Gerald Rollins will present the American Legion awards, and Mrs. Berenice Smith will represent the American Legion Auxiliary in awarding the girl of the eighth grade. Mr. C. H. Runciman, president of the Board of Education, will present the coveted diplomas and other prizes. The band will play the procession and Rev. Paul Z. Hoornaar, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, will give the invocation and benediction.

COMING EVENTS
The Mary Group of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church will meet in the Women's lounge on Friday, June 3, at 2:30.

The Odd Fellows will hold their election of Grand Lodge officers on Monday evening, June 6, at 8:30, at their hall.

Regular meeting of the Rebekahs on Tuesday, June 7, at eight p. m. The annual memorial services will be held jointly with the Odd Fellows following the meeting. The public is cordially invited.

Senior and Junior Chapters of W. F. M. S. will meet for election of officers on Tuesday evening, June 7, at 8 o'clock at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

The Three Ms will meet Thursday evening at 6:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bierl. Potluck supper.

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Katt (nee Betty Breenia), of Muskegon, May 14, a 9 lb., 7 oz. daughter, Delores Helen.

A want ad will bring results. Try Coonsone and be convinced.

Two Lowell Seniors Win MSC Scholarships

Janet Kleefisch and Patricia Frolund of Lowell are among the 394 Michigan high school seniors in 71 counties, to be awarded 1949-50 scholarships from MSC, is announced by Prof. A. J. Clark, chairman of the MSC scholarship committee.

The grants, made from a total application list of over 600, were awarded on basis of an honor scholastic average, financial need and good citizenship characteristics displayed in high school. The scholarships cover total course fees at Michigan State for one year, although they may be renewed for a total of four years if the student maintains a high scholastic average, Prof. Clark said.

The committee in charge of the meeting urges all members of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter and Eastern Stars to be present and enter into the discussion.

Kent County Library Bookmobile Schedule Begins Monday, June 6

The Summer Bookmobile Schedule of Kent County Library will begin on Thursday, June 6, and run until August 26. Thirty-two weekly stops will be made in the County. Books will be available for boys and girls and adults. Reference and request service will be given.

Although this is the fifth year of Kent County Library's summer bookmobile program, several features will be introduced for the first time. The schedule will run for 12 weeks this year, as contrasted with 8 to 10 in previous years. The large walk-in bookmobile carrying 1200 books will be employed for the first time on the summer runs. Stops will be made weekly instead of bi-weekly as they were scheduled last year.

The 1200 books will cover a wide variety of reading tastes. Informational books on gardens, home-making, child development, current affairs and similar topics will make up part of the adult collection. Stories, adventure and biography as well as adults. Picture books for small children and best sellers for their parents will be available.

The weekly schedule will permit quick reference and request service. A question which cannot be answered from the material of the bookmobile will be answered by mail or telephone from headquarters. Books which are requested one week will, in most cases be delivered the next week.

Miss Betty Lautner, Bookmobile Librarian, will begin service on June 6. On June 20, Miss Marilyn Hautman will take over. Miss Hautman, a graduate of South High School, Grand Rapids Junior College, and Calvin College, is a teacher of science at Kalamazoo School. She plans a program of service, including story telling when there is time.

LOWELL F. F. A. BOYS RECEIVE GIFTS OF PIGS
At the spring West Michigan Swine Sale C. H. Runciman bought the hog which brought the highest price at the sale, which was a lot of money for pork. Then eight weeks later there was a lot more pigs.

Of this litter of pigs Mr. Runciman has given some to two F. F. A. boys, Richard Place, 17, who has just started in F. F. A. work, and Donald Dennis, 17, also a future farmer.

These boys as well as their fathers are very proud of these animals and it was a very fine gesture on the part of Mr. Runciman.

FEW WEEK-END ACCIDENTS

Constable Frank L. Stephens reports that the long holiday weekend was very orderly and very few accidents occurred in Lowell and vicinity. In fact, there were no serious accidents and only property damage in any case reported.

With the heavy toll reported in many places this seems a good record.

MORLOK QUADRUPLTS, FAVORITES OF LOWELL SHOWBOAT, NOW 19

At Commencement, June 10, in a Lansing high school, three of the Morlok quadruplets, Edna A., Wilma B. and Sarah C., will receive their diplomas. Helen D., the smallest of the girls, was stricken with rheumatic fever a year ago and was unable to enroll for her senior year in school. She is, however, making a nice recovery though her progress is slow.

They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Morlok, and are the only known living quadruplets in Michigan. They celebrated their

Safety Patrol Given Appreciation Outing

In appreciation of a job well done, the protection of our school children at street crossings and the prevention of accidents, the Child Study Club sponsored an outing for the local Safety Patrol last Thursday afternoon.

Two school buses transported the 68 boys and girls to Fallsburg Park, where softball games and a picnic supper were highlights of the occasion. Expenses of the picnic were shared by the American Legion Auxiliary, Board of Trade, PTA and Rotary Club.

In charge of arrangements was Mrs. Herbert Davis, who was assisted at the picnic by Mrs. Lawrence Bierl, Mrs. Victor Clemens, Mrs. Ed. Laux, Mrs. Harry Phelps, Mrs. Bud Sinclair and Mrs. W. J. Smith.

Early Evening Meetings Establish Practices for Farm Conservation

Carl Hansen, assistant Kent County agent, and Glenn Converse, farm planner, are planning some early evening meetings on farm practices that have established conservation practices in Northeastern Kent District. You'll be notified of these later.

If you'd like to see any particular practice on the land, drive by one of these places.

Field strip-cropping: Kenneth & Ernest Baldwin's, Harold or Leon Kitson's, Cannon township.

Pasture improvement: Robt. Hansen, Courtland township. (There are a lot of new ones; Bob's is two years old and will show more).

Contour strip-cropping: Wallace Clark, Cannon township, or Homer Addis, Oakfield township.

Ditching: Lee Bailey, Nelson township; Lew Thomassa, Vergennes, or Marvin Field, Algoma.

Sod waterways: A lot of these. One of the best is on Martin Ebert's farm in Nelson township. (We take no credit for this but it's a dandy, no credit for this but it's a dandy).

Reed canary grass: Vic Weller, Cannon; Fred Roth, Vergennes; Knapp Lamphear, Ada. A new seeding on the M. H. Rose farm in Courtland.

Due to the dry spring, many co-operators have found it possible to prepare wet areas that are often impossible to work.

The United States has 460 million acres of cropland with a population of 145 million. This is not quite 3 1/5 acres per person. Of this, 2 1/2 acres provide food and 1/4 acre provides part of our clothing. This leaves us a very small surplus. We must save what we have.

Pre School Clinic This Week Friday

A pre-school clinic for those who are going to enter kindergarten next fall will be held in the kindergarten room of the grade school on Friday, June 3, at 9:00 a. m.

Parents are urged to bring their children for a check-up at this time, and if they are unable to attend on this date, names of those children should be sent to Mrs. Johnson, kindergarten teacher, as soon as possible.

According to a law passed by the last session of the state legislature, children are eligible to enter kindergarten in September if they are five by December 1, 1949.

Anyone wishing transportation, call high school, Number 2.

A BABY EVERY 20 MINUTES

A paid-in-advance baby was born every twenty minutes during 1948 to Michigan's Blue Cross subscribers, according to William E. McNary, executive vice president of Michigan Hospital Service, the Blue Cross Plan.

Former Lowell Woman Makes Trip to Capitol With Champion Speller

Mrs. Glenna Marsh of Phoenix, Ariz., graduate of Lowell schools and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee of R. 3, Lowell, made a trip to Washington, D. C., accompanying Nancy Gale, 12-year-old Arizona state spelling champion, who competed with 48 other youngsters for the national title. Nancy is the daughter of Mrs. Douglas Shank.

Mrs. Marsh is teacher in the junior high school at Prescott and the residents of Prescott are responsible for her making this trip to Washington, feeling that their champion would have a better chance by having her teacher along for moral support.

The Chamber of Commerce are paying part of the costs and the School Board is hiring a substitute for Mrs. Marsh the week she is away.

The contest was held May 27th and while the little girl from the west did not win the national championship she was happy to have gone as far as she did and to have seen so many historic spots on the trip and to have met top grade spellers and educational people. They returned home Saturday.

Board of Review Notices

Lowell Village and Township
To the taxpayers of the township of Lowell and the village of Lowell: Joint meetings of the Boards of Review for the township of Lowell and the village of Lowell will be held June 13 and 14, from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. each day, at the Lowell township office, 211 1/2 W. Main-st. At this time the request of any person whose property is assessed thereon or of his agent and on sufficient cause being shown shall correct the assessment as to such property, in such manner as in their judgment will make the valuation thereof.

Esther M. Fahrni, Twp. Clerk. 65-6 Louis Kingsley, Village Clerk.

Ada Township
To the residents of Ada township: The township board of review will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8, from 9 to 5 each day, at the township hall, also Monday and Tuesday, June 13 and 14, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Any property owner may bring his claim before the board at that time.

Mrs. Blanche Loveless, Ada Twp. Clerk.

Bowne Township
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the township of Bowne will meet at the Bowne Center Township hall Monday and Tuesday, June 13 and 14, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and continue in session during the day and the day following, June 15. At this time at the request of any person whose property is assessed thereon or of his agent and on sufficient cause being shown shall correct the assessment as to such property, in such manner as in their judgment will make the valuation thereof relatively just and equal.

Evelyn Smith, Bowne Twp. Clerk.

Vergennes Township
To the residents of Vergennes township: The township board of review will meet Wednesday, June 8 and June 15, from 9 to 5 each day, at the Vergennes township hall, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Any property owner may bring his claim before the board at that time.

Fred L. Rieker, Vergennes Twp. Clerk.

GROENENBOOM INFANT DIES
Neighbors and friends join in sympathy with the Groenboom family in the death of Steven, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Groenboom, Jr., who was born in a Grand Rapids hospital Friday, May 27, and died the following day. Prayer services were held at the Roth Chapel Tuesday at 1:30. Rev. J. G. Brouwer officiating and burial was made in Marne cemetery.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent. At a session of said court, held at Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1949, Present, HON. JOHN DALTON, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Christopher Bergin, Deceased. It is Ordered, That the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and to be before said court.

It is Ordered, That creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 1st day of August, A. D. 1949, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to the day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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ADA NEWS
Mrs. Hattie R. Fitch

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Following the meeting the grange held an annual Memorial service at the home of Mrs. Fitch. The service was very impressive, the singing of the lovely hymn "The Blessed Hour of Prayer" by Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Mrs. Mable Gross.

ADA LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Freitag and daughter Linda of Detroit were clear-land visitors of Mrs. Peter Kamp and Mrs. M. Hookstra of Grand Rapids on an all-day visit on Friday at the Kamp home with Mr. Hookstra coming out for supper and to spend the evening.

Mr. Nelson Covey of Grand Rapids is making an extended visit with his wife Mrs. and Mrs. Dick Covey, and holiday visitors at the Covey home where Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris and two children of Ypsilanti and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tipton and Lillian and baby of Grand Rapids are with them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rand and two children of Kalamazoo were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris.

Among those from the Ada Kent County garage attending the annual banquet given by the employees association at the Fountain St. Baptist Church on Wednesday evening were Walter Afton, general chairman and Mrs. Afton, Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellis, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Shummet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Craker, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ward and Harvey Siskier.

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Showers Honor Miss Yelter
Miss Amy Yelter, fiancée of Robert Finkbeiner, has been feted with several pre-nuptial showers. May 13th, Iris Clark entertained with a miscellaneous shower; May 19th, Mrs. Charles Finkbeiner and Harriett and Mrs. Velma Loew also gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of the former; May 21st, Mrs. Lisle Clark and Mrs. Dorothy Stevens were hostesses at a kitchen shower at the former's home; and on May 28th, Mrs. Ella Watson, Miss Audie Yelter and Mrs. Hattie Metternick entertained a group of ladies at a miscellaneous shower.

Bridal Shower
Mrs. Jack Thorne entertained ten girls at her home on N. Washington last Saturday evening, the occasion being a towel and linen shower in honor of Janet Thorne, bride-elect of Clarence Tuma of Huntington Woods, Mich. The wedding date has been set for Sunday, June 19, at the Lowell Congregational church.

Approaching Marriage Announced
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bieri wish to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Vivian Louise, to William Lester Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lester Johnson, Sr., of Cascade Rd., Grand Rapids.

The wedding is to take place on June 17 at eight o'clock in the evening at the Lowell Methodist church.

Miss Weekes Honored with Showers
Miss Irene Weekes, bride-elect of Roger Collins, has been honored at several social events recently.

Last Friday evening the Nazarene Sunday School gave a miscellaneous shower for her at the Weekes home near Clarksville, where about forty ladies were present to enjoy the games and refreshments. The honor guest received many useful gifts.

Saturday evening Miss Yvonne Bieri and Miss Gladys Stevens were joint hostesses at a kitchen shower honoring Miss Weekes at the Bieri home near Lowell. Games were played and shower gifts opened, after which delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses.

POPULAR Records

RIDERS IN THE SKY
Lullaby Land
Bing Crosby

FOREVER AND EVER
You, You, You Are the One
Russ Morgan

AGAIN
Skip to My Lou
Gordon Jenkins

CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER
Sunflower
Russ Morgan

"A" YOU'RE ADORABLE
Need You
Margaret Whiting and Gordon MacRae

CARELESS HANDS
Memories
Bing Crosby

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING
Bala Ha!
Bing Crosby

RED ROSES FOR A BLUE LADY
Everywhere You Go
Guy Lombardo

I DON'T SEE YOU IN MY EYES ANYMORE
Because You Love Me
Bing Crosby

PUT YOUR SHOES ON, LUCY
Barroom Polka
Russ Morgan

WEDDING BELLS

Bunn-Bibbler
Saturday morning, May 28, Margaret Bibbler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bibbler of Vergennes Road, and Ralph Bunn, son of Mrs. Genevieve Little of Route 1, Ada, were united in marriage at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. The Rev. Fr. John Grzybowski performed the ceremony before an altar banked with baskets of white gladioli, snapdragons and pink carnations. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pastel pink suit, pink hat and navy accessories. Her corsage was of white roses and light blue carnations. Marion Kutchy, her only attendant, wore a navy suit with pink accessories. Her corsage consisted of white gladioli centered with pink sweet peas.

Donald Lind, cousin of the bride, was best man. The guests were seated by Jerry Little and Louis Baker.

The bride's mother wore a navy blue suit with white accessories and her corsage was of white carnations. The groom's mother wore a navy blue crepe dress, white accessories and her corsage was of white carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held for the wedding party and relatives at the Lena Lou, twenty-six being present.

At four in the afternoon a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for over 125 guests. Lorraine Corrigan of Detroit, an aunt of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies. Miss Beverly Dayman of Grand Rapids assisted with the gifts and Mrs. John Winks, Bonnie Banning of Grand Rapids, and Betty DeCamp of Alto helped serve the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunn left for a brief honeymoon and on their return will be at home to their friends at the Smith apartment on Washington Ave.

Out of town guests were from Chicago, Ill., Detroit, East Jordan, Ionia, Beiding, Ada and Alto.

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4-H NEWS

Snow Community 4-H Club
Our last 4-H Club meeting was held at Snow Community Hall Tuesday, May 24, at 8:00 p. m. We were glad that so many of the parents accepted our invitations to visit our club meeting.

We opened our meeting with the business meeting as usual with Darrell Hesche presiding. Following the business meeting we played games.

Then Mr. Hensen, the new 4-H Club County leader to help Mr. Anderson, showed us movies about Camp Vining.

We had our bountiful potluck lunch which concluded our evening.

—Diane Seely, Reporter

Tomorrow is the ambushed walk avoided by the circumspet. Tomorrow is the fatal rock on which a million ships are wrecked.—Walt Mason.

FIFTH CRAMTON GENERATION ON SAME FARM



Robert Cramton, who lives on the Cramton homestead, in the Honey Creek area, northwest of Lowell, is a son in the fifth generation consecutively to operate this fine old farm.

Alanson Cramton purchased this 130-acre piece of land in 1854, and with his wife, who was the former Susan Robinson, a niece of Rix Robinson, moved through the woods with only the log trails for roads, to make their home. It was a very primitive setting and they literally carved their home out of the wilderness, clearing c-way trees and brush as best they were able with the meagre supply of tools with which to work. Down through the years more fields were made tillable and more buildings appeared.

They had one son Charles, who was called to fight in the Civil War and left his wife and two small children to live at the parental home until his return. After about two years he was discharged and started back to home and family. Younger members of the family can still remember hearing grandfathers tell of the surprise meeting in the woods when Charles was tramping along the log trail towards home and met his father going into town (Ada) using the same type of transportation, in that day commonly known as "Shank's horses," and which many of our youth today mention as "hoofing it."

The elder Cramton and his wife then retired to make their home on a smaller farm and Charles and family took over the homestead.

In his turn Jerome, one of Charles' sons became manager of the home farm and his parents retired. He, Rix Robinson, was a successful farmer and took good care of the property, continuing until his son, Charles was old enough to take over. Then Jerome bought a home in Ada and retired. And so it went on, one son after another in each generation worked the home farm and they must truly have been "Sons of the Soil" for each has made good in the agricultural industry.

Now Robert, the latest Cramton farmer to be established on the home farm, with his wife, the former Rosemarie Nichel of Knapp Ave., are making the most of their opportunity to demonstrate a good job of farming. They have a fine herd of Guernseys with about 12 milkers, a nice flock of young turkeys, and are doing diversified farming on this rather large acreage. Both Robert and Rosemarie are interested in the work and it is said she is very efficient in handling the tractor when needed to help about outside work.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT MERRIMAN CEMETERY

Memorial services were held at the Merriman cemetery Sunday afternoon with the following program: Invocation, Rev. G. F. Bolitho. Songs, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Tenting Tonight," by Lowell Melody Makers.

Address, "Memorial Day Begins With Us," Rev. Philip R. Gloffelt. Songs, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Tell Me Why," by Lowell Melody Makers.

Placing of flowers on soldiers' graves, Katherine Merriman and Norma Jean Wieland.

Benediction, Rev. G. F. Bolitho. The program was arranged by Mrs. Roseella Yelter and Mrs. Smith. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Erwin Merriman; vice president, Oren Graham; secretary, Mrs. E. H. Roth; treasurer, Glenn Loveland. Mrs. Lloyd Yelter and Mrs. Oren Graham were named for the program committee for 1950.

South Boston Grange

The Grange lecturer, Mrs. Hope Sargeant, is preparing a fine program honoring fathers and mothers for our next regular meeting on Saturday, June 4. Rev. Glenn McCarty of Saranac will be our guest speaker. Readings will be given by Mrs. Mildred Gardner of Lyons and music will be furnished by Carroll Parsons and the Kitchen-sires.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my many friends for the lovely plants and flowers and the beautiful cards sent me during my recent illness.

Mrs. Winona Warner.

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BOOT AND SADDLE CLUB SPEND ENJOYABLE DAY

The Lowell Boot and Spur Saddle Club members spent a very enjoyable day at Lowell on Memorial Day. There were about twenty horses with riders in the parade, and then all met at the arena for a potluck dinner. In the afternoon there were different events in which the riders competed for prizes. It is being planned to have an overnight trail ride sometime in June.

Jean Dalstra, Publicity Chrm.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the church, school, and all others who have been so kind and helpful to me all through the past year.

Carolyn Groenenboom.

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