

American Agriculture Owes Debt to Jefferson For Pioneer Work in Conserving Soil, Restoring Its Fertility and Other Modern Farm Methods

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A LANKY horseman rode steadily through the Virginia hills under a bleak March sky, his lean face brightening as he recognized familiar landmarks. He was muscular and vigorous despite his 66 years, with tanned skin, clear hazel eyes, a kindly expression and abundant gray hair that still showed traces of its original brick-red.

The rider urged his sorrel faster up the slopes of a tree-crowned hill that towered over the rolling countryside. Spurring to the top, he threw the reins to a colored groom, dismounted lightly and greeted a family group waiting for him near a stately house.

Thomas Jefferson had come home to Monticello. The year was 1809. But a few days before he had bid farewell to the White House, wished his friend James Madison Godspeed in the Presidency and rode out of Washington as a private citizen.

Since his birth, April 13, 1743, Jefferson had traveled an eventful route. He had experienced some defeats and many triumphs. Virtually every high office within the gift of his fellow citizens had been his. He had been state legislator and congressman; governor and minister; secretary of state, vice president and President for two terms. He had doubled the territory of the United States and built a powerful political party. His ideals of liberty were engraved in the law of the land.

And now in the fullness of his honors he was to spend the next 17 months in serene retirement as the "Sage of Monticello," busy amidst his farms.

A Famous Epitaph.

Visitors to Monticello always pause to study the epitaph chiseled on the gray granite shaft over Jefferson's grave. Written by the great statesman himself before his death on July 4, 1826, it reads: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of Independence; of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom; and Father of the University of Virginia."

Most Americans are familiar with these achievements of the many-sided Jefferson. Few citizens, perhaps, are aware of another of his contributions—his work for the development of modern, scientific farming.

So, on the birthday of this great farmer-statesman, it is appropriate to tell the story of his encouragement of agriculture. For farming was one of the consuming interests of Jefferson's life. His roots were bedded in the earth. In many ways he was generations ahead of his time. He clearly saw the future possibilities of American agriculture and strove to make them a reality.

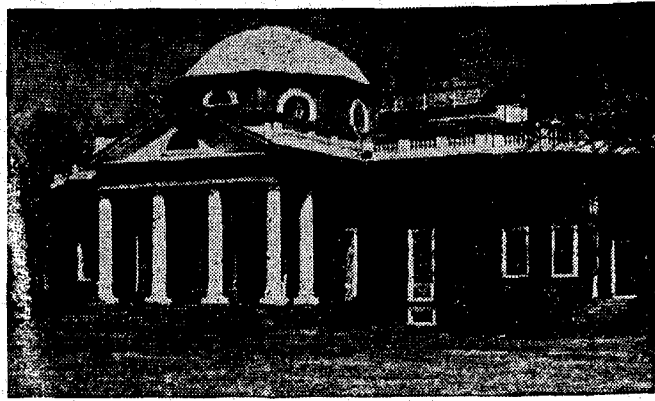
Jefferson inherited an estate of 1,900 acres. He added constantly to that farm and by the time he married 21-year-old Martha Wayles Skelton on New Year's Day, 1772, his holdings exceeded 10,000 acres. A year later, the death of his father-in-law brought the family an additional 40,000 acres situated in western Virginia.

As a practical farmer, Jefferson was constantly on the alert for new ideas. He made Monticello into a progressive experimental farm where new machinery, new methods, improved stock breeding, new crops and tests in restoring soil fertility were tried out. Over a period of years he grew as many as 32 different vegetables on his farm. And he attempted to adapt and domesticate acres of plants, shrubs and trees from distant countries.

His Land Impoverished.

The "Sage of Monticello" had much to contend with. During his absence on public business, overseers who farmed the land ravaged it, he said, "to a degree of degradation far beyond what I had expected." No attempts at diversification had been made. Unlike the farmer of today who can get advice from his county agents, agricultural college agronomists or experiment stations on whether his soil is deficient in nitrogen, phosphorus and potash and then obtain the correct analysis of mixed fertilizer, Jefferson had to depend on talks with his neighbors and his reading of farm papers and books published in England.

So he corresponded frequently with George Washington, James Madison, John Adams, the Marquis



Monticello, Virginia Home of Thomas Jefferson.

de LaFayette and Arthur Young, the famous British agricultural scientist.

When he learned something new about agriculture, he recorded it in a "Farm Book" he kept in his own handwriting. One account tells how to lay out experimental plots to test the effects of fertilizer. In these tests, his plant foods were manure and gypsum. Unfortunately for him, fertilizers as we know them today were not in existence.

Like a modern scientific farmer, Jefferson learned that clover and other legumes would help heal the wounds of his soil and give his land a breathing spell. He discovered that legumes had a valuable soil-enriching power, but did not understand that this lay in their ability to impart nitrogen to the land.

Crop rotation was another practical measure he championed. Thus he divided some of his lands under cultivation into four large farms. These were in turn subdivided into six fields of 40 acres each. This permitted a six-year period of rotation. For example, the first field would be planted to wheat, the second to corn, the third to rye or wheat, the fourth and fifth to clover and the sixth to buckwheat. Rotation and legumes helped save his land from exhaustion and wastage.

Pioneered in Contour Plowing.

In still another modern method of tillage, Jefferson pioneered. That was contour plowing which is so effective today in saving soil and wa-



Thomas Jefferson, the farmer

ter from costly run-offs. Jefferson, aided by his son-in-law, Thomas Mann Randolph, the brilliant and high-tempered husband of Martha Jefferson, introduced the system of plowing horizontally around hills.

A further phase of Jefferson's farm improvement program concerned experiments in livestock breeding which he carried out in cooperation with his friend and neighbor, James Madison.

The "Sage of Monticello" brought system into management and invention into work. Each farm was an independent unit, directed by a steward and worked by four male slaves, four female slaves, four oxen and four horses. Jefferson hated the institution of slavery and did everything he could to raise the physical and moral level of his slaves. The considerate treatment of the colored folk on the plantation surprised many a visitor. To stimulate the slaves' initiative, Jefferson praised them when they did something well and rewarded them when they achieved something out of the ordinary. The slaves responded to their kind master with great devotion.

An All-Metal Plow.

But slaves and oxen were not the only means used to cultivate Jefferson's lands. With a lively sense of inventiveness, he was one of the first Americans to use farm machinery. Half a century before the steel plow was invented, Jefferson designed an all-metal plow with a moldboard that turned the soil effectively. Shaped according to

mathematical computations, the moldboard met the least possible resistance from the earth. Jefferson also devised a seed drill and a hemp brake.

On the Jefferson plantation there was a threshing machine which was carried on a wagon and weighed about a ton. It was capable of threshing as much as 150 bushels of grain a day. There was also a drilling machine, invented by one of Jefferson's neighbors. The instrument had a sharp iron that opened the furrows and a small trough containing the sowing grain behind it.

"Jefferson's enlightened efforts at soil conservation and the bettering of farming methods entitle him to foremost rank among great American agriculturists," said an official of the Middle West Soil Improvement committee. "He had an instinctive feeling that man should be a careful custodian of the soil entrusted to his care. His work in soil improvement, however primitive it was, helped pave the way for modern soil science. Were he alive today, he would be a crusader for soil conservation, for sounder farming methods, for playing fair with the land by returning to it fertilizer elements removed by growing crops and the effects of the elements."

Artist and Architect.

In his own words, the business of farming kept Jefferson "busy as a bee in a molasses barrel." He was often either drawing or designing, sketching. Now it was a plow, now a carriage, now a building, now a fence and now a garden. A lover of flowers, he laid out a garden and planted rare specimens. An architect who learned the art by independent study, he drew blueprints for many buildings, many of which still stand as a monument to the many-sided genius of their creator. In addition to Monticello, the best examples of his architecture are the capitol at Richmond and the University of Virginia.

Aside from his agricultural inventiveness, Jefferson designed a unique multi-writing machine to produce stereotyped letters somewhat after the fashion of the modern mimeograph. He designed an ingenious dumbwaiter and built himself a handy weather-vane.

Because of the fact that his farm and those of his neighbors were located far from big cities, Jefferson built a number of industrial establishments to make himself and his friends reasonably self-sufficient. His most ambitious projects were a flour mill and a nail factory.

His Own Flour Mill.

The flour mill was a stone building four stories high. A canal three-fourths of a mile long led to the dam above the mill and cost several thousand dollars. The nail factory employed ten workers, who drew \$2 a day. It supplied nearby stores as well as neighbors, including James Monroe, with nails. It closed in 1812 when it was unable to obtain rods. There was also a small cotton mill which manufactured homespun from cotton obtained in Richmond. Three spinning machines wove cloth for all Jefferson's slaves. Wagonloads of homespun were also sold to merchants. Like other plantations of the time, Monticello had a smithy where wrought iron work for the plantation was made.

Although debt acquired during his public life and a depression in farm prices following the Napoleonic wars brought financial crisis to his later years, Jefferson was eminently satisfied with farming as a career and a way of life.

"Cultivators of the earth," he once wrote to John Jay, "are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous—and they are tied to their country and wedded to its interests and liberty by the most lasting ties."

Martha Wales Skelton, the young widow who was to become his bride, two other suitors, coming to call, paused before knocking to peep in at the window and see what their chances were. They caught sight of the widow Skelton seated before the harpsichord. Towering above her was their rival with his fiddle under his chin and his bow busily sawing the air. The rivals silently slunk away.

In later years, long after Martha

Skelton Jefferson had died and the violinist she used to accompany was pressed by family cares and affairs of state, he continued to play his beloved Cremona. The sort of thing he played is revealed now in the old music books, which have been treasured by his family through all the intervening years and which were recently presented to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial foundation by his great-great-granddaughter, Miss Fannie M. Burke of Alexandria, Va.

Playing His Violin Was Solace to Jefferson in His Old Age

Posterity has had so many things to remember about Jefferson that it has largely overlooked his association with the violin; yet that was one of the outstanding interests of his youth. About the old Virginia capital of Williamsburg, where he attended the college of William and Mary, the red-headed, raw-boned lad with a fiddle case tucked under his arm was a familiar figure.

The story is told that one evening when Jefferson was paying court to

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For years, people thought our soil was inexhaustible. New land was plentiful. New farms could be carved out of the wilderness cheaper and easier than old farms could be maintained. So when a farm lost its fertility, the farmer and his family simply moved to a new piece of land.

Today, it is a different story. Most of the good land has been cleared and is being farmed. When a farm loses its productive capacity, there may not be any place to move. And the nation's supply of food and fiber is reduced. That is why soil conservation has become so vitally important.

More than one hundred million acres of land have been seriously damaged by wind, water erosion, incorrect farming practices and other causes. Each year millions of acres more are being damaged, some beyond redemption.

Soil conservation methods are efficient, effective and easy to practice. Contour farming, terracing, strip-cropping, fertilizing and crop rotation are the principal methods used. Every farmer can get complete information and specific recommendations from his local Soil Conservation Service

Representative, his County Agricultural Agent or his Vocational Agriculture Teacher. The land that each farmer cultivates is a national heritage. It should be passed on to the next generation better than it came to him. That is a trust which each man assumes when he makes his living from the soil.

Firestone believes that soil conservation is fundamental to the welfare of our country and its people. We believe soil conservation is everybody's business. That is why we are conducting extensive experiments on the 141-year-old Firestone Homestead Farm near Columbiana, Ohio, where our founder, Harvey S. Firestone, was born. That is why we are sponsoring soil conservation contests through the 4-H Clubs, cooperating with the Future Farmers of America and promoting the exchange of ideas through the Firestone Champion Farmers Association.

We have also recently published a new booklet on soil conservation entitled, "Our Native Land, a Trust to Keep," which you may obtain without cost. Simply send your request to the Firestone Farm Service Bureau, Akron, Ohio. I feel sure that you will find this booklet interesting and instructive.

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Peninsula...
(Edited by Mrs. E. Hayden)
There were 20 at the Star Sunday school, Apr. 15.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stanley of Boyne City were making calls on the Peninsula, Sunday afternoon.
The Peninsula High School students attended the banquet at the high school, East Jordan, Thursday evening, and report a splendid time.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, who are moving back to Boyne City from Flint, were making calls on the Peninsula, Thursday.
Mr. Lyle Willson of Mountain Dist. who has been very ill for some time, was taken to the Charlevoix Hospital some days ago.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Healey of Far View farm were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Healey's aunt, Mrs. Blanch Richards, in East Jordan.
Among those to get some oats into the ground before the big rain were Clayton Healey, Ted Westerman, Will Gaunt.
Mrs. Byrel Bennett Riley and little daughter returned Tuesday from Royal Oak where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Atkinson for about 10 days.
Alfred Crowell of Dave Staley Hill, east side, went with others to Detroit to take his pre-induction physical examination, Thursday, but did not pass.
Mrs. Vera Staley Gee and two sons of East Jordan came Wednesday and stayed with her father, Geo. Staley at Stoney Ridge farm until Saturday night, and cleaned house.
Mrs. Vernetta Craig and son Gerry of Dave Staley Hill, west side, are visiting her brother, Edward Faust and family and sister, Mrs. Roland Beyer and family in Detroit for a while.
There was quite a good Smelt run in Porter (Advance) Creek several nights last week and the correspondent was generously remembered. There hasn't been any smelt for several years.
The Behling brothers of the German Settlement, are piling up the lumber of the old L. E. Phillips barn, now belonging to Clayton Healey of Willow Brook farm, which collapsed last week in the big blow.
The Farm Bureau at the Star Community Building, Wednesday evening, was not very largely attended. The next meeting will be the second Wednesday in May at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loomis, Gravel Hill, north side.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loomis and son Clare had for company, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hewit of Charlevoix for dinner, and for callers Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stanley of Boyne City and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mathews and family of Bellaire.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Healey of Far View farm received word, Friday, that their daughter, Mrs. Mildred Healey Davis had undergone an operation in a Manistee hospital, Thursday, and was as well as could be expected.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Atkinson of Royal Oak have sold their farm, The Mountain Ash, to Mr. H. Glass, and were calling on friends near the farm. They plan to make several calls and transact some business and return to Royal Oak Monday.
After a long spell of wonderfully warm dry weather we had one grand rain, Friday. The mercury dropped below freezing and stayed there all day Friday, and Saturday a. m. at was down to 20 degrees but warmed up Sunday.
Company at the Gaunt home in Three Bells Dist. were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers and daughter Eleanor, Mountain Dist., Sunday; Mr. Geo. Weaver of Saginaw, several days; Sunday callers, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Atkinson, Royal Oak, and Mr. H. Glass.
Mrs. A. Reich of Lone Ash farm spent Monday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hayden at Orchard Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Faust of Three Bells Dist. were Monday afternoon callers, and Mr. Wm. VanderWall, the bee man from Ironton,

LOOKING BACKWARD
From the Herald Files of Forty, Thirty and Twenty Years Ago
Compiled by Mrs. Mabel Secord

April 8, 1905
Miss Eleanor Ball has returned from Oberlin, Ohio, and resumed her duties as bookkeeper and stenographer at the Cooperage office.

E. C. Plank was given a surprise party Monday evening, honoring his 84th birthday. After the guests left, he discovered a fine umbrella where their wraps had been but investigation revealed his own initials engraved on the handle.

Mrs. Catherine Hayes, aged 38, while visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph LaLonde on the Boyne City road, died last week and was buried here Saturday.

Nathan L. Cash, 74, died Wednesday. Burial was at Flint.
Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sheldon, died March 31st at Traverse City. Services were held at the home Sunday by Rev Yost.

"The tug, Irma L. Wheeler of this port lies at the bottom of Pine Lake in 100 feet of water, off the mouth of Oyster Bay. The Wheeler had been to Boyne City, having followed up the wake of the steamer, "Winnebago," Monday through the heavy ice. She was returning Monday night through the still practically open channel, with ice-fields either side, when fire was discovered in the forward hold. When discovered by Captain Small to entire forward compartment was like a roaring furnace. To reach shallow water was impossible and, taking chances as to the depth of water, the valves were opened and the tug went down in 100 feet of water. The crew all reached the shore on the ice. She was owned by the Charlevoix and Vessel Owners' Tug Association, the stockholders of which are Ole Hansen, L. Oleson, and Win Schlosser of Milwaukee; N. R. Allen's Sons, Kenosha; W. L. French, East Jordan; and G. C. Geiken and Captain E. S. Small, Charlevoix. The latter was her Master. Of course there is no hope of ever raising the tug. — Charlevoix Sentinel."

April 3, 1915
This issue has a picture of Company X who aspire to "A Place in the Sun."
A vacancy having occurred in the Michigan National Guard, three cities, East Jordan, Ludington and Battle Creek applied for the honor of filling it. The argument advanced against East Jordan was the size of the town. A requirement was the maintaining of a membership of not less than sixty-five. The close of a long article reads: "The entry of Company X into the MNG would mean the erection here, by the State, of a suitable building or armory for drilling and keeping equipment. The equipment, which is also furnished by the State, consists of two uniforms, an overcoat, an up-to-date Springfield rifle, tents, haversacks and all other paraphernalia."

Miss Edith Smatts and Orrin Bartlett were married at the home of the bride Tuesday morning, March 30th, by Rev. T. Porter Bennett.
Miss Sylvia Kemp and Ira Olney were married at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon, March 30th.
Miss Grace Kidder and Earl Richards were married at the residence of Rev. John Hackett, March 30th.
Orden Keller of East Jordan was married at Muskegon March 29th to Miss Zeffie Stoy.
Three Cherryvale families have arrived at their summer homes; Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Jule Walters from Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carlisle from New York.
J. E. Secord has purchased the former Houghton farm at Monroe Creek. Elmer Hott has moved to Hitchcock where he will manage the East Jordan Lumber Co. farm.
Mrs. Dewitt Keenholts (nee Hattie J. Hudson), nearly 55, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace O'Connor, at Boyne Falls, March 29.
"An heirloom in the shape of a silver spoon whose origin dates back to Queen Elizabeth's time was this week passed on to another generation by M. LaCore, in whose possession it has been for more than thirty years. The spoon came from Scotland in the beginning of the eighteenth century and finally coming into the possession of

Mrs. LaCore as the next nearest descendant. It was sent to Mrs. George Sherman of East Jordan, a niece of Mrs. LaCore. (The Empire Journal.)

April 10, 1915
At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening, the resignation of Rev. A. D. Griggs by as pastor was presented and accepted, to be effective June 1st, or on such date as may be agreed upon. He has been pastor of the church more than eight years.

W. L. French is tearing down the frame store building belonging to him, just south of the Phillips barber shop. Rumor has it that he will erect a brick structure on the site. The old building was built about 27 years ago.

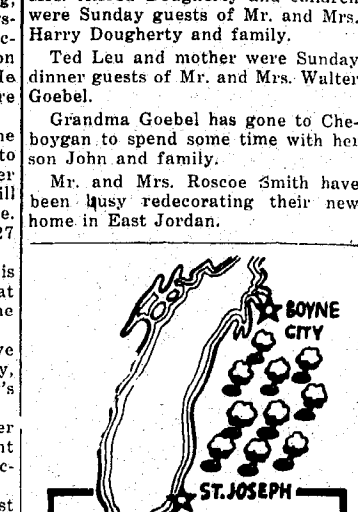
Chris Vanderverter has moved his family to the George Geck farm at Rock Elm. (This is the present home of the Len Swaffords.)
Mr. and Mrs. George LaValley have gone to their new home at Brawley, California, where Mrs. LaValley's parents are already located.

Mrs. George Jaquay, Mrs. Elmer Murray, and Mrs. L. Shaffer all went to a Detroit hospital, Tuesday, accompanied by Dr. Parks.
John Light, an employee of the East Jordan Lumber Co. for the last thirty years, has resigned as engineer at Mill B. Milton McKay takes his place.
Miss Genevieve Senecal leaves next week to make her home with a sister in Hammond, Indiana.

April 10, 1925
Miss Harriet Malpas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Malpas of Muskegon, died April 2nd at her home there.
Harvey Bowen, 75, a resident of this region for some 46 years, died at his home on Bowen's addition which he platted, April 7th.
Criminals Can't Resist Leaving Clues... plan a perfect crime as skillfully as they may with the thinking part of their minds, their "unconscious conscience" plays stool pigeon to assure their betrayal and punishment. Read this interesting study in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with this Sunday's (April 22) Chicago Herald-American.

SOUTH ARM...
(Edited by Mrs. Arnold Smith)

Lt. Thelma Davis, ANC, left Monday for Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington, after spending a week's leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and other relatives.
The Jordan Valley Co-op Creamery installed a milking machine on the Arnold Smith farm, Tuesday.
Several of the neighbors attended the Brintnall sale, Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. August Behling and Mrs. Alfred Dougherty and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dougherty and family.
Ted Leu and mother were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goebel.
Grandma Goebel has gone to Cheboygan to spend some time with her son John and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith have been busy redecorating their new home in East Jordan.



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ECHO...
(Edited by Mrs. Denzil Wilson)

Mr. Myron Henderson returned to his home, Monday, at Lake Ann, having spent the past two weeks at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henderson and son.
The Ladies' Get Together Club of North Echo met at the home of Wilma Zoulek on Thursday, April 19. The next meeting will be at the home of Anna Jeffery and Dora Edson on May 10, 1945.
Walter Buck, missionary of Petoskey, was calling in the neighborhood, Friday.

Mrs. Clifford Derenzny and son of East Jordan spent last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Derenzny, Mrs. Gerald Derenzny, Mr. and Mrs. Ethen Edson and Mrs. Theo Jeffery.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drenth and children of Ellsworth were Sunday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Wilson and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spence and children of Pintonkton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Derenzny.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hobden, Wm. Henning and Mrs. Carrie Sutton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolser and sons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bolser.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Teboe spent Sunday at the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henderson and son.
Mrs. Gerald Derenzny and son spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvie Lord of Atwood.
Miss Bernie Bolser of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolser and family. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Barber were Sunday evening callers there also.
Roy Rushton, the Rawleigh man, was calling in the neighborhood Monday.
There is Sunday School at the Bennett School house every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Everyone welcome.

JORDAN...
(Edited by Mrs. Tom Kiser)
The sale at the Luther Brintnall farm was well attended in spite of the wind and rain.
Mrs. George Sweet, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. George Sweet Jr. of Midland were in the neighborhood last week, visiting relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pinney have a new baby girl, called Marian Marie.
Mr. and Mrs. John Krolkowski and girls called at Tom Kiser's home Tuesday evening.
Arthur Pettifor is planning to build a new barn this summer. Harold Moore has finished digging the basement for it with his power shovel.
Mr. George Ether spent the week end in Boyne City.
Misses Mary and Mable Pettifor of Gaylord called last Friday at the Arthur Pettifor home.
Mrs. Minnie Gould called on Mrs. Jack Craig Sr. and Mrs. Flora Church Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noefsinger of Detroit were here to visit Mrs. Minnie Gould last week end.
A thick head is usually covered with a thin skin.

PENINSULA...
(Edited by Mrs. E. Hayden)

WANTED — Farms, City and resort property. Cash buyers waiting. E. A. Strout Real Estate Agency, the largest real estate selling organization in the United States offices, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and many other large cities WM. F. TINDALL, Boyne City, local agent, phone 303, box 58. 10x8
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FOR SALE — MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE — Two used wagons. — FRANK SHEPARD, phone 118-F6, East Jordan. 16x1
FOR SALE — Mohair Living Room Suite. — MRS. LOUIS PETERSON, East Jordan. 16x2
FOR SALE — New house not finished. On Nichols St. — ALLEN BOLSER, East Jordan. 16x2
FOR SALE — 200 bushels of peas, oats and barley mixed. — RALPH LENOSKY, phone 167-F5 16x1
FOR SALE — Rural Russett No. 1 Table Potatoes. — PETER UMLOR, phone 155-F4, R. 2, East Jordan. 15x2
FOR SALE — 7 x 10 ft. Chicken Coop with wire and posts. Also 2-wheel Trailer with 4.50 x 20 tires. — JESS ROBINSON. 16-1
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Local Events

Mrs. Herman Goodman is visiting friends and relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boswell were Detroit visitors over the week end.

Betty Strahl has accepted a position in the Henry Beauty Shop in Charlevoix.

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Mrs. Richard Farmer is visiting friends and relatives in Muskegon, Flint and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scott and daughter Donnie were Sunday guests of Charlevoix relatives.

Pomona Grange meets with Marion Center, April 27th, with pot luck supper at 7:30 o'clock.

Louise Stanek of Grand Rapids spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stanek.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sommerville and family were week end guests of friends and relatives in Lansing.

Mrs. Jess Robinson returned home last Friday from a visit with friends and relatives in Flint and Clio.

Mrs. Harry Hayes Jr. and children of Detroit are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayes Sr. and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shedina returned home Wednesday, after spending the winter months in Grand Rapids.

Ernest Slade and Peter VanAntwerp of Grand Rapids were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vogel part of last week.

Mrs. Carlton Johnson (Shirley Sonnabend) of Clio, returned home, Monday, after a visit here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Zoulek, and other friends.

Mrs. Hugh Gidley and infant daughter, Sarry Evelyn, were dismissed Monday from Lockwood Hospital, Petoskey, and returned to their home in East Jordan.

Mrs. R. D. Gleason, who recently underwent major surgery at Lockwood Hospital, Petoskey, has returned to East Jordan and is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Bowers.

Arbór Days will be observed in the lower peninsula April 27 and in the upper peninsula May 11, according to unofficial announcement from the governor's office. Official proclamation will be issued later.

Mrs. Joseph Ruckle and daughter Lula Mae returned home last Saturday after visiting relatives in Lansing, they also called on the former's husband, a veteran of World War I, in Fort Custer hospital.

W. W. Bender SC 1-c, U. S. Coast Guard, who has been stationed on Beaver Islands has been assigned to the 14th Naval District. His wife and children are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kamradt.

The April meeting of the WCTU will be held at the home of Mrs. S. E. Rogers, Monday eve., April 23. Mrs. Bessie Lismer, district president of Petoskey will be present. Mrs. C. J. Malpass will have charge of the devotionals.

S-Sgt. Henry Bos, who has been spending a 21-day furlough after having completed 57 missions in Italy with his parents in Atwood, and his in-laws Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dennison, has gone to Miami, Florida, for reassignment. He was accompanied by his wife to Miami.

South Arm Grange held their regular meeting at their hall Saturday evening, April 14. After the regular business session, William Brake of Grass Lake Grange, Bellaire, State Deputy, gave an interesting talk on the work of Granges. During the lecture hour, a memorial tribute to our late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt was given.

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons included their daughter Mary and two friends, Jean Ann Bruckman and Delores Dennett of Grand Rapids; Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Tapa of Marquette; Mrs. George Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly of Cadillac. Betty Strahl and Sgt. Thomas Joynt were also dinner guests Sunday.

Suzanne Jamison Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Porter of East Jordan has been elected to the Beta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Albion College. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most distinguished of national scholastic honorary societies and membership in it is the highest scholastic recognition obtainable. Miss Porter will receive her BA from Albion on May 28. — From Albion College News Service.

Presbyterian Church
Rev. C. W. Sidebotham — Pastor
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. Rev. Philip Gregory of the Union Church of Kalkaska will preach, exchanging with Rev. C. W. Sidebotham.
11:45 a. m. Sunday School. It is expected that Lt. Gilbert Joynt, who was in the air force over the Philippines when MacArthur landed, will speak at the opening exercises.
4:30 p. m. The young people will meet at the church to go to Petoskey for the Rally there.

BOHEMIAN SETTLEM'T
(Edited by Mrs. Lucille Josifek)

Prokop Pesek spent the week end with his mother and family.

After spending two weeks with her parents, Elvera Skrocki, who received an honorable discharge from the WAC after serving fourteen months, returned Monday to Lansing to accept a civil service position.

Mr. and Mrs. James Powers and family called at the home of John Krolkowski, Sunday.

Last Saturday night Elvera Skrocki was entertained by Clara, Sue and Chester Skrocki.

Frank Bryzek of Detroit spent the week end with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Janik and family.

Last Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Josifek attended a 4-H club council meeting for the purpose of discussing and completing plans for Spring Achievement Day which will be held at Bellaire, May 2nd. The articles made by handicraft and sewing club pupils throughout the year will be exhibited and awards given on them. Plans were made for a movie, dress revue, music and other entertainment. All pupils and parents are invited to attend Achievement Day at Bellaire, May 2nd.

After spending several weeks with her parents and relatives, Mrs. Frank Bryzek and son returned to her home and husband in Detroit, last Monday. Mrs. Joseph Blaha called on Mr.

and Mrs. Anton Josifek Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guznicek and son Leo from Detroit spent the week end with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Janik and family.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bartlett and family attended the farewell supper at the Adam Skrocki home in honor of Elvera Skrocki.

Marie Haney and Lawrence Nemecek were neither tardy nor absent during the past six-week session of the Settlement School.

Mrs. Andrew Dubas and daughter, Helen spent ten days with relatives in Chicago. While there they went to see Sgt. Roman Dubas who is still recuperating in a hospital.

Callers at the home of Anton Josifek and family Sunday night were: Charlie Nachazel from Portland, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Will Zitka, Ro-

bert and Margie Nachazel and Jeanne Russell.
George Kotalik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kotalik, was enrolled in the Settlement School last week. Albert Chanda bought the old barn on the late Joseph Wanek farm.

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The Norwegian Ladies Aid will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Samuel Coulter Thursday afternoon, April 26.

New spring and summer line of Wall Paper now at Whitefords. It will go fast, so call early for your selection. adv.

Mrs. Laurence Sonnabend and son Larry are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Frank Neuman and other relatives.

Marian Shepard is convalescing at Lockwood Hospital, Petoskey, following a major operation performed last Thursday.

Mrs. Carl Stroebel of Detroit was guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rogers and other East Jordan friends the past week.

O. A. Bender of St. Louis, Mo., was week end guest of his son, W. W. Bender and family at the Edd Kamradt home.

The East Jordan Study Club will hold their annual dinner in the Methodist Church parlors Tuesday evening, at 6:30.

Since 1888, the weather for Michigan has produced a yearly average of 126 clear days, 100 partly cloudy, and 139 cloudy.

Rev. C. W. Sidebotham and Wm. Porter attended the annual meeting of the Presbytery of Petoskey at Lake City on Monday.

Sgt. Thomas Joynt left Tuesday for Detroit, enroute to Pratt, Kansas, after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Sam Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Elford who spent the winter months in their apartment on Main St. have returned to their home on Third Street.

The fire department was called out to extinguish a blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker on the West Side about 6:00 p. m., Tuesday. It was a chimney fire in the kitchen. Chemicals were used and damage was comparatively small.

ROCK ELM.....
(Edited by Mrs. Fred Alm)

Charlie Cooper and son of Flint spent the week end with Mrs. Minnie Cooper.

Mrs. Joe Shores and son of Charlevoix spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knudsen.

Mrs. Kenneth McComb spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zitka.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hudkins of East Jordan called on Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Knudsen, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Knudsen and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Walker spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kemp entertained a group of young folks Thursday evening in honor of their daughter, Carrie, it being her 18th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Dan Swanson and Abe Stevenson spent a few days last week with Mrs. Minnie Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sage of Central Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sage of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark.

Mrs. Frank Brown is visiting relatives in Detroit.

There will be a bingo party at Rock Elm grange hall Thursday evening, April 26th. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark, Mrs. Will Zitka, Mrs. Walter Kemp and Mrs. Fred Alm attended the conference of Grange Masters and Lecturers and school of instruction, Friday afternoon and evening at Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Durand and Mrs. Simmons of Charlevoix were Sunday guests of Mrs. Minnie Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Combest and daughter visited Mrs. Cooper on Friday.

Mrs. Leonard Babel and daughter Shirley returned Saturday after visiting relatives in Marine City.

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..... Julia Ann Malpass
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Piano Duet, SING LITTLE BIRDS, Janet Richards and Kaye Sinclair
Songs, THE ROSARY, SOUTH AMERICAN WAY, Girls Harmony
Group: Delores McCarthy, Betty Scott, Elaine Galmore, Alice Galmore, Nola Lewis, Sally Campbell, Annalee Nichols, Angela Cooley, Ann Whiteford, Shirley Sinclair.
HOLIDAY MARCH; Song, LITTLE TIN SOLDIER Teddy Scott
THE GLIDER, Bernard Wagthess Barbara Braman
REVERIE; Song, VOLGA BOATMAN Donald Karr
MELODIE, Weber Donald Braman
SANTA LUCIA Iris Petrie
ORVETTA WALTZ Annalee Nichols
BELL IN THE VALLEY LeRoy McKeague
Song, FINLANDIA Donald Braman, LeRoy McKeague
MOCKING BIRD MARCH Elaine Gunther
Solo, THE BROOK Iris Petrie
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SONG OF SPRING, Mandolin Solo Ann Richards
ROND CAPRICCOSO, Mendelsohn Margaret Blossie
Solo, THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE, Bob Benson
Piano Duet, MINUET, Mozart Elaine and Alice Galmore
Solo, AH! SWEET MYSTERY OF LIFE Sally Campbell
HUMORESQUE, Dvorak Elaine Galmore
LARGO from New World Symphony Alice Galmore
CONCERTO, Grieg Lorraine Butler
WITCHES DANCE, DeLancey Bob Benson
Solo with Reading, HOMEWARD BOUND Betty Scott
AMERICAN PATROL, McEacham; LAND OF HOPE
AND GLORY, Elgar; TAPS GLEE CLUB

Reveille on the Jordan

Just a little message to the boys in the service from the folks back home. Sponsored by the East Jordan Community Service Club.

PAUL LISK — EDITOR

NEW ADDRESSES

Two fellows to join the Merchant Marine are GALE MURPHY, SS Peter Helms, McCormick S S Co., c-o Pmr, San Francisco, Calif; and ALBERT SLATE, T.C.W.D. USA 214 APO 413, c-o Pmr, New York. Albert is an oiler but we don't know Gale's job.

The draft board around these parts has had its nose to the grindstone lately and the result is three new addresses: Pvt. DALE CLARK, Battery C, 33rd Bn, 8th Tng. Regt. FARTC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; ARNE O. HEGGERBERG, A-S, Co. 465, USNHC, Great Lakes, Ill.; and a new Marine is Pvt. JEROME A. SULAK, USMC, Pl. 163, 5th Rec. Bn., Paris Island, South Carolina. We sure miss arguing with Jerome at the Post Office, as he was in charge of mailing the Herald to you fellows. Anyhow, Jerome, if you make as good a Marine as you did clerk in the PO, you'll get along OK.

Sgt T. V. JOYNT had his address taken off last week, but he came in the office last Thursday and gave us his new one which is: 461st Bomb Sq. (Air Ech.) 346th Bomb Br. (V. H.), Pratt, Kansas. Tom is really getting up in the world as he's tall enough to look down at me. The Presbyterian Sunday School was also fortunate to have him give them a short talk last Sunday.

Pvt. LOUIS ADDIS came in Monday morning and gave us his new address which is: AGF Replacement Depot No. 1, Port George G. Meade, Maryland. Louis is in communications work and finds it interesting and to his liking. He was at Camp Fannin, Texas, and reports that most of the officers there had been overseas, and that they were a swell bunch to work for. The only thing he didn't like was the red clay of Texas. After seeing the fertile land on your folks' farm, Louis, we can well understand your dislike for that red clay.

S-Sgt. MIKE HITCHCOCK is now located at Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill. Mike recently was wounded in the Pacific area and just arrived home on furlough last week. He looks fine, but his leg isn't quite what it should be yet.

ADDRESS CHANGES

S-Sgt. R. E. GREGORY, Ward A-10, Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas; JOHN A. REHFUS, S 2-c, Co. 40, Bks 140, US Naval Repair Base, New Orleans (Algiers) La.; Pfc. JAMES BOWEN, GFRG Pool, APO 739, c-o Pmr, N. Y.; Sgt. CHRIS BULOW, Hdq. Co., 4th Service and Supply Bn, FMF Pac., c-o PPO, S. F.; Ensign GALEN W. SEILER, N.A.C.T.U. LANT, c-o PPO, N. Y.

Your former editor, Ed, has dropped the (J.g.) so we can't call him "Junior" any longer. His address is now LIEUT. E. K. REULING, USNR, C4-17, MAG 32, 1st Marine Air Wing, c-o PPO, S. F. Sure wish you was back here writing this column, Ed. You did a swell job and we know the boys appreciated it. What we really miss, though, is those arguments we used to have. They sure were swell ones while they lasted, hey? It's darn lonesome now without you, Henry and Hollis to argue with. It's just like living in a morgue.

East Jordan people were pleased to hear the voice of Sgt. ROBERT TROJANEK over a broadcast from London Sunday morning. In the broadcast from England under the auspices of the US forces honoring our late President, Franklin Roosevelt, a number of our armed forces took part. Among these was Sgt. Robert Trojanek, who proudly gave his address as East Jordan. The name was a new one to the master of ceremonies, and he asked Robert to spell it, which he did. He said he thought the outstanding thing the late president had done was to bring to pass the meeting, and understanding between the big three at Yalta. Sgt. Trojanek's voice was as distinct as though he were talking over the telephone in East Jordan. Bob is now attending school in London, England, now, studying British X-ray equipment and technique. He also recently had a 6-day furlough in Scotland.

A fellow who keeps close track of East Jordan is S-Sgt. BILL BENNETT who is now in Germany, as his wife sends the Herald to him every week by air mail. Bill's letter is the first letter from overseas that was addressed to me instead of Hollis or Henry. Bill writes that "The last time I wrote I said that I would like to pay Berlin a visit and I'm getting closer — well, at least I'm in Germany. The cities which I went through here in Germany are really beautiful — flattened right out just as I had hoped to see them. The ground and air forces have done a good job on them. I haven't seen many civilians around but they probably figured that these parts were plenty unhealthy to live in. The Germans will have plenty of time to think over their mistakes while they are rebuilding. The Herald has been coming in pretty good lately as my wife sends it air-mail. It only takes from ten to fifteen days to get here which is good time."

Pvt. DEWEY J. LAISURE writes in to Henry from Belgium under date of March 20: "Well here I am in Belgium again. Yes, we have been

in Holland but a group of us were sent back into Belgium. We have the best set-up that we have ever had since leaving the states. Our position is right across the street from the Red Cross building that has everything from movies nightly to coffee and donuts. Then, too, we are only ten minutes time by "Tram" from the center of one of the largest cities in Belgium. Not bad, huh? Oh yes, we do have to be good boys though, for the M. P. station is right behind us and they see every move we make. While in the Netherlands I had the chance to play one of the best accordions I ever saw. There was a Dutch girl and boy who visited our position there and she one time mentioned that she played the accordion and right away I got to see it! So, as time went on, I got back in practice and was playing many of our good old tunes. The one they liked the best was what they called "The Dutch Marching Song" and we call it the Beer Barrel Polka, and I had to play it at least 4 or 5 times every time I visited them! Well, I had to say goodbye to NELL and WILLIE and it broke up a swell friendship. Their ages? 20 and 17. Can you imagine yourself going without oranges, bananas, pineapple, chocolate, coffee, tea, salt, etc. for four years? Well, they have! And to treat Nell to an orange or a candy bar was like buying a girl an orchid in the States. Tears came in her eyes when I gave her the first orange she had seen in four years! Things are going well over here and we surely can't kick. Many of our boys have been transferred to the Infantry and old Infantrymen have been brought in as replacements. Well, I guess this is all the news up 'til now, will write again later." Thanks, Johnny, for your swell letter, and we can sure sympathize with you for leaving your new-found friends and that accordion.



As soon as they have made up their minds how the \$20 to \$25 million surplus on July 1 should be carved up, Michigan legislators are due to go home.

The 1945 legislative session is entering the wind-up phase with lawmakers leaning toward a revision of the intangibles tax to produce approximately \$7 millions and a hike in the state's profit from liquor sales to effect an increase of \$10 millions in state revenues. The two items alone, if they survive the sharpshooters, would cover the one-sixth of the state sales tax originally proposed by municipalities.

There appears to be little likelihood that "poor man" taxes will be imposed on cigarettes and beer — two additional revenue possibilities suggested by Governor Kelly in a left handed strategic move to put the cities on the defensive.

The governor has indicated that he will sign the anti-branch bank bill which weathered both houses of the legislature. The 25-mile zone for establishment of branch banks was in the old statute and hence is not new. The act will prevent the incorporation of a bank chain similar to the Michigan National banks. Upstate bankers have been apprehensive that Detroit institutions would sponsor statewide branches.

Enactment of the bill is a feather in the hat of the Michigan Bankers' association. It is another reminder that Carr-Zigler grand jury, which was created to conduct investigation into the bank bill of 1943, has yet to bring out its indictments — if any. Incidentally, the Hooper case is back in the headlines. It is known that Hooper was to testify in a number of other graft cases.

Liquor reform bills appear to be jammed in the house liquor committee, and chances aren't good that they will survive the final week legislative rush. Many legislators are cool to the idea of changing the rules, as was done during World War I, preferring to wait until the "boys" come back home. It has been the experience of the state liquor control commission that where local officials — municipal, county and township — are on their toes and clean up bad conditions, the state gets no complaints. In this respect the biggest problem in enforcement of liquor laws, now as ever, is "politics". Legislators still appear with many delinquent saloonkeepers before state commissioners at hearings — a subtle interference that an easy penalty would be greatly appreciated. We can't quote names, but these are the facts.

With the exception of one state,

Iowa, Michigan liquor prices are lower than those existing in the Middle-West. Tavern-keepers are netting more profit today from number of drinks served than they did before prohibition, and still the consumer gets a "break" when he purchases bottled goods at state stores or distributors. In the open states of Illinois, New York, Indiana and Wisconsin the average retail cost per bottle is \$4.54. In Michigan it is \$3.87, or 67 cents below the four state average. Even with a hike in the state's profit, the consumer will benefit on a comparative basis. Here is one of the reasons why the pressure is so strong for abolition of the state monopoly. Profits which now go to the state treasury would go into pockets of a few people in the liquor business. And these profits run into the millions.

Michigan sales and use taxes provide 50 per cent of the total annual revenue. Little known is the fact that out of a total of 23 sales tax states Michigan is one of four states with a rate as high as 3 per cent. Illinois cut its tax from 3 to 2 per cent in 1941; California from 3 to 2½ per cent in 1943. Michigan and Washington are the only states which have a 3 per cent tax with no exemption of foods. Neither of these states has an income tax. North Carolina and Ohio, other 3 per cent states, exempt sales of food for consumption off the premises. Verily, the Michigan sales tax is the goose that lays the golden dollar — \$100 millions estimated for the current year!

More about Baney Park in the Upper Peninsula:

"We have always looked for our ultimate return to the timber growing on the land rather than to the resort phase of the development," writes G. Harold Earle, president. "The things we did not realize about the resort phase include the fact that we did not anticipate a most severe and prolonged depression during the major portion of the development of our project, to be followed by a world war, and more recently an attitude upon the part of Government generally unfavorable to business, and invasion of or threat of invasion of the field of private enterprise by government."

"It was these things that caused me to say we might not have started the resort phase, or at least have developed it as we have, if we had known about the coming depression, the war, and all of those things."

The Earle brothers — Harold and Stewart — still retain faith in the "most promising future for both land use and resort and recreational development in the Upper Peninsula." Harold objects to reference to the Upper Peninsula as a "tough country", a description originated by John Martin, author of "This North Country", and quoted recently in this column.

Earle says his grandfather was not responsible for extension of the railroad to Hermansville. "The railroad was built as a branch from Powers to Quinnesec because of the opening of the iron mines there and happened to go through the location of Hermansville."

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PROBATE ORDER

Hearing of Claims

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Charlevoix.

In the Matter of the Estate of Milo F. Fay, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held in the Probate Office in the City of Charlevoix, in said county, on the 7th day of April, 1945. Present: Hon. Rollie L. Lewis, Probate Judge.

The above estate having been admitted to probate and Jessie Fay Hatt having been appointed Administratrix thereof.

It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased, are required to present their claims to said Court, at the Probate Office in the City of Charlevoix, on or before the 18th day of June, 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time claims will be heard.

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

ROLLIE L. LEWIS,
Judge of Probate.

PROBATE ORDER

Final Administration Account

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Charlevoix.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Charlevoix in said County, on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1945.

Present, Hon. Rollie L. Lewis, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Catherine Sackett, Deceased.

Alice Blossie, having filed in said Court her final administration account, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate to the heirs at law of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 30th day of April A. D. 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition;

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

ROLLIE L. LEWIS,
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