Michael Ferder

Michael Ferder was born April 1, 1908, in Szatmar, Homorod County, Hungary, son of Michael and Veronica (Majer) Ferder. The family emigrated to America, arriving at New York in January, 1921. They went on to Cleveland where Mike continued school work in the public schools.

Mr. Ferder came to Kent in 1924, working successively on farms, at the Lamson & Sessions Co., for the Erie Railroad Co. and the C. L. Gougler Machine Co.

On November 9, 1939, he received his naturalization papers at Ravenna.

In May, 1944, he became one of the organizers of the Kent Mold & Manufacturing Co. with which he continues today.

Mr. Ferder was married on April 20, 1949, to Louise Kirkland, daughter of Murray J. and Ruby E. (Putt) Kirkland.

Mr. Ferder is a member of Kent St. Patrick’s Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Paul Ferder

Paul Ferder was born in Szatmar, Homorod County, Hungary, June 26, 1906. He was the son of Michael and Veronica (Majer) Ferder. The Ferder family came to America in 1921, arriving at New York in January of that year. They then moved to Cleveland where Paul resumed his schooling, which had been started in Hungary. They came to Kent in 1924, and he attended school here for a time.

Mr. Ferder worked for several years at the Lamson & Sessions Co. plant, and later was employed at the C. L. Gougler Machine Co. In May, 1944, he helped organize the Kent Mold & Mfg. Co. and has continued with this company until the present time.

He was married October 18, 1930, to Elizabeth Mayer, daughter of Charles and Mary (Linzenbold) Mayer. They have two children—Paul J. and Paulette A. Mayer.

Mr. Ferder was naturalized at Ravenna in May, 1939.

He is a member of Kent St. Patrick’s Church and the Moose and Eagles fraternal bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovidio D. Ferrara

Ovidio Dante Ferrara was born September 13, 1905, in Rivisondili province of Aquila, Italy. He was one of seven children of Emilio and Carmela Ferrara. His father came to this country in 1889, securing employment in the Kent Erie shops. He made several trips back home and was married in Italy in 1900. In 1907 his mother and son Ovidio, then two, came to Kent and joined Mr. Ferrara here.

Ovidio obtained his education in St. Patrick’s grade school and Central High School. As a boy he worked on the muck farms during summer vacations until he was twenty-one. In July, 1919, his father started a store in the living room of his home on the corner of Summit and DePeyster Sts., Kent, and the son helped his father in the business. In July,