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DEDICATION OF FLAG

Rev. Wm. Blum Delivers Eloquent and Patriotic Address at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Twenty-Eight Stars on Service Flag Tells Tale of Boys From This Parish Who Have Enlisted.

Last Sunday evening an audience that packed St. Edward's church to its fullest capacity attended the service flag dedication in honor of the brave and loyal young men who have responded to their country's call. The service flag, neatly and artistically designed, stood in the front of the church entwined in the folds of Old Glory and carried 28 stars, representing the number of boys who have gone from this parish to join the forces that are battling for American rights and the flag of freedom.

A sparkling glow of patriotism illuminated the solemn and impressive service, while excellent music lent a charm of edifying devotion to the touching scene. The address was given by Rev. Wm. Blum of Robbinsdale, Minn., whose patriotic zeal, scholarly diction, charming presence and thrilling eloquence held his audience in wrapt attention throughout the entire discourse. After paying a glowing tribute to the boys in khaki and the splendid showing made by so small a parish as Princeton, he emphasized the imperative duty of all those at home. To achieve victory and win the cause of freedom and democracy, something more than lip service is necessary, he said. Some sacrifices must be made. To show your loyalty and that you are standing solidly behind the boys in the trenches, all should buy Liberty bonds and give as generously as their means will permit to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus. Every patriot will do his duty. This is a time when if we do not hang together, we may have to hang separately.

The speaker drew attention to the fact that 40 per cent of the men in the army and navy are members of the Catholic church, although the percentage, according to the population of the United States, would call for only about 15 per cent.

This, therefore, is a new proof, a living testimony of the unswerving loyalty of American Catholics to the Stars and Stripes. The following list shows the names of the boys from St. Edward's, honored, not only by their church, but, by the entire community:

- Lieut. Eugene Kalkman.
- Lieut. P. L. O'Reilly.
- Francis Blair.
- Paul Brodard.
- John Carmody.
- Victor Daml.
- William Dugan.
- Joseph Huonder.
- Walter Kuhn.
- William Lee.
- Elmer Normandin.
- Albert Rocheford.
- Roscoe La Brant.
- Herman Schueller.
- George Schurrer.
- Joseph Trunk.
- Christian A. Yven.
- Thomas Jammie.
- Joseph Besnah.
- Willard Blocker.
- Alfonso Raiche.
- Stillman Oakes.
- Gilbert Maggart.
- James Mee.
- Edward Maggart.
- Peter Morris.
- John Brennan.
- Vern Besnah.

Wallie Berg Writes From France.

One day last week Fred Newton received a letter from Wallie Berg, who is on the fighting front in France, and a few excerpts from the same, just as Wallie wrote them, shows how the boys feel over there and may prove interesting to the readers of the Union:

March 14.

Dear Fred: The store and our old arguments seem very far away and long ago now.

It's a great life here and one of continual excitement. Today the boches are sending big stuff over us at an objective about a kilometer (five-eighths of a mile) away. The projectiles sound like a freight train going by and make a hell of a racket. A boche plane was knocked down this afternoon after being shot at for a good half hour. There is a point about a block away from our front line post that the Germans try for continuously. It's great fun to watch the shells burst. Our only danger is from shrapnel and gas shells, which are dropped along the road we use, but our helmets and masks furnish a

fairly complete protection.

I wish you could see the devastated portion of France which we have practically covered. We pass through towns all of which remain in brick and dust. I have seen miles of freshly bombarded land where shell holes overlap without a tree or blade of grass left. People living in hovels, refugees with all their belongings on their backs, old women covered with mud creeping back from newly recovered ground, stories of girls torn away from their homes—all of these and more which are indescribable, are enough to nerve any people to a thousand years of war if necessary.

Some of the slop in papers from the states that we get make one tired. A good deal of that is to be expected of course because of the distance. When I think of how the people there felt and acted before I left, and contrast it with the attitude of the French, I have to blush. There was a great yelp in the states over sugar shortage, coal shortage, etc. I wonder how they would feel if every family had lost a son, if food had to be practically apportioned, if there were no male civilians between 18 and 50 out of uniform, if Germany held New England and had destroyed much more? But the day of realization will soon strike them—when it does the end of the war will practically be in sight.

France depends largely on America and America is thereby honored.

I would like to be in the United States now and hear a street-corner pacifist. I'd knock the eternal hell out of him even if he were my own brother. Pacifism is a great doctrine in times of peace but a hell of an idea during war days. Personally I'd like to see all of them and all pro-Germans hung to the lamp posts and I'd like to pull on some of the ropes.

Sincerely,
Wallie Berg.

A Magnificent Showing.

No state in the union has handled its trust funds to better advantage than our own state of Minnesota, lying demagogues to the contrary notwithstanding.

A statement just issued from the state auditor's office shows that Minnesota trust funds, the income of which goes to the support of the state schools and institutions and into the road and bridge fund, now total \$38,160,153, having increased \$1,871,583 during the last fiscal year, according to a statement issued late yesterday by State Auditor J. A. O. Freus.

The permanent school fund, the income on which is apportioned to public schools throughout the state on the basis of the number of pupils enrolled, was increased by accumulations of \$1,276,408 during the last year and now holds \$27,688,203.

The permanent university fund, the income on which goes to the support of the University of Minnesota, increased likewise \$90,306 and now totals \$1,737,366.

The income from the swamp land fund, representing the earnings from a total of \$5,830,383, with added accumulations of \$502,058 during the year, is divided equally between the schools of the state and the university.

The internal improvement land fund totalling \$2,904,200, with the \$2,812 increase during the last year added, is held for the state road and bridge fund which annually is credited with its earnings.

Sources from which the funds were accumulated also are shown in the statement prepared by Matt J. Desmond, chief of accounts in the auditor's office, and include \$22,288,128 from sales of lands, \$9,741,688 from timber sales, \$5,787,836 of revenue from iron ore lands and \$362,490 of profits on bond sales.

Will Rediscount Tractor Notes.

Federal reserve banks are to rediscount notes secured by farm tractors, the United States department of agriculture announces. Instructions have been issued by the federal reserve board to all federal reserve banks authorizing them to rediscount tractor paper presented by any member bank, provided it has maturity not exceeding six months and the tractors are purchased for agricultural purposes.

This action of the federal reserve board, explains the department, means that notes given for farm tractors will be treated in the same manner as other agricultural paper, thus making it easier for farmers to obtain tractors where needed.

Sidewalk Law Constitutional.

The United States supreme court has ruled that the Minnesota railroad sidewalk law is constitutional. This means that city and village councils may compel railroad companies to construct sidewalks across their right of way at points which are necessary.

GOES OVER THE TOP

Mille Lacs County Has Already Exceeded Its Allotment in the Liberty Loan Drive.

With an allotment of \$27,600 Princeton, Up to Last Night, Had Subscribed \$36,000.

Reports received by Attorney E. L. McMillan, who is at the head of the Liberty loan drive in this county, from the various villages and towns, shows that subscriptions have reached the sum of \$158,300, or \$8,300 above the allotment.

Princeton's allotment was fixed at \$27,600 and \$36,000 has already been subscribed.

A careful estimate of unreported work indicates that the county will go well above \$175,000, as some of the wealthiest towns have so far made very incomplete and fragmentary reports and have not nearly approached their total allotments.

It is not to be expected that these towns, being thickly settled, will fall down on the proposition.

The solicitors, without exception, report a very patriotic sentiment prevailing. With few exceptions the people gladly subscribed the amounts allotted to them or more, in many cases taking double the amount of such allotments.

There will be no cessation in the drive until every one in the county has been approached.

Early on Monday, the first day of the drive, every family save two in the town of Orrock, Sherburne county had subscribed for the Liberty loan. Good for Orrock.

Several Spencer Brook farmers have subscribed \$1,000 each. Spencer Brook's apportionment is \$17,000, and the patriotic farmers of that town confidently expect to raise it.

Sixteen Men Called.

A call for 16 more men, physically fit, to go forward during the five-day period beginning April 26, has been received by W. C. Doane of the local draft board from Provost Marshal General Gowder. These men will go to Camp Dodge, Iowa. The total call for the state is 3,513.

These 16 men will leave Princeton on the 10:45 train on the morning of Friday, April 26.

All will be taken from class 1 in sequence of order numbers, except that such of them as are engaged in the planting or cultivation of crops will be omitted from the list.

The twin city papers of Tuesday said that a call for 1,925 registrants from the state of Minnesota has been issued, these men to entrain during a five-day period beginning May 1, and that Mille Lacs county's quota is 8. No official order to this effect has however been received by the local registration board.

Organized Gang of Harness Thieves.

Deputy Sheriff C. A. Buck of Hennepin county arrived here on Monday evening looking for harness which had been stolen and sold by a gang of sheenies—three of whom are under arrest in Minneapolis. Charley Werling, it appears, was an innocent purchaser of some of these sets of harness, part of which he sold, while one set was found in his possession. Mr. Werling went to Minneapolis yesterday morning to place an attachment on horses which the sheenies own. He will make good the amount which purchasers paid him for the harness.

Deputy Buck and Detective Tom Yotten found two sets of the stolen harness in Greenbush, one set in Blue Hill and one set in Benton county, while several sets had previously been discovered in Waseca.

The sheenies appear to belong to an organized gang which has been going about in the night time, entering stables and carrying off harness. All the harness recovered is practically new.

Will Publish the List.

Next week the Union hopes to give a complete list of the subscribers to the Liberty loan in Mille Lacs county together with the amount each subscribed. If the information is obtainable we will also give the names of those who refused to take bonds—the blue card individuals. The lists will make interesting reading, especially the slacker list.

As to Sale of Flour.

The order prohibiting the sale of flour in lots of less than 12 pounds has been suspended. Licensed dealers have been advised that they may market several sizes of packages weighing less than 12 pounds, with a 2-pound minimum.

THE SCENIC HIGHWAY

C. A. Pogue Company Pushing Construction Along as Fast as the Conditions Will Permit.

Highway Engineer James Gray Giving Close Attention to the Details of the Work.

In company with Engineer James Gray and Contractor C. A. Pogue the writer took a spin over that part of the Scenic highway which is now in course of construction between the Princeton village limits and the Boynton hill, and we were both surprised and gratified to see the progress which is being made. For a distance of two miles or more crews of men are cutting down inclines, filling in depressions, widening the highway and pushing work forward in readiness for the gravel surfacing.

At the Boynton hill a big steam shovel is in operation cutting down the banks on each side so as to bring the roadway to the required width. The "scratch crew," as it is called, is working about a mile this side of the Boynton hill. The duty of this crew is to follow in the wake of the steam shovel and bring the roadbed up to grade, widening the same where necessary by the filling in process. The Pogue company has another crew of men north of Milaca clearing brush—preparing for the advance of the "main army."

Work has been somewhat handicapped this week by rain, but if fair weather prevails we expect to see Mr. Pogue make a drive which will surpass that of General Byng's tank advance. At any rate let us give Mr. Pogue credit for the work he has so far accomplished.

Jas. Gray, the highway engineer, is also deserving of more than a modicum of praise for the close attention he is giving to the details of construction of the Scenic highway. Jim is making good.

In conclusion a word as to Camp Pogue is in order. Camp Pogue consists of 14 neat buildings. By neat we mean that the word applies to both the exterior and interior of buildings. The kitchen and dining room are scrupulously clean and the sleeping houses are neat and comfortable. Then there are storehouses, a blacksmith shop, large tent stables for the horses and various other buildings. All are kept in shipshape order. The camp has the appearance of a neatly kept little hamlet.

The houses are made in sections so that they can be moved in very short time. After a four-mile stretch of highway has been covered the camp will be advanced to a point most convenient for the workmen.

A crew of men and teams is at work on the state road south of us in Sherburne county, between Princeton and Zimmerman, and early in the fall it is confidently expected there will be one continuous stretch of completed good road between Zimmerman and Milaca. At last we are getting somewhere with road improvements.

Trunk-Elsner.

William Trunk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trunk of Baldwin, and Ellen Elsler, daughter of Mrs. A. Esler of Greenbush, were married at St. Edward's church on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. Father Willenbrink. The groomsmen was Real Robideau and the bridesmaid Miss Isabelle Elsler.

A gown of white georgette crepe was worn by the bride and she carried a bouquet of white roses, while the bridesmaid was dressed in green crepe du chene and carried pink and white carnations. A wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Creglow.

Mr. and Mrs. Trunk left on the morning train for a trip to Minneapolis, Duluth and Bemidji.

The Union extends congratulations and best wishes.

Rural Mail Carrier Examination.

A civil service examination to fill the position of rural mail carrier at Milaca and vacancies which may later occur at other postoffices in Mille Lacs county will be held at Princeton on May 11. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the office mentioned above or from the United States civil service commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

During the continuance of the pre-

ent war the commission will, in accordance with the request of the post-office department, admit women to rural carrier examinations upon the same conditions as men.

Irish Conscription.

There has long been a great sympathy with Ireland in the United States. That old sympathy, so often invoked and played upon by demagogues in congress eager to exploit it in votes, should not be misunderstood by men in Ireland who count upon American opposition to that conscription to which the Lloyd George government is committed.

The American attitude toward England and the English has radically changed. One with us in the last stand for freedom, fighting and enduring with a steady courage beyond praise, the English, like the French, the Scotch, the Welsh, the Irish not seduced by Sinn Feinism, the Canadians, the Australians, are our friends, our comrades, our brothers. Moreover, the pro-German and anti-American demonstrations of the Sinn Feiners, their insults to our sailors and our flag, have not made Americans any more partial to Irish slackers in Ireland.

Why should Irishmen in Ireland longer be allowed to shirk their just part in the war of free civilization? They owe service. They must pay it, as the misled malcontents of the Province of Quebec have to pay it, as the men of military age of isolated German communities in Wisconsin, for instance, have to pay it.

What is good enough for the United States is good enough for Ireland. Not here, of all places, will the Irishmen who will not do their duty find favor or support. It is another sort of Irishman that America loves, the Irishman of the British and Dominion armies, the man of Irish birth or descent in our own.—New York Times.

"Professor Pepp" at the Armory.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, the students of the high school will present the comedy, "Professor Pepp," by Walter Ben Hare, in three acts, at the armory. Following is the cast of characters:

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| Professor Pepp | Milton Nygren |
| C. B. Buttonbuster | Archie Genow |
| Howard Green | Jay Winsor |
| Sim Batty | Lloyd Saxon |
| Pedlar Benson | George Foltz |
| Noisy Fleming | George Angstrom |
| Bill Hatcher | Bill Casey |
| Buster Brown | Ralph Angstrom |
| Betty Gardner | Margaret Hofflander |
| Aunt Minerva | Ethel McMillan |
| Petunia Muggins | Mildred Howard |
| Oiga Stopski | Ruby Nygren |
| Kitty Clover | Winifred Bishop |
| Vivian Drew | Zella Prescott |
| Caroline Kay | Hazel Henschel |

A matinee for school children will be given on Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., to which an admission of 10 cents will be charged. Prices of admission for the evening presentation will be 35 and 25 cents. Tickets may be purchased from any of the students or at the high school office.

Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Orton celebrated their golden wedding at their home in this village on Friday evening, April 12. In the presence of about 40 relatives and friends Rev. James A. Geer of the Methodist church read the marriage ceremony and Mrs. Geer rendered appropriate vocal numbers. A huge wedding cake surrounded by 50 candles constituted the dining table centerpiece and the floral decorations were exquisite and artistically arranged. A very nice supper was served and Mr. and Mrs. Orton received a large number of valuable gifts.

Every Pacifist an Enemy.

Every pacifist is an enemy to the country and an enemy to the boys at the front. Every one who advocates a negotiated peace is giving aid and comfort to our foes. A peace that would leave unsettled the vital issues of the war would be a mere armistice. Within a couple of decades the world would be plunged into a still bloodier war and our children would be driven to finish the struggle for freedom which, in our cowardice, we left incomplete.

Should a pacifist approach you and endeavor to interest you in his doctrine punch him in the nose and kick him into the street.

War Garden Campaign.

The first of a series of meetings to encourage the planting of war gardens will be held in the armory next Monday evening. At that time Professor T. A. Erickson of the university farm, state leader of boys' and girls' club work and a specialist in gardening, will address the assemblage.

Verne Steward, county agent, will also give a talk on what to grow, and local speakers will probably take part in the program. Musical numbers will be rendered.

All persons who have garden plots are urged to attend this meeting.

AN INCESSANT GRIND

Vast Quantities of Potatoes Are Daily Utilized at Factory in Starch-Making Process.

From March 26 to April 13 1,339 Tons of Potatoes Are Received at the Plant.

With an incessant grind of the ponderous machinery at Princeton's big starch factory and the continuous operation of the drying kilns, great quantities of potatoes are daily going through the various stages of manufacture and being converted into the finished product. The factory is a virtual beehive of activity, there being no cessation of operation by day or night for seven days in the week.

To give an idea of the magnitude of the factory's business the following figures furnished by Manager Sampson will prove of interest:

From March 26—the day upon which the factory opened for business—to Saturday, April 13, a total of 1,339 tons of potatoes had been received. At 60 cents per cwt. this means that the sum of \$16,068 was paid in cash to farmers for that period of time, and this for potatoes the greatest part of which would have practically gone to waste.

On April 13 there were 235 tons of potatoes in the factory pit and 317 tons stored at various places in the village. Upon the same date the storehouse contained 56 tons of sacked starch while the vats and drying rooms contained 36 tons more.

In consequence of car shortage Mr. Sampson has been unable to ship any of the finished product but the Great Northern has promised a couple of cars within a few days.

This week machinery is being installed for the manufacture of potato flour—an expert is engaged in setting up the mill. On Tuesday 5,000 paper linings for potato flour sacks were received, the express charges upon which from New York exceeded \$100. Potato flour is so fine that it cannot be shipped in sacks unless they are lined.

Potatoes are still coming in at a lively rate and Mr. Sampson is daily receiving letters from growers at outside points who are anxious to ship their potatoes to the factory. However shipments will not be received until the supply of potatoes in this territory is exhausted.

The installation of machinery for the manufacture of desiccated potatoes is contemplated, but this will probably be postponed until next fall.

Rare Opportunity for Mechanics, Etc.

General Pershing needs 12,000 men who are skilled in the mechanical arts and the professions, and he needs them without delay.

Now an opportunity is offered to men (contained in a long list issued by the war department) to volunteer their services for the various branches enumerated. This list, which may be seen at the office of the local registration board, covers more than 70 distinct occupations.

To enter under this call men must list their names with the local board not later than April 27.

Those who take advantage of this offer will receive material personal benefit which will aid them in advancement both in army career and in after life.

Men who volunteer for this service must be within the draft age.

The above announcement is official.

Senator Benson at Milaca.

Senator Henry N. Benson of St. Peter was in town for a brief time on Sunday on his way to Milaca, where he delivered a speech on behalf of the Liberty loan to an audience that crowded the largest church in that village. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Finam brought Mr. Benson over from Elk River in their auto, and from here the senator was conveyed to Milaca by Mr. J. A. Allen. After the meeting at Milaca Mr. C. H. Hammarberg motored across to St. Cloud with Senator Benson.

Senator Benson is one of those pleasant-mannered, square-dealing men whom it is a pleasure to know. He has represented his district ably in the senate for the past eight years and will probably be re-elected this fall. He certainly ought to be.

Keep All Highways Open.

It is urged by the highway transport commission of national defense that all highways be kept clear for travel every day of the year. The commission, in its request, says that interruption of travel has struck serious blows at the nation's war preparations and that it is an obligation upon every citizen to see that highways are kept open at all times.