

## MEDINA WILL HONOR HER SOLDIER DEAD

### MEMORIAL DAY NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 30

#### World War Veterans an Addition To Depleted Ranks of the G. A. R.

Next Friday, May 30, is Memorial day and Medina village and county will pay homage to those who have given their lives for their country. This year a much deeper significance will be attached to the ceremonies attendant upon this occasion, for Medina like a great many other towns has felt the bitterness and shared in the sadness of those who lost sons or relatives in the world war.

In the order of procession this year a new organization will be seen—the World War Veterans—and as time rolls on these will replace the fast thinning ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Appropriate exercises will be held for those boys who lie buried "over there," and an effort will be made to have a large gathering of returned soldiers in the line of march.

The parade will assemble on the south side of the public square, and be ready to march under the direction of the Officer of the Day, at 1 o'clock sharp, and in the following order:

#### Order of Procession

Officer of the Day, Capt. S. S. Oatman and aides.

Medina band.

H. G. Blake post and all old soldiers and sailors.

Spanish-American war veterans.

World war veterans.

Medina Troop of Boy Scouts.

Medina Troop of Girl Scouts.

Medina public schools.

Ingham's Martial band.

Citizens' battalion.

Members of Woman's Relief Corps in Conveyances.

(All old soldiers and sailors and members of the Relief corps will desire conveyances will assemble on the east side of the public square, or if it is desired that conveyances be sent to home, kindly notify A. E. Young, chairman of the committee, in advance.)

Procession will march to Spring Grove cemetery.

#### At the Cemetery

Decoration of soldiers' graves by the school children under direction of committee on decoration of soldiers' graves.

"Star Spangled Banner" by band.

Raising of the flag—By Boy Scouts' Color guard.

Reading of Lincoln's "Gettysburg" speech.

G. A. R. memorial services.

Firing squad—high school.

Monument to be decorated in honor of soldiers buried elsewhere by representatives of the public schools and citizens.

Bugle—"Taps" by Bugler William Mader.

Procession to reform and return to public square.

#### At the Square

Music by the band.

Song.

Prayer by Chaplain.

Song.

Introduction of speaker by the president of the day.

Memorial address by Rev. W. J. Drew.

Song.

Benediction.

Music by band.

#### Officers and Committees

President of the day—Elliott McDougall.

Wife presidents—Asa Ingraham, W. C. Smith, Lieut. John Moore.

Chaplain—Rev. R. K. Calk.

Speaker of the day—Rev. W. J. Drew.

Officer of the day (for life)—Capt. S. S. Oatman.

Aides—A. E. Young, A. O. Shaffer, W. J. Anderson, E. F. Letterly, Dr. W. F. Wise, A. G. Baish, R. Hoff, Chas. Eaken, A. S. Canfield, Arthur Nixon, A. S. Canfield, Wm. Beck, Eddie Bartholomay, Sherman Hoff, Frank H. Brought and Lawrence Ryan.

Ladies' aides—Mrs. W. F. Wise, Mrs. Chas. Eaken, Mrs. Wm. Anzman, Edith Eaken, Emma Ballash, Marie Hurlibus, Nita Johnson, Irene Eaken and Mrs. E. L. Dickenson.

G. A. R. committee on arrangements—L. R. Mann, Perry Cannon, S. S. Oatman.

Permanent Citizens' committee on arrangements—Arthur Van Epp, A. E. Young, Blake McDowell, N. H. McClure, W. B. Baldwin.

Committee on Soldiers of World War—Lieut. Carl Lowe, Charles Griesinger, Edward Kennan.

Committee on Finance—F. L. Harding, P. C. Bigelow, D. C. Shepard.

Committee on decorations—S. H. Brainard, H. Y. Zeigler, F. E. Stine, Leland Longacre, Raymond Bennett, C. B. Lowe, Ford Cannon, Harold Borger.

Committee on vocal music—Louis Best, Marshall Bryant.

Committee on instrumental music—H. H. Fretter.

Committee on streets and conveyances—A. E. Young, Blake McDowell, A. F. Hange.

Committee on stands and seating—Paul Anderson.

Committee on Printing and programs—W. B. Baldwin, Perry Cannon.

Committee on citizens' battalion—

## ELBERT'S TOO SMART FOR CITY "SHARPER"

The above caption the Cleveland station Tuesday carried the following article:

"Confidence" men were in central station Monday morning when they had picked a different victim.

The man acquainted with Frank Aldrich, farmer of Spencer, O., Saturday, through the medium of a "lost" pocketbook, which Aldrich picked up near the postoffice. As a reward for Aldrich's act, they offered to let him in on a business proposition calling for an investment of \$10,000.

Aldrich appeared interested; in fact, was so interested that when he met the men that evening to sign the contract, he took with him Detectives Oliver and Simpson. The men were held on charges of suspicion.

## WILL ORGANIZE CHILD CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Mrs. S. M. Conley, field organizer of the Child Conservation League of America is here forming the mothers of Medina into a local circle for the study and betterment of child life. During the past six years this league has been extended over many states and its work has ramified into many ways of usefulness unthought of by its projectors. The original purpose was to furnish the mother with help and training looking towards the moral development of the child, but as progress was made many things of practical benefit to community life were added by local circles. Nurses have been employed by circles in some cities to visit the homes of the poor and give instruction to the mothers on sanitation, the care of their children, the making of their clothes, proper cooking, etc. In others there have been "baby weeks" with lectures to mothers by physicians and professors from colleges. The league now endeavors to furnish not only help in the moral training of children, but devotes attention to vocational training, indoor and outdoor games and pastimes, civics, social betterment, health and everything that looks toward a high citizenship. Dr. Winfield Scott Hall of Northwestern University Medical school, Chicago, Illinois, is the national president, and twenty-five of the leading men and women of America are on the advisory board.

Mrs. Conley comes here from Berea where she spent two weeks organizing a circle with forty members.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS HOLD CONVENTION IN MEDINA

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Summit, Wayne, Medina Counties in Group

The eighth annual group convention of King's Daughters, composed of the circles of Medina, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Summit and Wayne counties, will be held in the Congregational church at Medina, Wednesday, May 28th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

(Circles from Litchfield, Weymouth and Chippewa Lake have made plans to be represented at this convention, as will the various circles of the village. A large number of delegates from each of the other five counties is also expected.)

Mrs. Sarah F. Gugle, state president, will be the guest of honor and will contribute several interesting talks. The program to be given follows:

Morning session, 10:00 o'clock—Hymn; devotionals, Wayne county; "Glad You Have Come," Mrs. Irving Somers; "Glad to be Here," Ashtabula county; minutes of Ashtabula meeting; music; roll call; circle reports; talk, Mrs. Sara F. Gugle, Columbus, O.

At the conclusion of this talk luncheon will be served.

Afternoon session 1:30 o'clock—Hymn; devotionals, Lorain county; "What We As Members Owe to the Order," Miss Zona Scott, Cleveland; solo, Mrs. Etta Musser Bigelow; "Womanhood," Mrs. Norman Clark; question box; State Work, Mrs. Sara F. Gugle; solo, Mrs. Bigelow; round table, Standard of Service: (1) Spiritual Efficiency, Mrs. A. D. Aylard; (2) Efficiency in Leaders, Mrs. John Ashbury, Cleveland; consecration service and quiet hour, Mrs. Sara F. Gugle; Mispahl.

## OAT PLANTING IS GREATLY DELAYED

The repeated rains have greatly delayed oat planting, and have already put this part of the spring work behind the season.

The farmers were getting under headway Monday after two days of nice weather when more rain came to delay their planting. Tuesday night a downpour bordering on a deluge visited this section, washing the ground in great shape.

As the corn planting season is now here many farmers will seed to this crop, which will produce a short harvest of oats.

Local gardeners who have in years past, had peas, etc. by this time are sitting tight waiting for nice weather before planting, many of the gardens having not been plowed yet.

## D. S. Longacre, N. O. Fuller, Geo. Washburn, Walter Fenton

Committee on closing of business places—Hobart Edwards, W. E. Sinker, D. R. Polton

Committee on schools—Supt. W. E. Conkle, A. C. Kennedy

Committee on decoration of soldiers' graves—C. B. Lowe, E. E. Hart

## SENTENCED TO YEAR OVER A HALF IN REFORMATORY

### ELBERT BLAKESLEE PLEADS GUILTY TO LARCENY

#### Sam Arrego Gets Verdict of Not Guilty After Two Day Court Session

Elbert Blakeslee of Medina, who was indicted for larceny by the last grand jury and who entered a plea of not guilty on Feb. 4, changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced last Saturday to serve a year in the Mansfield reformatory and pay the costs of prosecution.

Blakeslee appropriated a \$50 Liberty bond, the property of his sister, Lucille Blakeslee, on Jan. 22, 1918. He left town and went south, but later returned to Medina.

After his indictment by the grand jury Blakeslee entered a plea of not guilty and was released on bail. When arraigned Saturday Blakeslee changed his plea of "not guilty" to guilty and received the penalty as stated above.

As soon as the necessary papers are made out Sheriff Bigelow will take Blakeslee to Mansfield to begin his sentence.

## FAIR BOARD MEMBERS MET ON SATURDAY

### Some Changes Made in Regard To Certain Entries.

The Medina County Agricultural Association met on Saturday afternoon in the town hall and ironed out several problems relative to the coming fair.

It was decided that no entrance fees would be charged for horses entering the races, but ten per cent would be collected from the winners. This change has been made to encourage a larger field for the races, and is expected to prove quite an incentive to horsemen to enter their steeds.

The track has been plowed up and is being put in first class condition for driving and when all the improvements are made, will be one of the very best half mile race courses in Ohio.

The dining hall will be abandoned for restaurant purposes and fitted up for school exhibits. The restaurant feature has never proved a success for the association. Hereafter the privilege men will be allowed to serve the meals, if any are served, along with the lunch privilege.

Arrangements were made to issue regular membership tickets which would entitle the holder to vote at the annual election and enter exhibits at the fair.

It was the opinion of the board that the fair this year, which will be held September 9, 10, and 11, should be made a winner and a thousand dollars net be made toward paying off the debt now owed by the association.

## STEALS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Andy Michols, whose home is at Turkeyfoot Lake, near Akron, stole about \$100 in cash from the home of Charles Leiby, who resides near the Summit county line in this county last Saturday.

Michols, who is about 18 years of age, formerly worked for Leiby, and in company with another young man whose name is unknown, visited Mr. Leiby and family on Saturday. After their departure a pocket book containing about \$100 was missing. Sheriff Bigelow and the Summit county authorities were notified and the lad was traced to the home of a sister in Akron. When the officers arrived there, however, Michols had made his departure and he has not been located.

Michols recently served a sentence in the Mansfield reformatory.

## RELEASED ON BOND

Elbert Johnson, of Granger, who was bound over to the grand jury three weeks ago charged with malicious destruction of a neighbor's fruit trees, was released from jail this week on \$1,000 bond.

At his hearing held in Justice of Peace Ainsworth's court Johnson claimed that marks on a knife found in his possession were caused by pruning of his own trees.

This week Sheriff Bigelow, accompanied by Johnson, went to the latter's home in Granger, but Johnson was unable to show any trees which bore fresh knife marks.

Monday A. R. Spellman and S. Bowman, also of Granger, signed Johnson's bond and he was released from jail.

## WILL BE SPENT ON COUNTY ROAD WORK

### Of This Sum State Will Spend Approximately Twenty Per Cent

Medina county's road construction program for 1918 calls for an expenditure of approximately \$600,000 for road work. Of this amount the state will pay \$110,000 or about 20 per cent, which is stated to be a very liberal percentage.

The roads upon which the greater portion of this amount will be spent are as follows:

Cleveland-Wooster road in Brumswick township, length to be built 4.73 miles; Barberton-Greenwich road, Westfield township, 30 miles; Cleveland-Hinckley-Medina road, Hinckley township, 1.49 miles; Wooster-Elyria road, Chatham, 2.56 miles; another strip in the same township and the same length, 2.56 miles, will also be built; Wooster-Elyria road, Litchfield township, 1.02 miles; Akron-Medina road, Medina, Montville, Sharon and Granger townships, 6 miles, and Liverpool-Richfield road in Liverpool township, 2 miles. The total number of miles of new road to be built figures up 20.66.

In building the above named roads the state will contribute approximately \$81,000; the county \$225,000; the townships \$138,000, and the property owners \$85,000.

In the maintenance program the county will spend approximately \$40,000, while the states comes in for an additional \$29,500 on this work.

These figures added up give one the staggering sum of over a half million dollars which will be spent in building 20.66 miles of new road, while an additional \$70,000 will be spent for maintenance and repair of other county roadways.

## BOY SCOUT WEEK TO BE OBSERVED JUNE 8-14

### County Chairman D. W. Pearce After 272 New Members

In explaining the details of Boy Scout week to be observed here June 8 to 14 D. W. Pearce, chairman for Medina county today said:

"We have six objectives, namely: to recognize the value of the Boy Scout movement and especially the achievements of the Boy Scouts nationally and locally during the war; to bring to the attention of the citizenship of each community the vital facts with reference to its boyhood; to interest churches, schools and other organizations which have a point of contact with boy life, so that there will be organized wherever possible, troops of Boy Scouts; to give returning soldiers opportunities to further serve their country by acting as scoutmasters; to enroll as associate members those who believe in the Boy Scouts and are willing to help to have it extended to more boys by paying one dollar or more for membership; to raise funds for the maintenance of first class councils of scouts.

"Mr. F. B. Pearson, state superintendent of public instruction, is chairman of the Ohio committee in charge of the Boy Scout movement; other members being Governor James M. Cox, Senator Warren G. Harding, James W. Faulkner and H. W. Pearson.

"The local organization will comprise committees on finance, publicity, demonstrations, programs, extension and survey. State Chairman Pearson expressed the desire that this community reach its quota of associate members as quickly as possible. This county's quota is 272."

## DEATH CAR DRIVER SUED FOR \$50,000

Esther M. Troster, widow of John Troster, formerly of Litchfield township, this county filed suit for \$50,000 last week in common pleas court at Akron against Sidney Strauss, who ran down and killed her husband on the night of March 27.

Strauss is now in the Summit county jail serving a six-months term for manslaughter. At the time he was sentenced, he was ordered by the court to pay \$1,000 to Mrs. Troster.

Mrs. Troster states that Strauss was going at the rate of 40 to 60 miles an hour when he hit John Troster, and that he drove away at 55 or 60 miles an hour. She says her husband was dragged 175 to 200 feet.

After hitting Troster with the Stutz car he was driving, Strauss went by a circuitous route to Turkeyfoot Lake where his parents own a cottage, and left the car in a friend's garage. Strauss gave himself up to the police the following morning.

## WILL HOLD G. A. R. SERVICE

The annual G. A. R. service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The sermon subject this year will be "Men Who Have Hazarded Their Lives for Christ."

Besides the G. A. R. veterans, Spanish-American and World War Veterans are also especially invited to these services. An attempt will be made to have the Medina Home Guards attend in a body.

## STATE RESTS CASE IN BIGHAM MURDER TRIAL

The jury selected late Thursday of last week at Tiffin, for the third trial of Walter O. Bigham, charged with wife murder, went to Attica Friday to view the scene of the alleged crime.

It was accompanied by the defendant, Prosecutor Spitzer and Frank T. Dore, attorney for the defense.

Nine days were consumed in securing the jury and the twelfth man was permanently seated in the box only after 332 talismen had been examined. Immediately after the jury had been sworn the defense made a motion for a change of venue. It was overruled by Judge Duncan.

In his opening statement, Prosecutor Spitzer detailed the circumstances surrounding the finding of the body of Mrs. Mary Bigham, wife of Walter O. Bigham. Mrs. Bigham was formerly Miss Mary J. Fulks, of Spencer, Medina county.

The body was discovered on the kitchen floor of the Bigham home, Attica, Aug. 23, 1917. A dagger was sticking in the heart.

The prosecutor said that Bigham, in the presence of others, was kind to his wife, but that when they were alone he was brutal toward her, that he associated with other women and that he used improper language in his wife's presence, she was of a deeply religious nature.

He ridiculed the suicide theory of the defense.

Dorn, speaking for the defense, laid stress upon the good reputation borne by Bigham before the murder. He said he would show a motive on the part of Mrs. Bigham for suicide.

Saturday efforts were made by the state to prove that Bigham had liaisons with other women. A former bookkeeper testified that Bigham had directed her to turn over to him personally all letters in women's handwriting that his wife might not see them. This witness did not testify at the two previous trials.

On Monday the defense attempted to show that Mrs. Bigham had been indiscreet and that her husband learned of her indiscretions only a few hours before her death, claiming this as a reason for suicide.

Thursday morning the state introduced wrestling experts in an effort to show the various holds which will cause strangulation and announced that they would rest their case in the afternoon.

It is expected that the trial will be finished before Memorial day.

## J. H. INGRAHAM DIES OF APOPLEXY

### Was Prominent Retired Business Man of Spencer.

J. H. Ingraham, an old and highly respected citizen of Spencer died at his home in that village Wednesday evening of this week, following a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Ingraham was 58 years of age, and was born and raised in the township where he died. He was a son of Nathaniel Ingraham and wife. Mr. Ingraham had been attending a class play and was on his way home when stricken with the disease which caused his death.

Deceased until a year ago was proprietor of the firm which now bears the name of the Spencer Equity and Exchange Co.

Four children, two sons and two daughters—Harvey and Marvin and Mrs. John Sharp and Mrs. J. Rogers are left to mourn his loss.

Funeral services will be held from the Baptist church at Spencer on Saturday, May 24, at 2 p. m.

## LOCAL CHURCH WILL MAKE QUOTA EASILY

Solicitors have been hard at work this week securing pledges in the Christian reconstruction movement of the local M. E. church. The drive started Sunday and runs but one week. The local church has a quota of \$16,525, over \$13,000 of which had been pledged Wednesday.

Methodism is raising \$15,000,000 in a period of five years, of which the amount stated above is Medina's share.

Chatham has subscribed 81% of her quota on Wednesday, while Sharon Center was close behind with 79% pledged.

## MEDINA COUNTY HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE

A \$10,000 granite shaft, 30 feet high and 6 feet square at the base, will be erected to the Ohio county that attains the largest percentage of its quota from June 1 to Aug. 21 in the sale of war savings stamps.

Like the pyramids of Egypt it will stand a lasting memorial to the soldiers and sailors of the world war, also to the generous service of the W. S. S. workers who have made it possible for the county to obtain the monument which is to be given by the granite manufacturers' association of Barre, Vt.

## SEVILLE MEN BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

Floyd Steel and William Miller, Seville men who were arrested three weeks ago on warrants charging them with the theft of ten chickens from E. J. Bell, also of Seville, were granted a hearing before Justice of Peace Cannon on Friday, and were bound over to the grand jury.

Bail was fixed in the sum of \$500 in each case, which was furnished by relatives of the accused men.

## CHAUTAQUA WILL BE HELD AUG. 14-20

### ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS ARE ANNOUNCED

#### Capt. Bewsher To Tell of Night Raid by Plane Beyond German Lines

This season's Chautauqua program will be a week of headliners. Recently it was announced that "The Melting Pot," Kryll's orchestral sextet, Lou J. Beauchamp, the Weber male quartet, Katherine Ridgeway, Frank L. Mulholland, the Althea violin chorus and other star attractions would be heard here this summer. Now, with the return from Europe of Manager W. V. Harrison of the Red-path company, comes the further good news that Capt. Paul Bewsher, English air pilot and night bomber, Sibly Sammis-MacDermid, dramatic soprano, and Elizabeth M. Walsh, overseas Red Cross heroine, are included in the 1918 program.

One of the features of Capt. Bewsher's talk is a graphic picture of a night raid beyond the German lines in a Handley-Page aeroplane. He carries his audience with him through a maelstrom of fire and flame as he escapes homeward after dropping a series of powerful anti-Hun bombs. Capt. Bewsher has been awarded the distinguished service cross. His career as a combatant airman ended in an accident nine miles out to sea, off Ostend. His pilot was drowned but Bewsher experienced a miraculous escape.

Sibly Sammis-MacDermid is an American singer whose popularity is not confined to her native land. Throughout this country and Europe she has won the plaudits of those who enjoy a combination of happy personality, dramatic voice, and—quite important—a feminine intuition for perfect gowning. She is a warm favorite particularly in the west, where she has toured so frequently, and at least part of this popularity may be attributed to the fact that she believes that when English is sung it should be pronounced distinctly.

Miss Walsh, the Red Cross girl who coming, went overseas with a Harvard unit in May, 1917. She was assigned to the British government and as a nurse received wounded soldiers as they came in from the western front. For six months she was on duty with No. 6 mobile hospital on the American front following the advancing troops as near as five miles behind the fighting line.

According to present plans Chautauqua week will be Aug. 14-20. Program plans will be completed within a few days, and the first advance representative is expected about July 17.

## SHERIFF BIGELOW FINDS MAN DEAD

Sheriff Bigelow received a telephone message Wednesday morning from a train crew on the B. & O., stating that they had seen a man lying along the highway between Erhart and Lester apparently dead.

The sheriff rushed to the location given him in the message and found one, Tom Shane, whose condition but partly filled the train crew's description, as he was dead drunk.

Shane was taken into custody and appeared before the mayor where he pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness and was fined \$5 and costs, \$9.23 in all.

## THOMAS FERRIMAN'S WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

The will of Thomas Ferriman, filed for probate this week, bequeaths nearly the entire estate to the widow, Mary Ferriman, and requests that the clothing firm in which deceased was interested be continued as heretofore. In case the executrix at any time deems the sale necessary provision is made whereby the stock and merchandise may be sold, the proceeds to go into a trust fund.

The will was drawn January 10, 1916 and names the widow as executrix with the request that no inventory or appraisement be made.

## MEDINA TEACHERS ON W. S. S. HONOR ROLL

More than 1,000 Ohio school teachers are on the War Savings Stamp Honor Roll, among whom Medina county is represented. When a school room has sold stamps to the extent of \$20 per pupil enrolled it is placed on the War Savings Stamp honor roll.

The teacher of an honor roll room is presented with a bar pin bearing the words, "Patriotic Service." The gift is an indication of the government's appreciation of efforts to help meet war expenses and inculcate habits of saving.

Medina county is represented on the War Savings Stamp honor roll by the following teachers: Clara S. Wheatley, Pearl E. Drake, Lena Johnson, Edna B. Lowe.

## THEY NEVER GET TOO OLD

Geo. Switzer, aged 73, of Homer-ville and Mrs. Belle Russell, aged 50, of the same place, appeared at the probate judge's office Wednesday morning and procured a marriage license.

After obtaining the necessary paper the couple proceeded to Mayor Dimmock's home where they were united in marriage.

Mr. Switzer is a veteran of the Civil war and his youthful appearance will shame many younger men.