

The True Northerner.

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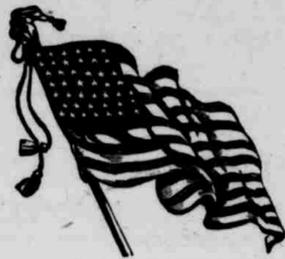
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OUR FLAG
"Liberty and Union, Now and For-
ever, One and Inseparable."

DID THE MEN'S LEAGUE MAKE A MISTAKE?

Nothing within a decade at least in the quiet community of Paw Paw has caused as much excitement and comment as the annual school meeting last Monday night. The feature of the meeting under controversy during the week has been the activity of the Men's League, and the propriety of such activity in a campaign by a church organization. No one questions the right and duty of every individual in the League or out of it to be interested in matters pertaining to the administration of school affairs. It is a fine thing to see the school room packed at an annual school meeting. This is just as it should be. No one questions the integrity and ability of the men selected and elected by the Men's League as members of the school board. Both are fine gentlemen and representative business men. They should and undoubtedly will give liberally their time and talents to this important office as their predecessors have done and be valuable men on the board. All this is universally conceded. The point under discussion among some members of the League and the school district in general is the propriety of the Men's League or any other organization which is an adjunct or auxiliary to the churches making an organized campaign in the interest of any candidate for any office at any time and what effect it will have on the good offices of the society in the future. This is the point that is being freely discussed by members of the League who were opposed to such activity or "mixing" as they term it as an organization. Some of the members of the committee appointed to make the canvass of the district in the interest of the Men's League candidates declined to act and other prominent members of the League freely express their opinion that the Organization made a mistake.

The Men's League is composed of many of the best citizens in the community. It started in with a large membership, and the very best of feeling. It is a splendid organization, and as an auxiliary of the church should be a power for good in the community. If the participation in the campaign for trustee of the school board as an organization has caused dissensions in its ranks; if it has caused a feeling that shall result in a division along the lines of the League, vs. Anti League, or Church vs. Anti Church, or if its influence in the community and assistance to the churches in the future has been lessened it is to be regretted. Such an organization has a place in any community. It should be governed and controlled however, by wise minds and cool heads. Vindictiveness or spite should have no place in the organization either collectively or individually. Its duties and provinces should be clearly defined, and as an organization it should hew to the line.

There has been a considerable increase in the amount of money paid into the treasury of Van Buren county since a special deputy to look after auto speeders has been on the job. From January 1st, up to June 7th, the county treasurer received from fines the sum of \$275. From June 7th, up to July 10th, the amount received was \$841. There is just one regrettable feature about the crusade against auto speeding prosecutions, and that is, the money collected from fees cannot be used for the further improvement of the public highways. The constitution of the state of Michigan provides that fines collected can be used for one purpose and only one, and that is, school library purposes. An attempt was made during the last session of the legislature to provide for this contingency, and use money collected for automobile speeding violations on the highways, but such a law would be unconstitutional, and until such a time as the state constitution is amended, this money must go with all other fines to swell the library fund of the county.

The time is not far distant when girls and women in this country will quite largely take the places of men in all the industrial activities of the land, the same as they are now doing in Europe. Many factories are already beginning to feel the labor shortage on account of war demands. The Hancock manufacturing company of Charlotte is now employing twenty girls and women to take the place of men who have been called to the colors. At St. Johns fourteen women are employed in places heretofore occupied by men in the Hayes Motor Truck Wheel company. As the war continues, it will be absolutely necessary for girls and women to take the places of men in all walks of life that business of all kinds may be carried on as usual.

NOT AN ENVIABLE POSITION.

The county and district Draft Boards hold positions that are certainly not enviable ones to say the least. There will be many applications for exemptions after the draft is made, and it will be up to these Boards to say whether or not such applicants are entitled to exemption under the rules and regulations laid down by the President and the War department. All kinds of influence will be brought to bear in many instances, but the exemption boards must hew close to the line. They have a most important and grave duty to perform, and must not be swayed by personal, mercenary or political influence. They must turn a deaf ear to entreaties of friends, and tighten their heart strings against the softening and yielding influence of a mother's tears. It is duty now, and the man who cannot perform this duty strictly and impartially has no place on the exemption board. They must lay all feeling and friendship aside and be governed strictly by the rules and regulations established by the President. The following will be exempt under the regulations of President Wilson, and it will be useless for those not covered by these regulations to make application for exemption.

Officers of the United States and of the several states. Regularly ordained ministers and students of divinity, preparing for the ministry May 18th, 1917.

Persons already in the armed forces of the United States.

Alien enemies and all other aliens who have not taken out their first papers.

County and municipal officers and customs house clerks. Persons employed in transmission of United States mails.

Workmen in armories, gun factories, arsenals and navy yards.

Steamship pilots and mariners actually employed.

The following classes who are the whole support of dependent relatives: (a) Son of a widow; (b) Father of a motherless child or children under 16; (c) Brother of orphan child or children under 16.

Members of well organized religious sects, organized or existing May 18th, 1917, whose creed forbids its members to participate in war.

Moral deficients. This class includes criminals.

The village of Lawrence is to be congratulated in its effort to raise the sum of \$1,000 to swell the Troop "A" company fund. Some criticism has been offered, and remarks have been made to the effect that it was entirely unnecessary, "No such fund was provided for the boys of '61" some one said. What was done in '61 should be no criterion for the present, and the organized effort of the citizens of Lawrence in swelling the fund of this company in which a total of seventeen Lawrence boys are enlisted is mighty loyal and patriotic, and highly commendable. The company fund is formed by money saved from the ration account, and by donation. It is divided into several distinct funds, and can be used only for such purposes as seem necessary for the care and comfort of the soldiers. Its existence is provided by army regulations, and there is absolutely no chance for a single cent of the money raised to be squandered or stolen. The officers of the unit form the company council which has entire supervision of the fund. Strict account is made of every cent, and the books are frequently audited by army officers appointed by the government for that purpose. Troop "A" fund will provide additional comfort and care for the sick and wounded boys of the company, and certainly no one with any heart at all will object to that.

About time now to commence to boost for the Chautauqua. The management assures us that the program this year will be the best ever provided for us, and we must make it at least as great a success as any previous one has been. Conditions are a little different this year, and fears have been entertained that it could not be made a success. The True Northerner does not think so. We must not let it be so. Of course we are at war, and must make contributions when asked for war purposes. But all business must go on as usual, and if business goes on as usual, recreation, entertainment and pleasure must all alike receive united attention. Let every one who has enjoyed the chautauquas in the past, commence now to talk chautauqua and boost for it. The backing of the community is what it needs. Let no one overlook a single opportunity to do their "bit" in making the chautauqua the success the movement merits.

Van Buren county has reason to feel very proud of Senator Burrell Tripp of Allegan county. When the "drive" for Red Cross funds started in South Haven, the Senator started the list with a subscription of \$300. He did this in addition to a subscription of \$250 in his own county. This, so far as the writer is informed is the largest single subscription made in this county.

WOMEN'S NERVES

Women, more than men, have excitable nerves, because tiring work and physical strain tax their more delicate nervous systems and bring premature age and chronic weakness—unless treated intelligently.

Drug-laden pills and alcoholic concoctions cannot build up a woman's strength, but the concentrated medicinal food properties in

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build strength from its very source and are helping thousands of women to gain control of their nerve power—overcome tiredness, nervousness, impatience and irritability.

SCOTT'S is a liquid-food—free from alcohol.

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF RED CROSS ARE ANNOUNCED.

In compliance with instructions of the Board of Directors of the Van Buren county Chapter of the Red Cross, Judge David Anderson, county chairman, announces the following standing committees:—

FINANCE COMMITTEE

E. S. Dyckman, So. Haven, Chairman
C. B. Charles, Bangor
E. J. Kirby, Covert.

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

W. R. Sellick, Paw Paw, Chairman
A. H. Campbell, Mattawan.
Frank Stapleton, Decatur.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Mr. Harris, Lawrence, Chairman
Warren Clark, Hartford.
Nathan Simpson, Jr., Keeler.

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK

Almena, Miss Stella Miller

Address Paw Paw

Antwerp, Miss Stella Lawton

Address, Lawton.

Bangor, Mrs. Dr. Giffin

Address, Bangor.

Bloomington No. 1, Mrs. Dr. Ransom

Address, Bloomingdale.

Bloomington No. 2, Mrs. Dr. Bennett

Address, Gobleville.

Columbia, Mrs. J. W. Baughman

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Covert, Mrs. F. F. Thompson

Address, Covert.

Decatur, Mrs. Lena Stapleton

Address, Decatur.

Geneva, Mrs. L. G. Kent

Address, Kibbie.

Hamilton, Mrs. Riley Zimmerman

Address, Decatur.

Hartford, Mrs. George Chamberlain

Address, Hartford

Keeler, Mrs. Nathan Simpson, Jr.

Address, Hartford.

Lawrence, Miss Grace Barnes

Address Lawrence.

Paw Paw, Mrs. W. F. Hoyt

Address, Paw Paw.

Pine Grove, Mrs. C. M. Kingsley

Address, Kendall.

Porter, Mrs. Grace Mohnney

Address, Lawton.

South Haven (Twp), Mrs. Ben Green

Address South Haven

So. Haven 1st W., Mrs. S. H. Wilson

Address South Haven.

So. Haven 2nd W., Mrs. J. E. Durkee

Address South Haven.

So. Haven 3rd W., Mrs. E. S. Dyckman

* Address, South Haven.

Waverly, Mrs. C. A. Warner

Address, Paw Paw.

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Can you doubt the evidence of this Paw Paw citizen? You can verify Paw Paw endorsement. Read this. C. S. Clark, S. Gremps St., Paw Paw, says: "I had a lame back and could hardly do any work that required stooping or lifting. My limbs and joints ached from rheumatic twinges. My kidneys acted too frequently, especially at night and were in bad condition. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from Longwell Bros. Drug store, and they promptly regulated the action of my kidneys. The lameness and pain in my back left me."

Price 50 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Clark used. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

VILLAGE TAXES DUE.

I will be at the Paw Paw Savings bank on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week for the collection of village taxes. Taxes must be paid before August 1st.

E. DICKERHOOF,
Village Treasurer.

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CENTENNIAL M. E. CHURCH

A. O. Carman, Pastor.
Sunday school10:00 A. M.
Morning service11:00 A. M.
Morning subject: "The Characteristics of a Good Church Member."
Epworth League6:30 P. M.
Union service at the Methodist church at 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. H. Heaton will preach.
Mrs. Lyle Sherrod and children re-Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

ALMENA.
Sunday school1:00 P. M.
Preaching service2:15 P. M.

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closes, entitles you to votes.

W. J. Warner