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Alma Home Building Co.

Opp. First State Bank
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LET EVERYONE

In the

FAMILY

**SAVE
A Few
PENNIES
Every Week**

and be sure to have

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let each one from the oldest to the youngest be enrolled in our

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

It is the easiest and surest way to save

Every one will be delighted to get a generous check for Christmas, just when the money will do the most good.

Come in and made a deposit. That is all you have to do. Become a member.

Alma State Savings Bank

"The Bank in the Heart of the City."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Red Cross Seals for sale at this office.

Episcopal bazaar at the church Guild room, December 14th.—Ad.

Frank McConkey was in Riverdale on business Monday for G. V. Wright. Dewitt Vought transacted business in Ithaca on Wednesday of this week.

G. V. Wright transacted business in Grand Rapids on Monday of this week.

Charles O. Ward transacted business in Owosso on Monday of this week.

Dr. T. J. Carney visited with his brother in Durand Tuesday night and Wednesday.

W. S. Proud transacted business in Lansing and Charlotte the fore part of the week.

E. H. Doane left Tuesday for Creek, Clark county, Mississippi, on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Rhodes were Grand Rapids visitors on Monday of this week.

G. V. Wright can tell you how you can earn a fifty-piece blue bird dinner set for Xmas. 67-11-c

Miss Edna Macomber will spend Thanksgiving in Saginaw, a guest at the home of sister.

Dr. W. K. Spencer of Ionia was called here Wednesday by the death of Mrs. Jay Clisbe.

Miss Mildred McConkey will spend Thanksgiving in Cass City, a guest of Miss Beatrice Koepgen.

Remember the Episcopal bazaar on December 14th. Many useful articles will be offered for sale.—Ad.

Mrs. J. L. Piche and Mrs. Harry Hill of Sheridan are spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Myrn Hill.

The Model Bakery have for sale a quantity of barrels and pails and a few flour sacks. See them.—Ad.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Windsor of Reed City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Montague on Wednesday of this week.

Have you purchased your Thanksgiving baked goods, if not do it today and get them fresh. Model Bakery.—Ad.

Ten per cent discount on a fifty-piece blue bird dinner set given for fifty dollars cash sales at G. V. Wright's. 67-11-c

Mrs. E. J. McCall of Mt. Pleasant was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McConkey on Monday of this week.

George Puffrey and family, who have been visiting in St. Johns for the past week have returned to their home in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Scott and daughter, Naomi, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard.

James Howe left Wednesday evening for Grand Rapids, where he will spend Thanksgiving, a guest at the home of friends.

Miss Rowan of Almont, who has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Priest, returned to her home Wednesday.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a bazaar and baked goods sale at the gas office on State street, Saturday, December 9th. 67-21-c

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church will be held at the Guild room of the church on December 14th.—Ad.

The regular meeting of the City Improvement league will be held Friday afternoon at the Free Reading room. A large attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scattergood and Mrs. J. W. Nickack are spending Thanksgiving in Saginaw, guests at the home of Fred Fox and family.

In connection with the bazaar, Dec. 8th, the Presbyterians will hold a baked goods sale at Mrs. C. B. Gardner's on State street.—Ad.

A number of new seats have been purchased by the school board, which will be used in fitting up the room in the city hall for the use of the fourth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. McConkey are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McNall of Ithaca, where they are enjoying a big Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard left Wednesday for Cadillac, where they will spend Thanksgiving, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Erehm.

Dr. Hugh Black, author and professor of Practical Theology at Union seminary has been engaged to make an address to the Alma college students in March.

The "Work to Win" Bible class of the M. E. church will hold its annual banquet in the church parlors, December 12th at 7:30 p. m. All members are requested to be ready, as a treat is in store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Nichols left Wednesday for St. Ignace, Mich., accompanied by Mrs. Nichols brother, Ford Moon, to spend Thanksgiving with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nichols.

William McCray, a resident of the Michigan Masonic Home passed away Monday morning of this week at the age of fifty-two years. The body was shipped to Royal Oak on Tuesday for burial.

The Alma college basketball team will be the only one in the Michigan Intercollegiate that will play the M. A. C. first team in the great winter sport. Alma draws the Aggies January 20th on the local floor.

Merrit cleanser. What is it? It's a dish washer, either electric or hand turned. It's a wonder. It will please mother and what helps mother, helps the whole family. Investigate it, before you plan your Christmas. G. V. Wright's furniture store. 67-11-c

The members of the Art club, Woman's club and Civic Improvement league are invited to meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. Bahlke, on Monday, December 4, at 3:30 o'clock. At this meeting a report of the delegate to the meeting of the Equal Suffrage association, recently held at Grand Rapids, will be given.

Word from Doane college, Crete, Nebraska, says that Alger Wood's team at that college won its big game last Saturday by a score of 40 to 0, defeating Bellevue college, coached by Benjamin, formerly of Albion, against whom Wood played in college for

three years. Evidently the Alma product is making good in the coaching line.

The Luther circle of the M. E. Aid society met for organization, last Friday at Mrs. Redman's. Plans were perfected for raising the gift of money for the repairs and officers elected; President, Mrs. Redman, secretary, Mrs. Russell; treasurer, Mrs. F. Parker. After a social time the hostess assisted by Mrs. Saad, Mrs. Irish and Mrs. McLain, served a spiced luncheon. Mrs. Saad will entertain the circle, Tuesday, December, 26th.

MRS. CLISBE IS DEAD

Passed Away at Home on Tuesday of This Week.

The death of Mrs. Hills Clisbe, which came on Tuesday afternoon of this week, did not come as a big surprise to her intimate friends. She was 81 years of age.

She had long been an invalid and a sufferer and had reached an advanced age. She was a New England woman of unmixed Yankee blood and with the decision positiveness and conscience which are generally associated with that type.

She was born in Amherst, Mass., was graduated from Mount Holyoke seminary when very young, taught school for three years at Richland, Mich., where she was at the head of the newly organized academy, married to Rev. Jay Clisbe in 1865, and was always a most affectionate and devoted wife. She had no children, but many a young boy or girl had occasion to look to her with gratitude for motherly sympathy and some times for motherly rebuke. Her invalidism for many years prevented her from taking much part in the work of the church, and she quietly remarked that she thought her enforced absence was a blessing to the community. She had many warm friends whom she loved deeply, though she could not see them often.

On Friday night last she had a stroke of paralysis which made her speechless and rendered the right side useless. She survived until the next Tuesday afternoon when she quietly ceased to breathe.

She is survived by her aged husband, Rev. Jay Clisbe. The funeral was held from the residence on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00. Rev. Spencer of Ionia, Rev. Mason and Rev. Jackson of this city having charge of the services. On Thursday morning the body was taken to Amherst, Mass., for burial. President H. M. Crooks of Alma college, who was leaving on an eastern trip, is escorting the body to its final resting place.

HIGHLY PLEASING

Joint Recital Last Week Wednesday Evening was Fine.

The joint recital on the lyceum course last week Wednesday evening at which Albert Salvi, Helen Brown Read and Edith Harris appeared, was highly pleasing to the large Alma audience, which greeted these entertainers.

The harp playing of Salvi was a revelation to the Alma audience, while the work of Helen Brown Read and Edith Harris was also of a high class. It was one of the best numbers of the course so far.

The following program was rendered:

1. Sonata, F. Major. Grieg-Salvi Signor Salvi

2. "Dich Theur Halle," Taubhauser Mmc. Read

3. Fantasie. Saint-Saens Signor Salvi

4. (a) Hark, Hark, the Lark! Schubert (b) Wiegenlied. Brahms (c) Allerseelen. Richard Strauss (d) Caelie. Richard Strauss Mmc. Read

5. Reveries. Parish Alvers Signor Salvi

6. (a) The Bird of the Wilderness. Hotsman (b) The Crying of Water. Campbell-Tipton (c) Arbutus. C. W. Best (d) When the Bobolink Sings. Jeanne Boyd Mmc. Read

7. (a) Capriccio. A. Flat. Salvi (b) Danza Spagonla. Grieg-Salvi (c) Scherzo, D. Flat. Salvi Signor Salvi

8. Barcarolle. "Tales of Hoffman." Offenbach Mmc. Read and Signor Salvi

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Manager Melvin Hands Out Schedule of Sixteen Games.

The Alma college basketball schedule which is now out calls for sixteen basketball games this season for the Alma team, seven of which will be played here. Among the home affairs will be games with the Kalamazoo M. I. A. A. champions, M. A. C., and Hope, all of which will be great games.

Six Michigan Intercollegiate bouts will be staged, two of which will be played with the Kalamazoo champions. If Olivet comes through with a date, Alma will play all of the M. I. A. A. teams.

The schedule:

Jan. 5—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Mt. Pleasant.

Jan. 12—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Alma Jan. 18—Detroit Athletic club at Detroit.

Jan. 20—Olivet or Adrian at Alma Jan. 24—M. A. C. at Alma Jan. 26—Hope college at Holland Jan. 27—Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. at Grand Rapids.

Feb. 2—Ypsilanti Normal at Ypsilanti Feb. 9—Hope college at Alma Feb. 10—Ypsilanti Normal at Alma Feb. 16—Hillsdale at Hillsdale Feb. 17—Adrian at Adrian Feb. 23—Kalamazoo college at Alma Mar. 2—Traverse City Olympics at Traverse City.

Mar. 3—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo

Mar. 10—Albion college at Alma.

Are you lacking in strength and vigor? Are you weak? Are you sickly, always complaining? You should take Hollister's Rock Mountain Tea—Nature's own remedy—thoro, purifying, strengthening. 35c.—Look-Paterson Drug Co.

THE CHURCHES

Captain Lamont will deliver his farewell sermon at the Salvation Army hall Sunday evening.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, over the Alma State Savings Bank. Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 7:30. Subject for December 3rd, "God, the Only Cause and Creator." Reading room open Saturday afternoons from 2 until 4 o'clock.

The regular services will be held at St. John's church during the coming week. Holy Communion Sunday morning at church services. Sermon for Sunday morning, "The Passing and the Abiding."

The regular services will be held at the Baptist church during the coming week. Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "The Love of Christ," and in the evening on the subject, "God in Man."

At the United Brethren church the Sunday morning services will be in charge of the pastor, who will preach on the subject of "The Christian's Anchor." Other services of the week as usual.

TUBERCULOSIS WEEK

National Movement During Week of December 3rd to 10th, 1916.

Tuberculosis week is an annual educational movement, conducted under the direction of The National association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis. It is an intensive campaign to secure with a week's time a simultaneous presentation of the subject of tuberculosis before the greatest possible number of people throughout the United States. Included in the scope of the movement are plans for having the subject of tuberculosis and health presented to every club, lodge, grange, school, church and other civic and social organization throughout the country.

In order to result in the minimum amount of education the program must be fitted to the needs of a particular community. The National association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis has, however, provided for three special days, which, in most localities, can be celebrated in all parts of the country on the dates planned. These are: Medical Examination Day, Wednesday, December 6th; Children's Health Crusade Day, Friday, December 8th, and Tuberculosis Sunday, which may be observed at the beginning or at the end of the week, December 3rd or 10th.

The fundamental aim of Tuberculosis Week is educational. It is not essentially for the purpose of securing funds for anti-tuberculosis work, although in some communities special collections may be taken. Emphasis is laid primarily on the great good which will come from an increased knowledge of the nature of the disease and the methods of prevention. Last year over 150,000 churches and other organizations helped to spread the gospel of good health during Tuberculosis Week. The National association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis believes that this year these churches and additional thousands of organizations—religious and social—will assume responsibility for helping to educate the public on the subject of tuberculosis.

ALMA NEEDS HOMES

City Still Needs Many New Houses to Meet Conditions.

Conditions in Alma are still most serious from the standpoint of the home maker, Alma being about three hundred homes short of what she needs right now and before spring the homes needed will total a far larger figure, unless something is started at once.

Unless something is started at once, means for a large number of Alma people to get busy and build. Build, not necessarily expensive homes, but substantial residences for working men. As renting propositions, such homes are now giving their owners a big return on the investment in Alma, and will continue to do so, until such a time as the city has enough houses, and that time seems far distant. As propositions to sell, a little down and a little each month, they are good business propositions and give a good return on the money invested.

Moreover, the more houses the more people Alma will have. The more people the more business for the business man.

Look over a few of the houses being built by the Alma Home Building company, then walk in and see Mr. Rice in the Merchants Realty block.—Ad.

WILLET'S

Basket Groceries

- Hand-picked Beans . . . 12c
- Cabbage 1c
- Snyder 9c
- Roll Oats, per pound 1c
- Reg. 50c Japan Tea . . . 39c
- Mince Meat 8c
- Shelled Popcorn 6c
- Best Peanut Butter . . . 12 1/2c
- Baked Beans 12c
- Baked Beans 13c

EQUAL SERVICE TO ALL

At our store you get exactly what you pay for in goods—nothing tucked on to our prices for credit account losses, expensive telephone orders and so-called "Free Delivery Wagons" (don't you ever believe they are free). We sell goods without any frilled or fancy profits, are you with us?

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Mr. Lou Tellegen and Dorothy Davenport in an intensely dramatic story of the famous Legion of Alger's

"The Unknown"

SATURDAY
Bessie Barriscale in an extremely interesting and romantic picture of Military Life

"Bullets and Brown Eyes"

Also one of the clever Keystone Comedies, featuring the famous German Comedians, Weber and Fields

"The Worst of Friends"

SUNDAY
In keeping with our policy of putting on The Very Best for Sunday, we offer

"Civilization's Child"

Together with a very amusing two-reel Comedy

"A Rough Knight"

MONDAY

A Pathe Special featuring Florence Reed

"The Woman's Law"

A most remarkable story presented in a powerfully dramatic manner

TUESDAY

Fannie Ward and Sessue Hayakawa

"The Cheat"

The story of a society woman whose extravagance leads her to accept financial assistance from a wealthy Japanese, her refusal to meet his demands followed by the Jap branding her on the shoulder with a hot iron; the scene in the court room where she bares her shoulder to the court in testimony of the unspeakable cruelty of the Jap, is a story made up of the most thrilling climaxes ever put upon the screen.

Sessue Hayakawa is beyond question the greatest Japanese actor in America. He was seen here previously in "The Clue." The manager of The Idlehour wishes to personally recommend "The Cheat" as one of the most "worth-seeing" pictures ever shown in Alma. You will never forget it.

Today!

"The Ne'er-Do-Well"

All afternoon and evening, beginning at 3:00 o'clock

Gerhardt's Store News

New Waists

Have just received a large lot of waists in holiday boxes, selling from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Sizes from 34 to 46. Come in and look at them.

Blankets

Special 5x6 feet 4 inches at \$1.25

Aprons

Six different styles of bungalow aprons in scout's, percales and gingham at 69c.

Standard patterns sold here are the "Standard."

We are agents for the largest dry cleaning and dyeing establishments in Michigan. Work guaranteed. Give them a trial.

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