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CHAUTAUQUA IS MAKING BIG HIT

Program Is Proving the Best That Has Ever Been Given in Alma.

CONTINUES FOUR MORE DAYS

Best Attractions of the Program Are Listed for the Last Days of Chautauqua.

The 1917 Redpath chautauqua in this city is now in full swing, and its splendid program, so far as it has been given, ranks as the best that has been put out by the Redpath people since the first inception of chautauquas in this city a number of years ago.

The program is probably more varied than ever before, with every attraction the best that can be obtained in its line, and as a result chautauquas are being talked more this year than at any time in past years. Harold Chamberlain is superintendent of the chautauqua this year. Katherine Stiles has charge of the children's work and John T. Hoff, as chorister, has charge of the community singing.

Only three days of the big chautauqua have so far past and the remaining four days are full of star attractions, which if anything outranks the attractions of the first three days of the week, the comic opera, "The Mikado," and Creator's world famous band being among the attractions which are still to come before the week is over. Good as the first part of the program has been, it will be excellent by the program of the last four days of the week.

The program of the week was opened Tuesday afternoon by the well-known Bohemian orchestra, which rendered a number of popular as well as classical selections, which were warmly greeted.

In the evening, the Bohemian orchestra gave a few selections before the lecture of the evening, "America and the World Tomorrow," was given by Dr. Martin D. Harkin of Chicago. Mr. Harkin's lecture was full of deep thought based upon a long and serious study of the war and the conditions which brought it about.

Dr. Harkin endeavored to thoroughly analyze the present situation as it relates to the United States, and through this means, show what part America is to play in the great world war, the policy for which the United States is to stand after the war closes. The questions, will America democratize Europe or will Europe militarize America, and will there be a permanent world peace. Dr. Harkin's analysis of the situation was that America would come out of the war as the world leader, that militarism would be dead, and that world peace might be more than a possibility.

Wednesday afternoon, the Beulah Buck ladies' quartet gave a splendid concert which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience, and in the evening gave another short concert before the lecture of Harry L. Fogleman of New York, "An Analysis of Success and Failure." Mr. Fogleman brought no new things to the audience, but rather brought out thoughts which all had had at some time in the past. He pounded home his points with a vim, and made every person in the chautauqua tent think about his business in a way that most of them had not thought before.

This afternoon, B. F. McDonald on "Moonshine" endeavored to show how unsubstantial is moonshine compared with sunshine. From this definition he pointed out the frivolities in our social, educational and religious life. He made a strong plea for a return to sane political and religious ideas.

Reed Miller and his associates made a splendid impression Thursday night. Myrtle Thornburgh, soprano; Nevada Vander Veer, contralto; and Frederick Wheeler, bass, are the other singers and all were heartily enjoyed. Frank Braun, the pianist, shared the honors with the singers.

Friday afternoon, Antonio Sala, the Spanish cellist, and assisting artists will give a prelude, and will be followed by Miss Mayer with her great lecture on "The Passion Play." In the evening, the cellist and the assisting artists will appear again, and will be followed by the Indian Princess Watahwaso, who will give Indian legends and songs.

Saturday afternoon, a choral and orchestral program will be given by the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera company and in the evening, the comic opera, "The Mikado," will be presented.

Monday, George L. McNate, the dinner poet man, will give his lecture, "How to Meet the High Cost of Living." In the evening, the Mother Goose Festival will be given and will be followed by Robert Bowman, one of the heroes of the Semmes, who will give a lecture of great interest.

Tuesday, the last day of the chautauqua, the famous Creator band will appear both in the afternoon and in the evening.

Douglas Fairbanks—Idlehour Saturday—Adv.

WARNING TO ALIENS

Department of Justice at Washington Says Get Permits.

The secretary of the Gratiot county draft board is in receipt of a letter from the United States department of justice at Washington, D. C., in which attention is called to the fact that all German aliens over the age of fourteen years are required to secure permits from the United States marshal for the eastern district of Michigan.

It would be well that all such German aliens get in touch with the United States marshal at Detroit or Bay City and secure the permits which the department of justice requires. United States Marshal Brehrandt, who was expected here to register German aliens a few weeks ago, was forced to forego his visit here owing to pressure of work, and it is not known now whether or not he will get to Alma for registration purposes, and to be safe, German aliens should by all means secure these needed permits.

In the same letter the county draft board was asked to furnish a list of all German and other enemy aliens residing in the county.

MICHIGAN IS STAGING A FOOD SAVING WEEK

Efforts Are Being Made in the State to Get Housewives to Sign Hoover Pledge.

The state of Michigan's answer to President Woodrow Wilson's suggestion that the housewives of the nation enter a food saving campaign with all possible energy will take the shape of a special "food week" which started yesterday.

During this period from Wednesday and continuing through Sunday, when pastors will be asked to preach special food conservation sermons, all possible emphasis will be laid upon the great need for saving the surplus from the farms and the gardens of the state.

The first day of the week, yesterday, was devoted to obtaining pledges from women, to the effect that they would assist in the conservation. The signers of the pledges were as far as possible decorated with the Hoover buttons.

Today and Friday are being given over to canning demonstrations in various portions of the state and Saturday lectures on ways and means of employing other foods for wheat substitutes. Sunday will be conservation Sunday.

Alma women should get in line and "do their bit" in this respect. It all counts. Every little saved means that much more for the starving peoples of the stricken countries of Europe, now allied with the United States in the great world war for humanity.

INSTALL NEW SAFE

Alma State Savings Bank Has New Mangensee Steel Safe.

The Alma State Savings bank of this city is endeavoring to keep abreast of the times and during the past week has had a fine new mangensee steel safe installed in the vault of the bank. The funds of the bank are to be kept in this safe, which is burglar proof.

The safe has two separate compartments, one over the other. The lower one is used for the storage of coin, which is only a small portion of the money which the bank constantly has on hand. The upper compartment is to be used entirely for bills of the various denominations, which comprise the greater part of the funds which this bank and most others have on hand. The compartment has a circular door a foot in thickness, which fits so tightly into the safe that when closed one can hardly tell where the door and safe join.

The door is fitted with three time locks, which insure absolute service. Should even two of the locks stop, the third will be enough to work the time locks.

Mangensee steel is one of the finest steels known for the making of absolutely the finest in safes, and the addition of this safe at the Alma Savings bank insures almost absolute safety for the funds of the institution.

BE ON THE ALERT

Men Should Inquire About Their Numbers Being Called.

The young men of America of draft age are held responsible for ascertaining whether or not they are drawn for the first draft in the great human draft lottery.

The local draft board is making every effort to see that every man who is being called for examination is notified, but there is always a chance that a letter will go wrong, or that a name may be skipped in making out the list of notices.

The men are held responsible, and failure to get notice will not excuse anyone.

Failure to appear for examination means that the man will be listed as eligible for military duty, so men who expect to make exemption claims should be sure to look up some member of the board and go over the list of those called for examination, or their claims will not be worth much.

\$50,000 THE NEW CAPITAL

Alma Land Contract Company Has Need for More Money for Its Business.

SOME STOCK TO BE SOLD

Company Organized Three Months Ago Has Too Much Business for Its Available Capital.

The Alma Land Contract company, one of Alma's new corporations, is meeting with such success in a business way that the capital of the company is being raised from \$15,000 to \$50,000, so that it may more nearly meet with the demands that are being made upon it.

The officers of the company expect that a few thousand dollars' worth of stock will be placed on the market locally, when the capital is increased, which will not be over a few weeks, as the papers are now being made out to file with the secretary of state.

Three months ago with a capital stock of \$15,000, and immediately found a rich field in Alma for this business as there is a number of builders in this city who have been seeking for a place where contracts could be sold.

Through selling their contracts, builders are again able to build, and later again sell their contracts, where before they were being held up, through not having a place where such contracts could be disposed of to advantage.

The officers of the company expect to sell stock only as more money is needed to take care of the business, as new contracts come in, but they expect that shortly they will have a need for the entire fifty thousand dollars worth of stock.

Otto Sanderhoff is president of the new concern, William Klatt, the vice-president, and D. L. Johnson, the secretary and treasurer.

DON'T ASK THEM

Don't Bother Post Office With Foolish Questions, etc.

Of late, the postmaster and the various clerks at the post office have been asked to cash checks and give various informations, which cannot be given, and as a result Postmaster Cash has asked that a few simple rules be followed, to do away with much of the unnecessary labor which is piled upon the overworked force.

Do not ask the post office to take check in payment, as the government will not accept checks no matter upon whom drawn. If checks are taken it is solely because the postmaster has guaranteed their payment. The clerks or the postmaster are quite within their rights to refuse to cash a check, or accept one, as the postmaster is responsible for them and must make them good if anything goes wrong.

The postmaster should not be asked to give information about any patron of the office, which is not a matter of public record. The regulations will not permit him to furnish forwarding addresses of any patron unless address figures in the city directory or telephone book.

The postmaster should not be asked if there is any mail for Mr. and Mrs. So and So, because the regulations prohibit him from giving this information, except to interested persons. A husband should not ask the postmaster to deliver to him any mail addressed to his wife, or should any wife make such a request concerning her husband's mail. Such requests are often embarrassing and always futile, as the regulations debar the postmaster from granting them.

ST. LOUIS FEELS NEED

Alma's Need of Houses is Also Hitting Sister City.

St. Louis is now complaining of a shortage of houses, and is asking her public spirited citizens to aid in taking care of the people who want to make their homes here. Her need is like Alma's, except that it is no where near as pressing as Alma's.

Right now is the time for Alma people to begin to think most seriously on the housing proposition.

If St. Louis supplies more houses than Alma, St. Louis is bound to be the one of the two cities which will derive the greatest increase in population.

If Alma supplies the houses, she will get the greater amount of increase, and it is an increase that should rightfully be Alma's. Yet, the housing conditions are such that it is up to Alma's public spirited citizens to do something in the way of supplying houses, and then more houses. Alma needs hundreds of them right now.

The prospects are that both cities are to get good increases in population, as neither probably can supply enough houses for the demand, but Alma people should make sure of getting their share.

Wm. S. Hart in "The Sunfighter" Idlehour Wednesday.—Adv.

Advertise in the Record.

A BABY SHOW

Alma Babies Will Be Seen in Pictures at Vaudeville.

The Genesta theater has been entirely sold out for next Thursday night, at which time outside parties will give a baby show at the theater, which will be of interest to the entire community, and more so to the mothers and fathers of Alma kiddies.

For the past two weeks photographers have been going the rounds in Alma, taking pictures of any number of the little folks in all parts of the city, and on next Thursday evening the entire collection will be thrown upon the screen.

MOTORCYCLE COP

IS NOW ON DUTY

He Is Making a Number of Arrests on Road Between Alma and Merrill.

Conditions of the roads from Alma through to Merrill in past months have been such that accidents have been occurring most frequently, and as a result a motorcycle cop is now doing duty on this road.

It is reported that from one Saturday night until the following Monday morning, a few weeks ago, that there were thirteen accidents on this road between Merrill and Breckenridge. Residents in this section of the county have made protest to the sheriff and he immediately secured the services of Harry E. Aseltine, and appointed him a deputy, with instructions to see that speeding on the roads of the county was brought to a stop.

Mr. Aseltine has so far confined his efforts almost exclusively to the road between Alma and Merrill and has made numerous arrests of speeders, who have been hauled into court in Breckenridge, St. Louis and Alma, where they have paid fines and costs of various amounts and learned to their sorrow that Gratiot county roads are to be made safe for all travelers.

The motorcycle cop will have authority to make arrests of speeders in all parts of the county and he is liable to be found in any section of the county at any time.

One thing that the officers are apt to do is to stop a car and then speed back again. Many of the accidents which have taken place have been caused because of a desire to obtain a little of the wet stuff, which has caused various Gratiot people to hurry to such an extent that the speed laws have been overlooked.

ALMA MAYOR HONORED

I. H. McKinney is Director of the Municipalities League.

Mayor Ira H. McKinney of this city was highly honored at the annual meeting of the League of Michigan Municipalities in Grand Rapids Friday, the executive head of Alma having been elected a director of the league. Flint is the place of meeting for the 1918 convention.

Following is the list of officers elected: President, E. E. Johnson, mayor of Flint; vice-president, Mayor Reutter of Lansing; secretary-treasurer, Charles A. Sink, mayor of Ann Arbor. Directors—Mayor Philo Fuld of Grand Rapids, Mayor Mundy of Bay City, Mayor McMullen of Cadillac; Mayor Marsh of Battle Creek, and Mayor Ira H. McKinney of Alma.

Mayor McKinney's honor means the more, as the city of which he is the executive head, is the smallest that was honored at the hands of the convention.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Laura Brown Chadwick Died in Ann Arbor Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Brown Chadwick of Ann Arbor, a former resident of this city, died at her home in that place Tuesday, just shortly before noon.

She was the daughter of the late C. J. Brown, former owner of the Alma Record, and moved with her mother to Ann Arbor a couple of years ago, after the publication was purchased by the present management. Soon after moving to that city she was married to Mr. Chadwick.

Short funeral services were held in Ann Arbor Wednesday after which the body was taken to Coldwater for burial, which was held this afternoon.

A sketch of her life will be given next week.

O. E. S. PICNIC

The ladies of the Eastern Star chapters of Gratiot and Isabella counties will hold a basket picnic Friday, August 10th in Wright park in this city. All O. E. S. members are invited to attend and bring baskets of good things to eat. The worthy Grand Matron of the lodge will be present at the affair, which will give it additional interest. The Record hopes to have the complete program for the day in next week's issue.

FARMERS' CLUB

Seville and Sumner Farmers' club will meet August 9th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindstrom at 2 p. m. The program will be of special interest to mothers.

NEW WHOLESALE COMPANY HERE

Nassar Brothers of Toledo, O., Come to Alma With a New Institution.

SECURE POLLASKY BUILDING

New Firm Will Handle Fruits and Vegetables for the Retail Trade in this Section.

A long felt want in this part of the state is at last to be supplied, a wholesale fruit and vegetable house having located in Alma this week, which will now allow Alma merchants to secure fresh vegetables and fruits at all times.

Nassar Brothers of Toledo, Ohio, who have had considerable experience in the fruit and vegetable line in that city, are the owners of the new Alma wholesale house.

Alma merchants for some time have experienced difficulty in securing good vegetables, when forced to have them shipped in, and with a wholesale house here, dealing in this line, the merchants believe that they will be able to get better vegetables and as a result give their patrons better service.

The new wholesale house will not confine its efforts to this county alone, but will seek trade in all of the counties through this section of the state and expect to build up a good business through central Michigan.

The former Pollasky hide house has been secured for the present by the new firm. The place has been given a thorough going over and has been put in first class shape for this business.

A HUNDRED ENLISTED

One Hundred and Five Men Have Enlisted Here.

Records at the local recruiting office show that one hundred and five young men have enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam from the Alma recruiting station since it was opened about two months and a half ago.

During the past two weeks forty-four young men from various parts of the state have enlisted from the recruiting office here for service in the United States army.

Following is the list of those who have enlisted recently:

Frank Taylor of Carson City, Ernest Oswald of Hillsbrook, Alfred Leonard of St. Ignace, E. L. Riley of Alma, Ed. Bigelow of Cadillac, F. L. Molloy of Riverdale, Roy Tatman of Clare, Richard Hayward of Farwell, Harvey Walbridge of Alma, D. W. Bush of Greenville, A. Walkowski of Geylford, H. D. Ludwick of Breckenridge, Roy Dockett of Alma, Herman Fenski of Midland, George Hudson of Elwell, Roy King of Riverdale, R. A. Atkinson of Alma, I. L. Fuller of Flushing, William Moline of Reed City, Frank Bronson of Ludington, John Everts of Alma, E. C. Fisher of St. Louis, O. J. Garberon of Buchanan, L. B. Brayton of Stanton, Earl Vance of Ithaca, S. S. Hoxie of Elm Hall, H. Langworthy of Elwell, Glen Courter of Elwell, Russell Beaver of Mt. Pleasant, Guy Raymond of Elwell, T. E. Wilcox of Alma, John Keeler of Vestaburg, William Vallance of Rosebush, Wilfred Thoma of Muskegon, George Leonard of Elm Hall, Seer Pike of Clare, Frank Beebe of Marion, Joe McCarty of Big Rapids, H. D. Taylor of Rosebush, O. Patcher of Vestaburg, C. Downs of Elwell and A. A. Briggs of Vestaburg.

The above list shows six enlistments from Alma, four from Elwell, three from Vestaburg and Riverdale and two from Rosebush, Mt. Pleasant, Elm Hall and St. Louis.

NEW DOG LAW

License Fees Have Been Raised in Rural Districts.

One of the most beneficial laws ever enacted in Michigan for the protection of the sheep industry in the state became operative in Michigan August 1st. This law enacted by the last legislature provides that henceforth the owners of dogs in the rural communities must pay an annual license fee for males of \$2.00 and \$5.00 for each female in their possession.

The act also enlarges greatly on the powers of deputies and other officers and now makes it possible for the officers to kill off unlicensed dogs without so much as a "by your leave," when it is done in the districts to which the law applies. Such districts take in all of the states with the exception of cities which have charters or ordinances which otherwise provide for the disposition of the fees derived from the tax upon dogs.

It has been claimed that the dog license has been the biggest single factor in the past in holding back the sheep raising industry in Michigan. H. H. Hilday of the state live stock sanitary commission reported that last year between \$150,000 and \$200,000 worth of sheep were killed by dogs in Michigan. Another drawback has been nervousness which has attended flocks after dog raids, which have caused the retarding of the growth of the sheep, and caused them to lose weight.

PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Brick Being Laid on Four New Alma Structures.

Bricklayers are now busy laying brick for four new business blocks, which will be completed and in use in this city before snow flies.

The four buildings are the new block for the I. O. O. F. lodge, the building of the Merchants' Building company, the Dallas block and the new building for the Alma Garage. The first three of these structures are on South State street and the latter on East Superior street.

The Dallas block, in which the post office will be located for the next five years, is the farthest advanced of any of the structures, and Mr. Dallas is now hoping that it may be ready for occupancy by the first of September.

The brick work on the I. O. O. F. Building and the Merchants' Building company structure is advancing rapidly, and work will soon start on the second story of the building.

The new structure for the Alma Garage will not be ready for some time yet, as the brick laying has just been started.

DRAFT NOTICES TO BE OUT YET THIS WEEK

In another week Gratiot's Quota for National Army Will Be Drawn.

The official draft list has arrived and notices are now being sent out asking the first five hundred and forty-eight men of Gratiot county drawn in the draft lottery to report for their physical examination at the offices of Dr. T. J. Carney of this city.

The first third for the five hundred and forty-eight men are being called to report for examination in five days, one third in six days and one third in seven days.

Dr. Wheeler of St. Louis, one of the members of the board will have charge of the physical examinations and he will be assisted by Dr. T. J. Carney and Dr. E. A. Bagley, if the services of the latter are needed. Both of the latter are Alma doctors.

In case a person is absent from the district or unavoidably detained elsewhere because of sickness or for other valid reasons the registrant may ask his board that he be examined by some other board within which jurisdiction he happened to be. This notice must reach the home board within ten days. In case of sickness within the district the board upon being notified may send a physician to look him over or else order him to headquarters for examination upon his recovery.

In case no reply is received within ten days, the board is compelled to list the persons as physically fit and subject to draft.

It is within the power of the board to issue three classes of exemption certificates—absolute, conditional and temporary. One very important point to be remembered, however, is that the exemptions claimed on registration day, June 5th, have no standing before the local board. All claimants for exemption must fill out new forms, that will be supplied to them, when appearing before the local board.

All claims for exemption must be made on or before the seventh day after the person has received his notice to appear before the board for physical examination.

The exemptions which may be obtained from the draft have been given in previous issues of the Record, but those claiming exemption must remember that they are required to furnish affidavits to support their claims no matter what they may be, excepting physical disability, which is up to the examining doctor and the local draft board. The examining physician will locate physical defects, and his attention need not be called to them, as the army is after men in good physical condition.

Failure to receive the notice to appear, is not held to be an excuse, and those listed who do not receive notices this week, should get in touch with the draft board by Monday.

FAIR IN AUGUST

Fifty-second Annual County Fair Last Week in August

The fifty-second annual Gratiot county fair and short ship races will be held this year the last four days in August, and every indication is pointing to one of the most successful fairs that the county has ever enjoyed.

There will be something doing all of the time, including good races, in which some good fast horses will be featured. The love of good horse racing will be able to get his fill this year at the fair. Races will be held each day in the afternoon.

The exhibit hall this year will contain larger and more varied exhibits than ever before, which will be of interest to the entire county. Included in this will be products from all parts of the county.

NOTICE

I will be at my store until September, for the purpose of collecting city taxes, due July 1, 1917.

G. V. WRIGHT, City Treasurer. (63-6t-c)

COLLEGE OUTLOOK BEST IN HISTORY

Indications Are Pointing to the Largest Attendance College Has Had.

DRAFT MAY CAUSE CHANGE

Very Few College Students Known to be Included in the First Draft List for the Army.

There is every indication that the coming year at Alma college will prove the banner year in the history of the Presbyterian institution, with an enrollment that will exceed even the high mark of last year, when the college enjoyed the largest attendance which it has had.

Figures compiled when college closed last June showed that only thirty-five of the young men of the college, who expect to return this year, were of draft age. Even though fifty per cent of those of draft age were caught in the first call, it would not materially injure the prospects for this coming year. There is very little likelihood that fifty per cent of these would be on the first call.

Only a few of the college students are so far known to be listed on the draft, they being Thomas W. Wright of Detroit, Melvin Vender of Bad Axe, H. Mallard and Fred Porter of Alma, and Leland Fitch of Marlette. Dr. Crooks has written all of the old students to inform him if they were listed on the first draft and these are all who have written to this effect, so the draft probably will take only a very small percentage of the male students of the college on the first call.

Dean Mitchell and Coach Harry Helmer, who have been doing field work for the college this summer, are finding that Alma is making a favorable impression around the state, and that a far greater number of former high school students than ever before are considering coming to Alma this next year.

The efforts of Dean Mitchell and Coach Harry are being backed up strongly by alumni and college students in all parts of the state, who are endeavoring to convince various young men and women that Alma college is the place for them.

Numerous applications have already been made for rooms at the college, and many others besides those who have made applications for rooms, have signified their intentions of coming to Alma college this next year.

It is still over a month before Alma college opens, and during the greater part of this time the efforts of Dean Mitchell and Coach Harry Helmer will be continued, as will the efforts of many of the alumni and students of the college.

It is more than possible that a number of the young men who expect to come to college this fall will be caught in the first draft, but it is hardly probable that a great number of those, who will be freshmen, will be over twenty-one years of age.

The college has constantly been calling attention to the need that there will be of training college men and women, when the war is over, and this is without a doubt attracting attention and making young men and women think more seriously about college than before.

It is expected that most of the colleges of the Michigan intercollegiate will again take up sports this fall, with one or possibly two exceptions. It is felt at Alma college at least, that there is a bigger need for men of good physical condition and broad vision than for men who are simply broad visioned. The college view is that the men of good physical condition needed by their country would be in shape for active duty much sooner and of more value to their country.

PAVING BUCKLED

Heat Caused Brick Pavement to Jump Out of Place.

Last Friday, there was a small commotion on East Superior street, when a small portion of the brick pavement, reaching clear across the street, was forced up, until it cracked, throwing the bricks out of place.

The affair took place on the cross walk at the corner of Woodworth and East Superior.

It is believed that the heat caused gases to form beneath the bricks, which forced the bricks up out of the pavement.

It is not thought that it was due to heat expansion as this pavement had been down for some years and never many a hotter day than last Friday proved to be.

NEW MAIL BOXES

The local post office has received thirteen large parcel post and letter boxes, which have been placed around the city, where it was felt that they would be of the most service. They are displacing other small boxes which will be installed in other places in the city. The local post office had been trying to secure these boxes for over a year.