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HOME GUARDS TO BE STATE TROOPS

Will Be Mustered into the State Service Within Very Short Time is the Word.

TO GET FULL EQUIPMENT

Uniforms, Guns and Other Things Needed are Expected to Arrive Very Soon.

The Alma Home Guards have received the information that they will soon be mustered into state service as company 87, Michigan state troops, and are highly elated over the fact that the months of hard work which they have been putting in are bringing results.

Orders have already been received authorizing the local company of Michigan state troops and the blanks for the oaths of officers have also been received. Enlistment blanks for the men of the company are expected at any time, and will promptly be taken care of when received. First Lieutenant John Chick told a Record reporter yesterday that a company of 65 men had been authorized, and that about ten or a dozen good men can still be used to bring the company up to its full quota. Those desiring to enlist in the Alma company of state troops may do so by making the proper application to the officers.

It is also given out that the company will be fully equipped with suits, guns, etc., by the state. By becoming state troops the company will be liable to be called out by the state at any time by riots, strikes, etc., when state troops are needed. They will also get a chance to go to the state encampment at Grayling.

The company is drilling two nights a week, these being Tuesday and Friday evenings, and the men of the company have learned a great deal during the several months which they have been drilling.

The officers of the company are: captain, George Soper; first lieutenant, John Chick; second lieutenant, L. Thompson. The non-commissioned officers have not yet been appointed.

The officers expect that the company will be mustered in very soon as 87, Michigan state troops, and they are in hopes that the uniforms and guns will have arrived so as to be available by July 4.

Lieutenant Chick and C. F. Brown made a trip to Lansing last Friday and took the matter of the Alma Home Guards up with Adj. Gen. Bersey, and assistance was assured the guards here, which evidently is coming rapidly.

CONVICTED

Ollie Worden Convicted Tuesday on Disorderly Charge in Justice Court.

Ollie Worden has added another conviction in justice court to his already good sized string, he having been convicted at a jury trial Tuesday in Justice Rogers court under the disorderly act, for being drunk, disorderly and tipping.

The case was a hard fought one from start to finish, Attorney James G. Kress appearing for Worden and Ora L. Smith for the people. The case did not get to the jury until near midnight, but when it did, it did not take the jury a great while to decide that Worden was guilty.

Worden is to appear before Justice Rogers today and be sentenced. It is said to be the intention of Attorney Kress to appeal the case to circuit court.

The present case is an outgrowth of Worden's being arrested on a train, while enroute home from Merrill in May. He caused some little trouble for the officers at that time, and brought down upon himself the second charge, which was brought under the disorderly act. The present conviction means a heavy fine, a jail sentence, or both, at the option of the court.

BABY SHOW

Under Auspices of Parents' Club Will Be Held at Eastminster Chapel.

A baby show will be held on Thursday, June 27th, at 2 p. m. in Eastminster chapel on Republic avenue. Children up to three years of age are qualified for entrance. In these days of lavish sacrifice of precious lives the subject of conservation of child life needs to be emphasized. We urge all parents to take pains to make this baby show a great success. Speak about it to others—urge them to come and take part—and be sure to be on hand at the show yourself.

As the government standards of judging are to be used this baby show will be an educational force among us. Rev. Jay Clizbe, D. D., of Alma has kindly offered the first prize and we will be pleased to hear from others who can help in this way.

Several of our local doctors will serve as judges and a short program will be given by some of the young people in our community. Miss Thrush and Mrs. Moffatt have offered to help as nurses.

Admission 5 and 10 cents.

DESERTER CAUGHT

Chief of Police Vibber Nailed Deserter From Canadian Army.

Chief of Police Oscar Vibber received a quiet tip from a member of the Ziedman & Pollie Shows last week, which resulted in the arrest of Joseph Rehome of Grand Rapids, wanted as a deserter from the Canadian army. Rehome had joined the Ziedman & Pollie shows before they came to Alma and one member of the company, had seen the Canadian army uniform, which Rehome kept tucked away, in his other effects. He told Vibber of seeing the uniform. Vibber got busy and found out that Rehome was from Grand Rapids and he then located his mother and found that Joseph Rehome had enlisted in the Canadian army and that the last his mother had heard from him, he was in a training camp in Canada.

Armed with this information Vibber went after Rehome and soon had an admission that he had deserted the Canadian army. He was arrested Sunday by Vibber and placed in the county jail, awaiting the arrival of Canadian army police, who arrived yesterday after Rehome. The usual sentence of the British and Canadian armies will not be carried out with Rehome, but instead he will be sent to the front immediately, the Canadian army police informed Vibber.

SYMONS WHOLESALE GROCERY TO OPEN

Carloads of New Goods Being Received at this New Alma Business Institution.

The new Alma wholesale grocery building which has been under construction here for some months by Symon Bros. company of Saginaw is now completed and within a short time the company will be doing business at its fine new Alma plant.

The new structure which was erected for this concern, is three stories and a basement in height, and 100 feet deep by 60 feet in width. It is of brick construction, and is one of the best built structures in the city. The building is just south of the Ann Arbor freight depot, and faces on Wright avenue, and backs on the Ann Arbor railroad sidetracks.

Massive concrete piers in the basement support the first floor of the structure and heavy timbers are used as supports for the other floors. The basement of the structure is entirely waterproof, yet other precautions have been taken to keep water from getting in on the basement floor. A gutter has been made all around the wall of the structure, some inches lower than the basement floor, to take off any water which might seep through. Numerous traps in the floor will also be used to carry off water which may get into the basement.

Several carloads of groceries have already been received at the Alma plant and they are being unloaded as rapidly as they are received and stored on the various floors, according to the goods and the weight, the lightest of these goods being put on the upper floors. Numerous other carloads of goods will be received within the next week or ten days and the building will be rapidly filled.

Dan McQuag of Saginaw has been sent to Alma to take charge of the new plant and he informed the Record reporter that it was the intention of the company to cover all possible territory from the Alma wholesale grocery. Points north and south on the Ann Arbor and east and west on the Pere Marquette will be accessible to the firm from this city and it is believed that there is every prospect of working up a great trade through this territory by Symons Bros. company.

It is expected that it will be about two weeks yet before the company is ready to start active operations at the Alma plant, as it will take some time yet to get the goods all here, and to complete a few minor details about the plant, which still are to be taken care of.

IS MADE CAPTAIN

Word has been received here to the effect that Lieutenant Cyrus B. Gardner has received a commission as



Captain C. B. Gardner a captain. Dr. Gardner offered his services to the government some time ago and early this spring received a commission as first lieutenant, and was assigned to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Rev. Jackson Gave Baccalaureate Address Sunday Evening at the Presbyterian Church.

EXERCISES COME TONIGHT

Dr. S. W. Dickie of Albion Gives the Commencement Address to the Graduates.

The annual Alma high school commencement week was opened Sunday evening by the baccalaureate address of Rev. J. Frank Jackson, in the Presbyterian church to the members of the class of 1918, who will receive their diplomas tonight at the exercises to be held in the high school auditorium.

The address of Rev. Jackson was full of deep thought and meaning and stirred a large audience greatly and without a doubt has left a lasting impression upon those who are going out from the high school tonight as graduates.

To live by sacrifice, that they may serve their fellowmen, was the theme of the address of Rev. Jackson, who used the examples of the present day to bring out his points forcibly and clearly.

In opening his address he stated that it had been the custom, when some illustration was needed in teaching to turn back the pages of history, to point to a moral, a story of righteousness, of devotion to one's fellowman, of self-forgetfulness, of bravery in the face of odds, and in this way we have kept alive the memories of men to serve our purpose for moral teachings.

From the pages of history, dimmed with age, he turned to the events of the past few years, which are changing this method and bringing us to use present day examples, as the achievements of men of the past, acting as individuals or in the mass, are not now as useful for this purpose, compared with the men of today when every day brings to us news of heroic deeds, before which past records fade, as do the stars at the rise of the morning's sun. The task before this present generation, he said, is the greatest faced by the world. Men have risen to it and become greater. They are men whose same flesh and blood as ourselves, living in the same lands, and they form fitting and proper examples to set before young and old alike of what men may do.

He called attention to the men who have been called into the world war from every conceivable walk of society, from the college and the store, from centers of civilization and mines and camps, not trained in the profession of arms.

He said that those men have given up life freely, and pointed to their (Continued on page four)

PIONEER DEAD

Mrs. Margaret McNamara Died Early Monday Morning.

Mrs. Margaret McNamara of this city died at her home on Park avenue Monday morning at 3:30, and was laid to rest Wednesday forenoon. She was nearly 88 years of age, and was one of the very early settlers in Gratiot county, having come to Gratiot with her husband in company with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gee from Pewamo in 1855. She had a wide acquaintance in the county and was held in high esteem by her many friends.

She was born in Clare county, Ireland, November 12, 1830, and came to the United States with her parents when about seven years old. In 1853 she was united in marriage at Holyoke, Mass., to Michael McNamara, and soon after came to Michigan. Six children were born to this union, four of whom survive. They are James M. Pleasant, Cornelius, Kate and Henry of Alma. Michael passed away a few months ago and Sarah about three years ago.

In 1885 Mr. and Mrs. McNamara were persuaded by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. to come to Gratiot county. They came into the county by way of Pewamo, cutting the trail through as they came, until they reached what is now Summer township. The following year Mr. McNamara secured 80 acres of government land, and gradually cleared it and brought a fine farm out of the wilderness. For 65 years this farm has been in the hands of the family, not having changed hands from the time that it was first cleared.

The funeral etoai etoai taoinoinna Twenty-four years ago Mr. McNamara passed away, and after spending two more years on the farm Mrs. McNamara removed to Alma and has since made her home in this city.

The funeral was held from St. Mary's Catholic church Wednesday forenoon at 10:00 a. m., Father Troy of Bay City, Father Mulvey of Camp Custer, Father Bober of Mt. Pleasant and Fathers O'Toole and Nimrichter of Alma, all assisting in the service. The funeral sermon was given by Father Troy, and was very impressive. The body was laid at rest in Riverside Catholic cemetery.

SCOUT MEETING

Boy Scouts Met in St. John's Church Guild Room Monday Evening.

On Monday evening the boy scouts, troop four, met in St. John's Guild room. The scout master, the Rev. J. Frank Jackson, was assisted by Charles Wyant, scout master of troop No. 18 of Jackson.

Mr. Wyant is an expert and gave instruction to the lads of the troop, and superintended the examination of the scouts. Gorman Smith, Everett Giles, Franklin Yager, Clifford Williams, Earl Hood and Dee Wing passed in the scout oath. Scout candidates Lawrence Waite and Kendall Hicks are passed in this. Franklin Yager, Clifford Smith, Gorman Smith and Everett Giles passed in knot tying. The knots required for passing being the square, sheet hand, halter, slip, clove hitch, timber hitch, bowline, fisherman's and others.

Instruction was given in the history of the mariner's compass, and also in the history of the United States flag. This was followed by an Indian club drill, Mr. Wyant handling the clubs with considerable dexterity. The boys caught on to this exercise readily.

The vestry of St. John's church is glad to put the room, with the clubs, dumb bells, vaulting horse, etc., at the disposal of the scouts.

THE IDLE HOUR CHANGES HANDS FRIDAY NIGHT

High Standard of Pictures to be Continued Under the New Management.

At the closing on Friday evening the Idlehour theatre will change hands, the lease of C. A. Miller expiring at this time and the new lease of the Murphy interests of Detroit taking effect, with the close of the last show Friday night.

The Murphy interests, who own the Liberty theatre, are understood to have a five year lease on the Idlehour theatre building, secured from the owner, Harry Rockwell. A. H. Ashley, the able manager of the Liberty theatre, will in the future guide the destinies of both of the Alma movie houses.

Yesterday he told the Record reporter that new generators were being secured for the theatres, which would bring up the pictures much more clearly than they are at present as they will aid in giving a better and more steady electric current, such as is needed to bring out that there is in the pictures which may be on display.

Mr. Ashley also stated that because of the merging of the two theatres better pictures could be secured, and he deplored the rumors that are going the rounds to the effect that in the future only cheap pictures would be shown here. He stated emphatically that the standard of the pictures shown here would not be lowered but that every effort would be made to secure better pictures, and to get releases filmed in Alma earlier than ever before.

He stated that such high grade pictures as the Paramount, Artcraft, Goldwin, Pathe and Triangle would be continued, and that the friends of "Fatty" Arbuckle, Hart and Fairbanks would have plenty of opportunity to see these stars, and others of the high caliber artists.

Mrs. C. A. Miller, who has had charge of the Idlehour for months, has proven most capable in the movie business and brought to Alma many high grade films very soon after being released. In a few instances she was able to secure some of these attractions even before being shown in Detroit, and others within a few days after being shown there.

She was a firm believer in good pictures and in advertising and lays much of the success of the Idlehour to the heavy advertising which has been done in the past for the numerous attractions which she had secured for this theatre. It is with regret that Alma people see Mrs. Miller leave the movie business in this city, after having given them so many opportunities to see the finest pictures which could be obtained, regardless of what they cost to screen here.

BEEKEEPERS MEET

Gratiot County Beekeepers Association to Meet June 27.

The Gratiot County Beekeepers' association will hold its second meeting, June 27, 1918, at the outyard of J. N. Harris, two miles south and one mile east of St. Louis and six miles north and one mile east of Ithaca.

Prof. Kindig of the M. A. C. has promised to be present as have other prominent beekeepers. Mr. Harris has a large up-to-date apiary at his place. This will be a demonstration meeting and should be very instructive to all interested in bees. Bring your family and lunch basket and enjoy an old fashioned picnic. Try to be there by 10:00 a. m.

In the afternoon, those who desire are cordially invited to visit Mr. Harris' honey house in St. Louis, where all the latest appliances in bee culture may be found. The Gratiot county association extends an urgent request that all persons in the county who are interested in bees meet with the members.

CELEBRATION JULY FOURTH

Big Fourth Parade Here Will Have Liberty Trucks, Sammies, Cadets and Guards.

JACKSON TO GIVE ADDRESS

Auto and Horse Races to be Held With Part of Proceeds to War Activities.

Alma will celebrate July Fourth this year in a fitting manner as a result of the labors of the Alma Driving club and particularly because of the efforts of Royal Hyde, the hustling chairman of the committee on arrangements.

It will not be one of the noisy celebration which Gratiot county has been accustomed to for so many years, but will be a truly patriotic day, with a percentage of all proceeds from the attractions donated to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. for war work.

For the first time in the history of the county United States troops will take part in a Fourth of July celebration. Lieutenant Miller, who has charge of the troops, who are constantly coming into Alma for Liberty trucks has assured the committee that the troops who are here at that time will be used in the parade. All of the Liberty trucks which are available at that time, or for which drivers are on hand will be used in the parade also, it is assured.

In addition to this there will be other new features for a Fourth of July parade, including the Alma Home Guards and the Cadets of this city. As usual there will be the gayly decorated autos, which are always pleasing to those who attend Fourth of July affairs of this kind. The parade will be held at 10:00 a. m.

Immediately after the parade an address will be given at Wright Park by Rev. J. Frank Jackson of St. John's church. He is an able speaker and will have an interesting message.

In the afternoon the activities will be moved to the Alma Driving Club's park. The afternoon's program will be opened by an address by the Hon. William A. Bahke, and will be followed by a flag raising. Races, both horse and auto will follow the flag raising.

The program follows: 10:00 a. m.—Decorated auto parade headed by Alma Home Guards, Alma cadets, United States troops, and Government trucks. 11:00 a. m.—Address at Wright Park by Rev. J. Frank Jackson. 1:00 p. m.—Address by Hon. W. A. Bahke at Driving Club park. 1:30 p. m.—Flag raising. 2:00 p. m.—Races consisting of Free-for-all trot or pace, class A trot or pace, class B, trot or pace, all heats three in five, one-mile heats, five mile Ford auto race, five mile all-ear auto race, five mile stock car auto race, ten mile race for winners of all classes for final prize.

There will be an admission of 45 cents for the races with five cents war tax.

MUSIC STORE

Grinnell Brothers of Saginaw Open New Store in Alma.

Another Saginaw firm, Grinnell Bros.' Music House, has seen the possibilities which rapidly growing Alma has to offer and as a result decided to locate a branch in this city and be in on the ground floor, and to grow with the city.

The company has leased the residence of Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney at the corner of Woodworth ave. and Center st. and will open their Alma store there on Saturday, June 22. The store will be managed locally by S. J. Devlin.

In securing the Gaffney home, the company has had a view to the displaying of the pianos and players in their own natural settings and has fitted up the large rooms of this house as parlors so as to permit this better display.

The company carries a large variety of high grade pianos, including the Steinway, Knabe, Vose & Sons, Grinnell Bros., Shouinger, Sterling, Huntington, Mendelssohn, Smith & Barnes, Willard, Woodward, together with many of the famous makes of pianola player pianos.

TWO DEAD

Wives of Arcada and Pine River Farmers Died During Week.

Mrs. Susie A. Church, wife of Isaac A. Church, a prominent farmer of Pine River township, died at her home Friday, and was buried on Monday of this week.

She was born June 6, 1859, in Wood county, Ohio. After coming to Michigan with her parents she was married October 25, 1868, to Mr. Church. Several children survive the mother, as does the sorrowing husband. She was 62 years of age.

Mrs. Rosetta Davis, aged 36 years, the wife of Fred Davis of Arcada township, died at her home Sunday, following a short illness. The funeral services were held from the U. B. church at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday and following the services the body was shipped to Crapo for burial.

MURPHY IN IT

Undersheriff's Petitions Being Circulated by His Friends.

Petitions are being circulated this week for Arthur J. Murphy, as a Republican candidate for the nomination for sheriff at the primaries, August 27, making three Republican candidates now in the field.

Murphy has shown no great desire to be a candidate, but some of his friends started petitions for him, and a number of hours after, Murphy was notified that the petitions were being circulated. The petitions made their appearance in this city, and then rapidly appeared in other portions of the county. He will take up the gauntlet which his friends have thrown for him and make a race for the nomination.

Murphy is the present undersheriff, and in the past has served as a state game warden, and before that as a deputy sheriff. He came near being sheriff this spring, when Sheriff Bradford came near resigning.

MARRIED TODAY

Miss Sylvia Muscott, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Muscott of Breckenridge, was united in marriage today to Clarence H. Emery, also of that place. They will be at home to their friends in Breckenridge after July 10. Mr. Emery will be remembered as a former Alma high school athlete.

REPUBLIC HOLDING SALES CONVENTION

Big Three Day Session for Salesmen Started This Morning and Ends Saturday.

A convention of Republic salesmen is being held today and will be continued through Friday and Saturday, the sessions being held in the large conference room at the plant.

A morning session of the convention was held this morning at which time Mr. Markle gave an address on the policies of the company, which was followed by an address by Mr. Harris on the subject of the product of the company from a manufacturing standpoint. The balance of the forenoon was taken up in a personally conducted tour of the immense factory.

Following the luncheon at noon a second session was held, which was opened by an address by Mr. Miller on the Republic product from the sales viewpoint, in which the trucks, prices and other selling arguments were discussed. "The Kind of Dealers We Want and the Territory They May Have" was taken up by Mr. Collins, and was followed by an address by Mr. Murrell on the subject of agreements and shipments.

Following a six o'clock dinner at the restaurant, a musical program was rendered this evening, and after-dinner talks by Mr. Ruggies, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Smith and others were given.

During the sessions to be held Friday, Mr. Rath is due for an address on accounting matters and Mr. Rhodes an address on credits and finances. Several other addresses of interest to the salesmen and officials of the company will also be given during the day.

Saturday Mr. Biggs, advertising manager, will give an address on the important phases of selling, this being an address on "Advertising Program and Publicity Matters." Addresses by Mr. Dewey, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Jones will be given during the day. Following the dinner Saturday evening, Mr. Markle will close the sessions with an address on truck prosperity.

Mrs. R. H. Brown entertained a party of lady friends at a birthday dinner last Wednesday noon. Mrs. Gorman of Ithaca was among the guests. A delightful time is reported.

ALMA SOLDIERS WERE MARRIED

Sergeant Dallas Brock Married at Battle Creek to Grand Rapids Girl.

PRIVATE CUMMINGS WEDS

Miss Flossie Slater, Local Girl, United in Marriage to Him Saturday.

Reports indicate that some of the Alma Sammies are not only growing proficient in the art of war, but that they have mastered that art of ringing the wedding bells, and at least two of them, rang them good and loud this week.

Brock—Berg
Sergeant Dallas Brock, Alma lad, of Camp Custer, Battle Creek, was united in marriage Wednesday, June 12, with Miss Elsie Helen Berg of Grand Rapids.

The ceremony was performed at Battle Creek, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Rev. Clapp of the M. E. church of that city, saying the words which united the lives of this young couple.

Sergeant Brock was in Alma over the week end for his last visit home before going "over there" with the 536th engineers to which he has been transferred. Mr. Brock said that he expected to leave Camp Custer this week, to start the trip "over there," couple being present, when Rev. to this city on his short visit home.

Cummings—Slater
Private Clifford Cummings, formerly a teller at the Alma State Savings bank, who is now in training at Columbus, Ohio, was home over the week end on a five day furlough, and on Saturday afternoon he sneaked Rev. Duffey up to the home of his parents long enough to tie a knot, which united him for life with Miss Flossie Slater of this city.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only the immediate relatives of the couple being present, when Rev. Duffey performed the ceremony at 2:30 o'clock.

Three of the principals in these weddings are well known Alma people who have a host of friends who join in extending congratulations and a happy wedded life to the Sammies and their brides.

MARRIED

Ray Swigart Married June 13 to a Rochester, N. Y., Girl.

Raymond G. Swigart of this city was married to Miss Edith Hope Barker at the home of the bride's parents in Rochester, N. Y., Thursday, June 13, according to word received here.

Mrs. Raymond G. Swigart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Barker and well known in her home city. Mr. Swigart, who has taught school for a number of years, is now a member of the office staff of the Republic Motor Truck company. He has lived in this city practically all of his life and has a wide acquaintance in the county.

They will be at home to their friends at 718 State street.

PROHIBITION FACTS

We quote the following from the McCall's magazine.

"One adult dies from alcohol every eight minutes."

"An average of 1,400 suicides a year are caused by alcohol."

"For every dollar a state receives in liquor licenses, it pays out two dollars in caring for criminals, paupers, and insane caused through drink alone."

"THE LESSON OF FRIENDSHIP"

"The Lesson of Friendship" is a high class drama which will be presented by local talent, under the auspices of the local lodge Knights of Pythias at the high school auditorium, Wednesday, June 26th.

Tell your neighbors you've been reading
Of "The Lesson of Friendship."
Help us keep our message speeding,
Of "The Lesson of Friendship."
War Relief our funds are swelling
And the "Kaiser's Doom" we're spelling
With the tickets we are selling
For "The Lesson of Friendship."

It's coming very soon,
"The Lesson of Friendship."
In the latter part of June;
"The Lesson of Friendship."
Bring your wife or friends or brothers,
Yes, your fathers and your mothers;
They'll enjoy it with the others,
"The Lesson of Friendship."

There's a moral grand and glorious
In "The Lesson of Friendship."
And our friend comes out victorious
In "The Lesson of Friendship."
See our hero brave and bold
With his heart as pure as gold,
When we to you our tale unfold,
In "The Lesson of Friendship."

The tyrant meets his Waterloo
In "The Lesson of Friendship."
His heart in him is born a new
In "The Lesson of Friendship."
With just for peace
For other friendship he was blind;
The likes of him you'll never find,
In true friendship.