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## CELEBRATION TO BE BIG AFFAIR

Arrangements Completed for a Great Celebration Here Next Week.

## MILITARY STREET PARADE

Sammies, Liberty Trucks, Home Guards and Cadets in the Big Parade.

The plans of the Alma Driving club to give Alma a safe, sane, yet highly patriotic and enjoyable Fourth of July are going ahead at full speed and indications are very bright for the best celebration which the county has ever enjoyed.

One of the things that has developed during the week has been the presentation of a fine flag to the Alma Driving club for the flag raising at the driving club park which is to be held at 1:30 p. m. The flag is a gift to the driving club by the D. W. Robinson dry goods store. A fine flag pole, about forty feet high will be erected for the flag raising.

Without question, the parade to be held at 10:00 a. m. on the Fourth will be the finest thing of the kind which has ever been attempted in this section of the state. It will probably be the first time that the United States troops will be seen in a Fourth of July parade in the county, the troops which are now here to drive trucks through to the coast being those who will appear in the parade.

In addition to this other warlike and patriotic features will be seen, including a goodly number of those famous Liberty trucks, which will be loaned for the occasion. This is made possible through the fact that they are assembled right here in Alma.

The Alma high school cadets in full uniform and with their Springfield rifles, the Alma company of home guards, soon to be company 87, Michigan State Troops, will also be in the parade, in addition to the regular features which are seen every year.

Every effort is being made to secure good drivers for the auto races and also good horses for the horse races which are to be held at the driving club's park in the afternoon. This assures lovers of racing, an afternoon brim full of good sport. They will also have the pleasure of knowing that a portion of the funds which are realized at the gate, will go for war purposes, in addition to the regular war tax.

Two good addresses are billed for the day. Rev. J. Frank Jackson will give an address at Wright park at 11:00 a. m., and in the afternoon at 1:00, William A. Bahlke will give an address at the driving club's park. Both men are strong thinkers, and good talkers, and are certain to have a good message for their audiences.

## VERY PLEASING

Alma Woman in Artists' Recital Was Highly Pleased to Audience.

The following taken from a Campaign, Ill., newspaper, speaks highly of the work of Mrs. McKenzie, who appeared in a recent artists' recital in that city:

A large number of invited guests were on hand at Masonic temple, Champaign, Friday evening, to listen to the recital given by Miss Clara Broderick and Mrs. Olga Louise McKenzie, artist pupils of Mrs. Elizabeth Y. Allen, vocal instructor, and Miss Bernice Fielding, the accomplished reader.

"Mrs. McKenzie's voice is a mezzo soprano of remarkable power and unusual evenness throughout its considerable range. There were many telling moments in Whelpley's 'I Know a Hill' and Steffen's 'The Birth of Spring' and Mrs. McKenzie's enunciation even in the most difficult passages was always quite clear and distinct. Ward Stephen's 'There's Ever a Song' was accorded a particularly sympathetic interpretation."

## PROSPECTS GOOD

Early Indications for Coming College Year Good Report Field Men

Judging from the reports that are coming in from the field men of Alma College this summer, the prospects for the attendance at Alma college this year, are highly gratifying, in spite of the war, and a good attendance is being expected, based upon these preliminary reports.

One of the field men told the Record reporter this week that it would not be surprising to him, if Alma college has the biggest enrollment in her history, when college opened in September. This was qualified somewhat, however, with the statement that some young men were rather undecided about college at the present time, owing the likelihood of the 18 to 45 years on the new draft law.

## MARRIED IN CHICAGO

Word has been received here of the marriage of Private Thomas Brook Stitt of this city to Miss Louise Stitt of Chicago. The wedding took place in Chicago Sunday, June 23. Stitt, who was recently drafted, is now in training at Camp Custer.

## PATTENGILL REUNION

Former Pupils of "Pat" Will Meet in Alma Friday.

The annual Pattengill reunion will be held on Friday, June 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jotham Allen on State street, in accordance with an invitation issued by them a year ago. This affair is a reunion of all the old school pupils of Henry Pattengill, former Gratiot county school teacher who is now nationally known as an educator of high worth, and whose ability has been recognized in the past by the state which he has served as superintendent of public instruction. It is a time for general festivity among his former pupils.

Following the usual custom at these reunions, the old songs, which were sung by "Pat's" former pupils will again be sung, just as in the old days, when in knee pants, and short dresses, these elderly folks poured over the lessons which Mr. Pattengill handed out to them.

Letters will be read from those of the old pupils who will not be able to attend the meeting, and it is expected that such letters will be received from all sections of the country, as these old students have spread far and wide since the days when they attended school in Gratiot county.

According to the announcement which has been published there will be one of those bounteous basket dinners at two o'clock, at which time baskets loaded down with every conceivable variety of wheatless and meatless goodies will be spread out for a great feast.

The program for the reunion is not available for publication, but certain it is, that with Pattengill on hand, there will be a general good time, as he is a royal entertainer himself.

## REPUBLIC SALES

### CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Fine Points of Republic Trucks Brought Up and Discussed as Boosts for Sales.

The three-day sales conference held by the Republic Motor Truck Company Incorporated at the factory Thursday, Friday and Saturday was probably the most successful conference of its kind that the great Alma institution has ever held, and will go a long way towards promoting better salesmanship among the members of the field force of the company.

Various addresses were made by members of the Republic force, including the heads of the factory, President Roggles, Vice-President Markle, Secretary Rhodes, and the heads of the more important departments of the factory.

The conference was held with a view of bringing the field men into closer touch with the products which they are handling, making them familiar with the finer and distinctive points of Republics, and to bring the members of the field force into much closer touch with each other than in the past. There was also the intention of bringing the field force into close touch with the various departments, that a greater degree of efficiency might come as a result of this closer relationship.

Dinners and luncheons were provided for the guests at the big Republic restaurant. Various entertainments were furnished for the visitors and things were kept at the boiling point throughout the three days. Among those present at the conference were:

J. J. Eddy, traveling manager. Eastern division—Herbert L. Shirlach, manager. Stanley J. Garey, factory representative; A. E. Mulholland, Lawrence Van Buskirk, E. J. Goddett, and I. S. Fink. Southern division—John S. Collins, manager. C. R. Carr, factory representative; Charlie Melhado and C. E. Anderson.

Southwestern division—C. A. Miller, manager. Factory representatives: D. F. Poyer, F. D. Engle and F. G. Whipple.

Northwestern division—Burrell D. Jones, manager. F. C. Gossett, factory representative; James M. Malone, Edson F. Dutcher, Arthur J. Page and J. B. Dub.

Special equipment—H. L. Dewey. Foreign division—J. W. Tomer, manager. Factory representative: S. W. Elston.

Contract department—D. R. Murrell, manager. Y. Borland. Service department—C. M. Kraham, director of service; G. A. Ogden, assistant director. Factory representatives: R. H. Rooney, G. E. Peck and M. E. Pratt.

Advertising—H. A. Biggs, advertising counsel; J. R. Phillips, assistant sales manager, Torbensen Axle Co.

## OILING STREETS

Most of the streets adjacent to the business section of Alma have been oiled during the past week as a means of keeping down the dust and aiding in keeping Alma clean.

The proposition of oiling the streets has been tried here before and found to be highly successful, and this determined the city council to adopt this measure to insure clean streets, even though this oil is considerably more expensive than in the past.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f

## MANY CALLED FOR SERVICE

July Call Expected to Practically Deplete Men Now in Class One.

## MICHIGAN'S QUOTA 8,900

New Twenty-Oners and Reclassification Will Furnish More Men for This Class.

Practically all men physically fit, who are now in class one will be called to the colors in July, as a further step in the plans of the war department to have 3,000,000 men under arms by August 1st.

The call as issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder calls for 243,436 men to be called to the army in July, 8,900 of whom are being called from Michigan. Men are called from every state in the union under this new order, and it is expected that in almost every draft district in the country that the call will take almost every man now in class one. This is particularly true in Gratiot county.

The men from Michigan who are called to the colors this coming month will go into training at Camp Custer. The time for the entrainment of the men from this draft district is not yet announced.

The recently registered twenty-ones will be drawn today, Secretary of War Baker pulling the first number. With these men classified it will not be long before men are called from those recently listed, as more men are needed to round out the government plans.

The boards in the various districts are re-classifying the men of the other classes into class one, which will give a greater drawing power before class one is finally exhausted. It is expected that the new twenty-ones and the re-classified men will be called before the first of the year, completely depleting class one before that time.

## TRUCK LINES

Saginaw Men Figuring on Truck Lines Through Valley Cities.

Motor truck lines from Saginaw to Alma, Bay City, Caro and Flint, with the latter perhaps extended to Detroit, are being planned by Saginaw men who are now making a canvass of that city to find out just how much business they might expect should they carry out the project. They would probably give freight service every day or on alternate days and could, they think, give service far better than the railroads furnish.

Both private enterprise and the Board of Commerce are working on this plan. The board has for some time been giving the matter its attention and is co-operating with the commercial organizations in other cities with this in view.

It is pointed out that the trucks could carry the freight with the absolute minimum of handling. They would load at the factory of the shipper and the goods need not be touched till they reached their destination. This is in contrast with from four to six or eight handlings necessary when the goods are shipped by rail.

The speed would be greater for the cutting down of handling and the independence of each truck unit would make it possible to ship the goods in the shortest possible time. It is believed the truck line could beat rail shipment by many hours.

Freight charges would be higher than by rail, but because the shipper could cut down his handling expenses and because of the better service provided it is thought the shipper would really not be under any additional expense.

The proposed line is not certain yet by any means, for the promoters have not completed their canvass and do not know how much freight they can expect, but they think the railroad service which has been given the past few months and which threatens to continue will make their scheme a welcome one.

It is pointed out that Detroit and many other cities have gone into the motor truck transportation plan extensively and that it is proving to be a great success, particularly during the summer months. Whether it could be made a success in the winter remains to be seen.

## COMBINE OFFICES

Wells-Fargo and Adams Express Offices to be Consolidated.

When the U. S. government takes over the big express companies July 1, the change will be felt in Alma, as well as in the other cities of the country. In this city it will result in the combining of the two express offices, as a measure of economy on the part of the government operation.

It is understood that the Wells-Fargo offices, of which J. F. Sartor, Jr., has been the agent, will be combined with the Adams express office here under charge of Agent Hall. The express from all trains will be received through the Adams office on Gratiot avenue. It is understood that the change will take place Sunday.

## WON CASE

Jury Decided That Nelson Had No Cause for Action.

The Nelson-Sandel case, which was fought out in circuit court at Ithaca last week, was a complete victory for George Sandel of this city, the jury returning a verdict of no cause for action, after being out only a short time.

Clinton Nelson was suing Sandel for twenty-five thousand dollars damages for certain illegal relations with his wife, about two years ago. The jury evidently thought that there was very little evidence submitted to show their illegal relations, alleged to have taken place.

The case was a hard fought one from start to finish, the attorneys on both sides extending themselves to the limit for their clients.

Mr. Nelson informed the Record reporter yesterday that he had appealed the case to the Supreme Court and that he was hopeful of a better result from the highest court in the state.

## JUDGEMENT FOR \$3,800

The case of John Campbell tried in the Gratiot circuit court before Judge Harry Tappan ended last Thursday with a judgment of \$3,800 and costs for the plaintiff. It was charged and proven to the satisfaction of the jury that Campbell, who is a man of sixty living in Arcada and on whose place Harry Grandy lived as a tenant, was the father of the child born to Edith Grandy, the fifteen year old daughter of his tenant.

On the conclusion of the civil case for damages, Campbell was at once arrested charged with bastardy and is now confined in jail. He is also to be confined in jail until he pays the judgment and costs.

## PATRIOTIC MEETING

### URGED FOR JULY 8

School Districts of Country Are Asked to Have Program at Annual Meetings.

Upon suggestion of Fred L. Keeler, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and under the immediate supervision of the county school commissioner, and promoted by the county war board, school district patriotic meetings will be held in every school house in Gratiot county on July 8th, the occasion of the annual school meetings.

I ask the teacher and school officers of each district, with the aid and co-operation of the good citizens of the districts, to immediately take up the matter and arrange for this feature of the meetings.

The purpose of the meeting should be: (a) to get all of the people of the district together, (b) to have a thorough soul stirring patriotic rally using local talent as far as possible for speaking and music, (c) have it at the hour just preceding the annual meeting, and have men, women and children present, (d) open with prayer if possible and sing "America" and have the American flag displayed.

The thought to be generated by the meeting and to be adopted as far as possible by speakers should be: (1) Explanation of the organization in our state for voluntary aid by citizens in war work. (2) Explanation of the purpose for which we are fighting the war, and a thorough discussion of the reasons why we should not let our purpose falter until the whole object of the war is gained.

(3) The necessity of every individual no matter what his station in life, to contribute in influence, work and money to the limit of his ability.

I will aid as much as possible in furnishing information to speakers, but I impress upon you the importance of using local speakers or those from neighboring communities. This movement is state wide and the greatest benefit from it is to develop local pride in the patriotism of the community.

## H. A. Potter, Com. of Schools.

It is understood that arrangements are now being made for such a meeting to be held in the city of Alma, at the time of the annual school meeting which will be held in the high school auditorium Monday, July 8. It is expected that a program will be ready for announcement this coming week.

## MARRIED SOLDIER

Miss Marian Spinney of This City Married in Virginia Today.

Miss Marian Spinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spinney, of this city, left Tuesday morning for Newport News, Va. Upon her arrival Thursday afternoon, she was married to Private Miller A. Larson, who at the present time, is connected with the Medical corps at Embarkation hospital, Camp Stuart, Va. The bride is very popular and well known, having been born and raised in Alma and being a graduate of both the high school and college. The groom is a native of Idaho, and a graduate of Montpelier, (Idaho) high school, and was taking a course at the School of Commercial Art, at Kalamazoo, at the time he was called to the service of his country. Mrs. Larson will remain with her husband until he is called overseas, when she will return to Alma and resume her position as librarian of the Alma Free Reading room.

## BRENNAN MURDER CASE IS STARTED

Clinton County Circuit Court is Scene of the Trial of Flint Actor.

## JURY NOT YET SECURED

Expected Jury Will Be Completed This Week and Arguments in Case Started.

The second trial to grow out of the murder of Miss Beatrice Epler of this city on the night of Tuesday, September 4, 1917, was started in the circuit court of Clinton county at St. Johns Monday, when the state started its case against John F. Brennan, the Flint actor, who has been held on a charge of murder since the middle of last December.

The defense in this case a month ago petitioned Judge Moinet for a change of venue, setting forth the probable cost of the trial in Gratiot county, and the prejudice which probably existed against the prisoner as grounds for the change of venue. The judge decided with the defense in the case, and later, after the attorneys for the prosecution and defense had failed upon a place for the trial, set the place himself.

Prosecuting Attorney Ora L. Smith of Gratiot county has retained the services of Kelly S. Searl, former circuit judge, for this case. John F. Brennan has the same attorneys that Eichorn retained, these being Purcell of Saginaw, C. H. Goggin of Alma and William Smith of St. Johns.

Again in this case the attorneys for both defense and prosecution are going over the prospective jury men in a most careful way, to bring out their knowledge of the case, and particularly if they have any fixed opinion regarding it.

Rapid progress was apparent from the first in the selection of the jury, even though the attorneys were careful and asked a number of questions of the veniremen. A number of them were excused by E. J. Moinet, circuit judge, on the ground that they were needed on their farms. The shortage of farm labor and the amount of work to be done, or a lack of desire on the part of the farmers to act in this case, caused the appeals to Judge Moinet to be excused.

The first venire for the Brennan jury was exhausted Tuesday afternoon, and shortly before court adjourned a second venire of nineteen men was drawn. It is expected that the jury will be obtained before Friday night, and that the arguments in the case will be started Saturday.

## FIRST FLAG

Old Resident Tells of Flag Used at First Fourth Celebration Here.

When the pioneers of Alma, incited by the love of country, determined in the year 1856 to celebrate the Fourth of July they found, to their consternation, that they had no national emblem. It was then that the resourcefulness of womankind was made manifest. Finding some mysterious garments available both in quality and color they ran these through the loom of nimble-fingers and produced as the result of their labor a flag.

The small number of enthusiastic patriots who took part in this back woods revelry often boasted of firing a salute (this being the din resulting from the simultaneous boom of shot guns), listening to an oration, and floating the stars and stripes of Old Glory.

What is that I see thro the mist of the past, When our forefathers hailed their first celebration; As it floats thro' the wilds, an honored protoplast— Above the brave men who help build us a nation.

There it catches the gleam Of the Pioneers' first dream. Now at rest are the fingers That sewed it ename— 'Tis the star-spangled banner, First in Alma to wave, O'er the wilds and the free And the home of the brave.

—Eulah E. Hannab.

## MASS MEETING

Alma War Savings Drive Will Open With Meeting at High School.

At 8:00 o'clock Friday evening a big mass meeting will be held in the Alma high school auditorium, as the opening wedge in the campaign in Alma for War Savings stamps. Everyone is requested to be present at this meeting to help make it a success, and give the drive a good send off.

Chairman Murphy has secured three able speakers for the evening, these being William A. Bahlke, Rev. William H. Mason and Rev. Priest, to give short addresses. It will be the last opportunity for Alma people to hear Dr. Mason in this city.

The matter of War Savings and Thrift stamps will be taken up and thoroughly discussed from the standpoint of investment, and as a patriotic move in behalf of Uncle Sam, who is in need of the savings of the people of the nation.

## CHAUTAQUA

Redpath Chautauqua Dates Have Been Set for August.

The annual Redpath Chautauqua this year will be in Alma August 12 to 19, at which time the chautauqua goers of this city will have the opportunity of hearing one of the best programs that has ever been given in this city.

Every effort has been made by the Redpath people this year to give the public the finest program which could be secured, and reports from the various places which the chautauqua has visited indicate that success has been met with in this respect. It will probably be nearly a month yet before the Alma committee puts the chautauqua tickets for the coming attractions on sale, and meanwhile plans for a hot ticket sale campaign are being laid.

## NATIONAL FOOD SURVEY

The third National War Emergency Food Survey will be taken as of July 1, 1918, of stocks of food in hands of dealers and manufacturers. Some 600,000 blank schedules are being sent out by mail and it is expected that they will be in the hands of the reporting concerns by July 1. Completed schedules are to be mailed to the Chief of the Bureau of Markets within three days after they are received.

## BUYS FINE PROPERTY

It became known the fore part of this week that D. L. Johnson, attorney at law and justice of the peace, had purchased the Dr. C. B. Gardner residence at the corner of State and Downey streets. The consideration for the property is said to have been \$12,000.

## PRETTY LITTLE MISS

### IN TROUBLE HERE

Detroit Faces Charge of Grand Larceny, Following a Visit to This City.

Pretty Miss Alma Spencer of Detroit ran up against the law during a recent visit to this city, at which time she was demonstrating at the D. W. Robinson dry goods store, but evidently failed to realize the nature of her alleged doings in this city, until she was taken in tow the first of the week in Detroit, where she was located by officers. She was returned to this city by Undersheriff Art Murphy, who went to Detroit for her, armed with a warrant charging her with grand larceny.

Tuesday afternoon she was arraigned before D. L. Johnson, justice of the peace. On advice of her attorney, Ralph Goggin, a demand for examination was made, which was set for Thursday, July 25.

Bail was set at \$200.00, which was secured by the pretty little Miss from Detroit, and Tuesday night she returned to that city.

It is alleged that when conducting a demonstration at the Robinson store recently she was attracted to various articles in the store, which she endeavored to make away with. The value of the goods is said to be considerable over twenty-five dollars.

## HAS RETURNED

Dr. Sluyter Has Returned to Alma and Will Resume His Practice.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, who left here about nine months ago to take a post graduate course at Kirksville, Mo., has returned to this city and will resume his practice at his former offices Monday, July 1st.

During the first four months that he was gone from Alma Dr. Sluyter specialized in several of the more important branches of his work, and because of his success in this specialization was made interne under Dr. Still, who bears a national reputation in his line. The five months' work as an interne opened up numerous opportunities for study and practical experience of which Dr. Sluyter quickly availed himself, so that he returns to Alma better equipped than ever to serve the needs of those who call on him.

Dr. McIntosh, who has been taking charge of the practice while Dr. Sluyter has been studying, will leave Alma the first of the week, and while he has not definitely decided, may locate at Richmond, after a visit with his parents at Romeo.

## IS SECOND CALLED

Louis Balcanus of the Paris Cafe was called to Detroit Saturday to answer the draft summons, he having been called on the 24th to go to Camp Custer from Detroit, where he was registered.

Mr. Balcanus is just one of the four young men at the Paris Cafe, who have been making this place popular in the past, and is the second of the four who has been called upon to enter the service against the Hun. Two are still left to carry on the business.

Howard Potter of Ithaca, county school commissioner, was in the city for a short time Tuesday on business, while on his return home from Mt. Pleasant, where he had been attending a central Michigan meeting of county school commissioners, seventeen of whom attended the meeting.

Paste the Kaiser with W. S. S.

## WAR SAVINGS DRIVE MONDAY

Gratiot County Has Quota Far Larger Than Third Liberty Loan for Stamps.

## TO CANVASS EVERY HOME

City Chairman C. R. Murphy Lining Up Large Number of Solicitors for This Work.

City War Savings Campaign Chairman C. R. Murphy has appointed his committees for a thorough solicitation of the city in behalf of the sale of War Savings stamps and within the next few days every home in Alma will be canvassed by the solicitors and everyone given a chance to purchase War Savings stamps. The solicitors will start Monday, July 1st.

Efforts are being made to divide the city into a large number of districts so that none of the canvassers will have a great amount of work to do. This means that City Chairman Murphy will have a large force of solicitors at work among the various homes in Alma to secure pledges for the purchase of War Savings stamps during the balance of the year.

The quota for War Savings stamps for the city of Alma has not yet been figured out, but it will be more than the quota of the city for the third Liberty loan, when Alma had a quota of \$150,000.00. The quota for the county is \$497,200 for War Savings stamps as against \$433,000 for the third Liberty loan. It is very probable that when the quota of the various portions of the county is determined by the county committee Alma will have a quota of about \$190,000.

In view of the fact that \$1,000 is the limit on sales for War Savings stamps for any one person, the work of sending Alma over the top takes on the aspect of a mighty hard job.

The campaign continues clear through the balance of the year, and the pledges to be taken by the solicitors allow places for the pledging of stamps for every month until the first of 1919, when the government hopes that the two billion dollars worth of War Savings stamps will have been subscribed.

The pledge cards which the solicitors will carry with them give the cost of the stamps each month during the balance of the year, which will have a maturity value of \$5.00. Space is allotted for the number of stamps to be pledged during the balance of the year and spaces are also provided for the various months giving the number of stamps which are to be purchased each month under the pledge. Space is also provided for the purchaser to say where he will buy his stamps.

There is a quota over the entire country of \$20.00 per capita for War Savings stamps, which means that everyone is asked to purchase just as many stamps as they can afford. The stamps draw interest at four percent compounded quarterly, making a fine investment, not only for the wealthier people but for the poorer classes and children.

In case of necessity they can always be turned into cash at the post office without the loss of a cent, and indeed a certain percentage of interest is allowed for the time that the stamps are held. A War Savings stamp purchased this month at \$4.17 will return \$5.00 in January 1923, a return that is a fine one on such investments, when it is considered that it is invested in the safest place to be found. The stamps have a good advantage over the bonds for the poorer people in that they run for a shorter period of years, require a smaller investment and yet give the same interest, if held until maturity, that the Liberty Bonds yield.

The stamps will be on sale at the post office, the banks, depot, Western Union Telegraph office and most of the stores in the city.

## NEARLY ASPHYXIATED

Miss Carolyn Hughes, daughter of Fred W. Hughes of St. Louis, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation on Saturday evening. The young woman while bathing in the bath room of their residence was overcome by escaping gas from the coil attached to the hot water tank. Mr. Hughes heard her making a peculiar noise and thinking something was wrong went to her assistance. As he approached the bath room he smelled gas and entering he found his daughter in a dangerous condition and removed her to a place of safety. Restoratives were administered and after some time the young woman regained consciousness. She is improving although very weak and nervous.

## HAVE ENLISTED MEN

The officers of Company 87, Michigan State Troops, enlisted the men of the company at the meeting held Tuesday evening at the high school. The men were required to take the oath of the United States and of the state of Michigan, and enlist for a period of three years. The company will consist of sixty enlisted men and three officers. Equipment for the company is expected within the next few days.