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## SECOND ARMY SALE MONDAY

Two Tons of Strip Bacon Will Be Offered to Alma People at Sale First of Week.

### HELD BY OFFICIALS OF CITY

Foodstuffs, Clothing, Etc., to be Sold at Store Which Will Be Held in Fire Station.

The second of the sales of army goods to be conducted by the City of Alma will be started Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock, at which time a large quantity of goods will be offered to Alma residents, at prices which the officials of the city believe will effect some large savings for local people. The sale will be held in the fire station.

Chief among the goods to be offered for sale will be two tons of strip bacon, which will be sold for twenty cents per pound. The bacon will be sold only in strips.

Two hundred pairs of blankets have been obtained by the city for the coming sale, nearly all of which are new. The new blankets will be sold for \$5.00 each.

Two cases of shoes, two hundred pair of army shoes and five hundred towels comprise some of the other goods which will be offered for sale.

The city was unable to secure as large an assortment of canned goods as was desired, being unable to secure peas and corn in the present allotment of goods. The canned goods to be offered for sale consist of 2,400 cans of baked beans, 1,200 cans of tomatoes, 480 cans of corn beef, 96 cans of pepper and 96 cans of cinnamon.

Those who attend the sale will not be allowed to flock into the room as they did at the last sale. Only a few will be admitted at a time, as the officials do not desire to have a crowd on their necks for some hours as was the case at the preceding sale.

### WEEK OF PRAYER

Union Services of Churches To Be Held Next Week.

All the citizens of Alma are earnestly invited to attend the services arranged by the Alma Federation of churches in observance of the week of prayer, January 4 to 11.

These services commence with a Union meeting next Sunday evening at 7 p. m. in the Presbyterian church at which Rev. Matt. Duffey will speak. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. they continue in the Presbyterian church. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday they will be held in the Methodist church. The various pastors of the city will lead.

There never was a time when men so need to look to God for help and guidance as in these days of reconstruction and untold opportunity. The whole nation is asked to make much of the privilege of prayer at just this time. In view of the great task placed upon the churches of Alma to win for Christ the constantly increasing population coming to our city the earnest souls of Alma will be anxious to co-operate in the nation wide program. It is suggested to Christians throughout the city that they each follow the rule of attending at least two of the services during the week choosing those that best suit their convenience. It is further urged that all social gatherings which conflict with these services be postponed as far as possible.

The topics for the week are those selected by the Federal council of churches of Christ in America. The general theme is "An Awakened Church." The topics for each day follow:

Sunday, January 4—"The church awakened by her opportunities." Isa. 25:1; Rev. 3:9; Esther 4:14; John 4:35, 36; Mark 6:34, 37; Acts 16:9, 10.

Monday, January 5—"The church awakened by self-examination." Matt. 5:13-20, 29-30; 6:19-24; Jas. 5:1-9; Isa. 55, Ps. 33.

Tuesday, January 6—"The church awakened by a vision of the world's need." Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 7:9-17; Ps. 107; Ps. 2:1; John 3:16-21.

Wednesday, January 7—"The church awakened by the call for co-operation." John 17; Phil. 1:21; Eph. 4:1-6; Matt. 18:19, 20.

Thursday, January 8—"The church awakened by a revival of family religion." Gen. 18:17-19; Eph. 6:4; Deut. 4:9, 10; 11:18-21.

Friday, January 9—"The church awakened by the call for workers." Matt. 9:35-38; Eph. 4:11-13; Rom. 1:1-6; Matt. 28:18, 20.

Saturday, January 10—"The church awakened by the rediscovery of the reality and power of prayer." Matt. 11:22-24; 5:5-13; Acts 4:31-33; Ps. 2:8; Isa. 62:6, 7; 59:16.

J. D. Sullivan's automobile was badly damaged Monday afternoon, when it was struck by an engine at the Ann Arbor crossing on Woodworth avenue. The automobile was being driven by his son, who escaped injury.

### RELIEF WORK

American Red Cross Preparing for Disaster Relief.

Immediate preparation of all American Red Cross Forces for disaster relief, so that the agencies will be equipped to handle any emergency which may arise, will be undertaken in connection with the peace time program of the Red Cross.

The national organization has issued a manual of disaster relief preparation, and all divisions and local chapters will be requested to prepare along the lines laid down in the manual.

In the past Red Cross preparations have been held up until the disaster actually arrives, but statistics show that some disaster visits the country on an average of once a month, and to be ready to meet these disasters as they occur, the Red Cross chapters have been asked to prepare. There are 15,000 communities where Red Cross activities are carried on, and these communities will have at their disposal the resources for the care of ill and injured, emergency feeding, temporary shelter and clothing facilities, health and prevention of disorder.

Each division will undertake a survey of federal and national guard equipment, Red Cross supplies available, trained workers and other types of resources necessary when disaster comes.

### REV. J. W. PRIEST

#### RESIGNED PASTORATE

Baptist Minister Will Leave After Eight Years of Service for New Field at Sturgis.

Rev. Joseph W. Priest of the Baptist church has resigned his pastorate here, and accepted a call to Sturgis, announcement having been made by Rev. Priest to this effect the first of the present week.

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. Priest, who is a member of the school board of this district, will resign as a member of the board within a very short time, as a result of the acceptance of the call to Sturgis by Rev. Priest.

It is said that Rev. J. W. Priest is to take up his new work in Sturgis on Sunday, February 1, and he expects to move to that city with his family before that time, if possible.

Rev. Priest accepted the call of the Alma Baptist church eight years ago last October, coming to this city from Fenton, where he had been for a number of years. During the time that he has been in Alma he has gained a wide circle of friends in the community. Mrs. Priest has also been closely associated with the public, having been a member of the local school board for several years.

While it has not been stated definitely by Mrs. Priest it is expected that she will hand her resignation to the school board at its next meeting.

Members of the Baptist church desirous of showing their appreciation of Rev. Priest presented him with \$200.00 on Christmas.

At the present time, it is understood that no one has been decided upon for the pastorate here, and it is probable that it will be some few weeks before any definite decision is arrived at regarding a successor to Rev. Priest.

### TAKEN CARE OF

Alma's Poor Were Given A Merry Christmas this Year.

The various organizations of this city saw to it this year that Christmas time was a time of joy throughout all Alma and those who were unfortunate to be in such a position as to have nothing to look forward to at the Yuletide, were laden down with baskets of goodies, with presents for the kiddies, and clothing where it was believed that it was needed.

The splendid acts of the various churches of Alma, of the Salvation Army, the Masons and other Alma lodges, and of the various organizations at the plants of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., dispelled the sorrow that was facing many an Alma family, because of the inability to provide for a suitable Yuletide remembrance for the youngsters, and a dinner that would bring smiles of pleasure and joy to be pinched and wear face of many a kiddie.

The hands of the more fortunate in Alma were stretched across the gap to grasp those of the more unfortunate brethren, to bring to them renewed hope of success after failure had seemingly been their lot; to encourage them in facing the future with a confidence that must win out over the difficulties that must be met and borne down; to bring to them at Christmas time a more thorough knowledge of the Master, and his spirit has actuated others to such kind acts.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," has become a more common matter of knowledge in Alma, among those who scattered their good deeds and brought Christmas happiness to these unfortunate, stricken Alma homes. It has been a source of satisfaction, this work of mercy and kindness, which was so well done in Alma, and has proven a joy and pleasure to those who took part in this wondrous work.

Deluxe candles are the best. 77-4

## CENSUS TO BE STARTED FRIDAY

Government Seeking Statistics in Regard to Population and Country's Wealth.

### ALMA IS VERY INTERESTED

Expected that Census Will Show City One of Most Rapidly Growing in State.

The fourteenth decennial census of the United States will be under way on January 2, 1920, and it is expected that it will be completed over the entire country within the next fifteen days, although a much longer period will be needed to compile all of the data that is secured.

This will be the first time that women will figure very largely in the taking of the census, old-h. c. l. having a part in this. This is especially true in Alma, where men are getting good wages, wages demanded by the present high costs, and hence not a male resident of this city took the examination when census enumerators were called for. As a result only women will work on the census in Alma.

They are Miss Mildred Cash, who will have charge of the first and second ward; Miss Jennie Miller, who will have charge of the third ward; and Mrs. Edith Swigart, who will have charge of the fourth ward.

A proclamation issued by President Woodrow Wilson in regard to the census states that the sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country, and the replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. For the protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employe of the census bureau is prohibited under heavy penalty from disclosing any information which may come to his knowledge.

A paragraph in the proclamation calls attention to the fact that it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules which apply to him and the family to which he belongs, and the farm occupied by him or his family and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

There has been much speculation regarding the growth of Alma during the past few years, and it is expected that the census which starts tomorrow, will soon give the figures as compared with those of ten years ago, when Alma was a community of only 2757 people.

Among the questions which will be asked by the census enumerators of every person in the United States will be the following:

Sex; color or race; age at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed or divorced; birthplace of person enumerated and birthplaces of father and mother, giving names of both country and province if foreign born; occupation, specifying trade or profession, also industry in which employed; whether attending school; whether able to read; whether able to write; whether able to speak English; whether home is owned or rented, and if owned whether home is free of incumbrance or is mortgaged.

Persons of foreign birth will be asked questions concerning these additional points:

Year of immigration to the United States; whether naturalized, and if so the year of naturalization; mother tongue or native language.

Census enumerators also will call at every farm in this community to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the agricultural schedule.

Each farmer will be asked questions concerning the acreage and value of his farm; whether he owns, rents or partly owns and partly rents the land he farms; the value of the buildings, machinery and implements belonging to his farm; the quantity of all crops raised on his farm during the year 1919; and many other questions which cover all possible farm operations.

An absolutely accurate and complete census vitally concerns the welfare of this community and of every person living in it. The official population for the next ten years will be determined by the census of 1920.

Be ready with your answers when the census taker calls at your house.

### REOPEN FREIGHT OFFICE

The Ann Arbor freight office will again be opened for business Friday, January 2, 1920, with J. B. Fitzmiller as agent. The opening of the freight house comes as one of the preliminaries of the turning of the railroads back to private ownership.

As a result of the re-opening of the freight depot the American Railway Express office has been moved back to its old quarters on Gratiot avenue, from the Ann Arbor freight depot.

It is the intention of Mr. Fitzmiller to move his family to Alma just as soon as a suitable residence can be secured.

Advertise your wants in The Record.

### PROGRESSING WELL

Brick Work on New Theatre is Now Under Way and Will Be Rushed.

The foundation walls of the new \$60,000 theatre, which is being constructed in this city, have become well set, and the first of the week, the work of constructing the walls of the theatre was started and is now being rushed rapidly.

This work was held up for some days due to a shortage of materials, which are now, however, arriving rapidly allowing the work to be pushed, so that the greater part of the last time may be gained back.

Now that the foundations have been completed, it is expected that the work can proceed at a far more rapid rate, unless further delays are met with in the securing of materials. Those in charge of the building operations hope that this can be avoided, as the owners are highly desirous of having the new structure completed just as quickly as possible.

### PROMINENT ALMA

#### YOUNG LADY WEDDED

Miss Ruth Bennett Became the Bride of Detroit at Pretty Christmas Wedding.

At a beautiful informal home wedding Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Bennett on Woodworth avenue, their daughter, Miss Ruth, was united in marriage with Mr. Fred L. Moffat, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moffat of Detroit.

Only twenty relatives and intimate friends of the couple were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. Frank Jackson, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The Bennett home was very prettily decorated in Christmas colors for the wedding. A large Christmas tree, in the living room, with its decorations reflecting back the light of the many small, colored electric bulbs, that covered it, furnished an ideal setting for the Christmas Eve wedding. Miss Dorothea Sage of Kalamazoo acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. James Lake of Detroit as best man.

The bride was dressed in a flesh colored georgette gown, trimmed with pearl beads. She wore a corsage bouquet of roses and sweet peas.

Following the ceremony a dainty wedding luncheon was served in the dining room of the Bennett home.

Mrs. Moffat is a graduate of the local high school and Kalamazoo Normal College. She has lived in this city all her life and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends here. Mr. Moffat is a manual training teacher in Bellevue school, Detroit, and is highly regarded in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffat will be at home to their friends at 902 Bewick avenue, Detroit, after January 15. Among those who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moffat and son, Russell, of Detroit; Mr. James Lake of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brock of Tippecanoe City, Ohio; Mrs. Gibson of Tippecanoe City, Ohio; Miss Dorothea Sage of Kalamazoo; Charles L. Hawley of Big Rapids; Miss Olive Smith of Kalamazoo; Mrs. Addie M. Rusco of Vining, Kas.; Frank A. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brock, and Mrs. Sarah Hawley of this city.

### RESIGNS POSITION

Professor Hosmer Leaves Alma College for Chicago Position.

It became known the first of the week that Professor Albert E. Hosmer of the department of music of Alma college has resigned his position, effective at once, and that he has accepted a position as director of music at Moody Institute in Chicago.

Professor Hosmer has been connected with Alma college for almost two years and a half, and during this time the department of music has enjoyed a fine growth.

Professor Hosmer expects to leave Alma the first of the week for Chicago to take up his new work at Moody Institute.

It is understood, that while the college authorities are considering several recommendations for the vacant position, no selection of a successor to Professor Hosmer has been made.

### OBITUARY

Phyletus J. Adams, son of Edwin J. and Osta F. Adams, was born July 2, 1873 in Arcada township, and died December 21, 1919, in the same township, and just across the road from the farm, where he was born.

September 27, 1893, he was united in marriage with Charlotte M. Hawley, who with his daughter survive. He is also survived by his aged parents, a sister, Mrs. Ray Wheaton, of Alma and a host of friends.

During his entire life he has lived in or near this city, and was widely known through the county. His health began to fail about a year ago, and at that time he moved from Alma to his farm.

The funeral was held from the home on Tuesday, December 23, conducted by Rev. M. W. Duffey, at which time a large number of sorrowing friends were present to pay their last respects to him. His cousins acted as pall bearers at the funeral.

"23 1/2 Hours Leave"—Idlehour, Sunday—adv.

## OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED ALMA

1920 Will Be Big Year for Community if Proper Cooperative Spirit is Shown.

### MUCH BUILDING IS NEEDED

Hundreds of Homes Should Be Constructed if City is to Realize All that Year Offers.

1920 is here, with its new resolutions, with Alma people hoping for success and prosperity during the New Year; with expectations of further growth for the community, which will exceed anything that Alma has ever enjoyed in a single year.

Prospects on the first day of the year are that these hopes for Alma may be realized—but much will depend upon the people of Alma themselves. They, and they alone have the power of bringing about a realization of these hopes.

Opportunity is even now holding forth her hand to this city, and if Alma does not blindly step aside, or hesitate in meeting it, wonderful changes are certain to result during the next twelve months.

Alma needs that must be met if the hopes for the New Year are to be realized.

Most important of all the needs that confront that city during the coming year is the need for houses, that there will be plenty of room for those who are now seeking residences here and those who are certain to be looking for homes during the coming year. There is no question but what hundreds of new homes will be needed to provide places for the working men who will be seeking Alma as a location.

Sewer and watermain extensions are also badly needed, and this is a matter that the city is now laying plans for, and within a short time it is expected that bids will be asked for the sewer work.

There is also a big need in Alma for new business blocks, and indications are that some of these will be built in the city during the coming year.

Prospects right now point to a demand for more workmen in the city for its present industries within the next few months. The Northern Wheel company is about to start operations, and will need a number of men, some of whom, without question, will bring additional families to Alma, providing suitable homes are procurable. The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. is planning on extending the scope of its business by increasing its capacity to a great extent during the coming months, and this is certain to create a demand for more workmen.

With plenty of residences for workers, Alma can be made attractive enough to draw other industries during the coming year, and it thus becomes self-evident that the city's growth and prosperity during the coming year depends upon Alma people and Alma money.

Judging from the past, when a far insufficient number of residences have been constructed here each year, Alma needs an awakening to the needs of the community, and no time is better for such an awakening as the beginning of a new year, when twelve long months lie ahead for development in 1920.

### ENTERTAIN EMPLOYES

Republic Gives Employes Wholesome Amusement At Lunch Hour.

Feeling that contented, happy employes do more and better work, the Republic welfare department has hit upon a means of entertaining and amusing the employes during the noon hour.

This applies of course, only to those who eat their lunch at the factory, or live so near to the plant that they find it easy to return in time to enjoy the entertainments.

Three times each week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the employes are given a treat in the way of moving pictures, clean, wholesome comedies being shown. On the other days an orchestra entertains those who appreciate good music.

### MANY SALES

Commencing in September and ending with December 23, J. D. Helman, well known Alma auctioneer, held 76 sales, one each day, excepting Sundays of course. Mr. Helman has long been known as one of the most successful auctioneers in this section of the state, and each year has seen the demand for his services grow greater, until at the present time he is finding it a difficult matter to handle all of the sales that he is asked to handle. He has had a fine success at the sale this year, nearly all of them going better than had been expected. This is partially due probably to the fact that the fine weather has permitted good crowds at the sales, giving Mr. Helman a larger audience to work on in his selling game.

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### DIED MONDAY

Mrs. William Bartley, Gratiot Pioneer, Has Passed Away.

Mrs. William Bartley of 317 Grant Ave. died Monday morning at her home after a prolonged sickness which for some months has confined her to her bed. In her death Gratiot county loses one of its few remaining and much respected pioneers.

Mrs. Bartley's maiden name was Jane Edgar. She was born in Scotland in 1849 and came with her parents to London, Canada, when four years old. From there the family moved to Gratiot county in 1862, where Mrs. Bartley has since resided.

Jane Edgar was married to William Bartley in 1870. She early joined the Emerson Presbyterian church. Mr. Bartley died in 1907 and Mrs. Bartley moved with two daughters, then living at home, and son, J. A. Bartley, to Alma in 1912. Six children of Mrs. Bartley are left to mourn their loss, in addition to two sisters, four brothers and twelve grandchildren. The children are J. A. Bartley, Janie Bartley and William E. Bartley of this city; Mrs. F. S. Clegg of St. Louis; Mrs. P. L. McAdams of Ithaca and Mrs. A. R. Smith of Detroit.

The funeral of Mrs. Bartley was held from the home at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. W. L. Gelston of the Presbyterian church officiating. The remains were taken to Breenkridge for burial.

The naming of the ship, "City of Alma," is an honor that has been given to the community as a result of its having led the entire state on the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign, when 80.8 per cent of the population of Alma subscribed to Liberty bonds of that issue. The reward for the efforts of the campaign were to have been given to four communities, the two leading cities of those with a population of over 10,000 and the two leading communities of the class under 10,000 population. Alma, the leader of the "less than 10,000" class, also led the entire state on percentage, outdoing Detroit and Flint, leaders of the larger city class. East Lansing, with 61 per cent of its population subscribing in the smaller city class, was next to Alma, so the record of this city, nearly twenty per cent better than its nearest competitor in the race for high honors, was noteworthy.

### COLLEGIATE SEASON TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

College Basketball Team Will Meet Mt. Pleasant and Grand Rapids Fives.

The Alma College basketball quintet will open its schedule of collegiate games this coming week with two battles, one of which will be staged on the local court, while the other will be played at Mt. Pleasant.

The game to be played here, which will be with Junior College of Grand Rapids is scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 2. The Furniture City collegians are reported to have a speedy bunch of court men and are expected to make Coach Wood's aggressive step some if it is to annex the opening game of the college schedule will be with the Mt. Pleasant Normals on Friday night of next week. The normals are reported to have the strongest team in their history, and unless the Almatites travel at top speed defeat promises to be their lot in the first game. The game will be played on the Normal court and this promises to give the Normals an edge on the Maroon and Cream, even should the two fives be evenly balanced.

What the line-up will be for the opening game is very uncertain, at the forward stations at least. At present, with Anderson still missing from the center job, it is almost a certainty that Crittenden, crack guard from last year's aggregation, will handle the work from the center of the floor.

Captain Tebo of last year's runner-up for the M. I. A. A. title, and Mills guard on the 1917 quintet, which tied for the championship, will probably hold down the guard positions.

Several selections are possible for the forward positions and there is no telling what Coach Wood will decide to do, after looking his men over for the first three days of the coming week. F. Smith and G. Richards are available from last year's court aggregation, but they are being pushed hard by Boyne, Howe and Marks, and it is more than possible that any one of these men may be picked to start.

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### DEBATE HERE

Alma High School Debaters Will Meet Mt. Pleasant Team Friday.

The Alma high school debating team will debate the Mt. Pleasant high school team in the Alma high school auditorium Friday evening, January 9, at 8:00 o'clock. The subject for the debate will be the same that is being used in the state debating contest, of which this is a part. The subject is "Resolved, that the United States should adopt a system of Universal Military Training for all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 25."

The Alma team will take the affirmative side of the forensic question, and the visitors will take the negative. The Alma team will be composed of Verner Lyons, John Holmes, and Elliott Crooks. Mt. Pleasant will be represented by William Holcomb, Lloyd Bush, Phil Collins and Joseph Grim.

The judges for the contest have not yet been selected, but are to be superintendents of schools within a radius of fifty miles of Alma. Both Mt. Pleasant and Alma submit a list of superintendents to the other, and each will have the privilege of cutting off the names of several. The judges will be chosen from those remaining, and will not be known before the first of the coming week, it is expected.

The Alma team has been working hard for the debate, even during the Christmas vacation week, and feels certain that it will be able to give the Mt. Pleasant representatives a run for the honors of the evening.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe—77-4

## CHRISTENING OF "CITY OF ALMA"

Vessel Named for Community as Liberty Loan Reward to Be Launched.

### JANUARY 9 IS THE DATE SET

Miss Esther Rhodes of this City is to Sponsor Government Ship at Its Launching.

Alma's Fourth Liberty Loan ship, "City of Alma," is to be christened on Friday, January 9, 1920, at Bristol, Pa., according to word which has been received here, and Miss Esther Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rhodes of this city, will sponsor the ship as it leaves the ways and takes to the water.

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In the Fourth Liberty campaign Gratiot county subscribed \$1,026,550 of which the city of Alma subscribed \$403,000. This amount was equal to nearly three hundred per cent of the quota of the city.

Under the rules laid down for the honors the small cities were to have a tank named after the city, but the armistice called a halt in the making of tanks, and the smaller communities were given the honor of naming a ship.

Following the awarding of the lead to Alma the Liberty Loan Committee selected the name, "City of Alma," for the ship, and at a meeting held still later, Miss Esther Rhodes was selected as the person to sponsor the "City of Alma," at its christening.

It is seldom that a government vessel is named after a city, and still more seldom that a city as small as Alma acquires such an honor, and it was only the splendid support given by all Alma people to the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign that made the achievement possible for the community, and the "City of Alma" will be a monument to the patriotic spirit of the community long after the mind of the public has forgotten how well Alma arose to the needs of the country.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rhodes, and their daughter, Miss Esther, who will sponsor the ship, T. A. Robinson, who directed the Victory Loan campaign will be present at the christening, and it is probable that some other Alma people will also be present.

### NEW GROCERY

St. Louis Resident Will Open New Grocery Here Friday.

C. L. Short, former proprietor of a grocery in St. Louis, will open a new grocery in Alma on Friday, January 2, in the Redman block on South Gratiot avenue.

He has secured the store room, formerly used by the Gratiot Motor Sales Co., and this has been remodeled and is now equipped for a first class grocery, such as Mr. Short expects to conduct.

Mr. Short has announced that he will conduct a cash and carry grocery, as he believes that it will be possible for him to aid in the savings that he hopes to give his patrons.

UNION WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Union watchnight services were held at the Baptist church for the Christian people of Alma. Rev. Joseph Priest acted as chairman and the program included the following: song service led by