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## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM IS OUT

Honorable C. L. Glasgow Will Be the Speaker of the Occasion.

## FINE EXERCISES ARE CERTAIN

American Legion Post is Now Taking Active Part in the Affair.

Memorial Day will be fittingly observed in Alma on Monday, May 31, according to plans which are now under way, and which give every evidence of making a Decoration Day that Alma will long remember, as it will be the first time that the veterans of the World War have taken an active part with the G. A. R. in the exercises.

The George W. Myers post No. 132 American Legion, was requested to take over the arrangements and planning for the day, because of the feebleness of the veterans of the Civil War, who are members of the William Moyer post here. They can be depended upon to aid in making the day one of honor to the memory of the heroic soldier dead of the country.

The program which has been arranged by the committee of the George W. Myers post, No. 132, American Legion, will bring to Alma the Honorable C. L. Glasgow, a candidate for Governor of Michigan, who will be the principle speaker of the day.

The program is now arranged, and given below, as only tentative, and is subject to change during the coming week. It calls for the holding of the exercises at Riverside cemetery, although it is more than possible that a change may be made in this respect. The program follows:

Song—Quartet.  
Invocation—Rev. Mulvey.  
Song—School.  
Reading of Orders—Adj. Crooks of William Moyer Post.  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.  
Salute—Firing Squad.  
Taps.  
Decoration of Graves—Boy Scouts.  
Address—C. T. Glasgow.  
Song—Quartet.  
Benediction—Rev. Gelston.  
Return to bridge for exercises.  
Address—Rev. Gelston.  
Taps and Decoration of Waters.  
The following will be the line of march: Starting from the high school to Superior street, down Superior street, to State, thence to State, thence to Riverside cemetery.

## SMITH IS CHAIRMAN

Frank F. Smith Will Have Charge of Army Work in Alma.

The annual campaign for the Home Service Fund of the Salvation Army, is underway, but will not be pushed in Alma until Wednesday, May 26, Chairman Frank F. Smith, who was appointed yesterday, having decided to take one day for the work in this city.

Mr. Smith believes that the quota of Alma, about \$3,000, can be secured in the one day, because of the high place that the Salvation Army holds because of the wonderful work that it accomplished during the World War and because of the work that the local Salvation Army has been doing in this city.

Mr. Smith has not yet secured his list of workers in this city, the appointment having been too recent to allow the choosing of the workers yet, but they will be selected and ready for the start before next Wednesday morning.

## OBITUARY

Rosa Millard Pontine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Millard, was born in Hamilton, Ontario, August 16, 1864, and died Thursday, May 13, at her home in Alma.

When a child about six years of age, she moved with her parents, to Port Burwell, where she lived with them until November 14, 1869, when she was united in marriage to Albert Pontine of the same place. They continued to reside in Burwell for about six years, during which time three daughters were born to them.

In 1875 they moved to Michigan, settling near Ithaca, where they lived for about two years. They then moved to Alma, and since have made this city their home.

Mrs. Pontine was a kind and loving wife and mother, and while during the past fifteen years she had been a great sufferer, she was always cheerful, patient and thoughtful of others.

She leaves to mourn their loss a devoted husband, three daughters, Mrs. William C. Sullivan, Mrs. C. A. Sullivan and Mrs. G. W. Farrough; one sister, Mrs. C. A. Hunter of Ladington; one brother, Thomas Millard of Appleton, Wis., five grandchildren and six great grandchildren, besides a host of friends.

The funeral service was held from the late home on Gratiot avenue Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Duffey officiating. The body was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery.

The Fortnightly Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet Tuesday afternoon, May 25th with Mrs. Bert Eckert at 630 State street.

Best candies—DeLuxe—77-17c

## SUMMER RESORT

Local Man Establishing Summer Resort at Bass Lake.

Merrill Stuckey of this city, has secured a twenty-five acre tract of land at Bass Lake, which is being platted for a summer resort, the lots being already on the market. The resort will be known as Highland Park, Mr. Stuckey stated yesterday, and is on the trunk line road west from Alma.

Included in the tract of land secured by Mr. Stuckey, is a fine grove, which will probably prove popular with Alma people in the future, as Bass Lake is very accessible from this city.

Mr. Stuckey has already made arrangements with the Tri-County Y. M. C. A. for the holding of the annual Tri-County Y outing to be held at Bass Lake from June 17 to July 4, and he expects to close within a few days for the state Y. W. C. A. camp at Bass Lake during the three weeks after July 4.

The tract of land that Mr. Stuckey secured at Bass Lake is the most desirable spot on the entire lake, and because of the fact that it lies on the state trunk line road, and close to the Pere Marquette railroad, promises to make it a popular place in the future, particularly with Alma people, as it lies within a very short distance of Alma.

## SEEK TO COMPLETE COUNTY WAR HISTORY

Efforts Being Made To Secure Data On All Service Men—Of Gratiot.

Full data is being sought on all soldiers in the World War from Alma and the rest of the county, for the county war record. Those who served in the war or their relatives are urged to secure war record blanks from Mrs. Glen Crisp, Alma director, and return them properly filled out, so that the county record may be complete.

The names of only 142 boys, who took part in the service have been secured, with their records, so far. There are many others in this county whose records are needed if this county history of the war is to be complete. These records will be filed in the county clerk's office.

Following is a list of those whose records have been secured. If the name of any relative from Alma is missing, the county committee, which is seeking this information, will greatly appreciate the kindness of (Continued on page four)

## MEMORIAL DAY

Governor Issues Proclamation for Annual Memorial Day.

Time has greatly thinned the ranks of the brave men in whose honor Memorial Day was instituted fifty-two years ago, but it cannot dim the luster of their heroic deeds. While this Government shall endure their splendid achievements will be held in grateful remembrance. They won the cause that was more than all their victories. They saved the Union; and they established liberty not only throughout this broad and blessed land, but when the four years of agony were over a new witness to human freedom and human brotherhood went forth from these shores and the light shed all around the globe. Their glory shall not fade.

In the war with Spain and in the great World War, the sons and the grandsons of the men who fought at Shiloh and Antietam and Gettysburg nobly upheld the honor and the traditions of the American army and navy; and while we look back with pride and satisfaction upon the achievements of the heroes of the Civil War, we may take equal pride in the more recent achievements of American soldiers and sailors and marines.

Therefore, that we may pay tribute of respect and esteem to the surviving veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the recent World War, and honor the memory of the men who gave up their lives in all these wars, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby issue this my Proclamation and sincerely urge the observance of Sunday, May 30th, 1920, as Memorial Day.

And I earnestly appeal to the people of Michigan for hearty co-operation in plans for the observance of the day in their respective communities, and for special provision this year for the comfort and convenience of the old soldiers. Age is telling on them physically but the same undaunted spirit is there as of yore.

On that day flags should be displayed at half-staff until noon, and then hoisted to the top of the staff.

In this connection it is proper to point out that the law of the State provides that whenever the 30th of May shall fall on a Sunday the following day shall be deemed a public holiday. See Howell's Annotated Statutes, Second Edition, Section 2865.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-fourth.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER, Governor.  
By the Governor:  
COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN,  
Secretary of State.

## NEW STRAND IS FINE THEATER

Was Opened to the Public on Saturday and is a Popular Place.

## 950 ATTENDED FIRST SHOW

Better the Patronage the Better Will Be the Shows Says Management.

That Alma people can, and will show their appreciation of enterprise, was clearly demonstrated Saturday at the opening of the new \$100,000 Strand theatre, in this city, the place being crowded to capacity for the first show Saturday evening, and having over five hundred people for the second late that evening. The desire to see good shows, and this sense of appreciation, is still giving the Strand crowded houses every night, crowds which surpass the expectations of even the highly optimistic management, which was certain that Alma could and would appreciate a fine theatre, and the finest class of photoplays, and good clean vaudeville.

That Alma people were greatly impressed and highly pleased with the enterprise is putting it mildly. During the months that the new theatre had been under construction under the direction of Broughton & Son, contractors, considerable interest had been shown in the work, which was known to be a costly one, and many did not hesitate to express the belief that Alma could not support such a project, but were still highly well satisfied to see such a fine structure erected in the business section of the city. These "doubting Thomases" have even now been shown to be wrong, as Alma people are showing beyond a shadow of doubt, that they desire the best that can be secured.

They have been most agreeably surprised at the fine appointments of the interior, and the very plain intent of the owners to make it a place of comfort, as well as amusement and instruction. Without a doubt, the Strand Theatre gives to Alma, the finest theatre in the state in a city the size of Alma, and will compare favorably to those of equal size in the larger cities of the state.

The orchestral pipe organ, installed in the theatre at a cost of \$10,000, promises to be one of the most pleasing features of the new house. Mr. Victor Gipe of Detroit is the organist. He is considered one of the best "picture players" in the state, and his work lends an added interest to the photo plays as they are thrown on the screen. The evening concerts, before the opening show, are also popular and are causing people to arrive at the theatre early that they may have the privilege of enjoying them.

During the first show Saturday evening, the theatre which has a seating capacity of 940 people, was packed, 950 people being in the house for that show. Before the show ended a flashlight picture was taken of the theatre, showing the large audience that was present. At the same time Manager C. A. Miller announced the policy of the new house, which in few words was, the more spent here, the better the shows will be.

The management of the Idlehour theatre, which is the same as that of the new Strand, has always enjoyed a good patronage, and has as a result brought to Alma the finest photo plays that have ever been seen in this city, and the announcement indicates that the policy of the new place is to be continued in the new place.

Following a short honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Creaser returned to this city, with the expectation of making Alma their home, for the time being at least.

## LEGION PUSH

Local Post is Campaigning for New Members.

The big push is underway, and before it is brought to an end on May 28, the George W. Myers Post, No. 132, American Legion, feels certain that it will have greatly increased its membership, and that some hundreds of Alma women, eligible to join the Woman's Auxiliary will have become affiliated with that organization.

The push is on in all sections of the county, every post being after new members this month as there are thousands of veterans of the World War who have not yet become affiliated with the Legion.

Two booths have been erected in Alma, one at the corner of State and Superior streets and one at the corner of Superior and Woodworth, where veterans of the war, soldiers, marines or sailors, may join.

While the campaign which is under way is for additional members of the Legion post here, the women who are eligible for the Woman's Auxiliary, are also being urged to join at this time. Women, who are the mothers, wives, or sisters of veterans, are eligible to the auxiliary.

A cough that follows a gripe or any other cough that "hangs on" from winter to spring wears down the sufferer, leaving him or her in a weakened state unable to ward off sickness and disease. Jos. Gillard, 148 Fillmore St., Nashville, Tenn., writes: "I was suffering with a dry, hacking cough and a pain in my chest, but since taking Foley's Honey and Tar I have been relieved."

Sold Everywhere in Alma.—adv

ATTENTION M. W. A.  
You are requested to report to the Chief Forester at the I. O. O. F. hall the first Sunday in June for M. W. A. memorial services, 1:00 o'clock sharp.

Idlehour open every Saturday and Sunday.—adv.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe—77-17c

## COWPERS COMING

Well Known Detroit Aggregation Will Meet Republics.

The Detroit Cowpers, one of the strongest of Detroit's baseball teams, which gave the Republics four hard battles last year, and won one of those games, will meet the Truck-makers here Saturday and Sunday, both games being scheduled to start at Republic field at 2:30 p. m.

H. F. Klein, manager of the Cowpers, claims that his bunch of diamond artists are at least 35 per cent stronger than last year, and this means that two real baseball games should result. The Republics had the edge on this team by very little last year, and an increase in strength of this kind means that it will be a formidable aggregation.

## COLLEGE TEAM IS CONSISTENT ONE

Players Continue to Err Behind Hurlers Who Pitch Fine Baseball.

It's nothing serious to kick Champ's old houn' dorg aroun', but Coach Wood's Alma college baseball team have been brought to a bitter realization that it means something very serious to kick that old pill around, the lesson being driven home Friday and Saturday when the Collegians kicked away two baseball games, losing to Ypsilanti 5 to 3 and Albion 12 to 10 in Michigan Intercollegiate affairs, that should have been labeled Alma victories, and then tucked away in the museum for the benefit of the future generations that will attend the Maroon and Cream College.

The Albion game Saturday morning was another comedy of errors. Six errors were chalked up, and in addition credit should be given for some dozen or more "boners" that were pulled which aided Ike Field's team to tuck away a 12 to 10 victory, Albion's first diamond win over Alma in five years.

## MARRIED QUIETLY

Clyde Creaser and Belding Girl Had Knot Tied in Lansing.

Clyde Creaser, one of Alma's prominent and highly esteemed young men, dropped out of the city very quietly one day recently, and it was not until he returned the latter part of last week that his numerous friends here became aware of the fact that Cupid had made a successful raid in his direction, he having been united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Travis of Belding on May 10.

Mrs. Clyde Creaser, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Travis of Belding, was one of the prominent young ladies of that city. She left Belding quietly and with Mr. Creaser went to Lansing, where the knot was tied. Rev. Doty, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city, performing the ceremony, in the presence of only a very few relatives. Charles, a brother of the groom, was the only one from this city present at the wedding.

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## TRUCKERS ARE STILL WINNING

Detroit Denby Team is Put Out of State Title Hunt.

## HAD TWO EASY VICTORIES

No Trouble for Republics to Take Games with "Rip" and Sherlow Working.

The Republic Trucks won both of their games with the Denby Motor Truck Company team of Detroit, taking the first game Saturday by a score of 5 to 1, and winning the Sunday game by a score of 11 to 0.

In neither contest did the visitors prove to be in the same class with the Republic Trucks, although they had compiled a good record in Detroit this spring.

In the first of the two game series, Foster, one of Detroit's fast semi-pro hurlers opposed "Rip" Hagerman. Foster twirled a good game for the visitors allowing only seven hits. Errors behind him, aided the Republics in their counting.

Hagerman had the visitors so completely in hand that it was easy to see from the stands that the elongated Alma heaver, was just lobbing "em up to the plate for the Denbys. Even then they had difficulty in solving his delivery. Only five hits were yielded by Hagerman and seventeen men struck out.

Three runs came in the second inning. Smith singled with one down and was safe in stealing when Kinney pegged to center field. Doyle beat out a bunt, Smith going to third on the play. Hagerman knocked one for two sacks, scoring Smith and Doyle. Oakes smashed out a single, scoring "Rip." In the fifth the final two runs came. Tooly started it with a triple, and scored a moment later on Kinney's error. Chouinard was hit. Loney's infield tap let Chouinard go to third, and he scored on LaFluer's error. Hofer walked. Hawkins just happened to connect with one, and Rabbinid scored. Hofer was caught at third, and Hawkins died attempting to steal second.

Innings — 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 — r h e  
Denby — 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 — 1 5 5  
Republics 0 3 0 0 2 0 0 0 — 5 7 2  
Batteries: Foster and Kinny; Hagerman and Doyle.

Sherlow was the big noise of the Sunday game, the Gratiot lad, holding the Detroiters to just two hits during the nine turns at bat, winning 11 to 0.

It was not exactly an easy victory as Sherlow was forced to work hard during the early innings as Tracy, on the mound for the visitors, was going strong, allowing only two hits in the first five innings. It was not until the eighth that Sherlow could ease up, and with prospects of a two hit game ahead of him, he just kept on at the same steady pace that had marked his work during the previous innings.

Until the seventh, when Tracy went to pieces and the Republics slammed the ball all over the lot, the game was a brilliant pitcher's battle, with Sherlow outdoing his opponent. Tracy was unable to keep up the hard pace, however, and in the seventh four runs were taken from his delivery, and in the eighth seven hits brought five more runs.

Besides the brilliant pitching of Sherlow, the feature of the Sunday game was the brilliant fielding of "Rabbit" Oakes, who pulled off a couple catches that were of the stellar variety. "Rabbit" put himself in strong with the fans with his display of fielding.

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## TWO GAMES

The Alma College baseball team will meet Kalamazoo and Albion on foreign diamonds Friday and Saturday, and unless the Maroon and Cream shows a complete reversal of form over last week, it is certain to meet with two more defeats.

The collegians have consistently been getting hauled that is good enough to win, with any decent kind of support, but at critical stages of the games errors have allowed the games to slip, after they had seemingly been won.

If the aggregation will put up a good brand of fielding behind the local hurlers, the team is certain to make trouble for both Kalamazoo and Albion, but this is by no means certain in view of the brand of ball that has been shown thus far this season.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Frances Willard Union was held at the home of Mrs. A. H. Olmstead, May 12, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ella Wood; vice president, Mrs. Grandell; corresponding and recording secretary, Mrs. Iutz; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie Bildson. The reports of the various superintendents were read and approved, thanks were extended to those who aided in putting the Union over the top in its quota campaign for \$250.

## A NOBLE AIM

Platform of American Legion is Set Forth in Preamble.

The preamble of the constitution of the American Legion sets forth boldly the patriotic aims and desires of the Legion, and if every American would bend his patriotic efforts along the lines thus suggested, our country would be a stronger and better land.

The platform of The American Legion is set forth in its constitution as follows:  
"For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:  
"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to maintain law and order; to foster a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of an individual obligation to the community, state and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Efforts are being bended to procure the sale of enough state road bonds in Gratiot county, to furnish a sum of money sufficient to pay for the cost of the trunk line roads, which the state has contemplated for Gratiot.

St. Louis has shown remarkable enterprise in this respect and has already been able to announce that the banks of that city will underwrite the amount that must be sold there to cover the cost of the St. Louis portion of the road.

Alma can secure her trunk line roads this year by the sale of bonds enough to cover the cost of the work here, or it is understood, any portion can be built for which the bonds are sold.

Tuesday evening a meeting was held at the Gratiot Club, at which a number of prominent St. Louis and Alma business men gathered, and the matter was carefully gone over at that time. It was clearly seen that there had been much activity in regard to the matter in St. Louis, as that evening it was announced that the "Sister City" was prepared to take its portion. A lack of co-operation and organization on the part of the hastily called together Alma representatives was very noticeable. There seemed to be no definite plan of action in regard to the sale of the bonds here, and was not up to the time that the meeting adjourned.

Considerable work is being done in the matter this week, and it is hoped that in another week those interested in the matter here will be able to announce that Alma will take her portion of the bonds.

The state road bonds carry five per cent interest, and it is understood that the bonds in Alma will be made six per cent bonds by the addition of one per cent from the highway fund of the city, which it is understood can legally be used in this way.

The money from the sale of the bonds would be used for the construction of the paved portions of the state trunk line road in Alma, and would be of a great benefit to the city at large.

## ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

County Democrats Praise Wilson and His Administration.

The following resolutions were passed by the recent Democratic county convention:  
RESOLVED, by the Democratic Party of Gratiot County in convention assembled at the Village of Ithaca, on the 9th day of May, 1920, as follows:

1. We reaffirm our faith in the time honored principles of the Democratic party as founded by Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe and the galaxy of distinguished and immortal patriots of revolutionary fame, who followed them as their leaders for a quarter of a century as successive presidents of the United States and who as such laid the foundation upon which the permanency and happiness of this Republic must forever rest. Upon the record of these immortals, the Democratic party has lived to serve the Republic under the Constitution in peace and in war for over 120 years of imperishable history and has survived sporadic opposition under various names and emblems during its entire history. A record and a service unknown to any other political organization in the Western World.

2. We renew our allegiance to, and faith and fidelity in the great Democrats who have served this historic party; and during our time, we commend the fearlessness and indomitable courage and patriotism of the great Cleveland, and now the vision and fearlessness, the Americanism of our great President, Woodrow Wilson. The name and fame of our President is secure in the hearts of his countrymen and the humanity of the world. May he be restored to health and renewed service to his Country.

3. We, therefore, endorse the leadership of President Wilson and the accomplishments of his administration and dedicate ourselves anew to support and sustain him in his effort to preserve and maintain the peace of the world by civilized methods of arbitration and conciliation, as against the uncivilized and barbarous methods of war. For this reason, we unqualifiedly endorse the League of Nations and demand that the Senate of the United States ratify and approve of the same without destructive amendments or reservations.

4. We condemn the Republican party and its leaders for their effort to destroy the fruits of our victory over the Imperial German Government. When President Wilson de-

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## BUY THE BONDS TO GET ROADS

State Must Find Local Market for Certificates if Work is Done.

## MEETING WAS HELD HERE

Plans Being Devised to Promote Sale So That Alma Can Get Highways.

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