

MEMBERSHIP TO MEET TUESDAY

Chamber of Commerce Members Will Convene in High School Auditorium.

OTTO TO BE THE SPEAKER

Pontiac Man Will Give Address on Relation of Directors to Members.

The first meeting of the membership of the Alma Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening, February 1, at 8:00 o'clock, in the auditorium of Alma high school, and will have for one of its principal objects, the formation of a membership forum.

Some very interesting matters pertaining to the workings of the Chamber of Commerce are expected to come up at the meeting Tuesday evening, and the entire membership of the organization is requested to be present.

It has also been announced that after considerable effort it has been found possible to get William Otto, secretary of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, to come to Alma to speak. He will give an address at the Tuesday evening meeting of the membership. He has had a wide experience in such work, with the city of Pontiac and also with the American City Bureau. He is expected to speak on membership forums and the relation of the directors to the membership.

H. E. Reece, secretary-manager of the local organization, stated the first of the week that questionnaires have been mailed out to the members of the organization. He called attention to the fact that the first of the questionnaires asked might possibly be misleading. The question follows: "What in your opinion is the thing of first importance that should be undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce to improve the trade conditions and opportunities in your line of business?"

For fear some might feel that this question was one for only employers to answer, he made it plain that it was for employes as well.

One other important question is listed, this being "What as a citizen, do you believe that the Chamber of Commerce should first undertake for the good of Alma?"

Manager Reece also announced that at a recent meeting of the directors the authorization of an endorsement of the boards of war risk insurance, the rehabilitation board of the public health service, and the board of vocational education, which has for its end the speeding up of aid for disabled service men.

ALBION COMING

Field's Team Expected to Fall Before Maroon and Cream.

"Ike" Field's Albion college basketball team will meet the Maroon and Cream Friday night on the local court in the second Michigan Inter-collegiate fray of the season, and another victory is expected to be chalked up for Alma's green, but fighting aggregation in the association race.

In its first association game with Olivet Friday night, the Methodists were humbled by the Crimson by a score of 21 to 18, and unless Field's men show a big improvement during the week it is generally conceded that they will go to defeat before Alma, which had the pleasure of slaughtering Olivet recently in the first M. I. A. A. game of the year.

That Alma will not spare the feelings of Field or his team in trying to count a big score is certain, as several of the men were on the football team that went to defeat before the Methodist champs last fall. They will be out for revenge from the first whistle, and every effort will be made to count up a lopsided score on the visitors.

A preliminary between Mt. Pleasant high and Alma high will be staged, which promises to be a highly interesting scrap, as dope indicates that the two teams are about equal strength. The high schoolers will be seeking revenge for two basket ball defeats suffered last year from Mt. Pleasant, and can be depended upon to fight the entire route.

FARMERS' CLUB

The Farmers' Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hanley for an all day meeting on February 3, which promises to be a very interesting one. All members are urged to attend.

The program: Song. Prayer. Roll call answered by quotations from Washington and Lincoln. Reading of minutes of last meeting. New business. Address—H. S. Babcock. Question box. Song.

Coming—Mary Pickford in "The Love Light"—adv.

JOINS THE REPUBLIC



D. G. THRONE

QUIETLY MARRIED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Miss Marion Chick and Lauren D. Burt Married by Rev. Davis of St. Louis.

On Wednesday evening of this week at 8:15 o'clock at the rectory of St. John's Episcopal church, Miss Marion Chick and Lauren D. Burt of this city were quietly united in marriage by Rev. Davis of the St. Louis Episcopal church, only the immediate relatives being present at the ceremony.

Mrs. Burt is the daughter of A. A. Chick, one of Alma's best known business men. She is a graduate of Alma high school, and during the past two or three years has been attending Alma college. For a number of years she has been prominent among the younger set of the city, and is held in high regard.

Mr. Burt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Burt, well known residents of Urbana, Illinois. Mr. Burt has been an Alma resident for several years and holds a responsible position with the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. of this city.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Burt left for a several day wedding trip to Detroit and other cities, and after their return they will be at home to their many friends at 311 Woodworth ave.

The St. John's Guild will hold its next regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George Kuhlman, 113 West Downie street, January 27, at 2:00 p. m. A pot-luck lunch will be served. All members are urged to be present at the meeting.

Coming—Mary Pickford in "The Love Light"—adv.

RESIGNATION WAS NOT ACCEPTED

Membership of Legion Pledges Co-operation and Refuses Resignation.

H. E. Reece, commander of the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, will not quit that position immediately, as the Legionaires have refused to accept his resignation, and it is probable that Reece will now finish up the present year as commander of the Alma post.

The matter came up at the joint meeting of the Legion post and the Women's Auxiliary last Thursday evening, which was held in the city hall. The members of the Legion flatly refused to accept the resignation of Reece, whom they had unanimously re-elected as commander only a few weeks previous.

Since he became secretary-manager of the Alma Chamber of Commerce Reece said that he had plenty of work on his hands and decided that it might be better for both himself and the Legion post if he would resign. As a result he tendered his resignation to the post, and after being put over for one meeting on the ground that not enough members were present to consider a matter as important to the post as was the resignation, the members refused to accept it. Reece in the face of the insistence of the Legionaires, will continue to act as the commander of the post this year.

Another matter of importance that came up at the Thursday evening meeting was the securing of permanent club rooms for the organization. A proposition for rooms in the Ide-hour theatre building, which had been made to the Legion was taken up and thoroughly discussed, and a committee was then appointed to go into the matter more closely.

See the "Beggar of Cawnpore" at high school Monday night 7:30. Admission 10c and 20c—adv.

Buy Butternut each and every day.

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THRONE JOINS THE REPUBLIC

Appointed As National Sales Representative According to Announcement.

HAS A WIDE ACQUAINTANCE

Will Represent Republic Truck in Developing Important Field Work.

Col. Frank E. Smith, First Vice-President and General Manager of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., Alma, Michigan, has announced the appointment of Daniel G. Throne as National Sales Representative for Republic Truck Sales Corporation.

Mr. Throne joins the Republic organization with an enviable reputation for success in selling National installation of diversified products, including fabricated steel, hardware, and motor truck equipment, among the country's largest and best known national buyers.

Throne's record covering a period of the past thirteen years, indicates unusual fitness for national sales work. Beginning as city salesman at Chicago for Acme Steel Goods Company, Throne for several years, sold that company's products to prominent National accounts. Successful in this position, he was appointed District Salesman and later Assistant Sales Manager of the same company, in which capacity he served two years.

Throne next filled the position of Western Manager for Gerard Machine Co. of New York, manufacturers of special machinery, making his headquarters in Chicago and St. Louis. During his connection with that company he continued in direct National sales contact with some of the country's largest buyers and won distinct success in this work. In 1918 he resigned his position to enlist in the Motor Transport Corps, at Camp Holabird, Maryland, serving continuously until the conclusion of the War.

Mr. Throne's business connection immediately prior to joining Republic was with the Diamond T Motor Car Co. of Chicago, where, for over a year, he was eminently successful as District Manager, and covered an extensive territory embracing Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Western New York, under the direction of A. J. Whipple, then General Sales Manager of Diamond T.

In the appointment of Mr. Throne as National Sales Representative for Republic Trucks, Mr. Whipple, the Company's General Sales Manager, secures for his organization a valuable aide, whose experience in National installation sales, will help materially toward assuring success of Republic's plans for expansion in that branch of the selling field.

MORE DELEGATES

City Will Have Nearly Quarter of Delegates in Convention.

The Republican County convention to be held in the Village of Ithaca on February 7, will be the largest county convention ever held from the standpoint of delegates to be elected to attend.

With one delegate for every 25 votes cast for secretary of state at the last election Alma is entitled to 43 delegates out of the 186 that will be entitled to seats in the convention. The first ward is entitled to 18 delegates, the second ward 11, the third ward 6 and the fourth ward eight.

ATTENTION PATRONS

It is our intention and part of our plan to make The Record one of the best papers in Michigan, and to equip our jobbing department so that it will be second to none.

In order to give our patrons the best possible service, we are installing a new Duplex newspaper press, the latest model hottype machine, and a U. S. Casting Service, which will enable us to make our own advertising cuts and illustrations from mats.

We have secured the Bonnet-Brown advertising mat service which places our advertising equipment on a par with the larger cities. We will furnish the service free to our customers, and do the casting in our own shop.

These improvements entail large expenditures and we would greatly appreciate the co-operation of the community in the way of prompt remittances for subscriptions and other accounts.

We want to make The Record just as useful as possible and hope to have it stand for the best interests of the people that we serve.

Hoping that our plans will meet with your approval and that we may co-operate with you in making Alma, the finest, cleanest, most prosperous city in central Michigan, we remain at your service.

"Y" CONFERENCE

Three Day Session to Be Held in St. Louis.

A conference of boys from 14 to 20 years of age will be held by the Gratiot County Y. M. C. A. at Ithaca Friday, Saturday and Sunday. According to the plans for the event every five boys must be accompanied by a leader.

A fine program has been arranged for the three day event, which opens Friday afternoon, with the registration of the delegates, and assignment of rooms.

The program for the conference follows:

Friday, January 28

3:30—Registration and assignment of rooms at M. E. church.

6:00—Meeting of Nominating Committee in M. E. church.

6:30—Opening of Conference program.

Songs—led by George D. Yinger. Yinger Quartette.

7:30—Basket ball, St. Louis girls and boys teams playing the Ithaca girls and boys' team in Armory.

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a. m.—Leaders conference in M. E. church.

8:30 a. m.—Music.

9:00 a. m.—Quiet Hour, Webster Pierce.

9:30 a. m.—Report of Nominating Committee. Business meeting.

10:00 a. m.—Discussions. High School and Hi-Y by J. F. McFarland. Sunday School and Sunday School Program by E. J. Merrill.

11:15 a. m.—Discussion of Brief.

1:30 p. m.—Song service conducted by George D. Yinger.

1:45 p. m.—Quiet Hour.

2:00 p. m.—Games and Stunts in Armory, including basket ball and volleyball tournaments, both class A and class B.

6:00 p. m.—Conference banquet. Address by Prof. Roy Hamilton of Alma College.

Sunday, January 30

All delegates are expected to attend church with their host.

2:00 p. m.—Song service.

2:30 p. m.—Quiet Hour.

7:00 p. m.—Inaugural meeting at the Presbyterian church. Meeting in charge of L. L. Dewey, William Roberts and L. S. Slaybaugh.

HENDERSON GAVE A GOOD ADDRESS

"Re-Discovery of America" Proved Highly Interesting to Large Audience.

The address given by Professor W. D. Henderson on the "Re-discovery of America," at the meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood Friday evening at the Presbyterian church, was highly appreciated by a large audience, which was thoroughly convinced at the conclusion of the address that America had a brilliant future in peaceful avenues, if the energies that were displayed in the days of the war were turned into useful channels.

In opening his address Professor Henderson called attention to the European trip about the time that the war broke out. He was in France a few days after the war started, and spoke of the preparedness of France, which knew of the preparations that Germany had made, and which knew war was coming. He was in England, a country not looking for war, and not prepared.

He knew from a high German officer what Germany was expecting. Germany did not expect England to go into the struggle, and laughed at the very thought that America might get into the war. Americans were a nation of "sissies" who could not prepare for war inside of five years they thought. Germany with her wonderful war machine expected the war to be over in 90 days.

The discovery of our ability, once we entered the war, astonished the entire world. The fact that one million well trained men could be put on European soil in such a short space of time was astonishing to the entire world, as well as to ourselves.

It was made possible Professor Henderson said by the individuality of the Americans, by the education which had developed them. It was made possible by American ability.

What this ability might do for this country, this "re-discovery," if this ability was turned into useful channels was spoken of opening to his audience wide realms of possibilities for the future if this country, will only take advantage of the ability that they displayed during the days of the great war, an ability that astonished a world.

ASK FOR MILK HOUSES

In inspecting the dairies around Alma, conditions at two of them were not found to be bad, according to the reports, but these two were asked to build separate milk houses. The milk was being handled in a clean sanitary way in both cases in milk rooms in the houses at the dairies. In both cases the barns were reported as being in excellent condition.

These two cases, which like the Bradford dairy, are unlike those at the other dairies around Alma, were the Messer Riverside dairy and the Hainline dairy.

NORMALS WIN FROM COLLEGE

Failure to Block Long Shots Proved Costly to the Collegians.

BROOKS WAS THE FEATURE

Teachers' Center Counts Fifteen of the Points for His Aggregation.

Failure of the Alma College basketball team to block the long shots of Brooks, Sheppers and Calkins Saturday night, cost the local aggregation what little opportunity it had to win over the veteran Mt. Pleasant Normal outfit, all except one of the field baskets made by the visitors being long ones. The Normals with these long field baskets and the numerous points counted by Brooks from the foul line, were able to put over a 27 to 11 victory.

Steele's green, but fighting aggregation did not get under way during the first half, showing little of the form that marked the brilliant play in the Olivet game—the week previous, and the score at the end of the first half was 16 to 3 for the visiting cagers. The second half saw a big reversal of form on the part of the Alma quintet, however, and it gave the crack Normal aggregation such a battle that the Teachers were able to lead the second half by only four points.

The battle was hard fought from start to finish, although the score might not indicate that this was true. Both defenses were strong, and only once during the game, this in the second half, could either team smash through and get close enough to nail a short field basket. This came when LeCronier slipped down the side and picked a pretty basket.

Practically every other field basket taken by either team was made from well beyond the foul line. Kiker's two field baskets were the features of the game, both being from well beyond the center of the floor.

During the first half the Alma team was fouled continually, nine rule violations being called on the Maroon and Cream against two on the Normals. Brooks counted six of these fouls. In the second half, the foul calling was almost reversed, ten fouls being called on the Normals and three on Alma.

Brooks, with fifteen of the visitors points to his credit was the big scorer of the game. While Brooks was finding it easy to lead the two teams in the scoring department, he was finding it a difficult matter to out-jump Waggoner, the Alma pivot.

Alma probably could not have won over the fast Normal team under any condition, but local fans believe that a closer game could have resulted Saturday night. The team, however, is being given credit for the fine showing that it did make, as every man was fighting every inch of the way.

Normals (27) Alma (11)
Calkins if Kiker
Sheppers rf Beattie
Brooks c Waggoner
Beadow lg Arbaugh
LeCronier rg Dahlgren
Field baskets—Brooks 3, Sheppers 2, Calkins 2, Taylor; Kiker 2, Beattie 2, Foul—Brooks 9 out of 13; Beattie 5 out of 12.

Score first half—Mt. Pleasant 16, Alma 3.

Substitutions—Taylor for Sheppers, Van Page for Dahlgren.

Referee—Hoolihan, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

LEAVES ALMA

Miss Wasserman Goes To a New Position.

Miss Wasserman, who has been since the beginning of the year the Physical Director for girls and an instructor in the English Department, resigned from the college faculty a short time ago. She has accepted a fine position as Physical Director in the public schools of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and left last Friday noon to take up her work there.

The Alma student body is sorry to see this well liked young lady leave us, but feels that she is to be congratulated on the excellent new position to which she has been called.

BEEF GROWERS TO MEET

Beef growers of this vicinity will meet at the city hall in Alma on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to go to Lansing on February 2 to attend the convention. All growers in the vicinity of Alma are urged by the committee to attend this meeting.

INFORMATION WANTED

Anyone who can supply information concerning a boy named Joseph Franklin Grant, who was adopted at the age of 18 months by John Thomas, who lived at that time not far from Alma, please notify J. Axin Morgan, Axin, Wexford county, Michigan—adv.

Buy Butternut each and every day.

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RETAINS PRESENT POST



E. E. SIEG

SIEG REMAINS WITH REPUBLIC

Retains Present Post as Assistant General Sales Manager Says Announcement.

Colonel Frank E. Smith, Vice President and General Manager of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., has announced the continuance of E. E. Sieg as Assistant General Sales Manager of the Republic Truck Sales Corporation, the sales outlet for Republic Motor Trucks.

Sieg joined Republic in 1914 and has been connected with the organization continuously since that time, acting successively as Auditor, Credit Manager, and later, as Assistant General Sales Manager, since January 1, of last year. Sieg is a recognized veteran in the institution, having joined its forces seven years ago, when the payroll showed a total of 66 employes. At the present time Sieg bears the distinction of being one of the oldest Republic men continuously with the organization in official capacities.

During his seven years with Republic, Sieg has gained invaluable experience in the fundamental operations of the various departments of the institution, becoming an authority on matters of credit and dealers' finance, besides developing a broad intimate knowledge of the personnel and problems of the Company's distributing organization.

Sieg's continuance with Republic assures to General Sales Manager A. J. Whipple the service of a valuable aide in the carrying out of extensive plans of sales development which are on the Republic program for the ensuing year.

COLLEGE PLAY WELL PRESENTED

Effects of Careful Training Shown in Home Talent Play Given Monday.

"The Man From Home," given Monday evening by the Senior and Junior classes of the college, was even more of a success than had been predicted. Everything in the play, from beginning to end, went off smoothly and well, entirely holding the intense interest of the audience.

Outstanding in the acting of the drama was the splendid treatment of the character of Daniel Voorhees Pike, of Kokomo, by Lee Sharrar. Mr. Sharrar fitted perfectly into his role and did his work with a sympathetic artistry which won the praise of all who witnessed it. Margaret Moore, as Ethel Granger-Simpson, played remarkably well the part of the American girl who had lost sight of the truth under the overlay of family name, tradition, and crumbling family honor. Her fine treatment of the role added much to the play. Inimitably funny was Frank M. Vreeland as the Honorable Almerie St. Aubyn, with his English ways, and his affected nonchalance; as was the characterization of Lady Crech by Esther Friedrick. Mention must also be made of Florence Purdy as the Comtesse de Champigny, Roger Zinn as the Earl of Hawcastle, and Lyle Barnhart as Ivanoff. In fact, all who took part in the play showed the results of careful training, coupled with a deep interest in their work.

Much credit must be given to Mrs. C. C. Bennett and Professor Hamilton for their work in directing the acting of the play, and to Mr. Beshgetoor, the business manager of the affair.

"The Man From Home" will long stand out in the history of Alma college as one of the most successful dramatic productions ever staged by its students.

CRYSTAL BANK ROBBERY FOILED

Tip From Saginaw Authorities Makes It Possible to Capture Thieves.

ARRESTED LEAVING THE PLACE

Montcalm Officers Posted in the Vicinity Calmly Waited for Men.

An attempted robbery of the State Savings Bank of Crystal about 4:00 p. m. Monday afternoon by James Felton of Saginaw and Eugene Heller of Chicago to which the officials of Montcalm county had been tipped off by Sheriff Baskin of Saginaw, resulted in the arrest of the two men, when they were overpowered immediately after leaving the bank with their booty, which was recovered.

Immediately upon being informed of the contemplated robbery, the time that it was to be attempted and the method that the robbers would use, Sheriff Curtis of Montcalm county got together a number of his deputies and went to Crystal, and laid plans for the capture of the men.

Felton, said to have been a former resident of Crystal, knew Ray Binkley, the cashier, and upon the arrival of the two men in Crystal he was to go to the bank and offer Binkley some doped candy. Baskin gave this information to the Montcalm officers and they in turn imparted it to Binkley, who took the candy, and feigned to be "doped."

Immediately Binkley made Heller and Felton believe that the dope had taken effect they proceeded to secure the funds of the bank, and started out of the door.

Before they could reach the waiting automobile that had taken them to Crystal from Saginaw, the Sheriff's force overpowered them, and they were taken to the jail in Stanton. The money was returned to the bank.

Early reports indicated that five men might be concerned in the affair. These were started from the fact that Monday night Sheriff Curtis of Montcalm county refused to discuss the case with anyone, affirming little, and saying once that he believed more men were concerned in the case.

It was at first thought that the robbers might have been connected with the Bay City bank robbery, in which two men were killed, and it is believed that Curtis refused to give information regarding the case Monday evening because he held this view. The fact that his tip on the case came from the Saginaw sheriff, in a county adjoining Bay county, might have had much to do in causing him to entertain such a theory.

BENEFIT SHOW

Strand Will Give Proceeds to Fund for Starving European Children.

In co-operation with all other moving picture shows in the country the Strand theatre will give a benefit show Saturday morning for the children of this city, the proceeds of which will go into the fund that is being raised for the relief of the starving children in Europe.

Up to the time of writing Manager C. A. Miller had not received word, as to the name and production that will be used for the benefit show, which starts promptly at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, but it is certain to be something that will be highly appropriate for the occasion.

All employes of the theatre, the cost of the film, The Record advertising for the show, etc., are all being given in the interest of the attraction in order that as large a fund as possible may be realized from the benefit production, and it is hoped that the children of the city and their parents will co-operate with the management of the Strand theatre in making the benefit show a big success.

That starvation is facing millions of children in Europe is a fact that is well known to everyone in this country, and every penny of the proceeds that are derived from the show at the Strand Saturday morning, will be used in supplying food, in conjunction with the other show houses over the entire country, and promises to aid thousands of starving children. It is a cause that cannot be commended too highly.

FIRE MONDAY

Home of John Williamson Destroyed by Fire in Evening.

Monday evening the Ama fire department was called to the home formerly occupied by John Williamson, Republic avenue, where a fire had started, and gained considerable headway before being discovered.

By the time that the fire department arrived on the scene the flames had gained such a headway that it was only with the greatest of difficulty that they were brought under control, and it was not until it was practically destroyed that the flames were extinguished.

At the time that the fire started the house was not occupied, Mr. Williamson having moved from there Monday morning.