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FATHERS AND SONS ARE TO BANQUET HERE

BIG AFFAIR WILL BE HELD IN
DINING-ROOM AT ALMA
COLLEGE.

Will Be Held
On March 24

The first Community Father and Son Banquet ever put on in Alma by the boys alone will be held Friday, March 24. The fathers of the city have put on Father and Son banquets before, but this is the first time the sons have taken the matter in hand and something unusual is looked for. The banquet is for all the fathers and all the sons in the city and is designed to be a truly "community" affair and promises to be well attended.

One great difficulty heretofore in putting on a community banquet in Alma has been that of place. It seems practically certain that this year's banquet will be held at the College dining room at Wright Hall, which will make an ideal place for such an event. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p. m. sharp and will be over with by curfew time. All fathers with sons between the ages of twelve and twenty will be eligible to attend. No father will be admitted unless accompanied by a son, either natural or adopted. Neither will any sons be admitted to the feast unless they bring a "dad." Tickets will be on sale the end of this week by the members of the Hi-Y whose names are given below, also at Murphy's Drug Store and at the various churches. The price will be about sixty cents a plate, or a dollar and twenty cents for one ticket which will admit both father and son. All tickets must be purchased before Wednesday night. This rule will be enforced absolutely and should be noted. It is made necessary in order that the number of places to be ordered may be known exactly, and that there may be no one disappointed on the night of the banquet.

The various organizations representing the people of the community have gotten behind the boys in their undertaking in splendid fashion and promise that the people of the city will do their part. The Federation of Churches of Alma, the Chamber of Commerce and the local Y. M. C. A. organization have all given the project their approval. The boys are organized in committees and have attacked their respective tasks with zeal. Sunday morning announcement of the banquet will be made in the churches of the city by the boys themselves in two minute talks.

Definite announcement as to the program will be given next week but it is promised that it will not be dull; will be interspersed with singing and jollity as well as touching in a pertinent way the problem of the relations of fathers and sons.

It is hoped that out of this project may develop enthusiasm and interest in a bigger and better boys' work in Alma, and a larger Hi-Y. The boys who are at present members of the Hi-Y and who are giving their time to the work of this banquet are Eugene Wagner, William Cresser, P. Clair Perry, Harold Bartling, Miller Slusser, Gerald Smith, Sec'y., Bert Boethe, Leo Handley, Treas., Leo Emmons, Bernard Graham, Willard Ake, Dave Strong, T. Heinz.

Advise Farmers to Secure Seed Beans

Michigan farmers should secure their seed beans at an early date in order to be sure of getting seed stock of best quality. The present high bean market is resulting in a rapid movement out of the state, according to Prof. J. F. Cox, head of the Michigan Agricultural College farm crops department, who suggests that those farmers who wait until late spring to buy may have trouble in securing best seed.

A large increased territory for Michigan beans has been opened up by increased freight rates, which work adversely for Western beans, according to F. B. Drees, secretary of the Michigan Bean Jobbers Association. The Mississippi Valley and westward has been included in the Michigan distributing section.

"The Michigan bean crop, now protected adequately by tariff from Japanese competition, can be considered very dependable, as compared with other crops, from the standpoint of future market conditions," says Professor Cox in discussing the question. "It is important that state growers lay in their supplies of high quality seed."

A large variety of St. Patrick's and Easter candies at the De Luxe.—advertisement 1w

Lawrence Ellison Opens New Store

The building which has just been remodeled at 219 W. Superior St., Alma, next to the Standard Oil Filling Station and opposite Chevrolet and Ford Garages will be occupied by Lawrence Ellison with a complete line of accessories, tires, electric bulbs for all cars and all sizes for residence use. In choosing the line of General Auto and Truck Tires Mr. Ellison states that the greatest problem the tire dealer has today is "Small I carry several lines of tires, some that are cheaper or 'practically as good' or will I sell only merchandise in which I will stake my future in this business." The best evidence that a tire is right is the success of the factory producing it. The General Tire & Rubber Co. closed the most successful year in its history, in fact their 1921 sales were 30 per cent ahead of 1920. Out of 120 of the largest dealers in General Tires in the United States fifty do the largest tire business in their respective cities, that is important centers like Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other representative centers. In order for a manufacturer to have continued success, their dealers must be successful, still more important their products must be successful. Points of this kind should cause more thought for the auto owner than would be found in any recital of the details of a tire's construction, because there is as much difference in the material used in a tire today as in the many makes of shoes.

A FINE CONCERT COMPANY COMING

NEVIN CONCERT COMPANY WILL
APPEAR HERE AT LYCEUM
COURSE NUMBER.

An added special number on the Community Lyceum course will be given at the high school Saturday evening, April 14, when the Nevin Concert Company, a highly rated organization of young women appears here under the leadership of Miss Irene Taylor.

Reports indicate that the Nevin Concert Company is fully as strong, if not a stronger organization than the Di Giorgio Orchestra, which appeared here Monday and it is certain that those who attend will enjoy a rare musical treat.

The concert company is composed of four young women who play with faultless precision, not mechanically, but with a sense of putting themselves into the music.

The company is composed of Miss Adelaide Murray, violinist, a student of the famous Alexander Zuckovsky of Chicago; Miss Jamie Murray, her sister, who is extremely proficient in her pianistic art as is her sister with the violin; Miss Jeanette Howell is a master with the flute; and Miss Taylor with the cello rounds out a delightful quartet. Miss Taylor is also rated highly as a reader.

The program of the concert company is built on a plan, taking Nevin, the great American composer, as a foundation, his tuneful and melodic compositions are really interpreted. These melodies with the interesting explanations by Miss Taylor present the composer in a light that interests even the musically uneducated. The second part of the program is of a varied nature, vocal solos and duets by the Misses Murray, humorous impersonations by Miss Taylor and ensemble numbers of popular character by the quartet. The concert concludes with the last of the famous "Venetian Suite" and the Good Night song by Nevin.

The regular admission price for the concert has been announced at fifty cents by the Community Lyceum Committee, but holders of season tickets of the course, who retain these tickets, may secure admission for this popular added number, at 35c.

CONTEST ON

Knowledge is Power; information brings knowledge; reading brings information—therefore read.

The excuse for not reading, given by some people, is that there is nothing to read. But when the material is brought to the door, and the literature put directly into one's hands, the excuse "for not" melts away, as we saw before a March sun. During the last three weeks, between seven and eight hundred leaflets have been distributed by the Committee of Christian Stewardship, of the M. E. church, and information on this subject has been shown broadcast, for a contest has been waged between two teams, with John Daugherty as captain of Team 1, and Floyd Klenihans as captain of Team 2. Credits have been given for pages read, and the count today stands: Team 1—10,783; Team 2—9,146.

Mr. Mimeograph user. Buy your mimeograph paper at the Record Press Stationery store.—advertisement



BROWN-WARD COAL CO. SOLD

FULLER COAL COMPANY TOOK
OVER BUSINESS OF FIRM
HERE SATURDAY.

The Brown-Ward Coal Company of this city has been sold to the Fuller Coal Company, in which Floyd Fuller, a well known young resident of this city, is the moving factor. The new company took over the business Saturday of last week.

The Brown-Ward Coal Company became interested in the coal business from P. M. Smith, who had owned the business for some years. George Ward of Detroit came to Alma at the time and has been the manager of the concern. He expects to return to Detroit in the near future to resume work.

The Fuller Coal Company, just recently organized with the view of purchasing the Brown-Ward Coal Company, while a new organization, has behind it people who are well known in the city. Mr. Floyd Fuller, manager of the new concern, had been with the Alma State Savings Bank for a period of three years, prior to the organization of the new company. He was employed at the bank as a teller.

H. S. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The High School Christian Endeavor had a good meeting last Sunday evening. Although the attendance was small, many interesting points were discussed, such as, "What Habits Are," "How Habits Can be Broken," and "How Habits Grow."

Next Sunday evening the topic is, "What Does Following Christ Mean?" The leader will be Francis Baker. Every ACTIVE member will help make the meeting to be a success by being there on time; and bringing others with them.

PAST MASTERS MEET

The Past Masters Association of Alma Lodge F. & A. M. was served to chicken dinner with all the other good things that go with it, at the home of Past Master Albert H. Olmsted and wife on Friday evening, Feb. 24th.

Those present were J. N. Day, D. L. Johnson, S. L. Bennett, Chas. R. Murphy, J. E. Fuller, F. O. Parker, Earl O. Parker, W. R. Tomlin, W. M. Stuckey, O. A. Allen and H. R. Hall. The occasion was a delightful one.

Knights Going To New Orleans

At the regular conclave of Owosso Commandery, No. 49, K. T., it was voted to add to the funds now in possession of the drill team, an amount sufficient to pay the fare of 30 Sir Knights who will represent the local commandery at the triennial in April. This assures the Owosso commandery special to New Orleans. It will leave this city at 6 o'clock Saturday evening April 22, next.

Parties of Sir Knights and ladies from Port Huron, Flint, Durand, St. Johns, Ithaca, Howell, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Bay City and Saginaw, have signified their intention of joining Owosso on this trip. Several special car parties have been arranged for by the various commanderies.

Transportation conditions limit the party to 250 persons and space is being rapidly reserved in this train, which will be one of the few to leave from Michigan.

The transportation committee, consisting of Sir Knights Parvin, Hume and Steck, is busy completing the details and booking the accommodations. They hope to complete this work very soon.

The total cost of this trip, \$96.50, covering all expenses excepting meals while in New Orleans, makes a very attractive proposition to the Knights Templar in this part of Michigan, and Owosso Commandery assures a very fine time to all who make the trip.

A number of local Knights belonging to the Ithaca Commandery are understood to be considering going to New Orleans on this special train.

Style Show to Be Next Week

The annual style show of the D. W. Robinson stores will be held at the Strand theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21 and 22, at which time the newest spring creations from the foremost makers of the country will be shown on living models. The fact that these new creations are to be shown on living models promises to make the show a highly interesting one from the viewpoint of the women of this vicinity.

The style show will last for an hour and will be an added attraction to the regular show given at the Strand. The management of the local playhouse has booked a feature film for those evenings, Fred Stone in "The Duke of Chimney Butte."

TWO FIRES HERE EARLY WEDNESDAY

ROOF FIRES CALL OUT DEPARTMENT
TWICE IN ABOUT
HALF AN HOUR.

The Alma Fire Department spent a busy half hour yesterday morning, about 8:00 o'clock, when it was called out to two fires in a half hour's time.

Shortly before 8:00 o'clock children on their way to school noticed a small roof blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Washburn, on Grant avenue. They quickly gave the alarm and the fire department was called. The department responded so quickly that the flames had little opportunity to spread and the fire was extinguished very quickly by the use of the chemicals. The loss will be very small.

The department returned to the station house and just as the chemical tank had been charged another alarm came in, the department being called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Andrews, on Hastings street, where a small roof fire had started at the back side of the roof. It was noticed before it got a good start, luckily. This blaze was also extinguished with a very small loss.

HEAR THIS

Dr. Willis A. Moore, Director of Personnel of the Dodge Mfg. Co., Mishawaka, Ind., comes to Alma, March 29 to recount a modern miracle.

He speaks at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at noon, subject, "Community Building," and in the evening at the E. Superior Christian church, subject, "The Golden Rule in Business."

Mr. Moore is in close touch with and tells at first hand the wonderful story of a prosperous business concern, The A. Nash Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and as salesmen the words of Jesus "Whatsoever therefore ye would that men should do unto you, ye do even so to them, for this is the law of the prophets." 42-3f

You must be sure and see the wonderful new English imported Satinette Bloomers and Petticoaters, on display at Robinson's. They look just like silk and wear better, a dozen different shades and styles, priced at 98c to \$2.50. D. W. Robinson, Alma.—advertisement.

A New Release At M. E. Church

Rev. M. W. Duffey has secured one of the new releases, "A Maker of Men," as the picture to be shown Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, at the M. E. church, a picture that is now available in this state for the first time.

Bertram Willoughby of the Temple Pictures Inc., says that as a church picture it is par excellence, and in his opinion at least fifty per cent better than "The Stream of Life," which the local church had on three different occasions because of the big demand to see it.

The picture presents the life worth while in contrast to the selfish life and it carries its story in a gripping manner from start to finish. The son of a miner's widow, Bruce Douglas, is brought up in the school of hard knocks. He saves the lives of a mine-owner and his daughter and then after the death of his mother he is adopted into the family of the mine-owner. Harkening to an early wish of his mother he becomes a minister, against the wish of Fairchild, the mine-owner, and is driven from home. He leads the fight for others, while Fairchild continues to devote his life to piling up riches. Years pass and the two men come together at a dramatic moment in the lives of both. Fairchild is stricken with remorse over a mispent life and he acknowledges to Bruce that "Yours has been the life worth while."

BUREAU GIVING AID TO VETERANS

DISABLED VETERANS' BUREAU
HAS INTERVIEWED 168,109 IN
CLEAN-UP WORK.

168,109 disabled veterans have been interviewed to date in the National clean-up campaign of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau. This campaign was inaugurated for the purpose of informing all disabled veterans of the benefits to which they were entitled under the various soldier relief acts, and for the purpose of preparing and filing claims of such veterans who wished to file claims against the government for disabilities received in the service. As a result of this campaign these clean-up squads made 68,143 physical examinations, forwarded 45,845 new compensation claims, 25,892 new vocational training claims, prepared 33,475 appeal cases and hospitalized 3,545 veterans whose disabilities were of such a serious nature as to require hospital treatment. In addition to this work, the clean-up squads reinstated and converted a large number of insurance policies.

The large number of cases which were filed during this campaign indicated that there were thousands of veterans throughout the United States who were unaware of the benefits to which they were entitled and ignorant of the procedure of applying for this compensation.

Supplementing this general clean-up campaign the Director of the Bureau inaugurated a hospital clean-up campaign whereby these clean-up squads have visited during this hospital clean-up campaign all institutions where beneficiaries of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau are hospitalized.

This effort on the part of the Veterans' Bureau to get in touch with disabled veterans entitled to its benefits has received the commendation of veterans generally, of which the following telegram received today by the Director of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Charles R. Forbes, from Tom Bird, Department Commander, American Legion, State of North Carolina, is an example:

"Clean-up squad work in hospitals outstanding accomplishment of your administration. Wonderful results being given at Oteen and Kenilworth. More than one hundred claims adjudicated at Oteen. North Carolina Department commends you for this great achievement. Urge that you make this a permanent feature of your program." (Signed) Tom Bird, Department Commander American Legion, Department of North Carolina.

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GOOD ADDRESS YESTERDAY AT C. OF C. MEET

LEE M. HUTCHINS TALKED ON
SUBJECT, THINK, WORK AND
PRODUCE.

Held the Attention
Of Large Gathering

One of the largest crowds that has yet attended a Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday, yesterday heard Lee M. Hutchins, one of the officers of Hazeltine Perkins Drug company of Grand Rapids give what was probably the strongest address that has been given at one of these noon day lunches. His subject was "Think, Work and Produce."

Immediately after the luncheon Chairman W. W. Cushing introduced a number of guests who were present, and then called upon James Gibbs of Ithaca, chairman of the Gratiot County Road Commission, for a short talk on roads.

In his address Mr. Gibbs reviewed the state bond issue for fifty million dollars and what Gratiot county can do if the county bonds for \$500,000 for good roads. He also called attention to the improvement of the road for four and one-half miles west of Alma and spoke of the difference in cost between the gravel road and a concrete road, and the desirability of the latter. He also told of the small amount that the assessment district would be called upon to pay, which has been placed by the state at five per cent of the cost of construction.

He called attention to the fact that the road would be built under the Covert act as over 60 per cent of the people interested has petitioned for the road. Some people, he said, were of the opinion that the road would cost more and he asked that those present do what they could to correct the impression.

Mr. Hutchins, who has been with his firm for a period of 48 years May 1 of this year, in opening his address stated that he had no time for the loafer, the one who would not work because he did not like a certain job and the other type of loafer, the rich man's son, who was spending that which he had not earned. Both types, he said, should be made to work.

He called attention to a definition of think given by one man as to consider, and which he defined as a centralization of intent to use power. He called attention to two types of thinking, which he termed low thinking and high thinking, the one which brings out poor stories, and the other which brings about endeavors along lines that are uplifting and elevating.

The value of schools, colleges and universities, he said, are measured only in the measure in which they teach the young to think in the higher plane that brings worth while endeavor.

Work, he defined as the salvation of mankind, and after calling attention to the phrase, "He who does not work should not eat," said that the loafer, the one who wouldn't work and the richman's son who does not work, should be made to labor. Capital that is not used to labor he also termed as a loafer.

The men of today in the world are the producers, he stated, and continuing said that 99 per cent of all the good that is done in the world is done by this class. No two men will do the same amount of work in the same time, or the same quality of work, he said, and each should be paid for what he does. Idleness, he said, is a guarantee.

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New Directors Elected Thursday

The Merchants Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce elected six new directors last Thursday evening to succeed those elected a year ago for the single year term, and also elected a successor to J. L. Winslow, one of the directors, elected for two years, who resigned because of having recently been elected as a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Matters other than the election of the directors also took up some little time in discussion, but no definite result was reached at this meeting in regard to them.

The six new directors elected to succeed the six retiring directors were Lloyd Ellison, J. P. Losey, James Naylor, Floyd Luchini, John Hall and Lawrence Montigel. Earl C. Clapp was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Winslow.

Another meeting of the Merchants Bureau will be held tonight at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the city hall and at this time the directors will select the officers for the coming year.