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## COLONEL SMITH SPEAKER AT THE C. OF C. MEET

REPUBLIC HEAD GAVE GOOD  
ADDRESS AT WEDNESDAY  
LUNCHEON.

### Business Conditions Subject of His Talk

At Wednesday's luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, the last to be held until the cooler weather in the fall, Colonel Frank E. Smith, president and general manager of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., was the speaker. He gave a very interesting address on present business conditions.

In part Colonel Smith said, "We have passed through the most trying times of this generation—war, with its terrible loss of life, and its destruction of wealth, and have, during the past two years, felt the pinch of deflation.

"When we entered the great conflict the banks of this country came forward and financed industry without quibble or stint, until gradually all the productive capacity of the country was taken up in governmental or closely allied activity.

"When this saturation point was reached, manufacturers began to bid against each other for materials and labor, in a blind endeavor to do more business, and while some did increase their individual volume, the country as a whole, did not.

"Material prices soared, labor rates doubled and tripled and commodity prices reached an unheard of plane, and yet the actual production of the country did not increase one iota, but the dollars and cents of business done, were many fold.

"In other words, there was great inflation and three times as much money was required to handle the business of the United States as was needed for practically the same volume formerly.

"Emerging from the war, and after pausing for breath, we plunged into what appeared to be an era of prosperity, this being predicted on the enormous needs of Europe, which would take all our surplus commodities and keep our industrial structure running at full blast.

"Industrial expansion programmes that had been laid out during the war and had not been completed up to the time of the Armistice, involving the expenditure of millions upon millions of investment in increased factory facilities, were pushed forward to completion.

"To handle this anticipated volume of business and this immense programme of expansion, the banks of this country were called upon to extend still further credit, but without any corresponding increase in actual capital investment in industry, and then, one day, we awoke to a realization of the fact, that although Europe needed everything that we could ship her, yet she had no money to pay the bill, and with our already overextended credit situation here, it was impossible to sell Europe on credit.

"Awakening to the seriousness of this situation and fearing sooner or later a terrible crash, if matters were permitted to run their own course, the Federal Reserve Bank counseled a contraction of credit, and the member banks immediately started to scan their loans more closely and request reductions.

"And then the deflation started as sure and as sudden as the air escapes from a toy balloon when it is punctured with a pin—the bubble had burst.

"Now the automotive industry took the big drop at one step early in 1920, having been helped along to the bottom by a certain great philanthropist, who, in seeking to crowd the material supplies into a corner and choke them into submission and also to evade federal income and excess profits taxes, cut the price of his car to below cost and eliminated territorial lines. Mean time the public went on a buying strike.

"Everyone agrees that there is an appreciable improvement in general business and that the upward trend will continue.

"The basis for this expectation is not that business must improve because it has been bad. Rather, an analysis of the fundamental economic situation—decrease in wholesale prices gradually predominating over decreases, moderate manufacturing output compared with freight movement, low money rates, and a strong security market—reveals powerful forces making for business expansion.

"More than one hundred million of the most virile, active, optimistic, aggressive, upbuilding people of the world, having about one-half of the world's producing power, with more  
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## Fry and Porter Win Doubles at Normal

Last week the tennis team journeyed to Mt. Pleasant to take a crack at the Normalites. After winning the first set, Fry lost to Calkins, whose speedy serve proved to be a deciding factor. Porter lost his singles match to Beddows. In the doubles Fry and Porter proved to be a smooth-working combination against Calkins and Beddows, winning the match for Alma in three sets.

The results indicate that Alma should place high in M. I. A. A. matches and the loss of the singles is insignificant because Calkins is one of the best men in any of the colleges of the state.

Mt. Pleasant will come to Alma for return matches on Friday afternoon of May 19. It is hoped that Alma will make a better showing than it did at Mt. Pleasant.

### CLEARINGS OF THE WEEK

The First State Bank reported to The Record this week that the clearings of the Alma banks for the current week have been \$104,712.97. The clearing for last week were \$114,637.07. The clearings show a good gain over the corresponding week of last year, when they were \$96,591.07.

## WILL CONSTRUCT NEW WATERMANS

CITY ALSO PLANS TO CON-  
STRUCT STORM DRAINS DURING  
COMING SUMMER.

Some extensive changes are being planned in the watermains and the drainage of the city during the coming year, the former making for better water service in the city and better fire protection and the latter having for its purpose the carrying off of storm water, so as not to flood the sewers in the business section of the city, during periods of heavy storms.

A six inch water line has already been laid on West Downie street from Prospect to Park avenue in view of the coming pavement on that street. A six inch water line is also to be laid on East Downie street from Pine to State streets.

On Hastings street a four-inch waterline is to be laid from Pine to State streets.

A 6 inch drain is to be constructed on East Downie street from State street east to the river, which will relieve the sewers on State street and the buildings on the north side of Superior street, east from State, from storm water.

On the south side of Superior, east from State, a new drain is to be constructed which will empty into the race, which will have for its object the taking of storm water from the sewers and stores on the South side of Superior street.

One other storm drain is also to be constructed, this on West Downie from State to Park and then down Park avenue, emptying into the Kress Drain, which will aid in carrying off the storm water from this portion of the business section.

It is expected that this work will all be done during the present summer, and a greater part of it will be put under way in the very near future.

## Alma Takes the Scalp of Ithaca

Alma High maintained her stride in the Central Michigan race Friday by taking Ithaca High into camp at the County Seat by a 14 to 8 score, taking a lead right at the start of the contest which was never headed by the Ithaca aggregation of ball tossers.

Dicke and Wagner inaugurated the ball game by cracking out homers as they came to bat, the first two men to face the Ithaca hurler in the game. Wagner was out on his power, however, for cutting second base. Just to show that it could be done properly, the little second sacker, stepped into one the next time that he came to bat and shot out another on which he made the rounds of the sacks before the ball came to the infield.

Alma had no trouble in solving the delivery of the Ithaca hurlers as the 21 hits that Alma secured will show.

Chaffin pitched the best brand of ball that he has shown this season from the standpoint of control, walking only one man during the entire nine innings of the contest. He allowed nine hits, which coupled with a few errors, which came easily on the rough diamond, the Ithacans were able to cross the plate on eight occasions.

Burt in center field and Strong at first base played stellar fielding games for the Alma team.

J. C. Chick was in Lansing on business Friday.

## HOME SERVICE APPEAL TO BE STARTED SOON

WAS POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 29  
TO ALLOW CHAIRMAN TO  
COMPLETE COMMITTEE.

### Quota of County Placed at \$3,950

The annual appeal of the Salvation Army has been postponed until the week of May 29th in order to allow the campaign committee, of which Mr. P. W. Creaser is chairman, to complete its organization. It is planned to have the appeal of short duration but intensive.

Chairmen have been appointed in each town throughout the county. Those serving are: Alex Chisholm, Breckenridge; C. A. Rehle, St. Louis; H. McCormick, Ithaca; Henry Mead, Wheeler; C. E. Pugley, Elwell; J. M. Hopkins, Chairman for Elwell, Riverdale and Elmhall; George Nos, Pompeii; Rev. F. J. Schlutes, Perrington; Irving Cook, Middleton.

The money to be raised during this appeal will be used in Gratiot county with the exception of about ten per cent which will go toward the maintenance of state institutions.

No announcement had been made of the postponement of the annual Home Service Appeal in Gratiot County, pending the settlement of a date at which time the annual Appeal will be put under way. There is every hope on the part of the officers in charge of the Appeal, that with the county entirely organized, the drive will go over with its quota of \$3,950.

### MILLIONS NOW LIVING WILL NEVER DIE

Mr. Sidney Morton of Brooklyn, N. Y. will give a free public lecture at the I. O. O. F. Hall on Sunday afternoon, May 21st, at 2:30 p. m. He will speak on the above subject, seats free no collection, auspices International Bible Students Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clow and children of Fairgrove spent the week end here, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clow.

## CONFER DEGREE UPON JOHNSON

FORMER MISSIONARY GIVEN  
HONOR AT SPECIAL CON-  
VOCATION THURSDAY.

At a special chapel service held Thursday morning the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Reverend Weston T. Johnson. The ceremony was performed by President Crooks and Dr. Ewing, and was closed by singing the college song. Dr. Johnson is an alumnus of Alma College having been graduated from the academy in 1895 and the college in 1899. After his graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1902, he went to Japan where he worked as a missionary for sixteen years. At present he is Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the Pacific Coast Region. Dr. Johnson was to have received the degree last June, but owing to the fact that he was unable to leave his work the honor had to be deferred until the present time when he received it after a journey of two thousand miles.

In a forceful talk at the regular chapel service, Dr. Johnson emphasized the need for people with international minds. The true Christian cannot be provincial; he cannot seek to become bound up in the affairs directly around him. The conditions in the whole world demand his attention just as much as those in his immediate vicinity. Jesus had an international mind, and he was crucified because he refused to become a provincialist and head the Jewish nation. Jesus realized that the Christian religion must be all embracing, and he made no provision for nationalism or any other narrow view of human welfare or suffering. The world cannot live half Christian and half pagan; it will become either one or the other.

The call, he concluded, is to the red blooded men of energy and action. The Christian religion must be preached in every nook and corner of the world. The suffering of the more unfortunate countries must be alleviated as surely as though it were in our own country, and the best of missionaries are needed to carry out this work. The field is great, the workers limited, and the need imperative.

## Work of the Red Cross Progressing

At the regional conference of the American Red Cross held at Flint last week, the Peace Time work of the Red Cross was discussed. Representatives of Chapters from 20 counties in central eastern Michigan were in attendance and gave reports of the splendid work being done by the Red Cross, and many helpful suggestions toward making the organization of increasing service to the community.

The work of caring for the disabled ex-service men, Public Health Work, and service in time of disaster are the three leading activities although many chapters are doing production work for the poor and for over seas, and the larger chapters have organized Motor Corps for giving poor people, or shut-ins who need the air, auto rides. So long as there are ex-service men who need assistance, so long as there is poverty, so long as fires, floods, and cyclones devastate the country, there will be need for the Red Cross.

The delegates from Gratiot County Chapter were pleased to note that the work in this county in activities undertaken by the Chapter is being conducted as satisfactorily as in any county represented at the meeting. Mrs. Mina Harrington, of Ithaca, has charge of the work of the ex-service men of Gratiot county, and all claims are given prompt attention and followed up to a final adjustment. The Public Health work that is being conducted in the county by Miss Ackerman, was outlined in a most interesting manner by Mrs. H. E. Colwell.

The Lake and Atlantic Divisions of the National Organization are to be discontinued. Chapters of Michigan are to be transferred to the Central Division, May 15th, with headquarters at Chicago, while the work of other states formerly included in these two Divisions will be directed from National Headquarters at Washington, D. C.

## PLAN UNVEILING OF NEW MONUMENT

WRIGHT MONUMENT TO BE UN-  
VEILED MEMORIAL DAY,  
MAY 30.

Wright monument, being erected in Wright Park to the memory of the late Ammi W. Wright, distinguished citizen of Alma, and philanthropist, whose name will be recalled in this city as long as it continues as a community, will be unveiled on Memorial Day, May 30, according to present plans, a time at which it would be fitting to remember the staunch hearted citizen who worked such wonders for the betterment of the city during its earlier days.

At the present time there is every expectation that the monument to Alma's benefactor will be completed in Wright Park before Memorial Day and as a result the city officials are planning for the unveiling of the monument on that day as a part of the memorial exercises that will be held in this city. The tablet to be placed on the monument is expected to reach Alma on May 25.

The monument is being constructed of granite field stone of various colors and will be about five feet square at the base and about ten feet in height. Lights are to be placed on each side of the monument, which is also to be provided with drinking fountains. A suitable bronze tablet, with an inscription relative to the late benefactor, will be placed on one side.

## Former O. E. S. Head Died Here

Mrs. Augusta A. Matteson aged 76 years, a resident of the Michigan Masonic Home here for the past several years, died early last Thursday morning, May 11. Mrs. Matteson for many years was one of the influential women of the state in the O. E. S. She was a Past Grand Matron of this order and for a period of fourteen years was the Grand Secretary of the lodge in Michigan, this being at the time that Mrs. Louise Turck of this city was the Grand Matron. On Friday the body was shipped to Middleville, where funeral services were held and burial made.

### FARMER DEAD

Isaac Turrell, aged 71 years, died at the home of Charles Downing in Arcadia township on Monday. Tuesday the body was sent to Greendale township, Midland county, where funeral services were held that afternoon.

Tanlac is unquestionably the most widely talked of medicine in the world today and those who once use it invariably buy it over and over again and tell their friends of the splendid results they have derived from its use. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

## TEACHERS ARE SECURED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT J. W. KELDER  
HAS ANNOUNCED CORPS FOR  
THE COMING YEAR.

### Only Three Who Will Not Return

J. W. Kelder, superintendent of the Alma Public Schools, has secured the teachers for the High School for next year to fill practically every vacancy that there will be in the teaching corps. Three of the high school teachers of the present year, will leave at the close of the present term.

Miss Wells, the instructor in American and English literature, goes to Honolulu next year as an instructor in Latin in Oahu College. She will be succeeded by Mrs. Hurst, who has been teaching in St. Louis this year. Mrs. Hurst is a former Alma resident and the school authorities have been fortunate in securing her services.

Mrs. Rogers, who has had charge of the Department of Natural Science, also leaves this year. She is to be succeeded by Miss Cooper, who received her degree from the University of Michigan. Miss Cooper is experienced in the teaching profession and is regarded as a capable successor to Mrs. Rogers.

Miss Beck, the third to leave, will turn the assistantship in the Household Arts Department over to Miss Foster, who has been studying for this work at M. A. C.

The rest of the instructors will remain here for another year. Mr. A. C. Luchtman will continue as principal. Mr. VanHoesen will again have charge of the Chemistry Department, and Miss McKenzie, who has had charge of the French Department, will continue in that branch of the work.

The other high school instructors and the subjects that they will have for next year follow: Miss True, English; Miss Lovejoy, History; Miss Hunt, English; Mr. Yoder, Commercial Department; Mr. L. Banghart, Economics; Miss Benton, Latin; Mr. Ray Swigart, Geometry and Algebra; Miss Reid, Algebra; Mr. George Mullin, Manual Training; Miss Hood, Physical Training; Miss Myers, Art; Miss Hughes, English; Miss Kempf, Domestic Arts Department.

## EXEMPLIFY SUPER EXCELLENT WORK

MEMBERS OF GEORGE HILL  
COUNCIL EXEMPLIFY DEGREE  
AT STATE CONVENTION.

Over a score of members of the George Hill Council No. 85, R & S. M. of this city, said to be the newest council in the state, went to Grand Rapids Monday and aided Monday evening in the exemplification of the super-excellent degree in the opening session of the 64th annual assembly of grand council, Royal and Select Masters and the 74th annual convocation of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Nearly 1,200 Michigan Masons assembled in Grand Rapids the first of the week for the two conventions and the fact that the George Hill Council was chosen to put on the interesting and historical degree super-excellent gives a clear indication of the way the members of the Alma Council have mastered the work.

A number of members of the Council, who could not get away to go to Grand Rapids Monday morning, went to that city Monday evening or Tuesday to attend the state meeting. A number of them returned to Alma last evening and it is expected that the last of the visitors to the state convention will arrive home today.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

To all our customers and patrons we wish to announce that we will handle all parts Auto accessories and repair work on a strictly cash basis. We will sell to you at the lowest possible price at all times. You will save money by buying from us.

How is this, Sterling Spark Plugs 35c each. Terms to responsible parties on all new and used cars.

Shreeve & Buccanning.

Ladies, get a box of the Social size Hammermill Bond Stationery, 250 sheets of paper with the same number of envelopes at the Record office.—

## LIFE PRESERVERS ON ALL BRIDGES IN CITY OF ALMA

During the past week life preservers have been placed at handy spots on all bridges crossing over Pine river in the City of Alma, and will be quickly available in the future should there be any occasion to use them. Each of the life preservers is equipped with about 100 feet of rope, so that if called into use, they may easily be pulled to the shore. It is possible that there may be a time in the future when drownings may possibly be avoided by the use of these preservers which will furnish a quick means of giving aid.

### BIG BUSINESS INCREASE

The Ford Motor Car Co. reports the month of April as the largest month's business in the history of the company, says G. V. Niles of the Niles Motor Sales Company of this city, local agents for Ford cars. The sales of the company averaged 5,210 cars and trucks per day, a total of 127,249 for the month. The Ford factory is now running full force with more than 40,000 men on the payroll. The local agents of the company advise that they have sold considerable more than their quota during the month.

## BIDS SOUGHT ON THE GYMNASIUM

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NEW  
ALMA COLLEGE STRUCTURE  
TO START IN JUNE.

The Building Committee of the Board of Trustees of Alma College is asking for bids on the proposed concrete gymnasium for the institution, which is to be constructed during the coming summer, and which it is hoped will be ready for use by the time that basket ball work starts immediately following the football season.

Plans and specifications for the proposed structure are at the office of President Crooks at the College where they may be viewed Friday and Saturday by those who may desire to make bids for the construction of the new building to be erected on the college campus.

Due to the decline in prices of materials and to other reasons, it is believed that the proposed gymnasium, without the natatorium, can now be built for approximately \$80,000, this being a good reduction over what the structure would have cost a year ago. It is understood that the plan of the college is to add the natatorium at a later period, possibly in two or three years as funds may become available for its construction.

A considerable amount of money has been paid in on the gymnasium-auditorium pledges from the endowment campaign which is available for the payment of such of the work as this fund will cover, and the college has plans for financing the balance until the other payments on the pledges become due and are paid.

It is understood that the college hopes to have the contract for the structure awarded at an early date and that ground for the new building can be broken Commencement week.

## Musical Contest at Mt. Pleasant

The Third Annual High School Music Contest to be held at Central Michigan Normal School, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, will take place on Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26. At this contest twenty Michigan cities will be represented with their respective high schools entering from one soloist up to thirty and over.

The contest includes ten events, namely: soprano, contralto, tenor, bass, violin, and piano solos; Mixed Double Quartet, Male Quartet, Girl's Double Trio and Orchestra.

First and second awards and honorable mention for third place are given in each event. An All Michigan Music Championship trophy in the form of a silver loving cup is given to the school winning the greatest number of points. Lansing won this cup in 1920 and Saginaw holds it now from the 1921 contest.

The smallest number contesting in any event is four and most events have from eight to twelve contestants. The cities represented in the contest are: Alma, Alpena, Belding, Chesaning, Cadillac, Flint, Holland, Imlay City, Ithaca, Lansing, Ludington, Mancelona, Pontiac, Reed City, Saginaw E. S., St. Louis, Shepherd.

Prof. F. W. Dykema of the University of Wisconsin will be sole adjudicator for the entire contest.

The interscholastic music contest was introduced into Michigan by J. (Continued on page three)

## TWELVE TO BE GRADUATED AT COMMENCEMENT

HENRY CHURCHILL KING, LL. D.,  
OF OBERLIN TO GIVE COM-  
MENCEMENT ADDRESS.

### Baccalaureate by President Crooks

The annual commencement week activities will be opened at Alma College on Friday evening, June 9, with a concert in the chapel, and will be followed Sunday evening with the baccalaureate address at the Presbyterian church by President H. M. Crooks. On Wednesday the Commencement exercises will be held, with Henry Churchill King, LL. D., president of Oberlin College, as the speaker, at which time 12 young men and women will complete their college courses.

Those who will graduate from Alma this year are Mildred Lucille Cash of Alma, Paul Cash of Alma, Mabel L. Field of Rudyard, Joanna Louise Hainline of Alma; Beulah Louise Osgood of Temperence, Priscilla Pelmont of Parthenay, France; Ruth Isabel Stewart of Detroit; Frank M. Vreeland of Bay City, Hulda Ward of Alma, Wayne R. Wenger of Saginaw, Clarence LeRoy Williams of Brown City and Roger W. Zinn of Alma.

The following is the program for the commencement week activities:

Friday, June 9  
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Alma College chapel by Girls' Glee Club, Professor Beausang, director; Mrs. Beausang, violinist; Fromilda Young, soprano.

Saturday, June 10  
6:30 p. m.—Annual Alpha Theta Banquet.

Sunday, June 11  
10:00 a. m.—Farewell Communion service at Presbyterian church.

7:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate Address by President H. M. Crooks.

Monday, June 12  
8:00 a. m.—Senior Breakfast.  
10:00 a. m.—Final chapel service and awarding of letters, etc., to athletes, orators, and debaters.  
4:00 p. m.—Musical Tea at Wright Hall.

8:00 p. m.—Senior Play at Strand Theatre, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Tuesday, June 13  
5:00 a. m.—"A" Men's Spread at Honeyoog Creek.

9:00 a. m.—Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees.

12:00—Luncheon in Grove by Alma Alumni for old students, faculty and trustees. Business meeting of Alumni.

3:00 p. m.—Baseball, Alumni vs. College.

5:00 p. m.—Breaking of Ground for New Gymnasium-Auditorium.

8:00 p. m.—Senior Promenade.

9:00 to 11:00 p. m.—President's Reception at home of President and Mrs. Crooks.

Wednesday, June 14  
9:45 a. m.—Academic Procession from Wright Hall.

10:00 a. m.—Annual Commencement Address, "The Fine Art of Living," by Henry Churchill King, LL. D.

12:30 p. m.—Commencement Luncheon.

### BROTHERHOOD BANQUET

The Brotherhood banquet to be held this week Friday evening at the Presbyterian church promises to be one of the best thus far held. A program of wit and inspiration is arranged. The principal speaker at the affair will be Hira C. Moore of Flint, at one time connected with the Alma State Savings Bank of this city. Another address will be given by Mr. Charles G. Rhodes. A solo will be given by Clinton Seelye of Caro, and a trio by the Messrs. Seelye, Robinson and Smith. A number of unusual interest, not yet secured to a certainty, and therefore not ready for announcement in this notice, is expected. Brotherhood members and their friends are cordially invited.

### OBITUARY

Charles Greenhoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greenhoe, was born in Ionia County, near Muir, Michigan, in the year of 1860 and departed from this life, May 9, 1922, at the age of 61 years, 4 months, and 27 days. On January 4, 1883, he was united in marriage to Eva May Crandell, who passed away from this life, April 2, 1921. To this union three sons were born, one dying in infancy and Theodore and Lewis of Elwell. Besides the sons, he leaves to mourn their loss, two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Conner of Muir, and Mrs. Carrie Ludwick of Elwell, one brother, Mr. Gillie Greenhoe of Alma, five grandsons, besides other relatives and hosts of friends. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery at Alma, Mich.