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BUSINESS MEN ENTERTAINED AT ST. LOUIS

Forty C. of C. Members Were Guests of Board of Trade at Friday Luncheon.

Rhodes Urged Closer Relation in Address

Over forty members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce were guests Friday noon of the St. Louis Board of Trade, at a luncheon held in that city, a luncheon different from those ordinarily seen, as the tables were rocking beneath the weight of the good things to eat that had been prepared by the organization in our Sister City, and prepared to such an extent that even the hungry men from Alma could not entirely make away with the viands placed before them. It was a royal luncheon prepared by a royal good bunch of fellows who were out to show what they could do when they start.

Carl Faunce, one of the highly esteemed citizens of that city, and also numbered among the progressive and hustling business men of the community, who hope that with the return to normalcy, St. Louis will again jump to the front, acted in the capacity of chairman at the meeting.

Charles G. Rhodes, secretary of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., of Alma was the first speaker introduced by Chairman Carl Faunce. In his short talk Mr. Rhodes pointed out that the period of business depression that the country has been going through during the past two years has been a time when the business integrity of men was being tested, and that it was the good citizens of the communities, who always are found working for the community and are always ready to aid, who have stood the test.

He urged that the boosters for community betterment keep everlastingly at it, as it was their work which made the others ashamed of their lack of work and gradually converted them into boosters for their city.

He urged that the chamber of commerce in St. Louis and Alma tie closely, as there is a big need for it, especially as they would work on a common ground, as the things that aid one community must aid the other. Working closely would make for better standards throughout, make better schools, better churches, better northern Gratiot what it should be, he pointed out.

The Hon. Newell Smith of St. Louis was the second speaker. He endorsed the words that Mr. Rhodes had spoken and called attention to three matters, taxation, the repeal of the law exempting bonds from taxation, and good roads to which he would devote a good part of his time, should the people of the senatorial district see fit to nominate and elect him to that office. He stated that remedies for high taxation should be applied, that the various appropriation bills should be studied closely and new ways of raising money should be sought. He stated that the law exempting bonds from taxation should be repealed as millions of dollars were tied in these bonds in Michigan, which are not paying a tax, and which, if the bonds were taxed, would find its way into industry for the betterment of the state. He called attention to the fact that he was the author of the present automobile law, which brought to the state \$6,000,000 last year. He urged that for every dollar spent, the state should get a full dollar's worth in return.

William E. King, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Bay City was then introduced. He spoke of Bay City as the glad hand town, a city with a soul. The soul of a city, he said is seen in its parks, its streets, its hotels, its public buildings, and in the loyalty and spirit of its citizens. He called attention to the fact that that which one gives to life comes back into that person's own life, and that our prosperity is dependent upon the prosperity of our community. Cities are judged, he said, by what they do.

That such organizations as a chamber of commerce are worth while he showed by calling attention to Monroe, Michigan, with Bay City, Saginaw, Flint and Battle Creek thirty-five years ago today. At that time he pointed out Monroe was the largest of these cities. Monroe does not have a chamber of commerce. The others have organizations that do things, and today they are all larger than Monroe.

The men of a community, he said in closing, are entitled to three things, which are essential in city building, good government, good living and cooperation.

James A. McKay of Bay City, was the final speaker, and in opening his address called attention to what the newspapers of a community do in the (Continued on page three)

Operetta "The Posey Bed" Was Very Good

"The Posey Bed," the operetta given by the children of the Lincoln School last Thursday evening, was one of the most enjoyable performances that any of the schools have sponsored in several years.

The operetta itself, as the name implies, introduces the various flowers in order and all of the flowers sign their welcome to spring. Four little girls were the gardeners and they cultivated their posy bed most diligently. They were well rewarded, however, for the flowers grew with astonishing rapidity—and with pretty little flowers they were!

Each flower came to the front and sang his little song. Then they crowned their May Queen. The flowers were aided in the chorus work by a chorus of dainty little voices—the children of the several grades in the Lincoln building.

All of the children handled their parts splendidly from the Queen to the most insignificant of the flowers and to the chorus members. The credit for the training of the voices is given Miss Emmel, head of the music department. All of the teachers aided greatly, also, in making the operetta a success.

In spite of the rather discouraging weather Thursday evening, the High School auditorium was filled to capacity for the event.

BANK CLEARINGS OF WEEK
The First State Bank reports the clearings of the current week at \$102,252.06. The clearings for last week were \$105,712.97. The clearings of a year ago this week were \$95,828.16, which shows an increase of over \$5,000 for the current week over the same week of last year.

"Auto Races Saginaw Memorial Day," advertisement.

GRADE TEACHERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Superintendent Kelder Announces List of Grade Teachers.

J. W. Kelder, superintendent of the Alma public schools, has given out the list of teachers for the various grades for the coming year, all of them now having been secured, except for one kindergarten teacher in Republic school. The teachers for the various schools and grades follow:

Washington school—Miss Cora Dunlap, principal; Laura B. Soule, History and English; Ruth Smith, English; Donna Orr, English; Marion Worth, geography; Anna Cook, arithmetic; Bertha McLaren, sixth grade; Erna Fahner, sixth grade; Pearl Cleek, fifth grade; Mary Failing, fifth grade B.

Republic school—Frances Stitt, principal; Winifred Trapp, English; Adah Dick, geography; Alice Crawford, English; Marjorie Ferris, fifth grade; Vera Hudson, fourth grade; Ruth King, third grade; Lyle Britton and Nettie Weatherhead, second grade; Coral Taylor and Nita Stinchcomb, first grade; Hilda Johnson opportunity room.

Lincoln school—Annette McLaren, principal; Rose Horton, fourth grade; Alice Alspaugh and Agnes Moody, fourth grade; Edith Shandell, third grade; Nell A. Annibal, third grade; Elizabeth Ferris and Marie Smith, second grade; Vera Secord, second grade; Erma Pritchard, first grade; Gertrude Hall, kindergarten.

Hillcrest school—Bernice Shantz, second grade; Leona Beckwith, first grade; Lula Stone, kindergarten.

Special teachers—Armada Emmel, music; Marie Myers, art; Gemma Hood, physical training; Lillian Olson, health; Dorothy Foster, domestic art; John L. Middaugh, manual training.

WEATHER AND CROPS

The temperature was moderate throughout the week. Cloudy and rainy weather prevailed the first part of the week, followed by fair, with abundant sunshine the last part. Rains were heavy in nearly all portions of the lower peninsula Wednesday and Thursday and were very beneficial. Farm work was delayed a few days by the wet weather but it is now advancing rapidly again. Corn is about one-half planted and potato planting is progressing.

All crops are growing rapidly and in a satisfactory condition. Meadows and pastures are especially good. Oats and barley are growing nicely. Wheat and rye are reported good except in a few localities. Late planted rye is not as good as that planted earlier. Fruit of all kinds is in excellent condition with unusually heavy bloom, the only exception being late apples which are not as fully blossomed.

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HOLMES, CRANE & BARTLING TO GET CONTRACT

Alma Contractors Had Lowest Bid for Paving on Three City Streets.

Detroit Trust to Get Alma's Bonds

It is believed that more firms made bids for the paving work on North Woodworth avenue, West End street, and Downie street, Tuesday evening than have ever sought city paving contracts in the past, and out of the total number of bidders the firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling of this city was the low bidder, with a total of \$21,405.80 for the work, the bid being approximately \$2,000 under the bid of their nearest competitor.

As a result a motion was made that the bid of the Alma firm for this work be accepted and Mayor Murphy and City Clerk Blank be authorized to enter into a contract with Holmes, Crane & Bartling, subject to the sale of the bonds.

Commissioner Creaser offered an amendment to the motion to the effect that the contract should not be signed until the bonds were sold and the money in the hands of the Alma. Mayor Murphy made it clear that no contract would be signed by him until the sale of the bonds was made, as it would not then matter if the money was in Detroit or in Alma. He further pointed out that if the bid was accepted and the authorization made for the contract the firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling could go ahead and secure its work, and thus avoid holding up the work for two or three weeks after the bonds were sold.

As a result there was no support to Commissioner Creaser's amendment to the motion.

On the vote on the original motion Commissioners Archer, Glass and Chick, and Mayor Murphy voted to accept the bid and give the authorization to the mayor and clerk to sign the contract when the bonds are sold, at which time it will be a certainty that the money will be forth coming for the work even though it might be an outside agency that purchased them. Commissioner Creaser voted against the motion insisting that the money should be in an Alma bank before the contract was signed.

Bids for the bonds for the paving work were then opened, the bid of the Detroit Trust company was found to be the most acceptable to the city.

A motion was made that this bid be accepted, and it was carried by a unanimous vote of the commission. A resolution still remains to be passed which will make the bonds the general obligation of the city before the bonds can be sold to the Detroit Trust Company. This resolution will be passed at the meeting of the city commission next week. The attorney for the Detroit Trust company has already examined the transcript of all proceedings to date and has found them to be legal in every way, so the sale of the bonds is certain following the passage of the next resolution, and there will be little delay in getting the work under way.

There was one other thing noteworthy in the bid of Holmes, Crane & Bartling in addition to the fact that it was so low. The Alma firm called attention to the fact that insofar as possible Alma labor would be employed.

North Woodworth is to be paved from Superior street north the entire length of the street. Part of the first block will have paving 50 feet wide and the balance will be 30 feet wide. The paving on West End street will be from State street west for two blocks and will be 30 feet wide. On Downie, paving will be laid from State to Park avenue, 30 feet wide.

Citizens Training Camp Is Announced

V. P. Cash, county chairman, has called attention to the fact that the citizens training camp for the Sixth Corps Area, which includes Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, will be held this year at Camp Custer from August 2 to September 2.

Owing to the fact that he has not time to devote to this work he has made arrangements whereby information regarding the citizens training camp may be secured from Merrill Stuckey, at the post office. Application blanks may also be secured from the same source.

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Forestry Students to Camp in North Woods

Studying actual field conditions, and rubbing elbows with the practical life of forest rangers, students of forestry classes at the Michigan Agricultural College will camp in the woods of northern Michigan during the coming summer.

The young foresters will live in a real logging camp on the grounds of the Antrim Iron Company in Kalkaska county. Here they will put in old fashioned lumber jack hours, learning the business of timber cruising, land surveying, and logging from the ground up.

The camp, which is an annual feature of the college work, is in charge of Prof. P. L. Buttrick and Prof. A. L. Garratt of the M. A. C. forestry department. Twenty students will be included in the camp roll all of whom are preparing to enter active service in the forestry profession.

COLONEL SMITH IS GIVEN HONOR

Member of Nominating Committee National Auto C. of C.

Colonel Frank E. Smith, president and general manager of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. of this city, has been named as one of the three members of the nominating committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which gives a clear indication of the standing of the Republic executive in the automobile and truck world.

The nominating committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which consists of three members, is composed of men well known in the automobile and truck world, all three members of the committee being the executive heads of large automotive industries. William Robert Wilson, president of the Maxwell Motor Company, is chairman of the committee. The third member of the committee is George E. Daniels, president of the Daniels Motor Company.

The committee is to meet on Thursday, June 8, in New York City for the purpose of placing in nomination five directors for the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Not only has Colonel Smith been honored by being named as one of the three members of the nominating committee of this Chamber of Commerce, but he has also been made a member of the truck committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce for the truck division of the organization.

School Exhibit A Very Good One

The exhibit of the manual training, art, and domestic art classes of the Alma Public Schools was opened yesterday in the High School gymnasium and will continue through tonight. The display is exceedingly interesting and it gives, in perhaps the best way that is possible, a complete review of the work of the technical departments of the schools during the past year.

The manual training department, which is in charge of Mr. George Millin, is showing library tables, phonographs, desks, floor lamps, and many other products of woodworking skill. Especially interesting is this display. Some of the exhibits speak highly for the ability of the students in wood working, and it is perhaps more true in regard to some of the finer articles, the library tables, phonographs and floor lamps than of the more ordinary results that are achieved in this department.

The manual training department of the Alma schools is probably the best equipped in the county, with its electrically driven lathes, saws and planer which give to the students many advantages in this work that he could not otherwise enjoy.

The exhibit of the products of the domestic arts department is very complete. Miss Kempf, who has charge of this department, and Miss Beck, her assistant, have arranged a most interesting array of millinery, dresses, tailored waists, shirts, collar and cuff sets, etc., all of which have been made, and many of them designed by the girls in this department.

Miss Marie Myers, head of the art department, has a very unusual display of art work this year, which is also of a very unusually good quality. This exhibit includes work in oil and water colors, crayon work, pen and ink work, and practically every phase of work along this line. There are also several hand-painted and decorated articles of various uses.

The exhibit is open from 1:00 p. m. until 9:00 o'clock this evening and all parents of school children are urged to attend and to see for themselves the results that are being achieved in the Alma schools.

THE SALVATION ARMY CAMPAIGN STARTS MONDAY

Postponed Home Service Appeal to be Put Under Way Next Week.

Drive Will Close Saturday, June 3

The annual Home Service Appeal of the Salvation Army will be put under way on Monday, May 29, and will be brought to a close on June 3, at which time it is hoped that the quota of \$3,950.00 set for the county will have been achieved.

The appeal was to have been held earlier in the month, but was postponed in order that the committees of P. W. Creaser, chairman, might be completed and everything put in the best shape for the beginning of the campaign.

Few are the people who do not know of the wonderful results that the Salvation Army has been achieving throughout the country, but probably only a few are familiar with the results that have been achieved right in Gratiot County by the Alma post of the Salvation Army, which gives a very clear indication that it is doing a splendid work and is well deserving of the support that it is seeking with which to carry on its work this coming year.

People have only to go over the record of the Salvation Army in this county during the past eight months to see what a wonderful record it is really making. The following from the county committee indicates the record:

Are you aware that it has distributed over 4,000 free articles of clothing to the poor?

Are you aware that it has supplied 400 pairs of shoes to those in need?

Are you aware that the poor have been supplied with 75 Christmas baskets to the value of \$400.00?

Are you aware that 500 persons have been given goods and temporary relief?

Are you aware that 300 loaves of bread, 48 sacks of flour, 7 tons of coal, \$250.00 for groceries, 250 cans of fruit, 50 bushels of potatoes, \$35.00 for house rent, was given, that 25 worthy transients were given lodging and 20 were given transportation?

Are you aware that the Salvation Army has been responsible for bringing several important speakers and evangelists into the city, among whom were Envy Schwartz, worldwide Salvation evangelist, and Col. Jack Addie, a man of international fame?

Are you aware that during the few evenings of Col. Addie's efforts over 100 were brought to know God?

Are you aware that during the last eight months, through efforts of the Salvation Army, 285 souls have been won to the cause of Christ?

Are you aware that the majority of these converts have united with churches?

Are you aware that in the past nearly 50 per cent of the Salvation Army officers time was spent in soliciting for funds with which to carry on its work?

Are you aware that \$3,950 will be raised in Gratiot County, May 29 to June 3?

Are you aware that this amount will be spent to advance the cause of Christ in Gratiot County?

Are you aware that the \$3,950 will permit the Salvation Army to devote the whole of its time to ministering to the sick and poverty stricken and to spread the gospel of Christ?

These facts will be of interest to every person in Gratiot County, and of considerable aid to those who solicit funds.

Respectfully,
P. W. Creaser, Chairman,
and Executive Committee.

Hawkes Held By Jackson Police

William Hawkes, Jackson bus line executive, and former operator of a bus line here, is being held by the Jackson police in connection with the death of Leon Mulberry, a Michigan Central railroad engineer, killed near the Hawkes home in Jackson last Thursday night.

Hawkes, it is reported, has admitted to Jackson officers, that he fired the shot which was the cause of Mulberry's death. Police state that Hawkes said that he mistook Mulberry for a burglar, when he fired the shot which brought his death.

Speaking of Spring Coats at Bargains. Here's a Tip Women's and Misses Coats that sold up to \$50.00 will go On Sale Saturday for \$19.50 at D. W. Robinson's, Alma—advertisement.

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Sweet Clover Said Valuable Hay Crop

That sweet clover, if it is cut early and cut high, makes a valuable hay crop for Michigan farmers is the statement of Prof. C. R. Megee, of the M. A. C. farm crops department.

"The stage of growth at which the sweet clover is cut determines very largely the quality of the hay secured," says Megee in discussing the crop. If the crop is allowed to become mature before harvesting, farmers will be disappointed in the quality of the buds appear. If the plants are allowed to come into bloom, the stems become woody, the leaves fall off, and a very poor quality of hay results.

That the height of cutting is also important is indicated by Professor Megee. Tests conducted at the Michigan Agricultural College experiment station indicate that a height of from six to seven inches is about right when cutting is done just before the blossom buds appear.

"The second year sweet clover does not propagate from a crown as does alfalfa," continues Megee. The clover propagates from buds in the axils of the branches and leaves on the lower portion of the stalk. If the first cutting of the second year is made below the young branches, which bear the leaves, the stand will be destroyed and a second crop will not be secured.

Detailed information on the college sweet clover tests, as well as cultural information on the sweet clover crop for Michigan is contained in a new bulletin just issued by the M. A. C. experiment station. This bulletin, which is known as Special Bulletin No. 113, may be had by writing to R. S. Shaw, Director Experiment Station, M. A. C., East Lansing, Michigan.

MRS. LANCASHIRE ADDED TO BOARD

Becomes Director of First State Bank When C. G. Rhodes Resigns.

Announcement was made at the First State Bank Tuesday that at a meeting of the directors of the bank held last week Mr. Charles G. Rhodes, for the past nine years, one of the directors of the institution, had resigned, and that Mrs. Sarah H. Lancashire of Detroit and New York, had been elected as a director to succeed him.

It is understood that the reason for the resignation of Mr. Rhodes as director of the bank is due to the fact that other interests, particularly his interests at The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., of which he is secretary, demanded so much of his time that he felt that he was no longer able to give the time to the bank that the position on the directorate of this institution called for.

During the time that he has been a director of the bank Mr. Rhodes has been among its most capable and hard working directors, and it was with regret that his co-workers on the board accepted his resignation.

Immediately following the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Rhodes from the board of directors, Mrs. Sarah H. Lancashire, daughter of the late Ammi W. Wright, founder of the bank, was elected to fill the vacancy on the board. The addition of Mrs. Lancashire to the board should, it is felt, lend still further stability to this well known institution.

FARMERS CLUB MEETING

The Seville-Summer Farmers club will meet Thursday, June 1st with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schiff at 810 River Ave., Alma, Mich.

There will be the usual potluck dinner at noon followed by a program of special interest to mothers which is as follows:

- Call to order.
- Song by the club.
- Invocation.
- Special Music.
- Address—"Child Conservation," Mrs. Albert Frevert.
- Discussion.
- Question box.
- Adjournment.

Program Committee.

Saturday, May 20th Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Creaser held a family reunion and birthday party in honor of Mr. Creaser's sister, Mrs. Anna Henning of Detroit. All brothers and sisters were present excepting Mrs. Will Stitt, who lives west of Alma. There were twenty-four present. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. George A. Creaser, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. W. E. Barstow and Mrs. Anna Henning of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kinsel of Ithaca; Mrs. Will Stevens of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Ida Creaser of Middleton, their daughter, Celia, who is teaching in Midland and their son Charles who is attending The University in Ann Arbor. All spent a very enjoyable day and declared Mr. and Mrs. Creaser royal entertainers.

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY TO BE FITTING

Legion Post Plans Exercises in Honor of the Nation's Soldier Dead.

Alma Is to Honor Wright's Memory

Tuesday morning, May 30, Alma, together with all other cities of the land, will honor America's soldier dead, and as has been the case during the past two years the program will be in charge of the G. A. R. and Geo. W. Myers Post No. 132 American Legion of this city.

A committee from the Post and Legion has been working on the program for some weeks, and it is anticipated that the program this year will be one of the best that has been rendered in some years.

One of the features of the program this year will be the unveiling of the memorial monument in Wright Park, to the late Ammi W. Wright, Alma philanthropist and benefactor, who during the earlier days of the city did such wonderful things in the community to lay the foundations for the successes that have come in this city. In unveiling the memorial monument at this time to Mr. Wright, Alma will pay him a high, and an unusual tribute, a tribute fitting to a distinguished citizen of former days.

The exercises this year, as has been the case during the past few years, will be held in the morning.

Plans are under way for a band concert at 8:45 a. m. on Superior street.

At 9:00 o'clock the unveiling of the memorial to the late Ammi W. Wright will take place at Wright Park, where exercises will be held that will last approximately a half hour.

At 10:00 o'clock the regular Memorial Day program will be given at the Strand theatre and the following program carried out:

Invocation, Chaplain John A. Mulvey "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean", Fifth and Sixth grades of Washington School, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Recitation, "Requiem Victorious," Grade 6A

Recitation, "The American Creed" Grades 5 and 6.

Song, "Battle Hymn of Republic," Flag Salute.

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