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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GIVE MINSTRELS FEB. 23 FOR RED CROSS BENEFIT

Regular Blackface Artists to Take Part; Late Songs and Bright Quips.

HARD WORK BEING DONE TO PERFECT PRODUCTION

Miss Vera Backus and C. M. Jacobson Drilling the Performers; Features in Plenty.

"Good evening, Mr. Bones." "Good evening, Mr. Jacobson." "How are you feeling this evening, Mr. Bones?"

"O, something like a dressmaker." "Something like a dressmaker?" "Why, how's that?"

"O, sew, sew." "I understand you are a great traveler, Mr. Bones."

"Yes, I've been all over the four quarters of the globe and part of the hind quarters."

"Did you ever see an aeroplane fly?" "No, I never seen an aeroplane fly."

"Why, don't you know they travel as fast as a hundred and fifty miles an hour?"

"No, I didn't know that, but we've got something right here in Bemidji that's got that beat away off."

"Beaten in Bemidji? Why, what do you mean?"

"Well, sah, I saw Chief Ripple give a man a ride in a jitney one day so fast that it took the man six months to get back."

Interlocutor—"Mr. Tambo will now sing that pathetic ballad entitled 'A Splinter From My Sweetheart's Wooden Leg.'"

Plenty of Mirth. Perhaps that won't be exactly it, but there will be plenty along the same line when the high school boys present their minstrels for the benefit of the Red Cross at the Grand theater Thursday evening, February 21. And the boys are working hard to make their appearance a great success.

For several days the youngsters have been hard at work under the direction of Miss Vera Backus and C. M. Jacobson, the latter coach of the high school basketball team.

The boys have long been doing things to aid the Red Cross and other war activities of Bemidji and they have decided to "go over the top" in a real sure nuff minstrel, burnt cork and all, and they are entitled to hearty support.

There's going to be a choir of between 35 and 40 voices and the interlocutor will be Mr. Jacobson.

The End Men. The bones end of the circle will be taken care of by Leo Opsahl and Ferris Knapp, while Carl Tenstrum and Norman Kittleson will take care of the tambos.

In the first part there will be vocal selections of the latest and among the features will be a specialty by seven primary girls, while the "Army and Navy Boys and Red Cross Nurses" will appear in specialty, the latter also being a juvenile feature.

The olio will have much of interest, a farce being a feature with 14 men in the cast, each in black face?

There are other details to be given out later and there are some surprises in store for those who are sure to attend.

STAR ATHLETE JOINS UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTERS

It is probable that on Friday several more recruits will leave Bemidji to join the colors. Among them will be Claude Bailey, Harto N. Aubolee and Francis C. Montague. Bailey is one of the best athletes the high school ever turned out, he being a star basketball and football player with a high reputation in northern Minnesota. He will go to the Twentieth engineers.

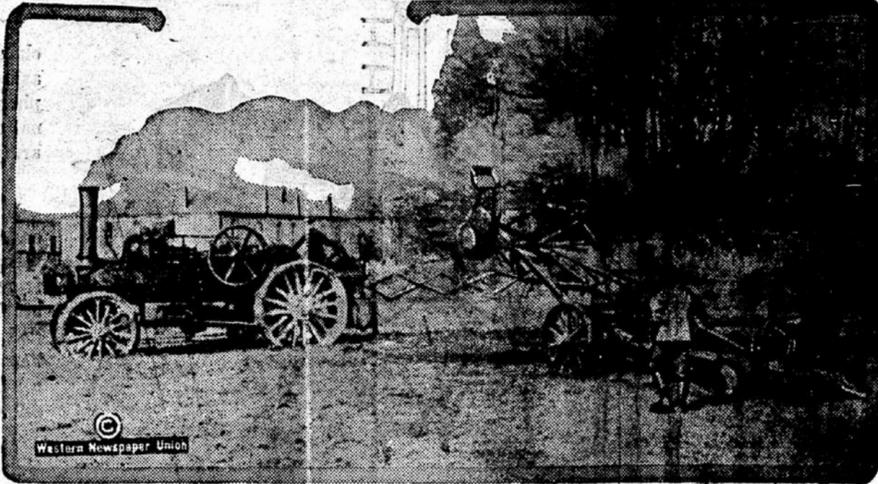
Aubolee has enlisted in the aviation section signal corps, in the gas engine department.

Montague has chosen the cavalry branch of the service and will also be in the party when it leaves.

SHOOK ALSO AMONG TUSCANIA RESCUED

A list of the survivors of the Tuscania disaster contains the name of William Shook of Gemmill. The young soldier was employed by the Crookston Lumber company and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will be highly gratified to learn that he is among the living.

GERMANS GROWING CROPS CLOSE TO THE LINES



Close up behind the fighting lines in northern France the Germans have been growing crops. Some of them are here seen cultivating the land with steam plows.

172 Beltrami County Men Called Feb. 26

Sheriff Andrew Johnson, head of the Beltrami county draft board, today received an order from the war department to send 172 men from Beltrami county to training camps the morning of February 26. Mr. Johnson arrived home Tuesday night from Baudette, where 113 men of the draft were examined. Of these, 10 were rejected by the physicians at Baudette and they accompanied the sheriff to face the draft board physicians here.

The sending of the quota of 172 called for will mean the largest single detachment sent from Bemidji and Beltrami county since the war started, and no doubt the occasion will be made a notable event.

PATRIOTIC MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

Tonight at 8 o'clock there will be a patriotic meeting in the court house for the entertainment of the jurors who have been called for the present term of court, and all others who have been attracted by court session. All others are also cordially invited.

Well known speakers will address the gathering, including City Attorney M. J. Brown.

The meeting is under the auspices of the speakers' bureau of the state and an evening of much interest and value is assured.

WOMAN IS KILLED; STREET CARS CRASH

(By United Press) St. Paul, Feb. 13.—Miss Angelo Frommert, age 22 years, milliner, was killed, and William Crumby, age 25 years, was injured and several passengers bruised today when street cars collided in the loop district.

GREATER HARMONY KEYNOTE IN POLITICAL OFFENSIVE

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 13.—Experts held that the United States and England must attain greater harmony in political offensives. They say Wilson and Premier George are too far apart.

TEXAS MAYOR IS JAILED FOR TREASON

(By United Press) Houston, Tex., Feb. 13.—Eleven men from Fayetteville, Texas, including Mayor Langbotts, have been jailed, six of whom are charged with disloyal attacks. With them was brought a German flag reported to have been flying over the Germania club at Fayetteville.

FIRST STEP TOWARDS WEALTH REGISTRY IN UNITED STATES

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 13.—The first step toward registration of wealth is planned by Representative Howard of Virginia.

SIX DEATHS REPORTED

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 13.—Six deaths were reported by General Pershing today.

EXTRA! Roumanians Turn Deaf Ear To Germany

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 13.—Roumania has ignored Germany's ultimatum to make separate peace within 24 hours. The Roumanian minister here received the official message today, stating that Roumania disdainfully ignored Germany's threat and will survive or perish with the allied cause.

With the Teutons on one side, the Bolsheviks on the other and many miles from friendly forces, Ferdinand's plucky nation is fighting harder than ever.

TOUCHING TRIBUTE BY FELLOW WORKERS

From the zest of campaigns among themselves in the Liberty Loan, Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and in other directions, to aid in the war work of Uncle Sam, in which remarkable records were established, the boys of the Box factory on Tuesday turned to the sad and more serious duty of life when they lifted the burden of funeral expenses from Mrs. Jesse Gay, widow of one of the employees of the plant.

Mr. Gay had been an employe of the factory for three years. He contracted pneumonia and Tuesday passed away at the hospital, leaving a wife and three children. So highly regarded was he by the employes of the box factory that permission was asked of Superintendent Quincy Brooks to subscribe to a fund to defray the funeral expenses. Mr. Brooks gladly consented and secured the paper and aided in its circulation with the result over \$100 was subscribed.

Mr. Gay was the son of Orrin L. Gay and was 33 years old. Besides his immediately family he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Olive Veal, of Princeton, Minn., a brother, Sam Gay, Twenty-first street and Park avenue, and his aged father. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Baptist church. Rev. A. M. Whitby will officiate. Interment will be made in Greenwood.

SKILLED MEN ARE NEEDED FOR SHIPYARDS

An appeal is being made by the shipping board at Washington for men to man the shipyards of the country. They are badly needed, according to a letter received by Charles S. Carter, county director of the safety commission.

The shipbuilding program calls for 6,000,000 tons annually, but owing to the scarcity of skilled labor the nation is not able to turn out that amount of tonnage. The shipping board has the money, the yards, the material, the housing problem is being solved, and all that lacks is efficient labor and this must be secured.

Ships are needed to carry goods and supplies for the American army in France. They are needed now and they will be needed much more ere long, and as the war progresses, not a horde of incompetents is wanted but skilled men at good wages and Mr. Carter would like to enroll as many of this class of men as he is able.

POPE PLEASSED

(By United Press) Rome, Feb. 13.—Pope Benedict welcomes President Wilson's latest address as "nourishing peace" seed which is already sprouting, it was learned at the vatican today. The pope is reported pressing the Teutons, specially the Austrians and Bavarians, for an honest and unselfish consideration of the president's speech.

SWITZERLAND MAY COME NEXT AFTER BELGIUM; ATTACK BY GERMANY SEEN

(By William Simms) United Press Staff Correspondent Copyright 1918

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 13.—After Belgium, is Switzerland's turn next?

General von Hindenburg is massing troops against the French right flank, with vast stores of ammunition and many guns.

People here are asking whether the treaty of 1815 will be the next "scrap of paper."

Germans here openly boast that General Ludendorff can smash the Swiss army in 48 hours. The Prussians, while gorging themselves with little republics, brag they could occupy this city the first day.

Germany has planned an invasion of Switzerland, even to skeleton governments for the Swiss states after occupation.

Switzerland is struggling valiantly, not only to maintain her neutrality, but for her existence herself. German agents are threatening the republic with revolution, saying it may spread to Italy and France. The claim is made that the Germans are so well governed that there is no danger of a revolt.

AUSTRIA MUST BREAK

(By United Press) Copyright, 1918. Washington, Feb. 13.—Peace between the United States and Austria can come only when the Austrian people break with the German junkers and the possibility of such peace is strong.

It was to drive home the former, while convinced of the latter point, that President Wilson made his last address to congress.

It is semi-officially stated that the address was both a peace and war message. The German people must break away from the control of the militarists. They need not overthrow the kaiser, but must inaugurate electoral reforms, assuring us dealing with the people and not the militarists.

LENTON SEASON IS OPEN; ASH WEDNESDAY; EASTER ON MARCH 31

The Lenten season opened today and will continue until March 31, Easter Sunday. Those in Bemidji who observe the quiet season observed this year will stand out less distinctly as a season apart from the remainder of the year. With the American Sammites in the trenches and the first great casualty list published the spirit of America has but a short way to descend to the quiet and thoughtfulness of the Lenten season.

Social gaiety is reduced to a minimum. Conservation has enforced frugality and restraint. And the nation is wrapped in the mood of reflection and seriousness that Lent, rightly observed, demands.

The Lenten regulations of the Catholic and Episcopal churches will reinforce the program of conservation fostered by the government. Practically every day of Lent is a fast day with the exception of Sunday. By fasting is meant a very light breakfast, one full meal, and a third light repast. Moreover, meat at but one meal is allowed on these days.

To the government's meatless Tuesday will be added the meatless Wednesday of the church plus the meatless Saturday of Ember week. Friday will be meatless for members of the Catholic church as during the rest of the year.

Ash Wednesday falling on February 13 this year, Easter will follow forty days later, March 31. This is a comparatively early date, March 22 being the earliest possible day. Easter comes the first Sunday after the first full moon. There will be a full moon this year March 27.

ROOSEVELT REPORT SAYS "IMPROVING"

(By United Press) New York, Feb. 13.—Colonel Roosevelt was reported today as progressing nicely, following a most comfortable day.

CAMP CODY CONDITIONS TO BE PROBED, WIRES BAKER

(By United Press) St. Paul, Feb. 13.—Secretary of War Baker has wired Governor Barnquist that conditions complained of at Camp Cody by the Minnesota Public Safety commission will be investigated.

MEASURE TO MAKE WHEAT PRICE \$2.50

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 13.—Legislation to increase wheat prices from \$2 to \$2.50, was introduced in the senate today.

MERCHANTS OFFERING "WOOD DAY" PRIZES

For Bemidji's "Farmers Wood Day," to be held February 23, several of the merchants of Bemidji have already offered prizes for various features as follows:

For the load of wood hauled the longest distance: First prize—By Charles Nangle, in trade, \$5.

Second prize—By O'Leary-Bowser, in trade, \$3.

Third prize—By C. E. Battles, in trade, \$2.

For the most valuable load of dry wood: First prize—By W. G. Schroeder, in trade, \$5.

Second prize—By Shavitch Bros., in trade, \$3.

Third prize—By Given Hardware Co., in trade, \$2.

For the most valuable load of green wood: First prize—By O. G. Schwandt, in trade, \$5.

Second prize—By Gill Bros., in trade, \$3.

Third prize—By A. B. Palmer, in trade, \$2.

For the most valuable load of pole wood: First prize—By F. G. Toppman, in trade, \$5.

Second prize—By Schneider Bros., in trade, \$3.

Third prize—By Bemidji Hardware Co., in trade, \$2.

The wood will be lined up on Beltrami avenue in the center of the street and at 2 o'clock a picture will be taken.

BLACKDUCK QUINTET COMES SATURDAY NIGHT

Blackduck high school comes to Bemidji Saturday night for a game with the Bemidji high school basketball team and Blackduck team will come with a strong lineup.

Bemidji is a strong contender for the district championship and is looking forward to represent the district in the state tournament at Carleton in March. The quintet has only two or three more games on its schedule and a large attendance is looked for at the game Saturday at the armory. Game called at 8:15 o'clock.

SLIGHT OPERATION

Rev. B. D. Hanscom, pastor of the Methodist church, underwent an operation to have his tonsils removed yesterday.

SHORT TURN TRACTOR CREATES MUCH INTEREST

An unusual gathering of business men attended the noon day luncheon at the Commercial club today and showed considerable interest in the model Short Turn tractors on display there.

John Dahl and S. M. Kuhnley, representatives of the company, gave a most interesting demonstration and expect to remain in the city for several days, with a view of making a canvass of stock in their enterprise.

The Short Turn tractor models will be on exhibition at the Commercial club rooms for the next few days and parties interested are requested to come in and see them.

If enough interest is shown, Bemidji may have added to its rapidly growing industries another popular enterprise, which has promise of developing into an immense concern.

CHANCE TO GET AN AUTOMOBILE CHEAP

Want to get a fine automobile cheap? If so, hop over to Hibbing tomorrow and bid on that collection of seven, that Deputy United States Marshal Bradley of Bemidji is going to sell in front of the Hibbing city hall at 11 o'clock.

Marshal Bradley was transferred from Duluth to Bemidji a week ago, to succeed Deputy A. H. Jester, and the care are part of the confiscated property taken with booze in that territory.

In the collection are two Overlands, a Maxwell, Chase, two fords, Hudson Six and a Veile, and all are said to be in good condition.

AMERICANS VICTORS IN ARTILLERY DUEL

(By J. W. Pegler) United Press Staff Correspondent

With the American armies in France, Feb. 13.—Americans triumphed over the Germans in their artillery duel. It is not permissible to announce the objective, but the bombardment entirely accomplished its purpose.