

ITEMS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

BERRIEN SPRINGS

M. D. Taylor returned Thursday to Chicago after a few days' visit with his mother, Mrs. Martha Taylor.

In 34 years at Alma college, only one graduate has won the summa cum laude, the highest scholastic honor in the gift of the college. Of the six, four are this year's graduates, one of whom is Lyle De Barnhart of Berrien Springs. All four received A. B. degrees. Mr. Barnhart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnhart and entered Alma college in 1917, following his graduation from the Niles high school. This summer he is with the Republic Motor Co., where he handles the German, French, Spanish and Portuguese correspondence.

Rev. O. E. Sohn is in Monroe, Mich., attending the Lutheran synod. Miss Natalie Jordan, a student at the Michigan university, is at home for the summer.

Miss Ruth Feather is home from Kalamazoo, where she has been attending the Western State normal.

L. Blanchard, Harrison Newton, A. W. Haskins and Henry Meyer have returned from Flint, Mich., where they attended the state campment of the G. A. R.

John Jauch has returned to Chicago after a four weeks' visit at the S. J. Young home.

Miss Edith Graham, a teacher in the schools at Flint, is at home for the summer vacation.

Rev. William Fuchs has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in the east, accompanying his mother to her home in Philadelphia. While east he visited Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

J. H. Mertens has sold his seven-acre place on the river to John Book of Chicago. Mr. Book has been connected with the weather bureau in Chicago for many years and will come here to retire.

The Social Hour met Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Reiber.

Mrs. Alvin Willis returned Thursday from a week's visit at the Clarence Shaffer home in Berrien township.

Rev. Lewis De Lamater of Lansing will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bancroft.

Bert Eidsen and family and Miss Vera Reynolds were St. Joseph visitors Wednesday evening.

PLYMOUTH

A country club organization is being formed in this city. It is to be a stock company and the purpose is to purchase a suitable tract of ground, build a club house, with a golf course and all other purposes in connection with the project.

A stage coach drawn by two western ponies passed through here Friday morning. Four men are making a trip from Los Angeles, Cal., to the east coast and return in the coach. They are now on the return trip, having consumed about two years on the journey. They left New York about five months ago.

A number of Chicago business men arrived in the city Friday in an automobile. They are here to invite merchants and business men and citizens generally to attend the Pageant of Peace to be staged in Chicago in July.

The Boy Scout team will play the Bremen Little Giants at the Centennial Park Diamond Saturday afternoon.

Two cars with eighty crippled children arrived here Friday afternoon en route to Twin Lakes. They were from Chicago and were in charge of Miss Florence Prouty with a medical attendant and several care takers. The expenses are paid by Chicago clubs.

Low Harris has bought the South Side Barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hobbren are planning to move to Massillon, Ohio. Mr. Hobbren travels for the Baker Threshing Machine Company and his territory has been changed.

W. H. Martin has bought the forty-three foot lot adjoining the Christian Science church. He will build a house there.

The McDonald-Thompson reunion will be held at the park Sunday.

Floyd Annis, county superintendent, will hold an examination for teachers' license Saturday at the Assembly Room of the high school.

Miss Hattie Wolford of South Bend is visiting her sister Mrs. Ray Logan.

THREE OAKS

Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson, Mrs. Frank Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Strang and family of Millburn, Ill., Miss Margaret Sands and Mrs. Lenora Priest spent Friday picnicking at Orchard beach.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Leeter on Thursday, a nine-pound son, James Robert.

Miss James Lauther entertained the members of the Ladies' Social club and the Embroidery club on Tuesday afternoon at a farewell party for Mrs. Juliette Morley, who left Wednesday for Chicago where she will reside. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Holden of W. Ash et. and Mr. and Mrs. Moran of Michigan City, left Sunday for Rochester, Minn., to visit their daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Snyder. Dr. Snyder is connected with the Mayo Bros' institution.

Miss Helen Davis, who has been teaching in Chicago, returned home Saturday to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Davis.

Barkley Schroeder, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Schroeder, has accepted a position on the staff of the Miami Student, and has also accepted the position of alumni and publicity secretary of the university.

The plans for the community fair are well under way. A large list of premiums has been offered. Three Oaks will give it undivided attention to the fair on Sept. 7, 8, 9.

SOUTH WARREN

Mrs. Nellie Latore of South Bend spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. M. Hollingshead and family.

Mr. John Wedell spent the week

PEASANT PARTIES

IN RUSSIA PROVE STRONGEST POWER

Growth of Strength in Organizations Causing General Unrest in Magyar States.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, June 25.—The peasant has elbowed himself onto the scene so quietly that some statesmen still think that the great and ubiquitous bulk is a vision which will shortly "vanish" into air, into thin air.

Nevertheless every crisis demonstrates the peasant's power anew. Now, for example, that King Karl has gone back to Switzerland, the most noteworthy result of his visit has been to show where the peasants stand on the Hapsburg question—and how firmly they stand.

The older legitimists, like Count Apponyi, will tell you that the common man has an almost holy regard for the mystic and historic crown of St. Stephen and for him who has worn it, but if the small holder is a type of the common man, recent events have demonstrated that there is nothing in this sentimental idea.

The Hungarian peasant is neither royalist nor anti-royalist. He is indifferent whether there is a king or a republic, so long as he can hold on to the gains which he has made since the last three years—gains in land, in political power and in control. But he is a deadly enemy of the Hapsburgs. In his mind the Hapsburgs are connected with the German spirit and with militarism, and the peasant hates both. The town workers are much more Germanized.

Indeed the first industrial workers in Hungary were Germans, organization has proceeded along German social democratic line, and the attitude of the town workers toward the Hapsburgs was summed up for the other day by a socialist editor who said: "Of course, if an attempt is made to restore the monarchy we protest formally. But really it wouldn't be a bad thing. For one thing it would bring about an amicable settlement of the land question. At the time of the Karl putch—if the king's visit can be given such a title—the peasants took and unexpectedly firm stand. They challenged the government for permitting him to remain in the country as long as he did, forced the resignation of the prime minister, used the occasion to get two valuable positions for their party in the cabinet—particularly that of secretary of home affairs, an important post in view of impending elections and forced the government to take a stand in favor of the restoration of free speech and a free press and the abolition of the requisitioning of corn.

Both in Hungary and Bavaria the peasants have forced the recognition of their local and historic agricultural chambers, called by the opposition "peasants' soviets." These councils are democratically elected bodies made up of an equal representation from agricultural laborers, small holders, middle holders and the owners of large estates. They are empowered by the government to divide the estates which, in Hungary, must be sold to the peasants under the terms of the land reform bill and to oversee all legislation affecting the interests of the land workers. They send representatives to district, provincial and larger bodies, and it is possible that in the future they may acquire great power in countries where the population is predominantly agricultural.

In Jugo-Slavia there is the same ascendancy among the peasants. Bulgaria is a peasant state, with an enlightened land policy. Roumania is having to make concessions to the peasants in order to temper the unrest among them.

End of European Culture?

If the peasant movement pursues its present accelerated pace, the whole section of Europe may be reduced to a series of purely agricultural states. Pessimists see in this movement the decline of art, music and culture. These things, they say, are the products of cities, of a highly complex industrial civilization. The center of Vienna, the glory of a declining city; the galleries of Budapest; all that civilization of an ancient and sophisticated people, will gradually perish and the pride of the world be given over to land grubbing.

Certainly the peasants hate the towns. They consider them a blot on civilization. There is nowhere any tendency among them to greatly care whether the town industries live or perish. In these unproductive times the peasant hoards his money and gets along with what he formerly considered essential, or if he must have some article which the town falls to manufacture for him, his tendency is to manufacture it himself. Thus, in Linz in Upper Austria, you see the beginnings of co-operative factories for the manufacture of artificial manure and farm machinery, set up by the peasants themselves.

On the other hand, some optimists believe that a return to the land is the only salvation for Europe and have faith that the peasants will evolve a new state, anti-militaristic, democratic and productive, with a culture of its own not inferior to that of the ancient cities—given time in which to do it.

Certainly here in Central Europe reconstruction has gone hand in hand with land reform. In Rumania big land owners had been holding the land up until a short time ago;

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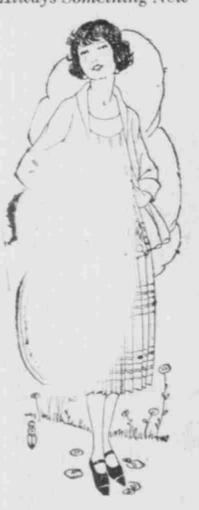
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