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PRIZE ESSAYS

Written by Pupils of Eighth Grade of Wauseon Schools Under the Auspices of Local W. C. T. U. — The Business Man's and the Soldier's Opinion of Alcohol.

During the closing weeks of the school year, the W. C. T. U. of Wauseon offered to the pupils of the Eighth grade, through their teacher, Mrs. Bartlett, prizes for the two best essays on "The Business Man's and Soldier's Opinions of Alcohol." Mrs. Bartlett, perceiving the educational value of such a contest, had all the pupils of the Eighth grade write essays on the topic, and from the essays submitted six of the best. These six were submitted to three judges who, acting separately, without conferring with one another and without knowing who the writers were, judged these papers on a uniform schedule.

When the sealed reports of the judges were opened it was found that they all had agreed upon the same essay as standing first; it was the essay written by Helen Reichert. An averaging of the grades given by the judges resulted in placing the essay written by Ruth Snyder second. The Wauseon W. C. T. U. thereupon awarded to Helen Reichert the first prize of $3.00 ,and to Ruth Snyder the second prize of $2.00. The local W. C. T. U., in carrying on this contest has contributed valuable service to the community in the way of giving an opportunity for real education along the line of the results of alcohol as a beverage in the industrial and military fields of activity, and we are glad to publish both essays as a sample of what bright girls and boys find to be the actual facts when they investigate this subject on their own account:

HELEN REICHERT

The Business Man's and the Soldier's Opinion of Alcohol.

It seems to have taken this world-wide war to awaken the people of this country as well as those of other countries to this great question of "Liquor"

It can be said of this country, as the prime minister of Great Britain, Lloyd George, said of England, "We are fighting three enemies—Germany Austria, and Drink."

Heads of big industries say Prohibition would make possible higher wages and better feelings between capital and labor. They declare it will conserve food as well as release labor for the production of things essential to winning the war.

Mr. Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has this to say concerning the question: We fight liquor evil perhaps as hard as any of the churches. Liquor has no place in our modern railroading. No man could work for me who would take a drink either on or off duty. I would not make a difference in the two, because the man who will drink off duty is not fit to go on duty when the time comes. I fail to understand why our men do not come out in the open in certain localities and fight this enemy. It tends to destroy the home life, to lower the tone of the citizenship of the community, and the morals of the individual as well; to say nothing of his mental and physical health."

Since steam and electricity have become the motive power of the industrial world, managers of great factories have studied the effects of stimulants and narcotics and have reached the conclusion that they can employ no workman whose nerves are not steady, where costly equipment and the protection of the hundreds of lives are involved. Therefore, these industrial managers are demanding of their employes what the Wyoming Light Company of Wilkesbawrre, Pa., demanded of their linemen; "that they sign a pledge to abstain from intoxicating liquors while off or on duty, or leave their employ."

In the business world banking interests are of preeminent importance. Here the character of the employe must be above reproach. Hence, the rigid rule of many of the larger banking houses that young men in their employ shall not simply abstain from the use of intoxicants, but to be seen in any place where intoxicating liquors are sold is a sufficient warrant for their dismissal. When engaged they sign a contract to this effect.

Even Uncle Sam doesn't intend to permit the booze business to lose the war for him.

The soldiers in camp throughout the United States are not permitted the use of alcohol, and if caught in an intoxicated condition they must suffer severe punishment.

It is very difficult for men to enter the Aviation or Marine corps if they are addicted to the use of liquor.

In the pursuit of agriculture the same result is being achieved. Luther Burbank says that he can prove that even the mild use of stimulants and narcotics is incompatable with work requiring accurate attention and definite concentration, as is the work of budding. Men fail here because of their inability to concentrate their nerve force.

It may be said that the great commercial world is waking out of a long deep sleep, and that while liquor interests are still defended with tooth and claw, we now have capitalists, employers and captains of industry on our side. The day has already come when the boy who has not been taught in the school room the truth concerning the dangerous effects of stimulants and narcotics, and who has not made that instruction an unalterable part of character has but small chance of any place in the activities of the business world.

RUTH SNYDER

The Business Men's and Soldier's Opinion of Alcohol

We, the people of the United States should be very saving in this great struggle. We have to feed the allies and ourselves, which means we will have to save. It is well to remember "Every little bit helps," which is an old saying.

We know most of the accidents are due to alcohol.

We know that until booze is banished we can never have really efficient workmen. They say corporations have no soul. From this time

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EPHRAIM GORSUCH

Once more the hand of death has taken from our midst a man prominent in the agricultural affairs of our community in the person of Ephraim Gorsuch, who died early Saturday morning, June 1, 1918.

As will be seen, Mr. Gorsuch had passed well on beyond the fourscore mark—and how well he had lived is attested by the respect and esteem in which he has always been held. Born in Wayne county, Ohio, Dec. 20, 1835, he came, at the age of 19 years, with his parents to the then wilderness of Fulton county and settled on a tract of land, now a fine farm, near the village of Wauseon, and has been a resident of the community almost continuously ever since.

Coming as he did of sturdy pioneer stock, he was inured to the toils and privations of the early settlers — a condition which proved a great asset later in life.

Mr. Gorsuch was industrious and saving and was singularly fortunate and successful in his chosen profession of farming. His habits were good and exemplary, and he was known as one of our best and most substantial citizens.

Early in 1862 he was married to Anna Maria Cantleberry, who pre-

Ephraim Gorsuch and His Granddaughter, May Gorsuch

ceded him to the "Great Beyond" but a few short weeks ago. To this union were born four sons, all of whom found it a duty or comfort to be with or near the aged parents in their declining years.

By sturdy endurance and application, Mr. Gorsuch and his faithful companion have done their full share in the improvement of the home of their choice—redeeming it from pioneer conditions and making it "to blossom like the rose."

He was converted and united with the Christian church at the age of 18, and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since, attending divine services whenever conditions and health would permit.

We knew him as an upright citizen, an earnest friend, a good neighbor; ever helpful to those in need of help—and such qualifications in any one form a monument more lasting than marble.

The funeral services were held at the home of his son, Edwin, at 2 p. m. on Monday, June 3, 1918, and interment in Wauseon cemetery.

A MOTHER'S DAY LETTER

One of the Letters General Pershing Requested Men of American Expeditionary Force to Write Home — Sports and Good Times, But There's No Place Like Home.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
May 12, 1918.

Dear Mother:

As this is "Mother's Day" will write a letter to you. This is the first one which I have written to you, but the others were meant as much for you as the rest. Dad said in his letters, also Ruth, Helen, and Mary, that you had been real sick, but are getting along fine now, and I surely want you to, too. I'm inclosing a little booklet printed especially for Mother's Day, and I think it is real good.

I wish that I could have been home for Easter and visited with the rest. Mary said she was up the next Sunday, and was glad she paid you all a visit. I surely wish that I could have been with her, for it is so lonesome for her to take that ride on the street car. But you save that wine, and some day we can have it for what Dad put it away for, and I hope soon.

I am feeling fine now. Just got over a little cold. Took some medicine which I brought along and it fixed me up fine. Mary wants me to send her a request for some things which she had ready to send, but could not. I have the request all made up and signed. She said she had some medicine in it for me and it will surely come in handy. As long as a person can keep out of the hospital here the better he is off. Got a letter from Parley and Helen. He said he had a machine and everything was fine. He also said that he was going to take Mary and Christina out Saturday and back Sunday evening. Mary said it was real nice of him and that they would go. Wish I can have things nice some day like the rest, but as long as I keep my health that is a whole lot, and the rest will take care of itself.

Do not know how long the war is going to last, and it cannot end any too soon for me. Everybody around here is looking fine and all are writing Mothers' letters. We have all kinds of sports—hand ball, base ball, volley ball, shows, and everything. Am working every day, and quite hard, too. The time goes fast, and that is what I like. I get dad's letters every week, and I hope you have been receiving mine.

We are going to have some kind of a show tonight; sort of an amateur show, I guess. Have good moving pictures about four times a week and they are good, too.

Well, mother, I will have to close for this time, but would like to write more. Take good care of yourself and take it easy. Give my regards to all. When you have time, write a little something when dad does. Sending you lots of love and wishing you everything that is GOOD; for this is the only way I can repay you for all that you have done for me—and it has been a lot.

Your loving son,
Pvt. B. D. Kimerer — BOSTON.
M. R. S. N. 303 Co. I
2 M. C. N. A.
A. E. Force A. P. O. 708.

COMMENCEMENT

A Unique and Pleasing Commencement Program—Alumni Banquet—Association Officers—A Jingle of Memories of Last Days.

Among the events of last week, the Commencement exercises Thursday night were of especial interest and very well arranged, with the following program:

"America" ..... Audience
Invocation—Rev. Geo. B. Wiltsie
"When We Were Oppressed Subjects" ..... Clara Gorsuch
"Liberty or Death" (Henry) .. George B. Gasche
"The Day of Freedom" (Payne) ..... Freeman Merillat
"In Retrospect" ..... Clyde H. Keller
"The Americanism of Washington" (Van Dyke) ..... Elden Merillat
"Supposed Speech of John Adams" (Webster ..... Leslie J. Paxson
"In Slavery Days" ..... Aurelius C. Weber
"The Present Crisis" (Lowell) .. Mary Young
"The Man of Peace at War" (Wilson) ..... Lowell D. Perry
"A Strenuous Patriot" ..... William Bell
"The Flag on the Firing Line" (Roosevelt) ..... R. Lowell McClarren
Presentation of Diplomas
"Star Spangled Banner" ..... Audience
Benediction—Rev. Albert E. Eby

The audience was carried through our various stages of development from the time when we fought for self to the present, when our interests are world-wide.

The Alumni Banquet Friday night was in reality an informal party and dance, with ice cream and cake for refreshments. The president of the Alumni association welcomed the new members, a reply was made, and toasts followed.

Miss Hilton made the program much more enjoyable with two wartime readings.

An incomplete list of the newly-elected officers for next year follows:

President ..... Clarence Geringer
Vice President ..... Helen Hartman
Secretary ..... Dorothy Waldron

The following jingle, supposed to come from the pen of a Senior, reviews the events of the week, not omitting the final touch, the raising of the black and gold for one last fling over the High school:

Sunday night we sweltered,
But we got some good advice;
We must have been impressive,
Still, we worried some for fear
Our mortar boards were crooked
And our gowns were hooked up queer.

Monday night 'twas fun to show
Good folks of Wauseon
That we had some "sure-'nough" talent,
With a gift for rouge and paint;
There were ditto marks for Tuesday night
And great sport you know on Wednesday.

Thursday was the real event
And by then I'm sure you'd say
That our gowns were second nature
And before us, all else gave way.

Friday night we took by storm
The Alumni Association;
They said, "They're big in numbers and we're sure
They'll soon rule all creation."

The clock struck twelve and out we flew,
We 1918 Seniors,
And to the High school quickly came
With purpose strong and true.
We raised our colors there that night,
But you must understand
'Twas not to prove to others
That we fear expulsion, no;
Nor feared to lose our new diplomas,
Oh, nothing like that at all;
But simply to show the world at large
That we had within our class
A brave and sturdy acrobat
Who could climb a roof and pole.

WOMEN! YOU ARE NEEDED!

Red Cross is Pleading for Nurses

There are scores of splendid young women in Fulton County who are free and capable of entering a training course in civil or military hospitals. Why not respond to this urgent need of our government.

Nursing is a phase of the war activity that should interest every community.

To our knowledge there are but three or four from Fulton County in service or training. Miss Stella Fryska, located at Fort Stephens, Oregon; Miss Blanche Stacey, who recently graduated from St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, has volunteered for service in France and Miss Norma Whiteman is in training in Cleveland.

Wake Up You Girls Who Can!

Respond to the "Call of the Colors"

For Information Inquire of the County Red Cross Officials

RED CROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR MAY, 1918

Fulton County Chapter

RECEIPTS

Miscellaneous—	
Sale of emblems, pins, old paper, patterns, etc.	$ 5.49
Rees Campbell, receipts dance	22.00
Sale of knitting bags and buttons	1.50
Wauseon High school, gum-chewers	.20
Basket Ball game, Fayette vs. Wauseon	31.68
Sale of emblems and buttons	1.55
Memberships—	
Wm. Hubble	1.00
Mrs. Eugene Palmer	1.00
Mrs. Frank Stickley, Mrs. Sim Snow, Mrs. Sarah Snow, Chas. Parney, Miss Blanche Parney, Miss Mary Parney, Mrs. Charles Parney, Mrs. John Philips, Lydia Weber, Elizabeth Lockaman	10.00
Mrs. Mary Wallace	1.00
Phil Bayes	1.00
Mrs. L. Lemon	1.00
Dison Porter	1.00
Mrs. Sam Proudfoot	1.00
Donations—	
H. J. Gelzer & Son	35.00
Mrs. Eugene Palmer	2.00
Five Hundred Club	10.00
Robert Dunham	5.00
Rev. M. E. Dommann	15.00
Oak Shade Branch—	
Wool	36.30
Wool and outing	15.30
Swanton Branch—	
Wool	41.40
Sock wool	36.00
Fayette Branch—	
Muslin	30.92
Membership	1.00
Materials	117.81
Archbold Branch—	
Yarn	164.92
Metamora Branch—	
Wool	27.60
Winameg Branch—	
Memberships	8.00
Delta Branch—	
Supplies	53.60
Total	$684.29

EXPENDITURES

Emil Weber, Postmaster, postage	$ 1.28
Wauseon Republican, printing	5.50
American Exp. Co., express ..	19.85
Bert Farley, drayage	1.63
American Red Cross, Pettisville Magazine members	3.00
Emil Weber, stamps	10.00
Total	$ 41.26

IRA CARLTON ERNST

Ira Carlton Ernst, son of Benjamin and Barbara Ernst, was born near Ridgeville Corners, Henry county, Ohio, June 4, 1877. At this place he was reared to manhood.

He was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Bollman Dec. 3, 1903. To this union were born two children, one daughter, Geraldine, and one son, Walter Amon, who preceded his father in death nine years.

Being of ambitious dispositions, they were soon able to obtain a home for themselves, at which place he departed this life to the life beyond, May 31, 1918.

A few years ago, under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Masters, he accepted Christ as his Savior. In this faith he worshiped with the United Brethren of Liberty Chapel. He loved the church and Sabbath school. Loyal to his Christian faith, it was always his aim to do the right. He was a devoted and affectionate husband and father, a loving son and brother, a friend to all.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and daughter, his aged father and mother, five brothers, and a host of friends, one sister having preceded him in death.

We miss thee from our home, dear father;
We miss thee from thy place.
A shadow o'er our home is cast;
We miss the sunshine of thy face.

We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care.
Our home is dark without thee;
We miss thee everywhere.

Card of Thanks

We hereby desire to express our thanks to neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted at the time of the death and burial of our loved one; for the consoling words of the pastor, the choir for their comforting songs, and the beautiful floral expressions of love and sympathy.

MRS. HATTIE ERNST
GERALDINE, FATHER,
MOTHER and BROTHERS

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

To the Republicans of Fulton County:

I am a candidate for Representative from Fulton County in the State Legislature. The selection of a candidate is left to the decision of the Republicans at the August primary. If I should be nominated and elected I shall go to Columbus to represent the interests of an agricultural county.

Very truly yours,
8 tf.—Adv. O. J. DODGE.

COUNCIL MEETING

Resolutions to Improve Alley Between Fulton and Clinton Streets —Sidewalks—Roof on City Hall—Shrubbery That Endangers Lives.

At the meeting of the council last Monday night there seemed to be material enough for consideration to keep the councilmen busy for two meetings, but it was material that did not produce much opportunity for definite action and consequently, while the council had the work to do and the time to spend, there was not much to show for the two hours of strenuous session.

Mr. Allen Shadle was present to explain that it would be necessary to cut the inscriptions on the base of the monument in North Park instead of placing it on a bronze tablet and asked that the council permit this change, a request that was granted. Mr. Shadle also brought up the matter of the necessary repairs on the base, which must be attended to before the bronze figure is placed thereon; this last matter was referred to the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs.

A resolution to improve the alley between North Fulton and Clinton streets from the north line of Depot street to the south line of West Elm street by sewer and paving was presented to the council and under suspension of the rules passed through the several readings and passed.

Reports from Sewer committee and Building committee were received and discussed. The matter of roofing material for the city hall was another item that was discussed.

The committee on Traffic Regulations made a partial report, which was read, discussed, and suggestions made.

Sidewalks on Cedar street was another item that was brought up, discussed and referred to Sidewalk committee.

Mr. Harold H. Ham called the attention of the council to the death trap formed by the high shrubbery north of the N. Y. C. railway station and next to the T. & I. track. Mr. Ham stated that he witnessed three near casualties on Decoration day, when three ladies came very near being struck by T. & I. cars as they stepped on the track from the dense foliage which is so high and dense that it is impossible to see either east or west.

The council instructed the street commissioner to have the shrubbery on city property trimmed so as to avoid further trouble.

Street committee reported on needed repairs on West Leggett street and Shoop avenue.

The clerk and Finance committee with the help of the mayor spent some time on the preparation of the annual budget.

Claim ordinance was passed and council adjourned.

K. OF P. ELECT OFFICERS

Wauseon Lodge No. 156 Knights of Pythias elected the following officers for term beginning July 1:

Chancellor Commander, D. W. Myers; Vice Chancellor, Elmer Myers; Prelate, C. E. Trory; Master of Work, C. L. Goff; Master-at-Arms, R. H. Kenyon; Inner Guard, C. E. Reynolds; Outer Guard, F. E. Kenyon.

This lodge will hold its annual Memorial service next Sunday All members of the lodge of whatever rank are urgently requested to be present.

The Wauseon Temple Pythian Sisters are invited to participate in the exercises.

Members will assemble in the Castle Hall at 1 p. m., proceed to the cemetery at 1:30. The Rev. Mr. Smith of Delta will deliver the address, if the weather permits, at the cemetery; if the weather is bad, the address will be given in Castle Hall. Flowers should be brought to the hall early Sunday morning.

REMNANT OF CLASS ONE

The following is the list of the men remaining in the original "Class One" of the Fulton county registrants of 1917. The registration of Wednesday will add about 150 names to the roll of the Local Board office, and these will not be classified until after they have returned their questionnaires:

Class One—General Service Men

79 Lawrence Grime
126 Fred David Schaeterle
130 Simon Fredrick Horn
194 Orville DeGroff
195 Nicholas Anthony Simon
280 Andrew Weber
303 Edwin Miller
427 William Paul Stiriz
493 Ernest Carl Rowe
528 Earl Monroe Croninger
558 Leon Daniel Goodwin
565 Alvin Stamm
566 Oliver Franklin Poorman
653 William Peter Eckert
725 Francis Earl Gaunsaullus
737 William Beck
746 Clyde Smith
771 Clyd Ernest Stoner
780 Walter Earl Morningstar
794 John Steinbrecher
797 Conrad Iffland
840 Robert L. Stites
849 Leon Ray Smith
852 Leo Schmitz
853 Clarence Paul Carroll
858 Bert Leo Grime
921 Lawrence Nelson Dominique
926 George Wash Hall
929 Edwin S. Nofziger
948 Harry Clyde Weber
949 Ernest W. Bretthauer
951 Ray Edward Elton
962 Fred Keiser
1042 Arthur Clarence Wyse
1044 Edwin Gearig
1074 Levi William Pittman
1095 Ora Sylvan Krieger
1112 William Henry Smith (B)
1115 Harley H. Nofziger
1221 Arthur V. Borton
1224 Albert Lowell Hartell
1129 Walter William Bixler
1139 Cshea LeClair Sharpler
1140 Harvey Jacob Brehm
1201 Alfred John Baum
1202 Charles E. Gorsuch
1203 Howard C. Rees (B)
1213 Guy Pennington
1220 Charles J. Gushman
1257 Ora Barnes
1301 Lloyd J. Zimmerman
1306 Peter Elmer Worthington
1315 Arthur James Bair
1346 Sherman Leohr Eckert
1355 Ralph J. Bingman
1362 Henry J. Riticher
1376 Aaron Ruihley
1379 Floyd Vern Holland
1396 Len R. Swick
1397 Samuel Grieser
1403 Freeman Wise
1448 John Weott
1451 Ed Klopfenstein
1456 Iran Hertel Barrett
1471 Frank Goldsmith
1493 Ralph E. Smith
1494 Delbert L. Busack
1502 Sherman Otto Driskell
1513 Arthur Daniel Harmon
1512 Jacob Haas
1515 Glen Ely
1526 Ralph Jacob McConkey
1560 Albert Schwyn
1585 James O. Bryant
1589 Harry James Free
1599 Clarence J. Keller
1608 Ralph Michael Harms
1647 Lloyd R. Merrilat
1656 Fred W. Gerken
1657 Lewis J. Zimmerman
1661 John Adams Caulkins
1681 James Thornton Robinson
1683 Theophiel Stalens
1697 Harry Frederick
1698 George Drydoupple
1706 Ralph Ray Beck
1721 Ray Carlton Hetzel
1736 Ora Whitcomb

Class One—Limited Service Men

86 Owen Cecil Garmon
119 Alonzo Clemens Ruihley
139 Roy King
142 Clyde Arthur Harrington
146 Carl M. Gingrilh
200 George W. Miller
274 Romeo O. Gouldberry
527 Floyd E. Elton
539 Roy Julius Sagert
545 Ord William Burkholder
624 Abram Mason
700 Albert C. Holman
770 James Howard Gehring
1048 Leo Edward Flory
1051 Earl Zeigler
1055 Ernest Alfred Pray
1091 Nelson A. Kahle
1254 Gerald V. Davis
1406 Oscar Edward Britsch
1434 Earl Stemen
1453 William F. Bruce
1612 Clarence Thomas Lingle
1668 Amiel Louis Flory
1726 Arthur A. Brindley
1737 Clyde Lee Burroughs

SCOUT NOTES

Regular meeting of the troop next Monday evening.

Scout Lowell Porter is slowly recovering from a severe seige of typhoid fever.

Scouts Daniel Grisier and George Standish will attend military school at Culver, Ind., this summer season.

Ass't Scoutmaster Wesley Ackerman is stationed at St. Paul with the Aviation division of the army.

Ass't Scoutmaster Clarence Bowser will not be with the home Scouts this year, as he will be employed near Columbus during the summer.

The date of the Scout training camp at Wolf Lake is set for July 24 to August 2. This will make a splendid vacation period for your lad. Better plan to get him in on it, as the expense is very low.

New scouts are being taken into the ranks every week. If your boy is 12 years old or more, you will be interested in this work for him. Have him get his application blank for membership of the Scoutmaster.

Nearly all Scouts have work for the summer season. We have a few Scouts ready for work at mowing lawns and odd jobs about town. Phone us if you need a boy.

RESOLUTIONS of the WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Again the messenger of death has visited our Corps and taken away from us a worthy and esteemed member, Mrs. Viola D. Shadle. Quiet, unassuming, and sincere in her duties of home, church and corps as long as her health would permit, her desire to aid in the principles of our order never lessened.

RESOLVED, As a Corps we proffer our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family in their irreparable loss of wife and mother.

There is only a curtain between us,
Between the beyond and here;
They whom we call dead have not left us,
Nay, they never were so near.

RESOLVED, That a page in our record be devoted to her memory and our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

—Committee.

FRIEDA VOLLMER

Young Life Comes to a Sudden Close — The Silent Messenger Meets Well Loved Wauseon Girl on Railroad Train—A Beautiful Life.

Our community was shocked and saddened last Saturday morning when news reached here that Miss Frieda Vollmer, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vollmer, had suddenly died on a train near Rolla, Mo.. She was bound for home, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Vollmer, and expecting to arrive on Saturday evening. The body was taken from the train at Rolla, where it was prepared for shipment to Wauseon, arriving here Monday morning at 3:57, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vollmer.

About five weeks ago Mr. Harry Vollmer, brother of Frieda, of Bokoshe, Okla., was here for a short visit and was accompanied home by Frieda, who had been in poor health for a number of months, with the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial; this, however, proved to be the reverse and the doctor advised returning to her home at once. The trip was too great for the frail, fast-flitting life, which so peacefully left the body that her sister-in-law at her side did not know the exact moment.

For the past six years, until a few weeks ago, Frieda had been in the employ of the Northwestern Ohio Telephone company as an operator, which position she filled faithfully and well; and here, upon her retirement, a vacancy was made which no one can fill in the same way.

It seems that a young life has been taken in the midst of its usefulness, but in her lifetime of a few years Frieda lived a full and useful life, accomplishing well all that she undertook and leaving behind to the bereaved ones a sweet memory of a true, well lived life, which will ever be an inspiration to all whose privilege it was to know her. Her's was a life of thoughtfulness for others and one filled with accomplishments well performed. Her memory is a sweet benediction to all who knew her.

In token of the deep respect in which she was held by her fellow-workers in the telephone office, they attended her funeral in a body.

In the family there remain a heartbroken mother and father, one sister (Bertha), Mrs. Orlie Houston, who since the departure of her husband for military service is making her home with her parents; two brothers, Dr. Carl of Toledo and Harry of Bokoshe, Okla.

ternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in the Metho-
ternoon at 2:0 o'clock, in the Methodist church, were largely attended, the Rev. Geo. B. Wiltsie officiating. Covered with flowers, the body was laid to rest in the Wauseon cemetery; six young men, Sunday school classmates, acted as pallbearers. Four young lady friends were in charge of the flowers, which were beautiful and profuse. Touching, indeed, was the last farewell.

Those from out of town to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vollmer, Bokoshe, Okla.; Dr. and Mrs. Carl Vollmer and sons John and James of Toledo; Mr. James Vine and daughter, Mrs. Heyd, of Cleveland; Mr. Orlie Houston of Camp Taylor, Ky.; Rev. and Mrs. Dunsweiler of Toledo.

Following is the memoir read at the funeral by the Rev. Geo. B. Wiltsie:

There is a significance in a life like this that has faded so quickly. When the sudden passing is abruptly made known, we are surprised, disappointed, and distressed. When we purpose and plan to adjust ourselves amid the shadows, we look around through the tears to find a resting place. The experience of bereavement is very common. Death is ever bearing away the fresh and fair and beautiful ones of earth, and leaving hearts bleeding. Can there be no satisfactory conclusions? Are there no rainbows? The best that the philosophers can do is to urge you to be brave and try to forget the grief. That may be wise but it is never comforting. The best that science can do is nothing better. It may tell you to be heroic and brush your tears away. That makes life hard and cold. Is there no balm? Is there no knowledge absolutely and satisfactorily conclusive? Yes, the word of God lights the lamps of true consolation in the gloom of Christian sorrow. Apart from the religion of Christ there is no light in the darkness of bereavement. In Christ we never really lose our friends. They go from our sight, but they are our's still. Indeed, they were never so lovely in life as they are now, when only love's eyes can see them. Even the faults and blemishes we used to see so clearly are now all swept away and every lovely feature shines out like a star in the sky at night. Such strange power has love under the quickening touch of death's hand! How well it is so. We are enabled thus to begin to see the significance of a humble life that has been spent in faithful duties in one community all its years. The flush and gaity of youth redolent with the holy passions that God endows it with may have its disappointments, but thereby that significance in the Divine crucible may be brought out all the more prominently.

Frieda Marie, the youngest of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. George Vollmer, spent her years in this community. September 26 next her brothers, Carl and Harry, with her sister Bertha would have celebrated her 25th, the silver anniversary of her birth. Go where you will, talk with whom you may —her school companions, her daily associates, her church friends, her business associates, her employers, her neighbors, as well as her relatives — all tell the same friendly story of her good life. Depicted on all faces, we have seen the expressions of grief and a sense of bereavement. She was quiet in manner and bore her own life griefs in painful solitude, meeting, however, her trying and strenuous duties in the office for six years with much faithfulness, without murmuring, with strong ambitions for living, unwilling to think of death even in failing health, until, ex-

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