

## COMMUNITY DAY MAY 9th AND 10th

F. Osten Sacken Will Lecture on Community Work.—Fine Musical Program.

The third series of Community Programs, under the auspices of the Warren Commercial Club, will be held at the Strand Theatre on Friday and Saturday, May 9th and 10th, of this week. Arrangements are being made for a large attendance. All farmers and business men are urged to be present and make this a great community gathering.

Dr. F. Osten Sacken will lecture on community work both evenings and will also lecture either on Saturday afternoon or Sunday afternoon. Announcement to this effect will be made on Friday evening. Dr. Osten Sacken is a very brilliant speaker. He spoke in Warren at the Development meeting held here last summer. At that time he lectured on patriotism under the auspices of the America First Association and greatly pleased the listeners.

The musical part of the program will be rendered by the Community Quartette, which is composed of Madam Dorith, violinist; Miss Jennie Rice, saxophonist; Miss Myhro, pianist; Mr. Buffton, celloist. The Community Quartette is one of the best musical organizations that will be heard here in connection with the community programs.

The admission will be, adults 50 cents; children up to 16, 25 cents. Concerts will begin at eight o'clock both evenings.

Miss Mildred Cannan, the advanced representative, was here Friday to arrange for these programs.

In order that the club may be enabled to continue to put on the community programs it is necessary that everyone that possibly can should attend, and in this way not only help the club, but also gain information for themselves by learning what other towns are doing in community work.

Mr. Emrich, of the Strand, will put on his show in connection with these programs and he states he has some good and interesting pictures for all to see.

## Dairy Outlook Very Promising

The year 1918 was one of the best in the history of Minnesota dairying. The present year promises to be still better, says A. J. McGuire, agricultural extension division of the University of Minnesota.

The co-operative creameries of the state paid an average price of 57 cents a pound for butterfat in January, 1918, and 58 cents in January, 1919. For February, 1918, the average price paid was 53 cents; for February, 1919, the average price paid the farmer by the co-operative creameries was 61 cents.

The world demand for butter is such that dairy farmers should do everything possible to supply this demand. Cream separators should be operated so that no butterfat is lost in the skim-milk. The amount of whole milk fed to calves should be reduced to a minimum.

With the high price for butter should go high quality. Every dairy farmer should use a cream-cooling tank and see that his cream is delivered to the creamery in first class condition.

## Influenza Blamed For Birth Decrease

Nearly 20 per cent decrease in the number of births in Minnesota during the first three months this year compared with the corresponding period in 1918, is blamed to the influenza epidemic by Dr. C. F. Smith, Jr., assistant secretary of the state board of health. The total for the first three months of 1919 was 12,054, as compared with 14,254 for January, February and March, 1918. Recent reports to the board, however, indicate that the epidemic of influenza has almost entirely subsided in Minnesota.

## Marshall County Skandinavisk Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Newfolden, Minn., May 3rd, 1919. Contributions received from Policy holders of the Marshall County Skandinavisk Mutual Fire Insurance Company, to be expended for the relief of certain Township Mutual Fire Insurance Companies suffering excessive losses in the recent forest conflagration in the northern part of Minnesota.

RECEIPTS	
Total contributions received	\$1,859.82
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid printing, stationery and postage	\$ 67.72
Paid Treasurer for collecting	60.00
Paid Secretary	6.00
Paid Directors	31.78
	\$ 165.50

Balance remitted to the Relief Committee \$1,694.32  
A. BERGSTROM, President.  
B. SVENDSON, Treasurer.

## Assistant County Agent Appointed

Geo. P. Sanderson, of Palisade, Minn., has accepted the appointment as assistant County Agent of Marshall county, and arrived in this city last Saturday to enter upon his duties. Mr. Sanderson will have charge of the work in eastern Marshall county and will make his headquarters at Grygla. He will also look after county agent work in a portion of Beltrami county in that vicinity. Mr. Sanderson recently returned from France, where he had been in military service for about a year. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is well qualified and highly recommended for the position. Mr. Sanderson spent several days in the city getting in touch with the work that has already been done in that territory by County Agent Husby.

## WHEAT SEEDING IS FINISHED

Fine Rain Tuesday and Warm Weather Coming Will Start Rapid Growth.

The seeding of wheat in this vicinity was practically finished when the rain came on Tuesday morning and continued all day. This moisture was needed by the fields and will give the wheat plant a good start. Warm weather is coming and both grain and grass will soon grow by leaps and bounds. Everything thus far looks favorable for the farmers. There is plenty of time yet for the sowing of oats, barley and flax and the planting of corn and potatoes. With the prospects of a good crop and assured good prices on all farm products, the Red River Valley farmer has every reason to face the future with a broad smile.

## One Way to Meet the Servant Problem

The problem of meeting the shortage of household labor with maids asking from \$10 to \$15 a week is becoming acute. As a means of helping to solve it a little folder just issued by the agricultural extension division of the University of Minnesota, is suggestive. This little folder suggests the starting of co-operative laundries on the basis of the Chatfield co-operative laundry, which has been doing the laundry work for about 80 families at an average cost of \$1.37 a week for each family. When it costs from \$2 to \$2.50, in addition to meals, to get a laundress to come in and do the family washing, this looks like a bit of pleasant fiction, but emphatically it is not fiction—it is a cold, hard fact.

## BOY SCOUT NOTES

Say boys, don't these fine days just make you itch all over for that hike and the plunge in the old swimmin' hole? Bet your life. The hike we are going to have very soon, and just as soon as Old King Sol has beamed long enough on the old swimmin' hole, we are going to be right there to keep company with the fishes. You see, people, a Boy Scout must be an expert swimmer in order to be a real Scout. He gets his initial instruction in the little two by four pond up the river. The finishing touches are added when the troop goes camping at the lake. Ah boys, doesn't it just make you dream and anticipate? This is "Clean Up Week." We are going to be right on the job all week, aren't we? We are going to clean up around our own home and make everything fit as a fiddle, and then we are going to give the neighbors a lift if our services are needed.

These fine days have brought the birds back to us. Doesn't it just make you feel tip-top to wake up in the morning and be greeted by the cheerful song of a bird outside of your window? Oh, we just can't get along without the birds. They deserve our protection, and every Boy Scout has promised to do his part in making them safe and comfortable. We are wondering how the housing conditions are in Birdland this spring. Wonder if that old tree back of the house doesn't need another bird house. The birds are rather particular as to what kind of houses they live in, so probably it would be advisable to consult page 229 of your Handbook. You will there find some mighty fine styles for bird houses.

How about qualifying for that merit badge in gardening this summer? Page 61 of your Handbook will tell you all about it.

We regret that there was a misunderstanding in regard to the time of meeting last week. We missed a bunch of you fellows. Now everybody on hand 7:30 Thursday evening. We hope to have a brand new Assistant Scoutmaster on deck. Come on and let's have a real time.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Natwick on Monday, May 12, at three p. m. This is also flower mission day.—Fannie P. Bernard, Secretary.

## HIGH SCHOOL WILL GRADUATE BIG CLASS

Commencement Exercises to be Held June 2nd.—President Kane, of U. of N. D. Will be Speaker.

Notwithstanding the shortage of teachers and other drawbacks that have affected the work, the city schools, nevertheless, under the able direction of Supt. G. Holmquist, have made commendable progress. Students and teachers are now busily engaged in finishing up the year's work and preparing for the Commencement.

The Commencement exercises will be held at the High School Auditorium on Monday evening, June 2nd. The school has been fortunate this year in securing Thomas F. Kane, President of the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, as the Commencement speaker. Thirty-four young people will graduate this year and of this number fourteen are students in the Normal Department. Matthew Halvorson is the valedictorian of the class and Gladys Grindeland the salutatorian. Agnes Forslund and Florence Johnson are honor students, having an average in scholarship of 90 or above for their entire four year high school course.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. A. T. Tollefs at the High School Auditorium on Sunday evening, June 1st.

A more detailed announcement of the doings of Commencement week will be published later.

## Farm Bureau Notes

W. H. GRANGE PURCHASES VALUABLE HERD OF HEREFORDS. Purchase is Made From Chas. Franks Herd of Warren.

W. H. Grange is another farmer who has come to realize that it costs no more to produce 1000 pounds of meat on a good animal than it costs to produce 600 pounds on a scrub. He has further come to realize there is now and will be in the future a tremendous demand for these good high-bred cattle as more and more of the farmers begin to realize their value.

He is now satisfied that he can produce these good animals just as well as farmers in the southern part of this state or in other states.

After looking over five of the largest herds in Ottertail county, he came to the conclusion that if they could produce that quality of stuff in that county on farms where only one-half of the land could be put under cultivation, he came to the conclusion that he could do even better than they on these level, fertile lands near Warren. Before making any purchases, Mr. Grange visited a number of the best Hereford breeders of Ottertail county to learn from them whatever he could as regards conformation, quality and type of cattle they considered best to start with and also getting purchase prices. He came back satisfied that he could pick just the kind of cattle that he was looking for in the herd of Mr. Franks and at a better price than from any of the herds in Ottertail county.

He picked out of Mr. Franks herd five females just to his liking at \$500 per head, making a total of \$2,500. This price was at least \$100 cheaper than similar cows could be purchased from any of the Ottertail county herds. He further purchased Bonnies Lad, a yearling bull, to head this herd of valuable females. Bonnies Lad is a half brother to Mr. Franks \$2,500 herd bull, Valley C. S. The purchase price of Bonnies Lad was \$1,500. His weight at the age of one year was 1110 pounds which indicates the rapid growing qualities of this breed of cattle.

Mr. Grange is starting in the pure-bred business right by purchasing the very best. When fed and handled right, it is the kind of livestock that never seeks a buyer. It sells itself.

W. H. Dixon has sold his residence property in the city, which has been occupied by him and family during the past 23 years, to Tony Kirtz, who has recently moved here with his family. Mr. Kirtz is employed in the shop of the Warren Machine & Iron Works Co. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon intend to move west next fall. They will occupy rooms in their store building on Johnson avenue until they go away.

Dr. Theodor Bratrud arrived home Monday morning, after spending the winter in California. He also visited at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Minneapolis, before returning home. He was accompanied by an uncle of his, Erick Torgimson, of Grand Meadow, Minn., who will visit here for some time.

Complaint has been made by several people in the city that small boys steal their bicycles while left standing outside business places for a short time. This is a serious offense and parents should warn their children to leave alone bicycles and other property belonging to other people.

Hang out a new flag and cheer the home coming soldier boys.

## MEMORIAL DAY WILL BE OBSERVED

A Big Parade, Music and Patriotic Address by Congressman Thomas D. Schall.

Memorial Day, May 30th, will be observed in Warren this year with more than the usual patriotic enthusiasm. Arrangements are being made for a big parade of school children, Home Guards, returned soldiers and citizens, led by the Battalion and Juvenile bands. Major C. L. Spaulding will have charge of the parade. Hon. Thomas D. Schall, the blind congressman from Minneapolis, will deliver the patriotic address. The Oratorio chorus of fifty voices, under the direction of Aug. I. Bystrom, will sing one or more selections. The program will be rendered in Island Park. A more detailed announcement will be published later.

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE.

The extension division of the University of Minnesota has just issued a pamphlet by Judge Frank T. Wilson on "Community Service". This pamphlet outlines the various forms of community service and gives suggestions for organizing community clubs, for the forming of working teams, and as to the best methods of bringing town and country merchants and farmers together in co-operation. Copies may be had by addressing Extension Division, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

## North Star College

All aboard for Alvarado, Wednesday evening, May 14! The chorus will give its first concert of the season at the school auditorium, Alvarado, on the above date. We know that we will do our very best, and are looking forward to a packed house. Tell your friends to meet you at Alvarado on May 14, at 8:30 p. m.

Rev. Swenson and Prof. Sjostrand delivered addresses at a Memorial service at the English church, 17 miles east of Stephen, last Sunday afternoon.

Chorus rehearsal (tonight) Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock sharp. The Swedish Lutheran church choir will meet after the chorus rehearsal.

Alvin Nyland is now employed in the office of the Warren Auto Co.

Mr. Otto Erickson, student solicitor of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., addressed the student body last Wednesday morning.

Prof. Wallin, of the high school, was a pleasant caller at the college last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Wallin was especially interested in our museum and asked for the privilege of using the same in connection with his Zoology work. We were happy to grant his request.

Next week we will publish a complete outline of our Commencement festivities. Look for them!

Miss Thelma Holm, conservatory graduate of 1918, paid us a pleasant visit last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Wood, conservatory graduate 1917, now a student at Hamline University, sang two beautiful solos at our chapel exercises some time ago. Miss Wood is studying voice in connection with her college work. Thanks for your kind visit.

Meet me at Alvarado May 14th, the big concert evening.

## HELGELAND PIONEER IS DEAD.

John K. Halsas died at his home in town of Helgeland, Polk county, on April 29th, death being caused by pulmonary abscess.

Deceased was born in Melo, Norway, April 27, 1861. He came to Warren in 1888 and on Oct. 24, 1894, he was married in this city to Marie N. Dalselde. After their marriage they lived in Warren a year and then moved onto their farm in Helgeland, where they have resided ever since.

Mr. Halsas is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Theo. Solem, of Ross, Minn.; Norman, Mel-frida, John, Clara, Helmer, Daniel and Dorothea—all at home.

Deceased was a good citizen and a member of the Lutheran church. The funeral was held May 1st from the house at 2 o'clock p. m., and at the Melo church at 2:30 p. m., Rev. A. T. Tollefs, of Warren, officiating. Interment was made in Melo cemetery. The community extends sympathy to the sorrowing.

## Married.

Elmer Bloomquist and Miss Clara Lee, of Thief River Falls, were married at Crookston Saturday, May 3rd, at the church parsonage by Rev. L. L. Roseland, of the Norwegian Lutheran church of that city. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bloomquist of this city, and was born and raised to manhood here. He has been an employee of the Soo line railway company at Thief River Falls for several years. The young couple will make their home at Thief River Falls. Many friends of the groom in this city extend hearty congratulations to him and his bride and wish them a full measure of joy and happiness in life.

## Teacher to Enter Missionary Work

Miss Elin Lindberg, who has taught the seventh grade in the public schools of this city the past year, has resigned her position in order to engage in missionary work in South America. She is spending a few weeks at her home near Alvarado before going on her long trip. Miss Lindberg expects to leave about June 1st for Maracaibo, Venezuela, in South America, to enter upon her chosen work, which undoubtedly will call for a great deal of sacrifice and self denial on her part. But her love for the Master spurs her to undertake the work. The Mission Friends with whom she is affiliated, have for years carried on mission work in Venezuela and have met with a great deal of success.

## GOAL IN DRIVE NEARLY REACHED

Marshall County People Again Show Their Willingness to Back the Government.

At the time of going to press with this issue of the Sheaf, Mr. H. L. Wood, chairman of the Marshall County Victory Loan committee, reports that Marshall county has very nearly subscribed its full quota of \$700,000 of Victory Loan bonds. Mr. Wood predicts that when complete reports are in tomorrow, it will be found that Marshall county has again gone "over the top", thus making our record one of which we may justly be proud.

## Kill the Flies Before They Kill You or Yours

The house fly is one of the most dangerous of human pests. It multiplies by the million and every fly becomes a spreader of dangerous disease germs, says Dr. W. A. Riley, head of the entomology division of the Minnesota college of agriculture. The only thing to do, therefore, is to fight the fly in season and out of season by keeping the premises clean, destroying breeding places, screening houses to keep the flies out, and swatting the flies that get inside. Community co-operation in fly fighting is one of the best moves toward public health.

## New Pastor For M. E. Church.

Rev. V. M. Mitchell, the new pastor of the M. E. church, is expected to arrive in Warren the latter part of this week and will conduct services next Sunday at the usual hours. He, together with his family, are making the drive from Illinois to Warren in their automobile.

## RED CROSS NOTES

All men in camps in this country have been informed by their morale officers that the Home Service Section of the Red Cross would be the clearing house for government information for discharged soldiers.

The Home Service Section will instruct men how to apply for compensation, and take advantage of the government plan for reconstruction and vocational training. It will aid and advise them in regard to any legal difficulties that may have arisen in their absences. Government plans for replacement of discharged soldiers in industry will be made known through this Department. A survey is now being made to determine the number and nature of positions open to returned men. Keep in touch with this branch of the Red Cross. It is going right on with its work of helpfulness to men.

## No Claim Agents Wanted.

In various places unscrupulous agents have appeared, who offer to collect claims for soldiers and soldiers' families, on payment of a fee. The public should be on its guard against such men. If you have a just claim against the government for compensation for a soldier's death, no agent is needed. In fact, the government will not recognize any agent or attorney; you must make the claim yourself.

The same is true of government allotments and allowances. No agent is needed in the collection of insurance. Go to the information bureau of the Red Cross Home Service. They, with the help of the lawyers giving their time to this work, will advise soldiers and their families as to the claims, and help them to fill out the proper papers. No fee is charged. The Red Cross is supported by contributions.

Mrs. Ole N. Nelson has received a telegram from her brother Peter Ryden, stating that he safely arrived in New York on Tuesday from overseas military service in France and Germany.

Rubbish cans have been placed at different places on the corners of the important streets and it is urged that all citizens throw their waste paper and rubbish in these while down town. The motto: "Help Keep Warren Clean" is placed on them so that the people will notice and take heed.

## CHURCH WORKERS TO MEET HERE

Red River Conference of the Augustana Synod Meets Here May 21-25.—North Star Commencement and Messiah Concert May 23.—Hundreds of Visitors Coming to the City.

Warren will be the host week after next to the largest gathering of religious workers that has ever been assembled in the city, when the Red River Conference of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod will hold its seventh annual meeting here in connection with the closing exercises of North Star College. There are thirty-five ministers and nearly one hundred congregations in the conference, which in territorial extent reaches from Alexandria to the Canadian boundary in Minnesota and includes besides Fargo and Grand Forks and a few other places in North Dakota. In addition to the ministers who are all expected to attend the meeting, there will also be one lay delegate from each congregation. The Woman's Home and Missionary Society of the Conference will also hold its annual meeting at the same time and said organization will be represented by a large number of delegates. Then the Commencement at North Star College held during the week will bring many parents and friends of students and teachers to the city. Many hundred visitors from all over the valley will come to Warren to attend these festivities and the hospitality of the city will be taxed to the utmost. The Swedish Lutheran congregation in the city has had committees at work for some time making arrangements for the entertainment of delegates and other visitors.

The Conference will convene on Wednesday, May 21, at 2:00 p. m. and will close with impressive all day church services on Sunday, May 25th. Devotional and business sessions will be held on all the other days, except on Friday, May 23, when no business session will be held. On that day (May 23) North Star will hold its annual commencement at 10 o'clock a. m. Prof. I. M. Anderson, A. M., of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., will deliver the commencement address. In the evening of that same day (May 23) at the High School Auditorium, the Messiah chorus, composed of more than fifty of Warren's best singers, under the direction of Aug. I. Bystrom, will render Handel's great production, The Messiah. The rendition of this grand oratorio will, no doubt, attract lovers of high class sacred music from all parts of the valley.

The closing exercises of North Star College begin with Class Day exercise Saturday, May 17th, the baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday, May 18, and on Monday and Tuesday following, piano and vocal recitals will be held at the college chapel. As stated above, the commencement is on May 23rd, at 10 a. m.

The officers of the Red River Conference are as follows: Rev. S. W. Swenson, Warren, President; Rev. F. M. Ekman, Moorhead, Vice President; Rev. J. M. Persenius, Grand Forks, Secretary; and Aug. Lundgren, Warren, Treasurer.

The officers of the Woman's Home and Missionary Society are as follows: Mrs. James Moody, Roseau, President; Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Evansville, Secretary; and Mrs. Aug. A. Johnson, Warren, Treasurer.

## BOYS LAND IN U. S.

Among the Minnesota boys who arrived at New York on the four transports which landed yesterday, are the following boys from Marshall county: T. A. Mortrud, Newfolden; James K. Curtiss, Middle River; Arthur Riopelle, Argyle; R. S. Relerson, Holt; Elmer M. Thompson, Middle River; Stanley W. Price, Stephen; Leon Osowski, Stephen; Arthur E. Pilgren, Alvarado; Andrew Ertfeld, Argyle; Iver W. Anderson, Viking; Julius Coninx, Argyle; Joshua Flodstrom, Viking; Magnus T. Kallock, Oslo; Conrad Storbakken, Oslo; Adolph Bakke, Newfolden; Kurt G. Malek, Warren; Axel A. Gustafson, Viking; Hjalmer Lofstrom, Strandquist; Hagebert Halverson, Viking; Arthur Lindstrom, Argyle; Henry Rud, Viking; Emil O. Dyrud, Newfolden; Fritz Edeen, Strandquist; Arthur Allen, Alvarado; Willie Sorum, Holt.

Judge and Mrs. A. Grindeland and son Ingolf, left Tuesday evening for Minneapolis for a visit and also to see the parade of the 151st Field Artillery, the famous Rainbow Division. Ingolf Grindeland was with the band in the Rainbow Division at the beginning of his military service but was later transferred to another company in France, after he had been in the hospital on account of being gassed.

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Raadquist, newly weds, left Monday night for Hibbing, Minn., where they will make their home. They were married in Warren April 23rd. Mrs. Raadquist was formerly Miss Pauline Swanson, of this city.

A crew of men are at work shingling the Great Northern depot.