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THIRTY-THIRD YEAR, NO. 41 BELDING, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 1, 1922 FIVE CENTS THE COPY.

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO ABANDON "Y" WORK IN COUNTY

SECRETARY'S BIGGEST JOB WAS COLLECTING IN ENOUGH MONEY TO RUN ON

At a meeting of the county Y. M. C. A. committee which was held in Ionia last week, it was decided to abandon the work in this county until such time as the people show they want the work taken up again and also show that they are willing to go ahead and contribute sufficiently and cheerfully enough so that the work can be carried on without the members of the committee personally going good for every dollar expended.

The recent resignation of Sec. Roy LeValley brought matters to a head and when the committee met to decide on a successor to Mr. LeValley, they decided there would be nothing doing at all. The members of the committee realized that unless they had the moral and financial support of the people behind them in this work it could not be the success it should be and from the way the contributions and pledges have been paid of late, it was quite evident that the desired and necessary support was lacking.

Mr. LeValley, who has acted as secretary for the past two years was a very efficient person in the office, but it got so that he had to put in most of his time collecting money with which to pay his salary and the regular work suffered because of the collection work entailed. This part of the job was the most distasteful to Mr. LeValley and was his principal reason for resigning.

There are many who pledged and have not paid and then there are many in th county who thought that they were not getting results for their money and would not pledge further money for the work. Some thought that for the money raised in their town, more should be expended and when their wishes were not gratified, lost interest or opposed the work.

If after some time the demand for a resumption of Y. M. C. A. work should seem to indicate that enough people are again interested, the committee will re-organize and make a new start.

HELPED OLD NEIGHBOR CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

A delightful dinner party was given February 24 at the residence of Ray Curtis, at 311 N. Dexter street, Ionia, in honor of Mrs. M. F. Benedict's birthday anniversary, by her daughters, Mrs. Ray Curtis and Mrs. Arthur Campbell, of Lansing.

The tables were beautifully decorated with narsissus and jonquils, the favors being violets to correspond with the corsage bouquet worn by Mrs. Benedict.

It was also the birthday anniversary of her daughter Rena's husband, Mr. Harold Stock, of Pontiac, who was there to aid in the celebration as was M. F. Benedict and another daughter, Miss Beulah Benedict, all of Pontiac, where they have resided since leaving Belding.. Mrs. Benedict was presented with some very nice gifts which will help her to remember the mile stone of 1922.

The friends who attended from Orleans and Belding were: Mrs. Delia Spaulding, Miss Jennie Crippen, Mrs. Richard Mares, Mrs. Nora Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Spaulding, Mrs. Maretta Nummer, Mrs. Albert Cusser, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coon and Mrs. Chas. Lambertson.

Coming Events

March 3—Senior class play "Merchant of Venice Up-To-Date" at Opera House.

March 10—Musical concert in M. E. church by Belding band.

March 14—Lecture on Chiropractic. M. E. Church, 8 o'clock.

March 17—Skovgaard, violinist.

April 6—Herbert Leon Cope, humorist.

Bring in your other dates for the future.

April 14—High school carnival at High school auditorium.

Oct. 17-18—Home talent play at Opera House, by Ladies Social Circle of Congregational church.

MID-WINTER BENEFIT

BAND CONCERT

To Be Given In The Central M. E. Church

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 10th

By the Belding City Band—assisted by

The Masonic Quartette	Miss Elizabeth Raynor Soprano

Your chance to give the best band our city has ever had a boost and at a price within reach of all

Prices—25c and 35c, including tax. Reserves 15c extra

Get your tickets early at all stores—Stanton's, Dehn's or the Band Boys

To Give Opposition

The Republicans of Otisco township who have had everything just about their own way for several years, their Democratic brothers being too small in numbers to offer any great resistance and failing to put up a ticket, are going to have an opposing ticket in the field this spring, an amalgamation of dissatisfied Repubs and the Demos having got together and decided that they will put up a ticket under the head of the Peoples Party. They will hold their caucus at Lyceum hall, Smyrna, on Monday evening, March 13. The Republicans will hold their caucus at the same place on Saturday evening, March 11.

Announcement

A motion picture will be shown at the Belding High school under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers club March 9th, entitled "Betsy Ross". The proceeds are to go toward new play ground equipment. Everybody is urged to come out and help make this a success. Matinee after school in the afternoon and at 7:00 in the evening.

MOTOR OWNERS MUST SECURE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF OWNERS HAVE SECURED THE NECESSARY PAPERS

The Secretary of the state has issued notice that the law regarding certificates of title to autos will be rigidly enforced after July 1, 1922. It behooves every auto owner to get his certificate at once. Delay may mean a fine.

There are approximately in the State of Michigan over five hundred thousand automobiles. The Certificate of Title Law enacted by the Legislature of 1921 was given effect July 1st, 1921, and as directed by the Law, Department of State mailed to every owner of an automobile in the State of Michigan, an application blank to be filled out and returned to Lansing with a fee of one dollar.

In spite of a continuous publicity campaign and the fullest cooperation from the Branch Managers, the Secretary of State has received applications for only two hundred and twenty seven thousand Titles, to date.

Only July 1st, 1922, the law goes into full effect and will be enforced and it will be impossible for an owner of an automobile to secure a license for his car unless he can show Title for same. It will be against the law for anyone to drive his car after a July 1st, without a Certificate of Title. Do not wait until the last minute to send in your application. If you do it will mean delay as all applications must be checked, corrected and indexed before Titles can be issued. You must have the Title in your possession before July 1st.

We have the blanks at this office and can help you get your certificate of title at any time.

Be sure and attend to it before it is too late.

Keene Grange News

About 25 partook of the pot luck dinner at the Grange hall, Friday, February 24, after which an enthusiastic business session set matters going for a live campaign this spring A contest to last for the next four meetings was begun. Lee Densmore is captain of the Orange and Mrs. Anthony Kohn is captain of the Red. The next program is Friday, Mar 10, pot luck dinner, bring something along and let's make it a real picnic. And after dinner we will tell you all about the contest, and each one can help and we will discuss the following topics: "If the United States has 51 percent of the world's gold, who has it, and how is it being used?" "Is the Federal reserve system an aid to agriculture?"; "House cleaning, the easy way, by a man and a woman": Roll call—an item from the daily paper.

Grangers Notice!

The good time social of the Belding Grange, No. 1581, will be held at the home of Ernest Chickering on Friday evening, March 3rd. Everyone cordially invited to attend. Bring no lunch. The folowing program will be given: Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Soules; reading, Theodore Blasen; reading, Mrs. S. D. Chickering; violin selection, C. C. Chickering; special number, Mrs. Chas. Lambertson.

MERCHANT OF VENICE UP-TO-DATE TO BE GIVEN BY SENIORS

EXAMINATIONS BEFORE GRADUATION CAUSES SENIORS TO GIVE CLASS PLAY EARLY

The senior class will present their class play to the public Friday evening at 8:15 sharp at the opera house. The seniors have been working on this play for nearly 2 months practicing almost every night. And working to make it a success, it is now put up to the public to see whether or not they have made a success of the "Merchant of Venice Up-To-Date" which is the name of the play they are presenting. The seniors have tried in every way to make this a night that will long be remembered by all who attend their play. They have so arranged it that every moment there is something to occupy your attention. Between the acts they have little acts of vaudeville to occupy your attention while they are changing the scenes of the regular play, these acts will consist of singing, dancing, violin and piano solos, etc.

There is no doubt in the minds of those that have seen them practice that this will be among the best plays staged in Belding this year.

The seniors also wish to impress on the people that this will be the only play put on this year by the class.

Cast of characters is as follows:

Portia, a rich heiress, Eileen Bolenbaugh.

Antonio, a senior, captain of Belding football team, Maurice McNaughton.

Nerissa, Portia's friend, Veva Mandeville.

Bassanio, Antonio's friend and suitor to Portia, Fuller Dorr.

Gratiano, another friend, Gayle Mehney.

Shylock, a wealthy gambler, Andrew Kramer.

Tubal, his friend and captain of Ionia foot-ball team, LeRoy McKiddie.

Jessica, Shylock's ward, Irene Dorr.

Launcelot Gabbo. a servant to shylock, Gertrude Wicks.

Mrs. Gabbo, Launcelot's mother, Sylvia Hoyt.

Miss Abbie S. Threedice, a teacher. Irene Dietz.

Duke of Venice, Vern Bailey.

Polly, Portia's maid, Mildred Shores.

Antonia's mother, Freida Day.

Policeman, George Skellenger.

Proffessor, Ex-ray photographer, Keith Gildemeister.

Football players.

Fire Burns Roof

Fire started at the home of Frank Clark, 612 Pearl street, Tuesday evening at about 8 o'clock from the chimney. The fire department was on the scene soon after it started and no damage was done except that it burned a small hole in the roof. Mr. Clark was in Grand Rapids at the time.

A. N. BELDING CROSSES OCEAN IN AEROPLANE

We clip the following from the Deland (Florida) Daily News, of February 22. Evidently our friend, Mr. Belding, was so glad to get back to the United States that the aeroplane was none to swift in bringing him back.

The article is as follows:

"A. N. Belding and secretary, Mr. C. C. Warren of Rockville, Conn., returned yesterday for a week's stay at the hotel. Mr. Belding makes the College Arms his head quarters while in Florida and not enjoying various auto tours through the state. He had recently returned from Havana, Cuba, where he had the novel experience of traveling from Havana to Miami in an aeroplane and from there to Deland in his car. Next week Mr. Belding plans to make an auto trip down the west coast."

Well, Mr. Belding, we'll have to admit that stunt is pretty foxy for a youngster crowding the 90 year mark.

Invents New Brick

Perry Crankshaw is patenting a new building brick which he has invented and which he is of the belief will very nearly revolutionize the concrete building business of the country. Mr. Crankshaw has manufactured a concrete brick so that it is possible to plaster directly on the surface of the brick, making the use of lath or other like device unnecessary. He has applied for a patent and the organization of a company for the manufacture of the brick is contemplated.

Factory Works Ten Hours

Factory A of the Belding-Hall Co. is now working ten hours instead of nine, on account of having so many orders ahead it is necessary for them to work over time.

Brown-Orlowski

Bernie Brown and Miss Florence Orlowski, both of this city, were married in this city Tuesday evening. They will wake their future home here. Congratulations.

Signs of Spring

The first real sur sign of spring was observed Thursday when we saw a gang of youngsters who had dug their way down thru the ice and were engaged in playing a good old fashioned game of "miggs."

"Co-Ops." To Ship Again

All farmers desiring to ship stock will please have the same at the stock yards before 11 o'clock, Tuesday, March 9.

Wm. R. Ward, Manager.

Storm Was Bad One

The storm of ice, snow a which visited this city on was so bad in the northern the state that trains are not to certain points even at date, the ice having so cov earth that railroad traffic w pletely stopped. Telegraph phone lines suffered severe long stretches of poles wer ed down by the heavy ice lines put ou of commissi fruit region along the west shore and the north central the state were hard hit a trees were stripped of the when the ice bore them to th The damage is estimated in lions.

BAD WEATHER FAILED TO STO WASH. CLUB

TURNED OUT IN GREATE BER THAN EVER FOR ANNUAL GATHERIN

The 56th annual banquet Washington club will go history as one of the best ga in a social way and for me attendance since the organiz that grand old club. Hotel where it was held, was full its splendid past record in gi comodation and warm heart come to the guests.

In spite of the weather co of the morning, more than o dred loyal members were and besides the local mem Grand Rapids, Ionia, Lansi Greenville were represented en the glad hand of welcom reception committee.

President, Dr. Geo. F. Smi ed to order at 11 o'clock an the business session and bef ner program, the Masonic qu Donald Cook, Rev. W. J. Roo Slaere and Clayton Knapp en ed with song and Mrs. Nie

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Dr. Jan

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See Dr. Greggerson and he Church, Tuesday e

Bd. Commerce Luncheon

The members of the local of commerce are attending a eon which is being held in th ditorium of the city hall this ing.

Furman Claim Allowed

Charlie Coon, clerk of the Woodman camp, received a che $1,000 in payment of the death cla of A. Furman, a former local dealer, who joined the order w resident in this city. Mr. Fu had been a member of the ord 18 years, 6 months and 25 days time of his death and had paid the order the sum of $224.25 sessments and dues.

Notice

The Rebekah Thimble Party meet at the I. O. O. F. hall 3, in the afternoon and evenin come prepared to sew. Pot supper.

PERE MARQUETTE TO CUT OFF FOUR TRAINS PER DAY

FLYERS, MORNING TRAIN TO BIG RAPIDS AND AFTERNOON TRAIN TO IONIA PULLED OFF

Announcement was received at this office from the head offices of the Pere Marquette system to the effect that they were going to start in a new time and train schedule on Sunday, March 5 and among the numerous changes which would go into effect at that time would be the withdrawal of four trains from the two divisions which pass through this city.

The trains which are to make their last run on Saturday and which will then be pulled out of the service will be the two trains commonly known as the afternoon flyers, leaving this city at 2:37 bound for Saginaw and leaving at 3:10 bound for Grand Rapids. These trains have always been popular with local people and while they were fairly well patronized by the public, they have not been carrying enough passengers to p ay for their operation. They have, however, been taken off several times before, once for lack of patronage and once on account of a coal shortage, but they were later on put back again.

The most radical change in the schedule is the taking off of the train which leaves here at 6:44 in the morning and running to Howard City and Big Rapids and the same train which makes the return trip in the afternoon, leaving here at 4:13. These two trains have served the people in a territory reached by no other railroad and their cancellation will be keenly felt. While motor buses operate locally, there is a large territory served by these two trains which will feel the cut in service very keenly.

Justice Reed Performs Marriage

A quiet marriage ceremony took place in the office of Justice Reed on Tuesday at 1:30 when Miss June Martin of this city was united in marriage to John M. Dennis, of Edmore. The bride came to this city about six months ago, having met Mr. Dennis before coming here. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis left immediately for their home in Edmore after their marriage. This, however, was Justice Reed's first wedding but he seemed not in the least excitel over the event.

New Fire Equipment

The city has purchased a new Ford truck and is remodeling it over into a new auxiliary fire truck. It will be loaded with chemical apparatus and in case of fire will be sent out on the first alarm and will be followed by the big truck and equipment in case the job is too big for the chemical. The new truck will also be used for calls in the surrounding country, thus affording fire protection to the city at the time part of the equipment is out in the country.

LUMBER COMPANY IS TO GIVE STILL BETTER SERVICE

LARGER STOCK WILL ENABLE FIRM TO MAKE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF LUMBER

While in their office recently, Mr. Dimmick asked the writer to go with him and see what they were doing. In their main shed, I found that they had installed a motor driven ripsaw on the west side of the driveway. While in this shed, I was attracted by the unusually large stock of lumber and building material, the asphalt shingles and roofing rooms containing nearly three car loads.

From the main shed we went over to where they have recently completed a sidetrack, which extends south by their iron covered warehouse which we found filled with lime wood fibre, plaster, gypsum, stucco, Portland cement, mortar color, plaster board and fancy face brick for fire places and chimneys.

Leaving this shed, we continued down the sidetrack where we found large piles of lumber, which had been unloaded direct from the cars, and which later will be distributed and piled in the sheds, ready for use the coming summer, which is predicted by many as an unusually good season for building in Belding and the surrounding country.

The improvement that interested the writer most was the building of their planing mil building, which they are remodeling into a modern warehouse and lumber shed, they having removed most of the machinery, keeping only four or five small machines, which they have nicely arranged, in a room partitioned off for a shop where they will do what they term odd work. The balance of the room on the west side of the driveway, which extends the entire length of the building, and opens to the north end on Main street is being partitioned off into rooms for knockdown window and door frames, sash windows and doors, screen doors and windows, cupboard doors, interior finish and mouldings. On the east side of the driveway there will be a room for glass and putty, screen wire and nails. The balance of the east side will be used for the better grades of lumber, such as oak, birch, yellow pine and cypress

Both A. S. Dimmick and Harry Dimmick inform us that it will take until the middle of April to complete the improvements and arrange the stock, but when the same is completed, they would consider that they had as modern a yard and sheds and as complete a stock of building material as can be found in this part of the state; and that they will be beter situated to serve the building public than ever before. For the next few weeks you will find their ad on the last page of this issue.

Baptist Church News

Another month has passed full of church activities. Average attendance for February, 139 in the Sunday school. Collections for the month, $46.11. Next Sunday evening the Men's Bible class will have charge of the evening service and Mr. J. H. Stevens will speak. Monday evening, March 6th, the social meeting of the class will be held at the home of Mr. E. Kendall. Dr. Pinkham will speak. Songs and light refreshments at the close. The 9th annual banquet of the B. Y. P. U. will be held on March 14th. Program next week.

Green's Ladies Aid Dinner

The Green's Ladies aid association will have a dinner at the home of Don Dean, on Wednesday, March 8. The proceeds are to go to the Green's cemetery association and it is hoped that all members of both associations will turn out in force and help furnish articles, etc., to make the dinner a success 2 wks.

SIX AMENDMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT ELECTION

ELECTORS SHOULD STUDY UP ON MERITS AND FAULTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

At least Six proposed constitutional amendments will appear on the ballots given to the voters of Michigan in the general election this year.

Three of them were initiated by the 1921 legislature, three will be initiated by popular petition, the forms already having been approved by the department of state. The proposed amendments, briefly are:

To compel all children within prescribed limits of age, to attend the public schools.

To provide for selection of members of the state legislature upon a strictly pro-rata population basis and do away with the existing moiety clause in the constitution.

To provide for an enlarged county home rule.

To shorten the ballot by making the office of superintendent of public instruction appointive rather than elective.

To authorize the legislature to enact a law providing for a state income tax.

To authorize the legislature to enact legislation permitting excess condemnation of land for parks, boulevards and port districts.

The last three proposed amendments were initiated by the legislature.

The excess condemnation amendment would allow cities, within reasonable limitations, to condemn for public purposes more than actually is to be used.

The port district amendment would give the legislature power to enact legislation providing for the incorporation of ports and port districts along the state water fronts and to confer upon the corporations powers and authority to engage in work of internal improvements.

The income tax was perhaps the most bitterly contested measure of its kind in the last legislature. It was adopted only after it had failed on a previous vote. It stipulates that with the consent of the electors, the legislature may enact laws providing for a uniform taxation, except on property paying specific taxes.

"Provisions may be made by law" the proposed amendment continues, "for a tax not to exceed four per centum upon, or with respect to the net gains, profits and incomes from whatever source derived, which tax may be graduated and progressive and which may provide for reasonable exemptions."

The proposed re-apportionment amendment, by which members of the legislature would be chosen on a strictly pro-rata population basis is permanent because the next session of the legislature will be called upon to re-apportion the state. Under the existing moiety cause in the constitution counties having more than a moiety, about one-half of one per cent of the state's population are entitled to single representation. The adoption of this method of apportioning members of the legislature would be practically a death blow to small counties and throw control of the state legislature into the hands of Wayne county.

The proposal to appoint instead of elect the superintendent of public instruction will be initiated largely through the efforts of the Michigan Teacher's association. It also will undoubtedly have the support of the present superintendent of public instruction.

Local Talent Show a Success

The comedy "The Man From Mexico" which was given by local talent in the opera house last week, was pronounced by many to have been the best show ever produced on the local stage, many claiming that the actors went thru their parts like regular professionals. The play was directed by Rev. John Klich, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church and it is due to his experience and interest that the play proved to be such a success.

O. E. S. Baked Goods Sale

The ladies of the O. E. S. will hold a baked goods sale on Saturday, March 4 at the store of Wicks-Fales Co. from 10 a. m. until everything is sold. Plan to buy of us.

Candy Sale

The Tri-Delta-Epsilon class of the Methodist church will have a candy sale on Saturda y afternoon, March 4, at Sandell's bank.

Come in and see our

PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS

Order Roses before Saturday

AT UNDERWOOD'S

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Later, he was called to the faculty of the Palmer school, for which he has since been touring the country, lecturing on the science. His lectures are purely educational. Speaking on the history, basic principles, and aims of Chiropractic, he endeavors to elucidate to the people all that the professon stands for, as represented by the thirteen or fourteen thousand practitioners in the world. The attitude of the profession in legislative matters he takes up thoroughly.

Greggerson and hear his talk on Chiropractic a, M. E. Church, Tuesday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock

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Fell And Broke Hip

Mrs Ted Hammond, of Greenville, mother of Orlie Hammond, who lives at 414 Washington street, fell on the ice Saturday morning while on her way to feed the chickens and broke her hip. It was necessary to operate and put a plate in the hip in order to get the bones to mend. Her condition is improved at the last report.

Attention!

The willing workers of the W. R. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. Oscar Day, 516 Broas street, on Thursday afternoon, March 2nd. Come all that can and fetch along your cast-offs to be made over to help clothe some unfortunate one.

Ladies Social Circle

The Ladies Social circle of the Congregational church will meet Wednesday, March 8, with Mrs. B. J. Storey. Bohemian lunch will be served. Everybody come.

Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date

Presented by the Senior Class of '22

at

BELDING OPERA HOUSE

MARCH 3rd, 1922

ADDMISSION 50 CENTS RESERVED SEATS 15c EXTRA

Play Starts at 8:15 Sharp