

# Lakeland Laconics

and Mrs. Angelo Raymondo the proud parents of a lovely little daughter, born yesterday.

and Mrs. J. B. Hannah leave today for Kansas City, Mo., where they will go to visit Mrs. Hannah's parents. They expect to be away two or three weeks.

W. Beyerly and family, of Milwaukee, Wis., arrived last night and will make Lakeland their permanent home. They were accompanied by Mr. A. Wittenberg, who will also be here. They are temporarily with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wick.

Design Wallace Riggins will reach Lakeland this afternoon from Pensacola to spend a four days' furlough with his wife and other relatives. He will be bringing news to his friends. From here he will go to Miami where he will be stationed a time.

Many friends of Mr. Scott will learn with deep regret of his death, which occurred last night at Tampa City. Details are unavailable. His parents, Capt. and Mrs. L. W. Malsby were at his bedside when the end came. They have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in their great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McKay were the happy last night by the arrival of their sons Kirk and Clint McKay, former having just returned from his third trip to France and the latter has just rounded out a year's service in the Army, being stationed at Pittsburg, N. Y., where he is in the Artillery's Corps. Both young men have a wide circle of friends in Lakeland who are giving them a most cordial welcome.

Mr. H. C. Petteway, one of Lakeland's leading young lawyers, has been called up with the Y. M. C. A. for either in this country or "over there" and expects his call at any time. Mr. Petteway, on account of physical disabilities, has been unable to get into the army, and he feels that the Y. M. C. A. will give him an opportunity to be of some real service, and he has decided to close his law offices and go.

Walter Wilson, son of Mr. Walter Wilson, the contractor, last night sustained a relapse of his injury in the playground in Jacksonville, when he suddenly became weak and fell to the ground in an unconscious state. A physician was hurriedly summoned and he was finally revived, and while he is much better today and is able to be up, he has never been able to speak. The physician states that when he fell the nerve which controls the speech was impaired and this has now temporarily given way. It is believed, however, that within a few hours he will regain the power of speech which is the earnest hope of his many friends.

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CLOSE AT 6 P. M. FOR TEN DAYS

## Schools, Churches And Theaters To Close For Ten Days Beginning Friday Night

As a precautionary measure, although the Spanish influenza has developed to no alarming extent in this community, it was determined by the local authorities last night to close all churches, schools and theaters and to put the ban on indoor gatherings for a period beginning tomorrow afternoon, Oct. 11, at six o'clock, and ending Monday morning, Oct. 21, at eight o'clock. This will allow the completion of the present school week, and will involve only five days' interruption of school work. It is planned by the school principal that this will not interfere with the schedule of school progress as lessons for the five days will be assigned and the pupils will be expected to bring up this work on the Monday following.

Of course, if in the meanwhile there should be such developments as will warrant extending the period of closure, this may be done. It is hoped, however, that by the end of the period designated the situation will be such as will leave no further cause for uneasiness.

The closing of the institutions here was not done because of any present condition, as there is no epidemic here; but in view of the fact that these precautions are being adopted elsewhere, and on the recommendation of the State Health Board, it was thought best to close for a time, thus satisfying the demands of some who seemed unduly alarmed, and for the sake of leaving nothing undone that might conserve the public health.

Outside gatherings, it is understood, are not prohibited; hence the Liberty Loan parade on Saturday, it is presumed, will be held as planned. One of the ministers tells us that he is considering holding church services in the open on Sunday. It might be that all the people could meet in a union outdoor service.

Health Officer Leffers has been requested to furnish the newspapers the number of cases that develop from day to day and the total number in the community, and this paper expects to give that information daily.

### Pupils To Prepare Lessons Each Day To the Patrons

The Lakeland public schools will be closed beginning 6 p. m., October 11 and will remain closed until 8 a. m., October 21, 1918.

I voice the sentiment of the physicians, Local School Board, County School Board, City Commissioners, City Health Officer, Faculty of the Lakeland schools, and the press when I say there is no cause for alarm at this time, but due to the fact that practically all schools of the State have been closed, it was thought wise to close the schools for one week in case serious sickness might result.

Pupils of the Lakeland schools will be assigned lessons for next week and will be expected to prepare them in order to be ready for work Monday morning, October 21, 1918. All teachers in any matter relating to pupils are instructed to go to their teachers in any matter relating to their lessons that they do not understand. The assistance can be given over the telephone in most cases. The government has instructed me to intensify the training of the young men between 17 and 18 years of age in order that they may finish school as soon as possible and for this reason I do not care to lose any time.

It would be advisable to keep the children off the streets as much as possible in order to avoid spreading this contagious disease.

We expect each child to be well prepared for work when he returns to school. In order to do this, cooperation is needed on the part of the parents.

Yours truly,  
CHAS. M. JONES,  
Superintendent

### Dinner Party

Mrs. J. B. Hannah, chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee, entertained the visiting Liberty Loan speakers and some other guests at dinner at the Elks Club last evening. A splendid menu had been arranged by Manager Lizotte. Those enjoying the pleasures of the occasion were: Miss Katherine Ridgeway, Major Lowery, Mrs. W. S. Jennings of Jacksonville, Mrs. Elinor Varn, of Bartow, Mrs. J. B. Hannah, Mrs. George M. Wright, Mr. C. W. Deen, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hetherington.

### ASSOCIATION MEETING POSTPONED

To the Churches and Pastors of the South Florida Association:  
Dear Brethren:  
After some consultation and in ac-

## LARGE CROWD HEARD SPLENDID LIBERTY LOAN ADDRESSES

Lakeland people were given a great oratorical treat last night when two remarkably fine speakers traveling under the direction of the Federal government, delivered magnificent addresses to a large audience in the Park.

One of the speakers was Miss Katherine Ridgeway, a very talented lady, formerly on the Chautauqua platform, but who placed her talents at the disposal of the government during almost a year past. She was accompanied by Major Lowery, a Canadian officer, who saw three and a half-year's active service, was gassed in action, and was invalided home. Together they present the Liberty Loan argument in such unanswerable terms that any one hearing them can have no vestige of doubt as to his duty in this respect.

The speakers are touring the State under the auspices of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee, and the State Chairman of the organization, Mrs. W. S. Jennings, of Jacksonville, wife of ex-Gov. W. S. Jennings, accompanied them here. Mrs. Elmer Varn, of Bartow, County Chairman was also with the party; while the arrangements here were in charge of Mrs. J. B. Hannah, Local Chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee. The latter opened the meeting, and in her usual graceful manner introduced Mrs. Jennings, who made a brief talk, explaining the part the women are taking in the work, and she, in turn, then introduced Miss Ridgeway.

The latter is a finished elocutionist having a voice of much power and range, splendidly modulated, and her delivery was very graceful and impressive. Aside from this, however, the matter of her speech was very forceful and inspiring. She counselled against paying too much attention to peace talk at this time, and said that our victories should not make us too optimistic; we are still some 200 miles from the Rhine, and it's a long ways to Berlin. She recited a beautiful poem consecrating the service flag; urged the people to support the government, and back up the boys in the trenches—to sacrifice and to give.

Major Lowery followed in an impassioned address, which brought vividly before his audience the scenes he had witnessed during his service; the sufferings and discomforts of the soldiers, the waiting and suspense of the hours preceding the going over the top; the final charge over No Man's Land, the hunt for the Huns in the trenches, the demonic fighting that follows, the capture of the German prisoners, and many more incidents depicted with eloquence and passion, but without egotism. It is seldom that any speaker is accorded such breathless attention as was given to Major Lowery.

At the conclusion of the speaking a call for volunteer subscriptions was made and several thousand dollars' worth of bonds were sold, a list of which appears in this paper. Major Lowery worked actively with the committee in securing the subscriptions.

## Shriners Ceremonial Is Postponed Indefinitely

Local and out-of-town Shriners met here last night to make plans for the forthcoming ceremonial on Oct. 28th but after discussing the matter, it was decided to postpone the meeting until in November or probably later—at least until all danger from the Spanish influenza is past. Preceding the meeting at the City Hall, a dinner was enjoyed at the Elks Club. About forty Shriners were in attendance, ten of whom were from Tampa and eight from Bartow.

### E. Y. P. U. Social Postponed

On account of the action of the Health authorities, there will be no E. Y. P. U. social tomorrow night as had been planned.

### O. E. S.

The Eastern Stars will meet in regular session tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

In accordance with a request from the Winter Haven Baptist church and community, where we are to meet, it has been decided, due to the present epidemic of Spanish influenza, to postpone the meeting of South Florida Association of Missionary Societies from Oct. 15, 16 to Nov. 6 and 7 (Wednesday and Thursday). The churches will prepare their letters, as our custom is, up to Oct. 1st, elect their messengers and hold same in readiness for our meeting on Nov. 6 and 7. All standing committees will prepare their reports for Nov. 6 and 7.

R. E. REED, Moderator,  
W. D. TURNLEY, Clerk Pro Tem.

## City Tax Rate 18 1-2 Mills For Current Year

Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 8, 1918.

Adjourned session of the City Commissioners with all members but Mr. Thompson present.

The matter of setting the millage for the 1918 tax roll was taken up.

On motion one-fourth mill was ordered levied for advertising purposes to be spent as the Commissioners see fit.

The following resolution was introduced and was duly adopted, all members present voting, "yes:"

Be It Resolved by the City Commissioners of the City of Lakeland, Florida:

Sec. 1. That the total millage for the 1918 tax roll be fixed at 18 1-2 mills for all purposes, and that said millage be levied against all real and personal taxes; and that the City Assessor is hereby authorized to calculate and set opposite all assessments for said 1918 tax roll in the proper column therefor the amount of such millage against same; and the City Tax Collector is hereby authorized to calculate and set opposite all assessments for said 1918 tax roll in the proper column therefor the amount of such millage against same; and the City Tax Collector is hereby authorized to collect such amounts when said taxbook is turned over to him for collection by the Assessor.

On motion the Commissioners adjourned.

E. C. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

H. L. SWATTS, City Clerk.

### Minutes of Oct. 5

Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 5, 1918.

Joint session of the ministers of the city, the local school board of trustees, and the City Commissioners to consult relative to the proposed closing of schools and places of public gathering on account of a fear of the spread of Spanish influenza in the city. Messrs. Flanagan, Pope, O'Steen and Thompson were present and the Mayor called the meeting to order, and invited all persons present to discuss the situation. This was done by several ministers, Doctors S. F. Smith, Holmes, Sullivan and City Health Officer Dr. R. Leffers, and Principal Chas. M. Jones. It being the consensus of opinion that there was no great danger of an epidemic in the city, and that the situation could be controlled by the ordinances of the city relative to contagious and infectious diseases.

The following resolution was introduced, and was duly adopted, all members present voting "yes:"

Be It Resolved by the City Commissioners of Lakeland, Fla.:

Sec. 1. That the City Commissioners recognize that the Spanish influenza is an infectious and contagious disease; and that the doctors of the city are hereby directed to report all cases of said disease to the City Health Officer as directed by city ordinance governing contagious and infectious diseases already in force.

The Mayor was requested to make proclamation of the condition of the city, and direct parents and all persons to assist the City Health Officer handle the situation which could be done without quarantining the city and closing public places.

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## In Society

### Large Crowds Enjoy Fashion Show Yesterday at Reynolds

Under the title, "The Gate of Fashion", Reynolds Store put on a decidedly unique fashion show yesterday afternoon, in which patriotism, society and fashion cleverly blended.

Hartzell's orchestra was stationed in the balcony and rendered a program of patriotic airs, and Miss Elizabeth Pritchett, accompanied by Mrs. R. N. Skipper, gave several vocal numbers during the afternoon.

The store was decorated in ferns and golden rods with ribbons of the national colors defining the display area.

From the white lattice gate emerged matrons and maids of Lakeland's most prominent families attired in fashions latest conceits, and cleverly enacted little pantomime scenes designed to display the garments and hats thoroughly and gracefully.

The first of the amateur models to appear were the younger girls in Hoffin middies executing a flag drill.

They were followed by their big sisters in coats and furs. Coat-suits of velvet and cloth were displayed in a shopping scene, during which undergarments were purchased.

Serge and jersey dresses were shown in a pantomime of thrift stamp purchasing and the afternoon gowns appeared in a charming tea party.

The display of beautiful negligé costumes was the final part of the well-planned and skillfully executed show, which had all the atmosphere of the elaborate fashion shows of the big cities.

Those taking part were: Mrs. C. M. Clayton, Mrs. Barnell Fuller, Mrs.

## FITTING MEMORIAL FOR BERT LANE

Last night a beautiful and impressive ceremony was held in the Park in honor of Bert H. Lane, who lost his life with all others aboard the cutter Tampa, when that vessel went down in the English Channel.

At 7:00 o'clock the Lakeland Band, of which young Lane was a member, rendered a concert of beautiful and patriotic airs, following an invocation by Rev. R. A. Ward. It had been arranged that a tribute to the dead sailor be pronounced, but the person who was expected to provide this feature was unavoidably prevented from being present, and at the last moment Mr. A. J. Holworthy was asked to make an address. Although wholly unprepared, Mr. Holworthy made a very earnest and touching talk, dwelling on the boyhood and life among us of this young man who has laid down his life for the cause of his country, and urging his auditors to cheerfully make the sacrifices asked of them—so trifling in comparison with the supreme sacrifice made by young Lane and others.

At the conclusion of Mr. Holworthy's remarks, a squad from B Company, Home Guards, under command of Acting Corporal Walter Collins, fired a salute of three volleys in honor of the dead boy, and the exercises were thus brought to an impressive close.

T. B. O'Steen, Misses Josephine Drane, Mary Groover, Gladys Wilson, Nanette Gilmore, Marjorie Hetherington, Evangeline Sammon, Grace McKay, Ellie Armistead, Frances Grether, Ruth Bryan, Dorothy Cason, Mabel Claire Henley.

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