

MAYOR GREEN VISITS BELDING WITH JACKIE BAND

TREATS BELDING FOLKS TO A VISIT FROM BIG BAND AFTER PROGRAM WAS CHANGED.

Well, Belding had a visit from the famous Great Lakes Jackie band just the same even though Spanish influenza broke out among the band which was scheduled to play at this city and kept them from coming here and at other places where they had been scheduled for.

To Mayor Fred W. Green of Ionia, must be given the credit of getting the Jackie band to come here.

He called upon Secretary Byron F. Brown of the board of commerce and others here and the news of the band's visit was spread so that at the time that they arrived, a crowd of perhaps 2,000 people were on hand to meet them.

B. F. Hall acted as chairman of the meeting and he introduced ex-State Senator W. W. Potter, who was with the band and talked to the gathering on the urgent need of buying bonds to aid in carrying on the war.

The speaking was done from the steps at the west tower entrance of the white mill and the band boys played several selections which brought forth splendid applause from the crowd.

Had Big Meeting. There was a good big turnout at the patriotic meeting held in the opera house Tuesday night when Capt. J. H. A. McLean of the 110th Canadian regiment talked on the Fourth Liberty loan.

Girls Want Positions. There are several girls attending school here who will be compelled to quit if they don't find boarding and working accommodations soon.

Notice, Water Users. From now on there will be no more statements showing the amount which you are owing for water used within the quarter, sent out.

Just as the first rays of dawn were kissing Old Glory on Oct. 1, 1918, a little Red Cross nurse came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elleson Avery.

100 PER CENT PURCHASES AT BELDING FOUNDRY CO.

The employees of the Belding Foundry Company went on record as a patriotic lot of fellows early in the campaign Saturday when the records showed a 100 per cent sales at that institution, every man had subscribed for a bond of the Fourth Liberty loan.

LADIES LITERARY CLUB HOLDS ITS REGULAR MEETING

FIRST MEETING IN NEW LIBRARY-TELEGRAPH THANKS TO A. N. BELDING.

The Ladies' Literary Exchange club held their first regular meeting for the year in the new club room in the city library.

The meeting was on the order of a dedication, this being their first meeting in the new club room.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary L. Smith, with all officers present.

The club then voted to adopt a French orphan. The program in charge of the president and expressed with the usual business.

We are nearly all here, You can readily see, President and ex-presidents Of the L. L. E. C.

We've been wonderfully blessed And so gratefully thank Of our line of presidents Without one broken link.

Only two of us absent On this "opening day," Our dear Mrs. Schlegel And Pearl Pollock, are away.

We surely do miss them, Had hoped they'd be here, But we know their hearts with us, So we've nothing to fear.

Your presidents bring greetings, Both present and past, To our L. L. E. C. members, The old members and last.

We welcome you all, The old members and the new, We are glad of the new members, The old members have proved true.

FAMILY QUARREL ENDS IN WIFE KILLING HUSBAND

MRS. WM. HATTON SENDS .32 CALIBRE BULLET THROUGH MAN'S HEAD MONDAY.

Mrs. Carrie Hatton, aged 47 years, is lodged in the Montcalm county jail at Stanton, Mich., on a charge of murder, following the shooting and killing of Wm. Hatton, her husband, early Monday morning at their farm home two miles north of this city.

Charles Scott, who was employed by the Hattons as hired man, had arisen and went out to the barn to do the chores. Mr. and Mrs. Hatton had also arisen and Mrs. Hatton had prepared breakfast, which Hatton was evidently beginning to eat, when he was shot.

Neither Scott, who was at the barn, nor any of the neighbors heard the shot. Two children, Elsie, aged 11 years and Billy, aged 6, were sleeping in the house and were aroused by the shot.

The Hattons came here from Stanton about three years ago and for some time had been living on the old Murray farm owned by Nick Gotting, Scott, the hired man, came also from Stanton and just what his relations with the family have been are conjectural.

Hatton, previous to May 1, when the state went "dry" went to Grand Rapids and brought back a supply of whisky and he had been drinking rather heavily of this for a time and was about half intoxicated all the time for some time back.

Mrs. Hatton claims that she shot to frighten and the shooting was accidental and in self-defense. On the other hand the bullet was from the side, indicating that Hatton was not advancing toward her and she shot from Mrs. Hatton. Only two overturned chairs appeared as evidence of a struggle which would lead one to believe that there was not much of a struggle.

Mrs. Hatton was, prior to her marriage to Hatton, Carrie Ward, a vaudeville actress, traveling with tent shows, etc. Her mother, Mrs. Hannah Ward, resides at Ionia.

Coroner Reynolds, of Trufant, impaneled a jury composed of Smith Nichols, James Antcliff, George Hagadorn, Vern LaDow and August (Belcher) Bakeman, who rendered a verdict that Hatton came to his death as a result of a bullet from a revolver in the hands of his wife, Carrie Hatton who shot in self defense.

Hatton's body laid where it fell, from about 6 o'clock, the time of the shooting until after two in the afternoon.

This picture has been acclaimed, wherever shown, as the best story as to love interest, the most touching heart appeal and the greatest exposition of the cruelty of the war and the meanness of the powers that crush to rule.

COOKS CORNERS HAS 14 STAR SERVICE FLAG

At the dedication of the community service flag Friday evening, F. L. Moon acted as chairman, calling the meeting to order.

Miss Clara Moulton, now a resident of Pasadena, Cal., writes to local friend.

PERMITS NOW NOT NECESSARY FOR FARM BUILDINGS

LUMBER FOR FARM IMPROVEMENTS UP TO \$1,000 MAY BE SOLD WITHOUT SECURING PERMITS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 27.—Regional Retail Committee, cooperating with National Retail Dealers' committee, secured a modification of Circular No. 21, which circular prohibited all new building of every description without permit.

The situation regarding building operation can be gone ahead with without permits is this: Farm buildings of any kind, costing not in excess of \$1,000, and repairs or extensions to existing building either city or farm, costing not in excess of \$250, can be erected without permits, and any kind of material required for their construction, including lumber, cement, hardware, or any other material may be sold.

MANY ATTEND 7TH DIST. CONVENTION OF W. R. C.

The annual convention of the 7th district, composed of the Corps in Ionia, Clinton and Gratiot counties, was held in Hubbardston Sept. 26.

The president of the Hubbardston corps, Edith Bennett, called to order and introduced District President Mary E. H. Coville of Belding, who called the convention to order at 10:30 a. m.

The convention will meet next year in Alma. Officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Pardee, of Alma; senior vice, Mrs. Lillian Gray, Lyons; junior vice, Mrs. Preston, Elsie; treasurer, Mrs. Walker, Alma; chaplain, Mrs. Emmons, Elsie; secretary, to be appointed.

Reports from all corps in the district found them gaining in numbers and busy working for the Red Cross, sending contributions to the destitute and suffering, buying bonds, thrift and war savings stamps, doing all they can in a truly patriotic way to win the war.

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TELLS OF FINE TRIP TO HOME IN GOLDEN WEST

MISS CLARA MOULTON, NOW A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, CAL. WRITES TO LOCAL FRIEND.

We are pleased to publish this week a part of a letter which Miss Clara Moulton, formerly and for many years a resident of this city, recently sent to Miss Kate Lamb, who with her invalid mother, lives at the home of John Rossman, just south of the city.

Hubert M. Engemann, one of the editors of this paper, who has been stationed at Glen Burnie rifle range for some months past and more recently placed in the United States Naval hospital at Annapolis, Md., arrived home unexpectedly on the evening train up from Grand Rapids Friday night.

"Hub" says that he had been in the hospital for the past month and was getting along nicely when the Spanish influenza got to work among the cadets at the naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

There are about 2,100 cadets at the Annapolis academy and the ambulance brought over 95 of these the day before Hub left there for home.

Hub said that the physicians at the hospital feared that he would get the disease, and not wishing him to run the risk which he would have to in case he should contract it, ordered him out of the hospital for a period of 14 days and that he was thus given a ten day sick leave with four days' travel time.

Hub said that there was some talk that the disease was spread by German agents or spies, but was rather inclined to discredit this himself, though he said that there was nothing that the enemy would not stoop to do.

Hub arrived home on Friday evening and on Sunday morning he became sick with the disease himself and is now confined to his bed at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lena Engemann, 914 James street.

Hub said that he had a very good time at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lena Engemann, 914 James street. He is in hope of being able to get up and enjoy a part of the sick leave which he has got visiting with friends and relatives around the city.

Nephew is Killed. In writing to Mrs. Bracken, Rev. Fr. J. M. Zindler, of St. Joseph, says that his nephew, Ed. Melcher, was killed in action in France on Aug. 28. Melcher was cited for bravery by General Pershing on Aug. 10.

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CHRISTMAS TRADING TO START IMMEDIATELY

Sec. Byron F. Brown received a letter from Sec. Lee H. Berce of the Grand Rapids chamber of commerce confirming our statement in last week's issue concerning Christmas trading.

No merchant will be allowed to hire more clerks help than at any ordinary time of the year. He will not be allowed to keep his store open longer than the usual hours and will be compelled to take care of the Christmas trade in those hours.

SPANISH "FLU" MAY BE SPREAD BY GERMAN SPIES

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SPLENDID LETTERS FROM THOSE GRAND FELLOWS OVER THERE

STORIES TELL THAT MICHIGAN'S REPUTATION WILL NOT FAIL BECAUSE OF BOYS.

Another list of interesting letters this week to delight our readers with and we know they will cause joy because the letters are from boys who have snatched just time enough off from duty to write a letter back home to let everyone know that they are still all o. k. and ready for the next trick which they hope will be soon.

The first letter is from Lloyd Kelly, a brother of Mrs. Ross Kelly of this city and son of Mrs. C. W. Todd, of Greenville. Lloyd has many friends here who will be glad to read his letter which is as follows:

Dear Mother and All: Answered your letter a few days ago but this is Sunday night and I have just time to drop you a few lines before going to bed.

I sure have got lots of letters in the last week but have them all answered so thought I would write you again. I got two letters today, one from Claribel and one from Viola and they sent me lots of clippings. I wrote to Claribel last week the same time I did you and sent her a souvenir card and you one.

I put a French one and two cent piece in Claribel's letter for Louis; suppose he will be glad to get something from France. Got a letter from Ross and Bessie, they sure had a nice trip with their car; wish I could have been there to have gone with them because I have never been to Will's or Muskgon. They sent me a picture they had taken at a lake on their trip.

Well, the weather is fine over here, it is nice and warm in the day time and cool at night; our camp is in a big woods and I sure get lots of sleep as

long as the aeroplanes and big guns don't make too much noise. We can hear guns shooting most of the time and can hear or see aeroplanes at all hours of the day or night. The planes are sure thick as flies here and I have seen many German planes shot down, have a few souvenirs off of them. There isn't much left of a plane after it hits the ground.