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SIX PATRIOTIC ORDERS WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

NATION'S FALLEN HEROES AND OTHERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PROGRAM

The patriotic orders of Belding will observe Memorial Sunday, May 23, by attending the regular morning service at the Church of Christ. They will assemble at the G. A. R. hall at 10 o'clock a. m., fast time, and march to the church. All soldiers, sailors and marines of all wars, are cordially invited to join with us in this memorial Sunday service.

Headquarters: Dan S. Root, post, 126 G. A. R., Belding, Michigan, Monday, May 30, 1921. Memorial (Decoration) Day service. The G. A. R. post, the Women's Relief Corps, the Tent of the Daughters of Veterans, the Hugo Fales post, 203, American Legion, Auxiliary, will assemble at the G. A. R. hall at 9 o'clock sharp fast time, Monday, May 30th and march to the Bridge street bridge, where the W. R. C., assisted by the other orders will give their ritualistic water service in honor of the soldiers, sailors and marines buried at sea. Prayer by Rev. Osborne. Followed by the school pupils casting their flowers on the water.

Order of March:
1. School pupils in ranks of four carrying flags and flowers, under charge of superintendent Skinner and their teachers.
2. Civic bodies, lodges and patriotic citizens, Camp Fire Girls, Belding band, Sons of Veterans, W. H. Malone commander, G. A. R. post, Hugo Fales post, American Legion, S. L. O'Connor, Commander, Daughters of Veterans, W. R. C., American Legion Auxiliary. After the water service the march will be resumed in the same order to the M. E. church.

Program at the church:
1. Boys and girls Glee Club.
2. Invocation, Rev. George A. Osborne.
3. Selection, Belding band.
4. Reading General John A. Logan's celebrated order establishing Memorial Day for all time, Donald B. Cook, American Legion.
5. Reading Lincoln's Gettysburg address.
6. Sons of Veterans.
7. Solo, Clayton Knapp, American Legion.
8. Address, Rev. George A. Osborne.

All soldiers, sailors and marines of all wars, the mayor, city council and all civic bodies and fraternal orders are cordially invited to join with us in assembling at the G. A. R. hall make the march and attend the service of Memorial Day.

Immediately after the close of the service at the church the G. A. R. post, the W. R. C., the Camp and tent of Sons and Daughters of Veterans will proceed by auto to the Cook's Corners cemetery at 12:30 for regular G. A. R. cemetery service, then to Smyrna where dinner will be served by the Lady Macabees, then to the Smyrna cemetery for the G. A. R. service and a brief program by the school pupils under the direction of their teacher, Miss Marion Byrne at 2:30, then to the old Belding cemetery at 3:30, then to the River Ridge cemetery for decoration and dismissal.

Every citizen should join in making Memorial Day a holy day set apart to be sacredly observed for our soldier dead who offered their services for the integrity and unity of our grand republic as well as for our own loved ones who have gone before. Bring flowers and wreaths for every grave.

Kindly furnish your auto with a driver for the band, the G. A. R., the W. R. C., the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, the American Legion and its auxiliary from the M. E. church at 11:15 to the several cemeteries and return. At your earliest convenience please report the use of your auto with the number you will carry, to Elmer Wise, Wm. H. Malone or Merle Eaves, at the Smith Stanton place, committee on transportation.

You will always take pride in knowing that you have helped to make this Decoration Day one of patriotic devotion to our dead, who died to make ours a nation of free men, devoted to home and country.

Frank R. Chase, Post Commander
W. R. Olds, Post Commander

Oddfellows Observed Anniversary
Members of the I. O. O. F. from all points of Ionia county were at Saranac on Tuesday for the conference that observed the 102nd anniversary of the founding of the order. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Rice attended the celebration from Portland Drill teams of both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were present in the competitive drills for both men and women and were won by Belding.

Mrs. Leone Grover and baby returned Monday to her home in Lansing after visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoyt.

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CONG. S. S. LOSERS BANQUET WINNERS

The banquet and program on Monday evening, May 2nd given in the church dining room was a fitting close to the contest of the past two months between the blues and the reds.

A large number were present and enjoyed first the banquet and then the program following:
Mr. Sidney Washburn was toast master and ably filled the position. Fuller Dorr spoke for the winning side and proved an excellent booster for the school, bringing out the point of "in all things playing a clean game". Miss Aileen Armstrong, in her toast from the losing side spoke of what our superintendent had meant to the school and to each one individually and the great regret of all that Mr. and Mrs. Hockstad were so soon to remove from us.

Mr. Hockstad responded in a most fitting way, telling the school that in his leaving he should still carry them in his heart.

Adjournment was then taken to the auditorium above where M. Clayton Knapp and Miss Raymond gave delightful musical numbers, followed by a fine line of pictures from the life of Christ. Mr. Rooke reading the lectures.

Thus closed an evening of the school that proved both entertaining and instructive.

IONIA CO. "Y" ANNOUNCES SUMMER CAMPING DATES

PLAN FOR A BIG RECREATION TIME AT MORRISON LAKE JUNE 27 TO JULY 4

The annual Ionia county Y. M. C. A. camp will be held again this year at Morrison lake where the boys found such a fine camp site last year. Arrangements are being made by Secretary LeValley for a much larger camp than last year and everything will be done for the pleasure and safety of the boys who enroll for this annual outing.

Fred Hancock of Charlotte, has again been secured as swimming instructor which insures a big time in the water sports. One boy said, "The instruction in swimming and life saving last year was worth all it cost me for the whole camping season to say nothing of the eats and ice cream which we got extra." As all swimming is carefully supervised parents may feel safe in sending their boys to camp to learn. Those who already can swim will find a great deal of help in improving their favorite stroke.

All the campers of last year will remember the camp cook and she has promised to be with us again this year. Just ask one of the boys about those rice potatoes, apple pies and ice cream and you will surely want to come.

Any boy in Ionia county between the ages of 12 and 16 years is eligible for camp and the fee for the full eight days including the Fourth of July will be so reasonable that any real live fellow can earn his own money to come to camp. Full information can be secured by writing to the County Secretary, Roy R. LeValley, or just ask one of the old campers to write in for you.

Secretary LeValley was in town on Monday to ascertain the approximate number of local boys who would attend the camp. More than 200 signified their intention of going from here. A. M. Hall will be one of the tent leaders at the camp and it is thought several other local men will also act in that capacity.

Grange Notice
The Grattan Grange will meet on Thursday, May 26 at their hall. Program: Song, "Long, long trail a winding"; "Keep the home fires burning"; by the Grange; Recitation by Mrs. Lester Carpenter; Music by Carl and Lona Hall; Discussion: "What is the need of common people interesting themselves in public affairs"; Chas. Godfrey and Rena Emmons; Song by Louie Emmons; Recitation by Elmer Weller; Music, Ray and Elenor Smith; Recitation by Frank Carpenter; Song, "Dixie"; by the Grange. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred. General supper with frankfurts.

Quite a Painful Accident
Last Monday evening, Austin, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Berry, started to run across the floor with a wooden whistle in his mouth with which he was playing, and tripped on a rug and fell striking the whistle on the floor and nearly knocking out four of his teeth and bruising his lip quite badly. Dr. Armstrong was immediately called and succeeded in getting them back in position and anchored them to the other teeth with fine wire so that Austin won't have to have false teeth yet a while.

The Are Buying Potatoes
The R. W. Dunham Co., of the Association of Commerce Building, Grand Rapids, are in this neighborhood shipping potatoes. It might be known that they got \$140.00 a ton for grapes last fall which was the highest price ever paid for grapes in the state of Michigan since a vine was planted. If you still have any potatoes on hand write, stating number of bushels and they will arrange for shipping. They have already shipped three cars from the station at Smyrna and have succeeded in getting a top notch price for the growers who sold through them. Mr. Dunham is stopping at Hotel Belding where farmers can see him or call in regard to potatoes which they still have. He also says that in view of the fact that the southern crop will soon be on the market that the time to sell old potatoes is now.

MONUMENT TO THE HEROIC DEAD



Beautiful Arlington amphitheater was used for the first time since its dedication, in Washington's 1920 Memorial exercises. General John J. Pershing is shown making the principal address to an audience which overflowed the massive uncovered bowl. Veterans of the Civil war were given prominent places among the listeners.

SIXTH ANNUAL BD. COMMERCE MEETING HELD

ELECT NEW OFFICERS AND LISTEN TO INTERESTING TALK BY PROFESSOR FRIDAY

The sixth annual meeting and banquet of the Board of Commerce held last week was one of the best attended and interesting events in the history of that important adjunct to our city.

More than one hundred and twenty-five banqueters occupied seats at the tables and regaled themselves with the big dinner served by the committee having it in charge.

Especially fine decorations graced the auditorium, beautiful in simplicity with just the right touch of light and color to be in keeping with the occasion. Songs under the leadership of Rev. W. J. Rooke with Bert Rummier at the piano "Smiles", "Stand by your town" and "America" were sung. The Legion quartet Don Cook, Clayton Knapp, Spencer Smith and Bert Rummier, gave selections and Roy Simmons rendered several solos, calling forth much applause.

Adelbert M. Hall was toastmaster and congratulated the large membership present and of their interest shown in the organization and of the things appertaining to the betterment of the city. Reading of the records by Byron F. Brown, Secretary was followed by a short speech from Mayor Fred A. Washburn who urged the propriety of keeping our city in the front rank of steady and substantial improvements and especially of cleanliness, sanitary measures and of good health. He touched upon the question of population which has ranked in the breasts of our citizens ever since the census list was given out by the government and from the special enumerating committees reported appointed by him recently, showed that the city has a population of 4,259. First ward 1,365. Second ward 1,192. Third ward 1,705.

Interest centered in the speech by David Friday, Prof. of Economics in the State University, Ann Arbor, who held the earnest attention of all for more than an hour with a most interesting address on the "Curse of Peace", dealing with the problems now confronting us in the lines of finance, industry, high cost of living adequate wages, foreign relations, etc., and was optimistic that out of all this chaos relegated to the nation from the late war and attempts at readjustment since the declaration of peace, no malice would come.

Mr. Friday had much to do in official life in Washington, New York and other cities during the war and could speak from experience. New officers elected were: President, E. C. Lloyd; Vice President, Clyde A. Knapp; Treasurer, Meriton Smith; Directors, Henry J. Leonard, W. P. Hetherington and Walter Ireland.

Gave Farewell Party
Neighbors and relatives to the number of about fifty gathered at the home of Mrs. Lena Engemann, 914 James street, Monday evening, and bid farewell to Frank J. Engemann and family, who are moving to Kalamazoo this week. A social evening was enjoyed after which light refreshments were served and the guests departed for their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Engemann and family success and happiness in their new home.

Daughters of Veterans
The tent will hold their meeting Thursday night instead of Friday, this week. This will be our last meeting before Decoration Day.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

While Mrs. George Farthing was driving south on Bridge street, Wednesday afternoon and as she was to turn east on Center street, passing another vehicle also going south, a truck driven by C. M. Lomis, a farmer living between here and Greenville approached from the south and the three formed a mix-up out of which came a runaway horse with a buggy overturned on the pavement with Mrs. Farthing down underneath it. Groceries were scattered all over the pavement and the frightened animal was caught in the rear of the Elmer Wise residence. Luckily no one was seriously injured and outside of the wrecked buggy no other damage is reported, although Mrs. Farthing was badly shaken and was unable to go around for several days after the accident.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE "ALASKA WONDERLAND OF AMERICA"

TO BE GIVEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF LITERARY EXCHANGE CLUB

On Friday evening, May 27th at 8 o'clock in the Congregational church there will be a lecture—"Alaska, the wonderland of America", illustrated by 30 slides.

This entertainment comes recommended as especially fine. Mrs. Lena Leonard Fuller has also kindly consented to sing and all of our people will surely welcome the opportunity of listening to her. Mrs. Hockstad will give two pipe organ solos which will be well worth the while.

The ladies feel that they are presenting an entertainment of high order as a part of their club work and not as a money making scheme. An admission of ten cents will be charged to cover expenses of the evening.

CENSUS FIGURES ARE SWELLED IN UNOFFICIAL COURT

LOCAL CENSUS SHOW POPULATION GAIN INSTEAD OF A SEVERAL HUNDRED LOSS

Ever since the government official census figures were handed out after the last census, there has been dissatisfaction with the count and several times talk was heard that there should be another count taken to show up that the city had made a gain instead of a loss of 208, as was shown, the figures of 1910 having been 4,119 and the figures for 1920 having been given out as 3,911.

Recently as a result of action taken by the board of commerce, a local and unofficial census was taken and this showed that instead of the city having lost any in population, they had actually gained, the count having disclosed 1,326 people living in the first ward, 1,192 in the second ward and 1,705 in the Third ward, a total of 4,259, or 348 more than the official enumerators had counted.

Of course, the latest figures will have no bearing on the official count but it will serve to show that the city has not been slipping backward in population.

CHURCH FREED OF DEBT AS THE MORTGAGE BURNS

CONGREGATIONALISTS ARE JULIANT AND CELEBRATE WIPING OUT OF DEBT

A very pleasant social gathering of members of the Congregational church and society held Monday was featured with the burning of a \$1200 mortgage which had been hanging over the church edifice for the past eight years. Another feature intensely interesting and instructive was an address or lecture given by Rev. W. J. Rooke, highly illustrated with the screen pictures entitled "The shines of Congregationalism" which took the audience through many lands from the days of the Puritan fathers to the present time. Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock and more than fifty sat at the tables where the eats were Bohemian and nothing was lacking which the appetite coveted.

After the lecture the President of the board of trustees, H. A. Smith gave a history of the mortgage, a motion was made that it be burned and Miss Elise Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Connell, was called upon to apply the torch and it was soon reduced to ashes. It was suggested that the ashes be scattered to the four winds of heaven but some of the members thought it better to cork them up in a bottle and have deacon, "Judge" Lapham hang them on the highest pinnacle of the steeple.

"The Sweet Family Entertainment"
The Daughters of Veterans have been requested to repeat their play, "The Sweet Family" and have decided to give it at the Smyrna Maccabee hall, May 20th. The proceeds will be used in repairing the G. A. R. hall. This is for a good cause and the "Daughters" will appreciate your patronage. Help by buying a ticket. Admission: 15 and 28 cents. Dance after the show.

More Illegal Fishing
Hart Clemmons, Lloyd Bremmer, Russell Frank, Harry Oliver and Morris Clemmons, of St. Johns, were brought before Justice Lapham on Monday and were charged by Deputy Game and Fish Warden Cook with fishing with set lines at the Commonwealth dam on Grand River, below Lyons, Sunday. They plead guilty and were fined \$5.00 and costs of \$4.20 each or were to take 20 days in the county jail as an alternative. All dug down for the money and shoved the cash over to the justice.

See Charlie Chaplin in "The Kid". Empress theatre, May 23 and 24.

STATE TO AID IN GRASSHOPPER WAR

State aid for farmers in their war against the grasshopper pest was granted by the recent legislature with the appropriation of \$40,000 to be used to reimburse counties for one-half the money spent for poison-bait.

Because of the seriousness of the pest during the past season, the Entomology Department of the Michigan Agricultural College is urging counties in the grasshopper region to be prepared for a probably similar outbreak this year. The work in each county is to be in charge of a man appointed by the county supervisors who in most cases will probably be the county agricultural agent.

No Cause For Action

The jury in the case of the People against Wilbur Wood in which assault and battery was charged by the complaining witness, Ella Lehman, brought in a verdict of no cause for action, when the case was tried on Wednesday. Two women on the jury Mrs. George Kingsbury and Mrs. George Carothers, helped in bringing in the verdict. The jury in the case of George Hubbard and Guy Wright also brought in a verdict of no cause for action when the case was detailed to them. Both actions were before Judge Lapham.

EMPRESS THEATRE TO SHOW "WHILE NEW YORK SLEEPS"

THRILLING PHOTOPLAY REFLECTS MANY OF THE BIG CITY'S MYSTERY CASES

New York's notorious mystery sensation which provides interesting reading matter to the public day in and day out, are reflected vividly in the coming attraction at the Empress theatre where "While New York Sleeps" will be shown May 23 and 26. This widely heralded production, accented as the stage screen melodrama of all time, gives a very intimate knowledge into life among the gayest of New York's gay as well as an insight into the East Side.

Director Charles J. Brabin, who staged the production for the Fox Film Corporation, has made the picture in episodic form, telling his story in three incidents, each of which is intensely dramatic and interesting. In fidelity to insure perfect realism and fidelity to detail the director obtained the assistance of the New York police department and well-known newspaper reporters, who gave him the benefit of their knowledge of all degrees of New York society. The third episode is unusually sensational, depicting a tragedy of the East Side. The famous New York police boat is seen in a thrilling midnight pistol battle with a gang of robbers, staged on East river, within the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge. Recreational policemen manned the boat and took part in the fight.

Among the many interesting features of the picture are scenes in a millionaire's home, along the Gay White Way and the river front district of the East Side. Many types of people who from the population of the great metropolis are encountered. The spectator is treated to a glimpse on the roof of the New Amsterdam theatre and sees a dancing number from Ziegfeld's Midnight Frolic, together with gorgeous scenes filmed in the Palais Royal.

Ladies Literary Exchange Club

The next regular meeting of the club will be held in the Congregational church dining room, Friday evening, May 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Members please come promptly as the meeting will close at eight o'clock for the illustrated lecture and musical auditorium.

Announce Engagement
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Loewe announce the engagement of their daughter, Norma, to Mr. Nathaniel Stimson, of Marysville, Mich. The wedding will take place June 1st.

Our Birthday

Well, dear folks, it is just 33 years ago that Judge Lapham and Charles R. Cowdin started this newspaper—that is the Banner and it is just exactly three years ago that the Banner and the News were merged into the one publication. Well, we didn't want it to go by unnoticed and so we're telling you that even a newspaper has a birthday now and then and while we're waiting for some one to wish us well in the future, which we aren't expecting, we're going to shake hands with ourselves and hope that we'll be here for 133 years more.

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JAPS MADE ATTACK ON U. S. ARSENAL

LOCAL BOY IN HAWAIIAN TERRITORY WRITES OF LIFE IN U. S. CAVALRY

Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway Burns, of 648 Morton avenue, have received the following letter from their son, Robert, who is with the U. S. Cavalry forces stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaiian Islands.

It is as follows:
Dear folks at home:—

I haven't written a letter for some time and I have lots of news. First of all is, I have to write a letter on or before Mothers' Day or I'll get a court-martial, that applies to all the men, so I am writing with the stationery the amusement hall gives out for that purpose. A while ago we had an explosion, some Jap threw a bomb in the powder magazine and blew it all to pieces and killed two sentries and also wounded some. K troop sent out a patrol to the reservoir. They thought they might attack us and blow up our water supply but we put a chain guard around it and they got fooled. You see we are on the water saving system. The reservoir holds enough water for 30 days for all the men in the post so we can't waste any. It rains quite often here. There isn't much danger of running out of water. The squadrons just came back from a hike and we go out next week again, that is to help save water. I got out of school in three weeks and I am classed as one of the best in school so you see I get some good out of it. We will go on the shooting range in a month, that will keep us busy till fall or September. There is no change in the climate, only it gets wetter than water. We have all kinds of stuff to drink and it sure would cure a man from drinking any more, it is named Okelohel. It is pronounced O-ker-le-hou, some name I call it. There are lots of pretty places in this rock, if you want to see them. We had a fine time during the blowout for the troop. Just got their four day pass coming yet and I am in on it. Today was pay day and the boys are sitting around gambling. I haven't gambled yet. Say write to me and tell me if you get the \$15 for February. They took it out of this pay day and it put me in the hole. If you don't get it write and tell me. Write for all of the payments. If you don't get them I lose the money because they take it out just the same. Tell Margaret I will write later as I am so busy now. Tell dad there is only two things to hunt and that is wild geese and drink. There are a lot of chocolate dames everywhere.

Tell all the white girls I am still in favor of them because the women here look all alike and you can't tell them apart.

This is for now. I am well and hope you are the same.
From,
Pvt. Robert Burns.

Grand Old Man Is Dead

Dennis Hogan of the north side, was called to Ionia last week by the serious illness of his father, Dennis M. Hogan, sr., and the latter's death occurred at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Matt Bethan, of Ionia, Wednesday. The funeral was held from SS. Peter and Paul church at Ionia, Friday morning, Rev. F. H. D. McCarthy officiating and burial was in the cemetery at Hubbardston by the side of his wife who had preceded him to the reward of lives well spent, some six years ago. Six children are left to survive, as follows: Dennis M. Hogan, of this city, Thomas James and John Hogan and Mrs. Dan Feehan and Mrs. Matt Beahan. Mr. Hogan was well known in this city having made his home with his son here at several times. He was a splendid type of the passing pioneer and his honest, staunch Christian character was well worth patterning after and made other people with whom he came in contact lead better lives.

They Liked Walking

Wm. and Jacob Trapp, of Grand Rapids, were hiking through Osom Grand Rapids to Long lake and stopped here Wednesday night continuing on the next morning. Leaving Dodson's Hotel, at Long lake, which they said just suited them in every way, they continued on to Ionia, Saranac and Lowell on their return to Grand Rapids.

Memorial Day At Ashley

Rev. Ellis and others of the Ashley church are making big plans for the Memorial Day exercises which they are going to have. There will be a big picnic dinner and a program in the afternoon and everybody is invited to come out and enjoy the day and assist in a proper observance of the memory of the great majority.

Mr. Henry Spencer and wife and their son, Mr. Leo Spencer and wife of Grand Rapids, were in Belding on Sunday visiting Mr. H. Spencer's mother, Mrs. Celia Spencer, of South Bridge street and called on other relatives.

Yourself and lady are cordially invited to attend Bakeman & Son's Social Dance

at the Way-Side Inn, Kiddyville

SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 21, 1921

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