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OUR GREAT ARMY CANNING CONTEST

The Following is to the Boys and Girls of Michigan, Published and Edited by Fred L. Keeler.

We are at war. Our country has called the men of the nation to its defense. On the fifth of June ten million men reported ready for orders. Many have already gone, others are on the way, many will soon depart—all to fight the powerful foe across the sea. On the door of yonder home we read the sign: "A Man From This House is Fighting For His Country."

We are startled, pain grips us—for we know that at last, war has crossed the threshold, banished joy, bid sorrow enter.

But as that fine company of men march away we feel the sober determination that speaks from their faces and at once we take courage for we know they will meet the terrors of a battlefield—death itself—as Americans always have when duty called.

I changed the other day to travel a little way with an old man, a tried and true American. He was bound for his old home to celebrate his birthday when forecure years ago he was born. The brown button on his breast told me he was of the Grand Army of the Republic. I asked him about the service and he told me four years of fighting for the Union—of battles, wounds, hunger, death in prison pens, incredible suffering.

"That was a terrible trial!" I exclaimed. "I marvel that you lived through it."

The old veteran replied simply: "I did my part. I obeyed orders."

That speech comes to me again and again—I did my part. I obeyed orders. On the 4th of September Uncle Sam called an army which surpasses all the armed hosts of Europe. More than twenty million boys and girls reported at the public School, the training camp of American Democracy.

And here are the orders of the Commander in Chief: Boys and Girls of America! I have always need of you. You are my Grand Army of Preparedness. I am upon you for tasks for the safety of the Republic. The worst enemy in our land is the ignorant man or woman. You are to be intelligent men and women. Every time you get a lesson well you strike a blow at ignorance.

But today I am much in need of you. I am distressed by enemies across the sea. I depend upon you, Boys and Girls, to help destroy their power, to bring to their aid of the liberty we enjoy.

How can you do this? Every boy and girl that breathes deep, sleeps well, and eats right, serves our country.

Every boy that pulls a weed and plants a seed, feeds an American boy in the trenches, and besides, puts food in the pantry while father is at the front.

Every girl that makes a handkerchief, a soldier's pain; and when she sweeps and dusts a room gives mother added strength to meet the care and grief that mothers always bear in cruel war.

Boys and girls, be strong, work hard. Do the dishes and keep the woodbox full. On every home put up the sign: "The Boys and Girls of This House do Their Part—They Obey Orders."

Safe Remedy for Children. Charles Baker, Brownsville, Texas, writes: "For years I have used your Eucalypti and I have found it especially efficient for bad colds, whooping cough, and all the ailments of children as it contains no opiates. It is certain to bring quick relief." Always coughs. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Three Girls From Birmingham Were Chosen to Represent Bloomfield Club at the State Fair.

The girls of the Bloomfield Garden and Canning Club brought their canning work to a very successful close in exhibiting their canned products at the State Fair. Not being satisfied with their work, they entered into the children's competition which gave them the privilege of exhibiting six fruit jars of canned vegetables, six of the girls entered 19 of their quart jars in the class with the older people. At the close of the fair, they marched away at the expense of their elders, with seven first premiums and six seconds. This is very worthy of attention when it is known that this was the first year the girls had done any canning and the oldest one only 14.

The following girls obtained premiums are given below: Gladys Denham, 11 years old, 1 quart English cut string beans, first prize; Mildred Stephens, 12 years, 1 quart of peas, first prize; 1 quart of beans, second prize; 1 quart of cherries, second prize; 1 quart of pickled cucumbers, second prize; Alice Viet, 12 years, 1 quart of peas, first prize; 1 quart of corn on cob, first prize; 1 quart of peas, second prize; Margaret Uria, 12 years, 1 quart of sliced carrots, first prize; 1 quart of beets, first prize; 1 quart of carrots, second prize.

Catherine Uris, 14 years, 1 quart of string beans, second prize; This canning work which the girls did is not all. From this number was chosen Herma Reynolds, Margaret Green, and Alice Viet of Birmingham, to represent the Bloomfield Garden and Canning Club in the State Fair Canning contest. The work the girls did was worthy of comment. Herma Reynolds gifted with a pleasing manner was selected as speaker for the team. She opened her introduction by first introducing her team members, Miss Margaret Green, and Miss Alice Viet. She began then to explain about the intricacies of canning. She explained that it was a serious cold-packing method and defined the terms necessary for the understanding of this method. As part of their demonstration, they were to can carrots, tomatoes and pimientos. These were taken up in their order of sterilization as they explained in detail as to cleaning, blanching, cold-dipping, packing, and sterilization, while the work was being done by her able assistant. To fill in her time fully while the canning was being done, she explained how to can the different tininesses of syrup and the canning of the different classes of fruit. She next discussed the points to be observed in the purchasing of the three principle types of jars, the screw top or Mason Jar, the wire bail or glass jar, and the self-sealing or vacuum jar, and the necessary qualities for a good rubber. She explained very clearly to the people that to can by this one-period cold-packing method, it was necessary to buy expensive apparatus. This apparatus was only necessary to have something deep enough so that a false bottom could be used, and still deep enough that an inch of water could be had over the top of the jar. This false bottom could be made of wooden staves or wire. The speaker was very emphatic in telling them never to use excruciator, old rags or such like, for it would not allow circulation. In concluding she answered many questions asked by her audience and then returned their thanks to Agricultural County agent, the Michigan Agricultural College, and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for any further information they desire on this in this one-period cold-packing method.

It is not known by the Bloomfield Club what team was the lucky one, but it is felt by all who heard them that they made a very creditable showing, and the Bloomfield Club is very proud of having so able a team to represent them.

The canning contest as worked out by the state leaders this year had to be a special experiment until they could get some of the boys and girls would take hold of it. As such it was open for girls from 10 to 18 years of age. Arrangements are underway to remedy this. Another year there will be a Junior contest for girls and boys from 10 to 14, and a Senior contest for those 14 to 18 years of age. This will place the work on a more equal basis. If this method had been in practice this year, the leader of the Bloomfield team felt they would have been among the first in the Junior contest, as it they will not be very far down the list of 28 teams competing.

The girls are determined whether the lot or you to make the spring year a bigger and better one.

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Garrick Theatre.

"Very Good Eddie" was first produced at the Garrick Theatre in Detroit a year and a half ago, the general verdict pronounced it the brightest and smartest of all musical comedies yet presented. Some twenty months have passed since then, and no musical production has yet taken that distinction away from "Very Good Eddie," which will again come to the Garrick Theatre for a weeks' engagement beginning next Monday evening.

Since it first appeared in Detroit, "Very Good Eddie" charmed Broadway for a year and delighted Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago for an entire season. Thus, "Very Good Eddie," as it will be presented here on the present occasion, should be the most satisfying comedy yet presented. The cast will include such Broadway favorites as Danigan Maly, Georgia Mack, Harry Meyers, Theodora Warfield and others, as was the famous French Theatre manager, personally selected by Elizabeth Marbury.

Detroit needs not to be told of the many fascinating features of "Very Good Eddie," an exuberantly funny book by Philip Bartholomae and Guy Bolton, its tubular melodies by Jerome Kern, nor its many up-to-date novelties which have caused the show to be referred to as "the musical comedy that differs."

Hardast Worked Need Help First. Through all the years the kidneys are at work filtering out impurities that poison the blood if permitted to remain. Is it any wonder that they are overworked and in need of help? Foley's Kidney Pills are tonic and strengthen the system in action. Get rid of backache, rheumatic pain, stiff joints, sore muscles. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham Michigan, P. O. for the week ending Sept. 22.

Barrett, Mrs. Jay; Ayer, Floyd; Boylan, Mrs. Daniel; Campbell, Miss Evaline; Cole, Mrs. Robert; Carrier, Mrs. M. O.; Darling, Glenn J.; Hoge, & Co. W. H.; Hatching, Mrs. J.; Jones, Miss C. B.; Acheson, Miss I. care of Mrs. W. H. Murphy; Burkie, Mr. J.; Schmitt, Miss Mary; Sweet, Mrs. Ros E.; Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Harold; Whiteley, M. B.; Webster, Willis A.

POST CARDS

Fowler, Mabel; One card, no name; Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

EARL R. RICE, PH. D., PASTOR.

Dr. Rice, the newly appointed pastor, will preach both at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. next Sunday.

Rogers Wakefield is to lead the department meeting of the Epworth League, Sunday evening, at 6:30. Subject: "Discouragement and its Cure."

The Bible School invites everybody to its one hour sessions, from 12 to 1 o'clock, each Sunday.

Adult Class meeting Sunday evening at 6:45, in the north-west classroom. Mid-week Fellowship Meeting, Wednesday, at 7:45. This is for all.

WORK RED CROSS

Needs More Workers at Their Headquarters. Every Woman Must Do Her Bit For Our Boys.

We are in war, and the demands are coming millionsfold for hospital supplies and knitted garments. Birmingham has done a splendid amount of work so far, but there are still a great many who have as yet done nothing to aid in this splendid work, and it is to these we make this appeal.

Your country needs your help. We now have plenty of yarn and other materials for those who prefer to work at home. Mrs. Sibley and Mrs. Poppleton are in charge of the sewing, and Miss Grant of the knitting. Those wanting work will find these ladies at the Red Cross rooms Tuesday morning and Thursday and Saturday afternoons. If you are not able to call for the work, it can be brought to you.

The dressmaking class will be started the second week in October. Those wishing to join may register their name at the Red Cross rooms. If there are any of our Birmingham boys who have not been supplied with needed knitted garments, the society will gladly furnish them if they or their friends will give us their names.

Amount of work turned out since the middle of July: 3110 surgical dressings, 25 hospital shirts, 19 pairs of pajamas, 46 pairs of socks.

MRS. W. C. HARRIS, Chairman.

Will Be Repaid for Their Work. Women everywhere suffer from kidney trouble—backache, rheumatic pains, swollen and tender muscles, stiff joints, etc. Mrs. C. E. Ellis, 509 Eighth Avenue, Sioux Falls, Iowa, writes: "I feel sure if anyone bothered as I was will give Foley's Kidney Pills a trial they will be repaid for their work." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

Divine worship at 10:30, subject "Present Day regard for Life."

At 11:45 Bible School. This school is up to date, there is a class for every member of the family.

Young Peoples meeting 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. A popular and helpful service. The Pastor will speak on "Present Day Parity."

Wednesday evening mid-week meeting. One hour of good fellowship. Come with us at 7:30. The Home-Like Church.

Becoming possessed with the laudable desire to have a home in Birmingham, John J. Gaffill, a Detroit attorney with offices at 910 Ford Building, has purchased from R. D. Lacombe the property on the west side of Southfield Avenue, formerly owned by J. N. Baker, and after extensive repairs and improvements, will occupy it with his family November 1. The sale was made by the real estate corporation of Whitehead & Standart Company.

John K. Adams, age 73 years, died of cancer of the liver, Saturday at his farm home on the west road. He is survived by a widow, four daughters, Mrs. Mabel Cracker, of Detroit, Mrs. Nellie Foshacker, of Chicago, Mrs. Marjorie Strife, of New Baltimore, O., and Mrs. Grace Adams, at home, and three sons, Charles of Denver, Colorado, Fred at home, and Al Ruben of Detroit. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his late home. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Looking Forward. To refuse to be satisfied with one's accomplishments, however well a work has been done, or however much it is praised, is essential for real progress. When a noted astronomer modestly explained his triumph by saying, "It is because for the time I was a boy, no matter what I had to do, I tried to do it a little better than it had been done before," he suggested a worthy motto for everyone. For, says the ideal is always looking forward; the famous man considered not so much what others had done as what he, by effectively surpassing them, could do. And when he had done well, he thought not of his past successes, but of his future possibilities.

To Kill the Cockroach. The daily use of rosenberry or cresonella, eucalyptus, wood naphtha, crotonol placed near the haunts of cockroaches for two or three weeks is believed to effectively dispense them. If the odor of these is distasteful, an odorless dusting powder may be used. Of these sodium fluoride has been found to be most effective; it is cheap and it keeps for a long time.

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Compare the price with that you are paying.

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An Almost Invisible Animal. In a recent contribution to the Field Frances Pitt gives some interesting observations on the interesting coloring of the water shrew. The shrew I had caught, she says, soon made itself at home in the small aquarium prepared for it and swam round examining the ferns, stones and moss. It was noteworthy that when swimming on the surface it floated quite high in the water, being only submerged to the line where its black and white fur met. But it seemed to prefer a submerged mode of progression, and soon beneath the surface took its time. When viewed from above it appeared as a streak of silver on account of the numerous bubbles caught in its fur. When seen from the side, through the water, the effect was quite different: the little animal was nearly invisible. It was even more difficult to see when I cut off the side light and had only a light from the top—when the conditions were those that occur in a pond or stream. Then the bubbles of air entrained in its fur, cast shadows such a perfect reflecting surface that its surroundings were mirrored in it and the white stomach neutralized the shadows.

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A Reasonable Supposition. The farmer alleged a freight train of his mules, when hit by the train of the farmer. "Now, Mr. Jones," said the attorney for the corporation to the aggrieved party, who occupied the witness stand, "will you kindly tell the court whether or not your mule was on the track, the property of the defendant company had hit one of the mules." "Now, Mr. Jones," said the attorney for the corporation to the aggrieved party, who occupied the witness stand, "will you kindly tell the court whether or not your mule was on the track, the property of the defendant company had hit one of the mules." "Well, sir," replied Mr. Jones, "I didn't witness the occurrence, but I suppose things must have been about as you say. This was a pretty bright mule and I reckon if that train had look out after him in the woods which fringe their track there where he was killed he would have got behind a tree."

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