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FORTIETH YEAR. NO. 50. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1918. WHOLE NUMBER, 2077.

CHANGE IN NAME

Birmingham Unit of Red Cross Will Be Known as Bloomfield Unit of Oak. Co. Chapter A. R. C.

At the annual meeting of the Birmingham Unit, American Red Cross, the following officers were elected for the coming year.

Chairman—Mrs. W. C. Harris.
Vice-chairman—Mrs. Lawrence Wendell.
Secretary—Mrs. A. C. McGraw.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. A. Gordon.

The name of the unit was changed to Bloomfield Unit, Oakland County Chapter, A. R. C. The treasurer reported gifts to the following Red Cross activities: American Relief, $100.00; Soldier's Library Fund $25.00; Oakland County Patriotic League, $100.00; Detroit Red Cross Chapter, $200.00; Soldier's Xmas Packages, $71.67.

Total amount collected during year $1301.14.

Funds in bank, drawing interest, $300.00.

Funds in current expense account, $171.24.

The Chairman reported the following list of articles made during the year: Surgical dressings, 43,068; Knitted articles, 688; Hospital garments, 431; Hospital furnishings, 486.

Considering the number of work days, and the average attendance in the work room, the women of Birmingham have made a remarkable showing, and are to be congratulated, not only on the quantity of work turned out, but also upon the quality of the work.

There have been four large classes in surgical dressings, two conducted by Mrs. W. C. Harris, one by Mrs. Geo. A. Ferguson, and one by Mrs. Herbert Poppleton. Another class is now registering, and will be under the supervision of Mrs. W. C. Harris. Birmingham boasts the distinction of having seven White Card instructors, who hold their certificates under the government, and are subject to call for teaching at any time, and all are volunteer teachers. Their names are, Mrs. W. C. Harris, Mrs. George Ferguson, Mrs. Herbert Poppleton, Mrs. Louis Hupp, Mrs. A. C. McGraw, Mrs. Charles Wilcox, and Mrs. Lawrence Weadell. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Harris for her untiring efforts to make the Birmingham work room one of supreme excellence. She has proven herself to be an instructor of the highest grade, and her resourcefulness and tact have created an atmosphere of harmony that is unusual in so large an organization.

The funds of the unit have been considerably augmented by the receipt of $324.64 from the Womans Literary Club of Birmingham, this being one half of the proceeds from the entertainment, "Cherry Blossom," so ably conducted by Mrs. Potter of this place.

We hope that the women of Birmingham will be so proud of this report, that they will resolve to give a certain, definite time each week to the making of surgical dressings and hospital supplies. The call has come for more dressings, and still more dressings, and we need additional help in the work room if we are to supply the needs of our men at the front.

Surgical Dressings

Interminable folds of gauze
For those whom we shall never see.
Remember when your fingers pause,
That every drop of blood to stain
This whiteness, falls for you and me.
Part of the price that keeps us free
To serve our own; that keeps us clean
From shame that other women know.
Oh saviors we have never seen,
Forgive us that we are so slow!
God—if that blood should cry in vain
And we have let our moment go!
—Amelia Josephine Burr, in the Southern Woman's Magazine.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, inclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Many of our older residents will remember the Society for Village Improvement, which flourished during the lifetime of Martha Baldwin and under her leadership.

Accomplished many things for the village. They will be interested to know that last week this society was renewed and again became a force in the village life.

The meeting was called by Mrs. Cooper, the vice president. Six members of old society being present.

Eighteen new members were admitted and new officers elected. Mr. McKnight, president; Mrs. Slater, vice-president; Mrs. Osborn, secretary and treasurer.

Much good can be accomplished by an organization of this kind if properly managed.

Any resident of Birmingham is eligible to membership in this society and it is hoped that all public spirited citizens will lend their support and co-operation in making our village as beautiful as it may be.

Mr. Abbott the new village manager addressed the meeting briefly outlining his aims and methods.

The Boy Scouts have already shown their civic spirit by raking up the park this week.

Let the good work go on.

The Woman Found Relief.

Backache, sore muscles, stiff or swollen joints, rheumatic pains, dizziness and like symptoms are caused by disordered kidneys and bladder. Mrs. Thos. H. Davis, Montgomery, R. F. D. 3, Ind., writes: "I doctored months without relief. I commenced using Foley Kidney Pills and got relief. Eight bottles cured me." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Re-living The Slogan of '76

Remember that cry (deep as the seas, wide as the heavens) which burst from the thirteen American colonies when threatened by unjust taxation?

The whole-hearted, fight-to-the-limit, Americanism of it?

Listen: "MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE, BUT NOT ONE CENT FOR TRIBUTE."

Not one cent for tribute. Yet the question was merely one of those easily-adjusted matters between parent country and child colony which mutual tolerance and mediation might correct.

Millions for defense. And our crude Atlantic-coast forefathers hadn't even thousands then, where the wideflung states and cities of our modern America have **hundreds** of thousands!

Doesn't the character-brawn, the sheer brute bravery, of that cry of '76 shock you into admiration—into a pride of race that is beyond all pride of wealth or attainment?

"Millions for defense! Thank God we have them. For here is no puny point of politics confronting a few infant colonies, but a tremendous, world-eclipsing struggle of Right against Might, whose stake is the Tomorrows of the World!

Let's coin the courage of our forefathers—"Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute"—into War Savings Stamps, proving that the slogan of '76 is not a dead, historic memory, but a present, live, indomitable creed of co-operation and of victory!

For as we lend to the limit, so America will defend to the limit!

Garrick Theatre.

"The Brat," produced under the direction of Oliver Morosco will be the attraction at the Garrick theatre for an engagement of one week, beginning Monday evening, April 15. This delightful comedy success comes to Detroit direct from an all season's run at the Morosco theatre, New York City, and four months at the Colonial theatre, Chicago, while it has also to its credit runs of three months in Boston, and two months in Philadelphia. "The Brat" has scored successfully on the Pacific Coast, it being produced for the first time on any stage at the Morosco theatre in Los Angeles. The piece is now on the way for a return tour of the Pacific Coast, where it is expected to repeat its phenomenal success of three years ago, Detroit being one of the first stops on the route west.

"The Brat" was written by Maude Fulton, formerly the dancing partner of William Rock, of the now famous vaudeville dancing team of Rock & Fulton, which headlined every principal big time vaudeville theatre, in the country for vaudeville theatre in the country for eight years. Miss Fulton not only wrote the play, but appears in the leading role as well. It tells the story of a sophisticated street waif who has landed in the Woman's Night Court for the first time, but who has committed no offense.

Before the fall of the curtain in the third and final act of the play, Miss Fulton gives her audience an opportunity of seeing her dance once more, proving to them before they leave the theatre, that almost unbelievable fact, that of a little dancer writing a successful play, which was one of the biggest New York hits last season, and then playing the stellar role in her own play, which was also one of the real sensations of the season last year in New York City. Popular one dollar matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday.

OAKLAND CO. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

School Commissioner Craft wishes to announce to the teachers of Oakland county that the next inspirational institute will be held at the high school auditorium in the city of Pontiac on Friday, October 4, 1918. Both day and evening sessions will be held. For some time it has been considered advisable to change the date of the Institute meetings from January and February to an earlier date of the school year. It has therefore been decided by the state superintendent of public instruction and school commissioner to hold the county institutes about the first week of October, thus giving the teachers the benefits of such meetings at the beginning of the school year, and also to avoid as much as possible the severe cold weather and bad roads usually prevalent in the winter. The following talent has been assigned for the first autumn meeting. Instructor—Hon. Fred L. Keeler, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lansing; Instructor—Hon. Woodbridge N. Ferris, Ex-Governor of Michigan; Lecturer—Rev. William Rainey Hennes D. D. of Chicago who will give his famous address "The Man Who Can" in the evening, and "The Master Thought" in the afternoon. Dr. Bennett is the greatest institute lecturer ever brought to Oakland county. He is not only an orater of National reputation but is a fine tenor soloist and will sing one number at the meeting.

Vocalist, Prof. Carl Lindegren; Basso, Cantante of Ypsilanti Normal Conservatory of Music will have charge of the vocal music, and an effort is being made to have the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to furnish the instrumental music. In addition to the above several local musicians and entertainers will appear on the program. School Commissioner A. L. Craft has been appointed conductor of the institute.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Birmingham Club Sundays 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School same hour.

Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks, have returned from a winter's stay at Tampa, Florida.

FARMERS ATTENTION.

I have decided to put a few Tractors, with plows, disc harrows, and spike-tooth harrows, to work around Birmingham and Farmington, Michigan. I propose to do plowing, double disc harrowing and spike-tooth harrowing cheaper than the farmers can do it themselves, and thereby enable farmers to plant a greater acreage, and to assist them in producing more food to help some in a small way to win the war. I hope that the work that I may be able to do will be in addition to and in no way interfere with your regular work.

I propose to charge $2.00 per acre for plowing, 75c per acre for double disc-ing, and 50c per acre for spike-tooth harrowing, and 50c per acre for pulverizing and packing with a double corrugated roller.

Or will lease the Tractor, including the operator and any equipment that is regularly used with the Tractor, for $15 per day.

I propose, as far as practicable, to take the work in regular order, to do work on adjoining farms so that as we pass on any road we can do all of the work that may be requested for a period of at least two weeks, after which we may return over the same road.

I propose to confine the work, for the time being, within a radius of three miles of the above villages. Farmers desiring work done as above outlined should communicate with me as early as possible, stating approximately the number of acres they want us to operate upon, the time that they desire the work done (always give a range of two weeks for us to do the work) so that we can work to good advantage.

In requesting work to be done, be sure to give name of farm, owner's name, and the distance from center of the town, as well as the distance travelled in each direction in order to reach your farm.

Inasmuch as it is my purpose to help increase the acreage and to assist the farmer to accomplish as much as possible in the shortest space of time, I must refuse to undertake to operate on any fields that are too stony, too hilly, too stumpy, or two small to be worked to good advantage. Therefore do not request that work be done on such fields

We urge that you work your small and odd shape fields with your horses, and let us work your larger fields with Tractors.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Viel the former history teacher of Junior and Senior High Schools has given up the position here but she will resume the work in the West. The pupils and faculty are very sorry to lose her.

Seven teachers of the High Schools and practically 50 per cent of the pupils were absent Monday as a result of the influenzia, an epedimic that is sweeping Michigan.

John Luscombe is confined at home with scarlet fever. The family is in quarantine.

Miss Mary Geach arrived Friday morning and will assume Miss Viel's teaching.

The sale of War Saving Stamps in the High School is progressing rapidly. The Junior High has now purchased one hundred and thirty dollars worth and the Senior High has purchased thirty eight dollars worth.

As the basketball season is closed the boys of the high school have started practice for their base ball season. It is hoped our teams may be as successful as the foot ball and basket ball teams have been this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ward have moved from Pierce street to a farm near Romeo.

Mrs. Harry Reynolds, of Toledo, Ohio, has been a recent visitor of her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Johnson on Brown street.

FROM FIRING LINE

Another Interesting Letter "From Somewhere in France"—The Boys Glad to Hear from Home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schwanbeck, of 418 Greenwood avenue received the following letter from their only son. He is just 19 years old.

Somewhere in France
March 1st, 1918.

My dear Dad, Mother and little Sister:

Received your letter of January 5 about a week ago and am answering it at my first opportunity.

There were 12 fellows out of our company, including myself, who went on a long trip after new ambulances for the company. The trip lasted two weeks and we surely had a fine tour of France, from coast to border.

I have received all of the Christmas boxes, and both money orders, also numerous packages of papers, and to express my appreciation to you is impossible, and surely nothing could have come in more useful than the things you sent, as they are luxuries to us boys over here. The money you sent surely came in handy, as when we have money us fellows eat in the Cafes, which tends to relieve the monotony over here.

As soon as we finish our first turn in the trenches (that is, at school) we will go back to our rest camp, and then the fellows who have behaved themselves get a furlough for a week to go practically where they like.

Now that the Government requires every soldier to send home one-half of his pay, it makes it kind of hard for a fellow to go on his vacation and stay his whole week on the pay we receive. So I am asking you as a special favor to send me about $25 out of my allowance home, as it will get here as my furlough comes due. You may not have received the money from the Government as yet, but it will come in the course of time, and then it will come regularly, and by the time this letter reaches you I will have money from January, February and March on the way to you. After you send this to me I will make the money I receive do me, as there are only a couple of cities in France of any importance that I have not seen, but I would like to take a trip in the southern part of France to see what it is like.

And believe me, I have seen some traveling in France; moreso than some of the other fellows who were not so fortunate as to go on the auto trips with us. So if you will send me the money, please telegraph it to me or cable it, as it will not cost much more and will come much quicker. We are always near a telegraph office (U. S.) and I will have no difficulty in getting the money.

We are now in a town in France where the Germans were a year ago, and they certainly did their best to ruin this town, as half of it is in total ruins. We are not far from the firing line, and a couple of days ago we witnessed our first air battle, and thrilling is no word for it. It took place right near the town in plain view, and we saw a fine exhibition of air fighting before the French plane brought the German plane down.

On good clear days we see the aeroplanes flying around with a perfect shower of anti-aircraft gun shells bursting all about them, and a thrill it has never known before goes through your body as you watch the pilot skillfully maneuver his machine to keep the enemy from getting the range.

Well, I think I have told you all the news except that all the boys are well, ditto on me, and on a whole we enjoy a fairly good life over here, except when we don't get any mail, and then everybody gets quite restless.

Hoping to hear from you real soon and also that you are all in good health, I remain

Your loving son,
Corp. Fred L. Schwanbeck,
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P. S.—The newspapers and magazines are certainly appreciated by lots of the fellows in the company, because we pass them all the way around when we get through with them. If you can get the "Wide World" please send it to me.

Y. M. C. A. MEN'S MEETING.

A rather unique meeting for Oakland County Y. M. C. A. activities was inaugurated Sunday, March 31 at Oxford in the form of a monthly men's Sunday afternoon rally to discuss all questions pertaining to the public interest.

Though this was the second meeting of its kind it was really the first in which the entire plan was put in operation. Mr. George Carhart a former Pontiac boy who is temporarily stopping in Pontiac and has been for five years Boy's Secretary at New Castle, Pa., gave a very inspiring talk along the line of leadership in all activities that pertain to the community welfare. He outlined in a very clear way the aspects of the war that had made it necessary for older and younger men to assume the responsibilities of the men who had gone away.

Mr. McGee followed with a very inspiring patriotic address which might properly have been called "Personal Service and Sacrifice in War Time" and made a plea for the same giving of ones self to the public good by the men of America as the men and women of France and the other waring countries are called upon to give. A very delightful corner solo was rendered and a vocal solo was greeted with considerable applause. The meeting was in charge of Harry Cutler and B. J. Sutherland who are Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Oxford Y. M. C. A. The county organization have in prospect other points in the county where similar meetings will be held.

Richard Allen, of High and Park, pleaded guilty Thursday, April 4 to a charge of violating the automobile speed law and paid $15 fine and $5.60 costs.

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OBITUARY.

Sunday afternoon, March 24 after an illness of two weeks A. H. Leet died at his home in Franklin. Mr. Leet was born in Farmington, Oakland County July 27, 1837, he spent all the years of his life but one in Oakland County. At the age of eight years his parents moved to Grand River, where they spent one year. On February 3, 1861 he was united in marriage with Louisa Van Esery, who died December 19, 1898. To this union three children were born, Minnie at home, Mrs. L. F. Baldwin of Birmingham, William of Bloomfield.

He leaves besides his children three grandchildren an aged brother, four nephews, and four nieces.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. WILLIAM C. MCKNIGHT, PASTOR

In the Tabernacle at Pierce and Merrill streets all regular services will be held next Sunday, April 14 as usual.

Morning worship and sermon at 10:30. Preaching by the pastor—"The Duties of the Hour."

Sunday School and Bible Classes at 12 noon. Graded classes. Proper helps. Good teachers.

Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30. Preaching by the pastor, "Religion and the War."

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A church home for the new comers in town.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

10:30 Divine worship, sermon by the pastor.

11:45 Bible school with a class suited for every member of the family.

3:30 Junior B. Y. P. U. society.

6:30 young people's meeting with lots of pep.

7:30 evening service. Subject, "The Church and the Food Supply."

Wednesday 7:45 mid-week prayer and praise service. The home-like church with a welcome for all.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD.

DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Services April 14.

Public worship at 10:30 a. m. Pastor will deliver the third sermon of the series on King Saul. Theme.

"Why God Rejects Men."

Bible School at 11:30. You are invited.

Junior League at 2:30. The children are invited.

Young Peoples meeting at 6:30.

Evening hour of prayer, praise and a helpful message at 7:30. The pastor is to speak.

If you are uncertain as to the place where you can find a church home where you can be helped, helpful, happy, we invite you to worship with us before you make the decision.

Don't Let It Linger.

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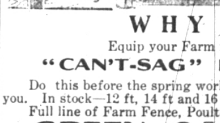

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