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WOMEN ORGANIZE

Officers Are Elected and Every Arrangement Made to Assist the Men Serving Uncle Sam.

America is just now awakening to the relization that we are, in truth, at war. And with the drafting of our best and fittest men to shoulder arms and fight a plagte across the sea, to save dear ones at home from teutonic oppression, we realize that our commercial man power is alarmingly and increasingly decreased.

But the women of America, as their sisters in England and France, are preparing to strengthen our home defense by offering their assistance to do some of the work at home.

Last Thursday night, in pursuance of a plan to thoroughly and efficiently organize women labor for future use if necessary, a meeting was held in the Methodist church. Here was organized the Bloomfield Unit of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

The following officers were elected:

General Chairman—Mrs. Peter Mac Kay.

Honary Chairman—Mrs. E. A. King.

Vice Chairman—Mrs. Chas. Parks.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wilmot Wood.

Chairman of Registration—Mrs. R. T. Brown.

Chairman of Registration — Miss Helen Show.

Chairman of Publicity—Mrs. J. H. Marlotte.

In the near future the Bloomfield Unit intends to register all women who will volunteer to assist in any necessary work.

The work at first will be assistance in Red Cross work, etc. But our women may be called upon in an exigency to replace factory men. The work of this branch of service in other lands is highly commendable and America feels that confidence may be placed in her women if the necessity arises for calling upon them to help destroy imperialism and throw the light of democracy upon both sides of the world.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. WILLIAM C. MCKNIGHT, PASTOR

What a wonderful Easter Day it was. Sunshine, flowers, music, happy people. Is there anything in the whole world that inspires as the Easter Message.

Then too the "Spring Drive" was a rare success. The Cantata in the evening was perfect.

Now for the patient, steady plodding again. After all this is the test. One can't stay on the mountain top. The world's work is done in the valleys and on the plains. But the mountain top inspires.

Next Sunday, April 7.

Morning worship and sermon at 10:30. Sermon subject—"Living the Easter Message."

Sunday School at 12 m.

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

Evening service at 7:30. Good music. Helpful singing. Sermon No. 4 in the War Series—"Our Allies."

A hearty invitation and cordial welcome to all.

Strangers especially welcome.

"The Church of the Friendly Handshake."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

EARL R. RICE, PASTOR.

"A heart in every hand shake."

The Sunday School Board meets at 7:45 Monday, April 8.

The pastor will preach to the men of the Brotherhood next Sunday night, April 7, at 7:30 o'clock. At its last meeting the men voted to attend, in a body, this evening service. The sermon theme will be **"Win the War."**

Rev. Dr. Keen, the new associate state superintendent for the Anti-Saloon League will speak to our congregation at the time of the morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Michigan will be a dry state after May 1st, but there is much work for temperance people yet to do. Be sure to hear Dr. Keen.

Easter was a happy day. The pastor baptized a class of children About twenty-five new members were received. The Sunday school program was fine, and the offering will take care of two pupils in Missionary schools. Sixty dozens of eggs were collected for the Wesley Memorial Hospital. "The Story of the Cross", a social cantata given by the choir, was the evening feature, and it received much well merited praise.

New comers are invited to worship with us. Our membership is well above 450. The Sunday School is graded, and the equipment good. Mr. Fred Quarton is the superintendent. The young peoples meeting at 6:30 is always bright and cheery. Strangers are most cordially invited to make this their church home.

We are glad to see our returned Florida folks. Welcome home!

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD.

DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Announcements for April 7.

Public worship and sermon by pastor at 10:30 a. m.

Second in series of sermons on King Saul. The Sacrament of baptism will be administered at this service. Bible School hour at 11:30. We have a class for you.

Young Peoples meeting at 6:30 p. m. Topic:—Bible Reading. Leader—Miss Belle Streeter.

Evening hour of worship at 7:30. A helpful hour for all who attend.

Prayer meeting and discussion of some interesting subject every Wednesday evening at 7:45.

We invite those desiring a place of worship when they can be helped, helpful, happy.

Old Mother Hubbard
She goes to the
Cupboard,
To get a Thrift
Stamp for her son,
When she comes back,
Of Stamps
There's no lack,
To fill a thrift
Card is just fun.

ONE YEAR OF WAR

A Fine Patriotic Sermon Preached by Pastor Earl H. Rice of the M. E. Church.

Those who were not present at the M. E. church evening service Sunday, March 24, missed a real treat, as Mr. Rice delivered the best resume of the war situation to date that the writer has had the pleasure of listening too.

With the force of real eloquence the more forceful because of the perfect control of his indignation against the Kaiser and the whole villanous German clan, the preacher with splendid rhetoric, depicted the great issues at stake in this world struggle for the maintenance of liberty and civilization.

He gave his auditors to understand that we have come to that crucial point in the war, when its not a matter of opinion upon which side we shall stand but, the eternal question of right and wrong. He said that the French nation as well as the English had never been guilty of tearing up treaties and violating the honor of womanhood, while the sacredness of human life and international law, had always been respected, and in our own great civil war no such monstrous crimes had been heard of.

At one point in his sermon, his audience could not refrain themselves from earnest applause. A thing we do not look for in church, but which was perfectly proper, and never more so than in war time. Refering to the damnable claim of the egotistical Kaiser to the sanction of the Allmighty, for his hellish deeds, he said that if it were true, he would never preach another sermon, as he could not espouse the worship of such a God. Well it is not true Mr. Rice for the Kaisers God would make a very fair sort of a Devil, if indeed old Satan has not abdicated in his favor, as we were told recently.

Another point the writer would emphasize is that in these days, we need to beware of all sorts of German propaganda calculated to break down the morale of our armies, and discourage our people at home.

The man who to day says the justice of the allied cause is a matter of opinion, or that this is only a display nomic war, makes not only a display of his gross ignorance, but is in fact traitor or a spy, and should be treated as such.

If he is of German extraction, and while enjoying the liberty of free America, shows his sympathy for organized barbarism, his place is in the German trenches. When I see our splendid young men adorned with Uncle Sams uniform going forth to strike a blow against what our noble President calls "That Thing", offering their lives that liberty and democracy may be preserved and then know that there are a few—I trust not many—such as we called "Copperheads" in the civil war, giving aid or comfort to the enemy, I say, such people ought to interview a firing line at early sunrise.

Some are moral cowards and do not dare assert themselves for fear they will loose business. Well the writer has suffered loss for his conviction of duty and assertion of truth, and while certain narrow minded currs have gloated over it, as they have steered insurance business into the offices of time serving poltroons who sign saloon licenses, and yet claim to be respectable, yet he still gets three meals a day, enjoys the "Liberty Bread" and will continue to do what he can by voice and pen for the good of his home town, and the cause of liberty throughout the world. We are in the midst of a great crisis now like that in which the Poet Lowell wrote, where "Truth is on the scaffold and wrong upon the throne". Yet we need not fear, for "Behind the dim unknow, standeth God within, the shadows, keeping watch above his own."

R. EUGENE GRIGGS.

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

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

Sunday School same hour.

Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

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 eheaper 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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or Birmingham, Mich., or Farmington, Mich.

INCREASED SERVICE ON THE D. U. R.

With a return of business the Detroit United Rafiway, commencing Thursday, April 4, increased its schedule on the Pontiac division.

The southbound Limited will leave Birmingham as at present. There will be expresses at 5:32 a. m., 6:35 a. m., 7:35 a. m. and every 40 minutes to 6:55 p.m. with local cars every 40 minutes thereafter to 11:35 p. m., the last car to Detroit. All these are through cars from Pontiac.

In addition there will be an improved southbound Local service out of Birmingham. The morning service will remain unchanged up to 7 a. m. The next car will be at 7:50 a. m. and thereafter every forty minutes to 6:30 p. m.

Out of Detroit the Express cars will run every 40 minutes from 6:10 a. m. to 4:10 p. m., then every 20 minutes to 5:30 p. m., then every 40 minutes to 7:30 p. m. The Local service from Detroit to Birmingham will begin at 6:30 a. m., every 40 minutes to 3:50 p. m., then 4:20 p. m. and every 20 minutes to 5:40 p. m. then 5:50 p. m., 6:20 p. m., 7:50 p. m., and commencing at 8:10 p. m. there will be a 40 minute through service to 10:50 p. m. with the last car at 11:40 p. m.

WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS IN BIRMINGHAM APRIL 12

The popular ex-governor has been secured by the Brotherhood of the Methodist church for the April number. The lecture will be given in the auditorium of the church Friday, April 12, at 8 p. m. The subject will be "Dynamics in Human Conduct." Admission, 25c. Get tickets at The Birmingham Hardware, or at Chas. R. Peck's.

A WOMEN'S DRIVE

Saturday, April 6, the Women of Birmingham Will Show What They Can Do In Selling Bonds.

The National Woman's Liberty Loan Committee sends this appeal to the women of Birmingham Village.

The government say's we want to know what the women of America are doing? It is not enough, to give our sons, brothers and sweethearts, but we must buy Liberty Bonds, to help provide Food and Clothing, etc., for them. So on April 6 we are going to sell bonds. Our headquarters will be in the First State Savings Bank, every day during the drive. A member of the womans committee will be on duty to take the names of women buyers, whose names will be registered in Washington for ever, to show how the mothers and wives stood back of their men who had to go to fight for liberty and freedom of the world. A $50 bond will supply 4 months sustenance in field for one man, a $100 bond will supply 200 pounds of smokeless powder, a $200 bond will supply complete uniform and outfit for 4 navy men, a $500 bond will supply 180 gas masks, a $1,000 bond will supply gasoline enough to drive a submarine 2,000 miles, a $2,000 bond will supply 520 13-ct. shells to destroy submarines.

You can arrange with the banks easy payments for bonds. When a saleswoman comes to your door, as she will, to every door in the village, don't turn her away. Be courteous she is trying to help Uncle Sam feed and take care of our own flesh and blood.

The following is a list of workers, we need all the help we can get, give a little time to this great work. All volunteers wishing to help send me a postcard, as the telephone may not get me.

Mrs. Thos. Farmer, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Thos. Cobb, Mrs. W. B. Brown, Mrs. Ewer, Mrs. Leeland, Mrs. A. P. Parks, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Miss Mae Thompson, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. D. W. Bray, Mrs. Slusser, Mrs. T. J. Muler, Miss Helen Walker, Mrs. Whiteman, Mrs. Ed. Smith, Mrs. Wendorph, Mrs. Porter, Miss Helen Shaw, Mrs. James Cobb, Miss Anna Parks.

MRS. F. H. GORDON,
Chairman.
MRS. FRED V. FISHER,
Vice-Chairman.

A TWENTIETH CENTURY PAUL REVERE.

BY BENNETT CHAPPLE.

Listen, my children and you shall hear
Of a Twentieth Century Paul Revere,
Of a brave young Scout on a valiant steed
Who rode a race for his Country's need.

He heard of his country's call for men,
He heard of their sacrifice, and then—
He heard of the need for money, too,
For food and clothes to help them through.

He wanted to help though he could not fight
He wanted to serve in the cause of right
So he mounted his horse, Thrift Card in hand,
And rode and rode throughout the land.

"Money!" he cried, "Money for clothes!"
"The boys in the trenches!"—off he goes,
And 'mid the sound of the clattering hoofs
The call re-echoed across the roofs—

"Gather your nickels! Gather your dimes!
Help the Nation! Prepare, these Times!
Lend Uncle Sam a part of your pay!
Store up! Store up! for a rainy day."

The people heard, as the Scout flashed by.
They heard his fervent, earnest cry.
And out of the stockings laid away,
And out of the closets hid from day,

They gathered their savings of many years
And poured them forth with hearty cheers.

"Take those," they cried, in the cause of right,
"We'll do our bit—and add our mite,"

We'll help to fight and win this war,
We'll save as never we saved before;
And when the Scout on his valiant steed
Had spread the call of his Country's need,

He drew the reins as he reached his home
And patted the neck all flecked with foam
"Our work is done," he said, "Old Man—
The Nation's roused to a War-Thrift Plan."

RED CROSS BULLETIN.

The annual meeting of the Bloomfield Unit of the Oakland County Chapter was held at the Red Cross rooms, Baldwin High School on Monday, April 1st. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. W. C. Harris; Vice-chairman, Mrs. Lawrence Wendell, Secretary, Mrs. A. C. McGraw Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Gordon.

The Red Cross work room will be in charge of the following members during the month of April.

Monday, Mrs. W. G. Harry; Miss Helen Shaw.

Tuesday, Mrs. J. L. Campbell; Mrs. T. B. Smith.

Wednesday, Mrs. Ed. Smith; Mrs. Ashley Webster.

Thursday, Mrs. Robt. McClellan, Mrs. Ed. Ferguson.

Friday, Mrs. E. L. Bailey; Mrs. Seymour Adams.

Mrs. Lawrence Wendell will receive new or renewal memberships in the Oakland Co. Chapter any day except Saturday at the Red Cross room.

A complete annual report will appear next week.

S. H. SLY,
Retiring Secretary.

THRIFT AND WAR SAVING STAMP CONTEST.

All grades of the public schools have been engaged in a rigorous selling contest of Thrift and War Saving Stamps during the month of March with the following results:

Senior High School	$ 38.00
Junior High School	103.00
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Total	$513.00

Many students have in addition sold stamps to out-siders and these are not included in the above total.

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"For the past 18 months the traffic history of this country has been one continuous succession of delays, congestion, embargoes and car shortage. On May 1 and again on November 1 last year shippers asked for more than 165,000 cars which could not be supplied. Then came a winter of extraordinary severity and a coal shortage which amounted to a national disaster.

"In a table prepared for Secretary McAdoo by Mr. W. P. Manse, Industrial Agent of the B. & O. Railroad, it is estimated that in eighteen of the principal manufacturing cities of the country the losses resulting from Dr. Garfield's celebrated order amounted in workmen's wages and manufacturers products to $4,244,000,000. The total losses since the car shortage began, in September, 1916, are probably not less than $8,000,000,000 and may be as much as $10,000,000,000.

"Bad as was this huge financial loss, the sickness, suffering and death due to lack of coal—which was due to lack of cars—were vastly worse. Worst of all was the delay in shipment of supplies and munitions which were urgently needed by our Own Army and Navy at the front and by those with whom we fight to make the world safe for democracy. At one time collless than 213 ships, loaded and ready to sail, were held in New York for lack of bunker coal.

"We have hundreds of harbors and 28,000 miles of waterways classed as navigable, of which less than 2,000 miles have been sufficiently improved to have dependable channels. One-tenth of the amount lost by the people of the United States during the last eighteen months would have been more than enough to thoroughly improve every mile of our navigable waterways; and if that had been done, and we had been wise enough to foster and develop water transportation, instead of allowing it to be crushed by railway competition, there would have been no car shortage, no coal shortage, no staggering financial loss, no peril to our armies and our cause through delays to ships, and many homes would still be bright which today are full of sorrow.

"The Rivers and Harbors bill which provides for the maintenance and improvement of our waterways and harbors is of interest to every citizen of the United States, to those who live upon the prairies or among the mountains no less than to those who live by ocean, lake or river. Every thousand, or million or hundred million tons of freight sent by water leaves freight cars free to serve those whom the waterways can not reach. Manufacturer and mechanic, merchant and clerk, farmer and miner, every mother with a son now, or soon to be, in France, and every loyal citizen who wants to win this war should do everything possible to make it sure that our waterways and harbors are maintained, improved and used to the limit of their capacity."

The annual meeting of Greenwood Cemetry association will be held in the Baldwin Library room Saturday afternoon at 2:30, April 13. All lot-owners are requested to be present. Mrs. Emma O. Robinson, secretary.

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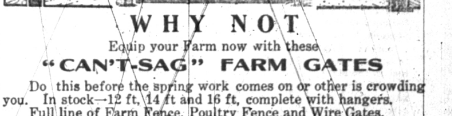

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