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CIVIL WAR STORY

Capt. J. A. Bigelow, at a Troop Re-Union, Makes All Sit Up and Listen—A Fine Address.

For over fifty years Troop A of the 5th Michigan Cavalry (Custer's) have met annually and in the majority of these times the gathering has been at Rochester, Mich., where 150 Rochester good people gave them always a glad hand. When these meetings first began Troop A with their families outnumbered the host and hostesses. This year guess how many of the old and valued Troop A met to "talk over old days." Just four. But these four all did their share of the work of entertaining and of being entertained. Read a fine speech from our townsmen, Capt. J. Allen Bigelow.

Mr. President, Old Comrades, Friends, Good People, Ah.

The remmant of old Troop A of the 5th Michigan Cavalry has once again assembled in this beautiful village of Rochester, which has been the custom for many a year.

The citizens of this place have been most kind to us, as year after year they say, "Come Next Year", and as usual the ladies are the outspoken and hard workers of these reunions. And this church has ever been open to us.

Equally so would any and all of the other churches been placed at our service, but this just happened. And I say, and so say we All God Bless You All.

When a chain is broken, it is the weakest link that breaks.

The span of life is uncertain, and we know not what a day may bring forth.

Our brave old soldier secretary has been detailed by our great Commander to take his place in the ranks of the faithful.

Anthony O'Brien has left us, and we can say, "Peace be unto thee" and to the good wife who is left, and the family we say, We, too, have lost a friend, and our hand of heart-felt sympathy is lovingly extended.

Now friends, good people all.

For 50 years Troop A, fifth Michigan Cavalry has met annually, and generally had a good time. Have visited, told of the past, fought old battles over again, listened to some story of the Civil War, and here we are again today to repeat the dose.

This time, am going to tell you of what I can remember of the 13th of July, 1863. And as I sit hinking how to begin, these thoughts come surging through my brain. That Axioms and principles never die, that boyhood dreams are ever bright, that age revives slumbering incidents, and at times memory outstrips its own capacity. Monotony clays the most reveries, and danger ever present dulls discretion. That examples are purely local, that the Boy is Father to the Man, and that a General in an Army cannot reap laurels without drenching his Stars in blood.

A step divides life from the Grave, and water once past can never turn the wheel. Now, had General Meade with his Infantry Army, closely followed the Cavalry after the battle of Gettysburg, the end of the Rebellion would have been then, not in 1865.

July 12, '63. The Cavalry Corps was pushing its strength and urging the Army Commander to come on.

The rear and flanks of Lee's Army had never passed a mile without a thrust, and a zig-zag fight was going on constantly. A large Army moves slowly, and Lee's Army, crossing at Williamsport and Falling Waters was delayed on account of high water in the Potomac river. And Generals Gregg, Kilpatrick, Merritt and Custer all entertained the same opinion, that decisive blows could and should be struck, and verified their belief by actions. Even on the last day, July 14, The Cavalry alone fought everything and anything in the shape of Rebs. At Williamsport the fifth Michigan Cavalry charged the Rebs and drove them into the river pell mell, and were entirely successful.

The Troopers stopped not at the river until it was full of drowning men and horses and mules, and the last Reb went over the hills and out of sight on the Virginia side of the river.

Then a sigh of relief was drawn for the first time since June 30.

And as we were standing on the Maryland side of the river, free once more as it seemed, we began to wonder what next would loom up for us to face in the shape of Rebs and trouble.

Loud booming of canon was heard in the direction of Falling Waters, another fording place on the Potomac River was heard, a short distance below. Capt. Estes, one of General Custers aides, came galloping up and excitedly told us to hurry and get there, and away we went regardless of roads over ditches and fields, keeping the sound of battle straight ahead.

We soon came to the place of business. The sixth Michigan Cavalry was hotly engaged, part of them dismounted and fighting as infantry, and part on horse back. The first Michigan was on the right.

The position of the Rebs was a strong one. A division of them had intrenched on a beautiful Meadow hillside.

Dreams may die and pictures may disappear, but that scene as it burst on my vision as we dashed out of the woods will never die, for four or five minutes hot work on all sides and a tangible event is in Custers brain.

The Rebs have good earth works and plenty cannon, for as they project through the embrasures the glinting sunshine seems to tell our boys that their aim is too high.

The slope of the land is probably 70 feet in a 100 rods. Their musketry fire is terrible. A division of infantry against a brigade of cavalry, and they are in trenches. And it was the cavalry that General Joe Hooker had curled his lip at, and said, "Cavalrymen only died a natural death."

Major Webber of the 6th. Cavalry, says he will charge that slope if we will shoot seven times a minute for

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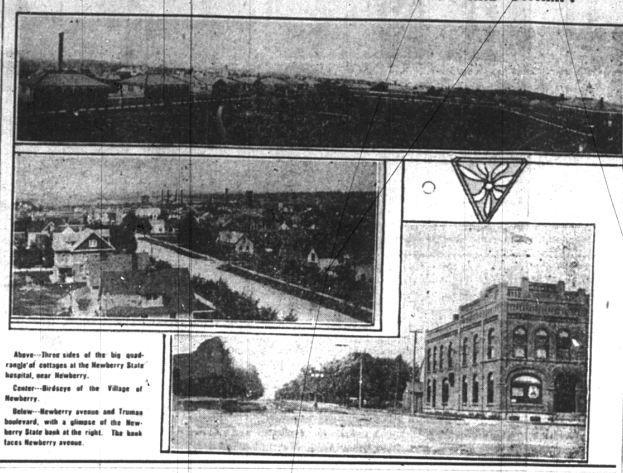
VIEWS OF NEWBERRY, 37 YEARS AGO FOREST AND SWAMP.



Above—Three sides of the big quadrangle of cottages at the Newberry State hospital, near Newberry.

Center—Birdseye of the Village of Newberry.

Below—Newberry avenue and Truman boulevard, with a glimpse of the Newberry State bank at the right. The bank faces Newberry avenue.

IS A LIVE WIRE

Sergeant Harry J. Eddy Talks Right Out in Meeting from "Over There"—A Breezy Letter.

The folowing letter just received from "Over There" tells in a forcible manner what the writer thinks of the Huns and of the Slackers. Mr. Eddy is brother of Mrs. T. C. Hoteling, one of our village mail carriers.

June 5, 1918.

Dear Sis:—Just received your loving letter the other day so will answer this morning. I got the box of candy, all O. K. and it sure tasted fine and lasted quick when the bunch got into it but was great just the same. Say I got a card the other day and it was addressed to Mr. W. J. Eddy and I thought it was mine, but it said "Dear Howard" and that is just his name and initials, so am going to write to the guy that sent the card. I think he is over here all right. Gee, but this is one of the prettiest countries in the world in the spring and summer as it is a bit hilly as all France is and just as green as can be. They sure have the system for keeping up this forests for if one cuts down a tree one has to place one or two in its place. I got mad from all the folks at home and they all wish I was back there but there is too much good work cut out for the boys here to want to go back. There is one little stunt pulled off by the Boches up front that makes the boys go over the top and have at it. The Boches captured two men on out post and took them back to the German lines and stood them up on the parapet and cut their throats in sight of the boys. You can imagine what the boys did then and they sure went over and cleaned out every Boche that was in sight as they sure were crazy mad. The "Kamerad" stuff is all here say right now and it sure makes a fellows blood jump to think of some of those DAMNED slackers that hang back there in the states and call themselves American citizens and class themselves with us. And also those DRAFTED BIRDS that sob like H— just because they have to go to war and might get an ear drum busted, or a bullet wound and have to leave the "big iron dollar" get chased by some other YELLOW BACKED son of a —. You don't hear the National Guard being called HONOR MEN and living in nice heated rooms and hot and cold running water and spring beds and going to the big OPEN HOME PARTIES and phonographs and club rooms. Not by a d— sight. All we had to do was to live in tents and go out and wash in cold water at the faucets and sleep on a hard cot. At our last camp we had all those comforts (?) and at 6 weather at that and a nice blizzard come along and kept up one whole day, then turn to rain at 8 p. m. and flood out, your tent so there is two feet of water in your tent and put out what fire there was in the stove and wear water soaked cloths the next morning when it was below freezing. That is what we had to do at Camp Mills and we didn't howl and sob about it either but went there like MEN. I've only put in nearly 8 years in the "tin soldiers outfit" as these drafted guys lovingly called us, when we were trying to get ourselves in shape for just such an emergency that has come up, and the HONOR MAN of today used to stand around on the street corner and make remarks about the "tin soldiers". We put in quite a bit of time and have the first day to regret what I have learned. May be this is pretty hot but every word of it is right and I'll back it up any time. It sure makes me hot under the collar some times and I get a bit sore. I got the package of smoking, all O. K. and they sure put the kebosh to the package alright and I don't blame them any as nearly every man averaged a package in every mail. So you can imagine how much room was taken up. I am fine and dandy and feeling O. K. Guess I will close for this time as this is quite a long letter. Answer soon. With love to all I remain

Your loving brother
Sgt. HARRY J. EDDY,
161 Inft. Supply Co.
A. E. F. France.

P. S. I transferred from Co. "C" few weeks ago, H. J. E.

SPLENDID CLASS

The First to Graduate from Baldwin High School—Fine Program Rendered Both Nights.

The termination of the first year of school in our splendid new Baldwin high school occured last week. Pride was openly manifested by every citizen of the Pride of old Oakland during the commencement exercises of last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and every visitor's face shone with admiration of it all. A glorious year has just closed and it is merely a forerunner of many more and even greater years to come.

The auditorium of Baldwin was well filled Wednesday evening to witness the junior high school's exercises in the form of a patriotic pageant. We need not say the affair was a success. In fact many parts of it were exceptionally well presented and need special comendation. The scenes depicted the growth of our country from the early periods of settlement to the present wonderful advancement of a true Democracy.

Among the scenes we found the Indians at native pursuits, colonial sketches, the beginning of the Revolution, Abe Lincoln and a host of things that lead the onlooker unconsciously into the well beloved past of America.

Thursday evening the first graduating class of Baldwin high school held their class night exercises. Here the class of '18 was represented by Miss Alice Voorheis as salutarian, Glenn Voorheis who gave the oration on our merchant marine, D. A. Greene as class historian, Lloyd Reid as giftartion. Misses Rachael Easterday and Ruth Thurber in an original skit giving the class prophecy, William Barnes who read the class will and Dena Halbeck as Valedictorion.

Immediately following the fun making came the class play, "When the Fates Decree." The plot of the play centered around ancient mythology. Aeneas a Trojan hero pleas for his soul before the king of Hades, Pluto and the triumvirate of judges who pass mortals into Heaven or eternal torture. He is accused by a Queen of Carthage, justly and unjustly, but Leigh Smith who plays the role of Aeneas finally is saved by the intervention of the fates. Leigh deserves praise for the manner in which he carried off his part, but no more so than George Slater, Loyd Reid, Marian Miller, Rachael Easterday, Stanley Anderson and the other characters of the play. The stage settings were admirable.

Friday evening climaxed the entire year. Nineteen graduates, Dena Halleck, Alice Voorheis, Glenn Voorheis, Wm. Barnes, George Slater, Loyd Reid, Rachael Easterday, Wilma Dawson, Ruth Thurber, Leigh Smith, D. A. Greene, Marian Miller, Lillian Chatfield, Emily McKnight, Paul McKay, Ida Olson, Ana Sharp, Stanley Anderson and Adelle Ward received their diplomas.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. McKnight. Harold Jarvis, who was to render the few songs, necessary was called back repeatedly until he sang a number of stirring war songs with the partial help of the audience. Prof. Henderson of the University of Michigan gave the address, a wonderful talk of more than common place things.

Mr. Vliet presented the diplomas with the time honored speech of presentation with just a new touch of pride in accordance with the general feeling of all.

The class of nineteen eighteen.
Only a commencement.

How She Banished Backache.

Mrs. Effie E. Kleppe, Averill, Minnesota, writes: "I was at a sanitarium three weeks at one time, two weeks another time, for rheumatism and kidney trouble, and got no relief. On my return began using Foley Kidney Pills; found immediate relief; half bottle completed the cure. Always use when I feel pain in my back. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Viola Kregar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kregar, of Adams avenue, and Charles Groves, of Camp Custer, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Groves, of East Maple avenue.

AT WEST DETROIT

Ringling Bros.' Gigantic Sdectacle and Thousand Sensations to Exhibit Monday, July 15

Word comes that Ringling Brothers' mammoth circus is to exhibit afternoon and night at West Detroit, Monday, July 15. Always the leaders in introducing the newest and greatest features the famous showmen this season announce the most remarkable program of their career. There is a brand new spectacle of gigantic proportions entitled "In Days of Old." Produced on the biggest stage ever built, it tells the story of the golden age of Ivanhoe, Robin Hood and King Arthur. An entire trainload of scenery is carried. The cast numbers 1,250 actors and there is an entrancing ballet of 200 dancing girls. A thousand arenic sensations follow the spectacle on the main-tent program. There are great troupes of seals, dogs and monkeys that walk on tight ropes and ride horseback; herds of elephants in all new tricks; international athletes in feats of amazing strength; slides for life from ten-top to the ground by men suspended by the hair, and one—the great Hillary—who "jumps the gap" with skates attached to his head. The world's greatest stars, such as May Wirth, who leaps from the ground to galloping steed with baskets tied to her feet, are presented in great number. There are twice as many clowns as before, a menagerie of 1,000 splendid animals and, to introduce the holiday, an all new street parade three miles long.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan, Postoffice on June 22, 1918:

Anta, Mrs. Laurie.
Brown, James H.
Crawford, George.
Mun, Mrs. D. G.
Davis, George.
Herb, Mrs. Bert.
Miller, Miss Allie.
Miller, Mrs.
Sill, J. C.
Sanders, Mrs. Eva.
Tibbitts, Miss M. A.

POST CARDS.

Clum, Mrs. Ruth.
Hewitt, Cecil May.
Studdick, Mrs. Matie.

One letter held for postage, addressed to Mrs. Lulu Bailey, Orion, Mich.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Says It Acted Like a Charm.

Coughs or colds which persist at this season usually are of an obstinate nature. All the more reason for using a reliable remedy. Mrs. Margaret Smale, Bishop, Californir, writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a grand remedy. Suffered from a cold last week, used the medicine, and it acted like a charm." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Oakland, Mich., to be held at Birmingham, Pontiac, Oxford, Fenton on July 13, 1918, to fill the position of rural carrier at Royal Oak and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

During the continuance of the present war the Commission will, in accordance with the request of the Postoffice Department, admit women to rural carrier examinations upon the same conditions as men.

By direction of the Commission.
JOHN A. McILHENNY,
President.

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The place chosen is Bloomfield school, on Woodward, at the Lone Pine Road. It is being fitted for canning on a larger scale than an ordinary kitchen and the work will be done by squads of canning club girls, coming on different days, together with women of the community. A general supervisor will remain in charge during the entire coming season. In general, the following plans will be used.

1. People may bring their product and jars, securing the canned goods at a nominal fee, depending upon the product. Payment may be made in canned goods.

2. Those contributing products may help in the canning, giving their services as payment in part for the finished product.

3. Surplus garden products will be cared for, though the person does not desire the canned goods, and the products offered for sale.

There are no restrictions as to the kind or amount of vegetable or fruit brought in, except that it must be freshly picked. Peas especially, should be canned up the same day as picked. It is hoped that everyone will make use of the canning center. It will be at your service any day. Let nothing go to waste in the gardens this summer, for every jar will help.

Information may be received from any of the following committee:

Mrs. E. A. Skae, chairman; Mrs. Ed. Stoddard, secretary; Mrs. W. T. Harbour, treasurer; Mrs. G. T. Hendrie, Mrs. W. E. Rice, Mrs. Sherman Depew, Mrs. W. J. Chittenden, Mrs. E. S. George, Miss Smith, Mrs. R. P. Hammond, Mrs. Palmer Rice, Mrs. R. M. Berry, Mrs. C. A. Newcomb.

Watch the paper for further and more definite announcements. It is hoped that everything will be in readiness next Monday, July 1. School phone 81J.

SOUTHFIELD U. P. CHURCH.

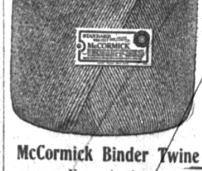
REV. W. T. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR.

Patriotic services June 30. Subject: Ps. 33:12: "Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord."

The church where all are welcomed who come to worship, help us, help you and help others.

Our offering on above date goes to missions.

Sabbath school at 12.



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Sunday School same hour.
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.
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Dont forget that the evening on Sunday, June 30, Miss Cora Simpson of Foochow, China, will speak in the Methodist church.

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