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PREMIER OF ALL

Expositions Has the State Fair Risen To Be Under the Present Able Management.

Another Michigan institution, reached the forenanks when the 1918 Michigan State Fair became the most influential and the largest industrial, commercial, agricultural and amusement exposition in the United States. During the past two years the State Fair has been recognized as one of the five leading institutions of its kind in the country, but the recent exposition surpassed the records of all previous exhibitions and leaped ahead of all of its competitors. This record is more of a phenomenon than appears through the bare statement of the fact. Fair managers throughout the country are "doffing their hats" to the management of the Michigan State Fair in accomplishing such a feat under the conditions existing through the present stress of war. Difficulties which at first seemed insurmountable faced the fairs this year. Hundreds of thousands of the young men were at the front or in training camps. The men and women at home were working at high tension endeavoring to supply these boys and fulfill the tasks which they had left incomplete. Railroad facilities were never at a lower ebb. The price of every commodity connected with the staging of a fair had increased by leaps and bounds. Labor was at a premium, and many other discouraging problems faced the managers. In fact, the outlook in the spring appeared so bleak that many of the fairs throughout the country were abandoned.

Visitors at the fair know from observation what Manager Dickinson accomplished. The gross attendance outstripped that of 1917, which was the banner year of the Association. In the same proportion the gross receipts were greater than last year. The exhibits and amusements were never so great and attractive. During the 10 days, on two of which the rain fell in torrents from morning until late evening, the exposition grounds were taxed to hold the crowds.

When the official returns were compiled it was found that 500,000 visitors had been entertained and that record outstrips that of any other fair held in the country. Mr. Dickinson was of the opinion that the net earnings for 1918 would not equal those of last year, on account of the increased cost of staging the exhibition, but according to the auditors' compilation it is evident that the previous year's record was broken, and many improvements can be made on the grounds for the ensuing year.

The rise of the State Fair has been meteoric. When the reins of office were assumed five years ago by Mr. Dickinson, it was considered one of the smallest State Fairs, and from that lowly position it has risen to be the premier of all expositions.

Coughed So He Couldn't Sleep. Bronchial coughs, tickling in throat and asthmatic spasms break one's rest and weaken one so that the system is run down and serious sickness may result. Enos Halbert, Paoli, Indiana, writes: "I had a severe cold and coughed continually at night, could hardly sleep. Foley's Honey and Tar cured my cough." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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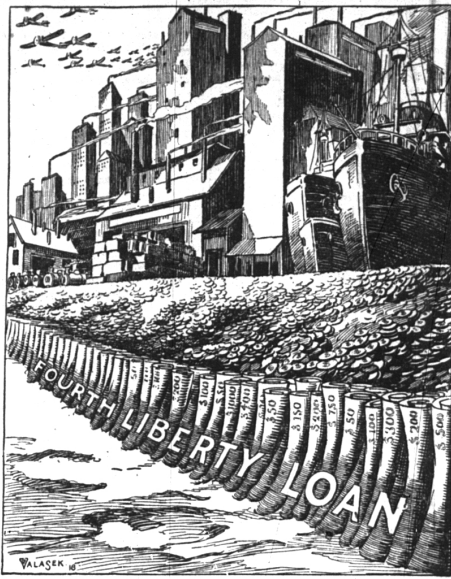
TROY U. P. CHURCH.
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D. H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Sabbath, October 13, is the day for the Special War Emergency Fund Offering. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the Pastor. Bible School at 11:30 a. m.

We invite you and your friends to meet with us and worship together. The country Church where you will find a personal welcome and a definite message.

HERE ARE THE BREASTWORKS THEY CAN'T CLIMB OVER



STILL THEY COME BLOOMFIELDITES

These Welcome Letters From Our Soldier Boys—This One From James Steele.

Friend Les: Somewhere in France. Just a few lines to let you know I am O. K. having a good time under the conditions. What I have seen in France I like the country fine. Well I sure have traveled some since I saw you last. I saw quite a little of England, had a long water trip, but enjoyed it. Submarines did not worry us; some appeared, but I guess they got the worst of it. We all arrived safe, but now we are on the job in France and don't expect to get back until it is finished.

I cannot give you any information of our whereabouts or our doings, as it is against U. S. orders, so all I can say is I am feeling just the same as when I left Birmingham—we are going to come back victorious. All the boys are headed for Berlin. We have got the Germans on the run, they certainly are scared of the Americans.

I wish you would write me and send me some news; we are always glad to hear from the boys at home. Give my regards to Herb; tell him I am satisfied and right on the job. I met Pee Wee Groves in England, and I saw Bill Lutz in one of the rest camps in France, but I don't know where they are now, they are in some other section; they were O. K. when I saw them last. I also met Briggs, the barber, in a section in France. This is n' mom's life, I can tell you right; we are here on a different business.

There is a lot I would like to tell you but I cannot. Perhaps you will get an account of the Eighty-fifth Division in the newspapers; we do not get any news here where we are, so if you send me a paper once a week I certainly will appreciate it.

This is about all I have to say, so you can give my best regards to all the boys. Tell Clarence it is a great old place; he don't know what he's missing. It is quite hot sometimes. Our sleeping quarters are Hotel de Barn. I could sleep on a clothes hook.

You write me at the following address:

JAMES STEELE,
Medical Detachment,
333 Infantry,
American Exp. Forces,
Via New York.

The above will find me O. K. I cannot give you my hotel address, as some one stole it. I am learning French rapidly. My associates are all kind, so I have got to Parley Vox the best I can. Your Old Friend, Jim.

Mr. E. B. Converse has been seriously ill for several weeks past and his life is almost despaired of. He has been taken to Detroit for an X-Ray examination, but was too weak to stand it. At times his condition seems almost hopeless, but at this writing he is still living.

Back Up Our Boys With Bonds and Bullets—Township and Village Are "Over the Top."

Our township of Bloomfield can point with pride to the way we told our boys, in the bloody fields of France that we believe in the principles they are fighting for, and are backing them up with response to the demand of Uncle Sam for more money, by the way we went "over the top" last week. It gives us a chance to say to our boys when they come home, and we are listening to their war stories, "Well, we didn't do so bad with that six billions, eh, what?"

The boys are getting glory enough and deserve it all, and more besides; but let us throw a few bouquets to our worthy War Bonds while we are at it. They have left their various business interests and said "Go Hang! We've got something more important on hand," and their time has been given gratuitously and continuously, with a result which must be even more satisfactory to them than to those whom they have so industriously counseled to "give till it hurts." You know who they are, you can see the result of their labors in another column. When you meet them on the street tell them how you feel about it. Don't find fault, but say "Hello, old top, you did it better than I could, and here's my hand on it."

So let us be proud that we have helped our boys to hunt the Hun and given the Kaiser another jolt, and one more assurance that we'll have Turkey for Thanksgiving and will wind up his watch on the Rhine for Christmas, for we are "OVER THE TOP."

The cottage of Julius Rander, at Maceday Lake was broken into one day last week and a quantity of valuable goods taken.

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WELL-KNOWN TECUMSEH MAN VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA.

The death of Fred Aten occurred Monday morning, September 30, following only a few days' illness with pneumonia. Having rented his farm, Mr. Aten had been employed on the new school, living with William Randall, and it was at Mr. Randall's home he was taken ill.

Mr. Aten, who was 59 years of age, always resided in the vicinity of Tecumseh, and has many friends. He leaves a wife and three daughters: Mrs. Leota McConnell, of Raisin; Mrs. Harriett Ford, of Birmingham, and Mrs. Gertrude Randall, of Macao; also one brother, Frank, of Cleveland; and three sisters, Mrs. John Lanning, of Franklin; Mrs. Charles Mattis and Mrs. Isiah Mattis, of Tecumseh.

The funeral was held from the home of Ted McConnell, in Raisin, Wednesday afternoon October 2, with Dr. B. Hartzog officiating. Burial in Tecumseh.

Mr. Aten is well known here in Birmingham, having spent much of the past two years with his daughter, Mrs. E. H. McConnell.

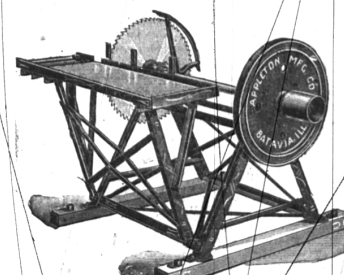
The ladies of the Holy Name Catholic Church of Birmingham, will give a Harvest Festival and Chicken Pie Supper in Johnston-Shaw Hall, Saturday, October 26, 1918. Supper will be served from 5 to 8 p. m. Everybody come and sample the good things.

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