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BERMINGHAM TO HONOR "SOLDIER DEAD" WITH CEREMONIES TUESDAY

Parade, Special Services, Baseball Games and Dancing Scheduled For Day's Events

BY AMERICAN LEGION

Citizens Asked To Take Part In Funeral Services In Commemoration Of Memorial Day

The depth of a nation's soul may be measured by the depth of its respect for its Soldier Dead.

That America has not forgotten the supreme sacrifice made by Americans in war is made plain every day when Memorial Day services will be observed in every city and village in the United States. Birmingham, according to the local American Legion, will celebrate with the biggest Memorial Day program ever carried out in the Village.

Schedule For Day

Arrangements for Tuesday have been completed and plans for the American Legion men and plans for the entire day were announced by them at the meeting of the Birmingham at home Memorial Day and the program includes activities starting at 9:30 o'clock a.m. and continuing until 12 o'clock noon and in the evening. In the more than 20 community services at the Baldwin high school, a parade of over 1,000 marchers, and musical services at Grand Concourse, the Legion will be played in the afternoon and dancing for everyone will take place in the evening.

Special Services

Pastors in the Birmingham churches will conduct the community services commencing the day's activities and every man, woman and child has been invited, an invitation which there are nearly 1,000, will attend in a body. Places will be reserved for members of various organizations and lodges in the Village. The services will be brief. Legion heads said this week, and will enable everyone to prepare for the parade which starts from the Baldwin high school at 10:30.

Line Of Parade

At the corner of West Maple avenue and Chester street the parade will begin and the line of march leads up Maple to the intersection where the parade will turn north, passing the reviewing stand in front of the Birmingham Eccentric building, and continue down Maple street, where it turns west and march to Greenwood Cemetery.

Decorate Graves

The school children will join in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," under the direction of Mr. Grant, music instructor in the schools, and this will be followed by a short service conducted by the local pastor. The regular division of the day will follow after which the firing squad will fire a volley of shots over the graves of fallen heroes. "Taps" will be sounded and the review will be conducted by the Benediction. For the first time, in several years, local school children will be admitted into the cemetery grounds in a body. They will take part in the decoration of the graves, it is said.

Baseball and Dancing

Eco athletic field, south of the village, will be the scene of two lively baseball games in the afternoon between the local American Legion team and the Auto Workers' Club of Detroit. The first game is scheduled for 3 p.m. and the second for 3 o'clock.

The day's activities will end with dancing in the I. O. O. F. Temple on Pierce street, where the band is invited to entertain. Donations have been secured and the American Legion Auxiliary members, who will be responsible for this part of the program, have promised a good time for everyone.

Order Of March

Major H. A. O'Dell, marshal of the day, will march at the head of the parade, followed by the colors and the color guard. The marchers will come next in line and will precede the 30-piece band which has been secured from Detroit. Next in line will come the veterans of the War World War, followed by members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, will be the chief director come next. It is expected that about 8,000 will march. Members of the Masonic Lodge will fall next in line, followed by the firemen, the Knights of Columbus, Lodge, Camp Fire Girls, Knights of Pythias and Boy Scouts. Autos will carry the members of the Red Cross, who will follow the last group of the parade. It has been estimated that about 1,000 persons will march.

In the reviewing stand, members of the G. A. R. will review the marchers. Captain Allen Bigelow, W. W. Carpenter, John Allen, Daniel E. Green and George Button, and the judges officials.

It is felt that the year's Memorial Day program will be more successful than any the local American Legion has attempted to sponsor, said J. E. Shill, chairman of the entertainment committee, "because there is an increasing interest in the Legion and more co-operation exists between residents of the Legion here than any year since the war. More people are beginning to realize that the American Legion is to be a real factor in civic problems and that we must work together to stay."

It is as yet in its infancy but in years to come will hold even a greater place in the United States than has the G. A. R. in years past. The number of members of the Legion.

"We hope that Mr. Smith and his wife, the people of Birmingham will make every effort to cooperate in making Memorial Day the biggest success of the year. There is no reason why every man, woman and child should not enjoy an old-fashioned good time and enjoy the day as we plan for them to."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

This column will be devoted to the publishing of letters of general interest to the residents of Birmingham and nearby communities. Letters should be signed in full by the writer. Letters should preferably be written with typewriter and on one side of paper only.

To the Editors:

Mr. Clark says in your last week's issue, "that the Village Commission has provided for a small elevated tank in their proposed water system." Is it true that the specification call for one 200,000 gallon tank elevated 100 feet with a 5-foot stand pipe having a combined capacity of 300,000 gallons per hour?

It is true that more than ground level tank, and what is more important, this water does not have to be pumped into the tanks before being distributed into the mains by gravity with a 50 to 50 pressure.

Thus, Farmer.

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The duty of every citizen is to serve the people when he can do so. In this spirit I am begging your indulgence again.

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The present pumps in action twenty-four hours will take many water out of the wells, which would be supplied by a centrifugal pump, pumping part of the time only is as planned.

The cost of producing water in the manner above is not great as it would be if we demand a \$30,000 plant, even including \$10,000 in its place value, and a 500,000 gallon plant at \$10,000 to be sure to have a little water in case the electric current failed as it did recently for two days. We must not be fooled by cost.

The Village needs only another well located in a new place. The cost would not exceed \$2,000. The plant would be sufficient to supply the needs of the community quicker than this \$10,000 plant can be erected. So if any help can be had this season it can be secured and the plant for the year.

Mr. McBride says, "Any

service to the people we intend to start in the present water works system will be required."

The Commission is quoted as saying the proposed "elevated" tank will not be built in the near future. Does it not cost business to raise thousands of dollars for a tank they will not need and for a huge pump to spoil the present system which is then another injection will be required for a year.

No Pasteurization Required

Under the terms of the ordinance, pasture of the milk and cream delivered in Birmingham will not be necessary, it was said, it being stipulated that the milk, after being taken from a cow, will be pasteurized at least once a day at a temperature of less than 55 degrees until delivered. However, although pasteurization is not demanded various plans are being considered at the moment for such treatment of milk when possible. It is the contention of medical science that this method of handling milk does not necessarily affect it. The food value of the product, but will eliminate perfectly any bacteria that might get into the milk.

"Want Best of Milk."

President McBride and Commissioners Brown and Bell each expressed themselves as satisfied with the new ordinance. "We are pleased with the result of the new ordinance," said Mr. McBride, "and the people of Birmingham are watching with interest the results of the new ordinance."

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