

Memorial Day started and is being carried on only because men have fought wars. It is a day when our nation pauses to pay respect to those who have given their lives for their country. The real reason of Memorial Day ought to be reflected in better living to the end that war is outlawed upon earth.

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How and THAT

By G. R. A.

With no attempt to be "funny," but with few suggestions to make to the Birmingham ladies who are endeavoring to boycott Japan by having women wear cotton hose during the Memorial Day observance, for the benefit of you who do not recall the nature of this observance (and I understand it is a crusade enlisting support from other sections of the nation), we are going to elucidate the lower extremities with material not made by Japan—thus cutting out of the Japanese revenue, and thus insuring Japan's financial condition so that China may stand a better chance of winning the undeclared war between these two Far East countries.

It is said that American women annually purchase a hundred million pairs of silk hose, most of which come from Japan; at an average of a dollar per pair, this represents a hundred millions of dollars. That amount of money will buy a lot of gunpowder and rifles and other weapons of war, of course. So the ladies interested in winning the undeclared war are going to undergo the change in getting.

To date, the local ladies have held a party last Friday night, with cotton prizes for best bridge hands, a card game, and a contest in which each lady had to wear cotton hose. Petitions were passed wherein each signor pledged herself to refuse to purchase Japanese-made goods; this hurts Japan and helps our country.

Now, since a portion of my job for many years has been to assist in the running of a newspaper, including worthy crusades, I've been thinking about the local "cotton crusade" and really want to suggest a few suggestions to win greater support for the cause.

Merely to publish a story about a party where ladies MUST wear cotton hose is to tell about the worthlessness of crippling Japan's finances by a silk boycott. It is not a matter of national-wide headlines. People find statistics hard to swallow; they want to be entertained; they want a bit of pageantry; they want to see a parade; they want to see a woman in a case of feminine hose, a lively exhibition of the samples.

It is suggested the ladies here who can engage some downtown vacant store, or one occupied by some merchant who deals in ladies' wear, and have a display of ten or more local women to prove to a suspicious and skeptical crowd that female hose covered with cotton hose are as acceptable as those some legs in silk—especially Japanese.

This exhibition would, with the usual decorum surrounding such a thing, be a real success. It would "make the nation's headlines"; it no doubt would be a success in the local news services to record the proof that King Cotton is as good as dead. It would be a real success in the eyes of the ladies here who are so anxious to see the new trunks.

So, if the local ladies really are so anxious to see the new trunks, they should have a display on the parade to boycott Japanese silk, above is at least a suggestive sketch of what they can do.

In the meantime, Nature will continue to make silk worms make material for Japan to make into silk hose to sell to American women to obtain funds with which to carry on a war against China; the South will fight the boll weevil war; the cotton market will be in a state of confusion; it seems to be a case of vicious circle common sense in the fight against Japan.

Your observation is as good as mine.

Michigan's Legislature

For five months Michigan's Legislature has been in session, presumably to make or amend law to benefit the whole people of this state. It is in fact, however, in direct proportion to their combined activities, plus the intelligence and cooperation of the people themselves. The record of their activities, which were not included last year, is not placed before the people. The most valuable of Legislatures that Michigan has had, you may say, is the one that refused to pass the Senate bill that fine work: too many of them did not—succeeding in their own task of the demands of pressure groups. Thus month State demora for 1939.

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PLACING WREATH

Ceremonies at Grave Honors Heroic Dead

Veterans March in Parade to Resting Place of Fallen Comrades-in-Arms

Guns fired a salute to the hero dead in Greenwood Cemetery as part of the Memorial Day observance, arranged by Charles Edwards, pastor of the American Legion and the Birmingham Post 2645, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The ceremony included a prayer by the Rev. Lawrence Hamel, assistant pastor of Holy Name Catholic church, an address by Eugene R. Avenall, publicist of the American Legion, and a eulogy by the Rev. Lawrence Hamel, assistant pastor of Holy Name Catholic church, an address by Eugene R. Avenall, publicist of the American Legion, and a eulogy by the Rev. Lawrence Hamel, assistant pastor of Holy Name Catholic church.

Long Skirts Hide Hose from View, So—Men Settle Down to Evening of Bridge

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Birmingham husbands are telling one another today that it really doesn't matter whether or not they wear silk or cotton hose, if she has a good "understanding."

National Honor Society Receives 22 New Members

Twenty-two members of the National Honor Society were inducted into that organization at an assembly in Baldwin high school Thursday. The inductees were: Margaret Gossell, Charles Fiske, Roland Langner, Arthur Underwood, Constance Peck, Elizabeth Lloyd, William Seligman, Charles Garner, The Fifth, Elton Kelly, Lucille Williams, Harold Borden, Patricia Williams, Dorothy King, Bill Russo, Bill Robinson, Loren Robinson, and Jas. Horton.

Past and Present Track Stars Will Perform at Meet

Baldwin high school track stars of the past and present will meet in the annual Varsity-Alumni meet, to be held at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, June 3, at the school. The meet will be the first of its kind in Birmingham. It will also afford an opportunity for the school to see the progress of the former track stars in action, since many of them are now in college.

Rotary Club Hears Talk on Bird Lore

An interesting illustrated talk on birds, accompanied by clever mimicry of some of the birds, was given Birmingham Rotarians Monday night at the Community Club by Dr. Walter P. Nickell, ornithologist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

New U. S. Stamp To Commemorate Game Centennial

Notification has been received by Postmaster Joseph C. Byrne from Washington, D. C. of the issuance of a special postage stamp in honor of the first centennial of the game of baseball.

Have You Met?
Dr. and Mrs. Howard B. Green of 555 S. Central Ave. are the parents of two sons; five-year-old Howard, a kindergarten pupil at Quanton School, and Douglas, who is three years old.

Commission Approves New City Budget

Tax Rate to Remain at Same Figure During Next Fiscal Year Budget Shows

The tax rate in Birmingham will remain at \$14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, the same rate established two years ago, it was determined Monday evening when the City Commission adopted the budget for 1939-40, as submitted by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Local Stores Co-operate

Although "Michigan Days" is sponsored by the Chain Stores Commission, Michigan independent stores throughout the state are cooperating in the promotion by featuring Michigan-made and Michigan grown merchandise in their stores.

Staff Considers Innovations For Summer Program

Registrations for the various activities of the Birmingham Summer Recreation Commission were made on Monday morning, June 1, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, at the public office of the commission.

Boy Scout Awards Will Top 150 At Court of Honor

The annual Scout-Parent dinner, originally set for Feb. 26, was postponed because of conflicting activities, will be held this evening at 7:30 p. m. at the Central Hotel.

Dr. Wood to Discuss Industrial Service

Dr. John P. Wood, 296 Wabash Building, will be one of the principal speakers at the forty-third annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association, which will be held June 26 to 30, in Dallas, Tex., with more than 2,500 osteopathic physicians, surgeons and specialists from the United States and other countries attending.

MARCHERS IN PARADE

The parade presented a pleasing sight with trim uniforms worn by various groups who came from neighboring cities to join in the observance of Memorial Day with local organizations.

Board Takes Stand On 'Dual Control'; 5 Candidates in Race

Two Names Added to Slate In the Event That Change Is Approved

When voters in the annual school election June 12 go to the polls, they will be called upon to select five candidates for membership on the school board. Of this number, Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., is unopposed for the uncompleted term of two years, which he was appointed to fill on the resignation of Charles S. Kinnison.

Board Gives Stand On 'Dual Control'

In the accompanying column is a statement from the Board of Education giving its stand on the question of "dual control," an issue raised at a recent meeting of the Board. The statement contains an explanation of the present policy in respect to school administration, with division of duties between Supt. Howard D. Crull, and Business Manager Louis M. Randall.

Receiver Gives Present Status Of Closed Bank

There will be no immediate payment of dividends on claims against the failed Commercial Bank of Birmingham, Murray M. Ashbaugh, Receiver, announced today.

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