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Leonard Praises American Soldier For His Sincerity

Memorial Day Speaker Strikes Peace Keynote in Address; Organizations Parade

"Perhaps the thing that is outstandingly significant about Memorial Day is that, born out of the conflict of the Civil War, it is a purely American holiday," said Archie G. Leonard in his speech at the cemetery Memorial Day.

"But today," he added, "the emphasis of the holiday is placed not on war, but on peace—and very properly so. As one looks back on the men and the times that this day honors, it seems that there are two things to be emphasized; the sincerity of the American soldier, and his courage."

"The American soldier—the man in uniform, not the leaders who planned the war—has always been honest in his conviction that he was fighting for a just and proper cause. In the Revolution he fought for political independence; in the War of 1812 for the freedom of the seas; in the Civil War for the preservation of the Union and the equality of all races," Leonard continued. "In the Spanish American War he believed he was fighting for the cause of humanity against an oppressive nation, and in the World War for democracy and the end of all wars."

"The American soldier has also won a record for sheer physical courage in battle as great as any soldier ever has, and perhaps even greater," he said. "It is to these two ideals—his honesty and his courage—that we as civilians should dedicate ourselves today. We should believe in democracy, we should believe in the soldier's courage to our battle against economic problems, and we should put new energy into our citizenship."

Leonard went on to point out that the citizens should select their leaders intelligently and then permit them to carry out their work. "There are exceptional public servants who need investigation," he said. "But today every official is being harassed to the point where it is difficult to gain the service of respected and respectable men. We ought to be honest with democracy."

Mr. Leonard's speech came as the high point of a day of celebration by Farmington citizens and Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, Farmington High School Band, and pupils from Farmington and Bond schools marched in a parade to the cemetery.

City, Township Review Boards Will Meet Soon

Property owners of Farmington city and township are asked to attend meetings of their respective Boards of Review during the next two weeks, for the purpose of discussing the proposed assessment rolls for the coming year.

Following the example set by other Oakland County units, both Farmington boards are considering cuts in assessment of 20 per cent or more. The city roll, as proposed, will be a blanket slash of approximately that proportion, while the township's may exceed it slightly. A number of readjustments have been considered in the township roll, however, according to Supervisor Arthur P. Coe.

The Township board of review will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, and the city board will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13 in Bond School. The City board of review will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7.

Commission To Consider Budget Monday, June 5

Farmington city commission will meet next Monday, June 5 to take official action on the proposed 1933-34 budget, which met with general approval at the public hearing last week.

The budget as it now stands represents a cut in city operating expenses of one-third of the total for the past fiscal year.

MOVES TO DETROIT

Ralph Rackham and family are moving to the east side of Detroit sometime this month. Mr. Rackham is employed by the government mail service and is now stationed at the Municipal Air-

Schulte Elected To Head Exchange Club



JUDGE JOHN J. SCHULTE

John J. Schulte, Jr., and Earl Grosvenor were officially elected to head the Farmington Exchange club next year as president and vice-president respectively, at its meeting Wednesday. The vote was only a formality, as their nominations were unopposed. Other officers for the next year are Elmer W. Palmer, secretary, and Emory Hatton, treasurer. They will begin their duties at the next meeting of the club, Wednesday, Sept. 6. There will be no meetings during the summer.

Father John J. Larkin of the Lady of Sorrows Church addressed the club Wednesday on the evils that threaten the existence of the nation. "Greed, the centering of wealth in the hands of a favored few, and a disbelief in God and his unchanging laws, are the things that menace our civilization today," he said.

"Those same evils wrecked the power of Egypt, Babylon, Greece, and Rome," Father Larkin continued, "and unless we change our course, our fate will be the same as theirs."

CARETAKER OF DOG KENNELS IS FOUND DEAD BY OWNER

Body Found By Owner Of Property; Believed To Have Died On Memorial Day

Michael Kelly, caretaker of the Grand River Kennels, 10-Mile road and Grand River, was found dead at the kennels house Thursday by Dr. F. D. Egan, 17422 Woodward, Detroit, owner of the establishment. The condition of the remains indicated that the man had been dead for at least three days and it was believed that he had died sometime on Memorial Day. The body was found lying on the floor with the head propped up on a cot. The cause of death was heart disease.

The man who was about 55 years old had taken the caretaker's post about a week before his death. The dead man was brought to the Heeney Funeral Home on Farmington Road. A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Daniel Coffins of Detroit arrived in Farmington during the afternoon to return the body to Detroit.

Miss Lois Webber is visiting her cousin, Margaret Webber.

Death Of James Webster Recalls Memories; House Is Landmark

Over some papers and books of his father's estate found among them some assessments and tax rolls of the long ago, one of which was the village tax roll of 1868. In that year Gardouros Webster was village Treasurer. Henry Mason was supervisor and made the assessment, which placed the valuation of the village at \$77,720.00. I have not the exact figures but the village tax for that year for all purposes was less than \$400.00. If my information is correct, George R. Matthews, supt. of the Detroit and Howell Plank Road Company was village president that year and John Fairfield, clerk. Henry Mason, George R. Matthews, Gardouros Webster, John Fairfield. Those names mean little to this generation, but only a few brief years have come and gone since they were leading citizens of the town active in its affairs and honored by the voters who elected them to the offices within their gift.

How soon we are forgotten. N. H. P.

Annual Meetings To Be Held By 3 School Districts

Two To Be Chosen At Farmington District Gathering; Others To Elect

A number of school districts in this area will hold their annual meetings of electors' week from Monday evening, June 12. Trustees will be elected to fill terms coming to an end.

Farmington District No. 5, comprising the City and part of Farmington Township, will elect two trustees. The terms of President A. L. Ross and Treasurer Arthur Lamb of the board expire. Mr. Ross has been a member of the Board of Education for three years and Mr. Lamb for six.

The meeting will be held in the school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. West Farmington District No. 4 will also meet June 12. Starr Graham will be up for re-election to the office of moderator, and a new director will be chosen. Amasa Grace, the present director is moving from the district.

Nichols No. 2 will meet at the same time. The position of director is vacant, and Stanley Drake will be a candidate for re-election as treasurer.

All other schools of this vicinity will hold their annual meetings at a later date, including Bond School No. 8. Fractional, which customarily met in June up until last year.

BADGERS DEFEAT CUBS TO RETAIN LEAD IN LEAGUE

Make Comeback After Dropping Game Last Week; Wildcats Down Wolverines

Making a strong comeback after last week's defeat by the Wolverines, the Badgers downed the Cubs, 5-2, Wednesday night, to retain their lead in the Farmington softball league. Ed Thayer of the Badgers hit the third home run of the season.

The Wildcats kept second place with a 5-4 win over the Wolverines in the Monday game.

Monday, May 29

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| Wildcats | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| Wolverines | 4 | 10 | 5 |
| Badgers | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Cubs | 2 | 7 | 4 |

Standings To Date

| | W | L | P |
|------------|---|---|------|
| Badgers | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Wildcats | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Wolverines | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Cubs | 1 | 3 | .250 |

Novi Railroad Man Goes To National Convention

A. C. Atkinson, railroad agent of Novi, recently spent three weeks in Montreal and Quebec as a delegate at the national convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Mr. Atkinson represented the Pere Marquette, the road which employs him, at the conference.

Mrs. Gertrude Webster attended the Wayne Association of the O. E. S. in Detroit, Wednesday.

Youngest Seniors Honored at Commencement



Helen Borchart and Wayne Wixom, Salutatorian and Valedictorian of Farmington High School's Class of 1933, who are also the youngest members of the class. They were chosen to speak at the commencement exercises Thursday night, having led the class in excellence of marks.

Senator Explains Mortgage Relief Aids In Meeting

Provisions Of Congressional Act Are Defined In Communication From Vandenberg

Sen. Arthur Vandenberg has sent the following bulletin to the Enterprise in regard to the regulations entailed by the passage of the farm mortgage relief bill. Senator Vandenberg explains that the communication does not go into detail but that he will be willing to supply any further information to any farmer desiring it.

1. The Michigan farmer presents his case either to the Secretary-Treasurer of a national farm loan association if there is one operating in the county in which his farm is located, or in writing to the Federal Land Bank at St. Paul, Minn. These sources will specify advice can conduct any necessary negotiations. No applications will be considered at Washington.

2. The Federal Land Bank can purchase any existing farm mortgage on a basis not to exceed 60% of the normal value of the land, plus 20% of the value of permanent insured improvements. It will pay the present mortgage holder either in cash or in 4% bonds (with the interest guaranteed by the federal government).

3. If the farmer's existing mortgage is in excess of these percentages, the present mortgage holder may negotiate with the Federal Land Bank to compromise the mortgage within the limits described in Paragraph 2. It must be understood in either instance it finally is entirely optional with the present mortgage holder whether he will make such a deal with the land bank.

4. If the deal is consummated in either instance, the farmer's new mortgage will bear interest at 4 1/2% per annum, and for five years no payment need be made on the principal, if the borrower is not otherwise in default.

5. All mortgages on farms not Federal Land Banks will be rewritten on the basis outlined in Paragraph 4.

6. New mortgages on farms not previously mortgaged can be made directly with the Federal Land Bank, within the limits defined in Paragraph 2, at 5% per annum, and no principal payment for five years, with the further provision that this interest rate will be reduced to 4% if the borrower subsequently joins a "farm-loan association" organized in his community by the Federal Land Bank. In each instance, the farmer also must buy \$5 of Land Bank stock for each \$100 borrowed.

7. Under a different provision of the law, The Farm Loan Commissioner (also to be addressed in the Land Bank at St. Paul, Minn.) can make special loans to farmers (1) to refinance on better terms existing indebtedness, or (2) to provide working capital, or (3) to enable the farmer to redeem or repurchase farm property lost by foreclosure since July 1, 1931. These loans can cover 75% of the property. They pay 6% interest, with the principal paid in ten annual installments commencing the fourth year. No

53 Students Are Given Diplomas At School Exercises

Baccalaureate Address Delivered By Rev. E. W. Palmer On Sunday Night

Two impressive ceremonies this week rounded out the high school lives of 53 young men and women, the largest class ever to be graduated from the Farmington institution.

At the Baccalaureate service held Sunday night in the Methodist church, Rev. E. W. Palmer, Baptist pastor, spoke to the members of the Class of 1933 on the responsibilities and prospects that lay ahead of them. "Opportunity Is Not Coming, It Is Here" was the title of his address; and taking the life of the prophet David as his text, Rev. Palmer urged the graduates to be prepared to take advantage of whatever life might bring them.

"David didn't wait for an opportunity to come along," he said. "He prepared himself to use every opportunity as it presented itself. As a shepherd lad he learned to shoot straight, which prepared him for his fight with Goliath. He learned to play the harp, and was able to please the king when his chance came to play before him. As a shepherd he learned to compose and sing his psalms, and they became masterpieces in the literature of all time."

"What are you going to do with your time?" Rev. Palmer asked the graduates. "Don't wait for tomorrow, for tomorrow never comes; use today."

Commencement exercises were held at M. E. Community hall Thursday, the graduates receiving their diplomas from Superintendent Dalrymple at the close of the ceremony. Rev. Breitenbach of the Evangelical church read the invocation; Rev. Johnson, Methodist pastor, gave the benediction. The traditional graduation speeches were given by members of the class, and music was furnished by the high school band. A dinner for the seniors sponsored by the Washington Club was given at the Everglades after the exercises.

A list of the members of the class of 1933 follows:

LaVerne G. Turner, Charles L. Collins, Germaine M. Beauchamp, Clayton Stumpf, George Hall, Zebulon, Gail Lucille, Roy A. Cairns, Pearl Evelyn Brown, Martha Doris Schroeder, Wanda Lucille Drake, Abbie L. Kent, Myrtle May Boilat.

Carl Lehman, Gilbert Elwood Grimmer, Eugene E. Regent, Frances I. Schmidt, Wilson Dowell, Kenneth Graham, Dorothy Smith, Charles Rosdiger, E. E. Turner, Elizabeth E. Sherman, Florence Alice Cook, Edward N. Caudell, Ward O'Hara, John Rands Grant, Mildred S. Paulger, William Hamilton, Helen Nelson, Harry R. Chapman, Fred Von Menke, Vivian L. Addis, Mary Lou Fanzini, Ellen J. Cairns, Howard W. Thayer, Wayne Mark Wixom, Sara Ada Leonard, Marvella Christina Auten, Helen Elizabeth Borchart.

Russell A. Miller, Robert Louis Spicer, Aubrey J. Kennedy, Helen Purdy, Otto Regent, George W. Wagner, Jack J. Quinlan, Roy N. Parker, Jack R. Reinke, Erma Frances Gray, Ralph Edward Rose, Inez Ruth Coates, Audra Mae Dunfee, Howard Harry Westfall.

STILL SMASHED

Officer Joseph Devriendt of the Oakland County Sheriff's department and William Gregor, special officer raided the farm home of Floyd Griffin, Berg Road near Franklin, on Tuesday night, confiscating a still and dumping a quantity of whiskey mash.

GUESTS OF NIECE

Mrs. Mary Fruit and Mrs. Owen, of Windsor, Ontario spent Thursday at the home of her niece, Mrs. Lawrence Taylor, on Cass avenue.

An eight and one half pound son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alexander of Maple Avenue. Mrs. Carrie Sims is caring for the mother and child. Mr. Alexander is employed in the Red and White store.

such loan can exceed \$5000 to any one farmer. But in all such instances the holders of other indebtedness against the farmer must arrange, through the Farm Loan Commissioner, to subordinate their claims to the new claim of the government.

Thursday, 9:00 a. m.

To facilitate handling and to avoid possible misunderstandings because of haste, news copy contributed by readers should be in The Enterprise office by Monday or Tuesday for publication Thursday. This also applies to all requests for space in the news columns.

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