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BIG CROWD AT POLE RAISING

Nearly 1,500 People Witness Farmington's Celebration of Going "Over Top," and Honor to Soldier Boys

Although the weather of Friday night and Saturday forenoon was threatening and at times positively moist, about noon the sun began to creep from under the clouds, and gave us an afternoon that was all that could be desired, and between 1,200 and 1,500 people assembled at the Town Hall to witness the pole raising and listen to the addresses in commemoration of our "going over the top" first in Oakland county, in the third Liberty Loan, and securing from the government a large flag and honor banner, the latter containing a gold star.

The raising of the fine pole, which had been furnished by the committee, in the preparation of which the D. U. R. line car crew took the important part, under the direction of John Clark and Clarence Bell, and through the kindness of the D. U. R. officials, took place at 1 o'clock, followed by the raising of the American flag and honor banner by about 25 school girls all dressed in white, during which the Farmington Cornet band played the "Spangled Banner," and the crowd gave three cheers for "Old Glory."

The hoisting of the flags was followed by the raising of a service flag by relatives and friends of the boys "over there." This banner contained 25 blue stars, representing the boys in the service, and one gold star for James Yerkes, who gave his life in the service of his country in France.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. Ina Hambleton, chairman of the local unit of the Women's Council of National Defense, was opened by a prayer, by Rev. James S. Priestley, of the Methodist church, followed by a vocal selection, "There's a Service Flag Flying at Our House," by Miss Julia Eisenlord, whose brother is "Over There."

Chairman F. M. Warner then introduced L. W. Goodenough, one of four farmer citizens from Detroit, who purchased the old Palmer Sherman farm for a country home, who made a strong appeal for everyone to "pull and not kick." Mr. Goodenough also gave the history of the Prussians, depicting the deprivations and aggressions of the rules from the Grandenberg sector down to the present Hohenzollern family and Wilhelm II, "and where is he and his six sons—not on the firing line, any of them." Mr. Goodenough also stated that despite the stories of the "Starving Germans," they were not starving—"only inconvenienced—they have been getting prepared for 40 years, they are near the battle field, with railways running right into their camps, while we are over 3,000 miles from our fighters, but by co-operation we are going to overcome all handicaps." He said that whatever the administration did, the people here at home should not criticize. Mr. Goodenough was heartily applauded as he took his seat.

Chairman F. M. Warner read parts of letters from his son, Lieut. Harley Warner, and Howard Eisenlord, who are both in France, and after a vocal duet by Misses Alice Priestley and Laura Linn, "The Most Beautiful Flag in the World," he called on Mrs. Hambleton, who gave an outline of the work of our loyal women, and the call for greater effort, giving our lady workers credit for doing the best work along Red Cross lines and stating that their work, which has reached nearly 3,000 pieces up to the present time, was so well done that it was shipped without inspection from headquarters to the front, concluding her talk with a pleasing recitation.

Chairman Millington of the West Bloomfield Liberty Bond committee made a few remarks in compliment to Farmington township for her loyalty and support in the bond campaign, and making a strong appeal for a continuation of the good work.

After a selection by the band Abner E. Larned, of Detroit, the man who has "been there," gave a pleasing description of his trip in the Tuscania, the torpedoing of the boat near the Irish coast, the coolness of the American boys in their efforts to get off the ill-fated boat, his trip to the firing line, where he was several times too near the exploding shells for comfort.

Mr. Larned advised all boys going overseas to be sure to include in their equipment a flashlight, as it was one of the most handy things in case of accident, stating that many a boy owed his life to the flash from a light while struggling in the water. His talk was most interesting, instructive and convincing, being all from his own knowledge of conditions.

The Boy Scout troop, which includes a number of our local boys, earned the and received appreciation of all in their work of keeping the streets clear and acting as traffic officers, later forming on North Division street and going through their drill movements.

The program concluded with all singing "America" to the accompaniment of the band, and the large crowd slowly dispersed with the feeling that they had spent a profitable and pleasant afternoon.

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Road Progressing

State Highway Commissioner Frank A. Rogers and assistant, Lew Thompson, of Lansing, were in town last Monday, and went over the section of Grand River to be paved with concrete, correcting some of the grades as placed on the blueprint, and in the evening met with the Village Council for their approval of the plans of the highway department.

Mr. Rogers proposed the filling the hollow east of town along the creek with a dirt taken from the hill and along the line up to the business section, where the roadbed will be lowered in a number of places.

It was also Mr. Rogers' opinion, as well as members of the council, that the D. U. R. should be asked to place their tracks in the center of the street from the lumber yard switch to the turn at Division street.

The corrections as specified by Mr. Rogers will be made and the blueprint returned for the final confirmation of the council, when bids will be asked for construction, and the actual work gotten under way.

It was estimated that the curbing of the street through town from the creek to the neighborhood of \$60 to \$75 for a 50-foot lot.

Married at Toledo, Ohio.

Monday, April 29th, occurred the wedding of Miss Loeal J. Oamus and Roy O. Robinson, both of this place. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Oamus and one of Farmington's most popular young ladies, having received her education in the Farmington high school, since which time she has been a saleswoman in this place, where she has gained the love and admiration of all who knew her.

Mr. Robinson came to Farmington more than a year ago from Pennsylvania and has been in the employ of the D. U. R., where he has gained many warm friends. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson join in wishing the young couple a prosperous and happy future.

Let our government know that every woman in Farmington is loyal to her country. Register.

For Sale

We have a new Maxwell Touring Car and a new Maxwell Truck; also two second hand Fords for sale. Lee & Sons Garage, Farmington.



FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

Brighton surely has an epidemic of the mumps, which breaks up every program the school undertakes lately.—Brighton Argus.

Plymouth has gone "over the top" on the Liberty Bond sale and the \$93,295 quota has been passed and then some, but the work has not been finished.—Plymouth Mail.

Holly Council bought a discarded Belle Isle sprinkler in Detroit for \$180 and will buy a team to use for that and other village work. Not a bad proposition.—Milford Times.

We are being advised to "put in our coal now for next winter, which reminds us of the fellow who said if he had the ham he would have ham and eggs if he had the eggs.—Holly Advertiser.

Potatoes, it is stated, once saved Ireland from famine and they may be made great use of at this critical period in the nation's history in conserving our wheat supply.—Oxford Leader.

Secretary McAdoo favors "patched breeches" and half soled shoes, to save money for Liberty bonds. Some of us have holes in our stockings to which we can point with pride.—Orion Review.

The marriage of Miss Zepha M. Jacobs, of Vassar, Mich., to George B. Rogers took place at six o'clock Sunday evening at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Rogers, of Fairview ave.—Redford Record.

Viewing the matter from a wholly disinterested standpoint, it would almost seem that our sister village of Royal Oak, that with war, pestilence and famine, battle, murder and sudden death, to say nothing of alleged defalcations, is "sure getting hers!"—Birmingham Eccentric.

Do not wait to be asked, if you want to help win this war—you will register. Tomorrow, Saturday, is the last day of registration.

Take Notice

There is a village ordinance against the riding of bicycles and the running of express wagons on the sidewalks. A word to the wise is sufficient.

George Francis, Village Marshal.

Overalls, all sizes at Cook & Co.'s for \$1.00 per pair.

Try the liners. They sell.

Suffered a Stroke

Benjamin F. Grace, one of our oldest and best known residents, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Monday, his entire left side being paralyzed.

Although resting quite easy as we go press Thursday, Mr. Grace is in a critical condition, with little hopes for his recovery.

Elect New Officers

At the annual meeting of Farmington Chapter, O. E. S., last Friday evening, the following officers were elected:

- W. J.—Dr. E. F. Holcomb.
- Asso. M.—Charlotta Walters.
- Conductress—Ella Naeve.
- Asst. Conductress—Nina Ikeney.
- Ruth—Grace Leavenworth.
- Esther—Lucile Pickering.
- Maria—Evelina Schuett.
- Electra—Ada Bond.
- Warder—Hazel Barnes.
- Scintilla—Fred Brockmiller.
- Marchal—Rose Ficker.
- Chaplain—Mabel Allyn.
- Organist—Helen Salow.
- Song—Cecilia Havens.

The next meeting will be Friday May 10th, commencing at 6 p. m. and will be a special for members, which will be followed by installation of officers.

Entertained Soldier Boys.

A bunch of 40 army horses and riders enroute to an eastern seaport, stopped here last night. They were accompanied by two army trucks. The troop made an imposing sight as they came down Grand River, each rider equipped with rifle and revolver. The horses were quartered in the old Ely garage and hotel barn.

Some of our citizens got busy and provided for opening of the Town Hall, where music and our townspeople entertained the soldier boys, besides eatables in the way of Warner's cheese, milk and other articles furnished by our merchants. The boys resume their journey this afternoon, much pleased with their sojourn in Farmington.

Sunday, May 12th, has been proclaimed Mother's Day by Gov. Sleeper, and urges sons and daughters to make special effort this year toward the observance of the day, and where possible to visit mother in the old home. Wear a red flower for Mother, if living, a white for the departed. In accord with a resolution of congress, it is also requested that the citizens display the United States flag in their homes on that day.

We have a quantity of Mohawk Overalls, in all sizes, at \$1.00 per pair while they last. Worth more money. F. L. Cook & Co.

Enterprise liners sell them.

WANT MORE SCHOOL BONDS

Meeting of School District Monday Unanimous for Better School Building

At the meeting of the taxpayers of our school district, called by the school board at the Town Hall last Monday afternoon, to discuss the proposition of issuing additional bonds of the district to finance the erection of a fire-proof building, instead of wooden interior as was first proposed, all present at the meeting were decidedly in favor of the erection of a building that will be modern in every particular, even at an additional cost to the school district.

Although the attendance was not as large as desired, there was a fair representation of those mostly interested, and after explaining the situation, which is practically as follows, Secretary F. M. Warner called for the opinion of each taxpayer present, which in every case was that we should build the best.

When the district voted some weeks ago to bond for \$32,000, which, in addition to the money received for insurance on the burned building, it was estimated a first-class building could be erected, but after opening the bids for the construction, owing to the "war time" cost of all material and labor, it was found that they would fall short of having money enough to finance and fully equip a structure such as Farmington should have.

The former amount of bonds issued would barely cover the general construction of a modern fire-proof building, leaving the heating, plumbing and interior finishing to be paid for by direct tax, which in these stressful war times, would be too much of a load on the taxpayers.

The present proposition is to issue extra bonds to an amount of \$15,000, to be spread over the same period as the former bonds, with no payment coming due until 1921, when in all probability the end of the war will at least be in sight—we all hope much sooner.

Under this plan we will be assured of a perfectly modern building and equipment in every respect, with no hardship on any taxpayer, which will combine beauty both outside and in, with absolute safety from fire, entirely sanitary and modern in every way.

A meeting has been called for Tuesday, May 14th, to put before the taxpayers of the district the proposition of raising an extra \$15,000 for that purpose, and it is hoped each person in the district will cast his or her ballot in favor of making the best possible school accommodations for Farmington's steadily growing population, as in case the proposition fails, the board will be obliged to go as far as their money will carry them and leave the building incomplete, or complete the equipment with a heavy tax on the district, which, in either case would be detrimental to all.

An Evening's Pleasure

The Farmington theatre, managed by Eisenlord & Bristol, is gaining in popularity every week, in their endeavor to please and amuse their patrons. The picture for Saturday night will be the feature "Florence La Sadie," "War and the Woman," a five act play that will please and interest you.

The serial on Wednesday evening of each week, "The Hidden Hand," is a most thrilling story which is drawing crowds, and which you will be greatly interested in, even if you have not attended the preceding chapters of the serial.

Get the best Margarine, CHURNOLD at Cook's Grocery, phone 3.

We have a limited quantity of Lime-Feltite, one of the best garden fertilizers made. In 25-pound sacks. Farmington Lumber & Coal Co.

School Notes.

Myrtle Themm was absent Wednesday.

Geraldine Crab is absent on account of sickness.

Teddy Gurdleski entered the first grade Monday.

Homer Teller was absent Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Eleanor Talbot and Ellen Perry are absent on account of illness.

Mrs. Beardslee is reading "The Tale of Tommy Fox" at the morning exercises.

The percentage of attendance of the Seventh and Eighth grades for April was 94.

The Third and Fourth grades have purchased \$96.25 worth of War Savings and Thrift stamps.

The pupils of the Grammar room have organized a club to further the purchase of Thrift stamps.

The Eighth grade had charge of the Friday morning exercises last week. Several readings and songs were given.

Miss Hazel MacDougall is teaching in the Primary department in the absence of Miss Power, who is quite ill.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR RENT—An up-to-date apartment. Inquire at Warner Dairy office. 22c

FOR SALE—Quantity Seed Potatoes. Newman Bros., Tredway Farm. 26c

FOR SALE—A Child's Iron Bedstead. Inquire of H. W. Moore, Farmington. 25c

TO RENT—House on Oakland Road. Inquire of P. E. Perkins, phone 72. 26p

FOR SALE—Two galvanized iron chicken coops, nearly new. Inquire of B. F. Pierson, at Cook's store. 23c

WANTED—2 large setting hens at once. S. G. Turner 2 1/2 miles south of Farmington, or leave word at Enterprise. 26p

FOR SALE—If you want a good variety of early seed potatoes call John E. Wedow, phone 40w2. 24c

FOR SALE—No. 1 Timothy Hay; also quantity of Oats. L. F. Salow, phone 3932, Farmington. 26f

FOR SALE—Two New Milch Cows, 8 pigs and a quantity of oat straw. Robert Graham, phone 40w6. 25fc

WANTED—A good Cook, at the Michigan Hospital School, Tuck road and Grand River avenue, phone 147, Farmington. 26c

FOR SALE—Lumber wagon, springs and box, Light Spring Platform Wagon, Osborne Grain Binder, McCormick Hay Rake. Charles Oldenburg 26p

ESTABLISHED 23 years; specializing in farms. Buyers for all kinds of farms; also small places. Address Mrs. McAdams, 1250 West Euclid Ave., Detroit, Mich. Phone Garfield 1117. 1mar9

FOR SALE—1. Span Young Mares, 5 and 6 years; well matched; weight 2,800 pounds; also 7-passenger Studebaker; 1 1/2 miles east of Farmington on Conroy road. M. D. Shutts. 26p

STRAYED—A bay horse came into my enclosure on Tuesday, April 30th. Owner can have same by calling, describing animal and paying expense of keep and this notice. George R. Postwick, on the old Carl Fendt farm, Farmington. 26-17c