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VISITED BY MASKED MEN

Lyman Bush Brought to the Village Last Saturday Night as a Red Cross Slacker.

REFUSED TO AID ON DRIVE

Affair Was Staged By Outside Parties—Surprise to Farmington People.

Although very few people in this village had an inkling that there was to be staged big doings here last Saturday night it was not long before a large crowd congregated near the Town Hall square, when, about 11 o'clock four or five auto loads of masked men drove into town with Lyman Bush.

According to reports Bush, who lives north and west of town, and is a well-to-do farmer, had refused to subscribe to the Red Cross fund, and is said to have torn up the card in the faces of those who solicited his subscription. The matter was reported to the county headquarters, with the result that on Saturday night he was visited by a party of 10 or 12 men robed in white, who called him out of his home, overpowered and bound him with ropes and brought him to this village, where he was tied into a chair and his long bushy hair and beard, after still refusing to sign a pledge card, was clipped in shapes representing crosses, after which red paint was smeared over the clipped portions of his head and face.

Following the application of the paint Bush was tied to a pole, where he is said to have cursed everyone in Farmington. However, some sympathetic witnesses of the proceedings untied him and he made himself "scarce" just in time to avoid further and more drastic punishment, and it is said he did not return to his home until late Sunday night.

As the masked visitors drove away a crowd of local "vigilants" began assembling masks for a "tar and feather party," but before arrangements were completed their victim had disappeared and could not be located, although it is said the country was scoured.

It is rumored that a large automatic revolver, which Bush carried, was confiscated by the maskers, after he had threatened his tormentors with the weapon.

While we deplore such demonstrations of zeal, we cannot help but feel that there should be some drastic measures for dealing with those who are able and refuse to do their share toward the relief of suffering humanity and the support of our government in this great crisis.

However, Farmington township has only a few slackers to deal with, nearly every man in the township having "come across" cheerfully and without argument, and we hope Mr. Bush will reconsider his attitude, and yet become a supporter of democracy's cause.

Although a number of prominent Farmington citizens were harshly censured by Mr. Bush as being mixed up in the affair, we have it on good authority that the doings were a surprise to everyone in this village, and not until the visitors drove into town was there any suspicion among our people that anything "was in the air."

It is reported that a certain party in Walled Lake was also visited the same night, the truth of which we have been unable to verify.

LATER

As we go to press Wednesday H. N. McCracken comes to us with the news that Mr. Bush had been to him and "made good," and we were shown checks on the bank signed by

Mr. Bush for his full quota, including a subscription given a year ago.

We, as well as everyone in the community, are read and glad to give Mr. Bush full credit for doing his duty, and welcome him as one of the supporters of his government.

We understand that Mr. Bush has always been held by his neighbors as a respected citizen, and we regret very much to have to record the above proceedings, but glad to know that the victim of them has relented his perhaps hastily made resolution to be one of the few who "could and would not," because by so doing he can still "be a man among men," feel better and enjoy life more fully.

A Young Life Ended

Mrs. James Leavenworth, who underwent an operation at Harper hospital a week ago, died suddenly last Saturday, May 25, 1918, aged 30 years, 4 months and 12 days.

Grace Biery was born in Novi on January 13, 1888, and on May 17, 1909, she was married to James Leavenworth, two children, Carl and Lynn, were born to them.

Following the operation for appendicitis Mrs. Leavenworth was apparently progressing toward recovery until Saturday afternoon, when during a visit by her husband her condition became suddenly worse and she passed away in less than an hour, leaving to mourn her early death, her husband, two small children, her mother, six brothers and one sister, besides hosts of warm friends here, at Novi and Pontiac, where they lived before coming to this village, one of the brothers being at the front in France.

Mrs. Leavenworth was a member of the Baptist church at Novi, a member of the Pontiac lodge Daughters of Rebekah, the local order of Eastern Star and the Priscilla club of this village, in all of which she was a faithful, ardent worker, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this village Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Priestley officiating, and interment was made in Novi cemetery, where the local O. E. S. had charge of the services.

The funeral, which was among the largest seen here in some time, was attended in a body by Rebekahs from Farmington, Pontiac, Novi, Redford, and Northville; also the local Eastern Star, four of her brothers acting as pallbearers.

Mrs. Leavenworth will be greatly missed in every circle in which her bright influence was felt, and much sympathy is expressed for the husband and little ones on every hand.

Buried at West Farmington

Fred Schmulz died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Carl Reinas, last Saturday, May 25, 1918, after suffering nearly all his life from epilepsy, aged 25 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Fred Schmulz was born in Livonia township on January 12, 1893, and had lived in this township nearly his whole life. He had been seriously ill only a little over a week.

The funeral was held at the Evangelical church in this village Monday, Rev. Stange officiating, and burial was made at the West Farmington cemetery.

In the words of his step-father, "Fred was a good boy," well liked by his companions and those who knew him, and had the sympathy of all in his life affliction.

Many queries are being received at the office of the state food administrator on the question of ice prices. Boiled down the new regulation simply means: No dealer in ice is permitted to charge a price for ice during 1918 in excess of the cash price charged for ice during the same period in 1917, unless he gets a permit from the United States food administrator for the state, after a proper hearing and the presentation of evidence to prove the necessity of such increase.

A FEARFUL ACCIDENT

Ed Scheueller Nearly Decapitated Last Friday at Bert Simpson's Saw Mill

While working at Bert Simpson's saw mill near Redford last Friday, Ed Scheueller, a well known young man about 31 years old, having lived in this vicinity all his life, apparently was taken with a fainting spell and fell onto the rapidly revolving saw, which resulted in nearly severing his head from his body.

The only witness to the accident was Tom Tracy, head sawyer at the mill, and facts regarding the tragedy are very meager. Scheueller was, in company with Tracy, attending the saw, when he suddenly reeled and fell across and into it, striking on the front of his neck just below the chin, the saw making a cut up nearly to the top of the head.

The sudden jolt of the engine caused the engine to shut down at once, disclosing a horrible sight, as Scheueller lay across the saw with his head nearly severed.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning from the Cone residence, with burial near Circle City.

French Soldier Replies

When the local Red Cross sent their outfits overseas it has been the custom to put a small card, upon which is a verse of scripture, written by Rev. Priestley, into the pockets of the garments.

On Tuesday Rev. Priestley received following card from a French soldier now a member of the "School of Re-education" for wounded soldiers:

Chambéry, le 4 Mai, 1918.

Cher ami inconnu

Le jolis colis portait votre adresse m'a été attribué.

Permettez-moi de vous exprimer ma bien vivante reconnaissance pour toutes les agréables choses qu'il contient.

Si vous voulez bien m'écrire de temps en temps cela me ferait un grand plaisir.

Venillez croire, cher ami inconnu, à mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Vivent l'Amérique et la France!

E. Sillon.

The translation of the card, which was obtained through the kindness of Miss Hard, follows:

Chambéry, May 4, 1918.

Dear Unknown Friend:

The pretty package bearing your address has been apporportioned to me.

Permit me to express my very keen appreciation for all the delightful things which it contained.

If you would write to me from time to time it would give me great pleasure.

Please be assured, dear unknown friend of my best regard. (Vivent l'Amérique et la France)

Success to America and France!

Sillon, Emile.

Pupil (or student) registered. School of Re-education (for wounded soldiers)

Notice to Water Users

Owing to the increased demand on our water system, and the limited capacity of our wells and pumping apparatus all users of village water are hereby notified that the use of water for sprinkling laws cannot be permitted, and you are cautioned to be as economical in the use of the village water as possible during the summer months to prevent a shortage.

By Order Council, G. L. Frances, Supt. Water Works.

Try a Liner. They are sellers.

Get CHURNGOLD at Cook's Grocery. We deliver. Phone 3.

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

Marie Shutts Married

On Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shutts, occurred the marriage of their daughter Marie R., to Alexander M. Webb, of Ypsilanti.

Mr. Webb has been, until recently, a teacher of chemistry in one of the Detroit schools. He is now enlisted in the government service, and will be stationed at Washington, D. C., in the research department of the American University.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James S. Priestley in the presence of the immediate relatives of the young people. Mr. and Mrs. Webb left for Washington, D. C., late in the afternoon and they will visit for a few days enroute, as their honeymoon.

Big Demonstration

Monday, July 8th, election day for school trustees, every school district in Oakland county will be the scene of a big patriotic rally, to be held simultaneously with similar rallies in every school district of Michigan. There are 8,400 districts and these events will constitute the greatest patriotic demonstration ever held in any state of the Union.

In addition to the regular program of patriotic numbers, it is suggested that every school district bring a new American emblem with fitting exercises. The County War Board, headed by Ex-Gov. Warner will be in direct charge of the exercises, co-operating with the district school boards and the teachers in each school. Whenever possible, the children will take part and will begin at once to learn their songs, drills, etc.

The County War Board, with School Commissioner Craft will secure and assign the best public speakers to be had to the various schools. The program for each district will be announced in a short time.

Must Register June 5th

According to a bill passed by congress and signed by the president, all young men who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, or who will be 21 on or before that date, must register for military duty on June 5th.

In the second division of Oakland county, of which Farmington township is a part, the registration will be held in Royal, Oak and Holly only, and every young man who has or will reach the age of 21, must go to one or the other place on next Wednesday and register.

Questionnaires will be sent them later to be filled out, and those who are placed in Class 1 will be subject to call as soon as all available men are taken, who are now enrolled in that class. Following is the government order, sent out by the Local Board for Division No. 2, Oakland county:

"All men living within the jurisdiction of Local Board No. 2, Oakland County, Michigan, who have reached the age of twenty-one years since the last registration on June 5, 1917, are subject to registration on June 5th next, and may register either at the Town Hall, Holly, Michigan, or at the offices of Mellen Wright Lumber Company, corner of Fifth and Main streets, Royal Oak, Michigan; both boards being open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Nichols School Entertain

The pupils of District No. 2—Nichols school—will give as a closing day exercise, an ice cream social at the home of Thomas Lytle. A short program of "Patriotic Songs" will be given by the pupils. Everyone is cordially invited.

The pupils of the school have organized a "Thrifty Stamp Club," and the following officers have been elected: President, Florine Wood; treasurer, Frank Walters; secretary, Hazel Lytle. Maturity value of stamps sold \$115.

Try a Liner. It will pay you.

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.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

Talk about roads. It is doubtful if rougher roads exist in the state than that of the Grand River from Briggs lake east to New Hudson.—South Lyon Herald.

Take our advice and carry your "Classification Card" at all times, especially when away from home. This is required by the Selective Service Law.—Brighton Argus.

It is indeed surprising how many Rochester men have discovered, of late, that they had relatives living in Ohio, whom they contemplate visiting in the near future.—Rochester Clarion.

A sample of the famous "75" shell, now being used by our allies, is on exhibition at Griggs' drug store. This German pill is the property of Fred Lawrence, of the Lawrence Printing company, of Detroit.—Orion Review.

While driving home from Detroit Sunday, Mrs. J. B. Watts, in turning out for another car, ran her automobile off the cement road, damaging one wheel so that she was obliged to leave the machine by the roadside overnight. When rescued next day the car was minus a rear tire and the coil box.—Northville Record.

A carrier pigeon came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller on Maple avenue, last Monday evening. The bird carried a message wrapped around its right leg, but was so shy they were unable to get near enough to him to remove it. He seemed very tired, and was lame in the leg carrying the message. They fed him several times while there and he disappeared Tuesday evening.—Plymouth Mail.

Michigan Mortality

During the month of April, 1918, there were reported as having occurred 4,808 deaths in Michigan. Of this number there were 690 deaths of infants under one year, 253 children one to four years and 1,340 of persons aged 65 years and over. Pontiac State Hospital reported 19 deaths. The highest death rate is in Delta county.

There were also reported for April 7,728 births, a decrease of 301 over the number of births for March. Wayne county shows the highest birth rate of any county in the state.

German Citizenry Loyal

Rev. A. C. Stange, pastor of the Evangelical churches at Farmington and Clarenceville, has received a letter from the Loan committee for the seventh federal reserve district, expressing the hearty appreciation of the government for the "very liberal support of the third Liberty Loan," by the members of his congregations, which the letter states is "irrefutable proof of their patriotism and loyalty."

Rev. Stange tells us as near as he can get at the correct figures the members of the two congregations (here and at Clarenceville) have purchased in the three loans, \$16,150 worth of bonds—the third amounting to \$7,550.

This is a good showing and indicates the loyalty of most all of the German citizens of this vicinity.

A \$200,000 fire destroyed the seven story annex of the Hotel Cadillac and damaged the upper floor of the main building at Detroit early Monday morning, driving more than 100 guests to the streets. The Cadillac has been for years one of Detroit's best known hotels.

June term of the circuit court convenes on June 3rd.

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

"Doing Her Bit"

Miss Pauline Pickett, one of our High School girls, has fitted and planted four acres of ground. She hired a horse and did her own plowing, and as she is only 15 years of age, we feel that our town should be proud of the young lady, and hope that others may join in the spirit.

We are told also that a number of other girls of the village are working in an onion patch west of town, where they are putting in most of their spare time.

Last Sunday's News-Tribune contained a photo of Miss Pauline Doherty, another of our High School girls, aged 14 years, who is driving her father's tractor on the farm near Clarenceville after school hours, and we have no doubt many others in and around this village that are engaged in like pursuits for the aid of their "Uncle Sammy."

Enterprise liners sell things.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends for their kind sympathy and floral offerings in our late bereavement. Special thanks to Rev. Priestley, the singers and Mr. Heeney. Charles Grace, Wallace Grace, Ulisses Grace, Joseph Grace.

Try the liners. They sell.

LITTLE WANT ADS
