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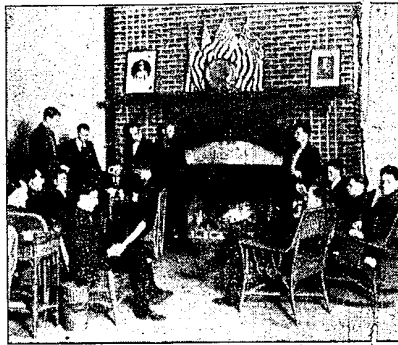
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LEGION HOSPITAL FOR TB'S IS LIKE A FINE BIG CLUB



AN EVENING FIRE-SIDE SESSION AT LEGION TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL

"More like a club than a hospital" is the frequent remark of visitors at the American Legion hospital for tubercular patients near Battle Creek. Every effort is made by the hospital staff, all of whom are American Legion members, to keep the surroundings cheerful so that the recovery of patients may be hastened.

The veterans who are now in the hospital are suffering from varying degrees of infection. Some are very ill indeed. Others need simply rest and skilful watching and diet. For these men especially, the Legion has

made efforts to keep the hospital even brighter and more interesting at home.

This Legion hospital is the only one of its kind in the United States—a hospital for veteran tubercular patients only, and conducted entirely by ex-service men.

One of the hospital's foremost admirers is Senator Townsend of Michigan. He helped in the move to send many government cases here.

Before the end of the summer the hospital will have a capacity of 400 men.

HIGH MARK SET BY RELIEF OFFICE OF AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion of Michigan leads the nation in obtaining financial justice for veterans of the World War. Since October, 1919, it has collected \$653,540 in claims from the federal government, according to reports just completed.

Some of these claims were \$10,000 insurance items—sums of money which were due the families of veterans, but which they would not have obtained except after great delay ex-

cept for the Legion. More than 12,000 men have benefited through this work.

Leads All Other States. No other state in the Union, it is said, has done nearly so good a job for its veterans. Michigan has been organized from the start for this work, under Dr. Frank B. Broderick, State Welfare Officer of the American Legion. In recent months a large staff has been employed in this work. The total expenses for the work done by the Legion has been \$121,513—which is less than two per cent of the money collected.

The money for this great work has been contributed by the people of Michigan. The funds originally were collected during the war by the Michigan Patriotic Fund. Later, they were transferred to the American Legion, to be expended by it in welfare work.

Every Claim in Two Years. The program of the Legion has been to press all claims with the greatest vigor, and even to employ men to discover veterans who may have had claims but who are ignorant of their rights. This policy has naturally been more costly than a more passive one. But it has brought results. And the goal of the Legion is that every veteran claim shall have been uncovered and cared for within a two-year period.

The Legion has had warm cooperation from Michigan's public officials, particularly Senator Townsend whose office in Washington has been of great aid in the pressing of claims. Senator Townsend has personally attended to several hundred cases, many of them being large amounts.



DR. FRANK B. BRODERICK
State Welfare Officer of the American Legion—A Scrapper for the Rights of Veterans.

MAIN BUSINESS OF THE DAY



WHEN MESS CALL SOUNDS AT AMERICAN LEGION HOSPITAL

When a person is suffering from tuberculosis, there are three great necessities—air, food and sleep. When the patients are former busy young men, put accounts on the food. That is what the American Legion does. It is a tubercular hospital near Battle Creek.

The bed-patients are fed in their rooms of course, but the boys who are still on their feet meet in the dining room for their three squares. No expense is spared to have the food extra-good, and plenty of it. Many cases are recorded of patients gaining 20 pounds within six weeks.

One of the members of the hospital board is Major John Emery of Grand Rapids, past national commander of the American Legion.

Short Skirts for

Flappers, Only, Decree

David N. Mossesohn, in New York, executive director of the associated dress industries of America, Saturday announced plans of that organization to leave the American flapper high and dry with her knee-length skirts.

Garments that hang to within eight inches of the ground will be "the thing" in fall styles for the "fashionably dressed woman," he said.

The flapper will probably continue to wear the knee length

skirt," Mr. Mossesohn conceded. "and some manufacturers will probably cater to that class of trade."

But as for the "fashionably dressed woman"—well, Paris has decreed "em longer a id what Paris says, Mr. Mossesohn thinks, will continue to "go" he e.

We kinder that at the time the war was not over. Late events prove we were making a safe guess. The latest war is the one declared against the state police by the dictator.

Spanish-American War Veterans

Memorial day is both a holiday and a holy day. For more than fifty years we have observed it. First they whom we honored were beardless youths, then men of mature years, then "the old soldiers." We are now reminded that we must also devote the graves of the fallen heroes of the World War, North and South with each other in doing this fine service, for World war heroes came from the whole country. And Stubb and Antietam, Gettysburg, and Cold Harbor have their counterpart in the Somme and the Marne, Ypres and Flanders.

Splendid spirit! Magnificent service! But while preparations for these observances take place, we are apt to forget the veteran of the Spanish-American war. So let us not say the heroes of two wars are honored, but rather the heroes of three wars.

We have never given the Spanish-American war veteran quite the honor which is his due. He did some great



Memorial Day, 1899.

things for us. He was a volunteer soldier. He acted in a hurry. He suffered. He died. He endured his hardships. He had his sicknesses. And he won.

The war with Spain in 1898 had enlisted hundreds of thousands of men, many more than were called for. Many of them never came back.

The armies in that war were made up entirely of volunteer soldiers. Conscript was not employed and not needed. Not a battle was lost in that war by American soldiers. Not an inch of ground was covered by retreat. For not a single hour from the time of the declaration of war until the finish was there any question as to the outcome.

The world was astounded by the feats of our splendidly equipped navy. Germany silenced, England was won over to our way of thinking, and prestige not known before was given our nation throughout Europe.

We obtained a fir- hand in the Pacific, and established channels of trade with the Orient.

Best of all, friendly relations with the South were cultivated. Both North and South united in a common cause. And the Monroe doctrine was given new force and meaning on this hemisphere.

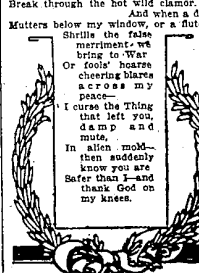
All of that was done in 100 days by the Spanish-American war veteran. Let us not forget him. Let us do him honor with the others on Memorial day.

In Memoriam, 1918

Love and our dreams are over; Hope is dumb.
Your coffin closed the darkness on my hours.
Your grave has left its silence upon my flowers.
I live your Death; with lagging feet and numb
I turn to paths where you will never come,
To passing men—and your gaunt shadow towers.

On all I meet—your words like sudden showers
Break through the hot wild clamor.

And when a drum mutters below my window, or a flute
Shrills the false merriment, we bring to tears
Or fools' hoarse cheering blares a croon in my peace—
I curse the thing that left you damp and mute,
In alien mold—then suddenly know you are
Safer than I—and thank God on my knees.



Most Worthy Celebration.

Memorial day is best celebrated by that deep appreciation of the loyalty devotion and heroism making this a united nation, which impresses us with our own responsibility for keeping it united for generations that are to follow us.

Novi News.

Mother's Day will be observed at the Baptist church next Sunday, May 28th. The pastor will preach a special sermon to mothers. All mothers of the community are hereby invited to be present at 10:30 a. m. Special music appropriate to the occasion is being prepared. Everybody welcome.

The Novi W. C. T. U. had a very pleasant and profitable meeting at the Baptist church last Friday night. Despite the rain about 90 persons gathered at 8 o'clock to enjoy a feast of good things, and they seemed not to be disappointed either in the banquet served or the toasts following. Mrs. Donelson, president of the local union, introduced Rev. F. I. Osborn as toastmaster, who in turn introduced Mrs. E. V. Calkins of Ypsilanti, state president of the W. C. T. U.; Mr. A. C. Graham of Detroit, state worker in the interest of law enforcement; and Grant M. Hudson of Lansing, candidate for the legislature from the sixth district. These proved to be a great treat, both for their wit and their fund of information. Following Mr. Hudson's talk petitions were circulated for the signatures of voters who wished Mr. Hudson to be nominated next September for congressman. A Mr. Tipton of Chicago, was also invited to make a few remarks which he did in a very acceptable manner. We were also furnished entertainment by a radiophone which had been installed for the occasion by Warren Rice. We departed at a late hour, not caring if it had been a stormy night.

Big Cherry Crop

Seen in Traverse

Practically past frost danger, and showing greater growth than usual at this time of year, the Grand Traverse cherry crop shows promise of being the biggest ever produced in this section, according to canner and orchardists.

A season, which three weeks ago was later than the normal year, has been changed by warm rains and balmy days and nights to a season which is a week ahead of the average year. This is one of the most remarkable changes recorded in Grand Traverse fruit history.

Never have the cherry trees been as heavily set with bloom and fruit buds as this year. The trees are so heavily loaded, that if the bloom should all set, some orchardists believe they would have to thin their cherries, heretofore an unheard of thing in this region.

The apple trees do not look as promising as far as production is concerned. Some of the largest apple flock are said to be rather shy of bloom, but this is not worrying fruit men to any extent, as cherries are far in the lead as the money crop of the Grand Traverse orchards.

Sweet Clover Said

Valuable Hay Crop

That sweet clover, if it is cut early and cut high, makes a valuable hay crop for Michigan farmers is the statement of Prof. C. R. Megee of the M. A. C. farm crops department.

"The stage of growth at which sweet clover is cut determines very largely the quality of the hay secured," says Megee in discussing the crop. "If the crop is allowed to become too mature before harvesting, farmers will be disappointed in the quality of the hay. It should be cut before the blossom buds appear. If the plants are allowed to come into bloom, the stems become woody, the leaves fall off, and a very poor quality of hay results."

That the height of cutting is also important is indicated by Professor Megee. Tests conducted at the Michigan Agricultural college experiment station indicate that a height of from six to seven inches is about right when cutting is done just before the blossom buds appear.

"The second year's sweet clover does not propagate from a crown as does alfalfa," continues Megee. "The clover propagates from buds in the axils of the branches and leaves on the lower portion of the stalk. If the first cutting of the second year is made below the young branches, which bear the leaves the stand will be destroyed and a second crop will not be secured."

Detailed information on the college sweet clover tests, as well as cultural information on the sweet clover crop for Michigan, is contained in a new bulletin just issued by the M. A. C. experiment station. This bulletin, which is known as special bulletin No. 115, may be had by writing to E. S. Shaw, director experiment station, M. A. C., East Lansing, Mich.

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