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## Editorials

### An Army Fights "The Shortest Thing in The World"

Down near the Nation's capitol an army has been fighting "the shortest thing in the world." That "shortest thing in the world," it has been well said, "is not a goat's eyelash or a mosquito's whisker, but public memory."

The men of the disintegrating bonus army, camped in the miserable swamp of Anacostia, were part of the hundreds of thousands of young Americans who were promised virtually "anything in the world" if they would offer themselves to be butchered, riddled and dismembered in a holy cause. That wasn't so long ago, either—just fourteen or fifteen years. Who is there that cannot remember those gaudy days, with their glib and gilded promises to "the boys" who went forth to get shot for a dollar a day while the "dollar a year" men stayed home and made fortunes? Who has forgotten the delirious joy of that tumultuous Armistice Day, with effigies of the Kaiser carried around on the front of automobile radiators, celebrating the peace won by "the boys" who were to come home and later learn bitterly that promises are only promises after all, and that the more enthusiastically they are flung out, the more they are to be doubted.

Once a year, on Memorial Day, "A Nation Remembers," as the headline writers say. The other 363 days it is easy, and less disquieting, simply to forget.

### Genius Comes Home

Genius came—or perhaps it should rather be said, came back—to Farmington for a few hours Tuesday evening, received the homage of the home folks, and went back to the world of achievement again. And the home folks know today, by their own eyes and ears and minds, if they had ever before doubted, that the honors which a nation has bestowed upon Sergius P. Grace have every one been richly earned. For years Farmington has watched with eager interest his ever-upward progress looking on with growing pride as recognition came again and again of his achievements. And this week, fresh from the scenes where two great new honors were conferred upon him, he returned to the place of his birth, not, as he himself said, proud in spirit, but humble, for he still was feeling "almost overwhelmed" by receiving within a fortnight two high honorary degrees from leading universities.

Thus Farmington expected much, after these many years, from its most noted living son. Farmington knows as everyone else, that Notre Dame does not dispense "doctor of laws" and the University of Michigan "doctor of engineering" to all and sundry who walk the streets of life. So Sergius P. Grace, coming home after 45 years a famous man, had yet to meet a test, to "run the gauntlet" of home town opinion—"could any little boy that we knew really become such a great man after all?" Not that anyone would ask that question or probably realize that it was in mind, but nevertheless it was there.

How it was answered—how the "home town boy" measured up, how he not merely justified his reputation but so completely dominated the gathering and so convincingly demonstrated such knowledge and intellect as to kindle in his hearers new fires of pride and admiration—only those who saw and heard him can appreciate. The belief that the rise of Sergius P. Grace was no accident, no turn of luck or whim of fortune, was proven true. One knew not which was the more amazing,—his mastery of the scientific, the astounding breadth of his intelligence and the wide range of his intellect that takes him into many languages, or that most uncommon faculty—the ability to translate the abstruse and complicated problems and achievements of science into everyday language that we all can understand.

We wonder if Mr. Grace himself, reflecting on his many travels throughout the nation and even to other parts of the world, would not agree that there seems something particularly fitting in the fact that this, his most noteworthy journey westward from the scene of his labors, should conclude with a tribute from his "home folks." Many times in the annals of our country, "the winning of the west" has been a decisive factor in our military, political and economic history. Yet no military commander, no political leader, ever came back from "the west" more triumphant in his field of endeavor than Sergius P. Grace in this, as he turned eastward Tuesday night. There had been the pomp and glory of receiving honors before great throngs at two high institutions of learning. Then there had been the recognition in the friendly company, the coming together of a hundred men, women and children who, as he said, "mean the most" of any audience before whom he had ever spoken.

We venture a guess that of the impressions that crowded into Dr. Grace's memory in the hours that he was here, one will linger the longest, and that not on the scheduled program. It was the way "the home folks" came and gathered beside the church, before the dinner hour, to bid him welcome and extend a friendly greeting. There in the tranquil shade, they came by twos and threes, not by design or planning, but just to see him again and say "Hello." So in this atmosphere of friendly ease and understanding that lasted through the evening, the informal group gathered and grew, as each one came forward to shake hands. "You didn't know me, did you?" one asked, and back flashed his answer, "Instantly." An introduction: "This is Mr. Power," and the quick reply, with a correction, "Certainly, it's Nate Power, I remember you well." And so it went for three-quarters of an hour, with the men of his boyhood days

coming forward to say stanchly, "Hello Sergius," and introducing their wives, while others stumbled over "Mr.—Dr. Grace," and Miss Mercy Hayes clinging still to the only name she ever knew him by—"Sergie".

When, later on, he told them, this man who had spoken to a third of a million people, that they meant the most of all to him, no one doubted the sincerity of his words. He seemed genuinely astonished when, as he was presented by the toastmaster, his audience rose as one to honor and applaud him; again when the program was over he could not leave without rising again to thank the people of his birthplace for their homage. One hopes that despite his modesty, he gained in those few hours an understanding of the pride with which Farmington claims him as its own; that in the atmosphere of the gathering of Farmington people, he sensed that even as he has always held their admiration, so he had also won their hearts; that it will serve to strengthen the ties and draw him often homeward again.

## CHURCHES

### Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.  
Daily mass at 8:00.

### West Point Park Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Adams, Pastor  
2223 Grand Blvd., Redford

10:30 Sunday School.  
11:30 Morning worship.

### Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer meeting open to all.  
10:30 Morning service with junior and senior sermons.  
11:45 Bible School with classes for all ages.

6:30 Young Peoples meeting.  
7:30 Open Air service in Town Park. This will be our seventh year to conduct these open air services. Each week we will have special musical numbers and a short gospel message. The pastor will preach a series of sermons on popular slogans, this weeks will be "Accept no Substitute."

A group of children from the Baptist Children's Home will sing several numbers. Come and worship with us out in the open air. Vacation Bible School will open Monday morning at 9 o'clock. All boys and girls 4 to 14 are invited.

### St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

Middle Belt and Baseline Roads  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30 Sunday School.  
10:30 Divine Service.  
The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

No services June 19th and 26th. Rev. Graupner will attend a convention in Milwaukee.

### Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Communion will be observed next Sunday morning. Rev. F. C. Johnson will preach a short sermon based on the theme of this sacrament.

In the evening the Eastern Stars will be the guests of the church at which service the Pastor will preach. Everyone is very cordially invited.

Our Sunday school meets at noon in the Community Hall. There are classes for all ages as well as very interesting opening and closing exercises.

### Evangelical Church

Summer Festival Services. English service with Sunday School in attendance at 10:15 a. m.

German service at 11:15 a. m. Mr. Eaton and his German Band will play.

Dorothea Kurtz will also render a few musical selections.

Mrs. Florence Edgar will be the organist. Vocal solos by Mrs. Ernest Hamlin and Ernest Ham Jr., and vocal numbers by Mrs. Edwin Tamm, Miss Ruth Schroeder and Mrs. Ernestine W. Evans will form part of the musical service.

Dinner served by Brotherhood at 2 p. m. Both services to be conducted by Rev. Niedermoefer. Come and bring your friends as this is the first time we have been able to have morning services in a long time.

## WEST FARMINGTON

### Mrs. Ervin Knapp

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Several from here took part in the Children's Day exercises held at the Walled Lake Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond attended Commencement exercises this week of their daughter, Ethel Bond of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Florence Bachelor of Detroit spent Monday night with her son Mark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimmer,

attended the funeral of William Wood Tuesday afternoon.

The North Farmington Auxiliary met at the home of John Graham with a large attendance. The old association held their annual meeting the same day with election of officers, as follows: Isaac Bond, president; Ellis Randall, vice-president; Arthur Green, secretary; Don Button, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp and son William and Mrs. Edith Graham attended the Vesper services held at the new music hall at Hartland.

Mrs. William Kurtz and daughter Dorothea spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Woodward and Edward Renas of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Renas of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz.

Mrs. Minnie Young of Pontiac called on friends and relatives here Wednesday.

## WEST POINT PARK

### Mrs. William Zwahlen

The Women's Association will hold their next silver tea Thursday afternoon, June 30, at the Community Hall with Mrs. Earl Gullen of Detroit as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis and son Donald were Sunday guests of the former's father, Ernest Voorheis in Detroit.

Mrs. Norman Getig of Detroit was a guest Friday of her mother, Mrs. E. Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker and three children of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Heller and Mrs. Margaret Martin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aimin Ault.

Miss Ruth Slevin of Union Town, Ohio, is the guest of her cousins, Misses Verne and June Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert and son Junior were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter of Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault and Mrs. Marvyn Addis were guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slevin at Union Town, Ohio.

Lora Ann Ault was the guest for a few days of Mrs. Ruth Wilson in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian B. Elbert and daughter Viola, sons L. B. Junior and Edward Duane were guests Saturday and Sunday of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Lorents Peterson at Plainfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Presler their daughter Viola and sons Donald, Homer and Richard of Huntington, Indiana were guests Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Smith of Rosedale Park were guests Sunday evening of Mrs. Margaret Davis.

A surprise farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Heller Saturday evening by their neighbors and friends. Fifty were present. A midnight lunch was served.

## Franklin Rebuffed

When Benjamin Franklin applied to the King of Prussia to lend his assistance to the struggling colonies, that worthy asked, "What is the object you mean to attain?" "Liberty, sire," replied Franklin. The king after a short pause, then said, "I was born a prince; I am become a king, and I will not use the power I possess to the ruin of my own trade."

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, on the 17th day of June A. D. 1932.

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