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The Pledge.

—I pledge my allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

HOW ABOUT IT?

Are the people of Ontario to permit the land about the city to go barren? Shall Ontario sit idle while the people of the surrounding territory provide means for the reclamation of their lands from the blight of alkali? Is Ontario to see its rich heritage pass on until another generation daries to tackle the problem of drainage?

This is a most important problem and its solution rests in the hands of a comparatively few citizens, while failure to take the proper steps will insure a great number and materially affect the ultimate prosperity of the entire community.

During the past week the directors of the Ontario Drainage District opened bids for the construction of its proposed system and the results to finance the work. In doing so the directors ran into two serious problems. First the bids for the construction were more than \$20,000 in excess of the estimated cost of the project; second, the bids for the bonds were several points below par, the security for these bonds is more than seven times the total of the proposed expenditure.

Of course both of these conditions may be directly due to the war. Labor is high and so are the materials required for the construction of such a system; then too, there is a demand for money for war finance. The interest offered on the government loan is only slightly more than that of the proposed bonds.

Even in spite of these conditions, however, it is not advisable to proceed with the work? Is it not true that increased cost per acre on building the system, even with the advanced price for construction and the decreased price of the bonds is more than offset by the increased value of the products produced on the lands? With the bonds selling below par and the price of construction \$20,000 more than anticipated the difference is cost per acre is approximately \$1.50. However, with an average yield of only five tons of alfalfa to the acre the yield under present prices is \$20 per acre in excess of the average price paid for war conditions. So taking all conditions into consideration, it must seem reasonable to proceed to save the land while it can be done.

There is, however, simple reason to believe that there is sufficient money in and about Ontario to build the system. The local men who know conditions and know the lands realize that the bonds are sold at a discount and that the interest is at least as advantageous as that the directors would be justified in going ahead with the work.

It is true that the bulk of the bond issue is the \$100,000 which has made them prosperous should be guaranteed. To permit the land to be reclaimed because of lack of drainage would work immensurable harm to the entire community. Cut out the members who have excess funds, the sheep and cattle men with capital, and the local banks demonstrate their faith in their home system and honestly to finance this undertaking. It is a patriotic duty, one well served, and sound. If financing is locally the interest of the bonds would stay in this section and from some viewpoint it would be a most desirable situation. Now is the time to act.

CHARITATISS

There are indications and indications. Ontario should consider the Fourth of July this year of all years. The season of patriotism can not be too often repeated. If citizens have been slack in any respect, it has been that of failure to contribute and sponsor the right kind of a national festival.

There is no need of a brilliant celebration with gaudy displays and that sort of thing. The war and

GIVES BIG BENEFIT FOR THE RED CROSS

Rader Bros. Give Ten Per Cent of Saturday's Receipts to Military Fund of the American Red Cross.

Purchasers at Rader Bros. on Saturday will swell the funds of the Military branch of the American Red Cross by 10 per cent of their purchases, for this amount of the gross receipts of the store has been donated by the firm to that cause.

This is but one of the ways in which Ontario business men are grasping the problem of answering the President's call for funds for the great humanitarian work. Besides giving this portion of their funds the store is working to increase the membership of the society by placing tables in the store for Red Cross workers.

OLD FRIEND WRITES A TOUCHING APPRECIATION

The Argus this week received from R. L. Milliken, former of this city the following appreciation of the life of Ora Walters who died after a lingering illness. The funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church, the sermon being delivered by Rev. D. E. Baker.

ORA WALTERS.

September 10, 1888—May 12, 1917. Between these dates lies the record of a life pure, fair, and sweet as it was brief—the blameless life of Ora Margaret, beloved daughter of J. A. and Lillie Walter, who passed at 1 a m. on the 12th instant from the family residence on the Boulevard, where her entire life had been spent.

A bright, buoyant soul in an ailing body, her trail for its celestial reward; an apt student; a delightful daughter; a considerate and affectionate friend; a humble and unpretentious Christian; Ora was beloved by all who came within the aura of her gentle, loving spirit.

As the years pass, taking with them our loved ones, we are painfully reminded of the poet's definition of love:

"A little dreaming by the way,
A little toiling, day by day,
A little pain, a little strife,
A little joy—and that is love!"

This, however, is but the common, worldly, superficial view, and that of the Christian, whose faith is not bounded by time's low horizon, and who believes that:

"Beyond this vale of years,
There is a life above,
Transcended by the flight of years,
And all that life is love."

To the parents, sisters, brothers, relatives and friends, is recommended the comforting message of the Master in John 37: 1-2.

ROSE MARGARET GRANT'S EXPLANATION TO NERVEN

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gladly to do the work of a woman in the world.

The five members of the graduating class were: Sister Mary Josephine Sister Mary Agnes, Sister Mary Magdalen; Miss Catherine Faulkner, Miss Olive Bell.

The hall was beautifully decorated, the chief colors of white and gold intermingled with Stars and Stripes, together with banks of flowers.

During the program of addresses there was a delightful musical program including the following numbers: Overture, Mrs. J. G. Smith; Mary Queen; Night with Mrs. C. F. Cox; solo, Mrs. A. Jurgens; vocal solo, Miss Collins.

The teachers should have a retiring office. The Fourth of July should be made a day for the gathering together of all the citizens for the consideration of the lessons of the past and for the consideration, as well, of the duties of the immediate present and future.

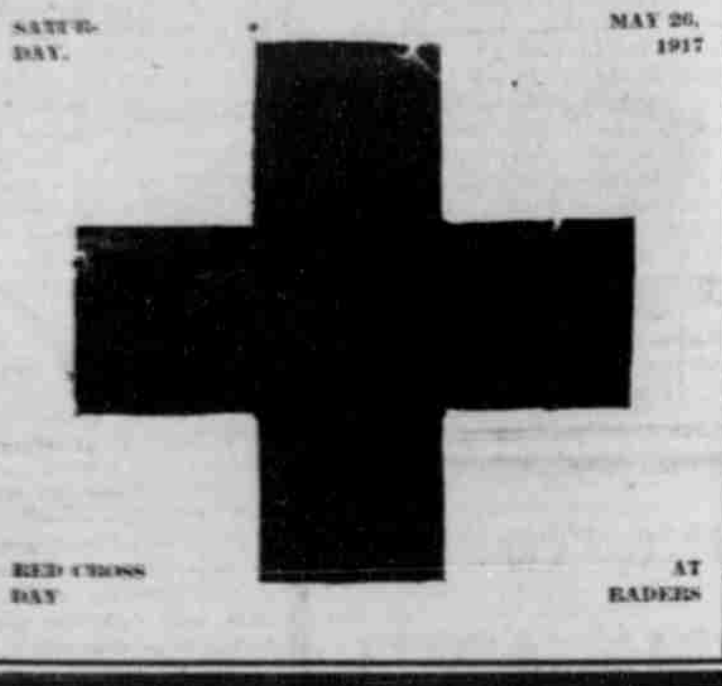
A big community picnic dinner with a few selected speakers to discuss various phases of the historic past and the possibilities of the future would it seem be in keeping with the spirit of the time.

A program of literary events, and sketches with big money prizes, has arranged to secure more than to show how much money can be spent, might be arranged, or a literary program might well be staged. This is held in the opinion of those who have considered the subject in the Argus, and we believe it is worthy of consideration.

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MAY 26--RED CROSS DAY AT RADERS

On Saturday, May 26, We Will Give Ten Per Cent of the Gross Receipts of All Departments to the Military Department of the American Red Cross.



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Let us unite Patriotism and good judgement, so that, without waste of effort, or excessive self denial aid can be given this wonderful movement.

You can't make your "bit" any easier than buying your supplies here Saturday. Just think what you can donate the Red Cross without being out a cent. You'll pay regular prices for your merchandise and in turn we will give the Red Cross 10 per cent of the gross receipts for the day---We take the Big Loss, and you are doing your "bit", for this Great Cause.

Everything in this store is included in this Red Cross benefit, including Ladies' Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Knit and Muslin Underwear, Hosiery, Silks, Wash Goods, Linens, etc. "New sport silks just in." Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Hats, Shirts.

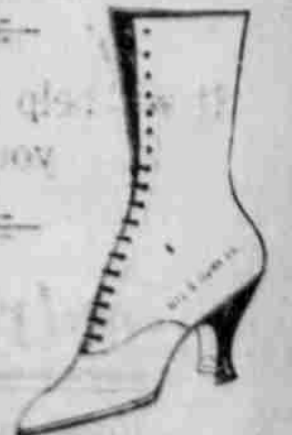
Everything in Our Complete Grocery Stock Included

Special In the Shoe Department for Red Cross Day



8 1-2 in. White Kid Lace Boot.

- No. 271. 8 1-2 inch Lace Ivory cloth top, Black Kid Vamp with full Louis heel—a real up-to-date dress boot at \$5.00
 - No. 272. 8 1-2 inch Ivory Cloth top, Tan Kid Vamp, with full Louis heel at \$6.50
 - No. 270. Young girls' Walking Boot, in Gray top, Black Kid Vamp, with medium heel at only \$5.00
- All styles in white shoes of kid and canvas with low medium and Louis heel. \$3.50



All White Reignskin top Kid Vamp Lace Boot.

G. E. S. GRADUATE IS NARRATED ON WEDNESDAY

(Continued From First Page.) To the scene of the wedding march, joined by Mrs. A. W. Richardson, the happy party entered and took their places before the beautifully decorated window seat, which lay

W. B. Brown, of the United Pro-

cessor church of Ontario performed the impressive ring ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Irene Ward, with Earl Hall, brother of the groom, was groomsmen. Lillian, Miss Dorothy Lane presided the group as flower

The bride carried a shower of

brides roses and sweet peas. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends were present. After the congratulations a delicious lunch was served by Miss Lillian of the bride. The bride is well known in On-

tain, where she graduated from

high school in 1915. The groom has already made many friends, and is one of our leading young farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will begin house-keeping on their farm just east of Ontario.