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CITIZENS PAY TRIBUTE TO CIVIL WAR HEROES

Although the veterans of the civil war are growing scarcer year by year, the day attracted more attention in Forest Grove yesterday than for some years past. This is probably due to the fact that the war upon which we are just entering makes us more fully appreciate the service rendered the nation by the veterans of the civil war. Certain it is that the crowd which went to Forest View cemetery yesterday morning was the largest seen there in recent years.

The parade left the front of the K of P. building at 10 o'clock, in the following formation: Forest Grove Band, Honor Guard Girls, Boy Scouts, School children, I. O. O. F., followed by the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., in autos, citizens and their families following in autos and carriages.

Arriving at the cemetery, the veterans, assisted by the Boy Scouts, Honor Guard Girls and other school children, decorated the graves of departed comrades, after which the usual memorial services were held at the monument of the unknown dead. These services consisted of prayer by Chaplain Beach, songs by the Relief Corps and the ritualistic services of both the G. A. R. and Relief Corps. The graves of veterans at Cornelius and Mountain View cemeteries had been decorated Tuesday by committees from the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

After the services the participants marched back to the city in the order named above and at 2:30 the indoor exercises were held at Marsh hall, Commander Butler of J. B. Matthew post presiding. The program opened with the singing of "America," by the audience, followed by an invocation by Rev. Dunlap.

The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. H. L. Bates, who also read Lincoln's Gettysburg memorial address.

In responding to the address of welcome, Chairman Butler commented on the fact that some who attended similar services in the same hall a year ago had been gathered to their fathers. "By the time another year rolls around, your grave or mine may be decorated," he said to the old soldiers, calling attention to the fact that 3,220 veterans of the civil war had answered to "taps" during the month of April. He was not afraid, however, that Memorial day would be neglected, for the Boy Scouts and Honor Guard Girls would keep green the memory of the men in whose honor the day was set apart.

The public school classes of Misses Pechin and Lathrop then sang several patriotic songs, among them "America," to an American tune.

The principal address was made by Rev. E. A. Smith of Hillsboro, a Spanish-American war corporal and the son of a Confederate veteran. Rev. Smith took for his text "The Spirit of Democracy" and stated that the spirit was conceived by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was born under Abraham Lincoln and had ever since grown and expanded in America, which was its natural home and birthplace. "This should be a day of gladness; not of sadness," he said. The men who fought for the preservation of the nation should be glad of the wonderful things accomplished, for they had not only preserved the union, but had assisted in the birth of a new south—a south of democracy, which had replaced an autocracy. Never in American history did the times call for such serious thought as today. The

principles of democratic government were being assailed by Prussian autocracy and militarism and the stricken Belgians and Armenians were crying aloud for the spirit of democracy to save them from annihilation. America never went to war for conquest, but always for freedom and he believed America was destined before the end of the European war to free the world from military despotism.

The brave spirit of Abraham Lincoln was today in the White House, where a sad-faced man sat, as did Lincoln, praying to Almighty God that the spirit of democracy might prevail. The address was a masterly one and will long be remembered by those who heard it.

Chairman Butler then thanked those who had in any way assisted in making the celebration a success, the audience sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and Rev. Hatch pronounced the benediction.

The Memorial sermon was preached by Rev. Dunlap at the M. E. church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and breathed much the same spirit as the address made yesterday by Rev. Smith. Giving a full mead of praise to the civil war veterans, Rev. Dunlap devoted a part of his time to discussing the world-war in which America has been drawn and implored the young men not to be cravens in the face of their country's peril. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Patton of the Congregational church and Rev. Putnam of the Christian church. The Honor Guard Girls and Boy Scouts marched to the church with the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

Noble Woman Called Home

Mrs. Anna VanKoughnet, beloved wife of John VanKoughnet, passed away at the family residence, corner of B street and Second avenue, south, at 10 o'clock last evening, after an illness of five weeks with heart trouble.

Anna Dunham was born at Denmark, N. Y., on April 6th, 1841, and on November 24th, 1859, was united in marriage at Constableville, N. Y., with John VanKoughnet. Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. VanKoughnet came west, locating in South Dakota, and about a year ago they moved to this city, to spend their declining years near their children.

Deceased is survived by her husband and four children, W. M. VanKoughnet of New York state, Mrs. Albert Anderson of Sturgis, S. D., and Charles and Mary VanKoughnet of this city. Mrs. Anderson has been with her mother for the past month and the son in New York is the only child who will not be here for the funeral.

Services will be held at the Congregational church at 2:30 tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, Rev. Patten officiating, and the remains will be interred in Forest View cemetery.

While Mrs. VanKoughnet had been a resident of this city but a short time, those who were privileged to know her greatly admired her many womanly qualities and her death will be mourned even outside the family circle.

Senator Buried—Another Appointed

Quite a number of Forest Grove people attended the funeral of Senator Harry Lane, held in Portland Tuesday. The parade was of a semi-military nature and was one of the largest funerals ever held in Portland.

Governor Withycombe has appointed Charles L. McNary of Salem, former member of the state supreme court, as Senator Lane's successor and Senator McNary says he will support all of President Wilson's progressive measures. He will leave at once for Washington.

THIRTY-SEVEN WILL GRADUATE

The largest class ever graduated from the Forest Grove high school will receive diplomas at the Christian church at 8 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) evening. Four of those entitled to receive diplomas have enlisted in Uncle Sam's services—Oliver Buxton, Kenneth Hawke, Tom Todd and Floyd Tucker—but they will be graduated just the same. The names of the thirty-seven graduates are Ruth Willis, Mabel Schultz, Beth Sexton, Duleina Brown, Pauline Brown, Mary Donovan, Magdeline Berthold, Edna Logan, Camilla Mills, Evelyn Patton, Lucile Higby, Margaret Morgan, Sadie McCoy, Ola Aydelott, Joy Aydelott, Ann Anderson, Hazel Hughes, Mona Mallory, Gladys Goodrich, Vera Schiffer, Millie Famme, Isabelle Buus, Lena Eichler, Helen Crozier, Joseph Loomis, Victor Evans, Harold Moore, Francis Taylor, Charles Roe, Malcolm Hawke, Evert Burnworth, Fred Wolf, Taylor Graham, Floyd Tucker, Tom Todd, Oliver Buxton and Kenneth Hawke.

The program for the exercises at the church is as follows:

Processional—High School Glee Club.

Invocation—Rev. Ralph Putnam.

Violin Solo—Miss Emma Craft.

Chorus—High School Glee Club.

Graduation Address—Judge Wm. Colvig, Portland.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. H. E. Inlow.

Presentation of Diplomas—President C. O. Roe.

Presentation of Scholarship—Superintendent H. E. Inlow.

Vocal Solo—G. R. Thomas.

Benediction—Rev. R. E. Dunlap.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. R. E. Dunlap at the M. E. church at 8 o'clock last Sunday evening and the services were attended by a large number of citizens, services at the other churches having been cancelled to make of this a union service. Rev. Dunlap preached a very helpful sermon, full of good advice, during which he implored the graduates to try to make their country the best on earth. He advised the young men and women to pay particular attention to spiritual development and cautioned them not to think their diplomas signified that they knew all there was to know. He congratulated the students on the progress made and the faculty on the thoroughness of their work. Excellent vocal music was furnished by the High School Glee club.

Rev. Putnam of the Christian church and Rev. Patten of the Congregational church assisted in the service.

The following Forest Grove pupils have passed the eighth grade examinations, according to a report from the county superintendent: Paul Jackson, Lois Allen, Ada French, Kathryn Williams, Donald McFeeters, Wanda Wendt, Arlington Marsh, Esther Hall, Opal Kelley, Orval Kelley, Max Sturgis, Florence Perry, Violet Kunkl, Aileen Hoffman, Mable Ridgley, Ethel Williams, Chester Bump.

Woman's Club Elects

The annual election of the Forest Grove Woman's club, held Monday afternoon, resulted as follows:

Mrs. B. F. White, president; Mrs. Dorothy Seymour, vice president; Mrs. Abbie J. Whitehouse, secretary; Mrs. A. B. Todd, corresponding secretary; Miss Minnie Myers, treasurer; Mrs. E. E. Williams, member executive committee; Mrs. A. B. Todd, delegate to state federation; Mrs. E. E. Williams and Mrs. Eva Abbott, alternates.

Music of Quality

The Conservatory of Music of Pacific University has a number of interesting recitals planned for the last weeks of the College year. The first will be given on Saturday evening of this week, June 2nd, by students from the piano and voice departments. Several who have not appeared in recital this year will be presented at this recital.

On Wednesday evening, June 6th, Prof. Graham will present his violin students in an entire evening of violin music. Some of his students from out of town will appear, as well as those who study at Pacific. The orchestra will be used in an accompaniment and a very interesting evening is in store for the public. It is hoped that a large audience will greet these young people.

The anniversary Recital of the Conservatory will begin Saturday evening, June 9th, as has long been the custom, and this program will be of special interest to all. These recitals will all begin promptly at eight o'clock. The public is invited.

Much interest has been shown in the Commencement Concert, which will be given on Monday evening, June 11. The Cantata, "Joan of Arc," by Gaul, will be sung by a chorus of fifty or more of our local singers who are working hard to make this part of the program a success. As the name suggests, the theme is a warlike, patriotic one and is very appropriate at the present time. The choruses are full of rousing patriotic fervor and are very tuneful and pleasing. Miss Goldie Peterson, our own popular soprano, will take the part of "Joan of Arc" and Mr. Harry Scougall and Mr. Harry Miles Whetsel, both from Portland, will sing the baritone and tenor solos. An orchestra of 30 or more instruments will furnish the first half of the program and it will be an evening which no one in Forest Grove can afford to miss.

STRONG ARGUMENT FOR ROAD BONDS

One of the most convincing arguments made in this city in favor of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue (to be voted on next Monday) was that made at Verts' hall last Saturday evening by State Senator Conrad P. Olson of Portland. Senator Olson is one of those who championed the bill through the senate and is qualified to speak on the issue. He explained that the bonds were taken up serially, the first retired six years after issue, thus reducing the interest annually. They were to be used in building PERMANENT state roads, and it was the intention of the road commissioners to require the contractors to maintain the roads for ten years, after which the state and various counties divide the cost of maintenance. This plan would relieve the counties of more than half the present

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Banquet for Scouts and Their Fathers

With a desire to acquaint the fathers of the Boy Scouts with a more intimate knowledge of the Scout movement, a dozen of the mothers of local Scouts at 6 o'clock last Friday evening gave a banquet at K. of P. banquet hall for the Scouts and their dads. There were in the neighborhood of fifty Scouts, about half of them accompanied by their fathers, at the banquet, which was substantial, varied and appetizing, consisting of roast meats, sandwiches, salads, baked and stewed beans, pickles, mashed potatoes, pies, cakes and coffee.

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RED CROSS RALLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

At a meeting of the officers of the Forest Grove Red Cross auxiliary, held Monday night, it was deemed advisable, in view of the seriousness of the war situation, to hold a mass meeting in the near future, to take the public into the confidence of the members. After some discussion it was decided to hold the mass meeting at Verts' hall next Wednesday evening, June 6th. A speaker from Portland, probably one who has been on the European front, will be secured for the evening and officers of the Red Cross will make reports of what has been accomplished and what is to be done.

Mrs. White, chairman of the membership committee, reported 154 members paid in and reported that the people of Hillside were coming in nicely, that auxiliaries were being organized at Cornelius and Thatcher.

Mesdames J. C. Buchanan and J. P. Hurley had donated \$21.27 realized at a tea and the junior and senior classes of the high school reported they had some funds for the local auxiliary. A vote of thanks was given these donors. Messrs. Williams and Hesselstine were appointed to secure quarters for work rooms and sewing machines and have secured the balcony of the A. G. Hoffman store for a work room.

The officers and chairmen of committees will meet at the Hollis & Graham offices at 7 o'clock next Monday evening.

June 14th is flag day and the Red Cross boosters are planning to make that the starting day for a three-day membership campaign that will show marked results.

An Invitation

The Military Relief committee of the Red Cross Auxiliary of Forest Grove is composed of the following women: Mesdames, A. B. Todd, R. E. Clark, J. W. Livingston, Mary McKenzie, N. C. Johnson, C. A. Broderson, E. G. Mills, R. E. Dunlap, L. W. Donovan (Banks), W. C. Benfer, W. B. Potwin, F. H. Whitehouse, Al Sexton, Chas. Hines, Anna Hogue, J. Enschede, Dorothy Seymour, R. C. Hill, Ralph Putnam, Chas. Roe, J. P. Hurley, Misses Minnie Myers and Margaret Hinman.

This committee is subdivided into working units, as follows: Sewing, Room and Equipment, Material and Buying, Press and Soliciting, Inspecting and Packing. A meeting of this committee is called for 2:30 p. m., Saturday, June 2, at the Rest Room to talk over plans and arrange for active work. A place has been secured as a sewing room. Mr. A. G. Hoffman has offered the balcony in the rear of his store for this work free of charge. Anyone who would like to donate the use of any of the following articles please notify any one of the above named committee, before Saturday if possible: Machine, chairs, scissors, outing flannel, yarn, thread, tape measures, old cotton or linen.

Yarn will be furnished any one who will knit socks. A plan will be worked out whereby societies may have certain days to sew.

We hope every patriotic woman in this locality will be interested in this work whether members of the Red Cross or not. When we give to, or help in this work we are serving our country, helping humanity and doing a work of mercy. The Red Cross is now an official part of our country's military forces.

If you cannot come to the sewing room you may take home knitting or sewing to do in odd moments.

Chairman of Committee.