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CITIZENS OBSERVE DAY OF MOURNING IN FITTING MANNER

Exercises Held in Morning and Afternoon to Honor Heroes Dead and Living

LOCAL G. A. R. IN CHARGE

Speakers Honor Soldiers and Sailors Who Died for Country; Mounds at Cemetery Decorated

Memorial day was observed with a seemingly greater solemnity yesterday than has characterized the occasion for some years past. The knowledge that perhaps before long the graves of some more of their own dear ones would be decorated on Memorial day as those of heroes dead, led those who attended the services at the Laurel Hill cemetery in the morning and at the mill race bridge in the afternoon to find new meaning in the ceremonies.

The morning service was begun by C. M. Dority, quartermaster and adjutant of the local G. A. R. post by the reading of General Orders number five. Mr. Dority and Chaplain Osmar J. Langdon gave the ritualistic service and deposited a flag at each grave while five little girls, Helen and Lucille Richmond, Edna Kinsley, Blanche Randall, and Thelma Arnett, strewed flowers on the mounds marking the last resting places. James Inman, post commander, was present at the services, and assisted in the rites. William C. Horton acted as flag bearer.

The main address of the morning was given by Reverend Henry C. Ethell, who spoke first of the terrible thinning out of the ranks of the old soldiers. A portion of his talk follows:

"We read in the word of God that all of us are strangers and pilgrims in this country. It is not our abiding place. God will deal with you just as he has dealt with other men. It is absolutely necessary that you make a distinct acknowledgment to Him." The speaker stated that he believed there would actually be several hundred thousand American men exposed to the dread machines for destroying human life, in the present war and that on every hand there would be maimed veterans who would take the place of the passing ones and take up their work.

"God maketh the wrath of man to praise Him and out of this terrible war much good is bound to come and at the windup this country will be the arbiter with God's hand at the helm."

"You," he said to the veterans, "ought to preserve the integrity of the greatest democracy of the world. We have entered this world war for the preservation of democracy, and when it is over, the peoples of all nations will unite in a grand universal brotherhood."

After the address, the company pledged allegiance to the flag, after which "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung. Reverend Ethell pronounced the benediction. Then the various comrades deposited flowers in the name of the organizations to which they belong.

A significant feature of the meaning of Decoration day was revealed when J. W. Perkins and J. H. Brummette strewed flowers on the graves in the county plot, most of which would not otherwise have been touched.

At 2:30 in the afternoon, Reverend Chris H. Jensen was the speaker at a short impressive service for the sailor dead at the South Second street millrace bridge. Adjutant C. M. Dority was in charge there. Miss Ruby Senseney, Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, Reverend and Mrs. C. H. Jensen, and J. W. Arnett sang "Just Before the Battle Morn'g," and "Tenting Tonight." Reverend Ethell offered a prayer, then Mr. Jensen made his short talk, in part as follows:

"People who live inland are prone to belittle that service which has had a great deal to do with upholding the nation's integrity. We should indeed bear this branch of service always in mind. The navy is a part of the Grand Army organization. So often we forget that the navy and marines are included. These are the branches on which we are depend-

ing now... the first line of defense. Our sailors are always on the job. All honor to the grand old men who upheld the flag and who stepped to the front when needed."

Mr. Jensen said he hoped and prayed that when this war shall be closed, that peace for which the nations have been longing shall be realized, and that all men shall live together as brothers.

While the singers gave the "Tenting Tonight," children strewed flowers on the water. A benediction by the speaker closed the services.

The day was observed generally throughout the city, the banks remaining closed, and the post office and stores doing no business excepting for a couple of hours in the morning. The weather was ideal and many people took advantage of the holiday to go picnicking or automobiling.

LOCAL MASONS TAKE TRIP

Six Brothers Accompany Eugene Members to Albany Tuesday Eve

Eugene lodge number 11, A. F. & A. M. went to Albany 64 strong Tuesday evening, and there visited St. Johns lodge number 17 and conferred the Master Mason degree on a candidate. A special was chartered, and the visiting brothers left Eugene at 6:15, returning home at 2:00 A. M. Wednesday morning.

After the degree was conferred, visitors and hosts partook of an elegant banquet, and a splendid time was enjoyed by the 300 Masons present. Those in attendance from this city were: C. E. Swarts, C. E. Wheaton, W. L. McCulloch, W. F. Walker, C. H. Jensen, and Harry M. Stewart.

Local W.O.W. Has Patriotic Meeting

Timely Talks Given, and Much Enthusiasm Created; Banquet Served

"We have not yet gotten down to the seriousness of these times," said Reverend Chris H. Jensen in his address of welcome at the Woodmen of the World patriotic meeting Tuesday evening. "When our soldier boys are being sent home to be buried, then we will begin to realize what war means," he continued. We have heard that the patriotism of '76, '81, '91, and '98 is lacking. When we begin to realize what this war means, I believe the boys will be wakened up just as they were in those other trying days." Mr. Jensen then welcomed those present on behalf of the local Camp, whose patriotic spirit he commended. The singing of "America" opened the meeting.

In the speech of the evening, M. C. Bressler said that the nation had found it necessary to enter this war as a last resort, and that the American people realize that we are fighting for the principals of right and justice for their fellow men. In a symbolical way, Mr. Bressler particularly outlined the growth of this nation, showing that aggrandizement has never been our aim, and how finally the doctrine of brotherly love has come to be our guiding star. At this time, when men began to realize that the principles of brotherly love could be inculcated in the minds of each other, lodges and like organizations began to spring up, and the same spirit broke through the walls and began to be practiced outside. Today, the nations which have not taken brotherly love into account, and who have rushed into this horrible war, are reaping the reward of misery.

"This nation is founded upon the principles of right, and it cannot fail, and I believe that this is the end of war. Men will now get together and arbitrate their differences. It is our bounden duty that we go and assist in breaking down the barriers which have been erected for the destruction of mankind. After the war is over, we can take our brother by the hand in brotherly love."

The loyalty of the American people to our flag, and how the Woodmen of the World has always been a patriotic organization, were the themes of an address by District Deputy Kennedy, who said we should practice patriotism as well as preach it.

Other features of the program were: a recitation, "Your Flag and My Flag," B. A. Washburne; "A Hobo's Lament," Reverend Jensen; "The Seven Invincibles," by Reverend Jensen; and the national hymn by the audience.

A banquet was served after the program. The committee in charge was R. M. Miller, L. E. Thompson, and J. E. Edwards.

POLICE WILL GUN FOR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT



Photo by American Press Association. Two anti-aircraft guns mounted on a motorcar now part of the equipment of the New York police, who are prepared for a surprise attack by aeroplanes or Zeppelins.

GRADUATION BEGINS NEXT SATURDAY EVE

Baccalaureate Sermon to Usher in Tenth Annual Commemoration Week of S. H. S.

The baccalaureate sermon to be given at the Methodist church by the Reverend S. A. Danford next Sunday evening, will usher in the tenth annual graduation week of the Springfield high school, the main exercises and awarding of diplomas to be held on Friday night, June 8.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by a high school girls' chorus under the leadership of Mrs. B. G. Van Valsah and Mrs. J. E. Richmond. The latter will also sing a solo. The Junior girls will decorate the church, and the Junior boys will probably act as ushers for their dignified fellow students.

Green and pink, the class colors will probably predominate in the decorations, and quite a number of roses should be available by that time, if the sunshine continues. The Caroline Testout rose is the class flower.

Miss Lillian Mulligan is president of the class of 1917, Will Machen is vice president, Miss Edna Platt is secretary, and Floyd Bartlett has kept a tight rein on the class finances during the past months. This year's is the second largest ever graduated from the local high school, there being 17 on the class roll. Last year has the record, with 19 graduates.

Mrs. Adell Ewer Passed on Sunday

Native of this City Died at Ashland After Short Illness; Was Buried Tuesday

After a short illness, Mrs. Adell Ewer of Springfield, died Sunday, May 27, at Ashland, Oregon. The body arrived in Eugene Monday evening, and was laid to rest in Mulkey cemetery Tuesday afternoon, after funeral services held at the Veatch and Gordon chapel at 2 o'clock, Reverend Chris H. Jensen being in charge.

Mrs. Ewer was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. McPherson of Springfield. Besides her husband Howard Ewer, and parents she leaves three brothers, Seth, Walter and Wade McPherson, and two sisters, Vinnie and Lula McPherson. R. W. Ewer of the Home Restaurant of this city was a brother-in-law.

Mrs. Ewer was a native of Springfield, having been born on the McPherson place north of Springfield, February 9, 1891. She lived here until her marriage to Howard Ewer November 13, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Ewer moved to Ashland in the fall of 1913, where they resided until her death. Deceased attended the public school in this city, and joined the Christian church here in 1905. Many friends mourn her early death.

Will Clark's Father Dead

Will Clark received a telegram today saying that his father, A. N. Clark, died at 1:00 o'clock this morning at Alexandria, Indiana. Mr. Clark, senior, has been ill with paralysis for some time. He was a member of the Odd Fellow lodge.

JOIN HOME GUARD APPEAL OF CITIZENS

Six Local Men Anxious to Build Strong Organization Here; Meeting Saturday Eve

When the soldiers and militiamen are ordered into service, our home interests are left without protection. Recognizing this fact, companies of "Home Guards" have been organized in the cities, towns and villages of our country. Springfield has no such organization, but should have. Those beyond the age of military service can thus do their little bit. Business and professional men can thus help to protect the community. Young men liable to draft in two or three months can thus become acquainted with military tactics a theme and increase their opportunity for promotion in the regular service.

At the civic banquet held Monday night, men of all ages responded enthusiastically to the proposition. There are men among us, Spanish War Veterans, Ex Army and Navy Men, as well as college men, who are acquainted with the latest military tactics, so that Springfield in a short time can have the best organization of its kind in the state.

We have therefore taken it upon ourselves to call a meeting Saturday evening, June 2d, at 8 P. M. at the Old Opera House for the organization of a company of Home Guards. Be on hand and become a charter member. All able bodied men above 16 years of age will be eligible for membership. Remember the time and the place.

Respectfully yours, Rev. Chris H. Jensen, Chas. E. Swarts, B. A. Washburne, D. S. Beals, H. E. Walker, E. E. Morrison.

NAVY MOVIE COMING HERE

Government to Send 2,000 Foot Film on June 18; Torpedo to Follow

On Monday, June 18, from 1:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m., government moving pictures of the navy will be shown at the Bell theatre in this city, according to word received by Postmaster Harry M. Stewart from Assistant Surgeon E. K. Scott of the U. S. Navy. There are 2,000 feet of reel, and an experienced navy man will give an explanatory talk to show and explain the pictures which will be given in addition to the regular show. The pictures are free, but admission will be charged to the scheduled show as usual, and will probably be ten cents for that date.

According to the letter to Mr. Stewart, the navy department also has an automobile assigned for transporting a torpedo through this district. The torpedo will arrive here one week after the date of the pictures.

Allison Home Burns

A residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allison and daughter Thelma, at Springfield Junction, burned to the ground at noon Monday, when a blaze started from where the stove-pipe goes through the roof. Practically everything was saved, excepting three bedsteads and a mattress which were upstairs. Mrs. Allison was ill, but succeeded in helping to drag the household goods outside. The family has moved into the Lee house also at the Junction.

PLAN CLASS DAY PROGRAM

Seventeeners Invite Public to Free Exercises Monday Evening

The class of Seventeen will hold its Class Day Program in the high school assembly room Monday evening, June 4, at eight o'clock. The public is invited, and there is no admission charge.

The program is as follows: 1. Song by the audience—"America." 2. Class History—Read by Lewis Grandy. 3. Class Prophecy—Faye Smith and Ruth Scott. 4. Quartet—Graduating Song. 5. Class poem. 6. Class Will. 7. Piano Duet. 8. Marriage of Miss Class of Seventeen to Mr. Success.

Those who make up the Bridal Party are: Bride—Miss Class of Seventeen (Eather Brattain.) Groom—Mr. Success (Lewis Grandy); Father of the Bride—Mr. Seventeen (Bill Machen); Mother of the Bride—Mrs. Seventeen (Grace Thomas); Maid of the Bride—Miss Seventeen (Nina Boesen); Maid of Honor—Miss Best Wishes (Edna Platt); Best Man—Mr. Perseverance (Virgil Signor); Minister—Rev. Prosperity (Lillian Mulligan); Brides Maids: Miss Faith (Bertie Bruce), Miss Hope (Lucille Smith), Miss Charity (Ruth Lansbery), Miss Love (Faye Smith); Groom's Attendants: Mr. Knowledge (Floyd Bartlett), Mr. Wisdom (Bill Rodenbo), Mr. Honor (Otis McKeel), Mr. Truth; Ring Bearer—Miss Diamond (Ruth Scott); Train Bearers: De Etta Duryee, Angeline Fischer; Flower Maids: Edna Kinsley, Constance Rebhan Alice Bouchard, Doris Girard; Pianist—Leota McCracken.

Police Officers Informed of Duty

Are Required to Render Every Assistance in Execution of War Census Law

A communication just received by Mayor Morrison from Adjutant General George A. White, calls attention to the duties of police officers in connection with the coming war census. An excerpt from the letter follows: You are advised that paragraph 15 of the Registration Regulations prescribed by the President, reads as follows:

"Police officers of any grade or class, of town, township, county, or State, and all officers or agents of the Federal Government are required to render every assistance in the execution of this law. It is especially made the duty of such police officers to see that all male persons within the designated ages have registered and to report those who have not registered to the proper registration board for such action as may be necessary. Police officers may require any person subject to registration to exhibit his registration certificate."

I am directed by Governor Withycombe to request that you notify all concerned of their duties therein. Particular attention is invited to the duty of police officers to see that all male persons within the designated ages have registered, and to report those who have not registered to the proper registration board for such action as may be necessary. These reports will be made to the sheriff of the county.

Inasmuch as the registration in the State does not occur until June 5, 1917 the active duties of all police officers in this connection will not become effective until that date.

MONTHLY PLEDGES MADE FOR Y.M.C.A. ARMY CAMP WORK

About 70 Citizens Enjoy Banquet and Arrange to Help in National Movement

CASH ALSO IS SUBSCRIBED

J. M. Williams and other Speakers Outline Immense Good Done Soldiers by Christian Influences

About \$13 monthly for the period of the war was pledged to the army Y. M. C. A. work, at a fine banquet served by the Red Cross ladies and enjoyed by about 70 men last Monday evening. The affair was held in the W. O. W. hall and was given for the purpose of furthering the national movement to establish Y. M. C. A. headquarters in U. S. army camps everywhere.

The real purpose was expressed by John M. Williams, the speaker of the evening, when he said: "It now behooves us to make the training camp as comfortable as possible, and to throw around the men such influences that will preserve their real manhood and integrity, so that when they come home, they will be as sturdy and strong men as when they left us." Besides the monthly sums pledged, about \$10 was raised in cash at the banquet. "There are many people in the United States today who do not realize the condition of affairs," said Mr. Williams in his talk which followed the banquet. "There will soon be armies put into the training camp for war greater many times than the sum of all the men, women, and children in the state of Oregon."

"Germany has taken the world by the throat, and is saying 'Obey me.' It behooves us to prepare to combat this thing. We have been a peaceful people, but over there, Germany has been training for 20 years. When the Kaiser went on the throne, it was predicted that his great ambition was to become second Alexander the Great. It now becomes necessary for the allies and her associates to break down that ambition. In this country, men everywhere are now going into training for the stern reality of war."

"There are times when in the camps time will hang heavy and the boys can then avail themselves of the work being done by the field Y. M. C. A. At the Y. M. tent, the boys can write letters, read magazines and daily papers, and play games."

A. R. Gray, secretary of the Eugene city Y. M. C. A., who made a short talk, said that the Y. M. C. A. is better prepared to do this work, than is the government to go to Europe to fight the Germans. He told of the Y. M. C. A. huts in the German and Russian camps, and of what the organization did in this country last summer when the men were sent to the border.

Dr. S. A. Danford, who presided at the meeting, showed how by aiding the establishment of these headquarters, we can all do our bit in reaching even the firing line.

The awful results which may take place, when the soldiers are not protected by the proper influence, were briefly touched on by Reverend Chris H. Jensen who saw a comrade who entered the Philippine service when he did, ruin his life through bad associations, and then go home to greet his father, a minister, and his mother as a degraded boy, not at all the youth they had given to their country. The speaker said that more men died from disease and immorality than from any other cause. He then stated that he had been asked to present the proposition for which they had been invited, that is, that finances were needed for the establishment and maintenance of Y. M. C. A. headquarters in the field.

The following men were appointed members of a committee to take charge of the work in Springfield: J. C. Holbrook, Fenner Travis, and Vance Cagley.

Butte Falls Teacher Here

Miss Mabel Johnson, who has been teaching at Butte Falls, has been spending a few days at the home of Miss Barbara Boller. Miss Johnson was enroute to her home at Mouth.