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MEMBER



Memorial Day

PATRIOTIC organizations are preparing for Memorial Day. It is a sad commentary on American patriotism that this responsibility falls to the lot of those who suffered the most when our common country was in danger.

Rather should those who are enjoying the freedom that was won by patriots, assume the burden by keeping alive the spirit that Memorial Day engenders. To patriotic societies belong the credit for sustaining such a national holiday.

And a nation whose wars have been fought mainly by volunteers should have a day set aside annually to honor the patriotism of its citizens.

Memorial Day has been an evolution of the people. It does not exist but for the volunteer armies that have mainly fought the battles of the United States.

This country has never had a standing army on the European basis. We have no conscription law that sends every able-bodied man into camp for at least two years continuous training. Even in the civil war, volunteers filled all quotas for the first two years of the tremendous conflict, and to the end formed the great bulk of troops in the field.

No disparagement of the regular army is meant, but it has often been comparatively small and is but a handful now. Our volunteers have been the chief reliance in times of war, and no national contest has ever ended with unsatisfactory terms of peace. The citizen soldier has never failed to make his mark.

No other country has the counterpart of Memorial

Day because no other has such a record of freely offered service in army and navy. When men leave the vocations of peace to bear arms wherever they might be directed to go, and for a slight money compensation compared with what they give up in occupations of gain without danger, they are not alone in making the patriotic sacrifice.

American women fully share in the volunteer spirit. In the sorrows that war brings on, they bear the keenest of the suffering. When women advise sons and husbands to enter the army, the proof of love of country is unsurpassed.

All people meet on common ground in the anniversary. American men, women and children are in fellowship, with what the day implies in the nationality that, powerful as it has become, is yet in its infancy.

The true patriot is always found in his place, Memorial Day. That place is at the services held under the auspices of the G. A. R. and American Legion Posts. Memorial Day is not given us as a holiday for noisy demonstrations and sports, but as a day in which to remember those who have given their lives for their country, that you might enjoy the blessings of a free country.

In these days, when many prate about their patriotism it will be at least interesting to see who really stay at home and observe the day as it was intended and who make loud professions of their Americanism, yet have not patriotism enough to do their part, at home, to make the day a truly MEMORABLE one.

The German Vote

INTERNATIONAL politicians are busy endeavoring to explain the unexpected election of Von Hindenburg as president of Germany.

One explainer says that the women of Germany voted for him for precisely the same reason that caused them to knit socks for soldiers—hero worship.

Another one avers that the way the women rallied to the support of the former leader of the German armies proves that the spirit of revenge is stronger than that of mother love.

Whatever may be the actual reason for the unusual turn the German election took, it is not surprising to see Germans turn to Von Hindenburg, after the mess that has been made of German affairs by the politicians who have been in control since the war.

The German people could not be expected to change ideas as old as the nation itself overnight. They are doubtless not yet converted to a republican form of government. The old belief that the ruler could do no wrong can not be erased so quickly. Von Hindenburg stands for the things the former kaiser stood for. Of course, he detests anything that involves a decision by the people, but he resorted to the tricks of the demagogue to win a place in their confidence.

His election may be a blessing in disguise. It is possible that his regime as president will open the eyes of the German people to the fact that he is not invulnerable. They should know that after his defeat in the war that he is not, but the fortunes of war might be blamed for that. They will now put him to a test that he may not be able to meet. It will be good for the rest of the world if he does fail.

Outdoor Good Manners

FROM the time they are able to comprehend anything, children are taught that they must have "good manners." They are threatened and warned and cajoled into behaving when "company" comes and to act like weren't little savages when they go to call on friends.

"Good manners" have always been regarded as one of our best known "indoor sports." But this is a changing world and now we find that "manners" are classified. And some of the grownups are lacking in the "outdoor" quality.

The careless automobile tourist, who has left his mark from Harlem to San Francisco, has made necessary some new preachments on the subject of "good manners."

The thoughtless camper who forgets to put out his fire and leaves behind paper plates, tin cans and the remains of his lunch is the horrible example of "bad manners" and a type that must be swatted in order to keep tourists as a class in good standing.

The American Automobile association estimated that six million people will heed the call of the road this summer. If one-sixth of them are careless, an immense amount of damage will be done. Beauty spots will be defiled, property destroyed and the way made rough for tourists who have good "outdoor manners."

Nothing is more disheartening than to find some picturesque spot among the trees left by automobile travelers and picnickers littered with refuse.

The rights of property owners in the country must be respected as religiously as they are in town and city. This children can be taught. Some of their elders may be too hard crusted to admit of teaching.

But the coming generation, at least, ought to grow up with the idea that the abuse of outdoor hospitality of parks and secluded spots in the country is as much a breach of good manners as to mistreat a home one has been entertained in.

The furniture-business is to be investigated at Chicago. But no business amount to much unless it is.

Keep Up The Morale

WE HAVE had a clean-up week in Andover. That does not signify that cleaning should be confined to one week. It should go on and on all summer, for cleaning is a progressive movement.

A lick and a promise, the winter's collection of debris hauled away, and then complacently forgetting all about it—that is not a spring clean-up in any sense of the word.

If the morale of the home owner weakens, if the maintenance of spic and span premises is neglected, the one week's spring clean-up is little less than worthless.

While nature is putting on her summer clothes is the proper time to get in the best work, but any withdrawal from a standard set during the first clean-up is to discount the work already done.

Many a woman never realizes how many things she disapproves of until her daughter reaches sixteen.

A Supreme Test

THE federal government's organization to fight rum running is being put to the supreme test. East destroyers, machine guns, cannon, airplanes and radio is utilized to sweep the modern brigands from the sea.

The coast guard has assembled its material and is training its personnel, according to Washington advices, in preparation for this crucial effort.

All good Americans will applaud the attempt on the part of the government to uphold the majesty of the law.

There is no more reason for non-enforcement of the prohibition statute than there is for failure to compel observance of any other law.

The problems that confront the officers of every community would be materially reduced if the government were able to stop the flow of liquor from other countries.

Men who fancy they have a load on their mind ought to realize most of it is junk and they would be relieved.

Summer Recreation

WHAT can we do with the children during the vacation period? This is a problem that confronts most parents and a happy answer to it is being sought. It's not so great in the country because there is not so much danger that children will get into mischief on account of idleness. The farm offers plenty of work for strong young muscles, and near to nature as it is, the tasks are health promoting, body building work.

But in the town and city, anxious parents are constantly seeking ways and means of keeping the active youngsters occupied. They are not dumb driven cattle. They like to be busy doing something, and if a method can be found to turn their energy into useful channels, they will be benefited and the temptation to fall into evil ways will be removed.

With a scarcity of work for young hands, the best substitute is a playground center where a part of the vacation time can be devoted to organized play.

Many communities have recognized their responsibility and have provided playgrounds, as well as a director.

A bigamist was arrested not long ago because he had three wives. Experts say that is two too many.

The person who works out the little things of life never has any trouble grasping the big ones.

Pearls are mentioned in the Old Testament only once, but there are plenty of gems to be found.

No one has ever suggested applying the birth control idea to some brands of automobiles, but it may come to that.

He who boasts about the handicaps of youth which he overcame, seldom ever has anything else to boast about.

Births

May 4—To Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Procter of Whitesville, a son, Harold William.

May 7—To Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richmond of Whitesville, a son, Gregory Clifford.

May 8—To Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Swort of Whitesville, a daughter.

May 13—To Mr. and Mrs. Hornburg of Wellsville, a daughter, Doris Virginia.

Marriages

May 9—Miss Bernice E. White and Raymond A. Woodfield, both of Wellsville.

Deaths

Walter Wainman, retired business man of Bolivar, died May 14th at his home in that village. Deceased was born at Nunda 61 years ago. He had been a resident of Bolivar 25 years. His wife and one son survive.

George I. Case, former resident of Little Genesee, died May 9th, at Tampa, Florida, where he had been passing the winter, death resulting from typhoid fever with which he had been ill 21 days. Mr. Case was born in Little Genesee 52 years ago. His wife, three brothers, and a sister survive. The body was brought to Ceres for interment.

James J. O'Connell, a farmer of Whitesville, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Anderson, 187 Stevens street, Sunday afternoon, May 17th, after an illness of two weeks. Mr. O'Connell was 72 years old. He was born in Whitesville on May 29, 1853, the son of Patrick O'Connell and Bridget (Seery) O'Connell. He is survived by three sisters.

Mrs. California Crandall died May 10th, at her home in Nile, after an illness of three weeks. Mrs. Crandall was born May 22, 1840, and had lived nearly all her life in Nile.

Mrs. Esther Carney, a life long resident of Clarksville, died May 7, after a long illness. Esther M. Southworth was born March 4, 1848, in West Clarksville, was united in marriage to Benjamin Carney Oct. 20, 1875, who departed this life, July 20, 1920. A son and two daughters survive.

Mrs. Frances Treussell, for many years a resident of Black Creek, died at her home in that place Wednesday, May 13. Her age was nearly 75. She suffered a shock and was ill but four days, never regaining consciousness.

Notice of Special School Meeting
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the inhabitants and all persons in-

terested in Union School District No. 1, of the Town of Andover, N. Y., that pursuant to the action of, and resolution duly passed by, the Board of Education of said Union Free School District at the last regular meeting of said Board, a Special School Meeting of the inhabitants of said District, will be held at the School House in said School District Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1925, at 8 o'clock, p. m., of that day, for the purpose of considering, acting and voting upon the following proposition:

"Shall the Board of Education of Union Free School District No. 1, of the Town of Andover, N. Y., be authorized to purchase for the sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00),

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situated in the Village of Andover, County of Allegany and State of New York, portion of lot number eighty—(80)—in township number two in the seventh range of townships in said County of Allegany and known and distinguished as lot No. five (5), in a plot of village lots laid out by B. C. Brundage and bounded as follows viz: Beginning in the center of the highway at the northeast corner of Lot No. 4 conveyed to Elizabeth M. Elwell, thence along the center of the highway south 87 degrees east three staked; thence along the center of the highway south 3 degrees, west one chain and sixty-two and one-half links to a stake at the northeast corner of lands now owned by School District No. 1; thence along the north boundary of said school district lands North 87 degrees, west three chains and seventy-five links to a stake in the east line in said lot No. 4 thence along said east line North 3 degrees east one chain and sixty-two and one half links to the place of beginning, containing 0 61-100 of an acre of land to be the same more or less.

And also authorized to borrow the amount necessary to pay the said purchase of the said land and premises, not to exceed the sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00), and issue and sell bonds of said Union Free School District No. 1, upon its faith and credit, said bonds to be paid within seven years from the date of issue, in seven equal annual installments, with interest payable semi-annually, and also authorized to raise annually by tax upon the taxable property of said Union Free School District sufficient funds to pay said bonds and interest as the same become due and payable, or such portion thereof, as shall not be otherwise available for that purpose?" and for the further purpose of considering and acting upon such other matters pertaining thereto or connected therewith as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated May 13, 1925.
FLOVE G. LEVER,
Clerk of Board of Education,
Union-Free School District
No. 1, Andover, N. Y.

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