

The junior choir of the North Chelmsford Congregational Church presented its second annual minstrel show Thursday evening at the Dunstable town hall before a large audience.

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Stony Brook Hermit writes his usual letter to the editor, devoting his time this week to war, Memorial day, and an urgent plea for the preservation of peace.

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The Chelmsford Lions Club held a regular meeting on Monday evening at the Blue Moon. Dinner was served at 6.30, after which a short business meeting was held.

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The final meeting of the year for the Girl Scouts of Troop 42 took place at the McFarlin School gymnasium Friday afternoon, with captain Julia Fogg in charge.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Aurilla J. Moody were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel M. Hill, Dunstable road, North Chelmsford.

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Attending the American Legion Auxiliary County Council and caucus in Belmont on Saturday were Miss Jennie Lavall and Mrs. John J. Kerins, representing the auxiliary to A. W. Vinal post 313, American Legion.

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For those who like a brief summary of the events of the week at the nation's capitol in these troubled times, the Newsweek runs a column compiled by two of the country's leading Washington columnists, Ray Johnson and Walter Pierce.

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Reverend Charles W. Cox of Philadelphia, Pa. preached his first sermon here on Sunday as the new pastor of the West Methodist Church. His sermon topic was "Are Ye Able?"

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A sewing unit, organized by the Lowell chapter of the American Red Cross, will open at the Unitarian Church vestry, as a part of the war relief program.

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The annual mother and daughter banquet by the Kiselso Club of the Central Congregational Church was held Friday night at "The Hearthstone" in Woburn, with some 33 members, mothers and guests present.

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Mrs. Alphonse Stadig of Groton road was the guest of honor at a farewell party at the home of Mrs. Fred Vinal on Newfield street, last Wednesday evening.

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Pupils of the eighth grade of the Princeton street school enjoyed their annual outing Monday at Canobie Lake park, accompanied by Miss Sally T. Conlon, teacher; Benjamin Goulubsky and Weldon Haire, coach and umpire of the baseball team; and Mrs. James Reeves.

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Legionnaires of post 212, American Legion, held their regular meeting at the post quarters Monday night. Commander J. Ira Spaulding conducted the meeting and appointed a troop committee for the Boy Scout troop 212 for the 1940-41 season.

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Nearly every Sportsmen's Club in this county sent delegates to the meeting of the Lowell group, held last Thursday night at the North Chelmsford headquarters. It was the first general meeting ever held here.

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Gardner G. Bartlett of Chelmsford was elected president of the Association of Merrimack Valley Golf and Country clubs at the 19th annual meeting of the group Sunday at the Nashua Country Club, Nashua, N. H. He succeeds Walter Jewett of Chelmsford.

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A regular meeting of Troop 23, Westlands Girl Scouts, was held Monday afternoon at the Community house with Captain Louise B. Coleman in charge.

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A busy day is scheduled for the Junior Bugle and Drum corps of the Chelmsford post 212, American Legion, on Memorial day.

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An unusual stage party was held Saturday night in Liberty Hall in honor of the approaching marriage of Mr. Francis Warren and Miss Irene Alexander Martin, formerly of Hudson now a resident of South Chelmsford, Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock at St. Mary's Church.

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The High School choir under the direction of Miss M. Marion Adams, supervisor of music in the Chelmsford schools, is to sing at the Memorial day exercises in Forefathers Cemetery, and will also have a part in the program at the hall.

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Behind the 3 hit pitching of Mike Cochrane and Bud Doole, the local High School nine went on to win its twelfth straight victory of the season over Howe High of Billerica, 13 to 1, at Billerica on Monday afternoon.

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A second presentation of "H. M. S. Pinafore," successfully given at Westford on Thursday evening, took place Friday in the High School auditorium with the same cast, but sponsored by the Unitarian players.

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Memorial Program Set For Tomorrow Appeals Board Orders Saw Mill's Removal

Saw Mill:

The Board of Appeals has ordered the saw mill on Dunstable road in North Chelmsford to vacate the premises it is now operating on, by May 31.

The reason given by the board for the order of vacation is that the district under consideration has been zoned for single residences. The saw mill operated under a special one-year permit, which permit has long since run out.

There is some mix up as to whom the actual owners of the business are. A Mr. Chamberlain owned the property originally but it has since been sold to new owners.

The Board of Appeals cannot make any definite statement as yet as to what action will be taken in ousting the saw mill. That depends entirely upon whether or not the company will make any definite attempt to remove the business from the premises.

It has been stated, however, that the board will enforce its ruling. So far the operators of the saw mill have done little toward removal.

The board has already issued the order of removal but they cannot take definite action until after May 31, the deadline set by the removal order.

Because of the very involved situation, the board did not feel free to make any definite statements after May 31 the business will have to show who the owners are, and make some accounting as to why they have not vacated the premises, if they have not done so by that time.

If the removal does not take place within the scheduled time limit, the board states that it will force the saw mill to vacate. Until then nothing definite is really known of the situation.

Memorial Exercises:

Plans have been completed for the annual Memorial day program to be held in the various sections of the town tomorrow.

The Memorial day program will be carried out as in other years, opening at 9 a.m. with a memorial service at Pine Ridge Cemetery, where exercises will be held at the grave of John M. Lund by the Spanish War Veterans, with George W. Peterson in charge. Boy Scouts of Troop 212 will conduct their service at the cemetery also.

Parade

The parade will leave at 10 o'clock from the town hall on North road, and will follow the usual route through Central square, circling the Adams library and returning to Forefathers cemetery, where the memorial services will be conducted at the graves of Civil war and World war veterans.

The parade will be headed by the Chelmsford Junior Bugle and Drum corps, with Drum Major Ellen Greenwood. Following a brief service at the Revolutionary monument on the common, the parade will move to the town hall where a program will be presented.

John Corbett Dohobee will be the guest speaker, and Lincoln's Gettysburg address will be given by Donald Grant, senior class president of the local high school.

Music will be furnished by the high school choir under the direction of Miss M. Marion Adams, supervisor of music. Flags will be placed on the graves of veterans at the cemetery in the Centre and South Chelmsford this week, by Legionnaires of Post 212.

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LONE SURVIVOR



JOHN K. KNOWLTON

"The thin blue line" has diminished to one man in Chelmsford, but we are privileged to have a sole surviving Civil war veteran to help commemorate the memorial exercises to be held in town, tomorrow.

Due to failing health which has confined him to his home for the past several years, John K. Knowlton, Chelmsford's lone surviving Civil war veteran, will be unable to take part in the exercises this year; but his spirit will be at the ceremonies once again remembering his departed comrades, with whom he fought in the great war between the states.

There has, perhaps, never been such an idealistically fought war in the history of the world as our own Civil war. Men like Mr. Knowlton joined the ranks of Abe Lincoln's boys to perpetuate the union and to make freedom the same for all men.

John K. Knowlton, who is now 90 years of age, was born in Unity, Maine, in January, 1850. Being but 11 years of age at the outbreak of the war, Mr. Knowlton was forced to sit idly by during the first three years of the war, and watch many of his ideals of union and freedom being smashed by Southern economic interests.

Finally his pressure became too great, and, at the age of 14, he joined the 12th Maine Infantry, Company A, on September 5, 1864. At that time he gave his age as eighteen so that he could join the ranks of the boys in blue.

During the last, and the fiercest, two years of the Civil war Mr. Knowlton saw much service, and was under fire in some of the most intense battles of the war.

A short time after his enlistment Mr. Knowlton was transferred to Company B of the 30th Maine Infantry. He served with that outfit until June of 1865, when he received his honorable discharge from the Union army.

John K. Knowlton has been an active member of Post 186, G.A.R., of Lowell for many years.

Through Mr. Knowlton and the surviving veterans of the Spanish-American Civil wars, we are privileged to salute the memory of our war dead, on this Memorial day. They were men with ideals, and the courage to fight for those ideals.

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War Veterans Attend Services At Church

Memorial Services:

"Keep America for Americans" was the subject of a stirring sermon delivered by Rev. Cornelius A. Foley, pastor of St. Mary's church, before a large gathering of Legionnaires, members of the auxiliary and veterans of other wars at an annual Memorial Sunday service held Sunday morning at the church at 11 o'clock.

Members of Chelmsford Post 212, American Legion, its auxiliary and veterans of other wars gathered at Legion quarters and from there marched in column of two to the church. Omdr. J. Ira Spaulding heading the Legionnaires and President Mrs. Luella G. Lakin the auxiliary.

Also attending was Gold Star mother, Mrs. Ethel Quadey. At the church seats had been reserved for them in the body of the auditorium.

The American flag and the Legion flag were placed in standards at either side of the altar which was beautifully decorated with roses.

A special program of music arranged and directed by Mrs. Peter Borrowes, organist and choir director, was given as follows: Processional, Marche Pontificale ... Gounod

Sing ... Kyrie, O Come, Loud Anthemns ... Hayden

Offerory, Heart of Jesus Meek and mild

Benedictus, O What Could My Jesus Do More

Communion, Ave Maria ... Millard Solo by Miss Dora St. Onge

Benediction, O Scharifus Hostia

Tantum Ergo Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Taps.

Allice Ducharme

Chloe Hamblin

Drum William Spaulding

The Star Spangled Banner.

Choir and Congregation

Rev. Fr. Foley said in part as follows:

"As we look back at the world now and think of the sacrifices our young men made then when, as they thought, they were fighting the war to end all wars, to make the world safe for democracy as sane-thinking Americans we should not listen nor pay heed to the insidious propaganda which incites, inflames and stoops to falsehood."

"We do not want the flower of our American youth to be the fodder or cinders of war, as in 1917. We love our Gold Star mothers, but we want no more Gold Star mothers, no more maimed and crippled veterans in our veterans' hospitals."

"It is not for this country to fight the battles of European countries. We must keep America for Americans. We know the terrible ordeals that the people of Europe are suffering, and while we sympathize with them and pray that peace may come soon, we should remember that it is our duty and the duty of every God-fearing and God-loving American to keep America out of war."

"We should talk peace and continually pray for peace. Here is our solemn duty and exalted privilege. Keep America just what God intended her to be, the land where there is opportunity for everyone to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The service concluded with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament by Rev. Fr. Foley.

NOTICE

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Hill's Store

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Hindman's Market

EAST

Loucraft's Variety Store

SOUTH

Simpson's Market

WEST

West Chelmsford Post Office