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Region Staged Good Armistice Day Program

America Needs To Get On Her Knees and Pray, MacBlain Says

Regional Rector Tells Armistice Day Audience This Is No Time To Rejoice.

It is hard to celebrate Armistice Day this year, if by celebrate, we mean rejoice. Who could be so foolish as to rejoice in these days? said Rev. R. E. MacBlain, of Grace Episcopal church, who addressed the people of the region on the program sponsored by the Legion post.

Francis, local attorney, declined to speak, but was in Federal court in Asheville where he appeared in two cases which could not be postponed.

Twenty-three years after the end of the war, the full fury of the passions are playing their mad theme of blood, destruction and death," continued Mr. MacBlain.

November 11, 1941, twenty-three years after the end of the war, a victory that at the time was to assure the peace of the world, you remember, don't you? was the conclusion of the war to end all wars. You also know that it was the end of the world as we knew it. Democracy," pointed out the speaker.

Twenty-three years after the end of the war, a day which was a wild day, if there was one, when the released passions of millions swept them in a ecstasy of joy. The dread of mutilation or death for those far away was removed, and we would be safe again. We could begin the reconstruction, the work of rehabilitation. That would occur for a long time. It was such pleasant work. This year after four years of desolation," said Mr. MacBlain.

course old pains, old aches, old sorrows would linger for a long time. Deep hurts had been in both sides. But there were those who believed in anything that a just peace would end the struggle. Men would forget the pains and the old sores would be healed, and the world would march on to triumphs that eventually would bring the brotherhood of man in the parliaments of the world. A poet's dream was about to be true. Do you remember," said the speaker.

you remember the decade that followed the first Armistice Day? In spite of the disillusion that followed the actual end of the peace treaty, men were in the new League of Nations. It apparently was a step in the right direction. It was not

"Gold Star Parents" Attend Program Here

Mr. and Mrs. John McClure sat in front of the speakers during the entire service. They are "Gold Star Parents," their son having been killed in France.

Another "Gold Star Mother," Mrs. J. L. Williams, was unable to attend.

Several of the speakers in their addresses, mentioned the sacrifices of parents, and some mentioned the McClures by name.

perfect. It did not have the support of some of the nations that should have been in it. There were disputes in its assemblies from the beginning. But how much better to have those disputes in a council chamber than on a battlefield," pointed out Mr. MacBlain.

The speaker then referred to the doctrine of the inevitability of progress and the giddy years that followed in this country, when there were "two cars in every garage and enough left over to supply the rest of the world."

"Do you remember the closing of the decade and the opening of the next? Something sinister began to creep in to mar the beauty of the scene. The economies of governments here, there and everywhere were beginning to crack under the strain of 'forced draught' prosperity. There was a new system, yet old being tried by a nation that represents one-sixth of the world's population and men were afraid of its effect on toiling millions, everywhere," said the speaker.

"In our own fair land we faced the heartaches caused by an economic debacle of major proportions. It made us suddenly realize that prosperity could cover a multitude of sins. Why name them? They are familiar to us all. Man cannot live by bread alone came to have a real meaning," continued Mr. MacBlain.

He then referred to the swing from rosy dreams of world peace and disarmament to the slight rumbling of the sabre rattling, of how it increased with the years until it burst into full chord on August 31, 1939.

To the hundreds gathered on the court house grounds the speaker made this final plea:

"My message on this Armistice Day is, on your knees Christians of this country. That is the way, and the only way to celebrate Armistice Day twenty-three years after. On your knees and pray

Starts Job in Civilian Defense



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is pictured in Washington with Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, of New York City, national director of Civilian Defense Administration, as she started her non-salaried job as La Guardia's assistant, helping prepare America for the emergency in event of invasion.

Father Mahoney Urges America Stand United For God And Country

"Man Without God Will Lose the Day," Says Assistant Pastor Of St. John's.

"Only once in the history of the world was a guard ever placed before the tomb of a dead man. Only once in the scrolls of time has it ever been recorded that a stone was rolled before a grave to prevent the escape of a corpse, and that was on Good Friday," said Father V. J. Mahoney, of St. John's Catholic church, here on Tuesday morning in the opening remarks of a talk he made on the Armistice Day program.

"But we in our day have lived to see that scene re-enacted. The modern Pontius Pilate across the sea has proclaimed that Christianity is dead; that Democracy is dead. A guard has been placed over the tombs of the fallen nations; the Nazi party is convinced that the adoration of race has supplanted the adoration of God. And if all this be true, then those honored dead whose memory we venerate this morning have died in vain. Theirs was a useless sacrifice for their cause has been lost. But we must not forget Good Friday," he continued.

He paid a tribute to the heroes of the last World War and to the mothers who gave their sons in the supreme sacrifice. He spoke of how Christianity must rise above all else, for in the end God must triumph.

"In the meantime, there comes to us across the seas a voice from crosses row on row, and the cry of the slain rings in our ears: 'Take up our quarrel with the foe; to you from falling hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high if ye break faith with us who die! The struggle now is not only between Democracy and Totalitarianism; it is more than that; it is between comradeship in anti-Christ and brotherhood in Christ.' Our answer is that we shall take up our quarrel with the foe; but we will take God for our ally. For when God is the ally, men can be sure they will win the day," he pointed out.

Father Mahoney further urged that we learn a lesson from Europe, that man without God will lose the day. The arms of steel in which he trusts will fail him; and that our national defense will be "deferred execution."

He stressed the importance that we stand united, for God and America, each one armed as was Paul, with the breastplate of Justice and the shield of Faith, and then only can we look forward to Eternal Armistice.

Railway Express Puts On Pickup And Delivery Service At Hazelwood

Free collection and delivery of express shipments within the corporate limits of Hazelwood are now in effect, according to E. A. Greer, local agent.

Several officials of the company saw the need for such a service, and it was through them that the service was inaugurated.

Commander Thanks Program Participants

"In behalf of the Legion, we want to thank every individual, organization and firm for their part in staging the program on Armistice Day," said Commander W. H. F. Millar yesterday.

"The Legion deeply appreciates the co-operation given us, and stands ready at all times to be called upon to render any service for the betterment of the community or mankind."

Young Group Gave A "Sadie Hawkins" Day Party Last Saturday

Betsy Siler, Jean Ann Bradley, and Nancy Jones, entertained with a "Sadie Hawkins" day party last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Siler.

The chief feature of the entertainment was the "Sadie Hawkins" race, and each girl was given a ring by the boy she caught.

Delicious refreshments were served by the young hostesses. The guest list included: Marguerite Way, Jane Wyche, Mary Ann Massie, Jackie Sue Messer, Theresa Liner, Geraldine Colkitt, Aaron Hyatt, Billy Miller, Tom Ray, Parker Gay, Dan Watkins, Bobby Hardin, Colvin Francis, and Nip and Tuck Ray.

A baby is the greatest swindler of them all; if it swallows a penny, you are out two dollars

Highlights Of Armistice Program

The estimated crowd of 500 in front of the court house was made quite colorful as uniformed members of seven organizations mingled in and out of the crowd. The state guard, the Legion, CCC members, high school band, navy, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

O! Sol smiled throughout the services, while his rival, O! North Wind, chilled the crowd through and through.

The applause for the band was the weakest we have heard in many a day—and the band did exceptionally well under the handicap of a chilled gale.

Some in the crowd became a little confused as to which way to face, when Commander Millar gave the order, "Face the East."

The state guard marched with ease and snap. Wish Hitler could see a picture of such fine American drill. He'd look more than 52 years old.

W. A. Bradley directed the parade and the positions on the court house lawn like a veteran circus ring master.

General comment was that it was the best Armistice Day event staged here in many years. The program was arranged by Bill Shoof-

bred and Chrest George working with W. H. F. Millar, all members of the American Legion.

The large Red Cross carried by four Girl Scouts was impressive, and very timely, in that the roll call started Armistice Day.

Traffic officers had a task in keeping traffic still during the period of silence, and one onlooker accidentally hit their automobile horn and the noise pierced the silence lots more than the volley fired by the state guard's rifles.

A minute or two before eleven, factory whistles at Hazelwood started to blow, and because the wind was blowing in the opposite direction, many in the crowd thought another large bomber was passing overhead, and craned their necks to the cloudless sky.

Some of the members of the state guard stood at attention during the 57 minutes of the program, never even so much as batting an eye, as far as the audience could tell.

The stores closed for the occasion, although some merchants could not get customers out until the parade started, because it was warmer inside the store than on the street.

Commander W. H. F. Millar made an excellent master of ceremonies. He showed he had plenty of fire, when he explained that the reason W. Roy Francis, who was scheduled to speak, was not present was because he had some cases in federal court, and the federal judge would not excuse Mr. Francis.

The ranks of the Girl Scouts looked very thin—the answer—twenty-two of them are members of the high school band.

Chrest George's young son march-

ing with his father, a veteran of the first World War, enjoying the privileges of his father's adopted country for which he fought.

The impressive sounding of taps by Fred Palmer, member of the high school band, and the echoing taps by Bobby Colkitt, another band member.

The crowd all seemed in a serious mood entering into the spirit of the day, patriotism and the significance of the occasion marked the program from beginning to end.

The color guards, William Shoof-bred and Vaughn Rhinehart, marched and stood at attention like old timers—and no wonder—they are both veterans of the World War.

Rev. M. R. Williamson, roll call chairman of the Red Cross, made a pathetic appeal for liberal contributions to the annual drive, which started yesterday.

Traffic Officer Norman Caldwell started at 6:30 in keeping traffic from parking around the court house.

In spite of the cold, Rev. J. C. Madison was one of the few, if not the only person attending the service to remain with uncovered head throughout the 57 minutes. He gave the invocation.

Mrs. C. L. Atkins Is Ill At Greenville

News has just been received here that Mrs. Lucile D. Atkins, widow of the late C. L. Atkins, has been confined to her bed for the past six weeks. Her illness may be indefinite, the report said. She is making her home in Greenville, S. C.

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