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### ADMINISTRATION LOWERS INTEREST

Farm Loan Rates Reduced to 5 per Cent, Becoming Effective At Once

A. J. Townsend, secretary-treasurer of the Gaylord Production Credit Association has just received word from Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit Administration in Washington, D. C., that the interest rate on new loans from production credit associations has been reduced from 5% to 5 per cent.

The new 5 per cent interest rate becomes effective immediately on all new loans and advances made by the association and will be applicable until further notice. The new interest rate will not affect loans already advanced in full. These will continue to bear the rate of interest prevailing at the time the loan was closed. The interest charges on loans from the association are collected when the loans mature. The Gaylord Production Credit Association is now making loans on acceptable crop and chattel security to farmers in Antrim, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Oscego, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Emmet counties.

The reduction of the interest to 5 per cent on new loans, is made possible by a recent sale of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures to investors at an unusually low rate of interest. The association gets money to lend farmers from the Federal intermediate credit bank of St. Paul. The lowering of the interest rate on new loans to 5 per cent is the second reduction in two months, the rate having been reduced from 6 to 5% per cent on March 16.

According to Governor Myers, the Federal intermediate credit bank is passing on immediately to farmer-borrowers from production credit associations the saving made possible by lower cost of getting money. The confidence of investors in the security of the intermediate credit banks has been such that the banks are able to get money to lend at the lowest discount rate in their history. Governor Myers says that the resulting low rate of interest on production credit association loans is enabling farmer-borrowers to save thousands of dollars on the cost of their farming operations this year. If the associations make sound loans, and loans that are collectible, an adequate supply of low cost money will continue to be available.

### District Aerie of Eagles Formed Mon.

Alpena, Boyne City, Cheboygan and Gaylord Will Work Together in the Future

Dr. Phillip Colleshan and Mr. Foster, of Detroit, and M. W. Ryan, state secretary, of Alpena, were in Gaylord Monday night, meeting with representatives of the Alpena, Boyne City, Cheboygan and Gaylord Eagles



# Mother's Day

When she's gone from the old family circle, There'll be beautiful memories of mother When the hollyhocks burst into bloom.

There are wonderful flowers of the spirit; Lovely blossoms with petals of gold That will bloom in our memories forever, When the baubles of life are grown old. We'll remember her singing at twilight, Rock of Ages and Never Alone; Of the temple not builded with hands And angels around the white throne.

And she planted the red rose of courage In our hearts with an infinite care, With the daisies of kindness and mercy, And the blue bells of penitent prayer. Though our lives may be tumbled and twisted I am sure that in gladness or gloom, There'll be wonderful memories of mother When the hollyhocks burst into bloom.

### CLAUDE E. SHANNON PASSED AWAY SAT.

Prominent Business, Professional and Lodge Man Answers Last Call. Buried on Tuesday

Claude E. Shannon, one of the most prominent men Gaylord has ever claimed, passed away at his home on North Center street Saturday morning about 6:55 o'clock, following an illness of 15 months. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days before. He had been confined to his home most of the time during his illness.

He was born December 14, 1862, to David D. and Amanda Shannon at Oxford, New Jersey, being 71 years, four months and 28 days old, moving to Michigan when a boy and living at Lainsburg, Ovid and Big Rapids and at Flushing where he was an undertaker. He came to Gaylord in 1906 where he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business.

He graduated from the Ovid high school in 1883, and later was admitted to the bar, the profession he followed at the time of his death.

August 25, 1909 he was married to Miss Mabel Wolf at Lansing, and to this union two children were born, Miss Catherine, a teacher in the junior high school at Fenton, and Claude E. Jr., a sophomore at the University of Michigan. They with his beloved wife, survive.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Center street Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. David Shugg officiating. Burial was made at Fairview. Due to his long business connections here, the stores all closed in honor of his memory, during the funeral hour. Pallbearers were former business associates, consisting of John M. Brodie, Dr. L. A. Harris, Wilton Simmons, Harry Nichols, Reuben Calster and William Sheperd.

Relatives and friends from a distance here for the funeral were Mrs. Flora McHenry and daughter Geraldine of Lansing.

To write in chronological order about a man such as Mr. Shannon was, is hard to do. Living in Gaylord for 26 years, Mr. Shannon was active in many ways.

Following his retirement from the undertaking and furniture business, he was judge of probate for 12 years; opened a law office following that time, which profession he followed until he was forced to retire due to his health. He was also a member of the school board for several years; justice of the peace; circuit court commissioner; and during the World War, he served on the war board, as well as being county chairman of the C. M. T. C. He was a member of the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Mason and Esoteric Star, the latter of which he was patron for several years, he also attended the Methodist church. During his life here he built the Walker furniture store and also the postoffice building. He was very active for years in social, civic and political problems, and took a keen interest in all activities with which he was surrounded.

### Local Christian Legion Organized

The local division of the Christian Legion was organized here Monday evening, April 30th. Charles Noffsinger was chosen to be Company Commander, Mary Schreur secretary, Warren Wilson treasurer, Mrs. Mae Widrig director of socialization and John Schreur captain of the soft ball team. Many have already obtained their membership cards and the local company promises to be a large one.

The Christian Legion is a young people's organization which has been founded under the leadership of Elder D. T. Williams, who has been a frequent visitor here during the past eight years, and has come to be quite a well known speaker. The general organization was perfected at a convention at Saginaw, March 24 and 25. The Northern Michigan District established its organization at a convention here April 11th. Local groups have been formed throughout the state of Michigan and the movement is now spreading to other states and to Canada.

One of the foremost objectives of the Christian Legion is to sponsor a program of constructive use of leisure time, and hopes to promote some worth while amusements during the summer months.

One project which is arousing a great deal of enthusiasm among members and friends is the soft ball game held every Thursday evening at the diamond near the Elmer Parkes home. Both boys and girls teams are being organized. Last week about forty people were present. The Legionairs wish to extend a hearty invitation to everyone to attend these ball games.

### REPUBLICAN RALLY HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Twenty County Committees Will Meet Here to Listen to Frank D. Fitzgerald

Frank D. Fitzgerald, Secretary of State, and Republican candidate for Governor of the state of Michigan, will be in Gaylord Friday evening, May 25, and address a 20-county rally in the interests of his candidacy. This meeting is the opening gun of Mr. Fitzgerald's northern Michigan campaign. County committees of



### THIRTEEN CHOSEN CHM. OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

First Annual Gathering Will Be Held June 25, 26 27. Committees Chosen

Louis Thren was named general chairman of the first annual outdoor carnival for Oscego county, at a general meeting of the Oscego County Chamber of Commerce held Monday night of this week at the court house. About fifty people were present, and after a general discussion of dates, etc., the selection of a general chairman for the carnival called for by Pres. Rockwell, Frank Wilkison, who was first nominated, declined the honor, and then by acclamation, Louis Thren, chairman of the committee to choose dates, was chosen for this important position.

The committees announced by Mr. Thren thus far are as follows, with the exception that a few people are to be added to one or two of the committees, who Mr. Thren has not been able to see:

Finance—Ray McKinley, Frank Wilkison, Farrand Vincent and Harry Lynch. Entertainment—H. A. Hutchins, Joe Hale and M. B. Wilson. Advertising: Frank Rockwell, Harry Hutchins, Ray McKinley and Paul MacDonald. Decorations: W. J. Merrick and F. R. Woodworth. Sports: R. S. Mooney, George Ford, John M. Brodie and Reuben Calster. A discussion of some length was carried on with regard to the displaying of the flag for any and all occasions. It was the general opinion of those present that the flag should not be used except on national holidays and when men high in government visit the town, for by the general use for decoration purposes, the significance for which the flag stands is made commonplace and does not give due respect to it. President Rockwell will appear before the city council at its next meeting and try and have that body specifically state when the flag should be used.

Plans for Memorial Day were also discussed, and the C. of C. went on record as favoring the closing of the stores all day on May 30, in accord with national edict and requirements of the NRA.

Al Bolton, working with the Veterans of the county, will arrange a fitting program for this occasion, more announcement of which will be given next week.

### County Agents Meet and Discuss Welfare

Welfare Committees Meet Here with State Men to Learn More About Urban Relief

The monthly conference of county agents for northern Michigan was held in Gaylord Tuesday afternoon, who, in connection with their regular work, are also aiding in the urban relief work to be carried on by the U. S. government through the coun-