

dict of Grand Rapids, A. J. Hager, Bellevue and J. E. Lake of Nashville. The committee in securing the judges chose those from away so there would be no favoritism shown and also picked a majority of the judges who were not members of any of the societies represented, having in mind the fact absolute fairness should be secured best in this manner. That it was a hard task was demonstrated by the fact that the judges called back five of the cars for the third inspection before they could decide where the honors should be bestowed.

The Eastern Star car, driven by Miss Evelyn Curtis was given the first prize of \$10.00. She was accompanied by Misses Nelle Anderson and Norena Snell and Mrs. Nellie Barningham, all dressed in white, with white hats. The car was trimmed in the colors of the order, the car being completely covered with flowers with a small star covering the front of the car while an immense star stood above the hood, streamers being run to the windshield.

The judges gave "honorable mention" to the Daughters of Rebekah and Le Odd Fellow cars. The Rebekah car was driven by R. L. Hammond who was arrayed in an officer's robe of order, and was also completely covered by the colors of the lodge, their decoration being streamers interwoven and showing the emblem of the lodge.

The Odd Fellows car was driven by W. C. Alcover though he was not visible to the eyes of the spectators and was a beautiful float apparently drawn by a bird which was driven by Dortha Seymour who was daintily dressed in

white. The altar of lodge was shown with the Warden representing the Good Samaritan standing by its side, prepared to extend the ever ready helping hand of the order to its members. Few recognized M. L. Stiles in this make-up.

The Lady Maccabee car driven by Dr. J. D. McEachran was very artistic, the car being covered with the colors of the society, along with the emblems and presented a very pleasing picture with the Misses Mary McEachran, Hildred Allen and Helen Loveland, all in white, riding therein.

The Mason's car was very striking, a frame work thirty-two feet long making the car into a large boat in which the officers of the lodge were riding, Secretary Edmunds handling the wheel and guiding it upon its journey. The boat was of white, decorated with blue flowers from stem to stern with a large emblem of the order fastened at each end producing a very pretty effect.

The Gleaner's car, driven by O. B. Tubbs was decorated in colors and grains and presented a striking picture, emblematic of that order and the work carried on.

The Christian Endeavor car was in white, daintily festooned with flowers. Stuart Sprague handled the wheel and Miss Greta Hayward, daintily dressed in white and holding aloft a banner on which the word "peace" stood out in bright gold letters presented one of the most pleasing effects of the parade.

The G. A. R. car was finely decorated by C. E. Fuller and was one blaze of national colors, a sight good to behold in these turbulent times. Mr. Fuller said he was filled with me

bers of the post.

The car representing the post office was also decorated in the national colors and carried President E. D. Barber of the village at the head of the parade and members of the post office force, Carrier Hawkins driving the car.

Mrs. Spencer G. Allen left Monday evening for Charlotte where she will spend a couple of weeks visiting friends and relatives and will then proceed to Superior, Wisconsin, to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dorman and young son motored down from Detroit Tuesday of last week to attend the celebration and visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Dorman returned home yesterday, leaving Mrs. Dorman to enjoy a more extended visit.

OCT. 6, 1915.

Mark Hammond and Bride Here.

The past few days, Mark A. Hammond, a former popular and well known Vermotville boy, in company with his bride have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hammond. After spending a week here they left Tuesday noon for their home in Buffalo, N. Y. where Mark is connected with the Lackawanna Steel Co., being in the engineering department and having the responsible position of presiding over a crew of twenty-five engineers in the drafting department of that big institution.

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Keith Barber returned to Battle Creek Monday morning to remain at the bedside of his son Edward until he recovers sufficiently from the effects of the recent operation to be removed to his home here. The little fellow is progressing favorably though it will be necessary for him to remain at the hospital for about two weeks longer.

Word was received here the last of the week that Charles Hall was very sick at South Bend, Ind. and that his wife was ill at their home in Greenville. George McWha went over Monday via auto and brought the children back and Mrs. C. D. Hall went up and brought her daughter-in-law home Tuesday. Charles has been brought to St. Mary's hospital in Grand Rapids where he will have to have an operation before he can get out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder, who have been visiting at V. F. Barber's went to Chicago last Tuesday where they will reside, having decided not to return to California. Their daughter Helen remained here for a time, until her parents get located.

OCT. 27, 1915.

Miss Mary Seitz left Monday morning for Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal., where she will visit her brother and sister for an extended period and also the San Francisco exposition.