

Ferndale's First Memorial Day Parade - 1926

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FERNDALE PLANS FIRST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Parade From Lincoln High
To Washington Will
Be Feature

The Memorial Day parade, the first in Ferndale's history, will include the following units: Veterans of Foreign Wars, G. A. R., Odd Fellows, Daughters of Union Veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, Lincoln high school band, police and fire departments, and a troupe of Sea Scouts.

These units will leave Lincoln high at 10 a. m., Monday, May 31, proceeding east on the Nine-mile road to Woodward avenue, from Woodward to Pearson avenue, and west on Pearson to the Washington school where the program will take place.

The speaker has not been chosen as yet, but a good one is assured.

Members of the village commission will be present in the reviewing stand.

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FIRST FERNDALE MEMORIAL DAY PLANS COMPLETE

Veteran Engineer Major to
Give Principal Address
Following Parade

Ferndale's first Memorial Day parade will leave Lincoln high school Monday at 10 a. m., and proceed east on the Nine-mile road to Woodward avenue, from Woodward to Pearson avenue, and west on Pearson to the Washington school where Maj. Eugene I. VanAntwerp of Detroit will be the guest of honor and principal speaker of the day.

Major VanAntwerp has an excellent war record, having served in the 16th engineers in France during the World war. He is commander of the 16th

CANADIAN, BRITISH VETERANS INVITED

All Canadian and British veterans are especially urged to take part in the Memorial day parade in Ferndale Monday morning to honor the memory of their comrades who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Maurice F. Cole, in behalf of the Paul Hornaday Post, No. 1407, V. F. W., asks that all who can be at Lincoln high school at 10 o'clock Monday.

engineers' post No. 582, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Detroit.

Guy W. Stark, Ferndale, will be the chairman pro tem of the day, it was announced this morning.

The parade will consist of 10 units, marching to the martial music of the Lincoln high school band, and will consist of the following units:

G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lincoln high school band, Police and Fire departments, a troop of Sea Scouts, American World War Veterans, Canadian and British veterans.

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FERNDALE.

Joint Memorial Services Held

Ferndale yesterday held its first co-ordinated Memorial day observance, when five troops of Boy Scouts, Paul Hornaday post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the police and fire departments paraded, led by a band supplied by the Order of Eagles, Detroit office. Services were held later in the Washington school.

The line of march was along Nine Mile road from Lincoln High school to Woodward, then south to Pearson avenue to the Washington school. Robert E. Lewis, president of the village, and Commissioners Guy Stark and Eli Inman represented the village. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given by Miss Katherine Sampson and General John A. Logan's famous order for the observance of Memorial day was repeated by Commander Maurice Cole. The invocation was by Rev. Louis Dertner and the benediction by Rev. Leroy Chamberlain. Taps were sounded by Boy Scout trumpeters.

Major Eugene I. Van Antwerp delivered the address.

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