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National Flag Day

On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777.

Mabel Hyer Griep

She designed the original Dayton flag and is resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery.



Photo of Miss Mabel Hyer from the 1917 Steele High School Yearbook Faculty page.

It was through the directors at the Greater Dayton Association (GDA) that a flag design was submitted to the Dayton City Commission for adoption by ordinance and it was on August 2, 1917.

On June 11, 1916 in an article from the Dayton



In December 1943, Mrs. Mabel (Hyer) Griep holds the flag that she designed in 1916.

The flag was designed by Mabel Hyer, a member of Steele High School graduating class of 1914. By 1916, Miss Hyer was working as an assistant in the art department at Steele.

Miss Hyer was urged by her supervisor to submit a design.

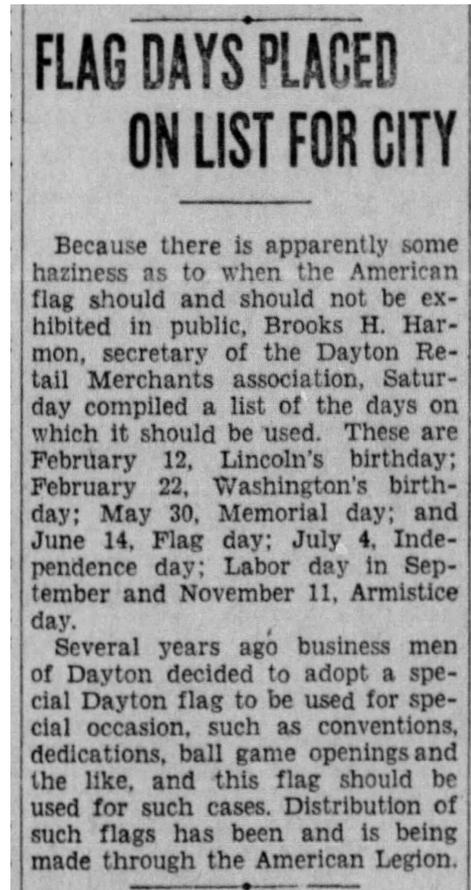
Daily News the flag was described as "distinctive in colors" and that the GDA recommended it "for all future use in local decorations." The article went on to say that the colors of the flag were blue, white and gold, with the gold being of a deep orange. The colors were not meant to represent anything in particular but it was stated that the blue could mean loyalty; white, civic righteousness; and the gold the agricultural resources or the wealth of the city. The flag consisted of three vertical bars: orange, white, orange. On the field of white an "aeroplane in flight and the word "Dayton" within the circle."

"The use of the aeroplane was governed by the idea that the science of aerial flight typifies the greatest advance in man's progress and that therefore Dayton is in the front rank of progressive cities."

She knew that the design would need to incorporate an airplane so drawing on her youth and friendship with the niece of the Wright Brothers, Ivonette Wright, she remembered the hours she and Miss Wright would spend in the bicycle shop where the first experiments with planes took place. It also helped that the original Wright plane was on display at the Delco Electrical Expedition in February 1916, so she went there, sketched the plane and completed her design. While sketching the plane, she overheard two bystanders making accusations that she was a German spy. She would always laugh when she told that story.

Mrs. Griep went on to be an active member of the Dayton Art Institute and she helped establish the Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors. After 40-plus years of teaching art in the Dayton school system, she retired in 1962.

Mable (Hyer) Griep was born on May 2, 1896 in Dayton and died on May 30, 1994 in Miamisburg at the age of 98. She rests peacefully in Woodland in Section 107 Lot 3675.



Dayton Daily News
 Sunday, June 11, 1916
 The first showing of what the new Dayton flag will look like as presented by the Greater Dayton Association.

The Dayton Herald
 Saturday, April 28, 1928



In April 1942, Mayor Frank Krebs appealed to the patriotism of Daytonians by urging those with the American flag to display them on Army Day, April 6th. Brooks Harmon (mentioned in the above article and still secretary of the Dayton Retail Merchants Association) was urging those with the Dayton flag to display it as well.

"We are in troublesome times and our army means far more to us than ever. It is the least we can do to show our appreciation, our loyalty and our patriotism by displaying the American flag in front of our homes and places of business," stated Krebs.

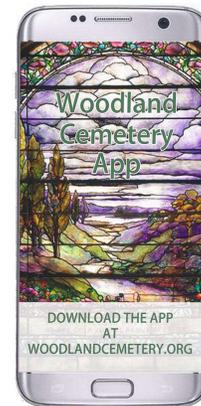
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