

LIVE NEWS FROM  
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## ELECTRICITY FOR THRESHING

Compulsory Military Training in  
Colleges—Garage Men Start  
Early Closing—College  
Girls in War Work.

Mrs. D. D. Muir and daughter, Miss Melene, of this city, were guests at a 6 o'clock dinner given by Mrs. Chas. E. Schwarz at her home in Galena Saturday evening.

Hutchinson, July 16—Harry (Slats) Watson, composer of "Khaki Bill," the famous war song, has published a new one, "When Taps are Softly Blowing." The song is now for sale. "Khaki Bill" made famous the 137th Infantry regimental band, composed of many leading Kansas musicians. Mr. Watson is the author of several other well known airs.

Lawrence.—George Chrewlais, a Greek, was caught making copies of blue prints in the office of the army headquarters at K. U., according to a report, and was arrested and held in jail pending action of federal officials.

Council Grove.—"Uncle" Veley Perry, well known gardener here, has marketed the first roasting ears of the season. "Uncle" Veley has the record for having the first roasting ears in this section.

Abilene.—Farmers near here having electric lines to their farm are threshing with electricity. They form co-operative associations and buy or rent a motor and transformer and run cables to their fields. Half the help is dispensed with, there is no danger from fire, and the work is much cheaper.

Cottonwood Falls.—When A. R. Dunkin a Prairie Hill farmer, received severe injuries when he fell from a disc in his corn field, his 19-year old daughter, Gertrude, took the team and machine and has been making a full hand ever since.

Emporia.—The Emporia Normal college faculty are preparing for the installation of compulsory military training to be installed this fall in the school. W. H. Hargis, athletic coach, says the work will not interfere with athletic work. Credit will be given for the work.

Leavenworth.—Following the organization of a branch of the National Automobile Association here, the closing of all garages at 6 p. m., week days and on Sundays, the elimination of credit and other changes, were announced.

Manhattan.—Dr. C. W. McCampbell for eight years a member of the faculty of the Agricultural College Animal Husbandry department was made head of the department succeeding Prof. W. A. Cichel, resigned.

Wichita, Four hundred Kansas College girls have volunteered for war work for the United States food administration, Miss Grace Wilkie, secretary of the War Volunteer workers, announced.

Topoka.—When Rev. P. D. Meuller, pastor of the St. John Lutheran church opened his door one morning he found a baby boy, with a milk bottle in a paste board box, on the door step. There is no clue to the identity of the baby who was about 2 weeks old. It is now in the detention home.

Kansas City, Kas.—The Kansas side garage owners have agreed that hereafter no work on automobiles will be done after 6 o'clock at night. No gasoline is sold after 6 o'clock on Sundays.

Great Bend.—Boy Scouts of Great Bend have located over 400 walnut trees a foot in diameter and with no branches four feet from the ground, which are available for military purposes. Four hundred trees were found on one farm.

Hugoton.—Business lots in Meadows, a small town near here, sold on the opening day for from \$100 to \$250 each, while residence lots sold from

\$25 to \$75. A farmers' equity elevator is almost completed. Stores and houses will be built at once. Seven lots were given away to lucky ticket holders.

NAME FOOD AND  
FUEL COMMITTEES.

At a meeting Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce of the local Council of Defense, it was decided to name food and fuel conservation committees to act with the regular food and fuel administrators here, who are Mayor E. L. Wright and James Harmon, respectively. These committees will be named this week by the president, George E. Harris. The other members of the executive committee are W. W. Scott, G. E. Lundgren, J. W. Kaltenbach and C. M. Sarchet.

## SPECIAL FIRE INSPECTORS.

Recently the Citizen made mention of the fact that Raymond Cook of this city, had received the appointment of state fire warden. This was somewhat in error. The commission Mr. Cook did receive was a special commission from State Fire Marshal L. T. Hussey, to act in the Baxter district. The two lieutenants of each company of state guards have been given the same duties, which are to investigate any fire the cause of which is not absolutely evident and in case I. W. W. members of alien enemies of any kind are found to be connected with the affair it is their duty to see that the matter is thoroughly investigated. They will also investigate any persons who are believed to be engaged in unpatriotic actions or any strangers who in any way arouse suspicion as to their loyalty. They will see that all cases are reported to higher authorities. Lieut. H. D. Long has also received his appointment. They are to serve without pay.

## UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters remaining in the postoffice at Baxter Springs, Kansas, for week ending July 18, 1918:

Ray Zimmerman, Ben Tendel, Mrs. Jennie Morris, S. C. Anderson, A. P. Anderson, A. B. Dobbins, Jack Brooks, Mrs. E. L. Houston, Raymond Leeds, Leslie Love, Madeline Thomas, Mrs. Dora Hawkins, Miss Goldie Chandler, J. E. Hanson, Mrs. Mattie Eakins, B. G. Ellis, Isaac Eakins, 2, Lenna Di-bert, Wm. C. Thimer, R. Glazier, Mrs. Minerva Hall, J. H. Harvey, Mrs. R. L. Harris, Mrs. Aggie Donise, McCurdy Mng. Co., Mrs. Rosa Squirrel, James Richardson, B. O. Taber. Persons calling for any of the above will please say "Advertised," giving date of list. C. L. Smith, P. M.

THE ELECTRIC LINE IS  
BUILDING INTO PICHER.

The Southwest Missouri Railway company is meeting with many obstacles in getting their road through from Baxter to Picher. First they were held up at the crossing at the south end of this city by the Frisco railroad company; then at Hockerville the company was kept for a time by an injunction from crossing a small strip of land. Then when they got within a mile of Picher they again were enjoined from crossing a small tract of mining land. This case held up construction for several weeks but finally a week or two ago this injunction was dissolved. The company let a contract and proceeded with the construction into the heart of Picher. However, when the work had reached about half the distance the owner of a couple of lots succeeded in getting another injunction, and on that account the work is held up again; for how long is not known, but the company hopes to get the matter settled soon. The electric line when completed will run to the point where the O. K. & M. Ry., crosses the wagon road running from Picher to the state line. It is probable that connections will be arranged with the O. K. & M. Ry., and this will open up a new route for people who visit Commerce and Miami.

The Masonic lodge of this city had some work at the regular meeting, Monday night. Three candidates were accepted and A. D. Jones was given the first degree. They will hold special sessions Wednesday night, and Thursday afternoon and will continue in session until they have initiated twenty-five members. The lodge has a membership of 100. In one window of the lodge room is a large service flag with nine stars in it, representing the number of members who are in service.

Mrs. W. N. Howard has been quite ill the past few days at her home in the Riverside addition.

SCHOOL WORK LET  
TO BAXTER MEN

General Job Will Be Done by  
Day Labor, Plumbing, Heat-  
ing and Ventilating by  
Contract.

Ray, & Son, of this city, will have charge of the erection of the high school building for Baxter Springs, provided that firm subscribes to the conditions demanded by the board, such as the furnishing of all equipment necessary and commonly used in the erection of large structures, the indemnity bond to protect the school district against errors that might be made and which would put the district to additional expense, the furnishing of estimates on material needed and the name of firm who deal in such materials. It is the purpose of the board to buy all material.

Eight bids were opened at the special meeting of the board Monday night, as follows:

Love & Martin offered to accept the contract at 7 per cent with a maximum charge of \$6,000.

J. M. Smithers proposed to perform the work for 4% of the total cost of material and labor.

Ray & Son offered to superintend the work, provide the equipment and fulfill the other obligations for the flat price of \$4,700, which represents approximately 4.8 per cent.

L. A. Robinson, of Joplin, submitted a bid of 8 1/2 per cent.

Dieter & Wenzel, of Joplin, wanted 8 1/2 per cent for the work.

J. K. McLeod of Hutchinson, had a bid in for \$4,500 flat.

Burt C. Overton's bid was 8 1/2 per cent of the cost of the building after his architectural fee had been deducted. F. H. Crites proposed to handle the job for 7 1/2 per cent.

The bids of McLeod, Crites and Robinson were not accompanied by certified checks and were thrown out.

The plumbing, heating and ventilating contract was awarded to L. A. Smith, of Baxter Springs, on his bid of \$26,889.

Bids will be advertised for for the electrical wiring.

An attempt has been made to draw criticism against the board because the bidders were excluded from the board meeting when the bids were opened. It was done so as to leave the board free to consider the relative competency and reliability of each bidder as well as his price. The nature of the relations of a builder to the board on a per centage basis, was considered to be such that as much would depend upon the builder's ability and honesty as on the fee he would receive for directing the work. The bids are all a matter of record and are on file with the secretary of the board.

Apparently a purposely false statement was made by the correspondent of the Joplin News Herald in reporting the meeting. He said that all bidders except Burt C. Overton were excluded from the meeting, that he was also a bidder for the direction of the work and was permitted to remain inside. Mr. Overton was not present when the bids were opened and considered.

CONGRESSMAN STANDS FOR  
WAR TIME PROHIBITION

Declares that President's Oppo-  
sition Is Holding It Up in the  
Senate—Did all He  
Could for It.

Congressman P. P. Campbell of this district, in answer to the recent wire from the Chamber of Commerce asking that the pending bone-dry prohibition bill be passed by Congress, has sent the following letter:

"I am in receipt of the resolution sent me by the Baxter Springs Chamber of Commerce in regard to the Bone Dry Law. I am in favor of this law and have done all I could for it, but the President's opposition is holding it up in the Senate. Let me know when I can be of service."

Arnold E. Carvel, who was formerly associated with Berrin & Mastlock has taken a position at the Globe Clothing store.

The C. W. B. M.'s of the Christian church met Wednesday afternoon and organized under the direction of Mrs. Rev. Cameron, of Galena.

GOV'T MUST HAVE  
SKILLED ASSISTANTS

Needs Include Bookkeepers, Sten-  
ographers, Engineers and  
Men and Women Trained  
for Office Work.

In addressing the Chamber of Commerce of Baxter Springs, inclosing a list of the government's urgent war needs in the civil service, John A. McIlhenny, president of the Civil Service Commission, says that only the most pressing needs are included. This list asks immediately for bookkeepers, stenographers, engineers and other trained men and women, and the lists have been posted on the United States Bulletin board at the corner of Military and Eleventh street.

Mr. McIlhenny also announces that housing conditions in Washington, D. C., are being rapidly improved so as to take care of the additional men and women engaging in the federal service. By September 10 accommodations will have been completed for 5,000 persons. Arrangements have been made also for an office in the union railway station, maintained by the District Council of Defense, for the direction and accommodation of persons who arrive there during the night time.

WOOD'S BIG STORE  
IS MADE LARGER.

The Wood's department store, this week, is undergoing further improvement and enlargement. The grocery stock on the north having been removed, workmen were at once put to work decorating and installing fixtures for Mr. Wood's shoe and men's furnishing stock. The work will be completed by the end of the week. This will give the big store 4,200 feet of floor space and a frontage of 60 feet. The men's department will be a complete store in itself, yet connected with the dry goods and ready-to-wear departments, the same as all department stores. Since coming to Baxter Mr. Wood has met with remarkable success.

## DARDENE WAS FINED

Given Fine of \$100 and Thirty Days  
in Jail for Carrying a Gun—  
Poll Tax Slacker.

Abe Dardene was given a fine of \$100 and thirty days in the county jail by Judge John Jones Tuesday afternoon upon conviction of carrying a gun. Mr. Dardene had refused to pay his poll tax and was arrested by Henry Horton. When arrested Mr. Dardene had a gun on his person.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Grantham, of Cartageville, and Mrs. L. W. Wilson of Cartageville, were dinner guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Groff of this city.

## "OVER THERE"

France, June 26, 1918.

Dear Old Dad:—Just received your welcome letter and am always glad to hear from you. I am fine and dandy, and Dad, believe me we are giving the damn Huns hell and you can bet your life they will change their minds about our fighting ability for we give them no rest. You certainly did ring the old Liberty Bell in your last letter and it did us all good to read it and feel the spirit that prompted it. We all join you in the same feelings. The Italians are giving the Austrians the same stuff we are giving the Huns. Say, Dad, this is some scrap, you bet. We will learn the damn Huns what a scrap of paper is before we are through with them and they will have nightmares every time they see one for a thousand years that has the U. S. on it. Am in a hurry will write more next time. Write often dad. Lots of love and hello to the boys. Bye, bye, your boy,  
Harry.

Pvt. Harry Shannon, Hdq. Co., 56 Art. C. A. C., A. E. F.

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SERGEANT MAY  
COME BAXTER

SERGEANT H. S. HAIGHT  
MAY COME HERE TO  
SPEAK

## WOUNDED OVER IN FRANCE

May Come to Baxter on Friday  
or Saturday—Says He Would  
Like to Speak in Baxter  
Springs.

The drive to recruit men in the Marine corps is in full swing in this district this week. Sergeant Harold S. Haight was sent to this district to make speeches. If Baxter Springs wants him to come over here from Joplin and make a speech he will come the latter part of this week or the first of next week.

A little biography of Sergeant Haight is characteristic of the Marines and will probably be of interest to Baxter people: Harold S. Haight was born in Flint, Mich., August 10, 1889; graduated from Michigan Military academy and joined the U. S. Marines in 1908; served two years with the Marines in Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Mexican Ports, Panama and other tropical countries, purchasing his discharge in 1910 he returned to the U. S. and spent several months speaking through the eastern and central states. For two years he spent his time in newspaper and publicity work, etc., when he entered the commercial field as salesman. When the war began he had risen to the position of credit manager and assistant sales manager of one of the leading wholesale firms of St. Paul, Minn. On the 7th of April, 1917, he resigned from his position and enlisted again in the Marines. He was promoted within two months to sergeant and was signal instructor and drill sergeant until December when he was sent to France to study signal work at the front. Having Irish parents the Celt blood would not let him remain inactive while the French went over the top on their raids on the Hun lines.

Eleven trips he made before he was wounded. He was then sent back to impart to the men in the Marine camps what he had learned in France.

Before the Third Loan he started on a speaking tour of the east talking of the war situation both here and "over there" and especially on the work of the Marine corps. After a tour of the Eastern states he was sent west and came from Kansas City to Joplin during the past few days. He is now leading the campaign through this district for Marine recruits.

Mr. Haight, in company with his civilian recruiting officer, C. V. Jones, would like to visit Baxter Springs if they could be given a crowd. Mr. Jones is well known here as the president of the Ontario Smelting company.

## J. C. HASKETT HERE.

Among the visitors noticed in town yesterday was J. C. Haskett, a former prominent Baxter Citizen. Mr. Haskett built and lived in the house Walter Apple owns and is now living in. Mr. Haskett was in business in the south half of the building now occupied by the Harvey Furniture store on Military street. A son, Dr. Paul Haskett, who is also known here was wounded in the army a short time ago. Mr. Haskett now lives in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Harold Wright went to Pittsburg Thursday for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones and Mrs. Ed Wedell and daughter, motored to Miami Thursday.

John Tindale announces that he has secured a good picture for the 26th and 27th of this month. "The Kaiser," which picture has drawn large crowds in the big cities over the country and which is already pretty well known from the metropolitan publicity given it.

## NEW CONTRACTOR HERE.

J. B. Fagan has moved to Baxter Springs from Abilene, Texas. Mr. Fagan is a general contractor and will engage in that business here. He has bought a lot and will build a home here before he goes after the business he expects to get after a short time.

BRING SUIT TO  
ENJOIN BAXTER

MIRIAM BROWN WANTS THE  
THE CITY TO BUY OLD  
WATER PLANT

## WOULD HARRASS WITH SUIT

Rosenstein Says He Supposes  
Purpose Is to Compel City  
to Take Over the Plant  
Now in Operation.

At a meeting of the council Tuesday night R. E. Rosenstein said he supposed the injunction suit recorded below had been brought to harass the city and compel them if possible to take over the water plant now in operation:

Columbus, Kas., July 16.—Miriam F. Brown of Eldors, Iowa, has filed an injunction suit to prevent the city of Baxter Springs from selling \$85,000 worth of water works bonds which were voted at a special election July 5. Mrs. Brown owns property in Baxter Springs and wants the court order so that she will not be compelled to pay her part of the taxes that follow the construction of the water works. A hearing will be held before Judge J. N. Dunbar July 29, when evidence will be taken.

The petition states that the bonds are illegal and void for the reason that the ordinance authorizing the culling of the election is void, because the provisions of the section of the law under which the ordinance was published were superceded and repealed by later law which does not permit cities to vote bonds to draw interest of more than 5 per cent. The bonds issued by the city of Baxter are to draw 6 per cent interest.

The city council of Baxter Springs already has entered into a deal with Dunn & Company of Wichita, bond brokers, for them to handle the bond issue. It is unlikely the sale of the bonds can be made since the litigation has been started.

## PRETTY PIECE OF WORK

Barney Longworth Did an Exception-  
al Job on the Post Office Sign,  
Says Laymen.

If a layman knows anything about sign painting Barney Longworth almost outdid the profession of sign painting of the new postoffice sign. The most prominent part of the work is the American Eagle with the arrows, flag and olive branch clutched in the claws and the wording of "Post Office, Baxter Springs, Kansas." Uncle Sam and Charlie Smith ought both to be pleased with the job.

## NEAR A DISASTROUS FIRE.

H. D. Long Electric Shop Endangered  
by Gasoline Explosion.

What came near being a big fire Wednesday was averted by the timely services of Mr. Phillips of the Everett Cafe and Frank McBee. Mr. Phillips was having a motor cleaned out by Mr. McBee and after cleaning it with gasoline Mr. McBee attempted to test it out with a live test set. A spark was started which set fire to the saturated motor and also to a pail of gasoline that set on the floor. A hurried alarm was sent in by both messenger and phone and even before the fire boys arrived the two men with the assistance of H. D. Long, manager of the electric shop, had whipped the flames out with wet sacks.

## TAKE IN NEW ADDITIONS.

A letter from the board of county commissioners was read at the council meeting Tuesday saying they saw no reason why land belonging to Mr. Galamore and Mrs. Williams in the south part of Baxter Springs should not be taken into the city. Publication will be made three weeks and then a hearing before the county commissioners will be given the property owners.

## HOME GUARDS DRILLED.

The Guards' drilled Tuesday night. Practically all have new suits now and "Our Home Army" looks military in every way. There may be, but it isn't likely there is, another company in the state that has "anything on" this bunch.