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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
HAYS, KANSAS

Alex Philip made a business trip to Abilene, Friday.

Mrs. Mollie Gladhart returned home from Lawrence, Sunday night.

Mrs. Lincoln Ward and little daughter returned home Monday morning from Kansas City where they have been visiting several weeks.

A. B. Stewart left Saturday night for a short visit in Ottawa.

Mrs. John Nulton of Collyer, visited with her daughter, Virginia Oldham, the first of the week.

S. M. Enfield and mother came up from Wichita, Wednesday night. Mrs. Enfield and the children will return later.

Pres. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis are visiting in Kansas City and Excelsior Springs.

Frank Acker returned this week from France. Mr. Acker has been in the very thickest of the battle over there.

Miss Hester Crissman came up from Salina, Friday night, and spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Irene Smith who was called here by the death of her grand-mother Mrs. F. E. McLain, returned to Emporia, Monday morning.

Geo. A. Smith who was here to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. E. McLain left for his home in Jacksonville, Ill., Friday morning.

Miss Elsie Macintosh went to Salina, Friday morning to meet the St. Louis millinery salesman for the purpose of purchasing her summer stock of millinery.

Mrs. Alfred Haverman received the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Smith, in Kansas City. Mrs. Smith had a stroke of paralysis in midwinter and a recurring attack proved fatal.

John, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bell, was severely injured Sunday morning while he and some other children were playing near the new Cochran building north of the Citizens' Bank. In some manner he pulled a steel window frame over on himself severely wounding his head. He was unconscious for several hours after the accident and is not yet out of danger. It is feared that his skull has been cracked. It is hoped, however, that the youngster is not so badly injured as at first thought.

Miss Rosamond Thompson of the Citizens State Bank, has gone to Chicago and points in Iowa on a vacation trip.

The Rebekah Guild will hold a food sale and bazaar at the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday, April 19, 1919. Remember the day and date.

Mrs. Clyde H. Poffenberger left Wednesday for WaKeeney to attend the Japanese Cantata given that evening by the seventh and eighth grades of the school.

Cane Seed \$2.00 per bushel at the Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pierce returned by auto Friday evening from Lawrence. They had driven there several weeks previous to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Sullivan who returned with them.

The Chamber of Commerce is having great difficulty in securing enough farm hands to supply the demands. Applicants for such work can be promptly referred to good positions if responsible.

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The noonday luncheon next Tuesday of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Methodist church and served by the Ladies of the Baptist church.

P. Caspar Harvey started Tuesday to make a tour of the High Schools in twenty towns advertising the Messiah Festival. There have been nearly 6,000 requests for information regarding this event.

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The Business Girl's Club of the Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday night at the High School Auditorium. After a brief business session an excellent program was enjoyed by all. Mr. Soderlund of the Normal rendered several very effective piano solos. Mrs. Lee read "The Theatre Party" form "Mrs. Wigg's of the Cabbage Patch," and Mr. Markwell gave a most instructive and helpful platform talk on the subject, "The Price of Inefficiency." The Club is planning a "weeiny roast" April 21st. Inasmuch as the next regular meeting falls during the Music Festival, the meeting has been postponed until May 19th. The club is receiving new members at each meeting. Better join the crowd.

For Sale
A new Maxwell and a new Studebaker. Terms if needed or will accept cattle in trade.
W. W. WARD.

Stulken-Walker
Sunday afternoon, April 6, at 1 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kraus, southwest of Hays, Rev. J. W. Snapp united in marriage, Miss Clara Stulken and Mr. Hartzell Walker, both of whom have for some time lived in this community. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Kraus, and has been with her through all the illness which their family has undergone the past year. A delicious dinner was served after the ceremony. Guests were the families of the grooms' sisters, Mrs. Killian and Mrs. McCune of Plainville, and the family of the bride's brother, Mr. George Stulken of Bazine.

The couple were the recipients of beautiful gifts of linen and dishes, as well as money and stock to help them begin their intended occupation of farming. Until they secure a permanent location they will reside at Mr. Kraus's.

Married.
Albert Binder and Miss Nora Jorgensen were married Friday, April 4, 1919, Probate Judge Gross officiating. They are housekeeping in one of the Schwaller Sons' houses on East South Main street. The young couple have many friends in Hays who will join the Free Press in wishing them a long and happy journey through life.

Wanted—A girl for general house work. Phone 85.
Misses Forrest and Winifred Hays visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, this week.

Mrs. Matt Dinges died at the Hays hospital, Wednesday evening at five o'clock. The funeral services will be held at the Catholic church, Saturday.

A heavy, wet snow fell Tuesday night and Wednesday, following a three days heavy wind, which will likely cause considerable loss of stock in Ellis county. The early gardens will probably all perish. The oldest inhabitant called and informed the writer that no such snow had fell for about 20 years—not since shortly after the great fire which destroyed most of the business houses in south Hays.

Plymouth Rock Eggs for Setting 75c per setting, \$5.00 per 100.—Peter Johnson, Phone 607, Hays, Kansas.

FOR RENT—Rooms for House-keeping. Phone 363. Mrs. Bartholic.

Rev. George Wise of Kansas City, Kansas, will preach at the Baptist church morning and evening, Sunday April 13th.

The parents and brothers of Corporal Charles Harvey for whom a memorial service was held at the Lutheran church, Sunday, were down from Quinter, Sunday, to attend the service and to visit their relative, Miss Josephine Andreas.

The members of the new city government, the three newly elected commissioners met Tuesday night and organized. It is presumed that the manager will be chosen. It is understood that there is some ten or fifteen applications to choose from and it is hoped that their choice will fall upon the right man. His salary will be possibly \$3,500 and he should be thoroughly competent. H. W. Oshant, C. A. Harkness and W. W. Paul are men of good sound business judgment and if the right man is selected for manager the finances of the city will be in safe hands.

P. Caspar Harvey and his army of helpers are getting busy with the advertising for Festival week. A large number of colored cards have been printed besides several thousand 32-page booklets and other circulars and pamphlets in large numbers—both printing offices in the city have been as busy as a colony of bees the past two weeks, printing advertising matter for this coming event which, it is hoped, will be the greatest ever staged in Hays. People from far and near—from every point of the compass, have purchased tickets and announced their intention of attending. The best artists that money could secure for the occasion, have been engaged and a monster crowd is expected to be present May 4th to 11th.

The noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday at the Presbyterian church. The principal subject for discussion was how to provide sleeping quarters for the 1800 visiting delegates to the A. O. U. W. Convention next week. It was pointed out that our reputation as a convention city was at stake and the people must rally to the cause, turn their parlors into bedrooms if necessary. It was voted at this meeting to petition the new commissioners to appropriate \$200 to furnish members of the Juvenile Band with band suits. This band is strictly a home product, is doing good work and every citizen should be interested in encouraging these boys. Mr. C. A. Beeby having resigned as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Miles Mulroy was elected to take his place.

Miss Keller has been on the sick list part of the week.

Mrs. Rolla Joy returned Wednesday from a visit to home folks near Chicago.

Asa Davis, of McDonald, Kansas, is visiting with his friend, Leland Caswell.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Yapp, this Thursday.

Katharine Snapp returned Friday from Kansas City where she has been taking treatment at the Bethany Hospital. Her health is much improved.

A little minister arrived at the hospital Tuesday to take up his abode at the home of Rev. C. F. West who wears a broad smile in anticipation of his new boarder.

Mr. Henry Edward Malloy returned Saturday from St. Louis where he has been attending the music festival.

G. W. Meyer left the first of the week, for Belleville, Kansas, where he has accepted a position. His family will remain in Hays until school closes.

James Weisensee is back from Marysville, Kansas, where he has been chef at the U. P. Hotel of that city for several months. He now is cooking at the Ward Cafe.

The children of Mrs. D. P. Simms entertained a number of their little friends Monday at a party.

G. W. Stimits has sold his residence in the north part of town.

Mrs. Pearl Garrett has returned to Hays and is at present with her daughter Mrs. John Henderson. She expects to remodel her residence on east Normal avenue where she expects to make her home in the future.

Raleigh Ransom, the first and youngest boy to enlist from Hays, returned Tuesday which is exactly two years from his departure. His mother and sister Benah have also returned and will renew their residence in Hays. Raleigh has a position in the mill and their many friends are glad to welcome them home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cochran are visiting in Kansas City, this week.
The Hays Chapter No. 228 O. E. S. will hold its next regular meeting Saturday night, April 12th. There will be an initiation.

Mrs. Halbe spent a few days last week visiting in Denver.
Miss Pearl Hughes suffered a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning last week, but is now about recovered.

Mr. Jas. Wood, brother of Mrs. A. W. Noble who has been spending some days in Hays, has gone to Ellis for a short time. Mr. Wood is a railroad man but is taking recreation from his regular work by selling World War Histories by March.

Free Dental Inspection.
Among the few school laws passed by the recent legislature one of the most important is the law providing for free dental inspection. It is mandatory upon schools to provide for such inspection, and dentists are to be paid for the work out of the school funds. Certificates of the results of the inspection are to be made in duplicate, one copy being sent home by the child and the other copy filed.

Hays beat the legislature to it. It will be recalled that during the first year of Mr. Shively's administration of the Hays public schools, he carried on a vigorous campaign of oral hygiene. The dentists of Hays cooperated heartily and volunteered their services for a free inspection of the mouth of every child in the public schools.
Free inspection had to be given up last year because the dentists remaining in town were too crowded with work to spare the time, but the campaign of education has continued in the schools.

Dr. W. H. Jordan, a former dentist of Hays, was an enthusiast on preventive dental hygiene and lent valuable aid to Supt. Shively in planning the work. The State Board of Health became much interested in the work being done at Hays and gave it wide publicity over the state, pointing to the success of the plan as an argument for state wide inspection. The provisions of the law are almost identical with the Hays plan except that dentists are to be paid for their work.

Western Samoa.
German Samoa or Western Samoa, as it is called since September, 1914, when British occupation took place, comprises the islands of Savaii and Opoiu with the town of Apia as the head of the political and commercial life. The islands are the remains of a semisubmerged volcanic range, heavily clothed with tropical verdure which to a great extent prohibits agriculture or farming; hence the principal industries are the planting of coconuts, cacao and rubber.

Shakespeare Stands Alone.
Admitting to the fullest that the present age cannot forestall the judgment of posterity, it seems unlikely that a copy of the work of any contemporary dramatist will ever sell for \$28,000. Such a thing happened recently in the case of four Shakespeare folios; but Shakespeare was Shakespeare, even when his contemporaries took him as a matter of course, and since then the judgment of time has made him a standard by which the enduring genius of later playwrights can be reasonably estimated.

Elizabeth Henrietta McLain.

Elizabeth Henrietta McLain, after a very brief illness, passed away suddenly at her home, on Tuesday morning, April 1, 1919. Before the light of God's natural day could flood the earth with its glory and cheer, this good woman, supported by her stricken husband's arms, and by her own strong faith in God, took her departure into a light and beauty "that never was on land or sea." Out of a disturbed and fitful sleep she was awakened only to settle after a few moments into another and deeper sleep. In the clear light of the gospel, however, death is not even a sleep. It is an eternal wakefulness to eyes that cannot cease to be open and wondering and satisfied in the "glory that excelleth." Thus she passed away without a lingering illness or a protracted and harrowing invalidism, in the splendor of her seventy years of sweet and mellowed womanhood.

She was born Elizabeth Henrietta Ulrich, at Canton, Ohio, October 22, 1848. In the same city on May 25, 1869 she was married to F. E. McLain. Through a kind providence they were spared throughout the years almost to be able to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, which would have occurred in a few weeks.

To this union were born six children; two boys and four girls. But sorrow early invaded this home in the loss of an infant son, little Howard. And later, after many years, a daughter—Grace Gertrude—was called to enlarge that family group that was colonizing as it were, just beyond the shores of the unseen land. Now mother herself has been permitted to enter that glorious and perfect fellowship. Thus our little family colonies are growing in the glory and perfection of a paradise just out of sight beyond the horizon of time! The surviving children are: Effie Lee, Kathryn Elizabeth, Alice Laura and Charles Francis.

Forty-one years ago this family settled in Hays and has added to its numbers six grandchildren: Gertrude, Ruth and Dan Fultz, Irene Smith, Frankie Lee and Donald McLain. These grandchildren were a new joy to the ripening age of mother McLain. Then, as if her cup was full, God gave her peaceful sleep. "For so He giveth unto His beloved sleep."
The service was held in the Lutheran church, of which she was a member, and was conducted by her pastor. The body was laid to rest in Mt. Allen cemetery.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved family, for whose peace we pray.

High School Notes.

"Mr. Bob" has been chosen as the senior play. The following caste has been selected: Marion Bryant, "Mr. Bob," Dorothy Madson; Katherine Rogers, Frances Nickles; Miss Rebecca Luke, Eva Hedges; Patty, Ruby Thomas; Mr. Brown, a lawyer's clerk, Reece Cave; Philip Royson, Harry Felten; Jenkins, the butler, Clifford Morrison.

Friday afternoon after inspecting the grade building, many patrons came to the high school building. A short program was given by members of the high school, consisting of a piano duet, by Arbutus Wise and Lucille Miller; a reading by Hallie Overholser, and a trio by Lucille Miller, Arbutus Wise and Bessie Tiltonson. Punch and wafers were served in the hall by the freshmen girls. The Domestic Art and Manual Training exhibits were especially appreciated.

"Glad day" will be held this year on May 1st. It is probable that a May Morning breakfast will be served and the classes run in the morning with a humorous program in the afternoon. Souvenir programs will probably be issued, and the day will close with a picnic for all the high school people.

Roma Nelson was here from Ellis, Friday, to attend the game. She visited friends over Saturday.

Katherine Snapp returned home Saturday morning, from Kansas City. She is not able to go any place and cannot talk above a whisper.

Mr. Bice appeared at school last week with a skeleton for the general Science class which is studying about the bones of the body. Mr. Bice is afraid that Mr. Skeleton will escape so keeps him locked up in the closet with his hat over Mr. Skeleton's face, who has had the misfortune to lose several of his teeth. Mr. Skeleton is rather weak in the knees so Mr. Bice had to carry the gentleman from the car to the schoolhouse. As a rule the girls generally flock to the door when a stranger appears. They started in this instance, but turned when they saw who the stranger was, and quickly fled for their home rooms.

Max Marple had his tonsils and adenoids removed at the hospital Tuesday, April 1st.

The report cards were given on Wednesday. The number of failures was considerably lower this month, there being only eleven and one-half per cent compared to thirty-five per cent for the month before. It is expected that the number will be reduced to five per cent next month.

The following scouts: Ashby Hedges, Clifford Moore, Tom Chittenden, Ernest Ruff, Dale Gregg, Albert Nickles and Donald Meade went to Ellis, Friday, and took the swimming test. They

were accompanied by Assistant Scout Master Marple. The first five passed the test. This makes Ashby Hedges and Dale Gregg first class scouts.

Captain Rupert went to Kansas City on a four day leave Wednesday night. Captain Delaney took charge of the R. O. T. C. work during his absence. The uniforms have been shipped [from Chicago and are expected here any day.

Last week the guns and racks were brought up from the Normal. Each fellow will have a gun assigned to him for which he will be held responsible. Captain Delaney drilled the company after school in the manual of arms.

The High School has a flagpole that is fifty feet, eight inches in height; with a big red, white and blue flag at the top. The pole is placed about sixty feet south east of the new school building.

Lucille Solomon spent the week end at her home south of Ellis.

The first year Home Economics class will drop sewing and take up cooking, beginning the first of this week.

The Hays High School boys are starting to play base ball this week. Mr. Carman is the coach.

The Hays High School girls walloped the Ellis high school girls for the second time in basket ball, Friday, April 4th. The score was 22-10 in favor of Hays. Mr. Hass from Ellis refereed the game.

Princess Chrysanthemum will be given Friday night, April 11th, at the Normal Auditorium. The costumes for the principal characters have been ordered from Kansas City. Elma Creighton has charge of the music, assisted by Alice Craig who has charge of the dancing.

The Ta Ts Pothen camp have sent in their charter and will soon be in active work. This campfire is composed of sixth and seventh grade girls. Daisy Beeby is guardian and Viola Meyer is assistant guardian of this camp. This will make the fourth camp in Hays.

A scout party was given Wednesday night at the home of Donald Meade. Assistant Scout Master Marple was absent on account of practicing for the Princess Chrysanthemum, but Scout Master Nickles and Assistant Scout Master Carman were present. Games were played and refreshments served and they all had a good time. The scouts are now forty-two in number and growing all the time. They are planning for a summer hike about August. A scout patrol will be organized in the Blue Hill school district near Gorham, this week. Their Scout Master will be C. L. Stanton.

Victoria City Election

The following are the newly elected officers at Victoria, Kansas:

For Mayor	Nick Kuhn	81
For Police Judge	Alex J. Dreiling	65
For Councilmen	B. A. Weigel	99
	Henry Schumacher	71
	John Billinger	71
Decided by lot in favor of Schumacher	John M. Dreiling, Sr.	121
	John A. Billinger	68
	F. M. Weigel	78
	John Burgardt	98
	Lawrence Brown	108

For Sale

1 9-room house frame and cement, 28 by 33 feet.
1 2-room house, 14 by 28 feet. Both houses modern.
Windmill and 75 barrel tank on cement block tower.
2 lots 16 and 18, block 9, \$4,000, half cash, balance 8%.
WM. O. BLACKMUN.

C. J. Smith, at one time head of the Manual training department at the Fort Hays Normal School has accepted a position with the Fort Lewis School of Agriculture at Hesperia, Colo.

American Expeditionary Forces
Service of Supply, Agricultural Education, Saint Nazaire, France.

"TROOPIN"

Hikin, allus hikin to the Sea
"La Guerre a fine, frer;" the Little Peoples free;
Our ship lies coaled and waitin at the dock at Saint Nazaire,
Miss Liberty's a' callin and we're bound for "Over There"

Troopin back to Blighty—
Sloppin toward the Sea—
Weary, oh, so weary;
Broke in Back and Knee;
Broke the Folks a' callin—
Bet yer life I'll Come—
Almost starts me bawlin
When I think of HOME!!

Hikin, allus hikin to the Sea;
Frayed and wet and dirty; full of misere;
Fightin cold and cooties; battlin with the mud;
Racked and spent by flu germs racin through the blood.

Troopin back to Blighty—
Sloppin through the Suds—
Dammn leaky billets,
Cussin slum and spuds;
Got to keep a' goin—
Aint nowhere to rest—
Folks will ask a showin
At havin done my best.

Hikin, allus hikin to the Sea;
Thinkin sad of Buddy who cannot march with me.

Oh, the Home Folks, they may crown me as their hero true and brave,
But 'twas Buddy paid the Glory; with the price—a battle grave.

Troopin back to Blighty—
Wishin 'twas't so—
Lonesome without Buddy—
Part of me, ye know—
And when they wave their wel-comes,
And make their speeches fine
My heart will cry for Buddy
Keepin watch upon the Rhine.

Hikin, allus hikin to the Sea;
They's a GIRL at lives in Blighty, and she has said, has she,
"I know a urban bungalow where us two—you and me—
Can grow a whole blame corp'oral squad of Yankee Infantee.

Troopin back to Blighty—
Oh, the long, long trail—
Help me, God A'Mighty—
For I must not fail;
Fail the ONE awaitin
Where the last dim mile
Fades into the Rainbow
Of our Afterwhile.

Hikin, allus hikin to the Sea;
Windin down the harbor road bubblin up with glee;
Everybody's talkin with no sense to what they say;
Whistles blowin welcome from the Transport in the bay.

Troopin back to Blighty—
Crunchin long the shore—
Sorrow done forgotten;
Troubles aint no more;
Band starts playin Dixie;
Smell the salt sea foam—
Colonel hugs a sergeant—
Yes sir, WE'RE GOIN HOME!!!!

M. Crane, Director Agricultural Education, Saint Nazaire, District, A. E. F.

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