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MANCHESTER, IOWA.

CLOSE RACE FOR IOWA GOVERNORSHIP

RETURNS THIS AFTERNOON GIVE PORTER LEAD OF 400 OVER HARDING.

BOTH PARTIES CLAIM CONGRESS

Pride Defeats Pentony for Sheriff. Mead and Yorran Win Over Their Opponents.

At 3:00 o'clock this afternoon on the face of the returns received from 70 out of the 99 counties in Iowa, Porter had a plurality of 400 over Governor Harding.

Both parties are claiming a majority in each house of congress. The final outcome will be very close. Every pro-German vote to spot Wilson.

The democrats made some gains in the east and south and sustained losses in the west.

The democrats claim to have carried New York state and made a gain of three congressmen, but they lost that many or more in Kansas.

Senator Kenyon has the largest majority of any candidate in Delaware county.

The County.

Owing to the lateness of the arrival of the election returns from the outlying precincts, it is impossible to compile in table form the vote each candidate received in each precinct, and therefore we are obliged to go to press giving the total vote as given in at the auditor's office by telephone or taken from the outside of the envelopes containing the poll books.

In a number of instances the record on the outside of the envelopes was not entirely filled out so that it will be impossible to give anything like an accurate result of the election until the official canvass is made by the board of supervisors next week.

The total vote cast in Delaware county, according to incomplete returns, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Vote Count. Includes Kenyon, Keys, Harding, Porter, Hoyt, Jamison, Sweet, Clark, S. W. Klaus, John Reilly, County Officers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN, DELAWARE CO.

Table with 3 columns: Township, Subscription, Quota. Lists various townships and their respective subscription amounts.

I. C. R. R. Subscriptions not assigned 6,450

Total \$1,057,550

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY.

- List of new books including 'Kline—Clothing and Health', 'Turner—Sewing and Textiles', 'Farnol—Our Admirable Betty', etc.

PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTY.

The following public meetings will be held on the days indicated below and at the places given, with speakers at each place. These meetings are purely educational and are held for the purpose of informing the people of the county as to work which the United War Work Commission is to do for the American soldiers at home and in France.

Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 7:30.

Ryan—Speakers—Rev. E. E. Melchert, Attorney Fred B. Blair, Rev. W. A. Montgomery, Miss Florence Riddell, Edgewood—Speakers—Rev. W. J. Suckow, Hon. R. J. Bixby, L. Matthews, Sr., Rev. Father Murtagh, Delhi—Speakers—E. M. Carr, Prof. J. S. Hilliard, E. B. Porter, L. D. Stubbs, Prof. W. G. Byerhoff.

Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7:30.

Manchester—at Court House—Speakers—Rev. W. J. Suckow, Private F. P. Walker, Rev. Father T. Rooney, Masonville—Speakers—Rev. Father D. Loneragan, Attorney Leo Tierney, Rev. J. C. Warton.

Friday, Nov. 8th, 7:30.

Hopkinton—Speakers—Rev. W. J. Suckow, Rev. W. H. Ensign, A. O. Stanger, Editor W. S. Beels, Thorpe—Speakers—Fred B. Blair, Attorney Leo Tierney.

Saturday, Nov. 9th, 7:30.

Earlville—Speakers—Rev. W. J. Suckow, Rev. A. W. Wiggins, L. Matthews, Hon. S. W. Klaus, Rev. Father H. J. Dunkel, Dr. H. A. Tobie.

Sunday, Nov. 10th, 2:30 P. M.

Sand Creek Church—Speakers—Rev. S. R. Beatty, Dr. H. A. Dittmer, Ministers of all of the churches of the county are urged by the United War Work Commission to urge upon their congregations the great work which this organization is undertaking, at the regular services next Sunday.

SOLDIER DIES IN FRANCE.

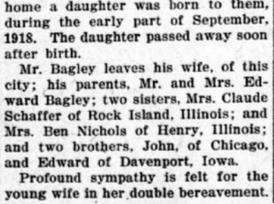
Mrs. Michael F. Bagley, of this city, received word last week, from the war department, announcing the death of her husband, his death, caused by pneumonia, occurring on October 8th, 1918.

Michael Francis Bagley was born in Morrison, Illinois, August 8th, 1888. He entered the service of his country at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, on June 24th, 1918, and was in training there until the time he went to Camp Mills, New York, just before sailing for France.

Mr. Bagley was united in marriage with Miss Alice Carr, daughter of P. W. Carr of Lamont, on November 7th, 1917. For a time after their marriage they lived at Duluth, Minnesota, where the former had a position with Swift & Co. When he entered the service his wife came to Manchester, and has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Abbott, and at whose home a daughter was born to them, during the early part of September, 1918. The daughter passed away soon after birth.

Mr. Bagley leaves his wife, of this city; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bagley; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Schaffer of Rock Island, Illinois; and Mrs. Ben Nichols of Henry, Illinois; and two brothers, John, of Chicago, and Edward of Davenport, Iowa.

Profound sympathy is felt for the young wife in her double bereavement.



MICHAEL FRANCIS BAGLEY

UNITED WAR WORK DRIVE NEXT WEEK

DELAWARE COUNTY IS ASKED TO RAISE \$55,000 FOR WORK AMONG SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

DRIVE BEGINS MONDAY, NOV. 11

Takes Place of Loyalty League Pledge for 1919. Read This Article and Find Out All About Plan.

What is United War Work? The work of caring for our soldiers and sailors in the camps at home and in our army and navy abroad.

In what does this work consist? In looking after the physical comfort of our men when off duty, keeping up their spirits and morale, providing wholesome recreation, organizing study classes, arranging for religious services, guarding them from the temptations incident to army life, and surrounding them with as much of a home atmosphere as possible.

By whom is this work done? By the following seven societies: The Young Men's Christian association, the Young Women's Christian association, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army, the National Library association, and the War Camp Community Service.

Why does not the Government do this work? The government has its hands full caring for the fighting end of the war. It has therefore authorized these seven societies to become responsible for the physical, mental and moral welfare of the men in service.

Where do these societies obtain the money necessary for this work? From the voluntary contributions of the American people.

Why does not the government furnish the funds? If it did, it would either have to sell additional bonds, or congress would have to impose additional taxes. In any event the money would have to come from the people.

Is it safe to let so important a work depend on voluntary gifts? Yes—because the American people want the boys to have the best possible care regardless of the cost.

How much are these societies asking the people of the United States for the year 1919? In round numbers the sum of two hundred and fifty million dollars. They thought at first that one hundred and seventy millions would do; but the rapid increase of the army abroad has made the larger sum necessary.

What is Delaware county's share of that sum? \$55,000. When is the money to be raised? During the week beginning Monday, November 11.

How is it to be raised? In the form of pledges. Where are these pledges to be paid? At any local bank the donor may designate.

When are they to be paid? If possible within ten days, as the societies are greatly in need of funds, but if necessary on several subsequent dates, giving reasonable time.

Is this the same as the Delaware County Loyalty League? It is not. The Loyalty League has become defunct, and this new United War Work organization takes the place of it.

What about the pledges given to the Loyalty League? They should all be paid, and the money will be applied in accordance with the original agreement.

Were not the people assured that if they subscribed to the Loyalty League they would not be asked for further contributions during 1918? They were; but the Loyalty League pledge was for 1918, while this United War Work pledge is for 1919. It is asked for now so that at least some of the money may be available as early as possible in the new year.

The Loyalty League Pledge included an obligation to pay an equal amount annually during the duration of the war. Does that obligation still hold good? No; as soon as the sum pledged for 1918 has been paid, the Loyalty League pledge will be cancelled and made null and void for the future.

Will the people be asked to donate for other kinds of war work during the year 1919? For nothing except the Red Cross. This United War Work pledge covers all other subjects.

FOR OLD FRIENDSHIP'S SAKE.

The following item, taken from the Des Moines Register of Friday, November 1st, will be read with much interest by the people of Manchester, inasmuch as it relates to the activities of one of Manchester's pioneer ministers, and the activities of the Captain J. F. Merry.

"CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Oct. 31—Special: Probably no other preacher in Iowa can surpass the record of the Rev. F. X. Miller, 82 years old, of this city, who has been giving active service in the Upper Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than sixty-one years and is still going out from here to various charges to preach from time to time.

"This became known today when the Reverend Miller, who never used a cane in his life appeared upon the streets twirling a gold handled ebony stick. It developed that the cane was a historic one and had been presented at the recent Methodist conference meeting at Clinton, Ia., to the Reverend Miller as the minister having the longest record for efficient service in the conference.

"But the cane's history adds to its value in the Reverend Miller's estimation, for it was once the property of the late Capt. J. F. Merry of Manchester, Iowa, an official of the Illinois Central railroad back in the eighties. Engraved upon the gold handle of the cane is the fact that it was presented to him in 1887 by the people of Jackson, Miss., who tendered him a great ovation at that time in appreciation of the great benefit their part of the country received by reason of the railroad Merry directed.

"Mrs. Merry turned this cane over to the Methodist conference for bestowal upon the minister who had given the longest efficient service. And in going to the Reverend Miller the cane was bestowed upon one of Captain Merry's early and long time friends.

Back in 1857 when the Reverend Miller preached his first sermon in his first church in Manchester young J. F. Merry attended, heading a big delegation of young folks from the country side, and Merry helped in the singing that night. Later he became the Reverend Miller's choir leader and the friendship thus begun lasted throughout the rest of Merry's lifetime.

"Some people want to take the earth with them when they die," remarked the Reverend Miller. "But I don't want to leave the earth just yet. The world has treated me so well I'd rather be here for the next ten years than in heaven—I want to see how things come out," he added.

NOTED "Y" MAN TO SPEAK HERE FRIDAY EVENING.

C. E. Wolcott of Sioux City, who was to give his address in Manchester three weeks ago, will be here and deliver the address at the court house on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Wolcott has been working in the state of Iowa, interesting men in Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers in France.

A few weeks ago he addressed a meeting of County Chairmen and men interested in "Y" work, from eastern Iowa, and gave at that time one of the finest addresses ever heard in this city. Mr. Wolcott is not out in the interest of raising funds for the work, but to enlist men in this line of work. He spoke of the great work that the Y. M. C. A. is doing for the boys in France.

Mr. Wolcott will be in Manchester in time to be a guest at a dinner which will be given in the Keckler cafe at 6:30 on Friday evening, and will give a short talk to the men of the Commerce club and others who are interested in the work he represents. J. H. Spencer, district chairman, and the secretary of the Dubuque Y. M. C. A. will also be present at the meeting and give short talks, at the dinner.

Every man in Manchester and vicinity, and every township chairman should hear Mr. Wolcott on Friday evening of this week. Remember the self-sustaining dinner will be given at the Keckler cafe promptly at 6:30. This will be followed by short talks, and then the big meeting for men in the court room at eight.

GEORGE H. DUBOIS.

George H. DuBois was born in New York state in 1837, and passed away October 29th, 1918, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. S. Tripp of Mason City, Iowa.

He was united in marriage to Almina Granger, July 11, 1871. Their family consisted of the following children, Arthur L. DuBois, Mrs. Mattie A. Tripp, W. C. DuBois, all of Mason City, Iowa, Albert W. DuBois deceased, Mrs. Cora B. Henry of Minneapolis, Minn., Henry DuBois of Manchester, Iowa. Besides these children he is survived by two brothers, Sylvester DuBois of Manchester, Iowa and Abraham DuBois of Kansas City, Kansas.

He enlisted in the Civil war in 1861, 1st Iowa Cavalry, of which he served as Quarter-Master Sergeant for the period of the war. The funeral services were held in Manchester, Iowa, October 31, and were conducted by S. R. Beatty, pastor of the Methodist church.

for several years longer, to man the strategic points in the enemies' countries. It is when the actual fighting has ceased, and the soldiers have more leisure, that the work done by these societies will be more necessary than ever.

Remember the time of the drive—the week beginning Monday, November 11. Be ready to sign up promptly for your full share when the solicitor comes.

—The W. C. T. U. meets with Mrs. W. H. Tompkins on Friday afternoon, at 2:30.

MANCHESTER BOY IN FIGHT WITH HUNS

DEWEY HOWICK PARTICIPATES IN FIERCE BATTLES ON WESTERN FRONT.

HUNS WILLING TO SURRENDER

Participated in Big Drive in Chateau-Thierry and Champagne Sectors.

Dewey Howick, one of the Manchester boys who has been in France for more than a year, describes his experiences during some of the big drives the Americans made on the Western front, in the following letter to his mother:

"Somewhere in France, October 7, 1918. Dear Mother. I have finally got a chance to write one of my far-between letters. I feel ashamed of myself for not writing oftener, but it is very seldom that we get a chance to write letters. I have six of your letters here, dating from July 29 to September 9. They are all very interesting and full of good cheer, and I look forward to them all of the time, watching for the mail to come. I received four of your letters in one day while we were in the line.

"Were you surprised to receive the telegram? I didn't know, but thought you might think that I had been wounded. But don't worry, I am coming along all right.

"We have been in three battles, so far, and I think that before this letter reaches you we will be through another one, unless peace is declared all of a sudden. There is a lot of peace talk going on, but we take little stock in it.

"We were on the Champagne front when General Gouraud said: 'Beyond this line they (the Huns) shall not pass.' It was an awful battle, but they did not pass.

"We were in the Chateau Thierry drive and if there ever was a hell, that was it, but old Fritz paid for it. We ran into a bunch of Prussian guards, and they surely fought like devils. Was in the St. Mihiel stunt. It was just like a big rabbit hunt, and hardly anybody was injured. We took the 'Dutchmen' by surprise, and caught them napping. We took a lot of prisoners. They didn't seem to have much fight in them, but seemed glad to be taken prisoner, and in this way finish the war for them, with nothing to do but work in a prison camp until the war ends. Am sending you a little souvenir of that big drive. It is a shoulder strap of a Hun's overcoat, which he left behind. I was glad he left his overcoat because it did me good service. It rained nearly every day of the drive and was mighty cold at night. He also left his hard-tack, which was very much appreciated.

"How is everything at home coming? Fine, I hope.

"I certainly would like to spend a few weeks at home right now. I am glad that you have two stars in your service flag now. How does Carl like army life, and is he still at Ames or has he been assigned to some other place? I have a lot of letters to write. I am sending you a request for some things that I need quite badly. The request is signed by Col. Bennett, so you won't have any trouble in sending the articles to me. Also send me a little candy, it doesn't make any difference what kind. Better put the things in a small box so they get here all right.

"Well, I must close as it is getting late. Don't worry about me, as I am getting along fine, and in the best of health. Will write again when I have a chance.

"Your son, DEWEY."

YOUNG WOMEN ENLIST.

Call Comes Again and is more Imperative Than Ever.

In July a call was issued to the young women of America to enlist in the United States Nurse Reserve. At that time Iowa was asked to furnish 1050 young women volunteers. Those of Delaware county who responded to this call and offered themselves for this splendid service were Miss Clara E. Gestel and Miss Anna Zeuch of Hopkinton; Miss Bancroft of Delhi; Miss Cecelia Kahoe of Ryan, and Misses Elma Dutton, Lillie Dutton, Lenora Kenyon and Dora Sheppard, all of Manchester.

The American Red Cross now asks for 50,000 more nurses for army service. Unless the young women of our land step forward to take the places of those who are prepared to go they cannot be released and our forces 'over there' must suffer accordingly.

The present epidemic has brought home to all of us with heart-rendering force the need in every community of more women who are skilled in caring for the sick.

With one accord, from the Surgeon General to the local physician, we are told there is nowhere a more splendid opportunity for service and professional training than there is right now for those young women who hear and answer this call of their country.

The recruiting of these nurses is in charge of the Woman's Committee of the Council of Defense. Miss Margaret Lindsey is recruiting officer for Delaware county.

ORDER NUMBERS OF 1918 REGISTRANTS.

The Democrat gives this week the publication of the list of registrants, who registered on September 12th, 1918, and whose order numbers have been affixed. Every registrant in Delaware county will want to know just what his order of liability for service is, and by saving your copies of this newspaper you will know the order numbers of the entire list of registrants. It is impossible under the late rules of the war board to give space for this entire list in a single issue of the paper, hence we are obliged to publish it in installments.

The column of figures to the left are the serial numbers, while those at the right hand side are the Order Numbers and fixes the order of liability.

Table with 3 columns: Serial Name, Address, Order No. Lists names and addresses of registrants with their corresponding order numbers.

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CARL MIDKIFF SLAIN ON BATTLEFIELD

MESSAGE RECEIVED BY PARENTS IN MANCHESTER TUESDAY OF YOUNG MAN'S DEATH.

MRS. INGERSOL PASSES AWAY

Leaves Husband and Three Small Children. Was Born and Reared in Manchester.

Late Tuesday afternoon came the message from the war department announcing the death on the battlefield of Private Carl Midkiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Midkiff, who live on East Main street in this city. The message states that Carl was killed in action on September 28th.

Carl entered the service at Camp Dodge with the Delaware county contingent on February 23rd, 1918, and was a member of Co. L, 139th Infantry. According to letters received by members of the family he had been in the trenches and seen active fighting on a number of occasions, and now comes the word that he fell in battle, presumably during one of the big drives on the western front late in September.

Private Midkiff was born on a farm northwest of Manchester, December 22nd, 1894. After finishing the work in the country schools he entered the academy at Hopkinton, and then entered Lenox College, he being a student in the college when called to the colors. During his college year he was president of the Y. M. C. A. and was a member of the College Gospel Team. He held his membership in the Hopkinton Presbyterian church, and was very active in the religious work of the college.

He is survived by the parents, the father being in Frankfort, South Dakota, on business when the sad news reached Manchester; and six brothers—Rev. Harry Midkiff, a missionary in Astro, Panama, South America; George Midkiff of Sequim, Washington; Frank, of Edgewood; Ivan, with the American Forces in France; Archie and Cecil at home; and four sisters—Mrs. Perry Light of Edgewood, Mrs. A. R. Winless of Pochontas, Iowa; and Misses Myrtle and Hazel, at home.

The news of the death of this soldier boy brings home to his family and large circle of friends the grim realities of this world war. Private Midkiff was a fine Christian boy, and was preparing himself for the profession of a teacher, when he answered the call of his country. The sorrow that has so suddenly come to the stricken family is shared by a large circle of friends, who knew and loved the soldier boy who made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

Appropriate memorial services will be held at such time when the members of the family can reach home.

MRS. P. G. INGERSOL.

A death which has called forth expressions of profound sympathy for the family is that of Mrs. Daisy M. Dunham Ingersol, occurring at her home at Dunlap, Iowa, November 4th, 1918, following a siege of Spanish influenza. According to word received here by relatives Mrs. Ingersol had recovered sufficiently from the influenza to be up and about her home when heart complications developed which caused her death.

Daisy M. Dunham was born in Manchester September 29th, 1883, and grew to womanhood here, where she was united in marriage with Mr. P. G. Ingersol, on December 27th, 1905. She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abner Dunham, pioneer residents of Manchester.

Mrs. Ingersol leaves surviving her husband, three small children—Donald, Margaret and Ruth, one brother, Attorney Ralph Dunham of Clark, South Dakota; two sisters, Miss Edith Dunham and Mrs. Elva Parson, of Watertown, South Dakota.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at Dunlap, Iowa, Thursday afternoon, and interment will be made there.

The news of the death of this charming young wife and mother brings the greatest sorrow to the family. Mr. Ingersol and all those attached to Mrs. Ingersol by tender family ties, have the profound sympathy in this hour of affliction.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SOLDIER BOY.

Impressive memorial services for Ralph W. Richardson, who died on board a transport while on his way to France, were held at the F. E. Richardson home last Thursday afternoon, and were attended by many of the friends of the family. Rev. W. H. Montgomery, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, and Rev. W. H. Ensign, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Hopkinton, spoke feelingly and eloquently of the exemplary life of the boy who gave his life for his country. A quartet composed of H. L. Rann, E. B. Stiles, O. R. Dunham and M. J. Yorran sang appropriate hymns.

HARRY HARRINGTON INJURED IN FRANCE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harrington of this city received a telegram last week stating that their younger son, Harry, who was in the American Expeditionary Forces in France, was wounded in action about a month ago. The degree of the wound is not given in the message. Harry has been in France for many months and has seen much service, especially during the past few weeks when the allied forces have forced the Huns back.