

PRIVATE COMBE GIVES LECTURE

Methodist Church Crowded With Large Audience to Hear Canadian Soldier.

NEW STARS ON FLAG

Twenty New Stars Affixed to Church Service Flag.

The Methodist church was crowded to the doors last evening with people out to hear Private Combe, the returned Canadian machine gunner, tell his personal story of the great world war, his experiences as a prisoner in the heart of Germany, his escape, his recapture and finally his exchange through Switzerland as a permanently disabled man. The church was full to overflowing and people stood up, while others were turned away.

Private Combe's address was preceded by a service of affixing twenty new stars to the church service flag, making a total of fifty-five stars on that flag. The men for whom stars were affixed last evening were:

- Lloyd Wedding.
- Myron Paine.
- Earl Baxter.
- Marion Craig.
- Murray Simpson.
- Peter Hanson.
- John Essig.
- Roy E. Patterson.
- Olaf Waldon.
- Harry Parker.
- Vern Baxter.
- Edmund Seiser.
- Harold Snock.
- Carl Hanson.
- Wallace Long.
- Roy R. Rees.
- Elmer Burnett.
- Maxwell McCollough.
- Frank R. Howard.
- Floyd S. Pierce.

Private Combe Speaks.

Private Combe prefaced his story with a tribute to the fellowship and common ideals existing between the Canadian people and the people of the United States, as exemplified by the fact that the 3,000 mile frontier between the two countries is, and always has been, unfortified. He also spoke briefly of the women of France, Belgium, the British Empire and other warring countries. They are not bowed in grief, despite the fact that they are giving their sons, husbands and sweethearts to the cause of freedom. They have come to feel a pride in the sacrifice they are making and the great cause in which it is made.

The Trenches.

Private Combe reached France in January, 1915. He described the training given the men there and life in the trenches. It is a peculiarity of soldier life that every soldier wants to see everything at the front, even to exploring no man's land. He said that within ten days after the average soldier's arrival on an active front, he feels no fear.

As to the belief of many people that the war is nearing its end, Private Combe takes issue. He says that the absolute maximum energy of all the allies must be used to beat Germany. We must send our boys to France and we must "get behind" them. Those who fall of their duty in this respect are slackers.

At Ypres.

Following his short training in France, Private Combe in April, 1915, was sent with his division to Ypres. There he was in the defense line against which the Germans used poison gas for the first time. 3,000 men were killed in his division by this first gas attack and of his unit of 900 men, but twenty-seven unscathed answered the roll call following the attack.

At this point, the speaker paused to pay his respects to pacifists. "If you want to hear people talk of a compromise peace with the Hun," said he, "don't go to France." There, both men and women know there can be no compromise. They have seen too much destruction, too much devastation, too many atrocities, to ever consent to anything but a victorious peace.

A Charge.

Following the gas attack told of by Private Combe, the Germans that same night charged the English trenches, when the 900 men left in his unit took big toll for the 3,000 they had lost in the afternoon. The Germans charged in mass formation and the machine guns fairly mowed them down, finally breaking up the attack killing 3,000 out of the 4,000 attackers, without a single casualty.

It was a few days later that Private Combe was wounded, shot in the head during an attack in which the English were obliged to give ground. He was picked up on the battlefield by the Germans, who killed all prisoners unable to walk. For thirty hours he lay on a pile of straw in a church without

any medical attention and later was taken to a prison camp in the heart of Germany at Giessen.

There he learned that the German people at home endorse all that their armies do and that the rape and crucifixion of Belgium have not been exaggerated. Prisoners were taken on triumphal marches through German towns and maltreated generally by the populace.

In Prison Camp.

In the prison camps the men were poorly fed and clothed and many atrocities were committed. Finally, through outside help, Private Combe escaped and attempted to pass as a deaf and dumb man. Reaching a German house where he was fed by women, he was so tired he fell asleep in his chair and talked in his sleep and, of course, was at once arrested as an imposter and taken back to the prison camp. The wound in his head, together with exposure, made his condition so bad that he was finally exchanged through Switzerland as a permanently disabled soldier and in a hospital there, a good German doctor—different than the type of Germans usually met by prisoners—operated on him successfully by using a piece of bone from his shin to put in his head.

"This great war," said Private Combe, "is the crucifixion of the twentieth century. Now that the dawn seems in sight, we must all stick together. There must be no inconclusive peace. Germany must be forced to repent and peace must mean a permanent covenant among the nations of the world."

Private Combe's lecture was most interesting and was closely listened to by the large audience present.

PERSONAL BRIEFS.

J. W. Kearns of Quincy, Ill. is in the city for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Harvey Gage.

Melvin F. Johnson left today for Louisville, Kentucky, where he will enter the officers' school at Camp Zachary Taylor.

Miss Leatha Tilghman of Williams has gone to Canby, Minn., for a several weeks' visit with her father and other relatives.

Glen Greenwood, who has been spending the summer vacation here, went to Iowa City this morning to resume his studies in the state university.

Mrs. Herman Arends and daughter Radie of Jewell were callers here Saturday.

Mrs. N. L. Johnson and children of Stratford were Webster City visitors Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Wardle and daughter Joyce of Kamrar were Saturday visitors here.

Mrs. Nels Tolstrop and children of Kamrar were Webster City visitors Saturday.

Misses Clara and Mabel Christenson of Kamrar were callers in this city Saturday.

S. J. Cottingham from near Stanhope was in this city on business this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Jaycox and family of Kamrar were in Webster City last evening to hear Private Combe's lecture.

J. O. Anderson and John H. Sparboe of Scott township were in the county seat Saturday evening on business.

Mrs. E. W. Slater of Jewell was a Webster City caller Saturday.

Mrs. Clemm Ricke and daughters, Maurine and Byrle, of Williams, were visitors in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fardal of Stanhope motored to Webster City Saturday.

Miss Elsie Jewett of Williams was a Saturday caller in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramus Koling of Jewell were Webster City business callers Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Larson and children of Jewell visited in Webster City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hansen of Jewell were Webster City visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Harold Olmstead and baby Marguerite went to Williams Saturday to spend a few days at the Lester Tuttle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilke and little daughter of Wilke visited here at the home of the former's parents Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Hunt and children went to Blairburg Saturday to visit between trains with friends.

Mrs. Ole Fjetland went to Blairburg Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Talcott.

Alkire home, and attended the services held at the Methodist church in the evening.

Miss Mathilda Wiemer of Radcliffe was a Webster City caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cotton and baby daughter, Jane Elizabeth, and Mrs. Cotton's mother, Mrs. Jane Manderson, and Misses Martha Ostrem and Elma Omundson motored to Williams yesterday and spent the day at the Martin Walker home.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Todd spent yesterday in Webster City, coming down from their home in Algona to get their car, which they left here because of the rain a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Youmke, Mrs. L. E. Houck and Mrs. F. H. Clagg returned home last evening from a motor trip to Des Moines, where they visited Carl V. Ainslie at Camp Dodge, as well as at the W. A. Graham home in Des Moines, and brought home Mrs. Ward Carson, who has spent some time visiting in the capital city.

The Misses Hazel and Helen Martin, daughters of A. J. Martin, a former well known Webster City resident, now living at Bramer, Mo., are in the city for a visit at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. M. B. VanWinkle, and with other relatives, including the C. D. Carl and A. J. Bish families.

The Misses Audrey and Malou Johnson left this morning for Oskaloosa, the former being a student in Central University there and the latter a teacher of music in that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Bryant, who have been visiting at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. A. Cook, went to Storm Lake today to visit for a few days before returning to their home at Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Emily Smith returned to her home at Manson today, having spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Stephen Tabor.

I. C. Coleman of Boston, Massachusetts, arrived here today for an extended visit at the parental, G. W. Coleman home. Mr. Coleman formerly lived in this city, but has been a cook in Boston the past fourteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Danielson and daughters, Mrs. J. C. Olson, Mrs. T. H. Thompson, and Miss Bertha Danielson of Jewell motored to Webster City today.

Miss Katherine Murphy of Williams is a Webster City visitor today.

Mrs. I. E. Nelson and Mrs. B. Mathre of Stanhope are Webster City visitors today.

John Jacobson of Jewell is a county seat caller today.

Frank Meyers of South Dakota, who is in training at Camp Dodge, is spending a few days here visiting his brother, Harry Meyers.

Edward Scuteman of Fremont, Michigan, and Ora R. Nesbitt of Albion, Ind., while enroute to the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, are visiting in Webster City at the Dr. O. C. Buxton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus E. Nelson motored to Jewell Saturday evening to spend Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson.

Chas. T. Smith left for Chicago last evening on a couple days buying trip. On his return trip he will stop at Freeport, Illinois, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Robert P. Miner and family.

G. J. Long and R. G. Remley motored to Marshalltown Saturday evening for an over Sunday visit with friends.

Elmer Kiefer and family returned to their home at Farmer City, Illinois, following a visit at the Mrs. C. C. Burton home.

Elmer Duckert and family of Fort Dodge motored to this city yesterday to spend the day at the N. C. Clabaugh and Mrs. Chas. Gage homes.

Mrs. Ward Levitt returned from Des Moines Saturday evening, after spending the past month with her husband, a soldier at Camp Dodge.

W. A. Crandall went to Minneapolis yesterday to meet his wife, who has been away since the latter part of August.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Butts and children and Mrs. J. B. Baxter and two daughters, Misses Mammie and Fannie, motored to Cedar Falls yesterday, where they visited relatives, among them being Mrs. Baxter's nephew, Paul E. Fober, who leaves tomorrow for Camp Pike, Arkansas. Mr. Fober is a former Webster City boy.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Mrs. Bessie I. Peterson and Miss Ruth Hummel leave tonight for Chicago and Great Lakes for a short visit with Mrs. Peterson's brother, Robert Isham, who is in the service at Great Lakes in the radio department.

Nelson and Mabel Dick of Stanhope motored to this city yesterday.

Mrs. G. W. Myers of Williams was a caller in Webster City yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. McNeer and little son of Blairburg were Webster City visitors yesterday.

Mrs. G. R. Walrath and little son of Blairburg visited in this city yesterday between trains.

Mrs. S. G. Thompson of Kamrar visited here yesterday at the homes of her daughters, Mrs. J. F. Crawford and Mrs. Fred Jensen.

Mrs. H. H. Johnson of Watertown, South Dakota, an old time resident of

Farm News Department

Conducted by County Agent W. F. LaGrange and County Home Demonstrator, Miss Florence Watkins.

Save seed corn this fall for two years. Gather it early. Store with care. Why? To produce more food—to help win the war. The time to pick seed corn is September 15-28 inclusive.

The above marked period has been designated by Governor Harding as the time when all seed corn should be saved.

The Hamilton County Farm bureau cooperators will conduct a survey covering every farm in Hamilton county and each farmer will be listed as to whether or not he has gathered his seed corn. This is a war measure. Help make this county 100 per cent.

Government Action.

Some may ask who supports this plan. The federal and state governments support it. The plan is endorsed by all organizations interested in food production. The early selection of seed corn is practised by thousands of Iowa's best farmers. Many farmers in Hamilton county have picked their seed corn already.

Much money, time and labor would have been saved last year if every farmer had had a two year's supply of seed corn. We do not want to be up against the seed corn crisis like we were last year. Most of the corn in the county, except the late planting, is ripe enough to select seed corn from.

Save It Early.

Why? 1—Best way to insure good seed supply.

2—Reduce danger of injury from freezing.

3—Can save early maturing ears from best stocks.

4—A maximum corn crop will be needed to help win the war.

When? 1—During seed corn selection time, between September 15 and September 28.

2—Begin picking seed corn after the ears are well denting.

3—In time to report to the census taker September 28, that a 100 per cent supply of seed has been saved.

How? 1—Pick from fields of corn adapted to local conditions.

2—Select from strong, vigorous stalk.

3—Save plenty for two years.

Store It Properly.

Why? 1—It will prevent injury from freezing after picking.

2—It will prevent molding.

3—It will save labor.

4—It will produce good results.

Where? 1—In the attic where the heat from the chimney will keep the room dry.

2—In an unused room in the house, or in a dry, well ventilated building.

3—In a dry cellar with a furnace.

How? 1—Store promptly after picking to prevent damage.

2—Hang up or place in open racks so the ears will not touch each other.

3—Use home made hangers, such as twine, wire fencing, etc.

4—Use any one of the many hangers sold on the market.

Be 100 per cent when the census taker comes.

To Plant Winter Wheat.

Many farmers in the county are busy planting winter wheat or will plant it some time this month. Inquiries for seed come in daily to the farm bureau. So far, plenty of seed has been available. A census will be taken by Governor Harding in October and every farmer in the county will be asked if he has planted his share of the 2,000 acres for Hamilton county.

In the proposed liberty wheat crop—1,000,000 acres for Iowa—Hamilton's quota has been placed at 2,000 acres. Approximately, this will mean one acre of wheat to every 100 acres of farm land. County Agent W. F. LaGrange urges the necessity of farmers planting their winter wheat this week.

One man in the county, the county agent says, is planting a 100 acre field to winter wheat. This record exceeds any so far made. A large number of farmers are sowing wheat in their corn fields and still others on new fall plowed ground, with the intention of covering the ground with light straw in winter, which is a great protection against winter killing.

A census will be made of the winter wheat sown in the county Sept. 28, which is also the date for the seed corn census. All records will be forwarded to Governor Harding and state authorities.

It is worthy of note that Hamilton county's share of 2,000 acres, in comparison with Polk county's quota for 37,000 acres, takes into consideration the possibility of winter killing, due to the slight difference in climatical conditions.

are Webster City visitors today.

Our good friend, John McGlynn, and son and Herman Meyers and son, all well known south of Stanhope, were pleasant callers at this office while in Webster City today.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Stark, who have been visiting in this city at the home of Mr. S. S. mother, Mrs. M. J. Stark, left overland, this morning for Guthrie, Okla. They had been at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, visiting their son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Nassen and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larson of Jewell were Webster City visitors today.

Miss Grace Arnold of Kamrar was a caller here yesterday.

Mrs. Z. S. Talcott of Williams was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larson of Jewell were callers in this city this morning.

Geo. Flaws and mother and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McCoy are home from a 2,200 mile overland trip to Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado points. Mr. Flaws reports unusually poor crops in Kansas and Nebraska. In the latter state, especially, he says the southern part of the state was badly hit by drought. The party was gone four weeks.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Miss Catharine Gleason of Blairburg was a Webster City visitor yesterday.

Miss Mary Scott of Williams was a shopper in this city yesterday.

Miss Avas Feinton of Jewell was here between trains yesterday, visiting her friend, Miss Frances Quam.

William Talcott and Carl Hart of Williams were Webster City callers yesterday.

Howard Alexander of Kamrar left this city last night for Camp Zachary Taylor, Ohio, where he has been assigned for officers' training in the field artillery.

Miss Julia Severson of Jewell was a caller in this city yesterday.

Mrs. C. L. Best went to Stanhope this morning for a few days' visit at the home of her mother.

Mrs. Percy Stearns of Oregon is here for an extended visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Millard.

Mrs. J. D. Torrence and daughter, Hope, of Kamrar, were Webster City visitors yesterday.

Mrs. Vern Vegors of Stratford was a visitor in Webster City yesterday.

Mrs. Etta Howd of Duncombe visited in this city yesterday.

Miss Clara Kallem of Ellsworth was a Webster City visitor yesterday.

Miss Minnie G. Smith of Stanhope

was a visitor here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. F. A. Lentz of Blairburg was a Webster City caller yesterday.

Miss Hildred Woolsey has just returned from a three months' trip to Denver, Colo., and Formosa, Kansas. She visited Colorado Springs, Manitou, Estes Park and many other places of interest.

Adolph Claude of Woolstock is a Webster City visitor today.

Mrs. I. Jaycox and Mrs. C. M. Eaton came over from Blairburg last evening and spent the night here with Mrs. Mary A. Hoag and this morning the three ladies went down to Kamrar for a brief visit.

Mrs. Myrtle Riley of Jewell returned to her home this morning after a two days' visit at the Rufus E. Nelson home here.

Mrs. H. Bredenkamp is spending today with relatives in Kamrar.

Mrs. P. J. Cunningham, Jr., left this morning for her former home in Galva to make a few days' visit with relatives.

Henry Johnson of Jewell is a visitor here today.

Miss Ruth Olson of Jewell was in the city today between trains, en route to Cedar Falls, where she will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Prater left for Marion, Virginia, last evening for an extended visit at the home of the former's parents.

A. B. Johnson of Cherokee visited friends in Webster City this morning, en route to Jewell to visit his sister.

Warren W. Bair, who is enlisted in the navy aviation service, is here with Mrs. Bair and their two children for a visit at the home of the former's parents while he is awaiting his call, which he expects sometime between the 15th and 20th of the present month.

L. J. Nott left this morning for Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, for a visit with his son.

Mrs. Theodore Jacobson and daughter Ella of Jewell are Webster City visitors today.

Millard Hill, son of Mrs. Howard Hill of Blairburg, is home on a week's furlough from the Great Lakes training school. He visited his sister, Mrs. Earl Burton, in this city last evening.

Glenn Miller of Duncombe was a business visitor in Webster City yesterday.

Miss Carrie Johnson of Duncombe was a business visitor in this city this morning.

Mrs. Benny Hellen and little son and Mrs. J. G. Vey of Williams are business visitors in the city today.

Mrs. M. A. Elvey returned to her home at Cambridge, Illinois, this morning following an extended visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. J. Peterson.

P. M. Phillips of Story City is a business caller in this city today.

K. C. Secretary For Overseas.

N. M. O'Connor of this city has been appointed a field secretary in the Knights of Columbus overseas service. He does not know just when he will leave for France, but it will probably be soon.

Mr. O'Connor is just in receipt of a letter from William P. Larkin, director of the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities, of New York, advising him that his application for passports has been received and notifying him to settle up his business affairs at once, as only one week's notice will be given him of when he is to start.

Mr. O'Connor's application for a secretaryship has been on application for several weeks and he is now holding himself in readiness to leave on short notice.

Mr. O'Connor is 52 years of age and has been a resident of Webster City 26 years, during which time he has been continuously engaged in the shoe business. He has always been prominent in the Catholic church and also in many civic movements. He has been anxious for some time to get into some line of war activity. He is working for swivel chair work and, hence, sought K. C. work. The duties of a K. C. secretary are similar to those of the Red Cross worker on a Y. M. C. A. secretary. His duties will include anything from first aid to carrying refreshments to the front line trenches.

Mr. O'Connor is one of Webster City's most prominent and successful business men and an applying for a secretaryship in the Knights of Columbus he has displayed the fullest measure of patriotism.

VanNote Farm Sold.

The W. H. VanNote farm in Fremont township was sold Friday to Wm. Woolf and son from near Woolstock. There are 120 acres in the piece, which brought \$250 an acre—\$30,000. Mr. and Mrs. VanNote intend to buy a residence and move to Webster City. They have lived in Fremont township on the home farm for 22 years.

F. M. Zenor's Big Type Poland China sale, Wednesday, October 23, Woolstock, Iowa. 9-14d-f-10-14

FOR SALE—good 120 acre farm close in. Will accept modern residence in Webster City as first payment. White & Hampton

BACK FROM NORTH SEA

John Johnson, Seaman on Battleship Delaware, Home After Nine Months' Cruise.

WAS ON PATROL DUTY

Three German Submarines Shot and Wrecked by Battleship.

John Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson, now a seaman on the United States battleship Delaware, arrived home this morning for a ten days' furlough. Seaman Johnson is just back from a nine months' cruise in the North Sea and has many interesting experiences to relate.

The Delaware in company with three other battleships, the New York, Florida and Wyoming, left New York harbor Nov. 23, 1917, for patrol duty in the North Sea. Seaman Johnson was formerly a member of Company C of this city. He served on the Mexican border with the company two years ago. Upon their return home, John couldn't stand the inactivity, and so asked a transfer to the navy, which was given him.

He was aboard the Delaware when she left New York and saw nine months of continuous service aboard, during which time his battleship shot and wrecked three German submarines. The big battleship has been at sea on patrol duty all the time with the exception of short periods of time spent getting supplies aboard at varying intervals. Once the Delaware was in the harbor at Stockholm, but remained there only a short time. Seaman Johnson likes his work and looks as though it agrees with him.

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