

ZEHRTO RETURN TO FAIRFIELD

CONGRESSMAN KENNEDY SENDS WORD THAT PRISONER OF WAR WILL COME HOME.

Fairfield, Jan. 31.—Fairfield and Jefferson county people are delighted over the news received Tuesday from Congressman C. A. Kennedy to the effect that Jacob Zehr, a former Jefferson county man who has been held a prisoner of war on the Isle of Man, is soon to be released and will come at once to this county.

Zehr appealed to the Fairfield city clerk, Wilson R. Heflin, only a few weeks ago to send him papers showing his citizenship that he may be released and secured affidavits, sending them to Congressman Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy was only too pleased to give the matter prompt attention and the following letter from Secretary of State Lansing speaks for itself: Duplicate No. 5592.

London, England, January 10, 1917. The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington, U. S. A.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instruction No. 4615 of December 29, 1916, (file No. 341, 112 x 32) with regard to the case of Jacob Zehr, and to say that I have written to Zehr on the points raised by the department insofar as these inquiries are not covered by the information contained in my dispatch No. 403 of August 1, 1916, relative to Jacob Zehr, August 1, 1916, the department replied in an instruction No. 4207 of September 30, 1916 (file No. 130 x 34) to which I beg leave to refer.

In writing to Zehr I am also inquiring whether he has funds available for his return to the United States in event of his release from internment. Should he prove to be without funds I shall inform the department by telegraph in order that enquiry may be made of the Honorable C. A. Kennedy, who is interested in the case, as to whether Zehr's friends are prepared to advance money for his journey to the United States.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, Walter Hines Page.

Zehr's relatives and friends here are anxiously awaiting word from him as to when he will reach America and will be glad to welcome him home.

MURDER MYSTERY ENTHUSIASTS MEET

Villisca, Jan. 31.—There were all sorts of rumors current here and throughout the county about the nature of a meeting held at the Ross Moore store in Villisca last week which was attended by about forty or fifty farmers and others interested in furthering the investigation of the Villisca ax murder mystery. It was a sort of get together meeting of the east and west side Montgomery county farmers who are holding themselves responsible for the financial end of the matter.

As a result of this meeting it was decided to hold another public meeting in the Villisca armory soon when Detective J. N. Wilkerson will be present. An interesting feature of the meeting at the Ross Moore store was the production of the original reward list circulated immediately after the murders and which figured rather conspicuously in the Jones-Wilkerson slander suit at Red Oak recently.

Bloomfield H. S. Notes.

The senior class is planning on having a class meeting at the home of Gale Baker Friday night.

Gwenith Champ was absent Monday morning. Miss Swift is having an evening class in algebra and English for a few who did not do their best the first of the year. Annette Mathews of Grand Junction, Colo., is going to be a member of the high school for the remainder of the year.

KEOKUK LAWYER SUFFERS STROKE

Keokuk, Jan. 31.—Theodore A. Craig, city attorney of Keokuk, was stricken with paralysis while alone in his office, 28-30 North Fifth street.

Mrs. Craig had been expecting her husband home early, as the couple had planned to go out to a dinner party. Becoming uneasy at his delay, she called the office. Mr. Craig was able to reach the telephone, but all he could say was, "I need you," which he repeated several times.

Mrs. Craig hurried to the office, but in the meantime some friends had discovered Mr. Craig's condition and summoned a physician, who was in attendance when she arrived. The stricken man was removed to his home in the Pond flats, where everything possible is being done for him.

Mr. Craig apparently had been in his usual health during the day and attended to considerable city business during the forenoon.

BREWERY TO MAKE AUTOS.

Davenport, Jan. 31.—The Independent Moline Co. plant, until January 1, 1916, one of the largest breweries in Iowa, will be converted by owners in to an automobile truck factory, according to announcement. The former brewers, Ernest, August and Charles Zoller, are the incorporators of the new concern which will be known as the Independent Auto Truck Co.

SHE'S GRATEFUL.

Iowa City, Jan. 31.—Madame Marguerite Marcon of Blenau, Yonkers, France, whose husband was killed in the great war, leaving her three fatherless little ones, has left the hospital after a operation and writes a letter of gratitude, eloquently simple, to Iowa City people who donate money to provide for her youngest child during the next two years.

WILL LET CONTRACT FOR BIG DITCH SOON

Mason City, Jan. 31.—The date of letting the contract for the biggest drainage improvement project ever established in the county—and the first ever established having any great amount of open ditch work—will soon be fixed by the board of supervisors. This is district No. 40, embracing the equivalent of about a township, north of Cedar lake. The open ditch outlets, seven miles in length in all, into which some fifty miles of tiles of from six to forty inches in diameter will empty, requires the excavation of 381,000 cubic yards of earth, approximately ten yards to each lineal foot of ditch. This district has just been established by the board. At a meeting of the board fixed February 19 as the date for letting contracts for drains costing about \$28,000 in districts 49 and 50.

SHERIFF GOES AFTER FORMER FAIRFIELDER

Fairfield, Jan. 31.—Word from Sheriff Campbell this morning states that Wilson was released by habeas corpus proceedings.

Fairfield, Jan. 31.—Sheriff Shan Campbell and County Attorney Richard C. Leggett have gone to Alpena, Mich., where authorities are holding, by their request, John Wilson, formerly of this city, who is wanted here on a charge preferred by Miss Pearl Coop. Wilson has given notice that he will fight extradition and to that end a legal battle is expected to get him back to Fairfield.

Wilson was placed in the Jefferson county jail here only a few weeks ago but at that time the girl weakened and refused to prosecute him, so he was released. As he is said to be a married man, his case will likely go before the grand jury.

NAMES STATE AGENTS.

Des Moines, Jan. 31.—H. M. Long of Bedford was named by Governor Harding as special agent under the attorney general. The appointment will become effective February 1.

Mr. Long is said to have made an enviable record during his service as sheriff.

Two agents have now been named. The other was W. B. Giffin of Albia. There have been over 300 applications for the four positions, two of which are yet to be filled.

DEATH ENTERS TWO CHARITON HOMES

Chariton, Jan. 31.—Mrs. James A. Parsons died at her home south of Chariton Monday morning after an extended illness with paralysis. She is survived by her husband and nine children, Ivan and Charles Parsons and Mrs. Bertha Matthews of Joliet, Mont.; Mrs. Ida Keller of Santa Rosa, Cal.; George, Albert, Roy and Floyd Parsons and Mrs. Ellen Anderson of this county.

Funeral services will be held at the family home Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, followed by interment in the Chariton cemetery. Her children were all with her when the end came and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Maud Parsons of Joliet, Mont., also came a few days ago.

Thomas Owens, who resided in the southeastern part of this city, was taken seriously ill last week with typhoid pneumonia and on Saturday was removed to the hospital in Okaloosa, where he passed away on Sunday afternoon. The remains were taken to Beacon where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist church, and where interment took place.

He is survived by a wife and seven children, the eldest of whom is but 10 years old. Mr. Owens was employed at the Central mine and was about 35 years of age. He was highly regarded by all who knew him and his sudden death will be deplored by a host of friends, who will extend sincere sympathy to the sorrowing wife and children.

JOSEPH F. SCHAEFER, PIONEER IOWAN, DIES

Fairfield, Jan. 31.—Joseph F. Schaefer, a well known Jefferson county man, passed away Monday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Emry, on West Harrison street, after only a few days' illness with pneumonia. His illness had been serious from the first and relatives were apprised of the fact that the end was near on Sunday.

Mr. Schaefer was born in Perlee, April 4, 1866, and had spent practically his entire life in this county. He had been in Fairfield only a comparatively short time and had, since coming here, been employed at the factory of the Loudon Machinery Co. Mr. Schaefer was a member of the I. O. O. F. of Brighton and was well liked by all his associates.

Mr. Schaefer is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaefer of Perlee, and the following brothers and sisters: C. J. Schaefer of Memphis, Mo.; John of Portland, Ore.; William and David of Middleton, Idaho; Miss Eva Schaefer of Okaloosa; Mrs. Nan Gilbert of Perlee, and Mrs. Thomas Emry of this city.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Emry home on West Harrison street, conducted by Rev. W. R. Keesey of the First Methodist church. Interment took place in Evergreen cemetery.

Eldon High School Notes

The work of the second semester is progressing nicely and the interest in the work looks promising.

This year promises to be a banner one for basketball. The team has not lost a game yet. As a rule a team finds it harder to play on a strange floor than at home, but the boys seemingly do not have that difficulty. This is shown by the fact that they won at Mystic last Friday night by an overwhelming score, 6 to 18.

ELDON

Millard Hughes passed away at his home Monday morning at 5 o'clock after a few days' illness. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist church.

Samuel Burns of Chicago was called home by the death of his father-in-law, Millard Hughes.

Miss Maude Moore resumed her position at the Eldon high school building Monday morning.

Rose Mae Harryman, wife of S. S. Harryman, died at her home near Douds-Leando Monday morning. The remains were taken to Unionville, where her parents lived, Tuesday for burial.

Mrs. Nelle Paxton and Mrs. Wendall of Marshalltown are visiting at the home of Mrs. Paxton's brother, Harry Carter and family.

Mrs. H. E. Ritz left Wednesday for Excelsior Springs.

Miss Myrtle Peden of Floris visited with her friend, Mrs. A. J. McKay, en route to Okaloosa.

N. U. Luellen went to Keokuk Tuesday to serve on the grand jury.

A number of semi-people attended the performance of The Blue Paradise in Ottumwa Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams are here helping with the Methodist revival.

BITES BETWEEN EYES.

Iowa City, Jan. 31.—Surgeons are striving to save the dog bitten eye of Grace Hollingsworth, a school girl of Springdale, a village near West Branch. The child was bitten at school when she stopped to pick up her mitten and the animal bored its teeth through her nose and ripped loose the lacrimal duct which may spell ultimate blindness. The dog bit her squarely between the eyes.

MAY GET SUGAR FACTORY.

Algonia, Jan. 31.—Algonia may get a sugar factory. In fact the prospect seems quite favorable. A certain acreage is required, and it is claimed that near Algonia all but 200 acres of the required total has been signed up. The work is hard, but it is fairly remunerative.

GIVE SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS ON CORN

Ames, Jan. 31.—Raymond McDermott, of Walnut, Pottawattamie county, was announced as sweepstakes winner, yellow corn, in the boys' state corn growing exhibit; Harry Christensen, Humboldt, won sweepstakes in the white corn class and Walter Ridgett, Council Bluffs, sweepstakes in corn other than white or yellow class.

Two hundred and eighty boys, members of the boys' acre corn club, conducted by the agricultural extension department of Iowa state college, entered exhibits which consisted of the ten best ears from their acre. These were divided into sectional exhibits, central, southern, and northern.

Following are the placings in each section, placed in their order of winning: Northern, yellow—Guy Livingston, Milford; Merion Hook, Humboldt; Arthur Talcott, Fayette county; Ralph Green, Estherville; George Hawcott, Burt. White corn, Harry Christensen, Roscoe; Mawdsley, Burt; Rexford Ward, Charles City; Clifford Wilson, Hamilton. Other than white or yellow, Howard Wright, Charles City.

Central, yellow—Paul Brown, Salix; Roy Brown, Salix; Frank Wiggins, Prairie City; Lynn Sawyer, Sergeant Bluffs; and Joseph Honz Dunlap, White corn. Neil Mauker, Correctionville, Leslie Nordhausen, Manson; Joah R. Wilson, Kelley; John Orr, Colo and Fritz Blume, Denison.

Southern, yellow—Raymond McDermott, Walnut; Donald Whitehill, Clarinda; Sammy Peel, Wever; John P. Tucker, Wever, and Frank Barker, Red Oak. White corn, Harvey Saar, Treynor; Wm. Long, Thurman. Other than white or yellow, Walter Ridgett, Council Bluffs, Lyle Lorenz, Winter set.

Ray F. Benner, F. E. Fuller and F. S. Wilkins of the farm crops department of the college, judged the contest. "The boys showed some mighty good corn," the judges declare.

CASE STILL ON.

The \$750 damage suit of Frank Niemeyer vs. the C. M. & St. P. R. Co., and others is still on in district court this afternoon.

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MRS. SCHAMP WRITES OF BORDER —WOULD LIKE TO STAY LONGER IN SOUTHLAND.

An Ottumwa friend has received a very interesting letter from Mrs. C. E. Schamp who is with her husband, Capt. Schamp in Brownsville, where he is in command of Company G. The letter tells of the safe arrival of Mrs. Schamp and of going out to camp. Extracts follow:

Mrs. Younkin (the first lieutenant's wife) and myself each have a little cottage, one large room with kitchen cabinet, table and shelves built in. Have a little oil heater for chilly weather and a one burner oil stove to cook on. We do light housekeeping and sure enjoy it. Mr. Schamp took me over town Saturday and took in the sights out in the residence district. They have some very nice homes here and the yards are lovely, all kinds of flowers being in bloom. Orange trees, full of oranges are everywhere, and I saw several trees full of grape fruit.

We saw poinsettias as large as dinner plates and the stalk as high as a one story house. Roses of all colors were in the back yards. We have had green onions, new beets and new sweet potatoes. Mr. Nelson of Company G and several others went out hunting to Point Isabel last Tuesday and got 116 ducks and we had a duck supper next evening. Sunday Mr. Younkin and Mr. Schamp got an auto and took us to Point Isabel. It is twelve miles away and we surely had a fine trip. We saw hundreds of Jersey cattle, and there were palms everywhere. There are 2,800 acres in the ranch. We saw hundreds of clean houses with thatched roofs and lots of little Mexican children. They all look nice and clean. We rode for miles with palms on each side of the road. There are no hills here and you can see for miles.

We had some pictures taken on our trip and hope they will be good. The soldiers are not allowed to cross into Mexico, so we (the ladies in the party) are going across in the ferry to Matamoros this afternoon. They say that it is perfectly safe and quiet. A few of the women here have been over. We intend to go to Point Isabel some day soon to see the ocean. It is twenty-five miles from here.

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but nobody knows just when, so the trip will be short down here. I would love to stay another month. Sunday is such a lovely day. Took our auto trip without any wraps and the children play outdoors all the time. We all visit over to the parade grounds this afternoon. The soldiers were all over there and had a movie picture taken. The boys think now that they will start home next week. So that means that we must go home. I suppose the company will be in Fort Des Moines for about a month. Will close with best wishes. Your friend Mrs. C. E. Schamp.

HOSTS OF PEOPLE ARE CROWDING AMES

Ames, Jan. 31.—Iowa state college and Ames are hosts to a great throng of Iowa men and women, boys and girls, who have come for the annual short course and farmers' week. Every train for two days has brought its quota of visitors, with the result that hundreds more are enrolled at this time than a year ago. Although this booming host is putting the hospitality of the town and campus to the test, the accommodations for visitors are holding out nicely and for all who come lodging and eating places are being provided promptly.

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