

CERTAIN TO WIN

"How's your boy getting on at the training camp?" "Wonderful," replied Farmer Applectart. "I feel a sense of great security. An army that can make my boy get up early, work hard all day and go to bed early can do most anything."

Wanted

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED GIRL for general housework. Two children in family. No washing or ironing. Apply at once. Address A-27-E, care Courier.

For Sale

PURE BLOODED WHITE PLYMOUTH Rock eggs. 75c per setting. Mrs. F. M. Creath, Agency, Iowa. FOR SALE—ANGUS BULL. G. W. Götter, Batavia, Iowa. FOR SALE—HORSE BROKE SINGLE and double. Weight 1200. T. H. Holler, R. No. 9, Phone 393-F-12.

WEEK DEVOTED TO GARDENS

JUNIOR CLUB WORK BEING ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT CITY AMONG BOYS AND GIRLS.

This week has been designated as campaign week in Wapello county to enroll boys and girls in the Junior Garden club, both in the city and country. At the present time there are nearly 400 garden club members in Ottumwa and a large number in the surrounding towns and county. During this next week, it is hoped to double this enrollment. Last year over 12,000 garden club members in Iowa produced vegetable products valued at \$173,355.39, of which \$144,403.74 was profit. This is to be surpassed this year and Wapello county is expected to be one of the leading counties in the state.

USE ALL VACANT LOTS.

This year no vacant lots should remain idle. All owners of vacant lots who do not intend to use them are urged to allow some boy or girl to use it for club work.

"It is not best to try to cover too much ground," says Club Leader R. B. Berry. "A small garden well tended is better than a much larger, one-half tended. The minimum size of club gardens is a rod square. Gardens of this size can easily be tended by junior club members. If the family is not large enough to consume the products, there is a ready market in all parts of the county. Garden stuff will always sell. This year a much larger amount of garden products will be carried than ever before. When people are conserving on meat and wheat, they are going to eat more garden stuff.

"There is nothing that boys and girls can go into that will cost so little at the start, and nothing that is so likely to be successful with a fair amount to judgment and work."

SOME REASONS FOR JOINING.

The following are a few of the reasons given by the club leader why the boys and girls should enter garden clubs:

- Gives them training in planning and planting gardens. Gives them work during part of vacation. Gives them pride of ownership. They derive valuable experience in marketing. Gives them training in keeping records and making out reports. Offers them experience of exhibiting garden stuff at garden show. Receive financial compensation. Is a patriotic war duty for every boy and girl. GIVE BEET SEEDS FREE.

The United States Department of Agriculture has sent 1,000 packages of sugar beet seed to E. C. Bishop, state club leader of Iowa. These are to be distributed through Iowa to club members who will agree to plant the sugar beet as an experiment in connection with their garden work. Suggestions for raising the crop and directions in the home method of making sugar beet syrup will be sent to club members who receive the seed. Each club member will be furnished a package of sugar beet seed and will be expected to raise one square rod or more of sugar beets. This is an exceptional opportunity for garden club members to get sugar beet seed free and try a very interesting and profitable experiment, and should be an incentive for others to join the club.

"Great emphasis should also be put on growing as many navy beans and potatoes as possible," urges Mr. Berry. These may be stored and used in the home during the winter. Those who wish instructions for beans may obtain

them by writing Country Club Leader R. B. Berry, Ottumwa.

All club members wishing beet seed, and those who wish to join the club, should make application for same through the principal of their school. This should be done at once before the supply is exhausted.

122 AMERICANS GET WAR CROSS

MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT IS PRAISED BY FRENCH GENERAL FOR BRAVERY.

[By Associated Press Staff Correspondent.]

With the American Army in France, April 28.—(Delayed)—The French army today paid an historic tribute to the United States when 122 soldiers, sons of Massachusetts, were decorated with the war cross for bravery displayed in recent fighting. The ceremony, which was held on a picturesque field a short distance from the front line trenches, was one of the most impressive in which American soldiers have participated since their entry into the war.

One hundred and seventeen men from the 104th United States Infantry (Massachusetts) regiment, who bore the brunt of the German attack in the Apremont forest on April 12, received medals as did five men of another regiment who had participated in earlier fighting around Soissons.

SPACES FOR ABSENTEES

Here and there in the line of heroes were spaces representing Americans who were killed or wounded seriously.

It had been raining in the forenoon but the sun broke through the clouds when the 104th regiment, which also was decorated as a unit, passed in review before American and French generals. Bands played "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Marseillaise," while the American and French flags waved proudly within sound of the roar of German guns.

FRENCH GENERAL'S PRAISE

The French general in conferring the decorations, said of the regiment: "It showed the greatest audacity and a fine spirit of sacrifice. Subjected to very violent bombardments and attacks by large German forces it succeeded in checking the dangerous advance and took at the point of the bayonet in a most vigorous way prisoners and some demolished trenches from which it had fallen back at the first assault."

CIVILIANS CHEER HEROES

The few civilian spectators who witnessed the ceremony included several French women residents of villages near the front. They cheered as the young Americans, wearing full equipment and helmets, marched by. Some Americans attached to other units were greatly moved when the band played the national anthem. They saw the bright new flag and realized what their comrades had been through to merit the honor. The general commending the ceremony included several handsy yth and spoke words of encouragement to each of the men decorated, saying it was the proudest moment of his life to be the commander of men who had done such great honor to the country.

NO CRIMINAL CASES IN LUCAS COUNTY

Chariton, April 29.—District court adjourned Saturday evening after a busy session of four weeks. There was not a single criminal case on the docket this term, which speaks well for the county. The jury was not called during the term, Judge Hunter wisely deciding that the jurors, most of whom were farmers, were needed at this time to put in their grain. In order that a splendid crop may be raised this year if possible. However, several law cases were tried before the judge. The arguments in the case of Mrs. Jennie Wright et al. vs. Lester Wright et al. concerning the disposition of the estate of the late G. B. Wright and his first wife, who passed away several years ago, were concluded Saturday and the judge will render a decision in the matter during vacation. Judge Hunter will return here May 9 and close up some unfinished business.

COURIER WANT ADS READ THEM

IMPROVE BLUE GRASS ROAD

GREAT HIGHWAY OF SOUTHERN IOWA GETS FEDERAL AID INTEREST REVIVED.

There has been evidence lately of a great revival of interest in the Blue Grass road and this season will see some wonderful work done on southern Iowa's great artery of travel.

It is especially gratifying to know that five of the first twenty federal aid projects in this state are for the improvement of this road and that it stands at the top of the list in the miles to be so improved.

The big bridge at Burlington and the completion of a good roads system on the Illinois side have made it possible to attract a big share of the trans-continental travel which now goes far north and then comes back south to reach Omaha.

SAVE ONE DAY'S TRAVEL.

By coming west from Indianapolis crossing central Illinois and striking the Blue Grass road at Galesburg, they can avoid the bad roads in the vicinity of Chicago and save about one day's travel as well as strike the best dirt road in the west.

President Charles H. Thomas and Secretary Jas. F. Bryan are planning an active campaign for improving the road, renewing the marking which a few years ago gave the road national publicity as the best market road in America and giving prospective tourists information that will bring them through this, the most attractive section of the state.

INTEREST ORGANIZER.

As a primary part of this campaign they have interested the first president and principal organizer of the road, Joe L. Long, now general manager of the North American Publishing Co., the big map manufacturers of Des Moines in assisting them in getting out a Souvenir Atlas and Guide of the road. Mr. Long has for some years been devoting his entire time to road work as founder and editor of the Road-Maker but has never lost his active interest in his old home road and has submitted plans which have met with the enthusiastic approval of the officers.

The book will contain beautiful maps of each county through which the road passes, lithographed in three colors and a sketch of the history and points of interest of each community along the road. No advertising of any character will be permitted to appear in the book and it will be circulated by the boosters along the road.

TOURISTS LEAVE MONEY BEHIND

The success of the plan and in fact of the actual carrying out of the project will depend upon the interest shown but if the indications are to be depended upon it is going to be enthusiastically received everywhere. Few people realize that every car passing over the road from Burlington to Omaha leaves with the business men of the towns enroute from \$20 to \$50, an item that is by no means to be overlooked, especially when it is said that one widely advertised, but much longer route across the state averages about 1,000 cars of tourists per week.

IMPATIENT FOR THE FRAY

BERGT. ELDRED MAHONEY AS-SIGNED TO TEACH SOLDIERS—WOULD RATHER FIGHT

An interesting letter has been received by T. B. Mahoney from his son, Eldred who is a sergeant in the First Corps school at P. O. 703 A. E. F. in France. In his letter he speaks of taking a course in machine gun instruction. He says "I was sent up from the company to take four weeks of machine gun instruction. It was four weeks of work and study and I finished up with quite a high mark, in fact being second among a class of about fifty or sixty non-commissioned officers. For a reward I was assigned here as an assistant instructor for a least a five months' stretch."

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This would be good news to most young men, but Sergeant Mahoney said he enlisted to fight. However, orders are orders and when the major general assigns a man to a post, obedience regardless of whether the place is to his liking or not, is the first duty. He does not complain against the new duties and realizes that it is a pleasant in that the conditions are most pleasant, the duties ordinarily performed are dispensed with and living conditions are much more pleasant, but to use his language: "That is not what I came over here for. I'll be away from my company, from the bunch and while they are tearing things loose up on the front, I'll be manning my nails and reading French novels. It's disgustingly safe. The nearest we come to action is listening to the big guns when the wind is in the right direction."

MARRIAGE IS ANNOUNCED

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mrs. Libbie Smith, daughter of Daniel Hannon, 612 Center avenue, to Henry B. McLain, which was solemnized Saturday morning in Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. McLain will make their home at 316 East Fifth street.

ENROLL BOYS IN CORN CLUBS

LADS OF COUNTY URGED TO ENTER CONTEST TO INCREASE CROP PRODUCTION.

A campaign is being put on in all parts of Wapello county to enroll boys in the acre corn club. A greater effort is being made this year than ever before to interest and encourage all farm boys in specialization of corn growing. There never has been a time in the history of the country when there were such important reasons for giving extra attention to the method of increasing the amount of corn raised. In this crisis of the nation's history the state and national governments are expecting the boys to assist them. R. B. Berry, county club leader is making special arrangements to form community centers for each club organization, where the club members may meet each month in a social way.

GIVING BETTER PRIZES

Wapello county is giving its club members better prizes for club work than ever before. The county is to be divided into four parts according to representation in clubs so that an equal number of members will be in each quarter of the county. Good prizes are to be awarded the winners. The winner in each club in each one-fourth of the county will receive a \$15 trip to Ames' Short Course. The second highest person in each one-fourth of the county in each club will receive \$12 on a trip to Ames' Short Course. The county winner will receive a \$50 trip to the International Live Stock Show at Chicago. By arranging the prizes in this manner, Wapello county will have a larger number of winners sent to Ames than ever before. This it is hoped to do as Wapello county has had the distinction of sending the largest delegation for the past two years.

CORN CLUB REGULATIONS

The regulations for membership in the corn club follow: 1. All farm boys who can possibly do so are urged to enter this contest. Every boy of club age is asked to consider it his patriotic duty to volunteer for this work. They may enroll by sending their names to R. B. Berry county club leader, Ottumwa, Iowa.

BRIDE WILL BE PUBLISHER

Storm Lake, April 29.—When LeRoy Rader, editor of the Alta Advertiser, leaves for Camp Dodge with the county's quota April 27, Mrs. Rader a bride of a few months, will assume the position of editor and publisher of the advertiser.

AUXILIARY BODY MEETS WITH BOARD

The Auxiliary Council of the Commercial club will meet tomorrow evening at supper with the board of directors and a number of important matters are scheduled for discussion. The D. A. R. is planning a fête at the Country club in the near future and will have a committee at the meeting to lay the project before the directors seeking their aid in the staging of the event. The Boy Scout movement will also be up for discussion and an effort made to encourage the scouts in Ottumwa.

MORRIS WILLIAMS Horse Market

I want to buy for use at Camp Dodge, a number of geldings weighing 1300 to 1600 and they must be 5 to 9 years old and sound. I want dark horses immediately for contract work and if you will send me word will come to your place. Do it this week.

TUBERCULAR CATTLE

Dubuque, April 29.—Selection for tubercular cattle at the stock yards resulted in the slaughter of 35 blue blooded animals. The owners protested over the test but without avail. The cattle were a shipment of milch cows sent by Sullivan Bros. of Marengo, Ill., to Chariton, Iowa, for sale at public auction. The owners of the cattle will probably be prosecuted in Illinois for the sale of diseased animals.

DR. D. E. GRAHAM

HOURS — 9 to 12 a. m., 1 to 6 p. m. Office, First National Bank Bldg. Ottumwa, Iowa

PRAISE BRAVE KEOKUK LASSIES

TWO SALVATION ARMY GIRLS SERVE COFFEE TO MEN AMID FALLING SHELLS.

Keokuk, April 29.—Two Keokuk Salvation Army lassies well known here and did more to build up the Salvation Army in Keokuk than anybody else ever did, its officers say. Their services here included the time of the Scoville meetings, and they are remembered by many Keokuk people.

BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE

During the battle of Selcheprey, both these lassies, with four other Salvation Army workers, served hot coffee and cocoa to the men while gas shells and bombs fell thick around them.

CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

The National Conference of Social Work will hold its forty-fifth annual meeting at Kansas City, Mo., May 15 to May 23. The American Association Organizing Charity of which the local Social Service Bureau is a member will meet for its seventh annual meeting, in connection with the national conference. Miss Vera Tharp local social service secretary, will attend the meeting, and there may be other Ottumwans present. Social workers interested are invited, whether or not the societies with which they are affiliated are members of the organization. The conference will meet because its service is indispensable for the intelligent conduct of social agencies at this trying time. Those planning the meeting have given much thought to this year's special condition. The significance of war in connection with social work is very obvious, and the Kansas City conference will set forth the unprecedented problems of practical social adjustments at this time.

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CASH PERISHES IN FLAMES.

Dubuque, April 29.—Thomas Kelly narrowly escaped death early Friday morning when the house in which he resides was almost completely gutted by fire. Kelly was awakened about 1 o'clock by the flames and smoke and rushed hurriedly from the house. In his excitement he forgot a roll of money in a pocketbook, amounting to \$75. He made several attempts to re-enter the home to secure the currency but each time was driven back by the flames. Firemen extinguished the flames shortly after their arrival on the scene. The loss is slight.

CLARINDA PATIENTS GARDENERS

Clarinda, April 29.—Great preparations are being made on the farm in connection with the Iowa State hospital for the insane at Clarinda to grow large crops of every variety this year for the purpose of feeding the more than 1,500 persons who reside at that institution. Figures for last year showed that the produce raised on the farm amounted to nearly \$50,000.

CHILDREN HAVE FINE RECORD

Cedar school in Competitive township, closed its last day of the spring term yesterday with a program of recitations and dialogues by the pupils. Mrs. William Shafer, the teacher announced the fine record of Carl Pickrel and Avis Pickrel, neither had been tardy nor absent during the entire school year of eight months.

QUESTIONNAIRE SENT FROM EGYPT

Iowa City, April 29.—Word has been received here that one of the questionnaires sent out by the Johnson county board last fall will soon be returned and is now on its way from Egypt, where it followed D. C. Bess, who is now engaged in the relief work there and who plans on going to Palestine in the near future. Mail service these days between Egypt and the U. S. A. seems to be very slow. The young man went to that country in search of health and writes a shipment of milch cows sent by Sullivan Bros. of Marengo, Ill., to Chariton, Iowa, for sale at public auction. The owners of the cattle will probably be prosecuted in Illinois for the sale of diseased animals.

88 YEARS OLD, WALKS 5 MILES.

Traer, April 29.—Young girls addicted to high heels and a penchant for taxicabs will hardly be able to compete at her age with Mrs. Kuelsen, mother of Mrs. John Wilkens, of Rainbeck, who walked from her daughter's home to a neighboring farm, a distance of five miles and who would have walked on to town had she not been offered a ride. Mrs. Kuelsen is 88 years old.

JAS. H. SHEPHERD

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BRINGING UP FATHER

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