

## FIFTY-FIFTY ON THE WHEAT OR GET NO WHEAT AT ALL

Federal Food Administrator R. C. Ely in Solemn and Disconcerting Warning to People of New Mexico

Hanging Cards in Windows Does No Good If Wheat Gives Out—Threatens Drastic Action if Disregarded

The people of New Mexico will have to eat fifty per cent less wheat or go without. That sums up a situation that vitally affects every home in the state. It isn't merely a question of patriotism; it is a question of wheat. Half a loaf is better than no bread.

This is the burden of a statement issued by Ralph C. Ely, food administrator for New Mexico, this week. His message is an eye-opener to the fact that we are in a war and can not afford for a minute to lose sight of the fact. If we do so, he points to some very dire consequences, which he says are inevitable. Here's his message:

To the People of New Mexico:

Our people must not lose sight of the fact that this war is as actual as it is awful. The fight would not be real if the fighters were not hurt.

The people have wanted food administrators and fuel administrators, but their chief interest seemed invariably to be in questions of price. You cannot eat five dollar bills and this war cannot be won by money alone. It takes men and munitions and so far as the American people are concerned above everything else the demand for food.

The people of the east were admonished to conserve their coal. They were urged to unload their cars and to facilitate transportation and they went along gaily making money, standing up when the national anthem was played and talking about the bigness of America until finally for five days every fire in the factories was extinguished and fourteen working days in February have been lost to the world because people would not listen to insistent counsel.

Now I want to talk to the people of New Mexico about WHEAT. I have told you more than once that instead of having 80,000,000 bushels to ship abroad from the 1917, we had only 35,000,000 bushels available and that every bushel had been shipped about the first of December. If our allies do not get wheat and meat, they cannot fight, and it is physically impossible to put our troops in France in time to do any good. We must fill the stomachs of the fighting men in Europe and we must sustain their families or our cause is lost.

Now let me tell you something. In spite of all the pleadings of Mr. Hoover, up to the middle of January our consumption of wheat was almost normal. We had hung little cards in our windows; we had knitted and talked about food conservation and then sneaked white bread into our homes. The inevitable result will follow: America will be absolutely without wheat for three months before next year's harvest unless during the next six months we cut our wheat consumption absolutely in two. In every community and in every state there are those to be found who eat with their fore feet in the trough. They are the profiteers on one hand the hoarders on the other hand. No profiteer and no hoarder in times like these is a patriot. It is duty of every patriot citizen in our country first of all to go immediately on the fifty-fifty rule, promulgated by our president through Mr. Hoover, and every single day use some substitute for one-half his normal wheat consumption.

When the east consumed its coal it invited calamity and an embargo shut off business in the east for one-half the month of February. I am neither a prophet nor a bluffer, but I want to say that no community will be permitted to imperil America's institutions by consuming more than its fair share of the wheat of this country. The fifty-fifty rule must be enforced. Consumers will have no quarrel with their grocers but rather should have a pride in those of them who perform their duties absolutely. I shall not hesitate if necessity requires it, to cut off the entire flour supply of any grocer who fails to conform to this rule. On the other hand our office will make every effort within its power to help

### CODY 100 PER CENT INSURED.

Deming Cantonment Practically Certain to Lead All Others.

The government insurance campaign among the soldiers at Camp Cody had a triumphant close Tuesday with the camp so nearly 100 per cent insured that Cody is practically certain to lead all other cantonments in insurance. In fact, counting those who are absent at the officers' training camps and on detached duty, the insurance reported from this camp is about 103 per cent for the present force in camp.

So few of the soldiers failed to take insurance that their number is almost negligible. The 126th F. A. (Ist Iowa), the 134th Inf. (5th Neb.) and the 127th machine gun battalion made a perfect score with every man insured for the full \$10,000.

The result is a great feather in the cap of Lt. Ira N. Speaker, who has been in charge of the campaign. Div. Adj. Major H. M. Nelly, who has been very active in pushing the insurance plan among the men.

The total insurance written at the camp was \$240,846,500, with quite a number who are temporarily absent from the camp yet to hear from.

### WARNING, MR. FLY!

Deming and Camp Cody Are Organizing to Get Your Scalp.

Deming will probably go after the fly in much the same manner as Los Angeles, which city had such success in combating the fly nuisance that its plan has been generally adopted all over the country, at least in its main features. J. C. Barr, of the firm of Wiley, Newell & Barr, was a resident of that city and took an active part in the campaign that has almost rid the coast metropolises of flies, and he will co-operate with City Sanitary Officer Chapman and Major Pederson, camp sanitary officer, in the local campaign.

The plan to be followed has as its main feature the enlisting of the children in the work, making them in some cases, deputy sanitary officers. Experience has shown that no adult can equal the "kids" when it comes to digging up violations of the sanitary law, and also that they are unsurpassed at getting the necessary corrections made.

### Noted Woman Writer Here

Peggy Hull, who was with the allied armies in France for several months last summer and fall as correspondent for the El Paso Times, was in Deming from Friday to Tuesday visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoerath, of South Platte avenue. Peggy achieved no little fame by her thrilling stories from the front and her interesting lectures at El Paso and elsewhere since her return; and an attempt was made to have her address a Deming audience, but she preferred to rest during her stay here. Peggy is not a Deming girl, having been born and reared in Kansas, but her parents moved to this place nearly a year ago, so now she calls Deming "home," though her newspaper work permits her to spend very little time here.

### New Books at Public Library.

The following new books have arrived at the Deming public library, on West Pine street, and are on the shelves ready for the public use: "Carry On," Comingsby Dawson. "Under Fire," Henri Barbusse. "The Red Planet," Wm. J. Locke. "Beyond," John Galsworthy. Three works of fiction have been given the library by Mrs. Jas. Stevens.

### Miss Strong Leaves for Baltimore

Miss Edith Strong, a graduate of the Woman's Hospital in New York City, who has lived here the past year pursuing her profession, left Tuesday morning for Baltimore, Maryland. Miss Strong will enter the Johns Hopkins university at a salary of \$100 a month and expenses. Her many Deming friends congratulate her upon her success.

merchants find substitutes and to aid our millers in securing prompt shipments of corn and barley to grind for our people.

RALPH C. ELY,

U. S. Food Administrator for New Mexico.

### MURRAY-LAYNE WAREHOUSE FINISHED

New Business Acquisition is a Million Dollar Concern

Those who take satisfaction in noting worth-while steps in Deming's business growth should go out to Railroad and Zinc and take a look at the substantial, commodious warehouse recently completed by the Murray & Layne company, one of the finest of its kind in the southwest. The building is of reinforced concrete and apparently no pains or expense have been spared to make it modern and complete in every respect. It is 200x75 feet, with full basement, and seems as fireproof as a segment of the Rocky mountains.

To protect the merchandise a complete sprinkling system has been installed, with a 25,000-gallon water tank elevated 75 feet above the roof. A big refrigerating plant has been installed with six cooling rooms capable of holding ten cars of produce.

Wholesale groceries, tobacco, cigars and confectionery and all kinds of produce will be handled for the benefit of the firm's customers all over the southwest. A mammoth stock of goods is already on hand and the firm, which, by the way, is a million-dollar corporation, and one of the important commercial bodies of the state, is anticipating the arrival of something like 35 carloads to supply its trade territory.

W. S. Love is general manager and F. L. Gilmore credit man.

Auto trucks attend to the local trade and direct railway shipments supply outside customers.

Deming is proud to welcome a business of the fast-growing commercial importance of the Murray & Payne company.

### TO BUILD FINE TABERNACLE

Methodists Let Contract Monday for Structure at Hemlock and Copper.

A fine new tabernacle, capable of seating more than half a thousand people and filling a large part of the need of more church and club accommodations for the soldiers, will be standing, complete and ready for dedication, on the lot just south of the M. E. church, at Hemlock and Copper, if a contract let by the Methodist church organization last Monday is fulfilled to the letter. H. T. Foster is the contractor.

The new tabernacle is to be 56x88 feet and will be a frame structure. It will face west on Copper avenue. It will have cloak rooms, reading room, kitchen and other accommodations, besides the big auditorium which is intended to seat a minimum of 500 people. Its cost, as called for by the contract, will be \$2,648.

Work started on the new tabernacle Tuesday at noon, and Contractor Foster says the building will be ready for use on the day specified unless absolutely unforeseen difficulties arise.

### Bankers Rally to U. S. Call.

Cashier A. C. Raithel of the Bank of Deming was in El Paso the first of the week attending the meeting of the bankers of the Dallas federal reserve district, which convened there Monday.

The meeting was a special one called for the purpose of considering the recent call of Secretary McAdoo for the handling by the banks of the nation of temporary certificates of indebtedness to be issued by the government pending the call for the next Liberty loan. His request was that every bank in the district, which comprises Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas, handle ten per cent of its capitalization in certificates, distributing over a period of ten weeks, or one per cent a week. The convention did not actually bind itself to the figures suggested by Mr. McAdoo, but sent a wire to him assuring him that every possible step would be made to comply with his request.

### Passed Away.

Mrs. Sarah A. McGriff passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. S. McAdams, eight miles southeast of Deming, on Monday. Death was due to senility.

Funeral services were held at the family home by Rev. John Bell, pastor of the Methodist church, on Tuesday, at 2 p. m.

Miss Mary B. McGriff, an efficient instructor in the Deming public schools, is a daughter of the late Mrs. McGriff.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of everyone in this community.

### CITY CREATES HEALTH DEPARTMENT

H. F. Chapman, Sanitation Authority, is its Head

In compliance with the suggestion of Major Pederson, camp sanitary officer, at last week's meeting of the council, the city has established a permanent health department, with H. F. Chapman at its head. Mr. Chapman received his appointment last Friday and immediately went to work on his new job.

City and camp are now co-operating in the cleaning up of the city and its environs against the coming of fly-time, and Mr. Chapman reports that the job is going ahead with good speed and entire harmony between the two forces at work.

The place he now holds is not a strange one to Mr. Chapman, who was at one time at the head of the sanitary department of the state of Arkansas. He has also written more than one treatise on the subject of sanitation and is a man who knows that subject thoroughly, from both theory and actual practice. It looks as if Deming is very fortunate to have him available for the place. He has been in government employ for some months past, on the forest range near Silver City, and only one day before his appointment here dropped into town for a brief visit with his family, expecting to return to the range within a week. The government has lost a good range man to Deming's gain, if present indications are to be taken at face value.

### 109th Engineers Comfort Committee.

The comforts committee of the 109th Engineers regiment have just received from the ladies of Sherburne and Bath, N. Y., 132 trench caps and wristlets. These articles were made in less than five weeks.

Mrs. W. R. Thompson, of this city, organized units in Sherburne and Bath and gave instructions in the making of trench caps. The articles received were contributed by these ladies through the efforts of Mrs. W. H. Wild, a friend of Mrs. Thompson.

The Comforts committee is very grateful to these generous patriotic ladies for these articles, which practically equips the 109th regiment.

### Real Hawaiians at Teal Theatre.

An entire departure from the regular class of plays presented by the Raymond Teal company at the Teal theatre will take place next Sunday afternoon when "On The Beach at Wakiki" will receive its first presentation. The play is strictly Hawaiian. There will be Hawaiian scenery, Hawaiian music, Hawaiian costumes, and for the occasion a troupe of genuine Hawaiians have been specially engaged to take part in the play, as well as sing and play their native songs.

"On The Beach at Wakiki" will continue until and including Wednesday night, to be succeeded by another rural comedy entitled "Hiram."

### Ask Vaccination Against Smallpox

The county and city health departments have posted notices asking all citizens who have not been successfully vaccinated against smallpox in the last two years to be vaccinated at once as a preventative stamp against the appearance of the contagion in this city. Several cases of smallpox have been reported lately from outlying points in the county, but thus far none have made their appearance here. The prompt action of the health departments may, and probably will, head it off entirely at this point.

### New S. P. Agent.

W. H. Graham, S. P. agent at Lordsburg for two years past, has relieved G. C. Kelber as agent at this place, beginning his new duties last week. The change is very much in the nature of a promotion for Mr. Graham, as Deming is now one of the big charges of the kind on the S. P., not to speak of the other lines touching here. Mr. Kelber, who resigned last week, has gone to California for a short stay before taking charge of his mother's ranch in Washington.

### Stage Line Changes Hands

W. J. Evans has taken charge of the Deming-Columbus stage line, succeeding his brother, A. J. Evans, who has gone into the garage business at Columbus. The stage now leaves Deming at 11:30 a. m., instead of 7:45 p. m., as formerly, and starts back from Columbus at 2:30 p. m., instead of 4:45 p. m., under the old arrangement.

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT TUNIS RESULTS IN ARREST IN DEMING

### CARELESS OF BRITTON

Jack Foolishly Peeved Otto Wallace and Then—Goodnight

If he hadn't inadvertently aroused Otto Wallace's well-known mean disposition in the fifth round, Joe Britton might have pulled through his encounter with the Milwaukee Teuton at the Crystal Wednesday night. As it was he grew too playful after Wallace had already been ruffled by a call-down from the referee for a near-foul, and as a result, stopped so many left hooks in the ensuing few minutes that he was nearly out, on his feet, when his plainly deliberate attempts to foul his opponent forced Referee Little to award the fight to Wallace.

Britton showed some nice footwork and general boxing ability, and also rocked the Milwaukee boy at times with a right that looked like it had slumber in it, but he lacked the experience to make him a really dangerous man for Wallace. The latter absorbed everything the El Pasoan had to give and was apparently none the worse for it. In the fifth, after his call by Referee Little, he flew into Britton with his first real fighting spirit of the evening and in no time had his man beaten beyond hope. A fierce left hook started the damage—in fact, almost finished it then and there. Britton had little chance to last out the round and repeatedly aimed low blows at his opponent, apparently in the hope of losing by a foul rather than by a knockout. He achieved his purpose, for after repeated warnings, the referee raised Wallace's mitt.

Wallace won the first round, the second was even, Britton had the third and fourth, the latter by a good margin, at times making Wallace look foolish. The story of the fifth has been told.

"Mex" Valdoon whaled Kid Parker into submission in one round in the only preliminary.

### Tabernacle Notes

The first week in "The Tabernacle" was a most successful one. Many soldiers and civilians have already learned to take advantage of the opportunities which this building affords.

Sunday night there were ten different denominations represented in the Christian endeavor meeting. Soldiers and civilians alike showed great interest in the meeting.

About 125 soldiers were present at the Wednesday night social. We are anxious that more of our civilians should take advantage of the opportunity to meet the soldiers.

Schedule for week beginning February 17th:

Sunday—6:45 p. m., Christian endeavor; 7:30 p. m., praise service; 8:00 p. m., sermon, Rev. John L. Barton.

Monday—Open house.

Tuesday—Praise and song night.

Wednesday—7:00 p. m., union prayer meeting; 8:00 p. m., good time night.

Thursday—3:00 p. m., reception for all soldiers' wives; 7:00 p. m., Bible class and social hour.

Saturday—Open house.

Friday—Entertainment night.

### The War-Camp-Community Board.

"The Deming War-Camp-Community Board" is the new title of the organization whose headquarters are at the armory building, instead of the War Service Board, as heretofore. The change is a matter of name only and does not affect the organization or activities of the board. It was made last week as the result of a move by the government to avoid the confusion that has attended the keeping tab on the work of so many organizations of similar purpose but different names, and the name adopted is the one suggested by the Washington authorities. Myron Kesner remains as secretary of the board and the new order of things had no effect upon his duties except that he has to have some new stationery printed.

Gladys McHorse died Thursday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, north of town. She had been in poor health for some time and her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. William Manhart was in from Honda Tuesday shopping.

Chas. Keyson, Car Repairer, is Held on Murder Charge Following Sitting of Coroner's Jury

R. E. Owen, Left Alone With Keyson, Found Dead Beside S. P. Track—Accused Held Without Bond

A death at Tunis last Thursday, that looked very innocent of unnatural features at first, developed such suspicious phases at the coroner's inquest held here the following day that Chas. Keyson was placed under arrest on a murder charge at the close of the sitting. The jury's verdict was that the deceased, whose name was R. E. Owen, had come to his death from causes to them unknown.

Keyson was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Rogers Wednesday afternoon and the testimony developed at the hearing resulted in his being held without bond for the coming session of the grand jury.

The facts developed by the inquiry and preliminary hearing were as follows: On the day in question Keyson and Owen, together with Louis Krauter and George Bailey, all in the employ of the S. P. railroad, were working at Tunis, 7 miles west of Deming. Bailey is a car inspector and was in charge of the work. They finished their day's work and came to the station to catch No. 110 to Deming, intending to return on 109. While waiting, they decided to eat supper and Bailey went to a nearby house and arranged for a meal. He was joined there, first by Krauter, then by Keyson some minutes later. Keyson stayed only a few minutes, merely warming his hands at the stove. Shortly he stated that "Owen is sick" and that he would go back and bring him in to get something to eat. He left, but shortly came running back with the announcement that he had found Owen dead. The others ran back with him. They found Owen lying near the main track, his head, badly battered, lying on the end of a cross-tie. He died almost immediately. An east-bound freight had passed while Keyson was in the house with the other men, and it looked much as if Owen had been hit by the train.

Keyson explained to the others that Owen had been sick when he left him, and apparently "out of his head," that he had laid down too close to the main track for safety, and that he, Keyson, had seen the freight train coming and had moved Owen back across the passing train before he left to go into the house. He assumed, and the others accepted it as reasonable, that the sick man had in his delirium returned to his original position and met death from the passing train.

Foreman Bailey notified the Deming station of the affair and Special S. P. Agents Ed Morrill and N. R. Heff immediately proceeded to Tunis on a handcar and brought the body here on No. 110, Bailey, Krauter and Keyson also coming in on the same train.

Meanwhile Keyson had made one or two statements that excited suspicion. Bailey's testimony at the inquest was not harmful to Keyson, but that of the others certainly helped to cause his arrest. E. W. Laymen, engineer of the freight train testified that he had seen the man lying by the track and that unless he moved he could hardly have been hit.

Owen had been on the job at Tunis only four days, having been transferred Sunday from El Paso to Lordsburg. Keyson testified that he had never seen Owen prior to that time. There is a rumor, however, that Owen's widow was divorced from Keyson two years ago.

### "Draft 258" at Isis Again.

Responding to a great popular demand, Manager Hawkins has re-booked the thrilling war scenario, "Draft 258," for the Isis today and tomorrow. This attraction was as great a hit in Deming as it was in the larger centers of population, and has been a particular magnet to the soldiers, which is a sufficient commentary on its truthfulness to life. Go to see it if you have not already seen it, for it is well worth your time.

Mrs. U. N. Whitehill returned last week from Los Angeles where she had been during the illness and death of her mother.