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156 MEN ARE CERTIFIED

By State Appeal Board to Report for Service. Six More Will Complete Quota of 162 Men.

The Southern Iowa appeal board at Des Moines has passed on a large number of claims for exemption, and have certified a total of 156 men for service in Decatur county, which is within six men of the total number required from this county. There is much talk in regard to the refusal of the local and appeal boards granting exemptions on the grounds of dependents, in view of the published statement from President Wilson that it was not desired to take married men with dependents for the first army, and the appeal board has denied exemption to a number of men in Decatur county who have dependent wives and children.

In a statement published in the Des Moines Capital of Tuesday, it was announced that the appeal board had granted eighteen claims for exemption, and in the list were the names of two Decatur county men, David Turpen, of Pleasanton, and Wm. James Smith, of Kellerton. The following is the complete list of men certified and called by the appeal board. Where a date appears after the name, it signifies they are called for that date, and where no date appears the names are either men who claimed no exemption, or whose appeal for exemption has been denied.

- George Crawford Warren, Garden Grove, Nov. 1.
Walter Dennis Daughton, Grand River, Nov. 1.
Harry Raymond McGraw, Grand River, Nov. 1.
Clifford F. Cherry, Leon, service.
Wm. L. Gibler, Davis City, Dec. 1.
C. Young, Decatur, service.
Pearl E. Wiley, Davis City, R. F. D., Dec. 1.
E. F. McClain, R. 3, Lineville, Dec. 3.
Wm. Smith, R. 1, Garden Grove, Oct. 1.
Simon O. Young, Garden Grove, Nov. 1.
J. Doolittle, Leon, Dec. 1.
Harley Fitch, Leon, Oct. 1.
Ernest G. Keaton, Lineville, Oct. 1.
Wm. Leonard Burchett, DeKalb, Oct. 15.
Horace H. Millsap, Decatur, Nov. 1.
R. W. Bruner, Decatur, Nov. 1.
Clyde E. Johnson, Lineville, service.
Roscoe McDaniel, Davis City, Nov. 1.
Jas. C. Hagen, Davis City, Oct. 1.
Dennis Wm. Grogan, Leon, Oct. 1.
Ivan T. Evans, Weldon, Sept. 15.
Chester E. Dale, Pleasanton, Dec. 1.
John V. O'Boyle, Pleasanton, Dec. 1.
Jesse R. Chandler, R. 1, Davis City, Oct. 1.
Chas. F. Cox, Leon, Nov. 1.
John W. Drury, Pleasanton, Dec. 1.
Walter F. Overholzer, Grand River, Dec. 1.
Fred Lincoln Woodard, Grand River, Dec. 1.
Robt. Winfield Scott, Weldon, Sept. 15.
Arthur A. Epperley, R. 3, Leon, Dec. 1.
Clyde Earl Webster, Leon, service.
Clyde Eugene Butler, Leon, Sept. 1.
Melton Everett West, Grand River, Oct. 1.
Herbert Lester Hubbard, Leon, Sept. 15.
Ralph McDowell, Woodland, Oct. 1.
Cliff Lloyd, Grand River, Dec. 1.
Nile Huston Gibson, Lamoni, Dec. 1.
Oscar R. L. Vaughn, Leon, Oct. 1.
Ernest J. Sears, Leon, Sept. 1.
Jesse Alvin Maynard, Leon, Oct. 1.
Walter G. Thompson, Lamoni, Nov. 1.
Harley William Dawson, Leon.
Ansel F. Barry, Leon.
Samuel Carson Pickets, Leon.
Russell Leonard Delk, Weldon.
Lavern F. Cargill, Decatur.
Levi Kelsey Richards, Garden Grove.
McKinley Fred Hayes, Garden Grove.
Grant Eugene Griffith, Davis City.
Earl Herbert Rauch, Lamoni.
Joseph Elmer Reynolds, Leon.
Floyd Earl Wilson, Lineville.
Ross Alley Stark, Lamoni.
Joy Elmer Dodge, Leon.
Robert Virgil Brown, Grand River.
Ray Everett Graves, Pleasanton.
Vinton Eli Barrett, Lamoni.
Charles Wesley Delk, Weldon.
Olin Beatty Monroe, Weldon.
Samuel G. Lake, Decatur.
Ernie Irving, Van Wert.
Ralph W. Johnson, Lamoni.
Isaac E. Martin, Leon.
Harold Glen Carey, Leon.
Ralph Lewis Rumley, Leon.
Robert Glen Marshall, Humeston.
Leroy LaBrash, Lamoni.
Chester Stocker, Leroy.
Burl E. Warner, Decatur.
Arthur Scott Anderson, Lamoni.
Mark Orland Smith, Leon.
Merlin Leroy Seder, Lamoni.
Horner Heman Hopkins, Lamoni.
Van Bumgarner, Garden Grove.
Eldred Fay Hatch, Leon.
Harry Alford Shakespeare, Pleasanton.
Willie W. Shelton, Decatur.
Claude Bancroft Curry, Garden Grove.
Alva Johnson, Leon.
Wilbur Leland Allen, Lamoni.
John Lester Akes, Leon.
Charles H. Lemley, Leon.
Donald Bumgarner, Garden Grove.
Burrell Jefferson Monroe, Weldon.
Eugene Neal Russell, Leon.
Jesse Elmer Roth, Lamoni.
Daniel Reese Gittinger, Leon.
Francis Horace Phelps, Lineville.
Arthur Richard Chilcott, Grand River.
Harley Robert Sly, Davis City.
Robert Franklin Scott, Leon.
Fred Christ Follmer, DeKalb.
Arthur Louis Gaultier, Lamoni.
Carl Dean Southern, Leon.
Donald Cress, Grand River.
Orval Willard Bennett, Leon.
William Jefferson Fulton, Davis City.
Daniel James Poland, Leon.
Levi Daniel Hill, Garden Grove.
John William Norman Jr., Decatur.
Neal E. Howell, Davis City.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

William Carlan Plead Guilty to Manslaughter. Will be Sentenced Tuesday, September 25th.

The bottom fell out of court for this week, on account of the plea of guilty entered by Wm. Carlan, of Weldon, indicted for murder, which was to commence Monday evening, and the trial jury panel summoned for Monday were notified not to appear. Carlan's plea of guilty to the charge of manslaughter was accepted by the court and Tuesday, Sept. 25th, was set as the date of passing sentence. The acceptance of this plea will save the county many hundreds of dollars of court costs.

There were nineteen criminal cases on the docket at this term of court, and county attorney Will J. Springer made a great record, disposing of eighteen of them, one case, that of State vs. Jake Wiley being continued, and this clears up the criminal docket the best it has been for many years.

Judge Evans adjourned court Tuesday afternoon until next Monday, when Judge Fuller comes to try a number of cases, some of them being jury cases, and the jurors for next week, who were summoned to appear on Monday, Sept. 3rd, will not be required to report until Tuesday morning, Sept. 5th, at 9 o'clock. The following cases have been disposed of since our report last week:

- CRIMINAL
State vs. Hayward Shoots, Plea of guilty to selling intoxicating liquor, fine of \$300 and costs.
State vs. Reuben Connor, Plea of guilty to larceny of a hog of value of less than \$20, fine of \$25 and costs, in default of which defendant to serve seven days in county jail.
State vs. Ivan Webb, Dropped from docket.
State vs. Elmer Franklin, Dropped from docket.
State vs. Glen Detrick, Permanent injunction against selling intoxicating liquor.
State vs. Charles DeLong, Permanent injunction against selling intoxicating liquor.
State vs. Clyde Pickering, Permanent injunction against selling intoxicating liquor.
State vs. Carl Wilson, Permanent injunction against selling intoxicating liquor.
State vs. Clarence Baker, Permanent injunction against selling intoxicating liquor.
State vs. Harve Allard, Dismissed on motion of county attorney, because acquitted of this charge in Federal court.
State vs. John Epperley, Dismissed on motion of county attorney, because acquitted of this charge in Federal court.
State vs. Ed Clark, Dismissed on motion of county attorney, because acquitted of this charge in Federal court and refuses to come as a witness.
State vs. James Miller, Dismissed on motion of county attorney, evidence not sufficient to warrant a conviction.
LAW AND EQUITY
Decatur County vs. Emma Davenport, Decree of foreclosure.
Otis Deisher vs. Chase Auto Co, Motion for change of place of trial overruled.
Olive Monroe vs. Guy Monroe, Decree of divorce.
Valley Bank of Davis City vs. T. P. Fulton, Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.
Walter Hoegh vs. Nellie J. Manning et al, Default and decree of foreclosure.
Chas. T. Rhodes vs. Maggie E. Ryan et al, Final report of referees showing distribution approved.
Alice M. Lewis vs. Mary Gaines et al, Order for sale of real estate.
Norman L. Chase vs. Edward M. Greenway Jr. et al, A. P. Olsen appointed guardian ad litem. Decree quieting title.
Robert Akes vs. Farmers Ins. Co. of Cedar Rapids, Settled and dismissed.
Lizzie McDowell vs. Lottie and Leo Bird, On hearing motion for additional appeal bond of \$200 sustained.
PROBATE
Estate of Margaret Stone, Final report approved, administrator discharged.
Estate of Minnie Tharp, Will probated.
Charles Norman appointed administrator with bond of \$2,000.
Estate of J. A. Scott, Sale of personal property ordered either at public or private sale.
Estate of L. G. Luze, Widow's allowance of \$1500 made, and sale of personal property ordered either at public or private sale.
Guardianship of heirs of Mayme B. Merwin, Application for payment of funeral and other expenses of Mayme B. Merwin from estate of her minor heirs which was proceeds of life insurance is refused.
Estate of Wm. Orfield, Objection to claim of Mrs. Wm. Orfield withdrawn.
Estate of Charles Woodard, Administrator is authorized to expend not to exceed \$500 for monument.

Wayne County Fair Next Week.

The big Wayne County Fair will be held at Corydon next week, Sept. 3rd to 7th. The success of this fair last year warrants them in offering a bigger and better fair this year. Big reservations have been made for live stock, farm and poultry exhibits. Many big attractions have been engaged, a balloon and triple parachute leap each day, Prince Heleluha's Hawaiian Serenaders, and the Rhoda Royal's Famous Military Elephants, which were at the State Fair this week, are among the free attractions. In the racing department they are offering big purses, and the entries are coming in large numbers. It will be the best race meeting held in southern Iowa. The roads to Corydon from all directions are excellent, and it is an easy drive for Decatur county people. Drive over and visit this great fair, and you will be sure to go back next day.

Captured a Lot of Boozie.

Last Saturday morning a Ford car loaded with whiskey, missed a culvert a couple of miles south of Lamoni, and went into the ditch, the car being wrecked. The parties in the car went to a nearby farm house and tried to phone to Des Moines, but left before the call got through, and disappeared. The matter was reported to Lamoni authorities and they went out and secured 115 pints of whiskey which was evidently being taken to Des Moines. Some of the bottles were broken, and it is said a second car following took on part of the load. The whiskey was brought to Leon Saturday evening and is stored in the county jail. The license number on the car was Iowa 47,613, and the engine number had been filed off. The car is stored at Lamoni waiting for the owner to claim it.

Bloodhounds Trail Harness Cutter.

Saturday night Harold Hanks, of Van Wert, went to his barn and found an almost new set of harness cut in small pieces. Noticing tracks leading from the barn he called Alva Thomas, of Creston, to bring his bloodhounds, and Thomas arrived with the dogs about 3:30 Sunday morning. The dogs picked up the scent and followed it about a half mile to a house, and scratched on the door. Of course this is not evidence enough to convict, but other circumstances may lead to a prosecution. It was a dirty piece of work, and the guilty party should be made to suffer for it.

Sold Farm at \$165 an Acre.

Abe McVey has sold his 160 acre farm two miles north of Leon, known as the old Caster farm, to John Harden of Leon, for \$26,400, being \$165 an acre. Mr. McVey bought this farm a little over two years ago for \$127.50 an acre, and made a profit of over \$6,000 on the deal, besides getting two good crops off the land. Mr. Harden will move to his new farm and Mr. McVey will return to his old home farm which he still owned six miles north of Leon, on which Lawrence Caster has been living the past year.

Circus Here Yesterday.

The Yankee Robinson circus exhibited in this city yesterday, a large crowd being in the city to see the show. They gave a very creditable parade, and had a nice clean show, but The Reporter went to press too early to speak of the performance. A big feature with the circus was Batwing Nelson, the pugilist, who gave a boxing exhibition.

Marriage Licenses.

- Denner Cox, DeKalb 21
Belva Folsom, Grand River 17
Wm. Arthur Downey, Leon 20
Eva Rumley, Leon 20
Glen B. Andrews, Des Moines 23
Neal E. Howell, Davis City 23

THE NEW THEATRE.

Gail Kane, Carlyle Blackwell, Jackie Saunders, Alice Brady and Other Stars for Coming Week.

Today, Thursday, August 30, Gail Kane and Carlyle Blackwell in "On Dangerous Ground," from the famous novel, "Little Comrade." It is a story of the present war times, involving the secret service of the Germans and French, and full of thrilling scenes.

Friday, August 31, that popular little actress, Jackie Saunders, comes in "A Bit of Kindling," a story of a wife and her love for a social ne'er-do-well who becomes a man and her lucky husband. Miss Saunders in the tom-boy of the screen world. See the tom-boy rout the newsboy gang and battle the alley toughs with her fists. Then see her in a dancing frock.

Saturday, Sept. 1, there will be the usual big week end program, something extra, to be announced later. Monday, Sept. 3, that great actress Alice Brady appears in "Fought and Paid For," a wonderful story wonderfully acted. It is a new stage creation in that it is absolutely true to life. The characters are those we have met and talked with thousands of times.

Tuesday, Sept. 4, the attraction is "The Love Thief," featuring Gretchen Hartman and Allen Hale. A vivid portrayal of woman's passion and jealousy, the scenes being on the Mexican border, and with many exciting scenes and thrilling climaxes. Wednesday, Sept. 5, a double bill, the Triangle feature, "The Vagabond Prince," and a Keaton comedy, "H. H. Warner and Dorothy Dalton are the stars in the Triangle feature, the scenes are in the Balkan Kingdom. The story is one of love with a series of sensational incidents. Matinee every day at 3 o'clock. Prices all week at all shows only 5 and 10 cents. The program this week consists of high grade productions, nothing trashy, and well worth your patronage. Music by orchestra each night except Saturday.

F. A. Townsend Buys Lou Pease Insurance Agency.

To the Insuring Public, who have insurance with the Lou Pease agency of Leon, Iowa: This agency has been transferred to me together with all records and policies in force. There were a good many policies transferred to me with this agency which Lou Pease was keeping for his customers. These policies I have filed in my fire proof safe, and they will receive the same care as before. However, should anyone want their policy they can have same by calling on me. Your insurance interests will receive the same careful attention that I have heretofore given any insurance entered to me. Your losses, endorsements and renewals will be looked after promptly, and as I have had 15 years experience in the insurance business and am devoting my entire attention to the care of my customers I can give you as good service as there is to be had, and I trust you will be glad to give me a chance at anything you may have to place in the insurance line. F. A. Townsend.

To My Patrons.

On account of other work which I have decided to take up at this time I have turned over and transferred to Fred Townsend all of my insurance business, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the liberal patronage that I have received during the long years I have been in the insurance business in Leon, and I hope that you will continue with Mr. Townsend, with any business you have to place, as he is thoroughly competent by years of experience. He can take care of your renewals in the same companies that you are in as I have transferred all my companies to him. Lou Pease.

Auto Tax Apportioned.

The second installment of the state auto tax fund has been made, and Decatur county will receive \$4,000, making a total of \$15,132 for this year, as against \$14,368 received last year. From the state tax the sum of \$468,536.80 has been set aside for use on federal aid roads, a similar amount now being available from the federal government, and Decatur county will receive about \$40,000 from these funds for road use.

Found Snake in the House.

Monday morning, Mrs. Leon Leeper, living two miles northeast of Leon, was horrified to see a big snake come crawling out of a bed room at their home. She ran to the barn and notified Leon and he came and killed it. It was a garter snake three feet long. They are wondering how the snake got in the house, as there are screens at all the doors and windows.

Leon Schools Will Open Monday.

The Leon public schools will open next Monday morning for the fall term. Prof. O. M. Gass, who has been spending the summer on their farm at Romeo, Michigan, will arrive the latter part of this week, and the assignment of teachers will not be completed by the board until he arrives. The pupils who expect to attend school this year should be on hand to enroll Monday morning.

Load of Oats Threshed 134 1/2 Bushels.

Over on the west side of the county there has been quite a rivalry among farmers as to who threshed the biggest load of oats, but we think Jack Tullis, of Decatur City, is entitled to the belt, for he hauled a load of bundles on their farm which was threshed out by Bill Akes, and measured 134 1/2 bushels. That was some load of oats.

Not a Slacker.

In the list published last week the name of Leslie G. Swenson, of Lamoni, was printed as one of the three Decatur county men who failed to report for examination. But he had a good excuse, for he had already enlisted as a member of the Hydroplane company, being stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

Mrs. Peter Johnson died at her home five miles south of Leon Tuesday, at the age of 83 years. The following marriage licenses have been issued the past week: J. A. Hensley 28 to Meda M. Worden 18. E. J. Evans 27 to Bertha E. Little 22. Ed Schenck and James Hurst, of parachute fame, are at work on another kite scheme. They have built a big kite 51 inches high, arranged to carry a photographer's camera, and when the proper height is reached they will take a bird's eye view of Leon. They have the apparatus almost completed and will probably try it out this afternoon.

Marion Oney had a good wagon stolen from his farm south of town Tuesday night. The thief was very particular to get everything that belonged to the wagon, hunting up all the side boards, end gates and seats. Some one evidently acquainted with the place was the thief, as Mr. Oney says he could not have found all the things in the dark himself. While threshing on the farm of Mike Griffin southeast of Leon last Wednesday evening with the Osborn & Dale machine, John Osborn, one of the proprietors, was caught by the tumbling rod and severely, if not fatally, injured. The rod turned him between it and the ground in a very small space and he was picked up for dead. A physician was called and he was restored to consciousness, when it was found that in addition to being completely paralyzed three ribs were broken and he was bruised and crushed internally. At this writing he is improving slightly, but the outcome cannot be told. J. H. Pitman started Wednesday for Alexander, Kansas, where he will visit a few weeks with relatives. J. F. Hamilton, of Seattle, Washington, arrived Monday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton.

Miss Anne Hoffines went to Des Moines Monday for a visit with Mrs. E. M. Sanford. Miss Maud Creighton is spending a week in Des Moines with her sister, Mrs. Chaney. L. W. Sullivan, of Lincoln, Illinois, last week purchased 400 acres of the S. P. McNeil farm south of Garden Grove, for \$13,000.

Holly Leon Cartwright.

After an illness of only a few days, Holly Leon Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright, was summoned to try the realities of the eternal life. He was born Dec. 26, 1914, and departed this life August 27, 1917. The funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon. Rev. R. H. Moser of the Methodist church conducting the same, after which the body was laid to rest in Leon's beautiful cemetery where it awaits the resurrection morn. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to these bereaved parents. May their comfort be found in a religion that has us of a heaven that is full of children.

Snyder-Custer.

On August 19, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allard, 1712 Crenshaw, Los Angeles, California, occurred the marriage of Miss Willma Custer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Custer, of Bethany, Mo., to Mr. Herman Theodore Snyder, of Los Angeles. Dr. S. T. Westhaffer of Hollywood, California, read the wedding service which was witnessed by the relatives and most intimate friends of the bride and groom. Greenery and golden rod were used in the decoration of the spacious living rooms. The dining room was beautifully in ropes of smilax and sweetheart roses. The bride looked charming in a smart white tailored suit with hat to match, and corsage of pink roses and orange blossoms. Immediately after the delicious five course wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder left by motor for San Diego, California. They will make their home in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith, of Davis City, Iowa, were out-of-town guests.

Griffin-Pond.

Mr. Reuben Griffin, of Pleasanton, and Mrs. Dora C. Pond, of Lucas, were united in this city, Monday, August 20th, the groom's brother, Rev. Griffin, who resides east of Chariton, performing the ceremony. They will reside at Pleasanton, and will receive the congratulations and good wishes of many friends.—Chariton Herald-Patriot.

Downey-Rumley.

Friday afternoon, August 24th, Wm. Downey and Miss Eva Rumley, both of Leon, were united in holy wedlock at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. R. R. Moser officiating. They will make their home in Indianapolis. May the joy and riches of a long and happy life attend all along life's journey.

Consolation for Married Men.

"When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; he shall be free at home like a hen taken."—Deut. 24:5. Some of the boys might refer the exemption board to the above passage of scripture. But possibly some of them recently married would rather enlist than stay at home and work at the "cheer up" business that long.

Look—A Bargain.

On account of having to spend nine months of my time in the northwest, I offer my residence and adjoining house, good barn and garage, and other good improvements. This property is located one block south of the beautiful Harvey park on Main street. Will give time to right parties. If you want a good home with an acreage, don't fail to see this bargain. 51-31-3-4. Will McKern.

AT THE IDLE HOUR THEATRE.

Marguerite Clark in "Snow White," Fatty Arbuckle, Mary Pickford, Among Stars His Week.

Tomorrow, Friday, August 31st, Marguerite Clark comes to the Idle Hour theatre in "Snow White," the greatest production in which "Miss Clark has ever appeared." "Snow White" was shown in Kansas City to thousands of people, one audience numbering over 3,000, when the picture was shown at Convention hall. "Snow White" has proven a tremendous success. Special matinee at 3 o'clock, and the first night show at 7:30. Prices of admission both afternoon and night, 10 and 15 cents. Saturday at famous fat comedian Fatty Arbuckle comes to the Idle Hour in his latest Paramount-Arbuckle comedy, "A Reckless Romeo." It is the latest and greatest comedy in which Arbuckle has ever appeared. It is a scream of laughter wherever shown. It has just recently been released for exhibition and at the present time is being shown in cities throughout the nation. Matinee at 3 o'clock. First night show at 7:30. Admission both afternoon and night 5 and 10 cents.

Mary Pickford comes Monday, September 3rd, in "Hilda From Holland," one of the most successful pictures in which she has ever appeared. Many Leon people have seen this picture in Des Moines when it was shown at the Garden theatre and they have urged the Idle Hour to get it for exhibition here. The management has succeeded in getting bookings on this splendid Paramount production and it will be shown on the above date. Special matinee at 3 o'clock and first night show at 7:30. Prices of admission both afternoon and night 10 and 15 cents.

Earle Williams, the popular Vitagraph star, comes to the Idle Hour Wednesday, Sept. 5th, in "Arsene Lupin." This is a very strong photoplay in which this very popular star is at his best. Mr. Williams has made a wonderful record in this feature play. It is one of the best of the famous Blue Ribbon productions. The prices of admission has been placed at 10 and 15 cents. First night show at 7:30. The last episode of "Patricia," in which Mrs. Vernon Castle is the star, will be shown at the Idle Hour this afternoon at 3 o'clock and tonight at 7:30. Price of admission at all performances, 5 and 10 cents.

Rural School Text Books.

The following texts have been generally adopted by the boards of directors of the rural school corporations in the county, and will be in use for the next five years: Baldwin and Bender readers—5 book series. Hunt's Modern Speller. Bingham and McFarlane's Essentials of Geography—books I and II, Iowa edition. Overton's Physiology—Primary, Intermediate and advanced. Pearson and Kirschewy's Essentials of English—New terminology, I and II. McMaster's Brief History of the United States (for grades 7 and 8). Perry and Price's American History Books. Forman's Essentials of Civil Government—Iowa edition. Steadman's Grammar Lessons in Writing—Pads I to VIII. Wenworth-Smith's Arithmetic—3 book series. These texts are in the hands of all text book dealers in the county. Old text books will be taken in exchange. It will be of great advantage to the schools to have a uniform system of text books used throughout the county. Teachers and boards of directors are asked to cooperate in getting these texts in the hands of the pupils at the beginning of the school year. MABEL HORNER, County Superintendent.

A Surprise.

Sunday a large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Martin in honor of their son Isaac, and Will Smith, who are both in the first draft and it was felt that both old and young should be entertained. Everyone present felt that they had been royally entertained. A table was fixed on the lawn which seated 35 at a time and it was loaded with lots of good things to eat as everyone brought a well filled basket. It was sure good eating as the writer was there and we "did our bit." Three of Decatur county's boys of the first call were seated at the first table and the way they looked and the way they did eat sure seemed like they were enjoying the dinner. They were Isaac Martin, Herbert Hubbard and Will Smith. Everyone here helped the boys to enjoy themselves to the utmost.

There were forty-six present, being Charles Smith and family, Everett Dale and family, Will Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Millan Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frost, Mrs. Mary Martin and son Wade, Dick Mains, Olin Bennett, Frank, Madison, Lois and Melissa Dingman, Maud Rosa, Mary and Fred Brannon, John, Herbert, Willie, Clarence, Annie and Beulah Hubbard, and the Martin family.

\$156.30 to Equip Soldier.

It costs the United States just \$156.30 to equip an infantryman for service in France. Figures made public recently show that this total clothing represents \$101.21, fighting equipment \$47.35, and eating utensils \$7.73. The soldier's gas mask costs \$12; his steel helmet \$3, and his rifle \$19.50. The first 600,000 to 800,000 of America's fighting men will be equipped with the present Springfield army rifle, those to follow will carry the Enfield used by English troops.

McCormick-McClarnon.

Mr. Ernest McCormick and Miss Mabel McClarnon, both of near Pleasanton, were united in the holy bonds of marriage on Sunday, Aug. 12th, 1917. Rev. Elba Dale officiating. They will go to housekeeping on their farm near Pleasanton. May the dark clouds of sorrow never darken their future, is the wish of their many friends.