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NEXT CALL ON FEB. 15

Remaining Men of First Quota will be Placed in Second Draft, and Called About February 15.

No formal call for men for military service will be made before Feb. 15, according to a telegram received Thursday by Adj. Gen. Guy E. Logan from Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Of the first draft period there are still 54 per cent of the men listed in the first contingent who were called to the attention of the officials of the adjutant general's department that all men included in the 54 per cent will be included now in the second period, and will be drawn in turn together with the remainder of those men registered for military service.

New Lighting System Installed at Idle Hour Theatre.

Manager Lindsey, of the Idle Hour Theatre, has just installed another big improvement in the popular play house, an expert from one of the big motion picture supply houses being here this week putting in the new Scheck projecting light in the operating room, the very latest and best light which flicker, shadow or dropping down of the light which so often spoils the picture.

C. S. Rumley Finances a Contest for Boys and Girls of Decatur County.

Mr. Rumley proposes to furnish three ears of corn each of 33 boys under 21 years old. The corn is first class seed corn and is to be planted and tended by the boy and a bushel to be picked out and brought to Leon some day in last week of October to receive a prize of \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00, and 3rd, \$1.00.

Came a Long Ways to Visit.

G. W. Eaton, of Wisemond, Alaska, and his brother, A. H. Eaton, of Joplin, Mo., were in Leon Friday on their way to Cainesville, Mo., to visit their father, W. M. Eaton, who is 77 years of age. He has been 38 years since G. W. had seen his father and 40 years since A. H. had seen him.

Look at Your Label.

The Reporter office was virtually snowed under the past week taking care of the renewals of hundreds of our subscribers who were taking advantage of the old rate, and commencing on January 1st the subscription price of The Reporter is \$2.00 per year.

Decatur Will Hold Red Cross Sale Saturday, January 5th.

The Decatur Red Cross Chapter will hold a big Red Cross sale at Decatur on Saturday, Jan. 5th, commencing promptly at noon. A large number of donations have already been secured and others will come in later, and they expect to raise quite a good sum of money for these are many liberal people in the vicinity of Decatur and they will be patronizing a good thing by going to this sale Saturday.

INTERVIEW INCOME TAX MAN.

Look Out for the Income Tax and Make Your Report.

Dubuque, Iowa, December 26, 1917.—It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law.

Collector of Internal Revenue Louis Murphy today announced that 46 officers will start from his headquarters on January 1st and on January 2nd every one of them will be on the job in the county assigned him, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay," Collector Murphy said today.

Income Tax Collector Arrives.

R. L. Schlotter, deputy income tax collector arrived yesterday morning, and will be at the court house each day for twenty days to assist farmers, business men and others in making out their income and war tax returns, which must be filed before March 1st.

Fire at Van Wert Sunday Morning.

The town of Van Wert had another bad fire which was discovered about 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and three buildings were destroyed. J. M. Allen occupied one building with a stock of groceries valued at \$900 and had insurance of \$450.

Additional Red Cross Donations.

In checking up the donations for the Red Cross sale it has been found that the following cash donations were submitted from the published list: C. W. Barr \$2, Ed Bright \$1, James Ely \$1, Blanch Dobson \$1, and Russell Warnock \$2, from Morgan township.

Breakdown at Power House.

A breakdown of the Corliss engine at the electric light plant has interfered with service all this week, and the direct current has only been on a part of each day. The machinery in the Reporter office is all run by direct current, and we have been greatly inconvenienced, and the amount of reading in this issue may be curtailed, as without power we cannot operate our linotype.

Brush College School District 100 Per Cent.

The Brush College school district No. 7 of Eden township, boasts of being the only school district 100 per cent strong on Red Cross work, single family in the district being 100 per cent and they have a 100 per cent Red Cross flag at the Brush College school house.

New Board Organized.

The board of supervisors met yesterday and organized for the ensuing year by electing L. P. Hastings as chairman. Bid Frost, of Eden township, who has served on the board for six years retires and is succeeded by E. C. Morgan, of Center township, W. H. Colter, of Decatur, being the other member. The board will be in session for some days.

THE WAR FARM BUREAU

Organization was Perfected Saturday and Fred Woolley Elected as the First President.

The War Emergency Farm Bureau of Decatur county completed its permanent organization at its meeting in the court room of the Leon court house Saturday afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the man who should have a great deal of credit for his tireless work in presenting this government measure to the farmers and land owners of Decatur county, Fred Woolley, of Garden Grove, Iowa.

Temporary organization was formed by choosing Fred Woolley as chairman, and H. B. Murray, of Bloomington township, to act as secretary. A nominating committee, composed as much as was possible from over the entire county was appointed by the chairman, and asked to nominate a complete set of directors and a set of officers, to consist of a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

The committee retired and after deliberation, presented the following as their nominations for the organization: Fred Woolley, of High Point township, for president; R. J. Lambert, of Fayette township, secretary; W. H. Snyder, of Center township, vice president; Ed H. Sharp, of Leon, treasurer. For directors: R. L. Chastain, Center; A. M. Stephens, High Point; C. B. Baker, Garden Grove; A. H. Metier, Franklin; A. H. Smith, Fayette; H. B. Murray, Bloomington; H. R. Perkins, Morgan; John F. Hagan, New Huda; A. C. Brown, Hamilton; L. Durell, Eden; A. E. Cotterill, Decatur; Frank Bone, Richmond; W. H. Massey, Woodland; James Harvey, Leon township; R. E. Jones, Burrell; W. H. Campbell, Grand River; A. B. Richey, Long Creek.

Upon motion the report of the nominating committee was made the choice of the body for the officers in the permanent organization.

After discussion of some of the problems the farmers have before them for the coming season, and good fellowship talks, the meeting disbanded.

The canvass for a man to act as food inspector for the county is being made by the officers and directors, and at the first moment the president finds a suitable person whom he can recommend, the officers of the organization will be called to vote, and the further work will be entered upon.

Casey Wants to be Shown.

The Leon Reporter tells of a man living five miles from that town who shot a big jack rabbit with a rifle the other day, that weighed forty pounds. Not the rifle, nor the man, but the jack rabbit! Now, Ollie Hull, of the Reporter is a pretty good fellow, but he is giving his friends too severe a test.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the stockholders of Leon Electric Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, with its principal place of business at Leon, Iowa, by the unanimous vote of all of the outstanding shares of the Capital Stock of said corporation, the same was dissolved and all of the assets distributed pro-rata among the stockholders, all liabilities having been therefor discharged. Said action was taken on September 1, 1917.

Will Take Fine Stallion to Oklahoma.

J. L. Lentz, of Cherokee, Oklahoma, who came last week for a few days visit at the home of his father, Hardy Lentz, of Woodland, while here purchased the fine Shire stallion Mack, owned by the Woodland Shire Horse Co., for \$1,750, and will ship the horse to his home near Cherokee, where he will be kept for breeding purposes, and he has secured one of the best Shire stallions ever owned in Decatur county.

Bargain Rate for St. Joe Gazette.

The St. Joe Daily Gazette will receive a bargain rate up to Saturday, January 5, 1918, at \$2.50 per day, without Sunday and \$3.00 per year including Sunday. Orders at this price received only until midnight, January 5th. Papers stopped at expiration. Send orders to The Leon Reporter, Leon, Iowa.

Marriage Licenses.

Lincoln McDowell, Decatur 20
Cecilia Iva Hill, Boynton, Mo. 20
Porter Constable, Princeton, Mo. 21
Forest Overton, Cainesville, Mo. 18
Virgil O. Parker, Davis City 26
Iva M. Bethards, Leon 22
Deane S. Gates, Greubill, Wyo. 22
Leah E. Teale, Davis City 22

Get that Mackinaw now of G. B. Price.

New Court Cases.

H. R. Layton vs. Clem Thompson and wife. Suit is on an account for \$127.00. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

H. R. Layton vs. Lou Pease. Suit is on a promissory note for \$193.50. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Leon Savings Bank vs. Fred B. Haley and W. A. Alexander. Suit is brought on a note for \$200, and an attachment has been issued against defendant's property. S. A. Gates attorney for plaintiff.

American State Bank vs. Charles B. Gregory et al. Suit is brought to set aside a transfer of real estate. Fred P. Foster and McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Fred Weseman vs. A. J. Hinecker et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given to secure a note for \$5,300. Pascal & Pascal attorneys for plaintiff.

Temple L. Fitts vs. C. & N. W. R. and C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Suit is brought to recover \$138 for goods lost in transit. Will J. Springer attorney for plaintiff.

Manhattan Oil Co. vs. Roy B. Ream. Suit is on an account for \$54.05. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Faye Worden vs. Arthur Worden. The parties were married at Garden Grove April 5, 1912. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, that she be awarded the custody of their two minor children, and temporary alimony of \$300, and permanent alimony of \$1,500. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Arthur L. Chrisman vs. Addie M. Chrisman. These parties were married at Red Oak in 1884, and lived together until Oct. 1, 1915. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce and states defendant owns property in Decatur county worth \$16,000 and asks for alimony in the sum of \$5,000. C. W. Hoffman attorney for plaintiff.

Shirley vs. Ed Flora. Plaintiff asks that defendant be summoned into court to render an account of the partnership of Flora & Shirley, and that he have judgment for balance due him for sums paid to the partnership accounts owned by the firm. A. P. Olsen attorney for plaintiff.

Luella West vs. Willard West et al. The parties are the heirs of Charles West, deceased, and ask that their shares in the estate be ascertained and the estate divided up. R. B. Hawkins attorney for plaintiff.

When the War Will End.

A subscriber asked a certain editor when the war would end, and he answered as follows: Absolute knowledge I have none. But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son heard a policeman on his beat say to a laborer on the street that he had a letter just last week written in the finest Greek from a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo who said the negroes in Cuba knew of a colored man in a Texas town who got it straight from a circus man who had been in Klondike heard the news from a gang of South American Jews about somebody in Borneo who heard a man who claimed to know of a swell society female fake to prove that her seventh husband's sister's niece had stated in a printed piece that she has a friend who has a friend that knows when the war is going to end.

Surprised Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cain.

A most pleasant New Year surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cain, of Grand River, was thoughtfully planned, carried out, and enjoyed by a host of relatives.

When Mr. and Mrs. Cain came home from church they found the dinner progressing nicely and a long table loaded, chicken, dressings, salads, cakes, pies and vegetables garnished with a beautiful table was presented them by the following guests who enjoyed the occasion:

Mr. and Mrs. James Daughton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Will Daughton, Mr. and Mrs. James Daughton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Homer Buell and family, and Mrs. Emmett Daughton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daughton, Ralph Daughton, Walter Daughton and Leo Daughton. The out of town guests were: Mrs. Wayne Gammon, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Griffin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffin and family and Father Maher, of Leon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Tapscott and son Ralph, of Des Moines.

109 German Ships Damaged by Crews Now in Service for the Nation.

Sailing under American names in the service of the United States are 109 German ships damaged by their crews prior to their seizure by the government when war was declared. They add more than 500,000 gross tons to the transport and cargo fleets in war service for the United States.

There is evidence that a German central authority gave orders for damage to these ships, so that none could be operated in less than 18 months, and documentary proof that the enemy believed much of the damage to be irreparable. In less than eight months all the ships were in service.

The former German liners, sailing under distinctly American names, are now fitted as troop and cargo ships. Each is convertible to a completely equipped hospital ship for return voyage service.

Referee's Sale.

On Saturday, January 5, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m. in front of the Court House door in Leon, Iowa, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, or half cash, and half on one year's time at 6 per cent interest, the property known as the Margaret Stone residence, in Leon, Iowa, being lots three and six in block two, in Finley's addition to Leon, Iowa. This is a very desirable property, and sold to settle the estate.

Within the Law—Osgood Lens—

and they are sure to please the most particular auto driver. They throw no light in the road's end of light on the sky. Auto Specialty Co., call M. A. Wacker, Reporter office, and have him put on a pair for a week's free trial.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Mr. Benj. E. Akers and Miss Sarah A. Brown were married at the home of Dr. D. R. Springsteen at Decatur on New Year's evening, the ceremony being performed by Mayor Thomas Ward.

On January 1st the Adams Express Company took charge of the express business on the C. B. & Q. R. R. The American Express Company retains the business on the D. M. & K. C. so that we now have two express companies in Leon.

Mr. Frank Binning, of Grand River, and Miss Cora B. Redman, bride's mother, 3 miles northwest of Leon on New Year's day, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. H. Schenck, pastor of the Leon M. E. church, in the presence of a large number of invited guests.

The first of the year witnessed several changes at the court house, auditor Chas. P. Shaffner being succeeded by John Ledgerwood, clerk T. H. Schenck by John N. Gates, and J. H. McVay succeeded C. W. Hoffman as county attorney.

Miss Lillie Lester returned to her studies at Mt. Pleasant Saturday after spending the holidays in this city with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Haskett.

Mrs. H. J. Close departed for Chicago Monday, where she will visit a few days and then go to Chicago to make her home during the World's fair.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Horner departed Monday for Hepler, Oregon, where they will make their future home.

Dr. C. P. Mullinix, of Humeson, was called to Leon yesterday by the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Dave Morgan.

Mrs. Cruz Walker, of Bethany, Mo., was visiting in Leon the first of the week.

C. E. Hurst and Geo. R. Farquhar returned from their trip to King City and St. Joe, Mo., Friday.

James Hurst returned to Iowa City Saturday to resume his studies at the State University.

Ed Foreman and George Carman and Misses Stella Allen and Hattie Haskett were visiting at Garden Grove Sunday.

Miss Joseph Blake died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Yost, on Dec. 28th, at the age of 86 years, 8 months and 23 days.

While skating down a hill at Woodland on New Year's day, Dean, son of W. H. Massey, of Woodland, fell and broke his arm.

Samuel Godman, of near Crown, fell one day the past week and broke two of his ribs.

Ed VanBeek, of Davis City, caught a yellow perch just below the dam at Davis City Monday.

Teale-Gates.

At 10 o'clock on New Year's morning the marriage of Miss Leah Teale and Dean Gates was solemnized at the pleasant home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Teale, at Davis City.

Rev. Shugg, pastor of the M. E. church was the officiating clergyman. The ceremony was beautiful in its simplicity. The bride and groom were unattended, but the service, always so impressive, was used and the vows that made these well known and popular young people man and wife, were pronounced in the midst of relatives and close friends of both.

After the hearty congratulations of the entire company, a two-course breakfast was served by Miss Gretchen Teale, sister of the bride, assisted by Misses Maude Teale and Dorthy Brandt.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teale and spent her entire life here. She graduated from the Davis City High School; spent two years at Drake University and has since been a very successful teacher.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gates and also grew to manhood here; graduated from the later engaged in business in Greysburg, Wyoming, at which place the young couple will reside. The esteem in which these young people were held was attested by the number and beauty of the gifts lavished upon them, and the kindest wishes of the entire community accompany them to their new home.

The out of town guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Raymond, of Leon, and Miss Ina G. Wilson, of Colfax, Iowa.

Mrs. E. P. Woodard.

Martha Ann McKee, who died at the home of her daughter in Long Creek township, Dec. 21, 1917, was born Dec. 21, 1841, aged 76 years.

She was born in Muskingum county Ohio, and graduated from the parents to Iowa in 1854. Deceased was married to E. P. Woodard, May 16, 1856. To this union were born seven sons and three daughters, all of whom were at her bedside except Alonzo who died in infancy and W. C. of Cache, Oklahoma, and G. S. of Grants, New Mexico.

Mother Woodard was converted and joined the United Brethren church 40 years ago. She was a true christian and faithful wife and a loving mother. She leaves to mourn her departure besides her children, 34 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

She was laid to rest in the Munyon cemetery, there to await the Resurrection morn, according to I Thess. 4:16.

Parker-Bethards.

Mr. Virgil O. Parker, of Davis City, and Mrs. Iva M. Bethards, of Leon, were married in this city last Sunday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. M. Brooks, pastor of the M. E. church.

Red Cross Notes.

Last summer when our organization was new we began reporting in this column all the finished supplies sent in from the branches but now the volume of work has become so great we find it necessary to discontinue the practice, except a monthly report. Deatur has sent several packages which we failed by some oversight to mention, also Davis City and we doubt there have felt that they have been overlooked. We are sorry it so happened as all our branches are doing splendid work.

LeRoy has recently organized a surgical dressing class and Garden Grove and Grand River will begin the work this week. It is only a question of a short time when this line of work will be taken up by all. Let us again remind our branches that the services of Mrs. J. A. Caster as instructor may be secured at any time provided the matter of transportation be arranged.

We are in receipt of numerous enthusiastic letters from soldiers at Camp MacArthur, Camp, Texas, thanking us for Christmas packages. Our entire shipment must have gone to this camp as all letters have come from there. Several of them mention the Y. M. C. A. as being indispensable to their comfort and happiness. One young man says he would like to hear from Iowa if it is not asking too much and gives his address as Leonard Hungerford, Battery E, 119 U. S. Field Artillery, Camp Mac Arthur, Waco, Texas. We hope somebody will respond to his request.

Donations: Mrs. Hoffman, \$2.00, John Penniwell, \$4.00, Mr. Nauman \$1.00, Sorosis Club \$5.00, Century Club \$25.00, Dr. Foxworthy, \$5.00, and A. E. Olsen \$5.00, B. Ryan, of Burrill, \$5.00, \$5.00, M. J. Bershous and \$5.00 donation, W. S. Poush \$1.50, Conservation Club \$1.75, Milton Manchester \$1.25, Eden Center school district \$42.65.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have increased 100 per cent families in Decatur county now. One here in Leon is the family of Mr. Nauman. Mr. Nauman bought a membership for himself, his wife and each of seven children, then threw in a dollar for good measure giving the solicitor a \$10.00 bill. We report the extra dollar as a donation. John Penniwell sent us \$5 clear from Cuba. We promptly made him a member with one dollar and take the remaining \$4.00 as a donation. A dollar given to the Red Cross does just as much good one place as another but we appreciate it when our former citizens remember to make their donations through channels of Decatur County Chapter.

Sometimes when we have worked to the limit of our strength, have given our time and money and energy without the least thought of any selfish return, it is most disheartening to hear the malicious stories that persist in floating about. Let us again assure the good people of Decatur county that nobody is getting a "rake-off." It seems to be inconceivable to some people that money can pass through their hands without some of it sticking to our fingers. We spend many long hours of work over Chapter matters that only a few people know of and we are willing and glad to do our bit in this way, but don't make our work hard for you by spreading stories that persist in floating about. Let us again assure the good people of Decatur county that nobody is getting a "rake-off." It seems to be inconceivable to some people that money can pass through their hands without some of it sticking to our fingers. 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