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## Notes From Newlano Colony

Mr. Joseph Krug, of Buffalo, N. Y., is a late arrival in the Colony, he having come in Saturday afternoon.

Mr. George Wiseley and his son Edgar returned to the Colony on Sunday. Mr. Wiseley having been absent several weeks touring Oklahoma in the interest of the Colony; Edgar has been away about a year. We are very glad to have them with us again.

Mrs. LeRoy Shutt of Grenada, Texas with her two attractive children, LeRoy, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth, returned last week after a ten days' visit with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shutt.

Mr. Fred Donaldson has returned, after a two weeks' cruising expedition in the woods.

Mr. George E. Cantrell was called to DeWitt, Arkansas on business the latter part of the week.

Mr. I. T. Townsend of Sapula, Okla. who spent several days in our midst last week looking over our proposition over, returned to his home on Friday last.

Mr. George Deutsch, of Leesville, was among the guests present for the reception in honor of Mr. J. C. Thomas on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Frakes, with their son and two daughters, of Lawton, Oklahoma, arrived on Sunday, having come overland in their touring car. They seem pleased with the conditions here, and we hope to add them to our roster of members in the near future.

## The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1920—Comrades Kemp and Van Nuland plowed the ground just cleared in Dago town. The larger part of the farm and construction crews were wrecking old buildings and hauling the lumber to the store house for building brick yard equipment, boiler house, and new dryer partition in the sweet potato sheds. The children cut corn and shucked under the direction of Mrs. Wolf. In the afternoon it rained, and the children worked at shelling and sorting corn at the grainery. Comrades Satnan and Wolf worked until late after supper starting the new steam pump.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 1920—Small children still cutting fodder and shucking corn. Too much rain to work in the garden. The men are plowing. The construction gang are on the same job. Roy Meek and Al Haynes put the tar paper on the chicken house. Fred Waters takes a vacation and pleasure (?) ride to Fullerton with Wm. DeBoer on his regular trip on the shoe wagon. Comrade Schad and a big mule team have been transferred to the dairy department, which gives Comrade Baldwin the much needed help he has wanted. Robert Lindsey too John Rosetto's place on the bread wagon, while John goes after his folks who are to move to the Colony. Stop the deal! We have at last got flour, and Fred Schoettle will again put out his Famous Dixie Pride Bread.

Friday, Aug. 13, 1920—The farmers continue to plow between showers; as we have a shower nearly every day. "Dad" Thomas ran a nail into his foot, and was forced to stay home from his work at the laundry. Comrade Synoground is again obliged to operate the engine and the washer. Comrades Satnan, Wolf, and Synoground finished running the pipe from the creek to the big boiler. The brick kiln cooled off sufficiently to permit us to find brick enough to satisfy us that we have a fine quality of brick, and that there is absolutely no doubt of our success in their manufacture. They have a beautiful pink-salmon color, and have been perfectly burned. Oscar Borgeson took up his position in the store to make an extended trip to California. Comrade Broughton takes up his work in the store, where he and "Ma" Thomas will cheerfully dispense goods to all who come. Comrade Lindsey is compelled to haul groceries all day from Leesville. Oh, if that freight agency would only arrive and save us so much gasoline and labor. Comrade Townsend of Oklahoma left for his home carrying much of our literature (to show his friends) and a great deal of enthusiasm for the Llano Co-operative Colony. The bakery produced about 800 loaves of bread today. The laundry runs to full capacity every week; there are no idle hours in this industry.

Saturday, Aug. 14, 1920—It rained most of the day and the men were put on inside work. The repairing of farm machinery, the fixing of roofs, and working in the broom factory were the principal orders of the day. Comrade Joseph Krug of Buffalo, N. Y., arrived on the evening train. He said he did not come to investigate the Colony but to join it, which he did. The usual Saturday night dance was held and a very pleasant evening was spent. About 9:30, refreshments in the form of cocoa, coffee, and doughnuts were after eleven o'clock.

served. The dance continued until Sunday, Aug. 15, 1920—Sunday is rest day, and we all rest except those who have to work. The climax of the day was the celebration of Dad Thomas's seventy-first birthday. In spite of the capitalist system, Dad has lived to a good, ripe old age; and one of the pleasant memories he can look back to is the fact that he is today working to create a condition under which our children may live their lives as they should be lived and to their fullest extent.

Monday, Aug. 16, 1920—It is again dry enough for farm operations to go on, and the farmers turned out this morning to lay by the crops that have about completed their growth. (Uncle Sam) George Wiseley, who arrived yesterday with Comrade Frakes and wife and three children, went on the job of repairing fences, plugging up holes with corn cobs, to keep the razor backs out is George's main occupation. We were very glad to welcome him home, also his son Edgar, who came on the train from Anacoco ahead of the auto. Edgar was so anxious to get back with us, and to get out of the mud, that he took the choo-choo. He expects to make this his future home. The steam pump is forcing water up to the big boiler. We are looking forward to the time when smoke and steam will issue from the smoke stack and body of our future power maker. Fred Waters went with Wm. DeBoer on the Luddington trip.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1920—The sun is shining today just as if old Jup. had not been crying on us. Some of the farmers have gone forth to plow, while many of the teams are hauling wood. The brick crew is preparing to start another kiln. As the big brick machine is not quite ready to run, they are going to continue to make brick by hand until the modern machine takes their place. Charlie Strauss has entered the broom factory, and it is hoped that he will soon be turning out many hundreds of brooms, scrubbing brushes, etc., with a large crew in this industry. We have reorganized the "Kid" Colony and are placing many of the children in the industries, giving each the choice of the trade he wishes to follow. This is done for several reasons, mainly because we are so busy we have not help enough to be with them all the time; another is, that the garden work is not as rushing as it has been through the spring and summer. Comrades Synoground, Satnan and Wolf are doing all in their power to get the machinery in operation for the brick machine. Oscar Borgeson and Bertha Landon departed for California today. It is hoped that they will enjoy a pleasant journey. Mrs. Effie Buck is in Leesville today soliciting for the publications. The construction department is continuing to tear down old buildings in order to get lumber to work with until we have time to start our sawmill. Mrs. Metz began working in the laundry and adds another valuable assistant to this department.

"All the trouble with labor has arisen from the notion inherited from the dark past, that the man who supports himself by his daily work is somehow inferior to the man who is supported by an endowment. That is the root poison of the English class system, Prussianism, Hindu Caste, and American snobbery."—Frank Crane.

## New Buildings for Northwestern University



The purchase of Northwestern university's campus site for the erection of the new schools of law, medicine, dentistry and commerce was assured when the university's board of trustees voted to buy a nine acre tract in Chicago at Chicago avenue and Lake Shore drive. The purchase price is about \$1,500,000. The site is called the finest university site in the world. It is planned to erect a group of buildings along Chicago avenue and Chicago's most beautiful boulevard which will have few equals in beauty and educational utilities. The architect's sketch of them is shown herewith.

### ALL IN THE MIND

If you think you are beaten, you are!  
If you think you dare not, you don't!  
If you like to win but you think you can't,  
It's almost certain you won't;  
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,  
For out in the world you'll find  
Success begins with a fellow's will.  
It's all in the state of mind!

### MEMORABLE CELEBRATION AT COLONY

The Newlano hotel was a scene of gaiety on Sunday evening, the occasion being the celebration of Mr. J. C. Thomas's seventy-first birthday. This was arranged as a surprise for Mr. Thomas; and when he was taken to the hotel by Messrs. Geo. Pickett and Ole Synoground, presumably for orchestra practice, the scene that greeted him was unutterable. Loving hands had arranged pots and vases of blooming plants and flowers and spread the table with snowy damask, until one thought he was entering fairy-land. Mesdames J. C. Thomas and Blanche M. Briggs acted as hostesses during the evening, and nothing was left undone for the pleasure of each guest present. As the hour of five-thirty approached, everyone was on the qui-vive, anxious to greet and extend to "Daddy" Thomas, as he is affectionately called, their love and best wishes for many more happy, useful birthdays. After the guests were seated at the table, Mrs. Briggs, in her inimitable manner, offered a most beautiful and fitting toast to our guest of honor. This was followed by another of wit and humor by Mr. Fred Waters. Then Mrs. Briggs called upon Mr. M. L. DeVine for a toast on fraternity. Mr. DeVine responded in a manner befitting the occasion. Mr. Thomas then arose, and in a few well-chosen words spoke of his five years' residence in the Colony, of what the associations during these years had meant to him, of the ties of friendships made and broken; then in a feeling of deep emotion he thanked each guest for the love and respect shown him, on this occasion as well as on former ones. Last, but not least, to respond was Mr. Theo. F. Cuno, who claimed the distinction of being the oldest member of the Colony, as well as one of the most active ones. His words, while brief, were unusually expressive, and brought to a close one of the most delightful entertainments in the history of the Colony. During the evening, music was furnished by Mrs. Wrenshall at the piano and Mr. Hemman on the violin. Refreshment of sandwiches, coffee, cocoa, with home baked cakes in abundance, and ice cream were served to about one hundred guests.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN (M. L. DeVine Sunday evening.)

This Colony is not a fleeting show  
For man's delusion given.  
He that hath soothed a comrade's woe,  
Or spoken a word of cheer, doth know  
There's something here of heaven.  
He that walks life's thorny way  
With feelings calm and even,  
Whose path is lit from day to day  
By virtue's bright and steady ray,  
Hath, something felt of heaven.  
He that has been a colonist like a man,  
And all of its faults forgiven,  
Who measures out life's little span  
In love to Colony and to man,  
On earth hath tasted heaven.

## Signs of the Times

### THE SITUATION ABROAD

The National City Bank of New York announces that the world war increased the world debt from 44 billion dollars to 365 billion. The per capita debt for every man, woman, and child on the globe is \$130, and the interest charge is \$6 a year for every one as against \$1 in 1913!

Meanwhile the war bonds are depreciating, and are being bought up by an ever smaller and smaller group of financiers. The whole world is being taxed to pay the bondholders. The war in Poland against Russia is a war of the French bondholders of the old Czar's debts against the people of Russia. France will drop the war instantly if Russia will agree to pay all those bonds at par.

So the whole world will be plunged into ceaseless war if need be that the bondholders of the war debts may collect their tax.

### HOW LONG SHALL

#### WE ENDURE THIS?

Alfred McCann, the New York food expert, in a recent number of "Reconstruction," states the following facts: In 1918 the net profits of the National Candy Company were 545 per cent; of the Hartman Corporation (house furnishing) 349 per cent; of the General Cigar Company, 300 per cent; of the Standard Milling Company, 300 per cent; of Rockwood and Company (chocolate and cocoa), 395 per cent; of the American Ice Company, 283 per cent; of the National Enameling and Stamping Co., 800 per cent; of the Corn Products Refining Co. (branch of Standard Oil), 400 per cent; of the United Fruit Co., 790 per cent; of the American Hide and Leather Co., 2000 per cent; of the International Paper Co., 120 per cent; of the American Woolen Co., 400 per cent; of the Cluett-Peabody Co. (manufacturers of white collar material), 400 per cent; of the Brown Shoe Co., 700 per cent; of the United States Rubber Co., 300 per cent; the American Linseed Co., 1000 per cent.

And so on down the line. It seems that 100 per cent Americanism is sadly out of date; it is now 1000 per cent Americanism. The question is: when are we going to be American enough to stop this robbery?

### SIGNIFICANT TOPICS

Here are a few newspaper headlines gathered from the big Dailies of the country during one week:  
"College Boys Paid \$9 a Day and Board for Railway Work; Experienced Employees Receive Less than Half This Wage."  
"Palmer Used H. C. L. Fund to Promote His Own Candidacy."  
"Statesmen Sail Away on Joy Trip to Land of Lotus: U. S. Transport Is Commandeered for Two Months: Hawaii First Stop. Invited Guests Pay \$150 Each for Grand Tour That Would Cost \$2,500."  
"1900 Per Cent Is Profit for Armour's in Four War Years!"  
"Senator Cummins' Confession."  
"The Inability of the Railroads to Do the Business of the Country Is Costing the Country Every Day More than the German War Cost the People Any Day."

### THE FATE OF EMPIRES

"The traveler standing amid the ruins of ancient cities and empires, seeing on every side the fallen pillars and the prostrate walls, asks why did these cities crumble? And the ghosts of the past, the wisdom of the ages answer: 'These temples, these palaces, these cities the ruins of which you stand upon, were built by tyranny and injustice. The hands that built them were unpaid. The backs that bore the burden also bore the marks of the lash. They were built by slaves to satisfy the vanity and ambition of robbers. For these reasons they are dust. Their civilization was a lie. Their laws were regulated robbery and established theft. They bought and sold the bodies of men; and the mournful wind of desolation, sighing around their crumbling ruins, is a voice of prophetic warning to those who would repeat the infamous experiment, uttering the great truth that no nation founded upon slavery, either of body or mind, can stand.'"

### POLES LOSING RAPIDLY

Washington, D. C.—Polish forces defending Warsaw are outnumbered by the Red army about two and a half to one. Comprehensive details as to the Bolshevik military organization received in official circles place the Russian strength of the Soviet army on the Polish front at 350,000 men. The strength of the Poles has been estimated at 140,000.

Leon Trotsky, Russian minister of war, while speaking in vilna, capital of Lithuania, recently declared, "In a year all Europe will be Bolshevik."

A great battle is in progress on the Russo-Polish front, upon which hangs the fate of Warsaw, according to information reaching the French foreign office.  
The Poles have launched a counter offensive with bayonets in the region of Pultusk, where the Russians have been striving to break the Polish lines. Russian, Bolshevik, cavalry has reached Praga, a suburb of Warsaw, according to a wireless from Berlin.

—Associated Press.

### AN HONEST EDITOR

Sometimes an honest editor of the press breaks forth and tells the truth. He lets us in on the "game." That is what Charles Grant Miller, late editor of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer," has done. In an article in the "Editor and Publisher," he releases his pent-up disgust with the things he has been compelled to do. He says: "Every editor of every newspaper is tainted with lies, and every editor knows it and is sick of it." "For five years," he says, "there has been a world-wide famine in facts. Truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, about anything of grave public interest, seems to have disappeared from the face of the earth. The news of Russia, The Balkans, the Bosphorus, and Central Europe mostly originates in London or is trimmed to London's shifting interest. Our army of thieves, plundering and profiteering with devilish boldness and activity, have neglected no seductions or expense to make our newspapers an army of prostitutes."

### OKLAHOMANS INTERESTED IN VERNON PARISH

Mr. Geo. Wiseley (Uncle Sam), his son Edgar, and Mr. W. T. Frakes and family arrived here Sunday morning from Lawton, Okla. in Ma. Frakes' large car. The car registered over 580 miles on the trip, which was made in three days. The first night they camped came near Fort Worth. The second night at Tyler, Texas, and the third, at Shreveport. The remainder of the journey was made Sunday morning. Mr. Wiseley has been touring Oklahoma in the interest of the Colony, and reports the development of great interest among the people of that state in the possibilities and opportunities of this section of the country.

### SATURDAY EVENING DANCE AND FAREWELL PARTY ENJOYED

In spite of the threatening weather many of the colonists and several of the younger set from Leesville gathered at the hotel for the Saturday evening dance. The new electric lights were doubly appreciated because of the extreme darkness and the fact that a "light" lunch was served in honor of two staunch old colonists who are leaving us for a time. "Shorty" Borgeson went to the Pacific Coast for his health, and our beloved nurse, Mrs. Landon, to nurse an aged aunt in California who is declining in health.

### NEW RICES MAKE GOOD RECORD

Very favorable reports have just been received by the Department of Agriculture from the South regarding the condition of the extensive plantings made this spring of Acadia and Fortuna rice—new varieties developed by the department at the Crowley Rice Station in Louisiana, in cooperation with the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station. These two rices are the best selected from a study of more than 2,000 different kinds at the Crowley Station. Their importance is demonstrated in part by the large yields obtained. Last year under field conditions an average yield of 5,155 pounds of rough rice was obtained from the Acadia on 48 acres and an average of 2,775 pounds of rough rice from the Fortuna on 35 acres of very old land. Both of these records are excellent and give an indication of the large production which may be expected this year on a much larger acreage, if weather conditions continue favorable. Eventually it is the purpose of the department to make these new varieties of seed available to all growers, through the markets, thereby benefiting them and the industry as a whole.

### NEW ROAD TO BE OPENED THROUGH COLONY

The petition from citizens of Ward 1, Vernon Parish, for the opening of a public road from Stables, running due west on the section line, has been granted by the Police Jury, and the officials under whose supervision the work is to proceed are John Ford, J. D. O'Banion, R. T. McManis, D. E. Roberts, and E. J. Roberts.

### PLENTY OF RAIN DURING WEEK

Now when the days are long and hot  
And ice bills grow still bigger,  
However hard the fly you swat,  
It will not feaze the chigger.

A total of 2.20 inches of rain fell during the week, distributed as follows: Aug. 11, .75; Aug. 13, .50; Aug. 14, .15; Aug. 16, .80.

Temperatures for the week are:

Aug. 11th, Max 85, Min 70.  
Aug. 12th, Max 78, Min 70.  
Aug. 13th, Max 74, Min 70.  
Aug. 14th, Max 74, Min 70.  
Aug. 15th, Max 81, Min 70.  
Aug. 16th, Max 86, Min 70.  
Aug. 17th, Max 76, Min 69.

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A first-class ten room house, 2 good barns, plenty of water and hard wood timber.

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