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WILLISTON CO. E IS ON WAY HOME

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION SAYS MEN HAVE SAILED FROM FRANCE

A dispatch from Washington yesterday afternoon, stated that the 41st division, which includes the 164th infantry complete, has sailed from France and is expected to arrive in New York or Newport News before February 20. The 164th includes the greater part of Co. E. of Williston. As the company was broken up after they reached France it is but guessing how many of the Williston boys will come back at this time.

Since then there has been action on the part of the government to reassemble the old National Guard regiments, and it is supposed that more of the men are with the 164th now.

Letters from the men of the old Company E., say that most of the privates and corporals were taken to other divisions, and that few remain.

The units of the 164th United States Infantry regiment, which formerly comprised the North Dakota National Guard and the officers in command, many of whose members will return this month are as follows:

- Company "A," Bismarck.
- Company "B," Fargo.
- Company "C," Grafton.
- Company "D," Minot.
- Company "E," Williston.
- Company "F," Mandan.
- Company "G," Valley City.
- Company "H," Jamestown.
- Company "I," Wahpeton.
- Company "K," Dickinson.
- Company "L," Hillsboro.
- Company "M," Grand Forks.

Machine Gun company, Grand Forks; Headquarters company, Hillsboro; Supply company, Grafton; Hospital company, Lisbon; Band, Lisbon.

Col. John H. Fraine, Grafton commanding; Lieut. Col. G. C. Grafton, Fargo.

First battalion: Companies "B," "G," "I," and "L," Major Frank S. Henry, Valley City, commanding.

Second battalion: Companies "A," "F," "H," and "K," Major J. M. Hanley, Mandan, commanding.

Third battalion: Companies "C," "D," "E," "M," and Machine Gun Co., Major C. B. Boyd, Hillsboro, commanding.

CHAS. A. MANSFIELD PASSES AWAY WED.

WELL KNOWN IN COMMUNITY REGISTER OF U. S. LAND OFFICE FOR 6 YEARS

A severe shock came to the people of Williston yesterday morning when it was learned that Charles Mansfield had died suddenly. Mr. Mansfield was apparently in good health and had been seen by many of his friends the evening before his death. He arose in the morning and became stricken with hemorrhage of the brain which proved fatal before aid could reach him.

Charles Andre Mansfield was born August 3, 1861 at Amelia, Ohio. He was married October 5th, 1881 to Miss Kate Dustin at Batabia, Ohio, where they were both living at the time. To this union was born two sons, William and Robert, who are both now engaged in business in the city of Chicago. In 1899 they moved to Chicago where Mr. Mansfield was engaged in the publishing business till 1905 when they moved to Williston.

When they first came to this city Mr. Mansfield was engaged by the firm of G. M. Hedderich & Co., till six years ago when he was appointed Receiver of the U. S. Land Office and has held that position ever since.

Mr. Mansfield's death is a severe loss to the community as he was a man that took active interest in the welfare and the upbuilding of the community and during his stay here has made a host of friends who sincerely mourn his loss.

He leaves a wife, two children, William Mansfield and Robert Mansfield, both of Chicago and one brother, Will Mansfield of Denver, Col.

The funeral will be held from the Mansfield apartment at the La Due Court Friday afternoon at 2 P. M.

Ray Hyde returned to Williston last night from Baltimore, Md., for a short visit here. Ray has been active service abroad and was wounded during his service in France. He is here on a short furlough and expects to return to Baltimore before being discharged.

Wm. County Bank Elects Officers

At a directors and stockholders meeting held at the Williams County State Bank last Thursday the following officers were elected for the coming year:

M. E. Wilson, President; C. C. Rieger and L. C. Wingate Vice Presidents; B. J. Schoregge Cashier and A. N. Eidsness, H. C. Trueblood, William O'Laughlin assistant cashiers.

One new member was appointed on the board of directors, the new member being Mr. James O'Laughlin.

Mr. M. E. Wilson who has been in the city for the past week to attend this meeting and look after other business in connection with his interests here, left for his home in Minneapolis Monday morning.

SMUT SMITH NOW LIVES IN PALACE

LT. "SMUT" SMITH NOW QUARTERED IN CHATEAU IN BELGIUM—ONLY OFFICER

Dear Folks:

Just laying around today with nothing to do but look wise. At the present writing I am in Belgium with another Lieutenant and a few men guarding a German factory and some ammunition left here by the boche when they left Belgium.

I am sure sitting on the wall and am staying at a big Chateau owned by the governor of the Province of Lukenburg. He lives there himself with his wife, daughter and son and what I mean is sure some swell place. Deacons, butlers and servants at your service and believe me yours truly is sure learning how to use them.

The young girl and boy both speak English, having learned it in school and in the evening we have some very interesting chats, for over four years their house was filled with German officers and of course the Governor and family were the same as prisoners. Before the Germans entered the town these people hid all their valuable property in the woods. Their automobile they hid in a hay stack and the Germans never found it.

Just now orders came from headquarters relieving the other lieutenant, so I am the only officer in the village now and I suppose it will be mighty lonesome for a while. I also just received my last months pay and I can't send it home as there is no place to send it from, not even a store and no place to spend it.

I have been moving around so much that I never receive any of my mail any more. I got mail about twice while I was at the Comdidates school and one letter when I left for the front for the U. S. School. It was dated November 4th. I have never received a Williston paper since you subscribed for it and suppose they get it at Co. E. and forget to send it to me the same as I forget to write to my friends.

Have any of the Williston boys come home yet? I don't think I will be back for at least six months or more, but that don't bother me as I am tickled to death to be able to know that I can go back and live.

I had a nice trip from school this last time. Of course the first town to hit was Paris. They say all roads lead to Paris and of course that's where I got off. I stayed there a couple of days then went to Toul, from Toul to Nancy, from Nancy to Treaves, Germany, from Germany to Lukenburg and I hope from here to Williston, North Dakota.

Well folks I must ring off for this time. What did the United States look like in 1918?

So long. Love to you and uncle. "Smut" Smith.

HIGH HONORS FOR MRS. JOHN CRAIG

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Williams County Chapter of the Red Cross, the Committee unanimously voted to award to Mrs. J. W. Craig, the Red Cross official general service insignia, consisting of the badge with the ribbon bearing two stripes. This is the highest honor which it is possible for the Chapter Executive Committee to confer.

At the same meeting, the Chapter Executive Committee also provided for a committee on awards to take up the matter of determining what Red Cross workers are entitled to wear the service insignia and Mrs. Craig has been asked to act as Chairwoman of this committee on awards.

W. B. Overson left for Minneapolis on business on Tuesday of this week.



A MODEL FARM FOR EVERY YANK SOLDIER IS PLAN OF UNCLE SAM

RECLAMATION OF MILLIONS OF ACRES BY UNCLE SAM WILL PERMIT SELECTION OF HOMESTEAD IN ANY CLIMATE—GOVERNMENT WOULD FINANCE PROJECT

Farms for soldiers—Secretary of Interior Lane has asked Congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 with which the United States Reclamation Service will make new farms for returned soldiers. It is proposed to irrigate deserts, drain swamps and clear cut-over timber lands. The entire project is explained by Secretary Lane himself in the following article:

BY FRANKLIN K. LANE, Secretary of Interior. Written especially for the Williston Graphic.

All over the United States there are quantities of lands that are capable of producing cotton, corn, wheat and fruit, which are out of use. Altogether there are perhaps 250,000,000 acres of such lands that in two or three years by scientific drainage or by irrigation or by stumping could be converted into first-class farms.

In the far west, in the arid country along the Colorado River in Arizona, along the Snake in Idaho, the North Platte in Wyoming and Colorado, and near the great rivers of the west, there are millions of acres of lands that can be irrigated; while in the south and in the northwest there are more than 100,000,000 acres of land that have been logged off but which are lying idle today.

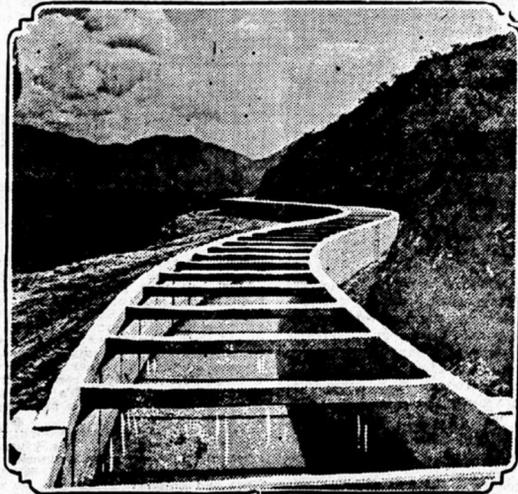
Put Land to Use and Everybody Gains

The plan which I have presented to Congress means that we shall put this land to use. That is where the country gains. It means that it shall be put into condition by the soldiers after they have been mustered out. That is where the soldier gains. Every man who has been in the ranks of the army or the navy shall have an opportunity to go on to one of these projects and have a job in building a dam or a ditch or leveling land or pulling up stumps, building dikes, clearing land, building houses or roads or fences.

Can Select Complete Farm in Any Climate

This means that when the boy reaches New York he goes back home for a time, meets his people, and then is given a chance to take a (Continued on page 8)

RIVERS IN CONCRETE BEDS QUENCH ARID WASTES



The scene of canal construction in irrigation projects seems to have been reached in Strawberry Valley Utah, where this white concrete river flows down from its mountain lake to water the desert waste. Agriculture on a farm fed by one of these modern streams opens up new possibilities in crop productions of all kind. It is included as but a part of the plan advocated by Secretary of Interior Lane in his reclamation service for returned soldiers.

Grain Inspector To Hold Meeting

Chief Deputy Grain Inspector J. A. McGovern will hold a meeting at the Court House in Williston on Saturday to discuss and lay before the grain raisers of this community the plans for marketing and grading of grains for the coming year under the new rulings. This meeting should be of interest to all of the farmers and they should make plans to attend this meeting and gain some good from the instructions Mr. McGovern has to offer.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TRIMS MINOT FIVE

FAST GAME AT H. S. AUDITORIUM LAST EVENING ENDS IN DISPUTE—LOCALS WIN

A fast and furious basketball game was witnessed by a large crowd of town people last evening at the High School Auditorium when the High School team played the Minot High School team.

The game progressed fairly well during the first half with the local team at the head but when the second half started some trouble started also. It seems that some of the officials from Minot saw that the game was going against them and were a little down hearted. The crowd was packed close to the side lines and when the players were forced off-side the Minot officials claimed that the spectators held their men and interfered with their plays. Several witnesses of the game who were visitors in the city yesterday and would certainly have no grounds to stand up any more for the Williston team than they would for Minot claimed that nothing of the kind was done by the spectators along the side lines.

The Minot boys played a fine clean game and we are sorry to have things end up this way. Our local team has practiced that old saying "Stick to the finish we surely will win" and they are sure doing it. We only wish that our visiting teams would do likewise.

On account of Minot quitting as they did forfeited the game to Williston with a final score of 16 to 10. Outsiders that witnessed the game say that Minot had a mighty fine chance for winning as they were playing a strong game and we are sorry it could not have been finished to the satisfaction of both teams and the large crowd of spectators.

GOVERNMENT BREAKS RECORD ON POWER

The local power house has made a mighty fine record for the month of December according to the following records which was printed in a recent number of the Reclamation Record:

December weather conditions were unusually good, which was fortunate, inasmuch as all work was somewhat disorganized by a renewal of the influenza epidemic and a shortage of labor.

Work was in progress on new cottages to house power-house and mine employees, and this work was helped along by the good weather. Maintenance work consisted in renewing parts of the supply-well line and tank and the overhauling of some of the powerhouse machinery.

One thousand and thirty-four tons of coal were mined.

Two stacks were completed on the power house, making a very good job and facilitating the work for the remainder of the winter season. The power plant was operated for the commercial power contract; 108,450 kilowatt hours of electrical energy were sold. This is the largest amount sold in any one month on this contract and represented an increase of 4,350 kilowatt hours over the same month of last year. The cost also was the highest in the life of the contract and offset the increase in output many times. December was the last month of the old contract terms, and under the readjustment of terms results will be more favorable.—Wm. S. Arthur.

The Schubert Concert Company composed of three charming young women who have attained a reputation in the musical world will appear under the auspices of the Saladity Girls of the Catholic church at the Army next Thursday evening, February 20th. A dance will be given after the musical which will be free to those who purchase tickets for the musical. 35-2t.

FINE PROGRAM BY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

BAND OF TWENTY-FIVE PIECES PERFECTED BY LOCAL SCHOOL—ONSTAD INSTRUCTOR

Tuesday evening, February 18th, the people of Williston will have the chance to hear a mighty fine concert program which is being prepared by the local High School Band.

The band which is composed of between twenty and twenty-five pieces under the able leadership of Prof. Onstad has put in many months of ardent practice and has one of the best perfected organizations of its kind in the state. We know of no other town in the state that offers the opportunity for the learning of this class of music that the local High School offers and the pupils have been quick to grasp this grand opportunity.

The coming concert which will be held in the High School Auditorium should have the support of the entire community as we have been in great need of such a musical organization here in the city for some time and it should be to the interests of everyone to support it. There will be no admission charge for this event.

The following program has been arranged by Prof. Onstad and contains a variety of popular and classical music which should interest all:

- Program
1. Grand March Berry
 2. New Band March Southwell
 3. Overture, "It's Up to You"..... Berry
 4. Saxophone Solo, (Saxophone and Piano) "Asleep in the Deep" Petrie
 5. Reading, selected.
 6. Saxophone Solo, "Loves Old Sweet Song" Malloy
 7. Duet, "A Perfect Day" Bond
 8. Vocal Solo, Selected Miss Helga Petterson
 9. Serenade, "Twinkling Star"..... Southwell
 10. March Ruplay
 11. Remarks, Supt. C. E. Blume.
 12. "America."

WILLISTON GIRLS WATCH YOUR STEP

40 PER CENT OF THE FRENCH GIRLS WANT AMERICAN HUSBANDS

Paris, Feb. 2. — (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—To win an American husband seems to be the ideal of more than forty per cent of the Parisian young women. At all events that is the result of an inquiry conducted by L'Oeuvre, a Paris daily newspaper which publishes a series of letters setting forth the reasons that have guided the writers to give preference to Americans over their compatriots.

Those who would rather marry Frenchmen base their predilection largely on patriotic grounds, but a large per cent of young French women confess to a whole hearted admiration of the average American's breezy good humor and courtesy of manner toward the other sex.

Several French girls who have had an opportunity to observe American home life, appreciate the easy camaraderie between the sexes, and they come to the conclusion that a good comrade must have a good husband. Some fair writers say that French lovers are given to talking over much and are too fussy about their personal appearance. The question as to whether a man ought to shave or not seems to agitate the French feminine mind considerably and the voting is about equal between the smooth shaven American and his French brother with a mustache.

One girl raises the curious objection that "Americans eat too much," while another disapproves of "the heavily framed American spectacles with the huge round lenses which so many Americans affect."

A treat is in store for the music lovers of Williston when the Schubert Concert Co., appears at the Army Thursday evening February 20th, under the auspices of the Saladity Girls. The tickets will be sold by the local organization and those who purchase these tickets will be admitted free to a dance which will be given after the concert. 35-2t.

Hylda Poling of Hanks is in the city today transacting business.