

## MRS. FRANCIS RECEIVES INTERESTING LETTER

NEPHEW OF MRS. FRANCIS  
TELLS OF EXPERIENCES WITH  
ARMY IN FRANCE

Below is a very interesting letter received by Mrs. W. C. Francis of this city from her nephew Clinton D. Marble who is in France with the United States Army. Corp. Marble who tells of the experiences with the army and of going over the top at St. Mihiel.

The letter is as follows:  
Vignot, Commercy, France  
Jan. 4th. 1919

My Dear Aunt:

Your most welcome letter was received by me today and I must answer it before retiring for the evening. I am quite surprised to learn that you have not heard from me since I left for France as I have written to you twice but the letters which I wrote probably never crossed the ocean. During the first part of my experiences in France, our mail service was not of the best as all of our means of transportation were used to the greatest advantage and consequently our mail was sadly neglected but we do not mind that as there were ever so many things requiring immediate attention which were of much more importance than mail.

You asked me to give you a brief account of my experiences in France and I shall be very pleased to do so but it may not be of much interest to you as I am not much of a writer.

When leaving Dodge I was attached to the 163rd Depot Brigade. We left on my birthday and arrived in Camp Mills two or three days later. There we received our overseas equipment and embarked at New York harbor the 2nd day of May, 1918. I enjoyed the trip across the ocean immensely but was more than pleased when we were in sight of land the 16th day of May. We disembarked in Liverpool, England the 17th and from there we were entrained for Winchester. We arrived there the same day and were placed in a Casual camp, remaining there three or four days. There we rested and took in the sights. I was peacefully sleeping one night when the first sergeant came into our tent and kindly informed us that we were to get up and be ready to sail for France that same night. However he was slightly mistaken as we entrained again and the next morning we found ourselves in South Hampton. There we were kept under cover until darkness came and we embarked for France, arriving in La Havre the next morning about daylight.

We left La Havre the same day by train and the next day we were at Eu, a town in Northeastern France, and were sent to a staging (Continued on page 6)

## 1,000 BUSINESSMEN ASKED AS BACKERS

ADVERTISING FORUM DIVIDES  
INTO "ARMY" AND "NAVY" TO  
PUSH CONVENTION

One thousand Minneapolis businessmen will be solicited, beginning today, for support of a "Better Business convention" for the Ninth Federal Reserve district, March 19 to 20, in accordance with the preliminary arrangements made at the meeting of the Minneapolis Advertising forum at Dayton's tea-rooms late yesterday.

The forum was divided into two camps, to be known as the army, headed by Guy Cleveland, and the navy, headed by Fred Camman. Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Camman and their co-workers will explain that it is expected to have delegates from every state in the district and to consider mainly three subjects, finance, community development and merchandising. — Minneapolis Journal.

## Guilty Huns May Have To Face Trial

Paris, March 10.—The preliminary peace treaty, it was learned today, probably will include a clause requiring Germany to turn over all officials found responsible for war crimes charged against him. A suggestion has been made, however, that the Germans themselves will try to obtain his removal from Holland. If there is no other alternative, it is understood an international indictment will be published, branding Wilhelm as the world's greatest criminal, his punishment being limited to this historical document.

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## THE MODERN ST. PATRICK



## ADVERTISING IS URGED IN FIGHT

FRED P. MANN ADDRESSES ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT MINNEAPOLIS OF AD FORUM

Fred P. Mann of Devils Lake, N. D., retailer, advertiser and believer in a big and prosperous northwest, last night stirred the imaginations of members of the Minneapolis Advertising Forum by his visions of what can be done in the field of retail merchandising in the northwest through a campaign of community development in the small towns and wholesaler-to-consumer advertising as a means of combating the mail order business which, Mr. Mann said, is annually taking out of the state of North Dakota alone from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Mr. Mann, who is owner of one of the most thriving mercantile establishments in North Dakota, is one of the originators and promoters of the Federated Community Development association of North Dakota, which is supported by all branches of business in the state and which derives considerable support from trade organizations in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth.

This better merchandising movement which is conducted in the manner of lyceum bureau, sending out business men of the state as lecturers in company with troupes of musical and dramatic artists who appear with the lecturers in two-day programs in each town, is attracting nation-wide attention in merchandising circles. Mr. Mann is at present speaking widely before trade organizations and conventions in various states and also in Canada, explaining the workings of the association and its ultimate aims.

At the request of Minneapolis advertising men, Mr. Mann last night consented to deliver a talk on "his community development plan before the Better Business convention of the Ninth Reserve district, to be held in Minneapolis March 19 to 26.

Mr. Mann said that fully 90 per cent of the small town merchants in the northwest do not advertise and that no program of constructive advertising direct to the consumer has yet been undertaken by any manufacturer or jobber in the country. He declared that unless jobbers and manufacturers would get together and develop some plan to assist the small retail merchants in the disposal of their goods thru direct-to-the-consumer advertising, all small town merchants in the northwest would be forced out of business by the growing encroachments of the mail order business.—Minneapolis Tribune.

## To Take Post Graduate Course

Doctors Scholberg, Juul and Baker well known Williston dentists will leave next Sunday for Fargo where they will take a post graduate course in Nerve blocking and anesthesia which is being conducted there by Arthur E. Smith D. D. S. M. D., of Chicago, Ill. Dr. Smith is recognized as one of the leading men in the United States in this particular line of work.

The course will last for six days and evenings and consists of lectures and clinical work which will keep the doctors very busy. Their offices will be closed during their absence from the city but will be opened again Monday morning, March 24.

Have you tried Hogan's Cafe lately?

## Ten Dollars Offered To Start Contest

A prominent Williams county citizen offered to deposit with the Graphic or with some womens club or lodge of the city the sum of \$10. to be given as a prize to the girl of the Williston High School graduating class who makes the best graduating dress.

We would suggest that some womens club of the city take this over and, also secure others so that three or four worth while prizes may be offered on a contest of this kind. The gentleman making this offer stated that while sewing was being taught in the Williston school not much chance has been given the pupils for the display of their skill in sewing.

A contest of this kind would not only be of great benefit and a saving to the girls of the graduating class but would display to the public what the girls of the high school could do in the line of sewing.

We hope that some womens organization of the city will start this contest and notify the girls of the graduating class as soon as possible. The Graphic will gladly secure the \$10 which has been offered to start the contest going and turn it over to those who wish to put it on. If your club is interested in this matter let us know at once and we will do all in our power to help the cause along.

## Flooded With Whiskey and Beer

Sheriff Mackenroth with the aid of Deputy Dan Jacobson emptied into the court yard about \$3,000 worth of beer and whiskey. This was a collection that had been accumulating in the sheriff's possession for some time and fearing robbery or violence of some sort on account of having such a large supply on hand, it was decided to destroy it.

This action was taken by the order of the court and with the exception of a small quantity of whiskey which is being held for the Federal authorities and, will be shipped this month to Fargo, the court house is as dry as a desert. Over 100 gallons of whiskey and several barrels of beer was destroyed last night and we presume that the sheriff and his deputy must have worn gas masks as they do not seem to have suffered any from the fumes that must have arisen from the amber fluid.

Another interesting feature reported from the sheriff's office is that no arrests have been made since Monday went dry the first of the year, on any liquor charges.

## Famous 63rd Artillery Stops At Williston

Monday of this week the famous 63rd. Field Artillery stopped here at Williston for a few minutes on their way to Camp Lewis to be mustered out.

This regiment is the only American regiment to be honored by the French Government and while in France they were presented with the French Flag by the French Government. They certainly looked their part and was about as fine a looking bunch of American soldiers that we ever witnessed. Two troop trains were carrying the boys and the first one arrived here at about 4:10 P. M. while the other came in about 4:30.

During their short stay in the city they paraded up the main street and the Williston branch of the Red Cross presented them with bananas, oranges, apples, candies, cigarettes, etc.

There were about 31 officers on the trains and over 1000 men.

## GERMAN BLOCAGE TO BE LIFTED SOON

ALLIES PLAN TO LIFT THE  
BLOCAGE IN ORDER TO  
COMBAT BOLSHEVISM

Paris, March 10.—The supreme economic commission is expected to resume conferences with the Germans at Brussels immediately.

The new plan mapped out by the supreme war council, will, it is believed, be readily accepted by the enemy. This provides:

First, partial removal of the economic blockade, permitting Germany to export such commodities as coal and potash.

Second, establishment of neutral credits by Germany.

Third, use of Germany's gold reserve, if money raised by other means falls short of the amount needed.

A Race with Revolution

This program constitutes no back-down by the Allies. It fits in completely with the additional terms included in the armistice during January. Increasingly serious conditions in Germany, threatening the present government, merely made imperative Allied decision on details immediate.

In return for enactment of this program, which will enable the Germans to purchase enough food to last until the next harvest is available in August, the enemy will be required to turn over practically its entire merchant fleet. These ships, which will be used largely in repatriating American and Austrian soldiers, will bring back food supplies on their return trips.

A report was circulated today that Admiral Wemyss will preside at the coming sessions of the economic council, of which Bernard Baruch and Thomas Lamont are the American members.

Delay Sending in Food

Foreign Minister Pichon, in his weekly conference with correspondents said the Allies recognized the necessity for sending supplies into Germany, knowing that hunger would breed disorder and act adversely to the Allies' own interest. He said the Allies took the position that they were ready to supply food and find the necessary credits, but that the Germans must first declare themselves ready to carry out the terms of the armistice and hand over their ships.

Pichon said the union of German Austria and Germany cannot be accomplished until it is ratified by the peace conference. This, he said, was doubtful.

The conference is making such rapid progress, according to Pichon, that definite conclusions probably will be reached earlier than seemed possible two weeks ago.

## Local Elks Lodge Elects 1919 Officers

At a regular meeting of the Elks Lodge held Saturday evening at the Elks' Home the following officers were elected for the coming year:

H. L. Weatherwax, Exhaulted Ruler.  
C. D. Milloy, Leading Knight.  
George Harvey, Loyal Knight.  
Fred Seneshal, Lecturing Knight.  
V. G. Dickey, Secretary.  
John Oveson, Tyler.  
S. M. Hyde, Treasurer.  
Waldo Leonhardy, Trustee.

A house committee was also elected which is composed of the following members: S. D. Scott, William Brodrick, Fred Kleinsorge, E. H. Weil, and E. C. McKrill.

## GOOD ROAD MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY

GOOD ROADS MEETING HELD AT  
COURT HOUSE MARCH 11—  
WELL REPRESENTED

The County Superintendent of Public Highways, Mr. A. F. Young, called a meeting March 11th for the purpose of formulating plans and discussing the various problems connected with the good road movement.

Well Represented

Present at this meeting were the Board of County Commissioners, Ivan Metzger, Supt. of County Highways, and J. E. Kaulfuss, Asst. Chief Engineer of Bismarck, N. D. Thirty two of the fifty three townships within the county were represented by the chairman of the township board.

Mr. Metzger acted as chairman. He stated that it was not to be expected that good roads would be built in all parts of the county in one, five or ten years, but that it was the beginning of a good move and the main object in view first was trunk line roads, leading to towns where the traffic is heaviest. He also explained the old way of expending the township road funds and that the dollar has been spent only 60 per cent efficiently.

Mr. J. E. Kaulfuss, the assistant Chief Engineer of Bismarck, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on practical road building and the different ways in parts of the country in financing the building of roads. He stated that, "approximately \$150,000 of the Federal Aid Fund will be available for Williams county during the next three years, providing the county is willing to spend an equal amount in conjunction with the Federal Government. The Economic school and social value of good roads was brought out by him and statistics showing where it cost 51c per ton mile on a poor road against 31c on a good road.

Financial Condition

Mr. Aaen, the county auditor explained the financial condition of Williams county in regard to road and bridge funds, and that there will be available approximately \$60,000 of which \$30,000 will be spent on the Federal Road Project, leading from Williston to Ray, a distance of thirty miles. He stated that, "the townships could levy ten mills or one per cent, but the county was limited to a five mill levy, and this year on account of the building of the Federal Road, and purchasing of machinery, the county will not be in as good a position financially, to aid the township as they will be succeeding years.

This movement taken by the county commissioners, in building the county roads with the county road funds is entirely new for this section of the country, but has been in practice in some of the adjoining counties and excellent results obtained.

Instead of the old system by which the grades, cuts and fills were let by contract, the county now proposes to complete its own roads with its own machinery.

Townships co-operating with the county, will receive aid from the county financially and the advice of the Superintendents office.

Townships under the contract system, may if they so wish, receive aid from the county, but the work will be under the supervision of the County Superintendent.

After Mr. Kaulfuss had finished his illustrated lecture, in which he showed about seventy different pictures in the making of macadam, stone, clay, sand and gravel roads, the meeting was opened for discussion by Mr. Metzger, and the outline of the years work will result therefrom.

## Local Shoe Man Receives Burns

A. Shikany proprietor of the Shikany Shoe Repairing Shop on West Broadway received some very painful burns about the face the latter part of last week.

Mr. Shikany had his dinner brought to him at the shop and along with it a pail of tea. The tea he set on a small oil stove to keep it warm and when he was ready to drink it he removed it and was about to remove the lid when it blew up throwing hot tea into his eyes and about his face. It seems that a quantity of steam had collected in the pail and on account of the tight cover could not escape and it had pressure enough to blow up. Mr. Shikany was taken to his home and medical aid summoned. He was blind for about seventy hours after the accident and was confined to his home for several days. He is back on the job again and recovering nicely after the accident. There is one thing Mr. Shikany will steer clear of after this and that is Gun Powder tea.

## EXCELLENT TALKS GIVEN AT PROGRAMS

TWO SPEAKERS HERE FOR PRO-  
GRAMS—MERCHANTS DO GOOD  
BUSINESS

Monday and Tuesday of this week were community days in Williston and the programs that were given at the Armory were fairly well attended. On the first day of the program Alex Karr of Jamestown gave a very interesting talk on Opportunity and much good was obtained from his talk. He dwelt a great deal on the trade at home idea and the co-operative idea in the community. His talk was preceded by a musical program by the Victory Girls Quartet.

Music Program Light

The class of music rendered by the Victory Quartet was of a very light nature, being mostly popular songs which have long ago grown old to the people of Williston. The girls played a varied collection of musical instruments and they impressed us very much as "Jacks of all Trades and masters of none." In an interview with Alex Karr he stated, "the programs are going over big through the state and especially in the smaller towns but in towns and cities the size of Williston we are having some difficulty due to the fact that the people in these cities are too metropolitan." We heartily agree with him on this statement and while the lectures with these programs are excellent they must have, in order to make a success with them, stronger musical talent for the larger towns and cities.

H. M. Clark Talks

On Tuesday afternoon and evening H. M. Clark, successful hardware merchant of Lake Field, Minn., gave a very interesting and instructive talk on what has been accomplished in his community with a community club and a community house. We outlined fully the plan followed in his town in the perfecting of their organization and what they hoped would be accomplished elsewhere with similar organizations. There was not a very large crowd at the meeting on Tuesday evening and we were sorry that more of the merchants of the city could not have heard this talk.

Good Business Reported

During the two community days the Williston stores offered special bargains in all departments and the people took advantage of them is evident by the fact that the majority of the merchants reported a very good business for these days. This goes to show what a little co-operation along the line of advertising will do for the local merchants and we are in hopes that they will continue the good work they have started.

The next Community Program comes sometime the first of next month and it is hoped that more people will attend the coming program and give them their support.

## NEW FEDERAL BOARD REDUCE WAR PRICES

WILL CUT PRICE OF PIG IRON  
FIRST—NECESSITIES OF LIFE  
GIVEN SECOND RATING

Washington, March 10.—The government this week expects to take its first direct step to bring down war prices.

Through the newly organized Industrial board an effort will be made to realize a big reduction in the price of iron and steel. There will be a conference here Wednesday of a committee of steel and iron men, recently appointed by the industry and headed by Judge E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation.

The plan is to have the steel men and the board agree on prices at which iron and steel will be sold and the industry has agreed to co-operate in reducing prices to relieve the present business stagnation. The price of pig iron, the basis of the industry, probably will be the first to be reduced and the board plans to fix a price that will stand for some time so as to assure confidence in going ahead with business projects.

The prices of food, textile and building materials will be taken up after the steel and iron problem is settled.

The complete personnel of the new board is announced today. George N. Peek, Moine, Ill., formerly with the war industries board, is chairman. Other members are Samuel P. Bush, Columbus, Ohio; William Ketter, West Virginia; Anthony Carmine, commissioner of immigration; Thomas K. Glenn, Atlanta; George R. James, Memphis; T. C. Powell, Cincinnati.