WHY NOT MAKE FARMER BOYS PARTNERS IN THE BUSINESS?

(BY H. S. H.)

IN SPITE of high prices for farm products, in spite of prosperity of the farmers, the boys are still leaving the farm. The New York state food supply committee reports that 41,000 sons of the present generations of farmers in that state have given up farm work and in Dutchess county alone 794 farmers' sons have left the farm to engage in other work. Figures for other states are not available, but one may guess that the number of farmers' sons, in proportion to the population, leaving to enter other lines of work, generally in cities or towns, is about the same, and one wonders why.

The curious course of nature is partly responsible. Not all farmers' sons are meant for the farm. Many a good scientist, inventor, doctor or business man would have been lost to the world had he remained on his father's farm, and he might have made a poor farmer. The United States would have been deprived of the services of one of its best generals, who died recently, had he remained on the farm and he considered himself no more than a mediocre farmer. Some farmer boys, reaching an age when they begin to think seriously of their future, know that farm life is not for them, that their activities must lie in other lines, and away from the farm they go.

Some others there are who leave the farms because of what they consider the monotony of the life. They want people, lights, action and the excitement of a city. They may have their desire for city life satiated in time and return to the farm, or they may not.

But the great majority of farmer boys would stay on the farms if their fathers made it worth their while. Some fathers do. As their sons approach manhood they are taken into partnership and share land or profits as well as hard labor. The average farmer boy has no such participation in the business. He differs from the ordinary farm hand whom his father employs in that the hired man gets $30 or $45 a month in addition to his board and lodging, while the farmer's son gets an occasional $5 besides his board, room and clothes. As a favor, his father may allow him to work for another farmer a few days, now and then, for a little extra money.

The farmer's son is the poorest paid employe in the United States. That is why so many of them leave the farm, and no one can blame them. Their alternative is to continue working hard, year after year, until their parents die and perhaps leave them the property they have earned several times over by their labor, or to leave the farm and try their fortunes as something else.

If a boy shows an ability as a farmer; if he is willing, energetic and is successful in growing the crops he plants, his father would make no mistake by making him a partner in the farm or by helping him buy a farm of his own. When successful farmers come to give their sons the same cooperation that the sons of successful business men receive, there will be less complaint about boys leaving the farm.

Whether there is any truth in the doctrine or not, a belief in fatalism is a pwerful aid to the soldier in war. Thus he goes into battle self convinced that if he is destined to be killed or wounded, nothing can save him, and if not, nothing can harm him.

If a man sets himself up as a conscientious objector to military service, let him be sure that the prompting is really one of conscience and not of selfishness or cowardice.

What argument is there against using hay in making bread? It is popularly supposed that it has been used a long time in the making of breakfast food.

The only real objection to a meatless day is that that is the one day when one really wants meat.

Soldiers will have a trip on the water wagon before boarding transports for France.

Exiles Return To Mexico

MEXICO'S political exiles are returning home. Many have already received amnesty and gone back to their native land and to their property, abandoned during the years of revolution. They will start in to rebuild their shattered fortunes and it is to be hoped they will cooperate faithfully with all other Mexicans in rebuilding at the same time, the shattered fortunes of the Mexican nation.

Many exiles who have not yet returned to Mexico may soon do so. Gen. Luis Terrazas, for one, has applied to the government for the restoration of his family estates and his application for amnesty is anticipated. He will go back, if he goes, under conditions far different from those of the days when it was said that his herds aggregated 300,000 head of cattle and that 85,000 calves were branded for him every year on his numerous great ranches. Some of his properties have been much damaged and his herds decimated. Revolution has taken a heavy toll of the whole state of Chihuahua and the Terrazas properties have been as hard hit as any. However, El Pasoans who for the past several years have seen Gen. Terrazas on his daily walks, with two friends accompanying him always, will be glad when his home is restored to him, and when he can pick up the broken ends of life. The same is true of a host of others. Mexico has a place for them if they are disposed, as now appears, to give faithful allegiance to the new government.

The men who made Mexico once upon a time and the men who are trying to reconstruct it now ought to work out the country's salvation together.

An El Paso Acting Governor

EL PASO has broken into the limelight of Texas with an acting governor, impressing anew upon the minds of south and east Texans that El Paso really is a part of the state as well as the ex officio capital of New Mexico and Arizona. And, say what you will, having an El Paso man sitting in the governor's chair, even temporarily, will draw us a little closer to Austin.

Witness the comment of the Houston Post:

"There is nothing common about either the man or his name and 'Gov. Hudspeth' will not sound a bit harsh to any Texan. Senator Hudspeth has been one of the most virile forces in the Texas legislature and when he settles down in the gubernatorial chair while Gov. Ferguson takes a few days off this summer, that chair will be filled as comfortably as it has been under any recent administration.

"Making the El Paso man president pro tempore of the senate was a graceful tribute to his part of the state. It gives a west Texan the honor of being called 'governor'—and that without the doubtful pleasure of spending $30,000 for it."

Of 420,200 Texans subject to registration under the selective draft law, according to the estimate of the United States census bureau, 80,000 will be required for the full complement of 2,000,000 men. Of this 80,000, one-fourth or 20,000 will be needed as the Texas contingent of the first 500,000 troops.

German people are still bitterly fighting among themselves about peace.

In anticipation of going dry in about two years, New York has gone into training by closing the bars and cafes at 1 a. m.

Knowledge is power if the gun crew sees the U-boat first.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of this Date, 1903.

MRS. Hunter, from eastern Texas, is in the city visiting Mrs. W. W. Turney for a week or two.

A. P. Coles was host of an informal dinner party last night at the Toltec club.

Miss Teasdale, of St. Louis, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. D. Rolston, and will spend some time in El Paso.

Mrs. A. M. Loomis will entertain a few friends at her home on south El Paso street this evening.

Miss Mamie Sexton expects to leave in a few days for Huntsville, Tex., to visit her sister, Mrs. E. Estill.

A large dance is to be given next Friday night by the Social club. This is the last affair to be given this season by the club.

Miss Grayson is expected from Missouri, to visit her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grayson, on North Florence street.

Mrs. T. A. Falvey expects to leave for Cloudcroft in the next few days to spend the summer. She will occupy the cattage of Mrs. U. S. Stewart.

The State Federation of Woman's clubs will meet in Fort Worth next September and Mrs. O. C. Irvin has been elected to attend to represent the Woman's club of El Paso.

The Impromptu club will give one of their delightful entertainments on the 29th of this month and the young people are looking forward to it with much pleasure.

Mrs. G. P. Drodge, accompanied by her sister, will leave tonight for San Antonio to visit relatives.

Secretary E. E. Russell, of the chamber of commerce, accompanied by his wife, is visiting points of interest down the valley and securing photos of the different farms, illustrating farming interests in this section of the country.

Miss Irene Barclay left Saturday for her home in eastern Texas. Miss Barclay was the primary teacher at the Central school during the past year.

For the first time in history, one of the greatest English religious societies has elected a woman president. Mrs. Barrow Cadbury having been made president of the Sunday school union, which has nearly 400,000 members.

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE

BY COFFMAN

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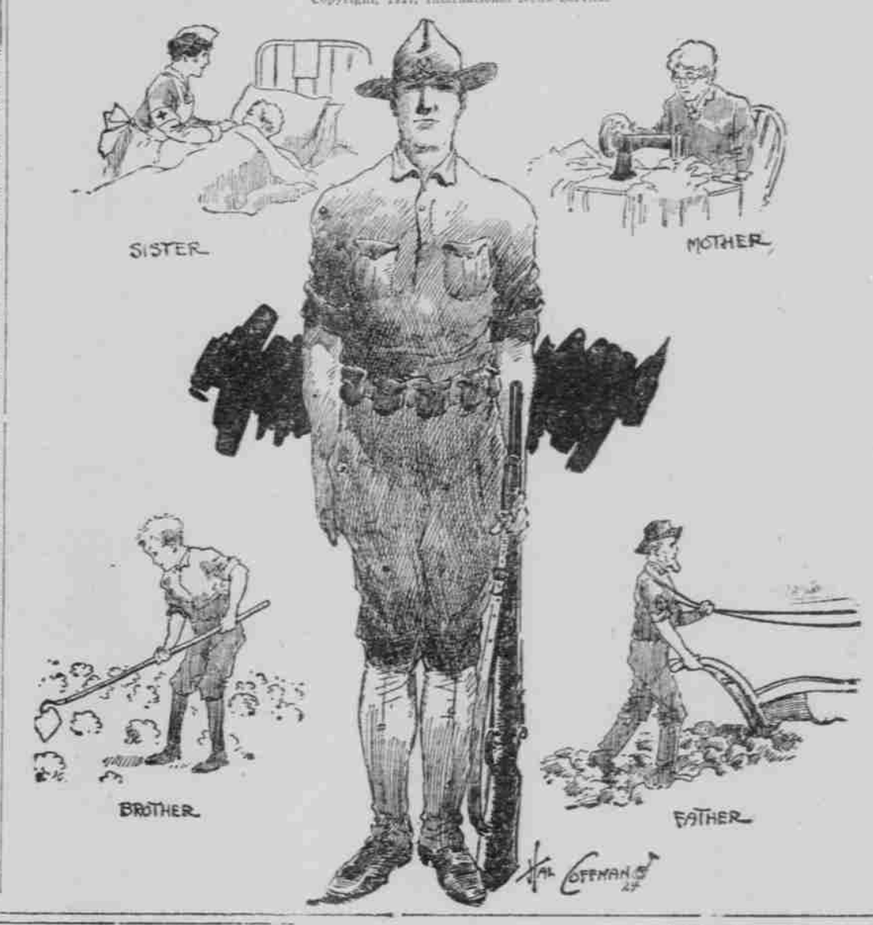

Abe Martin

Th' newest thing in stallers is th' feller that looks downcast an' says "I wish I wuz young enough t' enlist." Some folks go clean thro' life without savin' anything but a little tin foil.

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Short Snatches From Everywhere

Looks like that Hindenburg line is all snarled up.—Dallas Times-Herald.

Food control is a good thing, but if you don't get busy in that garden you may not have any food to control.—Beaumont Enterprise.

We won't really realize that we are in the war until some impertinent submarine pops up in New York harbor and reminds us with a well directed shell.—Clovis (N. M.) Journal.

Some congressmen will take over an hour to tell their colleagues that the people are complaining because congress does not speed up on war legislation. Results would have been reached sooner had they not wasted that hour or more.—Austin American.

Bedtime Story For the Little Ones

UNCLE WIGGILY IN THE DITCH.

By HOWARD R. GARIS.

"WHY, Uncle Wiggily Longears!" exclaimed Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper for the old gentleman rabbit, as she watched him come out of the hollow stump bungalow one morning with a hoe, rake and shovel over his shoulder. "Are you going to make a garden?"

"No, indeed!" laughed the bunny rabbit. "It is quite too late to do that. All gardens are planted by now."

"But you seem to be going to dig something," went on the muskrat lady.

"I am," Uncle Wiggily answered. "I'm going to dig a trench."

"What's a trench?" asked Miss Fuzzy Wuzzy.

"It's like a ditch, only it hasn't any water in it," explained Mr. Longears. "Now that I am a soldier, fighting for my country against the biting mosquitoes, I must dig a trench in front of my tent."

"What for?" asked Nurse Jane.

"Oh, so that I and the other animal boys—Sammie Littletail, the rabbit, and Johnnie and Billie Bushytail, the squirrels—can hide down in the dry ditch, or trench, and be safe from harm when the mosquito enemy fires stones at us," said Uncle Wiggily. "Safety first, you know, Nurse Jane!"

"Yes, that's what it says on the little red button the animal children wear when they go to school," spoke the muskrat lady. "Well, I'll watch you dig the trench, Uncle Wiggily," and, having washed her dishes, the muskrat lady sat down in front of the white tent which the bunny rabbit had set up in front of his hollow stump bungalow, and there, in the shade, Nurse Jane watched Mr. Longears dig. Or I should call him Captain Longears, since he was in the animal army making war on the bad biting mosquitoes.

With his shovel, rake and hoe Uncle Wiggily dug, in front of his tent, a long ditch or trench. It was just like a little brook, or river, except that it was straight, and not crooked, and it had no water in it.

"There," at last exclaimed Uncle Wiggily, as he threw out the last shovelful of earth, "my trench-ditch is done, and now when the enemy mosquitoes come to fight us we soldiers can crawl in it and keep out of the way of the stones they throw at us."

"That's good," said Nurse Jane. "And now will you come in and have some carrot soup and roasted turnip with parsley gravy sauce sprinkled over it?"

"Thank you," said Uncle Wiggily. "I believe I will," and he did, eating in his hollow stump bungalow that day instead of in his soldier tent, and not cooking his meal over his camp fire as he usually did.

After school all the animal boys—the rabbits, the squirrels, Jackie and Peltie Bow Wow, the puppies; Jimmie Wibblewobble, the duck, and others—came to practice with Uncle Wiggily, doing forward marching, beating the drum, firing off bean-shooting popguns, waving wooden swords and the like of that.

"For we must be ready when the mosquito enemy comes," said Billie Wagtail, the goat.

"Oh, what a nice tunnel Uncle Wiggily has dug!" criedOllie Longtail, the mouse boy, as he saw the fresh earth.

"That isn't a tunnel," said Uncle Wiggily. "That's a trench, or ditch, and we will do our fighting from there. Ready now! Forward—march! Into the trench!" and the boy animals hopped or crawled or flew into it, just according to the way they walked, and waited for the mosquitoes to come. And then they made believe the enemy was near and fired the wooden broomstick and bean-shooting guns at them.

"Very well done!" called Uncle Wiggily gaily. "I think we shall soon beat the mosquito army and then we will have peace."

For two or three days the animal boys practiced in the ditch or trench Uncle Wiggily had dug, and then one afternoon, when they were all in school, Uncle Wiggily was in the ditch alone. He saw a big cloud of mosquitoes coming toward him, but quickly he crouched down where they could not throw stones at him, and he fired talcum and tooth powder at them.

"Oh, we shall never catch that rabbit, for now he hides in a ditch dug in the ground," said a captain mosquito.

"Yes, maybe we can," spoke another.

"How?" asked a third.

"If, with our strong bills we could bite holes in the sides of the ditch and let the water from the duck pond ocean flow in it," said the second mosquito, "we would soon drown out Uncle Wiggily. He can't stand water, and when it runs in his trench he'll hop out quickly enough and we'll get him!"

"Good!" cried all the other mosquitoes, only I think it was bad; don't you? Anyhow, the unpleasant, nipping bugs began biting holes in the sides of Uncle Wiggily's ditch. He did not know it, for he was marching up and down at the far end like a soldier sentry.

Then out came Nurse Jane, not having seen the mosquitoes biting holes in the rabbit gentleman's ditch.

"It looks like rain, Uncle Wiggily," said the muskrat lady housekeeper, "and, as I am going away for the afternoon and will have to lock the bungalow, I've brought out your rubber coat, hat and boots."

"Good!" said the bunny uncle. "I'll keep them near me."

Then all of a sudden, a little later, the mosquitoes bit through the sides of the ditch, and in rushed the water from the duck pond ocean.

"Hurray!" cried the bad bugs. "Now we'll get Uncle Wiggily! He'll have to get out when the water runs in his trench-ditch, and we can capture him!"

In rushed the water, but did Uncle Wiggily get out? Indeed, he did not get out. He just put on his rubber boots, coat and hat and stood there, shooting talcum powder at the mosquitoes until they were glad to fly away. And then Uncle Wiggily pasted court plaster over the holes in the walls of his trench, pumped out the water and was as safe as ever.

So the mosquitoes did not get him that time, anyhow, and if the June bugs doesn't play his phonograph at the wrong time and make the moving pictures sneeze, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and his coat.—Copyright, 1917, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

LETTERS to THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

BILLBOARD ENCOURAGEMENT.

Editor El Paso Herald:

I read with considerable interest and approval John Wyatt's defence of civic pride in The Herald Wednesday. However, he overlooked the fact that his firm is a party to the bill board offence against the public and good business in general.

Banking institutions, especially those that acknowledge leadership, above all others are not only guardians of public funds but of community interests.

The First National bank, of which Mr. Wyatt is vice president, spends a big sum annually on the bill boards. This is really a piece of dynamite in the hands of the bill board man.

When Mr. Wyatt's firm sets the example, it is hard for the struggling El Paso business man not to follow the lead of one of El Paso's most successful business enterprises.

However, our unbiased personal opinion is that the bill boards have never contributed $1 to the success of the First National bank.

Mesa Avenue.

Hogwallow Locals

By DUNK HOTTS.

MISS FRUZIE ALLSOP will devote the balance of her life or at least the rest of the spring and summer, to art, and has already painted the ocean.

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The other morning, while letting his mind rest, Dock Hocks wondered at what a scrub lot of people there would be in America today if the good ship Mayflower had got submarined.

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Atlas Peck was a visitor in the Cafi Ribs neighborhood this week, and started to wave at the train but his mule got to cutting up

Little Interviews

Isolated Wards Big Help In Fighting Disease Former Soldier Names Lynchville, Best Town

"THE construction of the four isolated wards at the county hospital will do much to eliminate contagious diseases in El Paso county," said Dr. T. J. McCamant. "Because of the lack of such wards there has been much more contagious disease in the city than there should be, and physicians have also been handicapped in treating these cases. Just as soon as plans and specifications are completed work will be started on these wards. They will be erected near the main hospital and will be of modern construction. Despite the fact that the city and county have been unable to reach an agreement on the caring of the sick I am confident that an agreement satisfactory to both governments will be reached at an early date. In the meantime the county will charge the city $1.25 per day per patient."

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"The work of registering the men of military age in the city is a much more difficult task than most people imagine," said John M. Wyatt. "It will require much careful work, but mayor Charles Davis is arranging a carefully worked out system whereby there will be sufficient clerks at the precincts to fill out the cards of the men who come to register. Persons who can should register as early as possible to facilitate the work. The precincts, however, will be kept open until 9 oclock in the evening so that men who cannot register during working hours can, after their day's work is through."

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"Through the assistance of The El Paso Herald, I gave Lynchville its present name," said Albert Biefer, of the customs service. "About 10 years ago when I was soldiering at Fort Bliss with the 29th infantry, I was The Herald's correspondent at the post. Of course a great deal of our news came from occurrences at Lynchville, and I would send in items to The Herald dated Lynchville, as Mr. Lynch was the leading citizen of the settlement. With the publishing of this name by The Herald, the readers soon took it up and the section is now known as Lynchville."

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"The prohibiting of the sale of intoxicants to officers and soldiers of the United States army is, in my opinion wrong," said Capt. F. E. Tusten, of the G. A. R. "A soldier is just as human as any one, and when he volunteers his services to the country he should be given some consideration. I am not an antagonist to universal prohibition, but I believe that an officer and a soldier should have his rights as well as a civilian."

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"If there was an actual scarcity of foodstuff," said R. G. Tupper, "there would be some excuse for the high prices being charged the people for food. But instead of there being a food shortage there is more flour, meat and other provisions in this country today than there was a year ago and this fact has been established by a government survey. I was told by a local merchant the other day that one house in El Paso has 590 tons of flour it could sell at $3.60 per hundred and make a handsome profit and that other middlemen here hold as much as two and three hundred tons of flour each, which would yield them a good profit at $3.60 per hundred. It is a certainty that the real producer, the farmer, is not profiting by the present prices. The men who are deliberately speculating on the hunger of the poor women and children of the country should be hunted out and hung as any other murderer or highway robber is hung. I consider Mr. Wilson a great man, but the government has been derelict in its duty in not taking charge of the food of the country six months ago. The masses of the people are being impoverished to satisfy the greed of a *few*."

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"Walter Earnart and wife of El Paso, are spending some time in Japan," said A. P. Coles, "and in a letter to me Mr. Earhart says that a wonderful change has taken place in Japan's attitude toward Americans. When he was in Japan two years ago he found among the people a strong anti American sentiment and the people there in all walks of life made no effort to conceal their antagonism for America and Americans. But today Mr. Earhart says the Japanese people are most cordial in their attitude toward Americans and are eager to show their friendship for this country. Mr. Earhart who has spent considerable time in Japan in the last five or six years, believes the Japanese want to be our friends but their national pride and resentment was aroused by the California legislation against Japanese immigrants."

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"I guess people are tired of bearing expressions about El Paso's growth, but I can't help but remark on it," said R. L. Kerwin, of Terre Haute. "This is my first visit here in six years and in that short space of time the town has grown so that it is positively amazing. I have been in many cities but I have never seen one that, in proportion to the population, had such a wealth of good paving. And a city can have no better advertisement than that."

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"Provost guards are not supposed, ordinarily, to arrest civilians," said Capt. Charles Eby. "But most civilians have the mistaken idea that the military police can't arrest a civilian under any circumstances. If trouble comes up in which both civilians and soldiers are involved—say a riot, for instance—the provost are necessarily under compulsion to deal with both. And they have the authority to do it."

Roundabout Town

Ozark Trails Road Likely To Come To El Paso Dr. Johnson Believes It Can Be Brought Here

By G. A. MARTIN.

THAT El Paso stands an excellent chance to secure the Ozark trail is the opinion of Dr. S. M. Johnson, of Ruidoso, N. M., who is in El Paso and who is to give an illustrated address at the Amarillo convention, June 28 with 100 colored views showing the roads, facilities and attractions which New Mexico, including El Paso, has to offer to the autotourist. Dr. Johnson is in close touch with the Ozark Trails movement and an authority on road matters.

The original plan of the Ozark Trails was the construction of a hard-surfaced rapid transit highway from St. Louis by way of Springfield, Tulsa and other fixed points to a connection with the National Old Trails at Las Vegas or Albuquerque. This plan has been modified by including a route at the eastern end running southeast to Memphis. Dr. Johnson states that a strong sentiment developed at the Oklahoma City convention to include a connection with the Southern National Highway and Borderland route at El Paso as well as with the National Old Trails, thus affording choice of routes to California and including southern New Mexico as well as the northern part of the state.

Even at the present time the road is in good condition all the way from Amarillo by Roswell to El Paso. Between these two points there is not a single hill with a serious grade, he says. A few weeks ago H. T. Edwards left Clovis, N. M., at 4 a. m. in an Overland, took breakfast in Roswell and at 7 p. m. the same day, took dinner in El Paso. Dr. Johnson thinks this is ample evidence of the condition of the road.

An attendance of from 15,000 to 20,000 is anticipated at the Amarillo convention, where the right kind of work will, it is hoped, lead to the inclusion of the short line from Amarillo to El Paso. Since St. Louis is the gateway of that portion of the United States where autos are most plentiful, the importance of this as a tourist-route is readily grasped. The military importance has recently been emphasized by a resolution offered in the senate by senator Owens, calling the attention of the federal government to the Ozark Trails and in particular to the southwest diagonal from Amarillo to El Paso as of great importance in the movement of troops.

El Paso, Roswell and Alamogordo delegates will cooperate at Amarillo in urging the extension of a branch of the Ozark Trails road to this city.

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Mexico hasn't anything to make her break off with Germany over the U-boat business. All her boats have been sunk and all her citizens who have money enough to travel are expatriated.

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Bud Rutherford wrote a sparling bend about trapshooters and Tom Jones, the printer, with his mind more on pleasure than business, set it in type to read crapshooters.

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For the benefit of the uninitiated, "props" in stage parlance means properties used in a show—furniture, pictures, anything inanimate.

In the present production of the Teal show at the Crawford, Miss Pansy DeLacour, as pretty a little miss as ever sang a song or acted a role on an El Paso stage, is cast in a character part that requires a hideous makeup, and she rebelled at it.

"Never mind; you'll have to take it," said Raymond Teal, the manager. "It is not possible to give out parts to your liking all the time; you were engaged for diversified parts."

"Yes, I know, but you didn't hire me as 'props,'" said Miss DeLacour, as she pouted prettily.

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If is the biggest stumbling block to success and progress.

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What has become of the old fashioned man who used to stick his lead pencil in his mouth before he tried to write with it?

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If the prospective recruits only had as much confidence in the national guard officers as some of the officers have in themselves, it wouldn't be hard to fill up the state organizations.

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IF THE FERTILIZER THE ARMY IS TO GIVE THE VALLEY FARMERS DOES NOT HOLD OUT, WE HAVE A LOT OF CITIZENS WHO CAN TALK A LOT MORE OF IT.

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W. G. Roe is reported as experimenting in an effort to cross strawberries and milkweed, as a war measure to produce strawberries and cream and thus conserve the milk supply.

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Have you received your engraved card yet? President Wilson is sending one to every man who volunteers his services to the country through the chief executive. He is said, however, to be filing the letters away for possible future use, and this may, when it becomes known, reduce the demand on the supply of engraved cards.

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The man who threatens to resign every time he fails to have his way, should not be opposed—in his declaration—for the organization could get along better without him in most cases.

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Ross M. Lockhart, age 9, son of L. E. Lockhart, of the Rio Grande Oil company, has a savings bank account of his own. They talked Liberty loan at school and when he got home he told his dad to buy him a $100 bond and take the money from his savings account. He is likely the youngest owner of $100 bond bought by his own money in the southwest.

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The Cole Motor Car company has notified all dealers that it will accept Liberty bonds in payment for cars at a premium of 2 percent, allowing $102 for every $100 bond.

TODAY'S DAINTIEST DISH

BY CONSTANCE CLARKE.

Cold Meat Sandwiches.

APPETIZING sandwiches may be made from left over meats that are ideal for luncheon, Sunday night supper or picnics. Take two cups of cold boned chicken and a half cup of cold boiled ham, cut these into small pieces in a chopping bowl, then mix one teaspoonful of curry paste with one half cupful of white sauce in a saucepan over the fire. When it boils mix into it the ham and chicken; take it from the fire and let cool. Cut some thin slices of bread and butter it. Spread the mixture of chopped meat and sauce evenly over one half the number of bread slices, and on the meat place sprigs of watercress or lettuce leaves, then cover with another slice of bread, pressing the two slices firmly together. Garnish with olives. —(Tomorrow—Peach and Rice Dessert.)

The Craven

THE man with spirit of a flunkey, says, "Better be a living donkey, than be a lion dead"; so he is trying, at this writing, all sorts of tricks to dodge the fighting, to shun the carnage red. But life is never worth the keeping, if, like a hound, you're cringing, creeping, among your fellow men; 'twere better far to seek the danger, and die, all shot up by a stranger, and then to die again. They will not let me take my gatling and go where thinner men are battling, because I am too fat; but for a chance to shoot a German, or kill him with a rhyming sermon, I'd give my Sunday hat. I cannot understand the slacker, who stays at home and chews tobacker, while neighbors march away; I can't imagine how he faces the filty-set disgraces he'll know some future day. A lion dead is something stately; we view his form and marvet greatly at his majestic mien; and with contempt our glance is straying, to where the jackass, loudly braying, defiles the tranquil scene.

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S. E. M. DEGREE IS ON TONIGHT

Teams of Council Masons To Confer Dramatic Work First Time.

Tonight in the red hall in Masonic temple the first exemplification of the degree of superexcellent master ever given in this section of Texas will be presented by working teams of El Paso council 98, Royal and Select Masters, in general charge of grand visitor R. R. Blankenship, of this city, who is the inspector of capitular and cryptic masonry for the western district of the state. A class of 40 candidates has been invited to receive the degree, preliminary to putting it on again in June for other members of the council who have not received it.

The degree deals with ancient Jewish and Persian history at the time of the destruction of the temple of Solomon, when the kingdom of Zedekiah was overthrown by Nebuchadnezzar's armies and the Jews carried into captivity at Babylon. The three scenes have the settings and costumes of that epoch and have been transplanted here through the efforts of Maj. Frank Wallace Hendley, grand master of the grand council of Ohio, who was here with troops from Cincinnati, and Mr. Blankenship. Rehearsals have been in progress all spring by the teams.

All S. E. M. Invited.

The work will begin at 7:30 oclock. All superexcellent masters have been given a general invitation and will be welcomed by committees. The Masons who will participate in the work are Lyman L. Burgess, George F. Morgan, John D. Mason, George E. Trost Frank J. Stephenson, John C. Ross, R. F. Hawley, W. W. Click, W. W. Scott, Horace B. Hayes, Brooks Dalton, Claude D. Miller, E. B. Baker, Rufe P. Church, S. C. Williamson, J. J. Mahan, W. R. Taylor, L. E. Gillett, George D. Slater, J. D. Richardson and R. B. Elliott.

Buffet lunch will be served.

Fraternity Works Tonight.

Degree work will be conferred at a called communication of Fraternity lodge, 1111, A. F. & A. M., tonight in its hall in the Lanier building. Tuesday night there also will be work.

Works Master Mason's Degree.

The master mason's degree will be conferred Monday and Wednesday nights in El Paso lodge, 120, A. F. & A. M. This will conclude the May schedule. The June bulletin probably will be circulated by June 4.

Helps Deep Well Drilling.

El Paso lodge, 282, Odd Fellows, probably was the first in the state to respond to the call of the Odd Fellows grand lodge of Texas for funds to assist in drilling a deep well at the Odd Fellows' home at Corsicana. The local lodge gave $280. The well will be sunk 3000 feet, if necessary, and is considered the only sure way to provide water for the home, which is situated a couple of miles out of that city. The grand lodge is asking $1 from each member in the state.

Canton Meets Tonight.

Canton del Paso, Odd Fellows, will meet tonight. Lodge 282 meets Monday night to give the third degree to a candidate. Western Rebekah, 191, the woman's auxiliary, met Thursday night.

Aid for Soldier Odd Fellows.

Grand master Charles L. Brachfield, of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Texas, has recommended to all subordinate lodges that they name committees to see that any member who may become delinquent through nonpayment of dues on account of his connection with the army or navy be carried on the record until the war is over, or if lost in action, his family to receive benefits from a fund to be raised in each lodge in addition to the regular sick benefits all Odd Fellows receive when incapacitated.

Improving K. C. Clubrooms.

At Thursday night's meeting of the Knights of Columbus, in their Myrtle avenue temple, business matters relating to the improvements to the clubrooms and gymnasiums were discussed. The changes have cost about $2500. The gym. may be moved into the basement.

On June 14 the Columbus Knights will confer the first degree. Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles, probably will witness the third degree during the third week in August. Mr. Scott is a national officer. He will lecture here.

A. O. U. W. Meets Tonight.

Members of the A. O. U. W lodge, 133, will meet at 7 oclock tonight in the office of J. A. Escaeda, county auditor, to hold a business session. Afterward they will go to a downtown dining room for supper, which will be informal and enlivened by talks by members. Fred Widman is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Templars Confer Degree.

The red cross degree was conferred Wednesday night by El Paso commandery 18, Knights Templar. Thursday night regular business was transacted.

Work in El Paso chapter, 157, Royal Arch Masons, probably will be renewed next week. Several candidates are in waiting.

Pythians Hear Delegates' Report.

A hall filled with Knights of Pythias Thursday night heard the written and oral reports of F. M. Piller, grand representative; John Wyler, James Connors and J. J. Finney, keeper of records and seal, regarding their attendance upon the grand lodge at Waco, May 8. Past grand chancellor U. S. Goen, gave a final talk, as he retires from official connection with the order, at least for the present. Three candidates will be given the rank of esquire at next Thursday's meeting.

Monday the uniform rank Knights of Pythias company, recently formed by J. S. Steed, will meet in Pythian hall Lanier building, to examine samples of uniforms and equipment. There are about 50 men enroled and it is proposed to raise the list to 100.

Will Celebrate Anniversary.

Committees of Tornillo camp, Woodmen of the World, are preparing for the 25th anniversary picnic to be held at Hueco tanks soon. C. C. Kiefer, recorder, has been ill for some time, but is reported recovering.

CARRIERS DAY.

Tomorrow being the last Saturday of the month Herald carriers will present bills for May subscriptions. Subscribers will please remember that Herald carriers are school boys and Saturday is the only day of the week they have to collect, and have the amount due ready for the boys.

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