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TRIBUTE TO HIS OLD COMMAND

General Clark Bids the 35th Division God Speed.

At the request of the editor of the "Tiger-Hawk", the official paper of the 35th Division, printed in Camp Doniphan, letters from the Governors of Missouri and Kansas, the Division Commander, General Wright, and Brigadier General Harvy C. Clark, Adjutant General of Missouri, were written for publication on the eve of the departure of the Division for France. The following is the letter written by General Clark:

"To the Officers and Men of the 35th Division:

In wishing you Godspeed on the eve of your departure for France, it is not necessary for me to tell you that it is the supreme sorrow of my whole life that I cannot go with you. Your Division is composed of members of the National Guard of Missouri and Kansas. I have served continuously with the former from the day I left military school, a young boy twenty-nine years ago. I served with many of you during the Spanish-American War, and the Missouri National Guard was under my command during the six months we were on the Mexican border in 1916. I commanded the thirteen thousand National Guard troops furnished by this state from the time they entered the federal service on August 5, 1917 until they moved to Camp Doniphan. I served with you at your present station until my discharge because of my inability to meet the physical test of the examining board on December 22, 1917, and it would be strange indeed if this long association with you had not resulted in an affectionate regard for you and a spirit of comradeship known only to those who have served together in the field. During the time I was with you at Camp Doniphan, I had opportunity to observe the Kansas National Guard and to know many of its officers intimately and well, and what I say to my own people applies to your comrades from our sister state who come from the same stock, having the same ideals and characteristics and separated only by an imaginary line marking the boundary between the two states. It is your good fortune to be commanded by a Regular officer of the highest standing in the army and whose service in the field has won him this command. His military ability is beyond question.

You represent the highest type of the American Volunteer. You are volunteers pure and simple. You entered the National Guard of your own accord and with motives of unselfish and disinterested devotion to the highest duty which an American citizen can perform. You took an obligation to serve your state and to answer the call of the nation should the emergency arise. The emergency has come and you have not faltered. Many of you have given your very lives to this service; no one knows better than the undersigned of your faithful and unswerving loyalty under the most discouraging circumstances and surroundings. You have been ridiculed and made light of, but you have not faltered. You have kept the faith. You have been given the acid test and the scoffers' lips have been forever silenced. The people of Missouri are proud of you and they pay homage to you, knowing that you will measure up to the best traditions of the American volunteer. You represent the first line troops furnished by Missouri and Kansas and you will soon demonstrate to the world on the battle fields of Europe that the virile manhood and rugged citizenship of your state, as exemplified in the Mexican War, the Civil War, the expedition commanded by a Missourian whose name your camp bears, and in the Spanish War, is not surpassed in any army in the world.

The heart of every loyal Missourian goes out to you and you will be in their thoughts constantly until you return. They do not tell you to do your duty; they know you will do that and more. And be assured that when you return they will welcome you with everlasting gratitude and undying appreciation. I can only keep camp for you while you are gone, but I will not fail you and yours, and if I am alive I will be here to welcome you when you return. If I could shake the hand of each officer and man in the Division I could not express to him what is in my heart; I could only say, "Good-bye old man and God bless you."

HARVEY C. CLARK.

Mrs. Adam Herman Dead.

The funeral of Mrs. Eva Herman, who died at her home a few miles northwest of town Wednesday night, of last week, was conducted at the home Saturday by the Rev. Weinmeister, of Amsterdam, and interment made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Commercial Club Meeting.

On account of the absence from the city of a number of the directors of the Commercial Club the meeting Tuesday evening was only a "talk-fest" and no important business was transacted.

The president appointed G. P. Wyatt, Mrs. J. F. Smith and Mrs. Wm. E. Walton as a committee to act in conjunction with the G. A. R. Post in arranging for a proper observance of Decoration Day.

Mayor James A. DeArmond addressed the club at some length in behalf of the fire department street sprinkling fund. On account of the depleted condition of the treasury the city can do nothing toward paying the expenses of street sprinkling and this necessary work must be paid for by voluntary subscriptions. So far the members of the fire department had not been able to secure enough subscriptions to justify them in starting the work. It requires a total of \$770.00 to sprinkle the streets during the season, pay for the driver, the feed and shoeing of the horses and to furnish sleeping accommodations for the three firemen who spend the nights at the station. More money is required this year than heretofore on account of the increased cost of operating the sprinkler and paying for feed for the horses. Mr. DeArmond suggested that the club should get behind the proposition and assist the boys of the fire department in securing the necessary subscriptions. After a lengthy discussion, the president appointed H. G. Cook, Paul B. Levy and T. A. Black as a committee to aid the fire department boys in completing the sprinkling fund.

H. G. Cook suggested that one way to save water in street sprinkling would be to purchase a street sweeper. A sweeper could be operated to great advantage, both in keeping the streets much cleaner than they are now kept and in the saving of water and the preventing of clouds of dust. Mayor DeArmond was not sure that the city council could at this time appropriate anything toward the purchase of a sweeper. A full discussion of the sweeper project followed, and

it was the opinion of the members present that a sweeper might be purchased by private subscription.

Mayor DeArmond addressed the club at some length on the necessity and desirability of providing parking places for farmers and others who come to Butler in autos. At the present time, on busy days, there is scarcely room anywhere in town for the autos, and on many of the side streets they are frequently parked two and three deep. The mayor said that he had looked over the city thoroughly, and so far as he was able to see there is only one way out of the difficulty at this time, and that is to widen Lyon street at points where it is now but little wider than an ordinary alley. He drew a rough map of the street from Dakota street north to Pine street, showing the places at which the street might be widened with benefit to the public at large and to the surrounding property. After the mayor had fully explained the necessity for more parking space for autos, a general discussion of the matter followed, and it was the opinion of those present that Lyon street should be widened. Three motions were then made and carried. One was to request the city council to begin proceedings to widen Lyon street north from Dakota street to Ohio street; the second one was to ask the widening of Lyon street north from Ohio street to Pine street; the third was to ask for the widening of Chestnut street east from North Main street to Lyon street which would necessitate the purchase of eight feet of the Courtney lot, the building on which was recently destroyed by fire.

M. E. Church, South, Revival.

The revival meetings, which commenced Sunday at the M. E. Church, South, are continuing each evening and afternoon. Rev. Starkey, the pastor, is preaching some powerful sermons to full houses every night. The music is in charge of Robert E. Huston, of Greenville, Texas. Besides being a fine singer and musical director he is active in the personal work of the meeting. The meetings will continue for at least two weeks after this one.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

When All of the Townships Have Reported it May be Found That Bates County Has Doubled Its Quota.

That the patriotic citizens of Bates county are thoroughly awake to the fact that it takes money as well as men to fight and win a war is evidenced by the way they are responding to the Third Liberty Loan drive. Wednesday, County Chairman, W. E. Duvall, was of the opinion that if all the townships were to report now it would be found that more than \$100,000 had been subscribed. Up to that time more than \$380,000 had been reported.

In the previous Liberty Loan drives Bates county did not subscribe quite so freely as was expected, but is more than making up for it this time.

Farmers, Beware!

There has been an article scattered broadcast over this state to the press of Missouri, as well as other states in regard to planting corn thicker than usual where a low germinating corn is to be planted. This article was issued from the Office of Intercultural U. S. D. A. The article in question should be censored by all newspapers as well as all wide-awake farmers, as it is not at all practical and gives the wrong impression to the corn growers of this state. Such practices would mean a great deal of thinning, which is injurious to the plants remaining. Now, Mr. Farmer, the article, I have reference to is not and you should test your seed corn before planting any only plant seed of strong germination. Although your corn may show 95 per cent or better germination, see that every ear shows strong germination. Now is the time to raise a bumper corn crop and the only way for you to do so is to plant strong germinating seed.

Know what you are doing, don't guess at your seed. Better be a few days later about planting and test each ear of your corn, you plant.

C. L. White, Emergency District Demonstration Agent, Clinton District.

To the Public.

When the Selective draft for Military Service became a law in the United States I was, with a number of other County Officials made a member of the Bates County Military Board by the Government, in which capacity I have served since that time to the best of my ability. I have tried to administer the duties of this office without fear or favor, and although the work has been strenuous and has required many extra hours of labor, taken, as it is, in connection with my regular duties as County Clerk, it has been given freely to the Government without pay.

There has not been, and should not be, any political favors in the administration of the work of the Bates County Military Board. Its work is of a nature so confining, and the registration of all men who have become twenty-one years of age since June 5th 1917, which we have already been notified that we will be required to do soon, will prevent me from making an active campaign in the interest of my Democratic renomination for the office of County Clerk; and as the term for which I was elected expires at the end of the present year, I must rely on my friends who understand the situation and appreciate the service I am rendering as a representative of the United States Government, to attend to this matter in my behalf.

During my service as a member of the Bates County Military Board, I have gained a large amount of information with regard to the details of the work, concerning the registration of men, their standing, their liability to call, etc. I feel that I am in a position to administer the requirements of the Government in the matter and help bring the organization of the Selective Draft quota of Bates County, Missouri, to a successful conclusion with greater fairness to all concerned than some one who has not made this work a study from its beginning, and who has not followed it from the very first and who is not acquainted with the rules and regulations governing the Selective Service Law.

Trusting that the voters through-

out Bates County will take those matters into consideration, and feeling that the best interest of all concerned will be served by my re-election to the office which I now hold, I most respectfully ask your support.

Yours very truly,

FRANK HOLLAND.

Murphy-Ayres.

John W. Murphy, jr. and Miss Mary A. Ayres, both of this city, stole a march on their friends Saturday evening and slipped down to the home of Rev. Sherman Moore, where they were united in marriage. Each of them returned to their homes and Sunday noon left for Kansas City, where they are enjoying a short honeymoon. Mr. Murphy's parents knew nothing of the marriage until after they had left for Kansas City Sunday.

Mr. Murphy, who will leave April 28 for Camp Funston, where he will join the National army, is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy to enter the service of his country. Alfred, early in the war, enlisted in the artillery branch of the service, and was sent to Camp Doniphan, where he has since been. Harry was in the last draft quota from this county and is now in the hospital with an attack of measles at Camp Funston. Richard, the last son, will go in the draft quota May 10. Four sons from one family would seem to be quite a sacrifice on the part of the parents, but all over this country mothers and fathers are giving their sons to their country to help to crush the mad dog of Europe and make the world a safe place for their sisters and mothers.

Saturday's Seed Corn Sale.

On account of the bad weather, which made the roads almost impassable, not much corn could be offered in the sale. However a few local buyers were present and the committee thought best to offer what was on hand. The average per bushel was a little over \$2.00, some of which, making a good test was not as uniform as should have been. As a general rule the farmers are not careful enough in selecting seed. Only between 50 and 100 bushels could be offered. However this represented more than 1200 bushels which helps to bring buyer and seller closer together, which was the aim of the sale. Red Cross corn brought \$10.00. The committee is grateful to all who assisted in this sale and had it not been so bad that our trucks could not run, would have had more corn and more buyers present.

Seed Corn Com.

Mound Township "Over the Top."

Among the first townships to report "over the top" with the Third Liberty Loan drive was Mound. While its quota was only \$11,050, up last Saturday they had subscribed for \$17,500 of the bonds. The solicitors met with few refusals as everybody seemed to want to do their bit toward keeping our boys on the firing line until the Stars and Stripes float over Berlin or until the Kaiser howls enough. George E. McCarthy was in charge of the campaign in the township.

Joseph Chick Freed.

Kansas City, April 21.—Joseph S. Chick, on trial here charged with embezzlement of funds of the Searritt Bible and Training School, was acquitted by a jury tonight.

The trial was on one of several indictments returned against Chick, former treasurer of the Bible school. In this case it was charged that he embezzled \$2,665.25 of the school's funds, given him to pay off a mortgage on the Melrose Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

BRISTOW IS REFUSED PERMIT TO SPEAK

Kansan Who Criticizes Government Stopped in Four Towns.

Salina, Kas., April 20.—Joseph L. Bristow, candidate for United States senator, did not make a speech at Wilson today. Quietly approached by members of the Home Guard and invited to cancel his engagement, Bristow agreed and departed.

Bristow was scheduled to speak at Elsworth last night. The courthouse was closed to him before he got there. Bristow hardly reached town when a delegation from the council of defense of that city met him and invited him not to speak. Bristow acquiesced instantly and departed for Wilson. No crowds had gathered to hear him and there was none to disperse.

Bristow met similar receptions at Oakley and Hoisington, it was stated today.

Bristow's paper, the Salina Journal, has severely criticized the war department and its conduct of the war. Bristow refused to join the Saline County Loyalty league.



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