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Armour Brand Fertilizer

The Kind That Counts

There is a great difference in Fertilizer and the Armour brand is recognized as the best on the market. I can supply your wants if you will come or speak at once. It will pay you big to use a liberal amount of Armour brand Fertilizer on your crops this year.

Labor will be scarce and high, so the wise thing for the farmer to do is to get completely equipped with the best and latest improved farm machinery—

THE OLIVER--

to accomplish as much with one man as you formerly did with two; and another wise thing for you to do is to buy early. Should the war in Europe close this year the demand for farm machinery over there will cause prices to soar sky high.

Let me furnish you with all kinds of farming implements at prices you can't equal anywhere else.

Yours for business,

J. A. BERRY, Glen Allen, Mo.

Camp Funston, Kansas

March 7, 1918.

Hello, Bollinger county, here I am again with a few items.

Health is very good in camp with the exception of bad colds.

The weather is nice and warm.

Private Ellis, troop A, 314 M. P. was seriously hurt Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock while out drilling. His horse reared up and fell back, falling across him. Ellis was unconscious and was taken to the hospital. The doctor had given him up the last I heard from him.

Private Joe Barnes, who was thrown from a horse and sustained a broken finger several days ago, is able to ride and do his drilling now. A corporal made a trip to St. Louis Friday after Bob Looney and returned with him. Looney is in the guard house at Camp Funston awaiting trial.

Our cook, James Sample, lost \$145 Tuesday night, but the money was found by another cook and returned to him.

Private R. S. Gaither has a sore throat, but is getting better.

We are getting lots of new boys in our camp now.

Saturday was the women's day to visit camp. The mounted police boys gave a dinner and invited their lady friends to dine with them all, so had ice cream and after dinner gave a dance. They had a nice time and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The writer took a big part in the dinner and especially the ice cream, but didn't take any part in the dance. When it comes to ice cream I'm "Johnny on the spot", but I don't really think this is a time for dancing.

Privates Hightower and Gaither went over to the heavy artillery quarters last night to get their hair cut.

Private Renis was promoted to patrol driver for the mounted police.

As news is scarce I will ring off. May God be with you and is my prayer.

THE LONESOME SOLDIER BOY.

Camp Funston, Kansas

DETENTION CAMP

March 3, 1918.

Dear Editor and Bollinger county people:

As I have not written to THE PRESS for some time, I will try to drop you a few lines to see if you will have the heart to print it.

As you can see from the address, I am in the detention camp. There is enough said. Five of the boys

and myself from battery E came out Thursday on a 12 or 14-day furlough (from Funston I mean), but, believe me, it is a mighty confining furlough, as we are germ carriers and cannot associate with each other. We are not allowed closer than three feet to one another, but it is not so bad as you might think.

This morning John Hansen and nine more men from Battery E came in and we were glad to see them. Hansen brought his bugle so I guess we will have music to go to bed and get up by if he can get up and blow the call. I saw his letter in THE PRESS and he asked what a gold brick was. It is a guy who does nothing but eat and sleep, and, believe me, John is there when it comes to getting by.

I just come from his tent and they were having that friendly game he was telling you about. It has been raining all morning and is pretty muddy.

I see reports of several marriages in THE PRESS. I suppose some of those "greeks" think it will keep them out of the army, but I hope not. If this war lasts every man should do his share. Those "guys" who claimed exemption would be better off in the army. R. L. Cook, who came in the first quota, is making \$67.50 per month and his board and clothes, which is more than some of those who claimed exemption are making. My wife gets \$30 per month and besides that I get \$14.75 per month and pay \$5 per month, besides I carry \$5000 insurance. I believe in living while we are alive. I am not mentioning any names, but I know fellows that will not have a decent suit of clothes if they live to be 100 years old, while if they would get into the army their wives and children could have something to eat and wear and Uncle Sam will see that the men get clothes and food.

It is a shame the way some of the local boards are doing. They are exempting men that ought to be in the army, but I think they are sending about what Uncle Sam says send since there has been a few of them put where they belong. I know of one case right at home where they turned a man down who was physically as good a man as 20 per cent of the men that do come, but I hear he is coming in the next draft. I hope so for I know there is no one depending on him.

Well, there is not a man here who would rather be here than in France.

I believe I can safely say that if they would call for volunteers to go across that 95 per cent of the men would step out of line and say, "Take me anywhere, but get me away from Funston." There never was a soldier who was satisfied in his own post. They get tired of one place and don't care where they go just so they are moving.

Hansen said he wasn't dynamiting slop buckets any more, but he will be before he is in the detention camp very long. We are all hoping that the top sergeant will be out here in a few days and bring some more of the boys along.

Will close, as I am afraid I have taken too much space already. I wish you all good luck.

Yours truly,

Sgt. E. L. CRADER.

The County Collector's Annual Settlement

The county collector's annual settlement with the county court March 11, 1918, shows there was collected for all purposes for the year 1917, the sum of \$59,162.14. This is the largest amount of taxes collected in any one year in the history of the county. These taxes were divided as follows:

State taxes	\$ 6,645.14
County taxes	14,684.29
Road taxes	3,681.33
Road and bridge taxes	9,196.40
School taxes	21,372.40
Special interest taxes	3,380.40
Courthouse taxes	10.03
Interest due taxes	93.71
Clerk's fees	73.47
Corporation tax	14.98

Total	\$59,162.14
Number of taxpayers	4,000
Per cent of current tax charged collected	94 1/2 per cent
Amount of interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$178.15
Licenses collected	600
The per cent of current tax collected would have been larger, but the Little River Drainage district has purchased a great deal of land in the south part of the county on which it has refused to pay taxes thus far.	

Notice to District Postmasters

District postmasters will please observe department regulations in the sale of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps, which provides that when a purchaser desires these stamps and the postmaster hasn't the desired amount in stock he shall take the purchaser's money, giving him an interim receipt therefor and immediately remit, by official registered mail, to the central accounting postmaster for the amount of stamps desired.

It is not only contrary to department regulations to take orders and make requisition without remittance, but in some, if not many, instances it defeats the sale of these stamps, as the party may be out of the notion of taking them by the time you get them. Not only this, but in the interim, the central accounting or some other postmaster might have opportunity to sell these stamps, some instances of which we already have.

Yours truly,

Wm. B. YOUNT,

Accounting Postmaster.

State Hospital No. 4 Patriotic

A large American flag waves daily in front of the Administration building at State Hospital No. 4, by order of the superintendent, Dr. J. L. Eaton. The splendid flag which is thus displayed was donated to that institution by Dr. Wm. F. Kuhn, of Kansas City, a former superintendent of No. 4.

The Stars and Stripes there waving emphasizes the patriotic spirit that is prevalent in that institution. Many of the inmates there would doubtless be pleased if they were permitted to enlist for service at the

front in their country's cause. Under the efficient and able management of Dr. Eaton that institution is keeping abreast of the times, and everyone and everything there appears to have taken on new life and interest. The state can now find every possible justification in feeling proud of the splendid work that is being done for its inmates at state Hospital No. 4.—Farmington Times.

Olathe, Colorado

As I haven't seen anything in THE PRESS from this place for some time, I will try to send in a few items.

Health is fairly good with the exception of a few cases of measles.

Uncle Amon Whitewater and son, Harry, are moving to their farm on California mesa. We are all glad to have them with us.

Misses Ruth Rhodes and Lela Whitener have had employment in apple packing the last week.

Dave Johnson made a business trip to Delta Monday.

Several of the Olathe boys have been drafted into the army. We have to lose them and hope for their early return.

Core Cooper's have just got out from under a three-weeks' quarantine for smallpox. We are glad to see them out again.

N. Whitener is moving to the John Potter ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Berry visited at Marvin Pridy's Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pridy, a fine girl.

Moving and hauling spuds seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Core Cooper attended to business in Olathe Tuesday.

Dan Rowen was shopping at Montrose Monday.

Oriss Ficker and family, Z. M. Rhodes and family and Marvin Pridy and family visited at C. D. Whitener's Sunday.

Ed Whitener purchased a fine team last week.

Come on, soldier boys, we like to read your newsy letters and we would also like to see a few items in THE PRESS from the coast artillery boys. Two Kins.

Naomi Almira Sanders Dead

Naomi Almira, wife of the late Rev. John Sanders, departed this life January 27, 1918.

She was born July 10, 1850, thus making her age 67 years, 6 months and 17 days.

Her marriage to John L. Sanders occurred March 17, 1867. This home was blessed with five sons and seven daughters. Only four of the children are yet living; the two boys, Hugh and John L., and the two girls, Jane Sanders and Mrs. May Meehan.

Mrs. John Sanders became a Christian when she was just a girl of sixteen or seventeen years. I am sure her Christian character, with that of her husband's, made their home a blessed dwelling place on earth. She was a member of our church at Union over fifty years and a great worker in Christian service. It was her joy to do every duty that came to her. Can we ever know her prayers, her toil and management for her children while her husband was away helping so earnestly in some revival? Working for the salvation of souls until he knew his wife and children needed bread, John Sanders would return to his home and provide for them. Perhaps his work as a local preacher helped to bring poverty into his home, but it brought greater blessing in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The funeral services were held at the home and at Union church. The son, John L. Sanders, came just in time to see his mother the last time here on earth. John is a good boy and may God bless him. Our prayers and love we extend to the dear children.

R. J. BADGLEY, Pastor.

Juliets of W. M. College

The Julietts will present to the public a program entitled "Scenes From the South" Friday evening at 7:30. Only those melodies and southern selections which each will enjoy will be given.

Each Juliett is endowed with a sense of perfection and since they have demonstrated to the public their ability in the rendition of their first program, they are sure you will be anxious to be entertained a second time.

Don't let anything come between you and an intellectual, humorous and uplifting program. Encourage the Julietts by your presence. Admission 10 cents.

One of the farmer customers of the Farmers Supply company, who last fall had stocked up pretty well on flour, gave evidence of his patriotism Tuesday by returning to the store two barrels of flour, the amount he still had in excess of what he should have, according to Food administration regulations. He exchanged the excess flour for other food stuffs.—Sikeston Herald.

Suggestions for Meatless Meals

Here are seven suggestions of the Missouri Division of the United States Food Administration for preparing wheatless or meatless meals:

Beans and meat furnish body building material. At some housewives serve baked beans as a vegetable with meat and serve just as much meat as ever.

Corn syrup is a perfectly wholesome food. It contains glucose, and glucose is a wholesome food. It can well be used instead of so much cane or beet sugar.

Oatmeal is "richer" than wheat flour. It contains about 7 per cent fat, while white flour has from 1 to 3 per cent.

Graham crackers are made of wheat flour, but oatmeal crackers have a very similar taste and they save the wheat.

Rye approaches wheat in bread-making qualities more nearly than does any other grain.

Buckwheat is not wheat, but entirely a different grain.

Nuts can be used in place of meat. They contain much fat and body building material and often much starchy material too.—Sikeston Herald.

Making Men in the Trenches

A new religion is going to come out of the trenches. I call it "shirt sleeve religion," because it is going to be practical and straightforward and honest. Men who used to laugh at preachers and call them sanctimonious hypocrites have learned to understand and to reverence their "sky pilots" on the battlefield. And maybe the chaplains themselves have learned a thing or two about the great mass of men.

There is one thing certain. Your boy is coming home from this war a better man than he was when he went into it. People say that the war will either make or break a man morally. Well, if it breaks him it will be because he hasn't the right stuff in him anyway.

I could tell of dozens of cases. I have known personally of men who were literally born again in the trenches.

I tell you, there are worse things in the world than war. It's bitter hard, I know, to send your son away to fight. But if you realize that the war is going to give him a post-graduate course in the very things you have tried hardest to teach him, maybe it won't seem so hard. These things are courage and loyalty, obedience, self sacrifice, honesty, trust in God—aren't they? Well, those are the things he will learn in the trenches. Believing this, you certainly can send him away with a smile on your face, a smile of pride and of hope.—Private Peat in the American Magazine.

Notice of Stray Posted

Taken up by W. F. Beckman and posted before J. D. Glassner, a justice of the peace in Wayne township of Bollinger county, on the 10th day of December, 1917, the following described property: A brown horse with white hind feet, about 12 hands high and 3 years old.

The value as fixed by the appraisers is the sum of fifty dollars.

W. F. BECKMAN, Zaina, Mo.

Notice of Stray Posted

Taken up by Sam. J. McMiss and posted before H. B. Brown, a justice of the peace in Filmore township of Bollinger county, Mo., on the 5th day of March, in the year 1918, the following described property: One mule team now with red head and neck, 3 years old, marked with split in each ear, with bring out in the spring.

The value as fixed by the appraisers is the sum of fifty dollars.

SAM J. McMISS,

Burbanck, Mo.

Notice of Grant of Letters

(Estate of Charles A. Scott, deceased.) Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Charles A. Scott, deceased, were granted to the undersigned Mary A. Scott on the 22nd day of February, 1918, by the Probate judge of Bollinger county, Missouri.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit them to the administratrix and present them to the Probate court of said county for allowance within six months after the date of the granting of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate and if such claims be not exhibited and presented as aforesaid within one year from the date of the granting of said letters they shall be forever barred.

MARY A. SCOTT, Administratrix,

Gipey, Mo.

Attest: W. C. COLE, Judge of said Probate court.

Better Have the Big Bird Bring a Boy Next Time



If You Do D. W. Burford Will Furnish His First Pair of Trousers Absolutely Free

D. W. Burford of Lutesville has a stock of trousers which he desires to give away free. Yes, you read it right. They are free of charge and without cost.

All Mr. Burford asks is that he be supplied with the names of any boys who are born in Bollinger county and he will send the new arrival a brand new pair of trousers to be worn on the youngster's first birthday. Accompanying the pants will be a neat card of greetings expressing the heartiest congratulations upon the arrival of the new baby, with best wishes and the sincere hope that he will grow up to be a fine, healthy boy.

Could any sentiments be more generous?

The parents of the newcomer are asked to accept for him the little gift which is represented to him in the fond hope that he may, in the years to come, always remember that he got his first pair of pants from D. W. Burford. The garments are warranted to fit the boy when he is one year old.

Already a number of young hopefuls in Lutesville and Bollinger county have received their first pair of pants, but Mr. Burford is eagerly scanning the list of new arrivals on the Stork Special so that all may be supplied. If any are overlooked a postal or a phone call with the little one's name will be properly answered with the sort of garments which indicates that the new citizens will amount to something.

Quality