

..COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE..

ELVINS

H. N. Silsby and family of Mitchell visited relatives here Sunday. Dr. G. W. Tidwell went to St. Louis Tuesday. He will remain there a week. Mrs. J. C. Sisson, Mrs. B. F. Melcher and Mrs. W. J. Velvick spent Friday with Mrs. O. G. Carr. P. K. Silsby went to Mt. Vernon, Ill. Thursday to attend the funeral of his only sister, Mrs. Susan Grant. He returned Sunday. Miss Lucille Bennett of Flat River visited Miss Anna Belle Valle Sunday last week. Rev. S. A. Bennett is in Bismarck attending the meeting of the District Conference. Mrs. T. B. Elliott is visiting with Mrs. Bennett during his absence. Edwin Mitchell of Flat River was an Elvins visitor Sunday. Miss Genevieve Barker of Bonne Terre visited Miss Lucile Vance Saturday. Mrs. F. K. Silsby and Lucile and James Vance visited Mrs. E. J. Francis and little daughter at the Bonne Terre Hospital Sunday. Miss Blanch Mosier of Flat River was in Elvins on business Friday. Jo Mundy gave a lecture to men only at the Baptist church Tuesday evening. Cecil Hughes of Farmington, a Government Four-Minute man, gave a talk at the Methodist church Sunday evening on the Third Liberty Loan. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur French of Irondale visited Mrs. French's parents Sunday. The school pupils from the first grade up to high school will give a program in the high school auditorium on Friday and Saturday evenings. Private Chas. Willis and his bride, who was formerly Miss Pearl Shannon of this place, were in town the latter part of the week. Miss Rena Sutton was a Bonne Terre visitor Saturday. Mrs. H. H. Rudy of Bonne Terre visited her parents here Sunday. Miss Nellie Black is teaching in Mrs. Picard's place this week. The teachers for next year will be the same in all branches and grades, except: Mrs. Picard, Mrs. Humphrey and Misses Florence and Winifred Lewis will not teach. Buy a Liberty Bond. CHESTNUT RIDGE Mrs. Minnie Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon of Kansas visited relatives on Route 3 last week, returning to Farmington Sunday. Roy returned to Kansas Tuesday. His wife and Mrs. Vance will stay until the latter part of the week. Mrs. Elza Burgess spent a few days last week in St. Louis and attended the funeral of Albert Vetter. Mrs. Carrie Powell left for her home in Colorado last Thursday, accompanied by her little brother, Eugene Simma, and sister, Mrs. Myra Duncan, and daughter. Mrs. Donald Gorder of St. Louis came down last Sunday to see her uncle, John Durner, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Lorine Croff, daughter of Mrs. Jake Crader, of this neighborhood, died in Elvins Tuesday evening. The funeral was held at the rock church in Farmington Thursday at 2 p. m. Preston Burgess and Alma Crader visited their sister, Mrs. Lorine Croff, at Elvins last Tuesday. John Durner is seriously sick at this writing. Elza Burgess has a sow and six pigs for sale. Buy a Liberty Bond. FLAT RIVER Mr. Hawkins, the Field Secretary for Washington University, lectured to the High School pupils Sunday morning. The Senior Teacher Training Class went to observe work in a rural school near Farmington, Friday. Supt. J. Clyde Akers of Farmington transacted business here Monday. Prof. C. L. Fleming was delighted Thursday night with a visit from his mother and his friends, Miss Myrtle Durner. O. M. Silsby and family were Mitchell visitors Friday. Miss Genevieve Barker of Bonne Terre spent Sunday with friends here. Misses Edith Legg, Mary Anna Cecil and Edith Hammock walked to Farmington Sunday afternoon. They are Camp-Fire Girls and thus are used to hikes. Ralph Haney was a Bonne Terre visitor Sunday. Buy a Liberty Bond. PRIMROSE Mr. and Mrs. Lass Cash are spending the week at the home of the former's uncle, John Cash, of near Big River. Miss Etta Lawson was a guest of Miss Clara Whaley of near Prospect Sunday. Mrs. John Rawson and son, Fenton, were shopping in Bonne Terre one day last week. Mrs. Ida Jones and children were guests at the home of Wm. A. Moon Tuesday evening. Mrs. Jane Taylor, Misses Blanch Rawson and Nora Bess, Everett and Floyd Rawson of Bonne Terre spent Saturday night and Sunday here with friends and relatives. Miss Beulah Moon, who is attending High School in Bonne Terre, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moon and family. A crowd of young people from Melzo motored to the Iron Mountain Lake Sunday and spent the day. Jake Pettes of Bonne Terre motored out here Sunday evening. Wm. Blackwell and family of near Melzo were guests at the home of Morris Jones Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whitter are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whitter. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones and little son of Desloge spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Moon of near Melzo. Lewis Ciscell, who is working in Flat River, spent Sunday here with home folks.

Mrs. Pritchett of near Prospect was a guest at the home of Willis Moon Sunday. Those Settles and family of near Germania motored here Sunday and attended services at the T. M. B. church. Those who were entertained at the home of Wm. Rawson Sunday were Mrs. Janie Taylor, Misses Blanch Rawson, Nora Bess and Nellie Moon, and Robt. Lawson, Everett and Floyd Rawson. Lass Cash was a Bonne Terre visitor one evening last week. Rev. E. J. Eaves and Rev. C. C. Halley were DeSoto visitors one day last week. Mrs. Vetal Pratte of Bonne Terre spent the week-end here with friends and relatives. Mrs. Charley Blackwell of near Melzo and her sister, Miss Rhoda Miller, of Bonne Terre attended church here Sunday. Ning Moses made a trip to Bonne Terre one day last week. Alfred Matthey of St. Louis is visiting at the home of his brother, Jacob, near Melzo. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Demier of Big River attended church here Monday night. Buy a Liberty Bond. SUGAR GROVE School will close here today (Friday). Mrs. Maurice Orell was called to attend the funeral of her sister in Ohio the first of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Davis and little son of East St. Louis are visiting with Mrs. J. J. David, here this week. Misses Edith Weiss and Blanche Pinkston were guests of Mrs. F. W. Gleissing Saturday night and Sunday. Eugene Williams called on friends at Arcadia Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes called at the home of his brother, F. M. Haynes, at Doe Run, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Emmitt Cunningham and her sister, Miss Nettie Smith, of Route 2, spent Saturday at the home of Harry Noltkemper. John Noltkemper and family of Herculaneum are visiting his parents here this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams of Route 4 spent Sunday afternoon with E. G. Williams and family here. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Martin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perkins. Harry Henderson of Bonne Terre called at the home of Marion Haynes here Sunday. John Noltkemper and family and Miss Mary O'Bannon were guests of his brother, Delic, and mother, of Route No. 5, Sunday. Buy a Liberty Bond. LIBERTYVILLE Rev. R. L. Allen will preach at the Christian church here next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. McDonald filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church here last Sunday. Oliver Moore is hauling walnut logs to St. William this week. Chas. Belkin and family passed through here last Sunday en route to Flat River to spend the day with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Goggin of near Mitchell visited the latter's sister and family last Saturday night and Sunday. Chas. Coffman spent Saturday night and Sunday here with friends. A. C. Wade and family spent last Sunday here with his sister and family, Mrs. Bell. J. C. Ballard and family and Misses McDonald spent last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Cowley. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moran were shopping in Farmington last Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Keith and family visited their sister, Mrs. John Russel, at Flat River last Sunday. Miss Audell Cashion, who is attending school in Farmington, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with her father. D. F. Moran of Bonne Terre spent last Sunday here with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Presnell and children, Mrs. Wallace and Blanche Scott visited the family of T. W. Martin at Flat River last Sunday. Mrs. A. E. VanSickle was shopping in Farmington last Saturday afternoon. Misses Phelma and Virginia Keith spent last Saturday and Sunday with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Belken and children spent last Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Karsch, at Flat River. J. C. Williams was a visitor at his farm here last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Sebastian and family were visitors in the Lead Belt last Sunday afternoon. Frank Detrying is on the sick list at this writing. Buy a Liberty Bond. BRIGHTSTONE Miss Grace Erwin of Farmington was visiting home folks Sunday. Ed Crawford has been on the sick list for the past week. Mrs. Tom Wines of Farmington was visiting home folks Sunday. Mrs. John Wells was shopping in Farmington Saturday. Bud Erwin of Flat River spent Sunday with home folks. James Lowe and wife attended singing at Knob Lick Sunday night. Knowles Klob has received notice to be ready to leave for training on the 26th. Several of the young folks from this vicinity attended the party at Klemp's Friday night in honor of their son, Harry, who is in the military service. Walter Tetley, a new-comer from Sikaston, attended singing at Brightstone Sunday night. Mrs. J. D. Wells was shopping in Farmington Saturday. Park O'Bannon was a business visitor in the vicinity of Mt. Oak the past few weeks. Miss Maud Wells of Farmington was visiting home folks Sunday. Buy a Liberty Bond.

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AVON Mrs. John Adams of near New Church is seriously ill at this time. Mrs. Tony Gegg spent Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vogt. W. E. Beard of Knob Lick was a business visitor near here the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wade were guests of relatives near Libertyville Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Emile Vogt and family of near Coffman spent Sunday with Mrs. Vogt's brother, Emmett Boyd, and family. Prof. C. A. Rodgers arrived home Sunday from Blytheville, Ark., for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rodgers, and family. Quite a large crowd attended the patriotic speaking which was held at the Coffman school last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mertell were guests of J. Osban Adams and family Sunday. Chas. Webb and son, Lloyd, of Knob Lick arrived here Monday, where they will have employment, cutting walnut logs for the Illinois Walnut Log Co. Elliott Gordon motored to Farmington Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Rodgers and little son were guests of C. A. Boyd and family Sunday. C. A. and E. E. Boyd were Ste. Genevieve visitors Tuesday. Mrs. Richard Adams, Jr., was a pleasant caller at this place Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wulfer, who have been on an extended visit with Mrs. Wulfer's sisters, Mesdames C. A. and E. N. Boyd, departed Tuesday for their home in St. Louis. Buy a Liberty Bond. KNOB LICK Mrs. Rachel Vanbeek of Knob Lick spent Tuesday with Mrs. John Wells. Henry Chamberlain of Route 3 was a Knob Lick visitor Monday. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wines of Farmington spent Saturday night and Sunday with their latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wells. Miss Eva O'Bannon was a Farmington visitor Saturday. Miss Manzie Chamberlain spent the latter part of last week with relatives in Flat River. Mrs. John Wells and Mrs. J. D. Wells were shopping in Farmington Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Alf Clark and family spent Sunday with relatives near Fredericktown. Miss Maud Wells returned home from Farmington Saturday. ROUTE 3 Miss Emma Bowling of Farmington spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling. J. Alvie Wampler of Flat River spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives on this route. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dipper of Farmington spent Sunday with N. A. Counts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wade and son, Carroll, of this route spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. King, of Libertyville. Mrs. Charley Lange, Sr., of Flat River, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller and children, Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Vaughn and daughter, and Otto and Charley Lange, Jr., of this route spent Sunday with H. N. Vaughn and family. Miss Mary Marshall was the guest of friends on Route 3 Sunday evening. Mrs. Grant Chamberlain and daughter, Nellie, spent a few days last week with her father, Geo. Barnes, of Route 6. Thos. Wells and brother, Emmett, were business visitors in Farmington Saturday. Ed Erwin of Flat River spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks. Miss Mary Clark of Farmington spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ed Clark. Miss Eva O'Bannon spent Sunday evening with Grace Erwin. Mrs. C. W. Marshall was the guest of Mrs. A. Lemon Tuesday. Ed Clark left Saturday for Flat River to seek employment. Geo. Bremner of St. Louis spent Saturday night with C. W. Marshall. John Wells and daughter, Gracie, were Farmington visitors Monday. Mrs. Mary Hurst spent a few days last week with friends and relatives in Flat River. Andy Lemon and son, Jack, were business visitors in Farmington Monday. Miss Sadie Erwin was the guest of Misses Lena and Eva Wells Sunday evening. Mrs. J. D. Wells spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown were Farmington visitors Saturday. Miss Mary Clark visited Maud Wells Sunday night. Miss Josie Chapman was the guest of Miss Ira Martin Sunday. Mrs. Mary Shrum of Flat River visited her aunt, Mrs. Blanch Clark a few days last week. Mrs. Alf Clark spent a day last week with Mrs. Maggie Lemon. Buy a Liberty Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and children of Farmington spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling. Alfred Hendrix and son, Andrew, of Yount, Mo., was in this part of the county the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mowbray and children of Farmington spent Sunday with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thibault, and family. Juel Bowling of Farmington spent Sunday with his grandparents in this route. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Harter and little son and Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and little daughter spent Sunday near Minnith. Several from here attended the lecture on the Third Liberty Loan at Coffman last Sunday afternoon. Miss Bernice Shoof of Minnith is spending a few days with relatives and friends on this route and at Avon. Mrs. Henry Gordon of Chicago, Ill., is spending a few days at this writing with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon. Those who spent Saturday evening at Miss Elsa Silvey's were Misses Silvey of Farmington, Mary Swearington, Violet Mullins, and Jesse Smith, Geo. and Ralph Shinn, Clemment Barnes. A singing was given at Alex Gordon's last Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon. Roy has been in training camp for quite a while. He will return soon. A large crowd was present and all enjoyed themselves. Wimple Gordon motored to Farmington last Sunday afternoon. Miss Viola Harter and brothers, J. C. and Burie, and Clarence and Ralph Wade of this route and Misses Beulah Danieley of Avon, Bernice Shoof of Minnith were callers at C. A. Boyd's at Avon last Sunday afternoon. Buy a Liberty Bond.

A LIBERTY LOAN PRAYER St. Louis Minister Composes Appeal on Eve of His Departure For France. Less than a week before he sailed for France in the service of the Y. M. C. A., Rev. Elmer T. Clark, Litt. D., former minister of the Shaw Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and former secretary of the St. Louis Ministerial Alliance, prepared the following prayer for the Third Liberty Loan for use on Liberty Loan Sunday, April 7th: "Oh God, who dost ever guide the tread of the nation, born to serve mankind with an exalted unselfishness, bless all our people and their representatives in authority. "In this time of crisis and judgment, inspire us to think, act and serve together in the common cause of a victorious righteousness. Touch our souls with a high sense of patriotic sacrifice. Consecrate our means as well as our men. "Bless, we beseech Thee, the Third Liberty Loan with the benediction of Thy benignant favor. May no act or word from us impede its sanctified will. And arouse our enthusiasm to see it through to a most successful conclusion. Amen."

BUSINESS CONCERNS TABBED Credit Men Keep Uncle Sam Posted on Ability to Buy. Liberty Bond slackers among business houses throughout the nation are being revealed by credit men whose duty it is to analyze the financial statements of firms in all classes of trade. Preliminary investigations of expert credit men in checking up the financial statements of many concerns in various businesses in all parts of the United States find that the percentage of Liberty Bonds of the first and second issues among their assets was startlingly small. It has been suggested that banking institutions would be justified in bringing to the attention of their customers, particularly those who are borrowers, the necessity for these patriotic investments being made in reasonable proportions. Credit men have undertaken to bring to the attention of the public the lukewarmness of many business houses in backing the government in its prosecution of the war. The government is in the war business not only to destroy Prussian autocracy but every vestige of disloyalty and opposition to the battle for world liberty. Buy a Liberty Bond.

HUNGER For three years America has fought starvation in Belgium Will you Eat less - wheat - meat - fats and sugar - that we may still send food to ship loads? CLIVE HARRIS. Buy a Liberty Bond. Glycerine Mixture FOR APPENDICITIS Farmington people can prevent appendicitis with simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. ONE SPONFUL flushes the ENTIRE bowel tract so completely it relieves any case of stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The INSTANT, pleasant action of Adler-ika surprises both doctors and patients. Leaves stomach clean and strong. - E. M. Laakman, Druggist. Buy a Liberty Bond. Subscribe now - \$1.50 a year

A Battle Song Written by Bert Stapp, of Leadwood, Mo., on the anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the world war, April 6, 1918. (Tune: "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," etc.) Filled with hatred, greed and lust, Wilhelm made a mighty thrust At the freedom of the nations, great and small; His desire for "world empire" Has awakened "Uncle's" ire We our debt repay and answer freedom's call. Chorus. U. S. A. in France is fighting For the freedom of the world; While our Sammies "do and dare" For Old Glory "over there" Let the contents of our coffers be unfurled. We're a democratic throng In the struggle that is on, Perfect freedom of the world our aim shall be; And with France and "Tommy's" hail Make old Wilhelm "hit the trail" With convictions that the world was made for all.

The Allotment Flag. Francis B. Gregory.) Here's the banner the Government offers: As a symbol of "duty well done" If Farmington buys its allotment Of bonds in the Liberty Loan. Civic pride should inspire us to win it, Earnest effort will capture the prize; Yet there's more in achieving such honor Than you may at first realize— Every soldier-boy dreams of sure victory, God grant that his dream may come true! Altho God, in His mercy, protects him, Yet some aid is expected of you. Therefore, dig way down deep for your dollars! "Over the top" with your gold! Shell out your shekels, your ducats! On purse strings now loosen your hold! Uncle Sam guarantees every penny. Aid, protect each brave boy "over there"; Now—most loyally strive, Be an "Ace" in the "Drive" Toward the Liberty Loan—Do Your Share!

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRANCE March 6th, 1918. Dear Homefolks:—Guess it's time for me to write home again. Mother usually advises that I write home often, but her last letter was written Dec. 22, and by now you must have received several letters. I'll certainly try to write often enough to let you know that all is well with me. Mamma and papa, don't I know you all well enough to be justified in believing that you won't worry if I never return? We're at war for a noble cause, fighting for the best nation on earth—the best men and the best women God has made. Why does most every lover of freedom and self rights long to go to America? There certainly is a reason. Russia's failure (?) will benefit the Germans—has already benefited them some—by raising the morale of the poor, deceived, foolish German masses. Roumania has accepted Germany's peace terms, but America, England, France and Italy have not. Why long for peace so that the sons may return? Long for victory! Even the enemy soon fails to return. The men sometimes think of home, but do they want to return if to do so would necessitate the Allies compromising with Germany? They certainly do not! The men take pride in knowing that the old U. S. A. will fight to a finish, and they are willing to die for her. Why should you worry about the slight possibility of my returning. I believe you'll be glad you gave this life for the cause. Remember, I'll be much happier in knowing that you won't lament, whatever befalls me. Some choose to criticize the administration for not being able to construct a million air planes that will fly around any German plane, and to blame her for not having thousands of monstrous ships constructed and millions of men trained. Some ridicule the home government for not being able to manufacture military instructors in all branches of service. Other countries don't criticize her; it's the American who does (who, however, would resent the criticism from a foreigner, of course). It's not the fault of the army staff or the administration, but the fault of the people, who for the last few years would never support the big projects calling for more military preparation. 'Tis true, we didn't look for war; few did; none knew. The past is gone and we must do our best now, and I think America has done wonderfully well. She has thousands of men in France and provisions to care for them. Things are fairly efficient in war throughout the army. Well you know what she's done and how quickly she has done it. The fact that America wasn't prepared shows her to be a peaceful nation, and not fighting for a thing on earth but that which Wilson has explained thoroughly. Germans fighting a defensive war! The idea of such a thing! May be a point in favor of America (to those who don't know) that she wasn't prepared. The Germans (had America, England and France been prepared) might not be blamed so much for being prepared, but as things are, Germany has no good excuses to offer. Yet the propaganda is being listened to throughout Germany, Russia and to some extent throughout the world. Well, we just have a big war on our hands and plenty of men to fight it, so let them do it or become a pacifist and talk peace. It's peace talk that's taking the snap out of the fighting. There can't be peace nor war without casualties, so don't look for anything but that which is bound to happen, and I may get back and many other men who are over here. Mais ilse fail rien si nous ne reuonous pas. At least I want you to know that I am happy and whatever it'll cost me will be all right. Since commencing this letter I have had nice five or six course dinner at fairly nice (best here) hotel. There were two other couples, making a joyous quartet. You see we can get passes to be in town occasionally and are always running into good times. This life over here that we've already lived is worth about whatever price the war will cost—we make ourselves believe. Don't hear very often from you. Long to know how you are faring. A certain number of cadets are leaving here to take up training within a few days. Orders are to that effect. I am among them, so when you receive this I will have been flying quite a while. Seems like it did when I left for training camp. We felt that we were leaving for war right then. That's the way I feel now. Then that will be where I will remain for quite a while, so I will have an address good for a month or so perhaps. "C'est la guerre" will be an immortal expression for it's one of the most common now among all the French as well as among the Allies in general. There'll be considerable "French" taken back by those who return to the States. "Combierr," meaning "how much", and "trop cheer" meaning "too expensive" will also be immortal, I prophesy. The war will have accomplished much, yet it will have been a high price to pay for the good that will have been done. I read Epies popular book a few months ago. I don't like it at all; neither do I like the other popular novels that appeal to so many. About all the reading I do now is French. It's time to go. Love to all. CLIVE HARRIS. Buy a Liberty Bond.