

MARCH 1919 REAL ESTATE.

March Warranty Deals Amount to \$1,412,696; Several Big Transactions.

March is ever the month for filing of many documents relating to the transfer of real estate, and the month of March 1919, shows the largest in valuations for any March in many years, and \$228,000 in excess of what they were a year ago. The total warranty deals for March 1919, were \$1,412,696, and the average value of these deals was \$8,115; but taking the first three months' period of 1919, the warranty deals were \$28,000 less than they were for the same period in 1918, but were \$600,000 in excess of that of 1917.

The trust deeds filed for March, 1919, involved the obligations to the amount of \$909,608; average value of each, \$5,257. In 1917 for the first three months of that year the trust deeds filed were valued at \$1,039,317, and in 1918 the value of the trust deeds were \$787,177, and in 1919 they were \$1,106,697, so it will be seen that the trust deeds filed for the first three months of 1919, exceed that of 1918 or 1917.

The releases filed for March reached the sum of \$385,914 as against \$239,021 for the same month a year ago, but they reached the sum of \$506,998 in March 1917. For the three months period of 1919, the releases are \$150,000 less than in 1917, and but \$24,000 greater than in 1918.

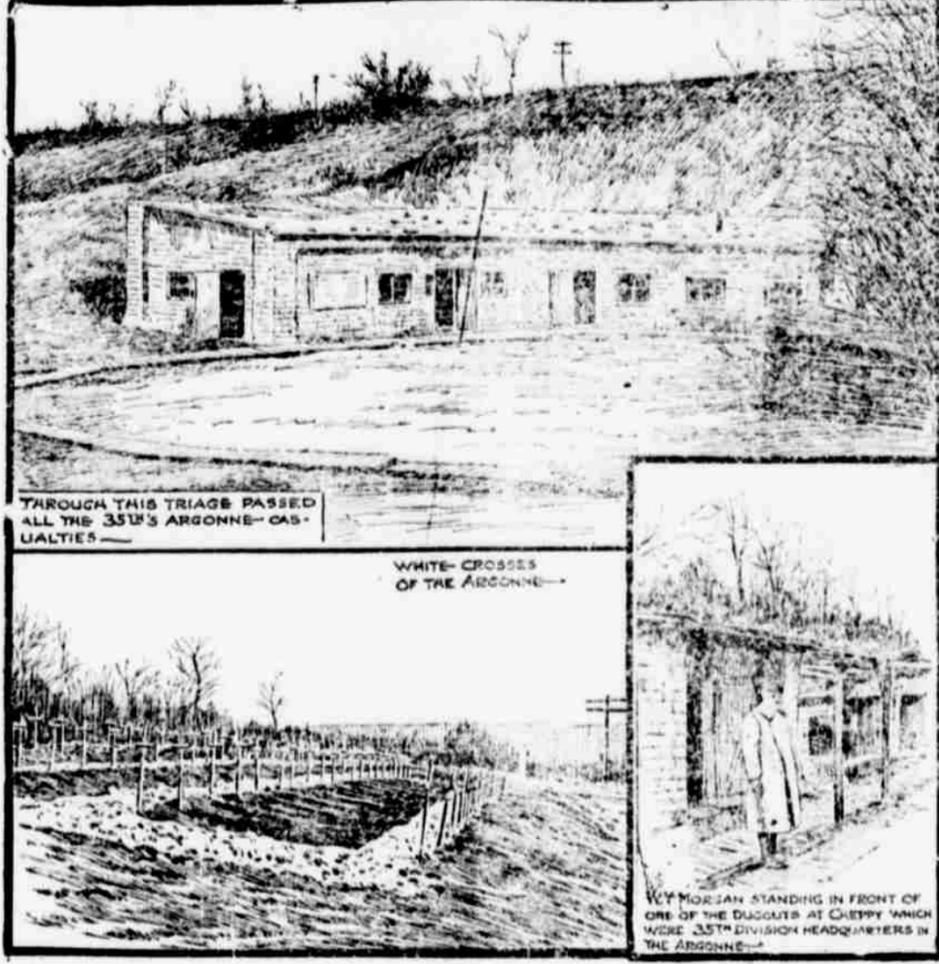
Thus it will be seen that the total warranty deals amounted to \$1,634,431; trust deeds filed, \$1,106,697; releases filed, \$580,359, for these first three months of 1919, leaving unpaid mortgages amounting to \$526,338.

Recorder Simpson and Mrs. Simpson, his aid, have been a very busy pair, and they have kept up with the business admirably.

The deals during the month of March, 1919, involving \$10,000 or over, were:

- Chas. Anselment to Fred E. Flee-ner, sw 14, 60, 38.....\$49000
- W. A. Boyer to C. M. Wray, lands in 11, 69, 37.....\$15000
- C. J. Bruntmeyer to Lester Pettijohn, lands in 17, 69, 38.....\$13750
- F. M. Blazer to O. W. Long, lands in 18, 62, 37.....\$50000
- Frank Budnek to E. R. Ward, lands in 35 and 36, 63, 40.....\$16012
- Geo. F. Cottier to E. M. Richmond and wife, lands in 25 and 36, 61, 39.....\$11500
- J. H. Crist to J. E. Fuhrman and wife, n 1/2, se 4.....\$13600
- D. B. Comer to Harry Pendergrast, tract in 31, 62, 39.....\$11000
- J. F. Bridgmon to C. W. Randles, sw 19, 63, 38.....\$20000
- Jno. Chaney to J. W. Catron, lands 24 and 25, 61, 40.....\$22200
- Jacob Cloos to E. M. Neely, lands in 11 and 4, 62, 39.....\$19800
- J. B. Duncan to W. B. Duncan, lands 28 and 29, 62, 37.....\$20000
- R. E. Decker to J. S. Cooksey and wife, lands in 27 and 34, 62, 38.....\$20000
- A. M. Davis to C. E. Hawkins, lands in 26, 63, 49.....\$18800
- F. E. Fleeener to Chas. W. Glenn and wife, se 24, 61, 38.....\$32000
- F. E. Fleeener to S. S. Meadows, lands in 8 and 9, 62, 37.....\$20000
- J. A. Fuller to W. E. Browning, nw 7, 62, 38.....\$30000
- F. E. Fleeener to A. W. Colison, sw nw 9, 62, 37.....\$10000
- Henry Fuhrman to Harry Fuhrman, se 5, 62, 38.....\$13812
- H. C. Fuhrman to W. E. Fuhrman, lands in 16 and 17, 62, 38.....\$17312
- C. E. Fuller et al. to J. R. Burnett, lands in 3, 61, 38.....\$20000
- J. H. Fickes to Gordon Decker, e 1/2 sw and s 1/2 se 23, 62, 38.....\$32000
- J. R. Ferguson et al. to H. K. Miller, lands in 22, 23, 27, 28, in 61, 38.....\$28000
- Clyde Gilliland to G. W. and Myra Lekey, s 1/2 ne 20, 63, 37.....\$10800
- C. T. Graves to B. L. Ream, lands in 4, 62, 37.....\$20000
- F. E. Gentry to R. C. Meyer, se and e 1/2 sw se 18, 61, 38.....\$10000
- F. H. Goodpasture to C. S. Seitz, sw 34, 63, 38.....\$20000
- W. E. Haynes to W. A. Stoff, e 1/2 ne 19, 38, 38.....\$10000
- J. M. Hodgin to Mary M. Long, se 2, 62, 38.....\$24000
- E. W. Hunter to F. E. Fleeener and wife, lands in 8 and 9, 62, 37.....\$27000
- W. L. Hodgin to Thos. E. Wright, s 1/2 sw 8, 61, 37.....\$14800
- W. L. Hodgin to Chas. E. Wright, w 1/2 sw 8, 61, 37.....\$14000
- W. L. Hodgin to J. L. Lewes, w 1/2 se 8, 61, 37.....\$14400
- J. N. Kite to Robert and Genevieve Kennish, lands in 36, 63, 39.....\$20000
- A. L. Kunkel to W. T. Wescott and wife, n 1/2 nw 21, 61, 37.....\$15200
- Jno. P. Lacy to G. E. Noelisch and wife, lands in 11 and 13, 60, 38.....\$25000
- Maymie Lasell et al. to R. J. Meadows, lands in 33 and 34, 63, 37.....\$24500
- Mary M. Long to L. I. Mitchell, lands in 33, 63, 39.....\$18000
- T. J. Landers to C. E. Barrtram, w 1/2 ne 23, 63, 38.....\$18000
- Mary M. Long to Wm. H. Ricker, ne 16, 14, 38.....\$32000
- L. M. Luckhardt to Ira P. Coffey, lands in 25, 62, 40 and 36, 62, 39.....\$13500
- Mary M. Long to Fred Rowlett, se 2, 62, 38.....\$28000
- C. L. Markt to D. E. Hoffman, tract in 34, 60, 38.....\$18000
- H. K. Miller to Chas. McCandlish, lands in 9, 62, 37.....\$35000

WHERE THE 35th MADE ITS NAME.



THE MANY, MANY WHITE-CROSSED GRAVES TELL THE STORY OF HEROISM.

Wear your Button the FIRST DAY

"O. P. H." correspondent for the Kansas City Star, in France, with the 35th Division, tells of his return to the fields of the Argonne battle, in a late issue of that paper, and as Company L, of this county, was a unit of that great fighting division, the 35th, composed of Missouri and Kansas boys, our readers will no doubt appreciate our giving space to extracts from "O. P. H." article on his visit.

He went to the Argonne in company with W. Y. Morgan, educational director for the Y., going into the service from Hutchinson, Kansas, whose picture appears in the lower right corner of the illustration.

Thinking of the Argonne, recalled, he says, rain, mud, cold, traffic jams—miles long, the roar of our artillery, and the explosion of boche shells, the dead lying on the hills, and the wounded all about, unable to be moved for lack of transportation, and because of the jams behind. But, oh! the silent reminders:

"But, oh, the graves. The little plots of raised earth with the white wooden crosses at one end with only a little flag on it. These were the silent reminders of the battle that crushed the Hun hordes. Every place you look you saw graves located and marked and laid out neatly by the graves registration bureau, graves that no one had time to look after during the fight. Some soldiers were buried where they fell, some were gathered up and buried in small plots. Some by the roadside, some in the fields, some on the hillsides, some in the valleys where the blood red poppies abound in the spring and summer.

At Varennes, in the valley of the Aire, the railroad had been built up and cleaned up until it resembled any other camp in the S. O. S. except for the piles of sorted salvage ready to be shipped. Here had stood a battery of heavy artillery; there an ammunition dump, where the trucks would unload and the caissons load up to the tune of cannon and shells popping all about; here some supply company had managed to get through; over there would be a bunch of graves, little heaps of earth that were all that remained of some of the men who had assisted in capturing Cheppy; right over the brow of that hill several batteries of the 129th Field Artillery had been stationed. Now all was gone, all except the little mounds of earth.

We came where the tanks made their first big attack. It was just south and southwest of Vauquois Hill. Glancing over this particular battle ground from the motor car was just like looking at a Kansas farm in January. Mud, a little drifting snow, a little barbed wire, dead underbrush and shrubbery and dead grass.

The graves, being small and the color of the surrounding terrain, could not, of course, be seen from wherever we were. There was nothing there to tell you that a few months ago this place was filled with disabled tanks, tanks that had suffered direct hits and put out of business; there was nothing there to tell you that here a battery of artillery had its position set in the open; there was nothing there to remind you of the dead horses which had given their lives in the drive; the smashed caissons, the abandoned wagons and caissons, the material, all had been cleaned up. There wasn't even

any gas masks, helmets, packs or rifles lying around, equipment dropped by the killed and wounded. It looked as though some giant had stepped out of the past and swept the place clean, erasing many scars of battle.

The illustration is by the courtesy of the Kansas City Star.

Army Politics.
Charles D. Morris, publisher of the St. Joseph Gazette, who has lately returned from France, where he was in the Red Cross service with rank of Captain, said in an address before the St. Joseph Commercial Club, that he believed the greatest crime of the war is what he terms the plaything of military politics by which he said, national guard officers were crucified.

He said he had examined records of the 35th Division, and particularly the 139th Regiment, which contains many Northwest Missouri troops, and in that organization, and likewise in all others, efficient national guard officers had been replaced by regular army men, often lieutenants jumping to majors and colonels on the eve of battle. He declared the case of Brigadier General Charles L. Martin, of Kansas, was one of the most flagrant cases of unjustified ousting and that General Martin was considered by those who knew him in France, one of the best brigadier generals in the American Expeditionary forces.

The Sentinel has ever thought the treatment of Colonel Jno. D. McNeely, of the original 4th Missouri Infantry, as bad and contemptible as that meted out to General Martin.

When Company L comes marching home, it will not be officered by a single man who marched away to the Mexican border, and then to France.

County Court.
Our County Court was in session as a court the first three days of last week, and the last half was devoted to their duties as a board of equalization, and they did not finish this work until they had consumed the first half of this week. The court has shown wisdom in this regard, as the lands evidently has not been equalized with care for many years, and they have been going through the assessment with great care, taking pains to compare valuations, and lowering or increasing values where needed.

Charles Cowan, J. C. Patterson and H. Lawrence were named as members of the county highway board for two years. The court made its order that the \$15 per mile drag money on county seat highway roads be expended in permanent improvements upon such roads, except at such places where the highway board is unable to have such places dragged by donation, the highway shall have the right to pay for such dragging.

The bonds of the various overseers, recently named by the court were examined and approved. Chauncey H. Graves was appointed justice of the peace for Benton township, vice John H. Steele, deceased. Albert R. Howard was named as constable and also road overseer of Lincoln township, vice L. E. Hecker, removed from township. Clerk Kunkel was instructed to make the consolidated delinquent land tax book for 1918. The state auditor was authorized to

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draw his warrant in favor of County Superintendent of schools for quarter ending March 31.

Circuit Clerk Dunham filed his report of fees collected for January, \$69.45; for February, \$18.25; March, \$150.30.

County Clerk Kunkel filed report of fees for quarter ending March 31; total, \$1,136. Expenses of office, \$618; excess of fees, \$733.36.

Prosecuting Attorney, A. M. Tibbels filed his report of fees collected during the quarter ending March 31; \$115.00.

The court examined the reports of the county collector on current 1918 tax books, and finding same correct his report was approved.

Lee Greene was ordered to grade and fill road adjacent to the nw qr, nw qr, of 21, 59, 38.

Highway Engineer Peret was ordered to view and determine which of the bridges on the Highland drainage district it will be necessary to remove and be relocated, or rebuilt, caused by the construction of the drainage canal and file his report and estimate of cost.

Vital Statistics.

The vital statistics for our county for the month of March show a total of 9 births, 8 boys and 1 girl. There were 9 deaths, 6 males and 3 females. For the first three months of the year there were 44 births, 21 males and 23 females. There were a total of 37 deaths—18 males and 19 females. The average age of the males was 46 years, and the females 63 years. The death of Mrs. Wm. Kunkel, at the age of 91 brought this high average. The greatest number of births occurred in January, 15; and the lowest in March, 9. The greatest number of deaths was in February, 18; the lowest in March, 9.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andy Burrier have returned from a trip in the Southland. They have been to Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, where they visited his sister, Mrs. Maggie Maupin, and also visited Houston and Galveston, Texas. They report an enjoyable trip.

—Tom Clark and family, accompanied by Bud Goodspeed, visited with his mother, Mrs. James Clark, in Mound City, over Sunday last. Mrs. Clark returned with him for a visit with Tom and family and son, Clarence and family.

—Miss Minnie Beutser, a St. Joseph commercial school student, spent Sunday here with her mother and sister.

March Marriages.

Recorder Simpson issued only three marriage licenses during the month of March, but there were five couples that went away from home to have the nuptial knot tied, making the total of eight Holt county couples that were married during the month of March, 1919. The following is the record.

Everett R. Dodge and Goldie Carter, of Forest City, by Harry M. Dungan, probate judge, March 1.

Lloyd H. Hopper, of Forest City, and Susie V. Douglas, of Iola, Kansas, by Harry M. Dungan, March 5.

Fred Meek and Iva G. Metzgar, of Mound City, by Harry M. Dungan, probate judge, March 25.

Pearl Freed, of Mound City, and Frank A. Miller, of Fairfax, in St. Joseph, March 29.

Chas. McKenzie and Fay Robinson, of Fortescue, in St. Joseph, March 11.

Oscar H. Payne and Adrean Stansberry, of Forest City, in St. Joseph, March 5.

Ellsworth George and Grace Foster, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, March 30th.

Henry H. Ricker and Nellie Cochran, of Bigelow, in St. Joseph, March 22nd.

Add Another.

Just a baby; but oh, what hopes, and what expectations comes with the coming of that little one. It is so the world over. There came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rayhill, on Friday last, April 11, at the home of Tom Curry and wife in Oregon, as fine a specimen of the female sex, weighing ten pounds, as you will find in a year's journey over this good old country of ours. Little Miss Edna is wonderfully perplexed over the coming of this addition to the family, and wonders what it all means to see it cozily nestled in mamma's arms. But then, by and by as you watch these two little ones playing together, you wouldn't exchange the best farm in the world for either one of them. Grandpa and Grandma Curry, are doing their best to get back to normal since that additional grandchild came, and with the entertainment afforded by Edna Rayhill, they will surely be back again, and able to talk on current topics in their usual rational manner. To Papa and Mamma Rayhill, and Grandma and Grandma Curry, The Sentinel sends congratulations, and then, too, what's home without a child within.

Married.

Mr. Alfred Sommer and Miss Elmore Norris were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, five miles east of Oregon, Mo., on April 2nd; Rev. C. F. Head officiating.

In spite of the muddy roads a large number of the relatives and friends gathered in the home to see this young man and woman made one, and to wish them a happy journey through life.

The ceremony took place at high noon, old time. After the wedding the company was called to the dining room where a bountiful meal had been prepared. The size of the crowd can be imagined when we say that the last table was not served until nearly 5:00 p. m.

The young couple are going to live on the home place where they were married. The bride's parents will move about one mile east.

The friends and relatives wish them a happy wedded life.

A Sweet Life.

The following from the DeKalb county Herald, of March 20, will be appreciated by Anna Kinzie's friends and former class mates of the class of 1913 of our high school, as the item is in appreciation of 'tis young girl's years of suffering.

"You may talk about the fragrance of a bunch of flowers, and the fragrance that comes up out of broken bottles of perfume and the fragrance that is borne on the balmy air of April. But none of these can compare with the fragrance of a life that is pitched on high planes where the beauties of the soul shine and where the fragrance of the spirit of a living human being has right of way.

"Even amid the stress and strain of business, and amid the buzz and bang of every day life there keeps floating in to this town stories about the fine life of a young woman who is an invalid out somewhere in DeKalb county. And the stories that come tell of the beauty of her character, of the Christian hope that she bears, of the Godly life that she leads, of the spiritual exaltation that she has and keeps day unto day, of the fine grand songs that she sings, the humanity, the trust, the love that are hers.

"She suffers. So does the crushed rose. But the fragrance of her life beats the fragrance of the crushed rose."

Miss Anne, has recently returned to her home near DeKalb, from a St. Joseph hospital where she again underwent an operation, and amid it all she seems so cheerful and hopeful. Her recent trial has been the most severe of the many she has gone through, necessitating the burning of the tissues, and also the grafting of skin, taken from her own thighs, and transplanted to the breast. Her many friends here will pray that this may be the last, which will result in a complete recovery.

The Eastern Star.

Oregon Chapter, O. E. S. will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 22, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Masonic hall. There will be special work for the new officers and members and a review of the School of Instruction for the whole Chapter. Visiting members are always welcome.
RUTH McFALL, Worthy Matron.