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1—American soldier in training camp equipped for bayonet drill. 2—French troops marching along the country roads on the way to the trenches at Verdun. 3—Heavy bombardment of the allies in the deep snow on the western front

BEEF TOO LARGE FOR HIDE CAUSED SUSPICION--MAN SKIDDOOS

Cecilio Quintana, who lives eight miles southeast of Tucumcari, lost a fine five-year-old cow one day last week. He tracked her several miles but lost the trail. Word was sent to Tucumcari to keep a lookout for her here.

One day a man sold a beef to Bob Noite and the supposed hide to Gold-berg. Tom Horton, city marshal, was asked to inspect same. The beef was extra large while the hide was small. This fact brought suspicion upon the man offering same for sale and a sharp lookout was being kept for the hide that belonged to the beef.

About that time Quintana telephoned in and told of his loss. This put the officers wise and in order to get more evidence they went to the Belmont farm where a man named Roberts lived, and found where the cow had been killed so they thought. They proceeded to arrest Roberts, but he was not found and has not been seen since.

CHAVES COUNTY MAN GETS IN BAD ON ACCOUNT OF BOOZE

Leonard W. Fristo was arrested one day last week for flourishing a deadly weapon. When he was searched by officers it was found that he had mutilated his Registration Certificate making his name read "Leonard W. Bistos" and changing Chaves Co., N. M., to Chaves Co., Texas.

Complaint was made against him charging him with trying to evade the draft law. When tried before Judge Winter Monday, he admitted making the erasure but said it was for other reasons than trying to evade the duty demanded by the government. On account of the mutilation of the certificate Judge Winter held him to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in April under a bond of \$500.

TUCUMCARI GIRLS MAY BE CHAMPIONS OF THE STATE

For the first time in the last two or three years Tucumcari has a chance for at least one championship team, when the state tournament is played at Albuquerque.

The High school girls have played seven games this year and have lost only one of the seven, and that one loss was due to several reasons. In the first place the trip to Albuquerque was a hard one and there was little time to rest before they went into the game. Also since our return from the University City we have been notified that we can claim that game through default if we so desire, since Mr. Jones the principal of the Albuquerque High School, has notified us that one of the Albuquerque players, and one best of the entire team, was not eligible to play in that game as she was failing in her work at that time. However, we have no desire to get a game in this way. We desire to play them and beat them through hard playing.

But considering the legally played games Tucumcari girls have lost none, and we hope when the State Championship tournament is played at the University of New Mexico, that Tucumcari will be represented by her girls team at least.

Coach Wesson does not have the team of stars that he had last year, but at the same time the team of this year plays a much harder and more consistent game than the individual game of the last year's team. Due to the hard training and regular work of the Tucumcari girls, they by far outclass any other team in the state, in endurance and "sticktiveness." A good example of their staying qualities was displayed in the games at Las Vegas two weeks ago. After making a hard trip from Santa Fe in the snow storm they played two games the same day, winning both, and at the same time playing their opponents off their feet, with the swiftness of their game.

Following is a summary of the season:

Games won, 6; lost 1. Number of points made by Tucumcari during the season so far, 246; opponents 91.

Number points made by Captain Campbell 171; by Gerhardt, the youngest high school player in the state, 75.

Number of points made off Doris Whitmore at guard, 30.

Number of points made off Vera Hamilton at guard, 34.

Number of points made off Fay Reynolds at guard, 14.

All other points were made off substitute guard.

Number of fouls called on Tucumcari for the season is 30; on the opponents is 27.

RED PEAKS STOCK IS TO GO TO PAR MAR. 15TH AT MID-NIGHT

Red Peaks stock has advanced to par as was expected when the stockholders met this week to reorganize.

A number of the stockholders were here from Chicago and together with the local men they went to the property Tuesday where they held a meeting and enjoyed a big dinner at the home of the vice president, W. P. McCall.

After dinner the guests viewed the property and saw where the 70-foot shaft had been curbed and the new machinery installed. Only a few parts of the machinery are missing, but they are expected within a few days. It is thought work of cleaning out the shaft will begin next week.

At the meeting of the directors in Tucumcari Wednesday no president was chosen. W. P. McCall was elected 1st vice president; W. S. Townsend of Chicago, 2nd vice president; D. F. Thomas secretary-treasurer; Jno. E. Whitmore assistant secretary.

The directors are W. S. Townsend and T. J. Parker of Chicago; John C. Holderman of Kansas City; Jno. E. Whitmore W. P. McCall and D. F. Thomas of Tucumcari.

At the directors meeting many items were taken up and discussed. There seems to be no lack of funds now. The capitalists of the east are eager to furnish the money provided they be allowed to underwrite and furnish the money from \$50,000 up. Every man who understands the mining game who has seen the products taken from the mine at the Red Peaks knows and says this is one of the biggest propositions in the United States. For this splendid showing and the possibilities stock was raised to \$1.00 per share and a limit of 25,000 shares put on the market at that price. The price at present is 60c, but the advance price takes effect on March 15th at mid-night.

More machinery will be bought and installed when the present shaft is cleaned out. Two successful methods of precipitating the potash have been found and are now being tried out. The most practical method will be used by the company.

The laying out of a town is now in process. Application is being made to the government to establish a postoffice there. The proposed name of the new town is "Danver" named for one of the Rock Island officials, W. E. Danver, who has been boosting for the Red Peaks.

Estimates are being secured for a telephone line from Tucumcari to the mines. Mr. Thomas, who has worked hard to get this proposition on a paying basis, is jubilant over the gratifying prospects of a most successful future. The property is only a mile east of the Santa Fe proposed route from Tucumcari to Clovis. Mr. Thomas says large trucks will be used to haul the potash from the mines to Tucumcari, but before that is done the county will be asked to fix the road between there and this city. Until the roads are put in condition the products of the mine will be hauled to San Jon.

The newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce will get behind the move to fix the road from here to Norton as the mining industry means much to Quay county now since it has been found that there was something worth while in the hills which heretofore have been practically worthless.

W. P. McCall and J. F. Hopkins are to be congratulated upon putting Quay county on the map as a mining center. They have worked many long years on this proposition and have spent a number of dollars in trying to interest their friends, but were not successful until outside capital was invited to help develop this project. These mines contain many other minerals but only the potash will be worked at present. Later when the company accumulates more capital other minerals will be extracted from the dump.

BONNIE STAPP IS DEAD

Telegram was received last week containing the sad news of the death of Bonnie Stapp, formerly a barber in the Sandusky shop in Tucumcari. Mr. Stapp left a few months ago for Deming. After staying there a short time he decided to go to Oklahoma City where he was offered a good job. Together with his wife and three children, one small boy and the twins born only a few weeks ago, they moved to Oklahoma City.

Mr. Stapp was exposed to smallpox and was quarantined away from the family. He was taken sick on Friday and a week later he was a corpse.

The authorities did not ask Mrs. Stapp anything about where to bury the husband, but two hours later he was buried without any preparation whatever. Mrs. Stapp was notified but there was nothing left for her to do.

Mrs. Stapp and son, Bonnie Glenn, were both exposed but a letter received by relatives here, stated that they had not taken the disease and it was thought they would not as the time was passed.

The many friends here join the News in extending sympathy to the grief-stricken wife and the fatherless children in this hour of sadness.

RISE IN PRICES NOT JUSTIFIED

Washington, D. C. Feb. 12, 1918.—"Rumors have reached our baking section that bakers propose raising bread prices on account price wheat flour substitutes. As one barrel of flour produces on the average two hundred and seventy-five pound loaves and the substitutes will comprise only one-fifth flour content of Victory Bread the cost of bread will be increased less than one-tenth of a cent per loaf for each dollar per barrel that substitutes cost more than flour. Present price substitutes due to resales within trade in some sections also transportation difficulties. We earnestly believe that free movement of grains to mills will result in lower prices. It would be most unfortunate for wheat savings campaign if introduction Victory Bread were to be signalized by advance in prices. Please inform bakers in your state you do not think advance in price due to a temporary condition like this justified. Matter of resales within trade should likewise have earnest consideration. HOOVER."

NOTICE TO MASONS

The new Masonic lodge room in the Masonic Temple will be dedicated and consecrated Monday, February 25. All Sojourner Masons are invited to be present. ORMISTON E. BROWN, W. M.

Two furnished Rooms for Rent

Can be used for light-housekeeping or for sleeping rooms. Phone 339. House located 401 Aber St. See Tucumcari beat N. M. Normal.

MEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF DRAFT LAW FOUND GUILTY

Lee F. Robbins, a farmer living out south of town, was arrested on a complaint filed Jan. 17, which charged him with violation of the Selective Draft when he made a solemn oath before the Legal Advisory Board which was false.

He was tried before Judge Winter, the U. S. Commission for this district, and found guilty. His bond was placed at \$1000 for appearance before the Federal Board when it convenes in Santa Fe in April.

J. C. Williams was arrested for assisting Robbins. It was before him Robbins appeared and he acknowledged affidavits required by law concerning claims for exemption from military service under the selective draft act of the United States. The charge against Williams was that he was then and there a person authorized by law to make and give certificate concerning same and he did on December 31, 1917, at Tucumcari make and deliver as true a certain certificate to the effect that one Myrtle Robbins, the wife of one Lee F. Robbins, had subscribed and sworn to before him the said J. C. Williams, as Probate Judge, a certain affidavit and writing in support of the claim of exemption from military duty under the provisions of the Act of the Congress of the U. S., of May 18, 1917, which purported that Mrs. Robbins had read the questionnaire and claimed dependency but the said Myrtle Robbins was not subscribed by her and sworn to before the said J. C. Williams. It is claimed that Williams well knew it was contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

He was found guilty when tried before Judge Winter and bound over to the Federal Grand Jury under a \$500 bond.

Both Robbins and Williams gave bonds properly signed and were relieved from custody until the trial in Santa Fe in April.

RED CROSS LADIES REALIZE \$227.15 FROM BIG DINNER

The committee on arrangements for the dinner served to the Chamber of Commerce recently wish to hereby thank all who helped to make it such a success. Many called and volunteered their services and a donation. The actual cost of serving the dinner, including lumber and hauling was 45.10. Amount realized from donations and sale of left overs was \$227.15. Amount paid by Chamber of Commerce was \$250.00. There were more than 200 served at the dinner.

Amount cleared for local Red Cross was \$227.15. Chairman.

DRS. HERRING AND LANCASTER OPERATED ON THE YOUNG MAN

and removed a number of pieces of broken skull. It was hoped the operation might prove successful, but at last reports death seemed inevitable.

ROAD WORK STARTED ON TUCUMCARI ROAD FROM LOGAN TO OBAR

Ten teams left Tucumcari last Tuesday for Canode, the station north of Logan, taking road scrapers, plows and frescos to commence the opening of the road from Logan to Obar.

From Obar to Nara Visa the road is in good condition and after the removing of the gates obstructing it at present, it will be in splendid shape.

Four miles of road will be opened between Canode and Obar, one mile and a half near Canode and three and one half near Sand Springs. No piece of construction is so needed in the county as this particular one, and at present the north-eastern section of Quay county is isolated from the rest due to this impassable stretch.

Soundings were made all along this route to determine the depth of sand and in some places was reported as "bottomless." Where the sand is shallow and no dunes have built up, the road will be clayed. Where the route is obstructed by drifts, the construction will be what is technically known as "sand-drainage."

The State and County are financing the construction, and the estimate on same calls for approximately three thousand dollars. The work is under the supervision of the Highway Superintendent, E. N. Hobart, and will be rushed to a rapid completion.

Immediately after its opening the road to the Texas State Line, meeting the road from Dalhart, will be acted upon. Never before has Quay county had so comprehensive a road program as this one undertaken by the County Commissioners.

A main highway through the county from Glenrio to Montoya, to be improved by the Federal Government, the Nara Visa section to be connected with the county seat and the Dalhart route; and each caprock road to be improved to the limit of the county funds.

A county budget for road work has been prepared by the county and approved by the State Highway Commission.

STATE LANDS BRING GOOD PRICES IN UNION COUNTY

Clayton, N. M., Feb. 21.—The first sale of state land in 1918 in Union county, held here on St. Valentine's day, has demonstrated that last year's record-breaking state land sales in this county were not based on boom prices, but were fairly standardized values for the farming and grazing lands owned by the state in this section. A total of sixty-nine tracts were offered by State Land Commissioner R. P. Ervin at last week's auction in the county court house. They totaled 92,108.64-100 acres and brought a total purchase price of \$578,157.52, or an average price per acre of \$6.27. The average is not as high as that of the April, 1917, sale when an average of \$7.58 was reached; but the lands offered last week were largely grazing, with little agricultural land included, while in the 1917 sale large tracts of farm land were offered.

The tract sold last week ranged in acreage from 40 to 28,500 acres, but of the total 53 tracts were of 640 acres or less while only two were of above 5,000 acres, one being for 28,500 and the other for 8,900. Both these tracts were bought by New Mexico stockmen for the minimum price of \$5.00 per acre.

One tract of approximately 3,900 acres sold for \$10.60 per acre and another of 2948 acres sold for \$14.05 per acre. Prices ranging from \$10 to \$15 per acre were frequent for the smaller tracts and the high price of the sale was \$18.30 per acre paid for a school section. While a number of visitors from other states were bidders the bulk of the successful bidders were citizens of New Mexico, familiar with the lands and their values.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECURES 350 NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The big drive for new members to the Chamber of Commerce brought forth fruit and the most sanguine expectations are being realized. The number has already nearly reached the 350 mark and Secretary Case expects it to reach the 400 mark before the first of March. Many men are doubling up and taking out a membership. Nearly everybody is anxious to become a real live member of the organization.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, who has been in charge of affairs is well pleased with the outcome. He was anxious to make a record for himself and Tucumcari. He says our membership is the largest of any town in the United States according to the size of the town. He says we broke the record. He found no dissent among the workers although they do not work so harmoniously in city and county elections. A good representative bunch of men were selected on the board of directors. Of course there are others who would have been just as good but out of 350 members all the good men could not be elected when there were only twenty needed to fill the desired quota.

Tucumcari is proud of her sister towns and the co-operative spirit is ripe all along the line. Some of the towns were eager to join the club. At Logan nearly every business man is on this list; at San Jon practically the same may be said, while other towns are coming in with memberships.

Election of directors was held at the Elks Club Tuesday night. Many suggestions were made but the quickest way to handle the task of selecting twenty representative men was chosen and at a late hour it was up to the judges and clerks of the election to count same and make known their finding. The count was not completed until 2:30 Wednesday morning, when it was found that the following were the winners:

For Three-Year Term:— T. A. Muirhead, U. S. Devor, J. H. Welch, C. D. Beeth, Fred McFarland, J. A. Street, and J. W. Corn.

For Two-Year Term:— Z. T. McDaniel, E. M. Yates, C. E. Hawkins, C. B. Hamilton, Frank S. Simmons, Oscar Sandusky and Earl George.

For One-Year Term:— W. J. Eitzen, A. D. Goldenberg, Ray Z. Boyer, J. M. Eager, W. F. Kirby, and H. Bonem.

The judges were Leon Sands and J. A. Atkins. The clerks were Roy H. Smith, Jno. Dunwoody, and Paul Bringer.

The selection of the officers has not yet been made and this selection will be made with care. The best man for the place is the one who should be selected.

GOLDENBERGS WILL SEND SOLDIERS A FREE PACKAGE

At the suggestion of M. B. Goldenberg it has been decided not to hold a big opening for the new store, but instead the money will be spent in sending each Quay county soldier by a combination package free. The only thing necessary now is the supplying of the names and addresses of the boys which will be difficult to do as they enlisted from all parts of the west. Now it is up to the parents and near friends to supply these names and addresses at once.

Mr. Goldenberg said "Instead of the usual show buying flowers and paying for music to entertain the folks here at home, we intend to send each Quay county soldier a token of esteem to show them we appreciate their efforts in offering their lives as a sacrifice for their government and our government. We are anxious to get every name."

LEND--NOT GIVE

In asking people to invest in war savings and war thrift stamps the government is not asking them to contribute money. It is merely asking for the use of money, and is willing to pay liberally for it.

The government simply wishes to employ your money and pay you for its services. You will get your money back with interest—compound interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. The stamps mature in 5 years, but you can cash them any time you wish before the date of maturity and still get interest—at three per cent.

If you need the services of your money before five years, the savings stamps handed to the postmaster will be the letter of resignation, and you will get your money back with additional payment for the time the government has used it.

There is no red tape, no bother, no uncertainty, no worry. It is the simplest, safest, and most satisfactory investment you can make.

Take your share of New Mexico's \$7,000,000.

Don't miss basketball games Sat.

PREPARE YOUR GOVERNMENT INCOME TAX RETURNS NOW

Government officials will be in Tucumcari from February 25th to March 1st to assist taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns. In order to make it as easy as possible to prepare these returns you should prepare a statement of your transactions for the year 1917, and have all your figures ready for the inspection of these officers. Make a memorandum of all the sales of livestock, wool, and all farm products and then itemize your expenses as follows: Labor, supplies for your men, lease of grazing land, cost of feed purchased, interest paid on indebtedness, taxes paid and any other items of expense connected with producing the stuff you have sold or raised during the year.

If you have all these figures ready it will only take a few minutes for these officers to determine whether or not you are required to file a return.

A married person, living with husband or wife, with a net income of \$2,000.00 or a single person with a net income of \$1,000.00, must file a return, however, a married person has an additional exemption of \$200 for each child under 18 years of age, dependent upon them for support.

Do not delay. To do so may result in your having to pay a heavy penalty.