

## American Legion Being Organized

St. Francois, Mo., August 12, 1919. Editor Times, Farmington, Mo. Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter in connection with the American Legion whose membership is limited to those who were connected with the military and naval service of the United States between April 6th, 1917 and November 11th, 1918. I trust that you will give the contents of this letter such publicity as you believe the matter requires. The writer was recently appointed chairman of the Organizing Committee for St. Francois County by General H. C. Clark, Missouri State Chairman of the American Legion. I appointed Charles J. Mitchell as Vice-Chairman and L. Walter Dempsey, Secretary.

On August 7th a meeting was held in Flat River and the Coleman Frazier Post was organized with the following officers:

Post Commander, Waldo H. Comins, St. Francois, Mo.  
Post Adjutant, L. Walter Dempsey, Flat River, Mo.  
Post Historian, Charles J. Mitchell, Flat River, Mo.

This Post was named in honor of a well known Flat River boy who enlisted on July 20th, 1917, went to France with Company F, 138th Infantry, and was killed in action in the Argonne Forest on September 26th, 1918.

The Organizing Committee is now earnestly working toward organizing Posts in Farmington, Bonne Terre and Bismarck. A local Post can be organized in any community with a minimum membership of fifteen previous service men, and the County Organizing Committee will gladly assist in the formation of any Post in St. Francois County.

The State Convention will be held within sixty days and the National Convention will be held at Minneapolis on November 11th, 1919.

Very truly yours,  
W. H. COMINS.

## COUNTY COURT ADJOURNS

The County Court finished up Tuesday with the regular business of the court but was called back in a special session Wednesday to pass on the case of Rudolph Schindler, who was sent to State Hospital No. 4 for treatment. Other business transacted was:

- Henry Burlaw exempted from road work on account of physical disability.
- Bond of County Highway Engineer, Thomas H. Holman, in sum of \$5,000 filed, with Oscar L. Haile, W. R. Lang, P. A. Shaw, J. C. Williams and L. H. Williams as securities.
- Inspection made of Iron Mountain-Libertyville road, south of Doe Run.
- Receipt from County Treasurer for \$2,846.50, amount above expenses of \$103.50 on sale of property of F. M. Carter, deceased, to satisfy School Fund Mortgage, approved.
- Court orders \$75 issued to P. G. Smith for improvement of road from Unity School House to Valley Forge, said sum to go with a like amount raised by Henry Westmeyer.
- Roads in vicinity of St. Williams inspected, with view to improvement of same.
- Josephine Pierce admitted to State Hospital No. 4, it appearing that she is a proper person for admittance there.
- Petition of 400 names presented to Court, praying for the renewal of the contract retaining the Home Demonstration Agent. Said petition was denied, and decided by the Court not to renew contract.
- Warrants
- T. H. Holman, road improvement, \$2,000; J. E. Williams, school fund loan, \$125; Tetley-Klein Lumber Co., supplies, \$64.20; Tetley-Klein Lumber Co., coal, \$39.04; Geo. S. Matkin, merchandise, \$11; Gruner & Rosenstengel, supplies, \$5; E. J. McKinney, supplies, \$16.25; C. H. Adams, bringing Frank Wells into court, \$7; S. A. Gossett, supplies for County Infirmary, \$11; Burnette's Market, supplies, \$14.25; Henderson Store Co., supplies, \$6.60; A. C. Boyd, supplies, \$128.13; J. C. Houser, supplies, \$4.50; Municipal Lighting Plant, light and power, \$33.40; Lead Belt Telephone Co., phone services, \$35.65; H. M. O'Bannon, recording discharges, etc., \$37.76; Desloge Sun, J. P. Supplies, \$26; Missouri Prison Board, support in-p. be., \$66.00; W. E. Middlekamp, support inmates at State Sanatorium, \$179.79; Buxton & Skinner, supplies, \$5.70; Standard Prtg. Co., supplies, \$32.50; Bismarck Gazette, printing notice, \$2; St. Louis Bindery Co., supplies, \$18; J. H. Jones, Treas., six months support State Hospital \$108; Dr. A. F. Eugans, examination Mrs. Mary Pierce, \$5; F. M. Matkin, 7 days' services and mileage, \$35.70; J. W. Jones, 7 days' services and mileage, \$36; W. A. Mitchell, 7 days' services and mileage, \$35.70; J. D. Huff, improvement Iron Mountain-Libertyville road, \$300; J. W. Jones, one day's service and mileage, \$6; J. D. Huff, improvement Pilot Knob-Farmington road, \$608; J. H. Jones, six months' support State Hospital, \$108; F. M. Matkin, one day's service and mileage, \$5.70; J. W. Jones, one day's service and mileage, \$5; F. M. Matkin, one day's service and mileage, \$5.

John T. Crowe, Misses Minerva and Mattie Crowe, and Dr. Harry Crowe, of Beaufort, Mo., and John T. Crowe, of Fredericktown, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Allen. Little Miss Hallie Brown, niece of Mrs. Allen, who spent the summer here, returned with them to her home in Beaufort.

## Annual Election at State Hospital

The annual election of officers for State Hospital No. 4 was held Monday, and resulted in the re-election of Dr. T. F. Frazer, of Commerce, and Dr. Prentiss S. Tate, of Morley, Assistant Physicians; Norman E. Bugg, of Potosi, Steward; Margaret L. Gray, of New Madrid, Matron, and J. H. Jones, of Farmington, Treasurer.

There was no opposition for any of these places, which speaks volumes for the efficiency and harmony in the management of that splendid institution. The high efficiency of the hospital staff, the harmonious unity of purpose which characterizes their work, guarantees the continued success that has marked the management under the present administration.

The patient and considerate treatment of the patients at all times stands out most prominently as a wide mark of distinction in the management of this institution, which has received the "highest award" in the report of the State Examining Board among the eleemosynary institutions of the State. The Training School for Nurses, which has recently been established there, has already proven to be most beneficial, resulting in even additional kindness, courtesy and consideration being shown the patients.

Another noteworthy feature in connection with State Hospital No. 4—whether or not it has anything to do with the constant advance of that institution, we are unable to state—is that the present management, from Dr. J. L. Eaton, Superintendent, down, are all, for the first time in the history of that institution, native South-east Missourians.

## Home Demonstrator to Be Dismissed

At the regular monthly meeting of the County Court last week, petitions were presented to that body asking that the office of Home Demonstration Agent be continued, for the reason that, in the opinion of the more than 400 signers of such petitions, the present Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Pet Tucker, had made her services of real merit, and that the discontinuance of such position would work irreparable injury to the good and upbuilding of the best interests of the county.

It is generally conceded, especially by practically all of those citizens who have kept close watch on the work of the Home Demonstrator, that her work has resulted in great good for all home-makers who have permitted themselves to enjoy the pleasure and profit that she has for almost a year past been bringing to them, without a cent of direct cost to them. That Miss Tucker has proven herself capable and competent of handling the work devolving on her in that position, and that her heart has been in the work, there is no reason to doubt. Her desire and willingness for work cannot be denied, and it will be with sincere regret that her many good friends she has made in the past ten months in this county will learn that this most important position, for the upbuilding of the homes of St. Francois county, is to be dispensed with.

The County Court Judges decided to establish the position of Home Demonstrator purely as a war measure, in the interest of conservation of food products particularly, and they now feel that, as there is no longer need for rigid food conservation, that, in the interest of economizing in the county government, it is their duty to dispense with that place. There are many, however, who feel that the cost to the county of a Home Demonstration Agent is infinitesimal in comparison to the good that such a competent agent has brought to the homes of the county, as was demonstrated by the very large petition that was presented to the County Court asking that the place be made permanent.

Homer Presnell and Kenneth Burns, of Libertyville, are attending the State Fair at Sedalia.

## Skat!



Present situation in the Lead Belt, as seen by The Times' Cartoonist.

## MINERS VOTE "STRIKE" IN OVERWHELMING NUMBERS

### Feeling That Their Cause is Just, 1,638 Lead Belt Workmen Uphold Strike Order, Which is Opposed by 8

A strike of all union labor throughout the Lead Belt will go into effect today, there appears no much room for doubt, unless the operators in that district conclude, at the eleventh hour, to accede to the demands of their workmen for an increase in wages. But such a conclusion, which would mean the restoration of the Lead Belt again to peaceful contentment, is far-fetched, as there is not the slightest indication that those in control in the field have the slightest intention of making any overtures to the men, at the present time, at least.

The company's affairs appear to be in impossible hands in that district, insofar as making peace with the men are concerned. That influence, which is headed by C. J. Adams, of the St. Joe, appears to think it presumptuous in labor to even presume to show dissatisfaction with the "liberal" wages they are so "magnanimously" handing out. This they do in a manner that would impress the stranger that they are now paying the workmen far more than they earn, and therefore refuse to be even approached for any manner of increase. The facts are that the average wage throughout the Lead Belt, so The Times has been reliably informed, is only about \$3.00 a day—much below the lowest possible expense of life of a large family, as many of the miners have.

Last Friday the members of the Mine, Mill and Smelters Union were called on to vote, in their different locals throughout the county, on the proposition of whether or not they would stand back of their Executive Committee, even to going out on strike, should that body fail to reach an agreement with the operators. The result of that vote showed practical unanimity among organized labor for going to the last extreme in case their just claims were not recognized. That vote also showed organized labor to be stronger in that field than it has previously been given credit of being. The vote showed 1638 as favoring going to the extreme, while only 8 opposition votes were cast.

Today is the final day given the operators to reply to the demand of labor for an increase in wage, and The Times is informed that a representative from the International Union is now on the scene, and it appears to be altogether likely that a strike will be called tomorrow, or very soon thereafter, unless the mine owners succeed in getting their eyes open to the fact that they cannot expect to keep up their war-time profits with the blood of their workers and their families. They should be brought to a realization of the fact that this is a reconstruction period, and that those mines should be kept running during times like the present, even though they are not more than pay expenses. Their war-time profits would justify them in running on an even break for awhile, and yet the laborers who have long been held down by them, do not want all the profits—nothing like it. They only want what the Federal Constitution says they shall have—a square deal.

## Good Roads Mass Meeting Called

Farmington, Mo., Aug. 14, 1919. To the Taxpayers of St. Francois County, Missouri:

The Federal Government of the United States has made a large appropriation to aid in building substantial roads throughout the States. The "Hawes Road Law" makes it possible for Missouri counties to receive this "Federal Aid", amounting to \$1,200 per mile for two State roads in each county—one north and south and one east and west. Where this \$1,200 will not provide the kind of road the traffic demands, and it is necessary or desirable to build a better and more substantial road, the county or other interested parties must provide and secure to the State Highway Board one-half of the sum necessary in excess of said twelve hundred dollars per mile.

The ordinary road tax will not provide the money necessary to secure the full amount of "Federal Aid" to build our State roads as they should be built and at the same time continue the policy of extending improvements to all other roads of the county.

The building of a complete system of hard-surfaced roads would be the best investment the people of St. Francois county could make at this time—since it is now possible to get the Federal aid. But in order to start and carry to completion any program of substantial road improvement it is necessary to have sufficient funds, authorized and available, to finance the proposition.

There seems to be no way to provide the funds except by a bond issue. The issuance of road bonds would make some increase in the taxes; but while the roads are being built and the money expended, many of the citizens of the county would receive more money in wages and for supplies than their taxes would amount to during the term of the bonds, and at the same time they would have the benefit of the improved road. The non-resident owner's land values too would be increased more than his taxes.

Now, in order that the voters may determine the advisability of taking steps to inaugurate and undertake some substantial program of road improvement, we invite you to meet at the Court House in Farmington at one o'clock on Saturday, August 23, 1919. Please see that your school district is represented so that we may get an expression of the sentiment of every community.

THOS. H. HOLMAN,  
County Highway Engineer.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL TO RE-OPEN THIS SEPTEMBER

The Catholic school, which has not been open for two school terms, will re-open September 8th for a year's work. Two sisters, who will have charge of the school, will arrive in a few days to prepare for the opening. The school-house, which is directly north of the church, has been repaired and put in good shape.

About fifty pupils are expected to enter.

## STAMM—PICKRELL

Harry Stamm sprung a surprise on his friends Monday when he was quietly married to Miss Mabel Pickrell, whose home is in East St. Louis.

Harry is the fourth son of Ed. Stamm, a prominent farmer of this vicinity, and is a favorably known young man. The bride attended Ozark Business College here last winter.

They will make their home with the father of the groom. The Times wishes them a happy married life.

## DEATH OF JUDGE TULLOCK

Christopher Thomas Tullock, son of John and Rebecca Grider Tullock, was born on a farm four miles east of Bismarck, St. Francois county, Mo., September 25th, 1843, being 75 years, 10 months and 16 days of age at his death.

He was married to Artemesia Matkin, fifty years ago and to this union a daughter was born, who married Edward Walters, now of St. Louis.

He was converted and united with the Baptist church at Bismarck, 28 years ago, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge of that place.

He was preceded in death by his father's entire family. While spending the summer with his wife on a farm belonging to his son-in-law, located near Bellevue in Washington county, he quietly passed away August 11, 1919.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. H. E. Walters, and four grand children, Edgar, of Ranger, Texas; Faye and Artie Walters, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Wm. Cryster, of Caruthersville, Mo., and one great-grand child, little Mary Jane Cryster, all of whom were present, except Edgar Walters.

Judge Tullock spent his entire life in St. Francois county and held many positions of honor and trust. He was Judge of the County Court for four years and had been elected Mayor of Bismarck but resigned when he went to St. Louis to live with his daughter and family, whom he idolized.

Judge Tullock was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Those who knew him best loved him best, in fact, to know him was to love him. He will be missed as a citizen of St. Francois county, he will be missed by the lodge he loved, he will be missed by the little Baptist church in Bismarck in all its services, which he loved to attend, and he will be missed most of all by his aged widow and devoted daughter and grand children. May he rest in peace in the Masonic cemetery in the suburb of Bismarck, the little town he loved.

## Missouri State Fair Great Success

The Times editor visited the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia the first of the week, and was truly astonished at the magnitude of the exposition. It is the impression of the writer that the real greatness of the Missouri State Fair has not yet come into anything like a true appreciation of the people of the State, even though this is the Nineteenth annual exhibition.

The fact, however, that Monday's attendance was in excess of any former opening day—Monday was really the opening day, though many thousand people witnessed interesting programs there Sunday—shows that this great enterprise is rapidly gaining in popularity. The facts are that it is an enormous enterprise, and nothing is done there on a cheap or small scale. It is truly a Missouri enterprise, with a Missouri disposition.

The State Fair grounds is composed of something over 200 acres of land, so that there is ample room for anything that may be desired there. The stability of practically all the exhibit buildings is one of the first things to attract the gaze of the observing person. They are mostly brick, and of commodious portions. The immense grandstand has a substantial steel frame, relieving the vast crowds now assembled there of any likelihood of the structure crumbling from the great weight it is daily compelled to carry.

The live stock exhibits, specimens of which were still arriving Monday night, are certainly wonderful, in number as well as quality. Notwithstanding the supposed uncertainty of transportation, which it was feared would seriously militate against exhibiting fine stock there, all such displays are more abundant than they ever were before, so we were informed. And such stock as it to be seen there! It hardly seems possible that its equal can be found anywhere on earth, outside of Missouri.

Before the grand stand high-class entertainment is going on throughout the afternoon and evening. Here also is where quality shows, as there is nothing cheap or sordid in any of the entertainment offered by the Fair management, and it would be well worth the expense and time of anyone to spend at least a few days at the State Fair. When one sees what a splendid—a wonderful—exposition the Missouri State Fair really is, there is not much danger that great privilege and pleasure will often be overlooked thereafter.

A much traveled gentleman in the writer's company, stated that the Missouri State Fair had the "makin'" if it was not already, the finest fair he had seen anywhere throughout the country. While the serious illness of our fellow townsman, Judge E. E. Swink, last week compelled his return home, after he had started for the Fair, is deeply regretted by those in charge, things are moving along with little or no apparent discomfort to those in charge, though the Judge would perhaps give a good farm to have been permitted to be there this year, where his wide knowledge of the work to be done, as well as his unusual managerial ability, would be of such vast advantage in the management of that great enterprise.

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Aug. 8—Bert Barnett, Bonne Terre, and Ernestina Ramsey, Spratt.  
Aug. 11—Harry Stamm, Farmington, and Mabel Pickrel, East St. Louis.  
Aug. 12—Tony Berry and Betty Courtois, Flat River.  
Aug. 12—Lloyd V. Black, Jackson, and Lettye Ruth Hunter, Bismarck.