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Thirty Men Called For Camp McArthur

Order Came To The County Board A Few Days Ago—The Boys Will Depart Friday.

Thirty men are called to leave Mexico on tomorrow for army training at Camp McArthur, Texas. The list is as follows:

Charles J. Dougherty, Clark.
Ernest G. Allen, Laddonia.
Mark D. Spurlock, Laddonia.
James O. Callaway, Vandalia.
William Teague, Farber.
Frank Brown, Vandalia.
Elmer G. Bryant, Farber.
William K. Glendy, Mexico.
John P. Palmer, Kirk.
Albert Zuck, Thompson.
Eugene B. Stites, Centralia.
Elbert J. Elledge, Laddonia.
Orlando C. Decker, Gazelle.
Walter G. Denmark, Laddonia.
Maurice C. Abington, Vandalia.
Walter J. Hafner, Rush Hill.
Charles A. Robinson, Mexico.
John Hyyphen, Centralia.
Benjamin F. Dobyns, Mexico.
Bertram E. Wallace, Gazelle.
Ivan L. Ostrander, Mexico.
Joe M. Barnes, Mexico.
Walter W. Busse, Vandalia.
William B. Jones, Centralia.
Jennings B. Talley, Laddonia.
Herbert C. Knipfel, Laddonia.
Edward F. Kilbourn, Centralia.
Frank Rex, Laddonia.
Edwin D. Slavens, Rush Hill.
Guy T. Ulrich, Vandalia.
Sam P. Locke, Mexico.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Christian Church Association of the county, representing 17 local churches, held its annual meeting in Mexico Friday. There was not a large attendance, but there were a number of excellent speeches and discussions.

The officers for the ensuing year are: J. C. Mundy, president; A. B. Smith, vice-president. Rev. H. P. Atkins, secretary, and W. G. Wilkins, treasurer.

ATTENDED FUNERAL.

Hubert Coll, Frank Barnes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barnes, all of Laddonia, and W. H. Morris and family of Worcester, attended the funeral of Mrs. A. G. Azdell in Mexico Saturday.

Owen Maxwell of Rush Hill is a patient in Amanda Hospital.

Miss Annette Smith has gone to Washington, D. C., to accept a Government position.

Mrs. Harry B. Barks, Jr., of St. Louis is the guest of the family of Rev. H. B. Barks of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Whitney have moved to Jefferson City.

Miss Carrie Sproul, formerly of this city, has a position in the public schools at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Miss Martha Dearing will teach at Fillmore, Mo., thru the coming school year.

CANDY SHOP UNDER WOMAN'S MANAGEMENT.

Clinton Blattner goes to Greenleaf Ga., for limited army service. He is proprietor of the Gem Candy Shop and will leave it under the care of Miss Tiny Connor, who will have two other girls to assist her in the fountain trade.

The boys are going to the war and the girls are taking their places in the business places.

Miss Alice Witherspoon has entered upon her third year's work as a student in Missouri University.

MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

51st Year in Business
Capital Stock, \$100,000

R. M. WHITE, President
J. R. JESSE, Cashier

MR. POWELL'S HEROIC FEAT. WANTED, TANKS OF WATER

Fourteen Divorce Cases in Circuit Court—Send The Wife Beater To Help Beat The Huns—Judge E. A. Shannon.

Mexico, Mo., Aug. 31.—Well, near all the big events are now in the past—the Chautauqua, the circus, and next we'd like to see rolling along would be tanks and tanks of rain and a cessation of the heat.

Mark Givens, east of Mexico, is preparing to sow 60 or 70 acres of wheat—if he can get the ground broken. The ground has been so hard, from the drought, that he says he has to have his plow resharpened about every other day.

E. B. Norris has been entertaining two of his old boyhood friends, Mr. Spencer of Decatur, Ill., and Mr. Griffin of Grant Lake, Ill. These auld lang syne chums get together every year and live over again boyhood days.

After the first of January it will be Judge E. A. Shannon. Get onto the reading of that wedding ceremony, Judge; folks are to marry and be given in marriage as in the days agone.

Harper VanNess, with the Quartermaster's Corps at Washington, D. C., arrived here last week on a short visit to his parents. He has seen some of the returned soldiers from France, some disabled so that they will not be able to go into battle again.

We notice that the "filosofer" of the Louisiana Press notes that "a Mexico man was fined Thursday for beating his wife." The "filosofer" then comments: "They ought to send that fellow to France to help beat the Huns." And, up here, we admit that is good advice, too.

Rufus Jackson has been re-appointed Mexico's postmaster. He makes a careful and painstaking official. And with his fine class of assistants you never hear a word of complaint from the public for the service they get in the handling of the mails. The Mexico postoffice officials and aids are all efficient, a dandy, handy bunch.

Mrs. A. G. Azdell, 71 years old, after a long illness, died at her home in this city last Thursday morning. She was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. In 1867 she was married to A. G. Azdell, and the next year they came to Missouri, settling on a farm. Eighteen years later they moved to Mexico. Five children were born—four have died; one, Nannie, was the wife of Rev. J. D. Greer here. The child living is Mrs. Logan Robinson of Kansas City. Mrs. Azdell was a thoro Christian, becoming a member of the Methodist Church in her early girlhood. Rev. J. O. Edmonston, an old member of the family, conducted the funeral at the home Saturday morning. The husband survives; his life will be lonely now.

P. J. Powell, rural mail carrier on Route 3 out of Mexico, is a hero and deserves a medal. He was passing by George Snedeker's home, southeast of Mexico, Wednesday and he noticed the front porch was on fire. He ran to the house and found no one at home. Undaunted, he ran to a big tank in the back yard. After he had gotten thru throwing H₂O the flames were no more. Thank Powell that the house was saved.

Miss Addie Cunningham, a former teacher and one of Mexico's very best girls, who volunteered for nursing service in the U. S. Army last June, received her call to report at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and left for that place today.

The three railroads—the Chicago, the C. B. and Q. and the Wash—passing thru Mexico have been consolidated, by Government order. The C. and A. passenger station will be the union station. T. L. Marshall will be the ticket agent, where everybody will take the cars when they want to leave town. On the whole, we believe the arrangement will prove all right.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jesse left this week for a visit in Colorado Springs.

Joy rides were few and far between in Mexico Sunday. No gasoline was sold. The garage men are rightly observing the call for conservation.



YANKS MAKE GOOD "OVER THERE;" WE MUST WORK HERE

OUR BOYS ARE PRESERVING AMERICA'S TRADITIONS ON FOREIGN BATTLEFIELDS AND IN TRENCHES.

THEY DESERVE OUR SUPPORT

Back Them Up With our Dollars When The Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign Opens September 28.

Every day the newspapers tell of some one or another of the Yanks having been awarded the cross of war for conspicuous bravery in action. Every day these same dispatches carry the story of some intrepid charge against the enemy trenches, the storming of some machine gun nest, the taking of another town of two in desperate hand to hand fighting. And our hearts swell with pride that it is so.

Equally appreciative of their prowess are the allied leaders. "You have shown yourselves to be worthy sons of your great country and have gained the admiration of your brothers in arms," declared General Mangin the other day in an official order thanking the Yanks for their part in the last great thrust against the Huns.

General Mangin voiced the sentiments of the entire membership of the allied general staff. For the Yanks have made good with a vengeance.

We are wholly justified in being proud of them. We can look the whole world in the eye, knowing they rank with the finest. We can justly feel again that the traditions of American arms have been upheld; that in the eyes of the world America no longer stands accused of pacifism at the cost of honor; of meek submission to the ruthless arrogance of any people drunk with power.

Once more we may hold up our heads, square our shoulders, take a reef in our trousers and intimate to the world at large that it's a dangerous pastime to tread upon the tail of our coat.

Thanks to the khaki-clad ranks. And shortly we are to have an opportunity to prove just how much we value our new-found standing in the eyes of the world. To repay, indirectly, these restorers of our national self-respect.

For the Fourth Liberty Loan is very close at hand. The campaign will open Sept. 28 and continue for three weeks.

Make your tribute to their bravery a substantial one.

Begin early to prepare for this.

All patriots will register. All others MUST!

ARRIVES OVERSEAS.

Clarence Moody, southeast of Mexico, who volunteered for war service a number of months ago, writes his sister here, Mrs. Kate Thornton, that he arrived overseas recently, safe and healthy.

DEAD IN FRANCE.

Leonard W. Stromburg, born in this city, late of Denver, Colo., who was with the American Expeditionary Forces, died of pneumonia recently in France. Mr. Stromburg was a cousin of Mrs. Mike Shire and Miss Grace Armstrong here and a grandson of Joe Armstrong of Mexico. He joined the U. S. Engineers Corps a few months ago in Utah.

COMING TO MEXICO.

Mrs. C. M. Fuller of Clinton, Ill., has bought Edgar Threlkeld's home on East Monroe street and takes possession at once. Mrs. Fuller is a sister of Mrs. J. McPheeters of East Love street.

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T. L. Marshall is the agent at the union passenger station—since the consolidation of the railroads. He is a fine fellow. He has had twenty years trial as a servant of the public in Mexico and has always made good.

Mayor Dr. J. F. Harrison has gone to the war. He is at Camp Funston for training. The City Council refused to accept his resignation as Mayor. It was a nice compliment. Some of the kids about town say they will not dare to get sick now since Dr. Harrison is gone.

Misses Helen Howell and Lillian Richards, both graduates of McMullan—Miss Richards teaching at Farber last year, have both been elected to positions in the Miami, Okla., High School. Miami is a larger city than Mexico.

The price of hogs on the Kansas City market last Friday soared to \$20.15.

A Missouri soldier "over there" clips this from a Paris, France, newspaper: "Smile, folks, smile. Nix on the sob stuff. Life in France is not a day-in-and-day-out proposition of living knee-deep in blood and mire of the trenches. Neither is it a life of dodging shells every few moments. When it ain't business hours, there's lots of fun seeing Chawlle at the Y, or dancing with a Red Cross nurse, or even playing checkers. Cheer up—we're happy—and working like the devil, so that we can get this unpleasant little job over with and go b-b-back. Smile and nix on the sob stuff."

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BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

The County Draft Board, which is composed of E. S. Wilson, Dr. J. G. Moore and John H. Lane, has appointed a draft board of instructions for the men being inducted into service. The appointees are: Col. E. Y. Burton, C. A. Barnes, Father Timothy O'Sullivan, Rev. A. A. Wallace, Rev. H. P. Atkins, Rev. C. C. Grimes, L. M. White and Col. Fred Morris.

The board's duty will be to confer with men inducted into service on the purpose of the war and the necessity of its success for the Allied arms and kindred subjects.

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Miss Pauline Powell of this city will teach in the Moberly public schools.

Mrs. K. B. Wilkerson and small daughter, Martha, are home from a visit in Ohio.

We heard one of our prominent business men observe the other day that the big circuses that come to town have damaged our paved streets more than any and all other things put together except the excavations here and there by the plumbers.

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CHAMP CHIMES.

We had a splendid one and one-half inch rain Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Heinlen returned last Sunday from a visit in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White are visiting relatives in Iowa.

Stealing is becoming very common in this vicinity. We no not know whether the talent displayed is home-grown or imported.

Deroy Cobb will attend college at Fayette thru the coming year.

Mrs. John Foddy is boarding our new school teacher, Miss Lovelace, and Mrs. Arthur Dicus is boarding the Beaver Dam teacher, Miss Roland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dicus and Mr. and Mrs. Will Lock motored to Jefferson City last Thursday.

Our farmers are still plowing for wheat, tho it is said fertilizer for wheat is not to be had on the market.

Corn cutting is in progress, tho between the grasshoppers and the hail the fodder is very poor.

A. B. Weidner, who has been on the retired list for some time, with a sore hand, was, at last accounts, being attacked by Job's malady.

Ernest Jesse is at work in Cape Girardeau.

Shrout and Dean shipped out 273 sheep Monday, mixed lot, lambs and ewes.

Rev. H. I. Cobb is attending annual conference at Fulton for a few days.

General John Pershing is bone dry. He wants to see prohibition speedily enacted into law. Listen to him: "Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States, close every saloon, every brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker, and if necessary death to the seller, or maker, or both, as traitors, and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its inefficiency, started at the increase in its labor supply. I shall not go slow on prohibition, for I know what is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the bullets of the enemy." Another man who knows bears striking testimony to the burdensomeness of the liquor traffic. Let Lord George speak: "Drink during the war has used up as much tonnage as the Germans have sunk with all their submarines. Drink during the war has killed more men than have been killed by the German submarines. Drink during the war has destroyed more food than all the German submarines put together."

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Huns Continue To Retreat Before Allies

Menace To The Channel Ports Has Been Almost Overcome—Allied Line Moving Forward.

All along the western front Germans continue to give ground before the Entente Allies. The daily trend of events indicate the insecurity of the German lines and the inability of the German high command to hold back the aggressors.

Where two months ago great salients projected into the Allied front, these have either been flattened or are in the process of being blotted out, and in some instances the Allies themselves have driven in wedges that seriously menace the enemy.

With the Marne and Picardy sectors now virtually all reclaimed, the wings of the present Allied offensive are moving in a manner that bodes ill to the Germans. In the north the wing on the Lys salient, southwest of Ypres, gradually is bending under voluntary retirement and the pressure of Field Marshal Haig's forces.

Following the fall of Kemmel, the Allied line has been moved further forward, until it now rests almost upon the Estaires-La-Basses road, less than seven miles southwest of Armentieres. By the wiping out of this salient the menace to the channel ports has been overcome.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Walden and son, Walter Scott Walden, of Honeywell, Mo., visited Mr. Walden's mother, Mrs. P. R. Cauthorn, near Molino, last week.

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MRS. LEE MUNDY.

Mrs. Lee Mundy, 45 years old, died Thursday of last week at her home in Vernon county, Mo. She formerly lived in Mexico. Her mother resides here, Mrs. E. E. Carroll. She is survived by her husband and four sons and one daughter. Other relatives in Mexico are: James Carroll, a brother; J. C. Mundy, a brother-in-law, and Mrs. Ada Shepherd, a sister-in-law.

The Masonic friends of Dr. J. F. Jolley met at the office of Attorney J. W. Buffington Saturday afternoon for a farewell fest. They presented Dr. Jolley with a valuable hand engraved wrist watch. Dr. Jolley enters army service after a brief visit to relatives in Kansas.

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Miss Natalie Morris, now with the Amanda Hospital, leaves soon to enter Government work in the department of dietetics. Miss Natalie is a graduate of Drexel College, Pa. She has two brothers at the front in France.

GERMANS BEING TRICKED.

Soldiers of the German army are still ignorant of the causes which led America to enter the war, according to J. J. McGraw, National Republican Committeeman from Oklahoma and member of the supreme board of the Knights of Columbus, who has just returned from a two months' tour of the fighting front in France.

McGraw declared that when he told one German officer, who was a prisoner, of the outrages which drew America into the war, the officer said he had not heard of them and added: "We are being tricked."

Describing a trip to a prison camp McGraw said the German prisoners ranged in ages from 17 to 49 years and had a "dog-tired", hopeless expression.

"The men I saw have been licked, properly and well," McGraw added.

McGraw brought back messages to Col. Roosevelt from his wounded sons, Maj. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Capt. Archie Roosevelt, whom he saw in Paris hospitals.

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