

**CLUB SMOKER WELL ATTENDED**  
**—VITAL SUBJECTS ARE DISCUSSED**

**BUILDING OF PERMANENT ROADS BELIEVED IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD DEVELOPEMENT OF WESTERN NEBRASKA**  
**—CITY MANAGER PROPOSITION IN QUESTION**

The first smoker by the Alliance Community Club in several months as well as one of the most enthusiastic in a long time was held at the County Court House on Tuesday evening with a goodly number of those interested in the welfare of the community present. Mr. F. A. Bald president and in such capacity proved himself a past master.

The first report was that of home building committee. The committee has already purchased sites, let the contracts and made preliminary arrangements for the immediate construction of ten modern homes to cost about \$3,700 each. These will be sold on the payment plan and it is believed they will all be disposed of before their completion.

Probably the most vital subject discussed was that of better roads, in which discussion Mr. Geo. Darling and Secretary Fisher took prominent parts and made splendid reports of their attendance at the Good Roads convention held in Omaha last week. The Omaha convention perfected an organization styled, "The Nebraska Good Roads Association" for the purpose of carrying on a campaign for the building of permanent roads throughout the state. This will include an educational campaign in which it is hoped to crystallize public opinion in favor of concrete and brick highways, to enlighten the people as to the cost of the same and the benefits and cost of maintenance as compared with the system now prevalent. Several comparisons were made showing what is being done in Kansas and in Nebraska. Kansas is one of the foremost western states in the line of permanent roads and Nebraska has thus far been very slow, this however, will not be the case in the course of a few short years and after the people of the state get thoroughly acquainted with the modern methods of road building.

Upon the call of the secretary on members of the club for membership in the Nebraska Good Roads Association thirty-seven of those responded with the membership fee of \$5.00. The city managers proposition was discussed from every angle. Attorney Walter Metz very clearly defined the legal side of the question, showing that unless the census taken at the time Alliance was put among the cities of the first class should be recognized as legal it would be impossible at this time for the city to undertake a change in the mode of government. This census was neither an official state or national census. Several of those present were called upon for remarks. Their respective opinions follow:

Mr. Glen Miller: "I am in favor of anything that will give us a more economical government."

Mr. W. W. Norton: "I have not studied the matter and do not know."

Mr. Fred Harris: "I'm in favor of getting an opinion from the attorney general and if possible to go ahead."

Mr. A. D. Rodger: "Let's find out what can be done. If it is legal I am for it. One man should be able to give us a much better and more economical administration than twelve."

Mr. Frank Abegg: "The present administration has had some hard propositions to contend with. Increased cost of conducting the various departments have constituted a real problem."

Superintendent Griggs of the Burlington was called upon for an expression of his impressions of Alliance and had the following to say: "Alliance is all right. The one thing wrong is that there are insufficient residence accommodations for the better paid of our workers. We have established a Mexican village and it's a good one and full of Mexicans, but we need a number of comfortable homes. Instead of building ten new houses you should build twenty. They will all be sold before they are completed. The Burlington is enjoying more business each year and plans to spend a lot of money in Alliance during the coming year."

A splendid luncheon of sandwiches and coffee was served by the ladies at the close of the meeting to which those present did full justice.

W. C. Mounts, county clerk, received this morning soldiers' ballots for the county, of which there were seven in number. Although there was nothing on the ballot to show from where they came, it is presumed that they were made out by soldiers in France. There were no candidates whose majority was so close that this vote would effect them. Of the seven votes received, five went to Cal Cox and two for Jim Miller for Sheriff. Their contest was the closest in the county.

**BURLINGTON WILL SPEND \$200,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS**

**Alliance to Benefit by Large Expenditure for Improvements in Local Shops and Yards.**

**BUSINESS IS EXCELLENT**

**Erection of New Houses for Employees to Help Greatly in Keeping Competent Men on Job**

At the Community Club smoker held Tuesday evening Superintendent G. L. Griggs of the Burlington announced that the railroad plans to spend not less than \$200,000 in improvements in the local shops and yards during the coming year.

Approximately \$100,000 of this amount will be spent in the installation of a new power plant for the shops and other Burlington institutions. The balance will be spent in track improvements and other needed improvements.

Business over the Alliance division is now better than at any time in the history of this line. The heavy shipments of oil from the Wyoming fields entire trains of tank cars often running through, and the large shipments of fruit from the western fruit growing localities are taxing the road's equipment to the limit. Stock shipments are getting heavier every year.

The erection of new, modern homes by the newly organized building association is encouraging to the railroad officials, who have been seriously handicapped in finding homes for the expert workmen needed.

**WILL TRABERT WAS BURIED THIS MORNING**

**Well Known Young Man Died Tuesday Morning from Short Attack of Influenza**

Will Trabert, aged twenty-two years, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Trabert, living near Alliance, died at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, December 3rd, after suffering for five days from Spanish influenza. Will was taken sick on Thursday of last week.

Will was born at Milford, Nebraska on June 25, 1896. He came to Alliance with his parents in 1912 and has made his home with them since that time. He was a prominent member of the Alliance volunteer fire department and held a policy in the state association insurance department. He also took an active part in I. O. O. F. activities, being a member of the subordinate lodge, No. 168 and the Eucomptment. He had been employed by the Burlington railroad for two weeks prior to his death.

Will is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Trabert; four brothers, Roy, Lee, Lester and Robert; and two sisters, Pearl and Ethel. Roy and Herman Trabert of Alliance are uncles of the deceased. Two other uncles, John and Leonard Trabert, came up for the funeral from their homes at Milford.

The funeral was held from the home at ten o'clock this morning, interment being made in Greenwood cemetery.

**BOY SCOUTS MEETING**

The Boy Scouts of Alliance had an interesting meeting on Monday evening. The "tenderfoot" examinations were completed and the following scouts started work on their second class examinations which they hope to complete by the time of the next meeting: Ivan Wong, Paul Carter, Tom Miller and Jack Marks.

At the election of officers held Tom Miller was chosen secretary-treasurer and Ivan Wong was elected Scout Scribe, with Jack Marks as his assistant. The scouts will organize a basketball team at the high school on Friday evening under the direction of Messrs Hamilton and Fisher. All scouts are urged to be present.



**Members of the Box Butte Home Guard Company**

The picture printed above shows six of the men who are leading officers and privates in the Box Butte Home Guards, the volunteer military organization to which Alliance and Box Butte county owes a great deal. When Alliance was recently in the midst of the serious grippe of Spanish Influenza these men stepped in to take charge of the situation and labored unceasingly day and night, often exposing themselves many times a day to the danger of contracting the disease. To the Home Guard is due the credit for preventing a more serious spread, for the enforcing of the quarantine regulations and for the undoubted saving of many lives.

**\$100,000 Paid For Small Potash Plant**

J. T. Burns, well known in the potash industry of western Nebraska, the last of the week sold the small potash plant recently erected by him on the Joy ranch, north of Antioch and east of Alliance, to the Omaha Potash & Refining Company for the sum of \$100,000 in cash. The purchase price includes the potash rights on all lakes on the Joy ranch.

The plant is located about ten miles north of Antioch and has a capacity of ten tons of potash every twenty-four hours. The plant has been operating only a few weeks, but long enough to show what it can produce and to prove the quality of the potash deposits on the Joy ranch.

Mr. Burns stated to an Alliance Herald reporter Tuesday that his main reason for selling was poor health and that he expected to leave soon for the south where he will spend the winter. He recently suffered a severe attack of influenza and his foreman at the plant died from the disease.

Mr. Burns, who came from Colorado to the western Nebraska potash fields in June of 1917, secured the leases on the potash deposits for which the monster Western plant at Antioch was built. He spent a number of months in testing these lakes and securing leases. After lining up the project he turned over his holdings to W. E. Sharp and associates of Lincoln. It is reported that Mr. Burns received in the neighborhood of \$130,000 for these leases.

The Omaha Potash & Refining Company, capitalized for \$1,000,000,

**"WELCOME HOME" FOR COUNTY'S FIGHTING MEN BEING PLANNED**

**APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES RENDERED TO BE EXPRESSED IN FITTING MANNER WHEN THE BOYS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES**

Just when and how the "Samuel's Will Come Marching Home," cannot yet of course, be told, but when they do Box Butte county homes a manifestation they have rendered to their country and to the world will be held in Alliance that shall never be forgotten.

**OMAHA POTASH COMPANY STARTS LAKESIDE PLANT**

**Company Headed By Well Known Omaha and South Omaha Men Breaks Ground for Plant**

**TO COST ABOUT \$500,000**

**Lakes on Webster Ranch South of Lakeside 20 Miles Will Furnish Brine for the Plant**

The Omaha Potash & Refining Company, capitalized for \$1,000,000 and headed by Everett Buckingham, Frank May and other well known Omaha and South Omaha men, on Monday broke ground for the erection of its new \$500,000 potash plant at Lakeside.

The company was organized during the past summer and secured leases on several thousand acres of water on the Webster ranch, twenty miles south of Lakeside. The lakes were thoroughly tested out and sufficient potash deposits found to care for a plant of a capacity of 100 tons of potash per day.

It is understood that the new plant which will be located adjacent to the Ford plant at Lakeside and south of the railroad, on the Lunsford ranch, is to be modeled after the Alliance plant at Antioch, one of the most successful large plants in the district. D. E. W. Jones, who had charge of the construction of the Alliance plant has charge of the building of the new Omaha plant.

The Omaha company last week purchased the small ten ton plant built and operated by J. T. Burns on the Joy ranch, east of Alliance, together with the potash right on the Joy ranch. They will operate the small plant as a separate unit.

**WILL HERMAN WAS BURIED IN FRANCE**

**Alliance Young Man Killed in Action on November 4th, Seven Days Before Close of Hostilities.**

Will Herman, aged twenty-three years and nine months, son of M. and Mrs. I. W. Herman of Alliance, was killed in action in France on November 4th, Sunday, according to a message received by his parents at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the war department at Washington. No particulars of his death were received.

On Tuesday three letters were received from Will, the last one having been written on October 30th, five days before he was killed. He did not mention being in action at that time although he had told in former letters of being in the fighting on September 12th.

Will left on March 5th for Camp Funston. He had been on a western trip and on his return left for the training camp. He was born in Malvern, Iowa, and came to Alliance with his parents eleven years ago. He attended the Alliance schools one year. He was a member of Company C, 358 Infantry.

John, a brother, is now in France. He left with the first draft from Alliance for Camp Cody in September, 1917.

Will is survived by three brothers, John, Jake, and George; and three sisters, Hazel, Mrs. J. M. Skala and Mrs. Boyd Gamble. The last letter received from John was written on November 8th. At that time he had not learned of the death of Will.

Memorial services in memory of Will are to be held at the Imperial theatre at one-thirty o'clock Sunday afternoon.

L. N. Worley and his two daughters, Izola and Mable, will leave tonight for the south to spend the winter. They are planning to travel during the winter, making only short stops at different points. Before returning to Alliance next spring they will stop for a visit at Washington D. C.

Those who are members of the Soldiers Welcome Home Organization appointed from the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross are:

- J. C. Morrow, chairman Alliance chapter, Red Cross.
- L. H. Highland, chairman Civilian Relief committee.
- J. W. Guthrie, chairman Canteen Service committee.
- Lloyd C. Thomas and Ben J. Salows, publicity committee.

In accordance with a motion passed at the meeting, Chairman Morrow appointed the following additional members to serve as representatives of the organization listed:

- Box Butte County Council of Defense—Robert Graham.
- City of Alliance—W. E. Rousey.
- Alliance Community Club—W. D. Fister.
- Elks—J. B. Miller.
- Eagles—Carl Wenzel.
- Masons—Judge Ira E. Taub.
- Odd Fellows—F. W. Hicks.
- Knights of Columbus—John O'Keefe.
- Alliance Fire Department—Leonard Pilkington.

Lloyd Thomas was appointed temporary secretary with instructions to call a meeting at which officers will be elected and the organization completed. Members of the organization are requested to formulate suggestions for the plan to be followed in welcoming home the returning soldier boys.

It was the consensus of the meeting that it would be impracticable to attempt a due welcoming to each of the soldiers as they returned for the reason that their return will be scattered over a period of several months but that after they have all returned a day should be set aside and an appropriate program rendered to their honor.

That no man in the service shall be overlooked upon his return, after discharge, the Canteen committee of the local Red Cross chapter will keep what is termed a "Welcome Home Roll," showing the name, branch of service, date of discharge, division, regiment, company, rank and his home address. Cards sent to each of the soldiers at the camps with the request that they be filled out and filed with the Canteen service of the Red Cross, will furnish this information in many cases. However, it will be necessary for the Canteen committee to obtain this information from each of the boys upon his arrival, at which time his name will be published in the local newspapers and added to the "Welcome Home Roll" carried therein. It is therefore very important that in every case that the newspapers and the Canteen committee be notified at once, either by the returning soldier or by his relatives, of his arrival.

Every possible respect will be paid, not only to the home boys as they return from the service but to those passing through Alliance. Appropriate decorations will be made at the depot and the Red Cross Canteen committee is exercising diligently its opportunity to help make glad the hearts of the boys in uniform.

This movement is one that will meet the approval of every true, red-blooded American. It is predestined to success because of its nature and will in after years be a bright spot in the history of Box Butte county.

**BOARD PUTS BAN ON DANCES**

The board of health of the city has placed a ban on the holding of public dances until further notice. Following the last dance held, it is claimed, six new cases of influenza that could be traced there, were reported.

**May God Go With Him.**

President Wilson is soon to cross the Atlantic to attend the opening sessions of the international peace conference. He will be the first president to set foot on foreign soil. President Roosevelt did go to Panama, but he went on a battleship, which is technically home territory, and the Canal Zone is United States territory. So President Roosevelt never set foot on foreign soil while in office.

No man in history has reached the high pinnacle of fame reached by Woodrow Wilson. The whole world is looking to him as the leader of the world's best thought and opinion. Trained diplomats wait upon his words, and all Europe, drenched in blood, asks that he sit at the head of the peace council table.

What a reception awaits this wonderful man when he sets foot upon French soil! Never has a crowned head received such a greeting as the one awaiting President Wilson at the hands and hearts of our Allies. His no hereditary title; no life tenure of office. In two short years he will step down and become a plain citizen of this democratic republic. And yet no hereditary monarch, no bearer of a title of nobility that reaches back through the centuries, will have the place in the world's history that will be accorded to this commoner who for eight brief years served his fellows in high office and then retired to the ranks.

Every patriotic American will rejoice that President Wilson is the unanimous choice of the peace conference for temporary chairman, and if possible for permanent chairman. It is a great honor to this republic as well as a great honor to President Wilson. And every loyal American will look forward to their president's safe return.—Will M. Maupin in Gering Midwest.