

MILITARY BAND TO BE HERE SATURDAY

IS MAKING "VICTORY" TOUR OF TWELVE WESTERN STATES

TOURED IOWA INTEREST LOAN

First Battalion Band of Camp Dodge, Iowa to Give Two Concerts at Alliance This Week

The First Battalion band of Camp Dodge, Iowa, the crack military band which toured the state of Iowa for the Fourth Liberty Loan, will arrive in Alliance on Friday from Sidney. If they make train connections with forty-four they will go direct to Antioch. If unable to make connections they will take lunch in the city and then journey to Antioch by auto where concerts will be given that afternoon and evening.

Saturday morning Alliance autoists will journey to Antioch and return with the band. It will be here for lunch Saturday noon and dinner that evening, as well as lodging. Patriotic Alliance people are asked to phone the community club, 74, station, how many of the boys they will feed and provide lodging for if you are unable to provide lodging and will feed the boys let the club know.

Saturday afternoon the band will give a concert starting at 2:30 o'clock at the opera house. Saturday evening another concert, starting at 8 o'clock, will be given.

The band is composed of twenty five pieces and is making a "Victory Tour" of twelve western states. They leave for the west on forty-one Saturday morning. Sergeant Harry E. Polk is directing the band. The band expenses will be made up by public donations. A good crowd is expected at both concerts to which there will be no charge for admission. The total expense will be only about one hundred dollars.

NEBRASKA HOME GUARDS TO BE MUSTERED OUT

Governor Keith Neville Announced Saturday that He will Muster Out the 30,000 Nebraska Guards

More than one hundred Box Butte county men will lose their military standing as members of the Nebraska Home Guards this week. Governor Neville announced at Lincoln on Saturday that he would muster out the 30,000 home guards in the state during the present week.

"The guards will be disbanded because the necessity for them no longer exists," said governor. The Box Butte guards organization has about forty uniformed members and twenty five rifles which were purchased by the county officials. The uniforms were purchased by the organization itself.

Since their organization the Box Butte guards have given aid to the harvest fields and helped the farmers and during the influenza epidemic took charge of the policing of Alliance in accordance with the request of the city authorities. They performed noble work and have the thanks of many citizens who realize the sacrifices made by the active members of the guards.

The officers of the local company are: C. Strong, captain; W. J. Hamilton, first lieutenant; Leonard Pilkington, second lieutenant.

Agricultural Meeting Called Off

The meetings of Organized Agriculture, usually held the third week in January in Lincoln, have been cancelled on account of the influenza epidemic. The action was taken after the officers of the various agricultural organizations had been canvassed. Their sentiment was that the meetings should be called off or postponed. The action was taken with reluctance. Nebraska's Organized Agriculture is the biggest agricultural meeting in the west and probably in America. Thousands of farmers make this week their annual vacation. Conservation of health and life is, however, in the opinion of the committee, of much greater importance than the educational value of the week's program.

Learn Tractor Operation

An opportunity for tractor owners or prospective owners to learn the details of operation and repair will be given in a four weeks course at the University of Nebraska, beginning December 30. The course will be very practical and will help solve the every day problems of the tractor owner. Hundreds of owners are earnestly seeking aid with their tractor problems. The United States Department of Agriculture sent out a questionnaire asking tractor owners about their troubles. In answer to question, "What part of your tractor gives you the most trouble?" 299 said magnets; 110, spark plugs; 103, gears; 104, carburetors; 80, bearings; 61, cylinders and pistons; 59, clutch; 43, valves and springs; 29 lubrication; 28, starting. All such problems will be given careful consideration in the course. For further information write H. E. Bradford, University Farm, Lincoln.

BROTHER OF TEACHER KILLED IN FRANCE

Sheridan County School Teacher Received Sad News of Death of Brother from Wounds

Miss Merle Welliver, teacher of the Wm. Cline country school east of Alliance and north of Antioch, on Wednesday of last week received official notice that her brother, private Delbert M. Welliver, died in France on October second from wounds received in action.

Miss Welliver has not received the particulars of her brother's death and does not know where he was buried.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL TO FIRST OF YEAR

Bad Weather and Christmas Rush Makes it Advisable to Extend Time of Drive

Although more than 1,500 Alliance people have already responded to the call for members of the American Red Cross, it has been deemed advisable to extend the drive for another week or until the first of the year. The inclemency of the weather the past few days and the rush of the Christmas season have no doubt been the cause of many not joining.

Great many who were former members have as yet neglected to renew their membership for the new year, due no doubt to the fact that the committee has been unable to see them.

The schools have made a splendid showing in the city and the same is true of the academy. The people living outside the city have been unusually liberal in their support of this worthy cause.

ONLY THIRTEEN FIRES IN ALLIANCE PAST YEAR

Fire Chief Ray Trabert Makes Best Report Ever Rendered During History of Department

Alliance was particularly lucky during the year ending December 25. Fire chief Ray Trabert, in his annual report rendered to the state fire commissioner and state association, shows that there were only thirteen fires during the year.

The total loss at the fires was estimated at not over \$835 of which \$500 was covered by insurance. With a well trained department and a motor fire truck that is always ready for a fire, the city can well be proud of the protection furnished by its efficient department.

Soldier's Wife Loses Purse

Mrs. Ellen Milford, a soldiers wife, received an envelope from Washington Christmas morning containing her check for her monthly allowance from the government. She did not open the envelope but tucked it in her coat pocket and lost it within two blocks of the postoffice. The check was for either \$30 or \$40 and is needed by Mrs. Milford. Anyone finding the envelope and check will make a soldiers wife and baby happy if they will notify the Herald office without delay.

STATE BOARD ORDERS STRICT QUARANTINE

State Department of Health Orders All Cases of Spanish Influenza Quarantined in Homes

The following bulletin has been issued by the Nebraska State Department of Health:

The State Department of Health held its recent conference to decide principally two things:

First: Are the various counties, cities and villages sufficiently organized to render efficient aid to their health departments in putting down this epidemic?

Second: In the event that the State Department of Health were to declare influenza an absolutely quarantinable disease, would the counties, cities and villages see that the quarantine was promptly enforced and strictly maintained?

The first proposition was unanimously answered in the affirmative, the second almost so, by representatives from almost every county in the state. The State Department of Health has accordingly made this an absolutely quarantinable disease and it is expected that the counties, cities and villages in whose jurisdiction cases occur, will see that the regulations are obeyed and violations promptly prosecuted.

Thomas With Army of Occupation - Harold S. Thomas, one of the six Thomas boys, now with the American army of occupation, wrote a letter which was received at Lincoln on December 20th. He started the letter at Nancy and finished it at Metz. Paul Thomas, who went first to Camp Cody and then to Funston, where he has been with the headquarters band for the past year, expects to return home to stay this week. Anson Thomas located at Fort Logan, near Denver, does not expect to be discharged for a couple of months. He is detailed on special duty which will require his services for that long at least.

Made Aviation Instructor



Lieut. Earl B. Spencer Son of Alliance Man is Made Instructor in Aviation in France.

First Lieutenant Earl B. Spencer, aerial observer, early in October was made an instructor at the Headquarters Training Camp, Aviation Section, in France. He is now wearing two gold chevrons, one from engagement in which he was wounded and one for his first six months' overseas service.

He has recently written to his uncle and aunt, Hon. and Mrs. A. J. Barkley of the wonderful work of his squadron while he was in the hospital and said that "after listening to the thrilling tales of flying and observing, I cannot tell you how much I regret my stay in the hospital which was longer than I anticipated," but he speaks with some pride of the fact that he had flown over the German lines in two different sectors and when he was wounded on the first day of August they were fighting in one of the great battles of the war as it was the turning point, when the offensive was taken from the Germans and they were driven back of the Marne.

Lieutenant Spencer enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps and entered the service the week war was declared. He was then a junior

in the Civil Engineering department of the I. S. C. at Ames. He went into training at San Antonio, Texas, and was soon put on special duty surveying and overseeing road work in the laying out of that new aviation field. In August, at his own request, he was transferred to the Third Squadron, then leaving for Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, to begin training in aviation. Two weeks later the first "School of Aerial Observers" in this country was organized at Ft. Sill and young Spencer was admitted to this school and began an intensive training for an "observer." Early in November those who had passed the examinations and qualified for overseas service were ordered to Garden City, N. Y. Early in January he was one of 53, composing the First Detachment of Aerial Observers that sailed for France, he being the only one from Iowa. His commission as Second Lieutenant was dated January 16th and on February 2nd he was promoted and given the rank of First Lieutenant. After finishing his training in France he was assigned to the First Aero Squadron, flying over the enemy battle lines, making observations and directing the artillery by wireless. On the first day of August when over the German lines he was attacked by several Boche machines, after sending down two of them he was slightly wounded and his plane disabled, but his pilot made a perfect landing on their own field. He was sent to Base Hospital No. 30 at Royat in southern France. After returning to his squadron at the front in October he was sent to Tours as an instructor in Artillery Aerial Observation.

The above, taken from the Boone News-Republican, Boone, Iowa, December 4th, refers to the son of our fellow townsman, W. E. Spencer of the Alliance Creamery. In a letter written November 26th and just received by the parents here, Lieut. Spencer says that he is again well and busy with his new work. The examination of the airplane in which he was flying over the German lines, after the remarkable escape from ten of the enemy machines as stated above, revealed the fact that the machine had been struck forty-two times by the boche bullets and that two had struck Lieut. Spencer, one striking his safety belt and consequently doing no harm. He says he kept his Lewis machine gun as busy as was possible during the fight and not until they had safely landed did he realize that he had been wounded.

ELLSWORTH COMPANY ACQUIRING NEW LEASES

\$500,000 Potash Company Extending Holdings Preparatory to Building Plant at Ellsworth

The Ellsworth Potash & Refining Company, capitalized at \$500,000, is acquiring a number of potash leases on lakes in the vicinity of Ellsworth, Nebraska, preparatory to the erection of a large reduction plant at Ellsworth. The company is officered by well known Wyoming capitalists and has a strong organization. No stock has been placed on the market in Nebraska.

The company recently acquired the "Hatch leases" which cover a large acreage of water in the Lakeside, Ellsworth district. Testing on the lakes which they hold has been going on during the past year. They plan to erect a plant to operate on the new plan used by some of the late plants in running the brine through the boilers.

Feature Film Met Approval

The Imperial Theatre entertained a large crowd on Christmas evening when it offered for the approval of the Alliance theatre-goers, Theda Bara in "Cleopatra."

The picture is one of the most expensive ever attempted and proved to be very popular in the larger cities.

ADVERTISING SOLICITOR MADE ORDERS GOOD

After Taking Cash From Real Estate Dealers for Ads in Stock Papers He Eventually Made Good

Three months ago an energetic, talkative and convincing advertising solicitor appeared in Alliance and announced that he was representing the "Live Stock Press Association" and that for the sum of \$26.40 in money he would run a fair sized advertisement in six of the leading daily stock center newspapers.

Two Alliance real estate firms accepted Taylor's proposition and paid him the \$26.40 each in advance, he cashing the checks here before leaving town. Nothing was heard of the order and the advertisements did not appear for some time. There were rumors that a private detective was looking up the matter. Evidently results were secured somewhere along the line or else Taylor's conscience got the better of him for on Saturday the real estate firms were notified that it would appear in the others without delay.

Stores Report Big Business

The merchants of Alliance report a big business during the Christmas buying season. And, one of the more noticeable features of the business was the buying of things useful to be given as presents. It was the universal practice and much more so than in former years.

ALLIANCE SOLDIER BOY GETS A PROMOTION

John P. Bayer is Now a Corporal - Was Ready to Go Overseas When War Ended

Mrs. Mary Bayer, 215 Yellowstone received word recently of the promotion of her son, Private John P. Bayer to the rank of corporal. Corporal Bayer is a member of Battery E, 39th Field Artillery and with his company was all ready to go overseas when the news of the signing of the armistice came. He is well pleased with the army life and is stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas. There is no probability of his immediate discharge, he thinks, as there is still much to be done.

PRIVATE BRECKNER WRITES FROM FRANCE

Was in the Thickest of the Fighting With the Eighty-Ninth Division On French Front

Private James W. Breckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Breckner of Alliance, writes the following interesting letter from France: Nov. 23, 1918. On The Verdun Front.

Dear Mother: Will now write you another letter as the last one I wrote you was a short one I am getting along fine. Hope you folks are all well. If you have been reading anything about the Eighty Ninth Division you will have an idea of what I have been doing. We were at the Meuse river when the last shot was fired. It sure surprised us all to have everything quiet so suddenly. I was transferred from the Fortieth Division about the eighth of October and went to the front.

I don't know where we will go from here but I think we will go to the German border for awhile. I am staying in a little town named Beauchain and it is nearly shot to pieces. We have not had any snow yet but it sure is frosty. We are all busy cleaning up after being in the dugouts and trenches so long. I looked pretty dirty for a while. We had a good hot bath yesterday it sure felt good.

I see by the papers that they are sending the men home from the Camps. I would like to hear from John I wish you would send him my address. I am looking for a bunch of mail one of these days. I have had no mail since the first of October and none from you folks at all. I am in hopes that I will eat Easter dinner at home but I may be mistaken. Uncle Sam has lots of work to be done over here but it seems better to work when you don't have to dodge Jack Johnson from Fritz big guns. I learned one thing well over here and that is how to crawl in a hole in a hurry. I was talking to some German prisoners they all hate the Kaiser and were glad that he was whipped. It will soon be chow time so I guess I will close, hoping you folks enjoy a big Xmas dinner and maybe I will see you soon.

Love to all. Private James W. Breckner, Co. B. 432nd M. B. Eighty Ninth Division Via New York

JOHN BRECKNER TELL OF LIFE IN FRANCE

John Rheinkober of the Eagle Barber Shop Received the Following Letter from an Alliance Boy

Nov. 13 1918

Dear Friend: As it has been quite a time since I wrote you I thought I would drop you a short letter. How are you by this time? I am feeling as well as could be expected.

Well John it sure gives a fellow a funny feeling to hear the shells whistle overhead and to see two airplanes high in the air having a duel I suppose your business is pretty punk back there and that the old town is pretty thin of men.

I have not run in to many of the Alliance boys. I saw Claude Rennaud at one of the camps here. The railroads they have here are great, the cars are about one half the size of an American box car and just two wheels at each end. I rode six days in one of them and it is just like riding a bronco, but when they put a big American engine on they sure do ramble.

This is all I will write for this time as the talk is that we will be home before long.

Write soon. Your friend Private John Breckner Evacuation Hospital No. 15 American Expeditionary Forces France.

Get "Blow Town" Orders

Married white woman and a colored man shook the dust of Alliance from their shoes very unceremoniously this week. The man and woman were reported guilty of very, very improper relations and were caught in each other's company. The woman left for other parts yesterday and the colored man left tonight. It is safe to say that if they are found again in the vicinity of Alliance they will find life very exciting.

OIL LINE HELP TO POTASH INDUSTRY

INTERESTED PARTIES TAKING STEPS TO HASTEN LAYING OF LINE TO ALLIANCE

SUGGESTIONS MET APPROVAL

Would Provide Cheap Fuel for the Numerous Plants Operating in the Potash District

The news that the crude oil pipe line from the Lance Creek field in Wyoming to Omaha might be laid through Alliance and east along the Burlington, as announced exclusively in The Herald last week, met with the instant approval of those interested in the potash business.

Within thirty miles of Alliance, east along the railroad, there are operating eight large potash reduction plants and there are now in the course of construction and projection at least two more. In addition to these there are not less than a dozen of the smaller plants scattered throughout the district.

The larger plants now use an average of not less than two hundred tons of coal per day. With ten of these in operation the total consumption of coal would be two thousand tons. The smaller plants will consume a total of not less than one hundred tons per day. This would make a total of twenty-one hundred tons per day. Fuel oil would make an excellent substitute, being possible to realize more heat units from the same amount of oil, cost considered. The plants, in running their dryers, now use as much fuel oil as coal. The cost to the plants would be reduced greatly if the pipe line led to their doors.

The Alliance community club has taken up the suggestion made by The Herald and is becoming actively interested in the matter.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC SLOWLY SUBSIDING

New Cases Reported are Few and Health Board Believes Condition is Under Control - No State Orders

The epidemic of influenza, so far as Alliance and community is concerned seems to be on the decline to a very marked degree. There are but few new cases being reported to the Health Board and it is believed that the malady is now under control.

Mayor Rousey has not as yet received any official notice of the quarantine regulations as adopted by the state board of health and does not believe that it will now be necessary to take steps in this line.

At several points throughout the state the condition is such as to yet cause considerable anxiety, but in general it has improved greatly.

FISHER WILL LIVE ON WYOMING HOMESTEAD

Secretary of Community Club Offers Resignation to Take Effect on First of March

At the regular weekly meeting of the Alliance Community Club Monday noon, W. D. Fisher, secretary, offered his resignation to take effect on March first. At that time he expects to locate on a homestead on which he filed recently, located twenty-three miles from Gillette, Wyoming.

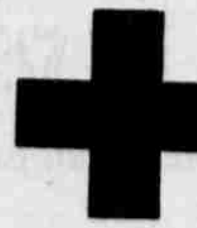
In locating his homestead Mr. Fisher exercised unusual foresight. He expects to obtain his fuel from a coal mine only a mile and a half distant. He first considered specializing on the raising of turkeys but upon learning that the turkeys of that region grow as large as ostriches and run just as fast and eat just as much he considered Guinea pigs because of their prolificness. Upon learning that this brand of pigs grow there to a size of two hundred pounds each and that one pair of pigs will raise not less than one thousand of their progeny per year, he feared that he would cause a depression in the pork market, so discarded that idea. He finally decided to raise the native prairie dog of which he says there are plenty on the land. He expects to raise a dog which will have a fur so valuable that it will bring more than the famous white fox of Alaska.

In addition to Mr. Fisher those who filed on homesteads in that vicinity are Mrs. J. G. Dole of Alliance and W. E. Coleman of Sheridan. Fisher will have his faithful Ford on the ranch for use when necessary to import farming tools and eatables.

GRIGGS-THORN NUPTIALS

Monday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Griggs, 807 Cheyenne street, Miss Caroline Emma Griggs became the wife of Joseph D. Thorn, Jr., Rev. Shaw of the Episcopal church officiating.

The bride, who came to Alliance with her parents about a year ago from Sheridan, Wyoming, is one of the more popular members of the younger social set. She has numerous friends in Alliance. Mr. Thorn, a hardware and implement dealer of Chandler, Arizona, was also formerly of Sheridan, and is mighty well spoken of. They will make their home in Arizona after a few weeks' visit with relatives, and the well wishes of the many acquaintances go with them.



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