

South Western Webster

Our popular young volunteer, Wilbert Hooper was a most welcome visitor to his wife and baby girl as well as his parents, brothers, sisters and all his neighbors at the Christmas times. He, Wilbert, talks in very favorable terms on camp regulation as well as the kindness and sociability of the officers and that the general comfort and fare that the soldiers enjoy and receive are everything that could be desired and up to the highest standard of perfection as is clearly evidenced when he gained thirty pounds since he left here in the fall. His visit here was of short duration, merely a couple of days, so left here for Smith Center on Christmas evening, from thence to Camp Funston.

A wedding took place at Duckerville a week ago last Sunday. The contracting parties were Miss Belsie Payne, aged 18, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Payne, and Mr. Max Relighan, aged 19, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Relighan of Topoka, Kans. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Grant, pastor of the Mt. Hope church, at the home of the bride's parents. After the ceremony an elaborate feast was prepared, the young ladies of the district assisting. An invited host of friends and relatives of the bride and groom and several neighbors participated in the feast, all enjoying one of the happiest times of their life. The acquaintance of the bride and groom is undisputed as both were raised in the same neighborhood, receiving their preliminary education at the same school and being members of the same church. The certificate received by the bride at the high school at Lebanon constitutes ample proof of her intelligence and perseverance, reflecting much credit on the teacher for method and efficiency pursued. The bride is known to be a lady of high culture possessing many accomplishments and much good sense, which will, in a great measure be instrumental in alleviating or allaying any or many of the anxieties of her husband's future career. Her husband also is a man of much refinement and of great pathos and sublimity of conception and received many honors at the high school in Topoka, Kans., besides being a good, sturdy, practical and scientific farmer, which traits I believe will be instrumental in smoothing the way which leads to happiness and prosperity.

Food Administration Notes

Having on hand more than a 60 days' supply of sugar or flour, no matter when or where purchased, will be considered hoarding and the owner of same, if prosecuted, is subject to fine and imprisonment.

While it is not as important to save beef and mutton as it is to save pork it has been pointed out that it is necessary to observe meatless days.

Sugar should be sold in city and towns in lots of 2 to 5 pounds, rural 5 to 10 pounds. Flour in towns and cities in lots of one-eighth to one-fourth barrel, rural one-fourth to one-half barrel lots. Advertising intended to increase the sale of flour and sugar is against public policy.

Farmers are not permitted to secure more flour at mills in exchange for wheat than they can purchase on the market.

Bacon and ham are the meats most available for serving to the sailors and soldiers and for shipment to the war stricken countries, therefore we should conserve the supply of pork.

Mrs. Richard Greenhalgh is the first committeewoman to make definite plans for a food conservation meeting which will be held at Cowles on Friday evening, January 11. She has requested Geo. Johnson of Nelson, Dr. Damerell, Father Fitzgerald and Food Administrator McBride to be present and render what assistance they can in order to make the meeting a success.

Farmer Must Pay Income Tax

Every unmarried person with an income of over \$1,000 a year and every married person with an income of over \$2,000 must pay an income tax. This, of course, applies to the farmer as well as the business man. Failure to report to the collector of internal revenue in your district before March 1, 1918, is a violation of the law.

Naturally many farmers, who have never kept books, will have to do some pretty close figuring to explain just where they stand. Everything must be accounted for. Living expenses and interest received from investments cannot be deducted from the total. Neither can a farmer allow a salary to himself and expect that to be deducted. Taxes, cost of repairs, but not improvements, and actual expenses connected with the farm may be deducted, but that does not include personal expenses.

The department of farm management of the University of Nebraska has in press a large number of account books which will be distributed to the farmers of the state free of charge. They will not only give the farmer an insight into his own business, but will also enable him to make his income report without difficulty. For copies of the book, address Farm Management Demonstrations, University farm, Lincoln.

INAVALE

Happy New Year to everyone.

Hazel Nesbit spent Friday of last week in Red Cloud.

Maurice Groat spent Monday in Red Cloud.

The C. W. B. M. met Thursday with Mrs. Irons.

Bert Leonard was a passenger to Hastings Monday.

Mrs. Charley Ethridge has been quite sick this week.

Darrel Joyce and Gene Dunn are doing the measles this week.

Misses Inez and Silva Strickland of Red Cloud spent Sunday in Inavale.

Mrs. Miles Putnam visited Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. Sadie Holdredge.

Chas. Olmstead and wife of Beatrice visited several days at Mr. Shigleys'.

Blanche Barker spent the first of the week with her parents in Red Cloud.

Mrs. Jas. Silvey is teaching as substitute for Miss Hodges until a teacher can be hired.

Will Topham and family and Mrs. L. W. Thompson and son autoed to Red Cloud Tuesday night.

Mrs. Guy Barker and daughters spent Friday and Saturday in Red Cloud at Mr. J. Barkers'.

Mrs. Sadie Holdredge took supper New Years night with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Joyce and family.

Mr. Loske and family, Mrs. Joe Gurney and children and Mrs. Arnold were in Red Cloud Monday.

Sam Saunders returned to Grand Island Monday after several days' visit here with relatives.

M. E. Sunday school board met Tuesday night at Mrs. C. A. Waldo's to elect officers for the coming year.

Earl Young was calling on friends here Tuesday. He joined the Navy several months ago and was here for a short visit.

We regret to hear of Miss Hodges' resignation as teacher of the intermediate room as she was an excellent teacher and well liked by the majority.

Eli Strong and wife spent Christmas in Culbertson with C. E. Strong and wife. Eli returned Wednesday and Mrs. Strong is making a short visit there.

Thad Saunders and family moved Tuesday into the Chas. Olmstead property recently purchased by the telephone people and will undertake the running of Central, which is to be moved this week.

Dr. Phillips of Braden was called here Thursday night to give medical treatment to D. Cloud, who has been sick for some time and has just gone through a season of measles. The doctor went home Monday as he appeared much better.

BLADEN

Mrs. Gilbert Woodside of Lincoln was visiting here this week.

Miss Janet Hendricks was in Blue Hill the middle of the week.

Miss Maysel Mead was over from Campbell visiting relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Hogate was over from Blue Hill Wednesday evening visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hendricks.

J. E. Eastham and Frank Fulton went out to Madrid the middle of the week to look after their interests there.

David Crom of Tecumseh visited at the homes of his daughters, Mesdames Jan. Lidgard and John Brown, the past week.

From Nelson comes the news that Henry Hite, a Bladen boy, and Miss Nova Thomas of Nelson, a former teacher in the Bladen high school, were united in marriage December 25.

Miss Lulu Edwards returned from Alexandria Saturday evening from a visit with home folks during the Christmas vacation. Her holidays were saddened by the death of her grandfather which occurred Saturday.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Thomas on Christmas day, when their daughter, Bessie, was united in marriage to Mr. Grant Davis of this place. The young couple left in the evening for Omaha on a short wedding tour.

The business men were called together Friday by fuel administrator E. J. Soloman and a means of preserving coal struck upon. The merchants agreed to close their stores at six p. m. each evening except Saturday. The barber shops, restaurants and drug stores do not come under this regulation.

Virgil Walburn came up from Camp Funston on a ten days' leave and spent the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Walburn and family. If Camp Funston turns out the healthy sort of fellows that Virgil claims that it does and which he represents, we are of the opinion that some of the newspaper stories are 'way off'.

Four Sacks Sugar Too Much for Family

County Food Administrator R. E. McBride has received a letter from the state administrator, Gordon W. Wattles which contains some items that will be of interest to the public. From this Mr. McBride has permitted us to make the following excerpts:

A farmer who has four sacks of sugar is guilty of hoarding, no matter when he bought it, and if prosecuted, might be forced to pay a fine or go to prison. The food law went into effect Aug. 10, 1917.

Everyone should conserve pork. Bacon and ham are the most available meats that can be used in the war and are in great demand.

Your plan to hold meetings is certainly in line with good policy.

We are to have some prominent speakers from Washington in this state during the month of January or 1st of February and are planning a lot of big meetings in the large cities. I hope you will be able to continue to conduct your meetings without expense. As you say, it is much better if you do not have to ask for money at every public meeting.

An occasional report from you will be appreciated. From your letter I should say there is nothing to criticize in your work so far.

Some Suggestions for Conserving Food

By way of copy, the Retail Stores Section of the Food Administration, Washington, D. C., has issued a bulletin containing standard slogans based upon the policy and purpose of the Food Administration. Here are some suggestions for copy:

Food Will Win The War—Don't Waste It.

- Wheat.**
 1. Eat less bread.
 2. Don't waste a single slice; make toast, puddings, etc., of all stale bread.
 3. Put the loaf on the table and slice as needed.
- Meat.**
 1. Eat less beef, mutton and pork; use any of this kind of meat not more than once a day.
 2. Do not waste an ounce. Utilize all left-overs.
 3. Save the country's domestic animals—the supply is running short.
- Fats.**
 1. Use less butter; eat fewer fried foods.
 2. Don't waste any butter, lard or drippings.
- Sugar.**
 1. Eat less candy; drink fewer sweet drinks.
 2. Omit frosting from your cakes.
- Fuel.**
 1. Burn less coal; turn out electric lights and turn down heat in radiators on leaving room.
 2. To use less coal is to release more transportation for military purposes.
- Milk.**
 1. Waste no milk.

Will Sign Pledge

"We pledge ourselves to give our customers the benefit of fair and moderate prices, selling at not more than a reasonable profit above cost to us."

Every retailer in Nebraska, selling foodstuffs, will be asked to sign the above pledge and to prominently display it in his place of business a poster with the pledge, which will be furnished by the United States Food Administration.

The pledge will be distributed through the traveling salesmen of the wholesalers supplying the state, and is quite similar to a pledge which the wholesalers have signed.

"The poster pledge will put every retailer in Nebraska on record for his Government," said Mr. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator, "and it will give him something to display in his store showing that he is cooperating with the United States in this war. We desire that every retailer in the state sign this pledge as soon as possible and display the poster."

"By a word, the retailer can often impress the seriousness of the war upon those who have not realized to the fullest extent just what this war means."

Farm Loans

Private money at lowest interest. No delay, money here. All papers kept here and payable at home bank. I also make regular company loans on best terms to be had. Call for me at State Bank.—C. F. Cather.

TRADE

Five passenger car for live stock. L. L. Yost

WAR TALKS
By UNCLE DAN
Number Four

Military Training Necessary for Safety and Defense.

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "Jimmie and I have been looking up about war in the encyclopedia at school. We found that in the war between Germany and France in 1870-71, Germany lost in killed and wounded 28,000 soldiers while France lost about six times as many, and besides that, she lost every battle. We asked Professor Slocum why this was. He said that the German army was highly trained and ably commanded, while the French soldiers were poorly trained; and that their war department was honey-combed with jealousy and politics; that the officers were not much good, and that's why France lost the war and so many men. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "Professor Slocum is right. By inefficiency France lost that war, together with two of her best provinces—Alsace and Lorraine—and had to pay a billion dollars indemnity money. France today learned her lesson by that sad experience, so she put in universal military training, and as a result, her soldiers now know how to fight and how to protect themselves. They are losing less men in the war than the Germans. France also put politics out of her war department, so that expert authority, instead of bureaucratic stupidity, now directs the army. The result is, France has one of the best and most efficient armies ever assembled, and this shows what thorough training and good leadership means in warfare. This saved France in this crisis, as well as the liberties of the world."

"As war is now conducted, there is no place for an untrained man. A body of 10,000 well trained soldiers properly handled could defeat five times their number of raw recruits and do it every time with comparatively small loss to themselves. Proper training alone will reduce the death and casualty rate one-third of what it otherwise would be, and right here is an unanswerable argument for universal military training."

"Our government has no moral right to force her men into war service without properly training them for it. To do so is simply murder, hence the frantic effort that is now being made to give her soldiers some training before they are sent to the front. If we are to win this war, it will take trained men to do it, and it will take trained men to win any other war that may come upon us in the future. If we must fight, let us fight to win and not to lose."

"That's the stuff," said Billie. Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "Our government has expended about \$300,000,000 to put up campgrounds and training stations in order to train the men called by the selective draft. When these men are trained the training stations should be immediately filled with younger men, say those in their nineteenth year, to receive six months of intensive military training along the lines of the Chastabernin bill. This will be of immeasurable benefit to them individually. It will do them more good than any other two years of their whole life; it will make them strong, manly, self-reliant, quick to see and quick to act; it will equip them for a successful life. In short, it will rebuild American manhood and will also give the government a body of trained men to draw from in case it is necessary to defend our flag and country. We must settle this question of universal military training immediately, otherwise these training camps may be demobilized. The adoption of universal military training will be notice to the world that from then on we will be prepared to defend ourselves promptly and efficiently, and this will do more to keep us out of war in the future than anything else we could do."

"Do you think, brother," said Mrs. Graham, "that there will ever be another war?"

"I have no doubt about it," said Uncle Dan. "So long as men are selfish, so long as nations are ambitious to acquire territory, so long as population presses and demands more room, so long as there remains a scramble for world trade—so long wars will be. When the time comes that we reach the high plane for which we hope and dream, when all will recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, then, and then only, will wars cease. When that day comes doors will need no locks, banks will need no vaults to protect their treasures, but that day is a long way off."

"The only safe and sane plan is to be able to defend ourselves at all times. Therefore, every citizen should insist that senators and congressmen shall provide for universal military training, so that never again shall the country be caught so completely unready as this war found us. Fortunately, in this case, our enemy has been held back, so we have had a few months in which to prepare. This advantage probably will never come again. It is however our salvation today."

"Because she was ready, Switzerland is an island of peace in a sea of war. Safety first is good, but safety always is better. In strength there is safety. You never saw a tin can tied to the tail of a bulldog. There is a reason."

BUY WAR SAVING STAMPS

The government must have more money to carry on the war successfully.

War Savings Stamps are sold in 25-cent and \$5 sizes. You can buy either size from the undersigned.

With the first 25-cent stamp you are given a card with room for fifteen more stamps. These stamps do not bear interest, but when the card is full it can be traded in on a \$5 stamp that does.

With the first \$5 stamp bought you get a card with spaces for twenty stamps of this size.

The \$5 stamp draw 4% interest compounded quarterly. This is equivalent to about 4 1/2%, and is the highest interest rate ever paid by the government.

Teach the children thrift and patriotism. Give them War Savings Stamps

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