

ABBOTT RETURNS; BIG CONTRACTS

Largest Chalmers Dealer in United States Also Secures New Territory for the Omaha Office.

E. V. Abbott, general manager of the Western Motor Car company, returned from Detroit last week with a Chalmers contract for 1918, including an additional strip of Nebraska territory. The Western Motor Car company will also continue as distributors in Kansas and Oklahoma through their Wichita branch.

During one of the sessions between Abbott and Walter E. Flanders, president of the Maxwell-Chalmers organization, the business of the various Chalmers distributors was drawn up in comparative form and it was found that the Western Motor Car company bears the distinction of being the largest Chalmers distributor in the United States.

Knoblock Works Manager Of Cleveland Tractor Co.

A significant sign of the times is seen in the manner in which progressive tractor manufacturers are drawing into their organizations men who have made reputations for themselves in the automobile industry.

An example of this is the appointment of A. F. Knoblock as works manager of the Cleveland Tractor company, makers of the crawler or track-laying tractor, developed by Rollin H. White of the White motor car and motor truck fame.

Mr. Knoblock was one of the pioneers in the automobile field, having been one of the founders of the Northway Motors company some 16 years ago, and associated in a managerial capacity with the General Motors company.

Later he became identified with the Cole Motor company at Indianapolis as vice president and general manager.

WEST AMBLER

Mrs. A. J. Wisler left Wednesday, in company with her young niece, Beatrice Lynch, for Chicago to spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Fred Lynch.

Mrs. J. W. Russell and son, Loyd, left Wednesday for Denver to meet Mr. Russell, who is on his way home from Billings. Together they will return in their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins Wolfe are the proud parents of a son, their first born.

Miss Anna Harris, Manly, Neb., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King.

Harvey Gas of Canada is the week-end guest of his uncle, John Arnbrust and family.

Fred Garlsen of Harlan, Ia., and his sister, Mrs. A. Jacobsen, of Fort Crook, were over Sunday to help their mother, Mrs. Ola Carlsen, celebrate her 68th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fulmer, West Side, spent the week-end with their parents at Hamburg, Ia.

Miss Harriet Grover, Council Bluffs, was the week-end guest of her brother, E. G. Grover, in Eckman.

Mrs. F. C. Potter entertained the first of the week for her sister, Mrs. I. G. Benden and two children, who leave Tuesday for Los Angeles to reside permanently. Mr. and Mrs. Mills were also guests.

Mrs. Guy Whitlock brought her daughter, Mrs. Charles Swardigger of Ashland, to the hospital for treatment. Mrs. Whitlock is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Charles Baarman.

Mrs. Thed Jacobsen and son, Howard, and niece, Violet King, left Wednesday for Nebraska City to spend the week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cockayne, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wisler, J. Bostock, William Vickers and T. Goodnough surprised Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ebener Monday evening and had a royal time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gantz, who have been the guests of their twin daughters, Mesdames Warren Ryder and George Cadwell at Marsland, Neb., the last month, returned home Saturday.

Miss Blanche Bair, who has been the guest of her cousins, J. E. Garman and family in West Side, returned to her home Monday in Blanchard.

Mrs. Frank Dunn will entertain the West Side Woman's Christian Temperance Union Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mabel Schwalm, who has been in the hospital for treatment, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson gave a dinner Sunday in honor of the return of her mother, Mrs. J. Johnson, from Loomis, Neb. Plates were laid for Mrs. J. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Nettie, Mrs. I. A. Miller, Miss Verna Todd and Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson.

Pete Rasmussen, who has been in Lincoln for the summer, left Monday for Denver and Casper.

Mrs. H. Claggett entertained for her circle of the Woman's Christian Temperance union at her home on Leavenworth Heights Tuesday. Mesdames H. and C. Nielsen, M. Mitchell, L. J. McInaine, T. C. Jensen, M. Johnson, T. Fox, O'Wright, D. Givens, M. Lindquist, I. T. Fulmer, E. Grover, M. G. Mallon, F. Hammond and E. Chenoweth were present.

Miss Ellen Hanson entertained the following of her schoolmates at a party on Friday night: Misses Muriel Tullis, Martha Garman, Margaret Jacobsen, Pauline Gilmore, Anna Duffey, Mildred Dickens, Martha Smith, Margaret Thompson and Messrs. Ernest Jensen, Raymond Tullis, Herbert Van Dusen, Walter Wilson, Clarence Weston, Alfred Nelson.

The young women of the West Side will give a dancing party at Woodmen Hall Saturday evening for the benefit of the soldier boys who have gone to the training camps and with the proceeds will send Christmas boxes to the following boys of the West Side: Ray Cole, John Garman, George Parker, C. Young, Walter Barkce, James Moore, Donald Davis, Seldon Smith, Berny Sorrenson, Harry Murray, Arthur Jensen, George Young, Carl Anderson, Harry Nelson, Franz Sorrenson, Arthur Anderson, Alfred Jensen and Soren Doll.

The following young people of the West Side gave Mr. and Mrs. Park Edgar a house warming in their new home on West Pine street Friday evening. It was a complete surprise. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blackett, E. G. Grover, H. and C. Nielsen, F. C. Jensen, R. and Earl Stevens, A. E. Dowling, R. G. Chenoweth, J. J. Fulmer, Louis Asmbrust and the Misses Sarah Givens and Gurtha Long were present.

Women Mechanics Take Places in Rail Road Shops of Men Gone to Front



With hundreds of thousands of young men called to the colors and now in France, in the army cantonments, or the camps, the industries of the United States begin to find themselves short of man power. When the call came for women to take the places made vacant by the young men the first response came from the central west. The women of Omaha have been in the front ranks and hundreds of them are doing the work formerly performed by men; as a rule, working for wages correspondingly as high. In this respect it may be said that employers have not taken advantage of the circumstances or conditions, but have paid the female help the same wages as they paid men doing the same class of work.

Late in the summer it became apparent that there was a scarcity of help in the big office buildings and women were hired as elevator conductors. These young women made good. The packing houses dropped in line and as fast as the young men enlisted and went to war the vacancies were filled by women where the work was not too heavy, and in every instance, it is said, they have made good.

When the call for volunteers went out, something like 300 young men from the Union Pacific headquarters and general offices of the system immediately enlisted. Not long afterward, 500 more went and subsequently another 500 went out to follow "Old

Glory." Taking 1,300 men out of the employ of one concern interferes with the efficient conduct of the business. However, it had been forecasted that large numbers of the men would enlist and company officials took advantage of conditions that might arise and commenced drilling an army of women for office and clerical duties. Women are now employed in nearly every office from one end of the system to the other, doing the same character of work that was formerly performed by the men and at the same wages, and all are making good.

Recently on the Union Pacific system the women have been admitted into the mechanical department of the road, where the doors were closed against them, not because of probable incompetence, but because it was thought that physically they were not strong enough to do the work. In some of the shops out on the line a few women were given a trial and they immediately made good. The result was that more women were employed and during the last three months they have taken up vocations that formerly were only for men.

On the Union Pacific women are not running or stoking engines, but in the shops they are repairing cars, running lathes and handling the most intricate machinery. Officials of the company assert that they are quick to learn and that they do their work well and that in all cases it will compare favorably with that of the men. So far as the Omaha shops are concerned the company officials assert that women have not been called into them to fill the places held by men. In the shops here the majority of the men are old timers and, as a rule, have passed the age when they would be accepted for any service.

BENSON

Miss Julia Wilson of Raymond, Neb., spent a few days last week visiting among old friends here.

Mr. Earl Davey left Monday for Camp Funston, where he will enter the quartermaster's service as clerk. He enlisted some time ago, but re-

ceived his appointment only recently.

Mrs. J. Calvert entertained the Loyal Daughters' club at her home Tuesday evening. Knitting was the program of the evening. A number of the members registered for the first aid class.

Mrs. T. H. Smith, formerly of Benson, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Fike.

The Woman's club met at the city hall last Thursday. The program was a study of war and foreign countries.

Mrs. Frank Pence entertained at her home Tuesday evening for Miss Julia Wilson. The guests were: Misses Carrie Crossett, Helen Morton, Kate Vair Horn, Irene Pence, Mary Butler, Ethel Burt, Elizabeth Nelson, Alice McCree and Julia Wilson. Mrs. F. Pence and Mrs.

Bradford Hiles, Mrs. William Burnell.

The members of the high school senior class went to Elmwood park Wednesday afternoon for a "wiener" roast and general good time. They were accompanied by the principal and teachers of the high school.

Mrs. J. H. Meeker has returned to her home in Decatur, Ia., after a visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Speedie have moved to their farm near Springfield, Neb. They resided here a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moulthrop have moved into their home, which they have purchased.

Mrs. P. S. Rosander was hostess for the English Lutheran Ladies' Aid society last Wednesday, and Mrs. W. H. Reed for the Methodist on the same day.

Mr. John Sagar went to Stanberry, Mo., Wednesday, where he was called

by the death of his father, who died at the age of 88 years.

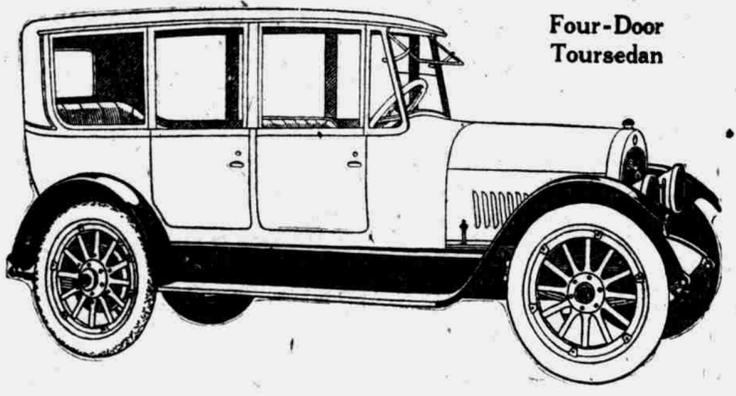
Miss Helen Jorgenson entertained the Guild at her home last Monday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Gwynne of Florence spent Thursday visiting with friends here.

Mrs. James Gallagher entertained for the Good Times Card club at her home last Thursday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Persons last week at the Methodist hospital.

The Men's club of the Methodist church entertained at an oyster supper Thursday evening for about 60 men. An address was made by Dr. St. Clair of Council Bluffs, and others by a number of Benson men, who are making an effort to raise a \$5,000 debt by the first of the year.



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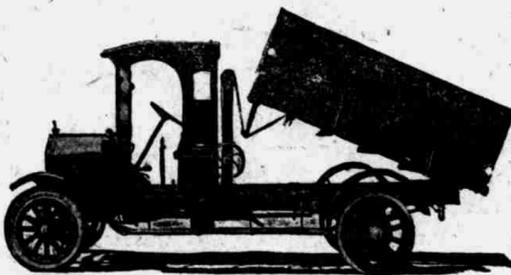


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