

Council Bluffs Department

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FIRE YOUR FURNACE, AND SAVE YOUR COAL

Expert Engineers From Ames College Will Teach Council Bluffs How to Do It and Get Heat.

The most valuable bit of assistance that has perhaps ever been given to Council Bluffs will be offered free this week. It will be along the line of saving one-half of the coal consumed, by burning the smoke and gases instead of pouring out the poisonous compounds to pollute the air.

Secretary Blake of the Chamber of Commerce was advised yesterday that Royal H. Holbrook, mechanical engineer, will arrive here Monday morning accompanied by another Ames engineer to inaugurate a fuel-saving campaign in Council Bluffs, covering Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and probably Saturday.

The campaign will be wholly educational, and the desire is to reach every person in Council Bluffs who has the responsibility of building a fire. It is notorious that mankind, keenly intelligent in all other things, is barbarously stupid when it comes to building fires.

The Chamber of Commerce will furnish automobiles for these visits. The college men say they want to get into every power and heating plant in the city.

For the purpose of reaching the citizens the plan is to place in the hands of every householder a little folder giving instructions for proper handling of coal in home furnaces. These folders will be given out at all of the general meetings where the Ames men make public addresses for the care of home furnaces or specialized talks to groups of engineers and firemen.

The Chamber of Commerce has been trying for years to get an Ames college short course on furnace firing and this will be a partial realization of that long cherished purpose.

F. E. Cox Meets Death by Accident in Strange City

A telegram from A. L. Johnson, brother-in-law of F. E. Cox, announced that Mr. Cox was instantly killed Friday morning when hit by a train at Buffalo, N. Y.

The telegram contained no particulars, merely stating that Mr. Cox was killed while crossing the Erie railroad tracks there, and that the funeral would be held yesterday.

The telegram was sent to E. P. Schoentgen, a war personal friend and former business associate of Mr. Cox before Mr. Schoentgen retired from the architectural profession to enter the wholesale grocery business with Groneweg & Schoentgen.

Have Us Dry Clean Your Blankets, and there will be no shrinkage and no loss of color. They will be more thoroughly and scientifically cleaned than if merely washed.

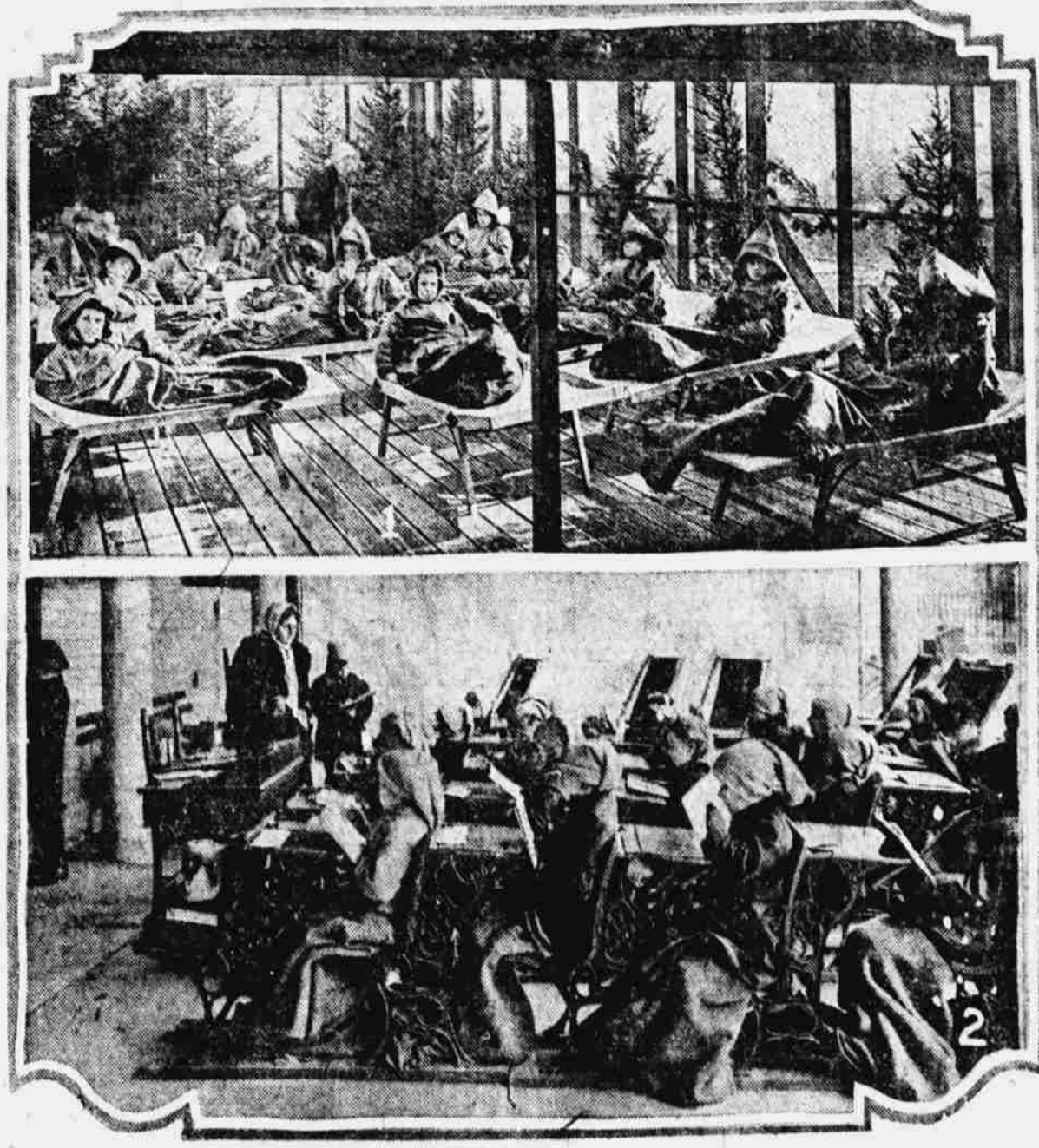
Omaha Couple Plead Guilty and Pay Fines

George T. Crompton, Omaha real estate man, entered a plea of guilty to the grand jury charge of lewdness in connection with Mrs. Lucile Wilcox, when arraigned in district court at Council Bluffs yesterday.

Crompton paid both fines and the costs. After the sentences had been imposed, Crompton and Mrs. Wilcox left the court room. The woman remained in the corridor on the ground floor while Crompton went into the office of Clerk Tollinger to pay the fines, after which they left the building together.

Take Advantage of Rebates by paying for goods bought and charged since December 18 by paying your bill not later than December 15. The John Beno Co.

Robbing the Little Red Schoolhouse of Its Victims.



No. 1.—Afternoon Nap Required in This School. No. 2.—Studying Outdoors in Winter Weather.

Seventy-five per cent of the men who failed to pass physical examinations for the army can attribute their failure to unsanitary and neglected conditions of the rural schools in which they were educated.

This statement was made recently by Dr. J. A. Nydegger of Baltimore, Md.

The little red school house has been the subject of frequent scathing arraignments. It is doubtful, however, if any other criticism has brought its shortcomings so squarely before the public.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is calling attention to rid themselves of a menace which has undermined the health of the country.

Fresh air classes provide an immediate remedy for conditions arising from the unsanitary and neglected rural school. Any community can have these fresh air classes.

The nucleus for a fund to start such classes can be raised this Christmas by the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. The American Red Cross and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, which conduct the sale, believe that open air schools should be instituted as a war measure to aid in the effort to stamp out tuberculosis.

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There are three types of fresh air classes. The first is for children with tuberculosis, who are segregated from healthy children. It is generally connected with a hospital or sanatorium.

The second is for anemic children or those otherwise predisposed to the disease, who study in the open air, are obliged to rest at certain periods and are given proper food at the school. The third type is the open window school, in which normal children are kept well and strong.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

Municipality Will Set Big Tree in Auditorium and Give Pantomime for the Children.

Complete arrangements have been made for the big municipal Christmas tree on Christmas eve in honor of the families of Council Bluffs soldiers.

The character of the program is indicated by the fact that Mrs. Fritz Baumeister is to have charge of the pantomime, "The Christmas Dream," with Miss Frances Earnright in the part of "Harlequin," abnegations, fairies and Mother Goose characters will dance and frolic to the delight of everyone.

The Christmas tree will be a large one and its branches will bear a gift for every child. Mrs. Quinn and the Flower Mission girls are now preparing the gifts.

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FARMERS HELD FOR HARBORING ENEMY

Man Accused of Striking Land-lady Who Denounced Him Gets Friends in Trouble by Fleeing to Them.

Des Moines, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Hans and Nick Wulf, farmers, were arrested at Denison today on charge of harboring and comforting an enemy and placed under \$1,250 bonds.

Because he failed to rise when the Garden theater orchestra played the national anthem Thursday night, J. Earlocher, American-born German, was arrested by Lieutenant M. S. Sarley and Private H. Egender of Camp Dodge. Earlocher, who is 35 years of age, claims Cedar Rapids as his home.

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Austria's Man Resources Invoiced as Enormous

With the French Armies in France, Dec. 16.—The total man power of Austria-Hungary's armies, now has reached 1,170 battalions of infantry; 240 squadrons of cavalry; 2,950 field guns; 1,500 light howitzers and 922 heavy guns, according to approximately exact figures obtained today by the correspondent.

Many of the parents of national army men may come here to visit their sons Christmas day, inasmuch as the men may not be permitted furloughs to go home. It is estimated that approximately 8,000 visitors may come. It is not known definitely whether or not orders will be enforced against permitting men or officers taking furloughs over Christmas.

Governor Harding today issued a proclamation naming the period from December 16 to 25, inclusive, as Red Cross membership period. He says that all of the members of Iowa families should be able to enjoy the satisfaction at Christmas time of being members of the Red Cross.

Earl Caddock Throws Freberg, Swedish Grappler New York, Dec. 16.—In the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here tonight, Earl Caddock of Anita, Ia., threw John Freberg of Sweden, in 45 minutes and 15 seconds, with a head, arm and body hold.

Joe Rogers of New York, threw George Manich of Serbia in 14:07, with a grape vine hold; Ivan Linow of Russia, defeated John Heracle of Wilmington, Del., 23:15, forearm nelson and reverse body hold.

Yussuff Hussane defeated Fred Plakoff, Finland, 2:20, arm lock.

Skates and Sleds For Live Boys

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