

PLANS COMPLETE FOR WELCOMING SOLDIERS HOME

Functions at Community Centers, Where Boys Who Joined Colors Will Be Guests of Honor.

"Dress-up" week is also to be a "Welcome Home" week, according to the announcement of Commissioner Falconer, head of the city recreation department. He announces the plans for welcome celebrations to returned soldiers, sailors and marines in all community centers this week.

The first will be held Tuesday evening at Clifton Hill community center, which meets in the School for Deaf auditorium. Here will be

an address of welcome by William Hotz, and a response in behalf of the returned fighters by Bob Jones, who lost a leg in the Belleauwood engagement, will be part of the program. Refreshments will be served.

Other Celebrations.

Wednesday, Kellom community center will hold its home coming jubilee. Benson, Train and West Side centers will have celebrations Thursday evening.

An elaborate celebration, with a regular banquet for the returned soldiers will be given by the Benson center in Sorenson's hall. Civil war veterans' quartet and speakers will be guests of honor. Former Mayor Bailey, Benson, will deliver an address of welcome. It is expected that 150 returned Yanks will be present.

Clyde Sunblad will deliver the address of welcome at Train center. A sumptuous dinner will be served. At West Side, J. J. Breen will deliver the address of welcome.

One Big Program.

Friday evening celebrations will be held at Central park, Monmouth park, Lincoln and Edgar Rosewater centers. The Lincoln center is the

only one of these four to announce its program. Frank G. Odell will deliver the address of welcome and responses will be made by Robert Kutak and E. Hamren. Demonstrations by Boy Scouts will form part of the program.

The "Welcome home" programs will be the last meetings of the season for practically all of the centers. The Community Center Athletic carnival, to be held April 10 at the Municipal auditorium, will be the last big event of the season in which the centers will participate.

Bluffs Watchman Is Wounded by Robber

John R. Lawrence, 68 years old, yard watchman for Neils Jensen, building contractor, Council Bluffs, was shot last night by two masked holdups, who attempted to rob him as he sat in the little shanty in the yards at Thirteenth street and First avenue. The bullet passed squarely through his left ear. The men then fled in the darkness, followed by a couple of shots from Lawrence, who was not stunned or intimidated by the shot, but seized his revolver and rushed after the bandits.

Exclusive Specialty Shop Will Remodel Paxton Block

Eldridge-Reynolds Company Completes Plans To Occupy Entire Building and Will Take Over Floor Space As Fast As Leases Expire.



The old Paxton block at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, Omaha's busiest corner, a landmark in the commercial section of the city, rapidly is being converted into the largest and most up-to-the-minute specialty clothing shop west of Chicago.

The home of the Benson & Thorne company for years, with a number of other retail stores on the ground floors and offices on the floors above, the entire building soon will be utilized as the headquarters of the Eldridge-Reynolds company, which will supercede the older firm.

A little over two years ago D. C. Eldridge, president of the Benson & Thorne company, and E. M. Reynolds, general manager, began the huge undertaking of establishing in Omaha an outfitters specialty shop modeled after William Filene & Sons' store in Boston, which is the largest firm of its kind in the world. Yesterday Mr. Reynolds, who has been in active charge of the details of the undertaking, announced that within a short while the Paxton block, remodeled and beautified inside and outside, would present one of the handsomest and most attractive stores in the country.

Tenants Moving.

There are approximately 150 tenants in the building now. Their leases are rapidly expiring, however, it was said, and just as quickly as the rooms are vacated the work of annexing them and arranging them as a part of the only clothing house in the city which makes a specialty of furnishing clothing for infants and for the aged, both male and female.

A long-time lease has been obtained on the property and \$130,000 will be expended in remodeling and decorating the structure, declared Mr. Reynolds. The building, practically fireproof now, he said, but of this amount \$30,000 would be spent in installing a sprinkler system and \$4,000 would be used in filling in the court and outside work on the edifice.

When the work of remodeling is completed the Eldridge-Reynolds company's store will extend over 100,000 feet of floor space. The Benson & Thorne company now are using 45,000 feet of floor space. When the company moved in several years ago only 5,000 feet was used. The volume of business has increased from \$200,000 to more than \$1,000,000 annually, while preparations are being made to double the present capacity.

New Show Windows.

The plans contemplate the installation of a handsome show window in the corner where the United Cigar store now stands. The two entrances, one on Sixteenth street and the other on Farnam street, will continue to be used, Mr. Reynolds declared.

A feature of the new arrangement will be a beautiful room on one of the upper floors, it was said. This will be modeled after the Mary-Elizabeth tea room of New York. No meals will be served, but a specialty will be made of refreshments.

The lease of the last tenant in the building will expire in three years and a half, when the Eldridge-Reynolds company will be in complete possession of the building. The work of remodeling however, will continue as rapidly as the vacating tenants will permit, Mr. Reynolds announced.

Live Stock Breeders of Douglas County Meet and Organize

The Douglas County Improved Stock Breeders' association was organized yesterday afternoon and the following officers elected:

President, Ernest Hall, Waterloo; vice president, William Boetger, Florence; secretary, E. G. Maxwell, government agent, 412 Post Office building, Omaha; treasurer, Wayland Magee, Bennington.

Prof. H. B. Pier of the Animal Husbandry department of the university pointed out the live-stock situation and the prospects for great prosperity in this line in the future. He told of the success of similar associations in Gage, Seward and other counties of Nebraska and in Wisconsin and other states.

A board of directors was elected as follows:

Hogs, Otto Pfeiffer, Elkhorn; beef cattle, Sam Gelston, Elk City; dairy cattle, Dr. B. B. Davis, Omaha; horses, W. H. Kerr, Bennington; sheep, G. W. Hervey, Omaha; poultry, John Burgschatt, Florence.

A tour of the county is being arranged for some time this summer, to see the stock owned by the members.

Byrne Tells Loan Drive Workers Must Have Faith to Win

Faith to win in the Victory loan campaign is the first necessity, T. C. Byrne, state chairman, impressed on 100 members of the speakers' committee who met for instructions Saturday noon at luncheon at the Hotel Fontenelle.

"You must have the same faith in this country, the people and in God which brought us through the war," he said, "in order to make a successful appeal."

Mr. Byrne emphasized telling points to be made in disseminating information as to the needs for and use of the funds to be raised for loan to the government.

Lieutenant Wilkinson of the Royal Canadian flying corps, the officer in charge of the airplane exhibit on the courthouse lawn, spoke. Raymond T. Young presided.

Bee Want-ads pay big profits to the people who read them.

Two Men File Suit For Decrees of Divorce

Joseph Zemunsky filed suit in district court yesterday for a divorce from Eleanor Zemunsky on the grounds of cruelty. They were married in 1911.

Benjamin Crossley filed suit in district court yesterday asking a divorce from Blanche Crossley, to whom he was married in 1911. He charges cruelty.

Philip Shields, a hauling contractor, filed suit in district court yesterday against the Omaha Crockery company for \$3,000 damages. He alleged that a truck belonging to the company and driven by Robert Gillam struck him March 13 at Seventeenth and Douglas streets and injured him severely.

Harper & Co. Open Store in Flatiron Building

With the opening of the new hardware store by H. H. Harper & Co. in the Flatiron building Monday, another important business enterprise is added to the commercial activity of Howard street.

The store will be most completely equipped, carrying a complete line of builders' hardware, kitchen furnishings, paints, varnishes, wall paper and the variety of articles generally associated with the hardware trade. Automobile accessories will be added to the stock at an early date, it is announced.

Byrne and Folda to Tour State for Victory Loan

T. C. Byrne and E. F. Folda, chairman and secretary of the Nebraska Victory Liberty loan committee will leave Omaha today for a tour of the state in the interests of the coming campaign.

They will meet county chairmen at Hastings April 1, Holdrege April 2, and McCook April 3.

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The Victory Liberty Loan will be the last Liberty Loan. Short Term Notes will be issued for this Loan instead of longer term Bonds.

Monday, April 21, the Victory Loan Drive Begins

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