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Rock Falls Editorials

Not The Mayor's Job

Mayor S. H. Feigley has suggested that the Sterling-Rock Falls chapter of the American Red Cross organize the workers in Rock Falls as a unit in soliciting for the defense fund, the same as was done in Sterling. This group to make a house-to-house canvass after the holidays.

It would appear that in making this request, Mayor Feigley is 100 per cent correct. Mayor Feigley's patriotism cannot be questioned when, as mayor of the city, he asserts that Red Cross drives are not a mayoralty obligation, even though he is willing to do everything possible to help out.

The city of Rock Falls is called upon to raise \$75 as its quota for the defense drive. The city will not only raise this amount, but will probably go over the top if properly organized. But one fails to see where it is a job of either the mayor or city council to do the organizing.

"As a citizen of Rock Falls, I am desirous that Rock Falls does its just part, and I am confident that it will be under just and proper conditions," Mr. Feigley writes. "By proper conditions, I mean that the qualified officers of the Red Cross office in Sterling organize a Rock Falls working group, as they have in Sterling, secure editorial publicity through the editorial column of the Rock Falls page, so that Rock Falls residents will clearly understand why they are asked to give, and more than before."

Mrs. Frank Staples Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Beatrice Staples, 31, wife of Frank Staples of Rock Falls, passed away Wednesday forenoon at 11 o'clock at the Dixon hospital, following an illness of eight years. Death was due to terminal bronchial pneumonia.

Funeral rites will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Melvin funeral home at Sterling, with Rev. James Uhlinger, pastor of the Rock Falls Methodist church, officiating. Interment will be in the Riverside cemetery.

Loyal Circle Sends Gifts to Orphanage

An afternoon meeting of the Rock Falls Christian Loyal Circle ladies took place Wednesday in the home of Mrs. C. D. Chapman, with Mrs. E. E. Shiffer assisting hostess. In the business period there were reports on the recent bazaar. Instead of exchanging gifts the ladies brought gifts for the orphanage in St. Louis, Mo. Refreshments concluded the afternoon.

Twelve High Point H. S. Girls Will Bowl

The G. A. A. girls of both the Rock Falls and Sterling high schools will bowl at the Sterling coliseum Monday, Jan. 5, at 4:30 p. m. The 12 high point girls chosen to represent Rock Falls are Jean Cameron, Marjorie Daniels, Betty Gray, Vernell Jenkins, Jean Johnson, Mary McPalls, Margaret Newton, Beverly Rogness, June Schwab, Nina Smith, Audrey Sowers and Alice Yarde.

Check Tire Sales

The Rock Falls police department has been asked by Leon Henderson, director of the division of civilian supply, to check Rock Falls places of business selling new tires. Under the federal ruling no new truck or auto tires are to be sold until Dec. 22.

Undergoes Operation

Miss Maxine Livingston, student in the Rock Falls Township high school, underwent a major operation at the Sterling Public hospital Wednesday. Her condition is reported fairly good today.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE

This is the last week to pay your taxes before the books are returned. Chas. E. Johnson, deputy collector, City Hall, 3 to 5 p. m., Rock Falls.

WARD and WARD LAWYERS Practices in all Courts. Lawrence Building, Sterling, Ill.

Teachers to Visit Six States During Vacation Period

Two Plan Trips to North Carolina and New Orleans, La.

The teachers of the Rock Falls Township high school will visit in six states during the Christmas vacation. Included will be Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

Miss Rose Matousek will spend Christmas with her parental family at Berwyn, Ill. Miss Janice Wilson plans first to visit friends at Galesburg, and then to go to Rockford to spend the remainder of the time with her parents. Miss Opal Mark will spend her vacation at her home in Leona, Ia.

G. E. Newburn will attend a state educational meeting at Morrison for several days, and spend the remainder of the time with his family in Rock Falls. Miss Dorothy Schmidt, Miss Winifred Goudy, and Miss Jean Russell also plan to spend the time in Rock Falls.

Miss Charlene Coady will journey to her home at Minooka, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. George Quire will spend a portion of the time in Lynnhaven, Ia. at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tokey will visit first at Racine, Wis., and then go to his parental home at Union City, Ind.

B. A. Mitchell will be out of town part of his vacation, but had not decided where as yet. Miss Lorene Campbell will go to her home at Cedar Falls, Ia., and Miss Margaret Shaver will spend the time at her home in Polo, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Casner and baby will go to his home in Gary, Ind., after first visiting friends at Terre Haute, Ind.

Miss Laura Jensen and Everett Reed are going the farthest on their vacation. Miss Jensen will visit New Orleans, La., while Mr. and Mrs. Reed will go to High Point, N. C., parental home of Mrs. Reed. Mr. Reed also plans to attend the Rose Bowl game while there.

Miss Inez Remmers, who is recovering from an operation at Rochester, Minn., expects to be back on duty after the holidays.

Mayor and Chief of Police Will Attend Springfield Meeting

Mayor S. H. Feigley and City Marshal M. B. McDonnell of Rock Falls will attend a conference Dec. 30 at Springfield, called by Governor Green today. The meeting is for all mayors, police officials and the heads of all local law enforcement agencies in Illinois.

Included will be state's attorneys, sheriffs, coroners, police chiefs, heads of industrial police organizations, and chiefs of federal agencies dealing with law enforcement. The purpose is to unify state defense efforts. Rock Falls officials have been cooperating to the fullest extent with all defense efforts.

Local factories have appointed auxiliary firemen, and a system of dry lines is being worked out to provide fire protection for local factories and the business section in case the water system should fail.

Christmas Program For Merrill Grades

The first three grades of the Rock Falls Merrill school enjoyed a Christmas program Thursday morning in the Merrill auditorium. The students sat in groups and sang songs to each other and then in unison, for about 15 minutes. E. I. Lehr, principal, then showed a five minute movie on "Old Mother Hubbard," which was greatly enjoyed by the young folks.

All the rooms in the grade school will have Christmas parties Friday afternoon, when many will exchange gifts and the teachers will present treats. Classes will be shortened for the day so that the parties can be held, and yet the students be dismissed by 3 o'clock.

Guests at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Humphrey and son Dale of Rock Falls attended a dinner party Wednesday evening at the John Bruins home in Morrison, honoring the 70th birthday of his mother, Mrs. Rachel Humphrey. Following the picnic dinner, the evening was enjoyed socially. Other guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Humphrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Humphrey, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDearman and daughter of Morrison.

Spy Suspect



"Baron" Ernest Frohlich de Meyer, 27 year old German alien held by FBI as spy suspect after arrest near Los Angeles, Cal., harbor defense area in uniform of U. S. army officer.

Serve 280 People At Annual Church Supper and Bazaar

The turkey dinner at Rock Falls Congregational church Wednesday evening was a very beautiful and successful affair. The dining room was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season, with a large Christmas tree in the center. The tables were arranged in a rectangular shape around the room. The dinner was attended by approximately 280 persons.

Franch Daggett and Rev. LeRoy N. Fielding, whose birthdays were Wednesday, were honored at a special table. The former's father, H. F. Daggett, and the latter's son, LeRoy Fielding, Jr., were also seated at the table. A feature was a musical birthday cake, made by Mrs. Daggett, and there was also an angel food birthday cake with an appropriate number of candles.

A bazaar was also held in connection with the dinner. A feature of this was Christmas gifts sent by friends from Maine to California. The original packages, containing the return address, had not been opened and were sold in that manner.

The dinner and bazaar were sponsored by the Mite society. Mrs. Elmer Leuby had charge of the dining room, and Mrs. Hazel Cruse of the supper.

Entertains Pinochle Club for Luncheon

Mrs. John Schwambarger of Rock Falls was hostess to her pinochle club for a luncheon Tuesday afternoon in her home. Decorations on the table and in the home were in keeping with the holiday season. A three course menu was served.

During the party each club member received a gift from her secret pal, and games of pinochle were enjoyed. Prizes went to Mrs. Schwambarger high score and Mrs. Harry Smith consolation score. The traveling prize was claimed by Mrs. Edward Howerton.

There were two guests at the party, Mrs. Gordon Lebron and Mrs. Edward Petrashek.

OES Club Christmas Party in Smith Home

Mrs. G. Donald Smith entertained the Rock Falls Eastern Star Social club for a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon, following a 1 o'clock picnic luncheon. The officers chosen for the new year are: President, Mrs. Lawrence Hart; vice president, Mrs. Elmer Leuby; and secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ellis Wenger.

Cards were played and prizes awarded to Mrs. Wenger and Mrs. Joseph Walton. Ten cent gifts were exchanged around a lighted Christmas tree.

Open on Saturday

The Rock Falls postoffice will be open all day Saturday, because of the Christmas rush, according to an announcement today by Charles Beien, postmaster. The postoffice is usually closed during Saturday afternoons.

Lt. E. W. Strawn of Ft. Warren, Wyo. Writes His Mother

Lt. E. W. STRAWN, Co. G, 1st Q. M. Regiment at Fort Warren, Wyo. has written his mother, Mrs. Emma Strawn of LeRoy avenue, Rock Falls, an interesting letter of Dec. 10. Excerpts from the letter which may be of interest to his friends follow:

"I received your welcome letter a few days ago and since then many has happened in the way of word events. It reminds me a lot of days back in 1917, when we went to war with Germany. I have felt for a few years that this was coming but I never dreamed that they would resort to such cowardly methods. I was down in Denver with a group of fellow officers and we were just driving into Lowry field when the first flash came over. We were able to get into the field, but 15 minutes later the entire cantonment was closed to everyone not authorized. Of course we all reported back to our posts immediately.

"Monday the entire post of 20,000 men turned out on the parade grounds to listen to the President ask for a declaration of war. Then our commanding general spoke to us. We are on a full war footing here now. The sentries and guard are carrying loaded rifles and have direct orders to fire on anyone who looks suspicious and is loitering around any of the shops or installations. The guard has been tripled and everyone is on their toes. There is a marked absence of that jovial spirit that marked the soldiers heretofore. They have become rather quiet and all seem to have grimaces about them as they are ready to take care of any Japs that come before them.

"As I see it, it will be a long bitter war and it is up to everyone to do their duty to avenge and defend our country and all that it stands for. So far no word has come through that our leaves or furloughs are to be canceled, so in all probability I will be home for Christmas. I will leave here on Dec. 19, arriving in Sterling on the evening of Dec. 20. I sincerely hope that nothing will interfere with my week's leave because it may be a long time before I will be able to get home and see my loved ones again.

Ross Smith Buried Wednesday Afternoon

Pall bearers at the funeral rites for Ross Smith Wednesday afternoon were Jess McKinney, T. J. Wylie, William Cashner, T. J. McDonnell, John Schmidt and Sam Rubin. The rites were held at the E. J. Kelly home, Rock Falls, at 2 o'clock with Rev. LeRoy Norris Fielding, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Rock Falls.

Among the relatives attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith of Denver, Colo., son and daughter-in-law of the deceased, Mrs. F. H. Chase of Tama, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guernsey of Clinton, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heinicke of Chicago, Mrs. Earl Sturgis of Park Ridge, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Waite of Taylor Ridge.

Axis in Full Retreat In Russia, No. Africa

In delaying actions—and there are no signs as yet of an attempt to make a stand on any definite line. Here and there the bodies of German dead and abandoned weapons jut grotesquely from snowdrifts. "Our troops ferociously engaged the enemy, continued their advance and occupied a number of populated places," said the Soviet information bureau, referring to the whole central front action.

Soviet troops complain: "We can't keep up with the Germans, they are running so fast." White paint blends their trucks into the winter landscape; frost forms a natural camouflage on their hooves.

A German non-commissioned officer captured near Klin, Albert Keller of Aachen, told a group of correspondents at the front:

Rock Falls Briefs Mrs. Ruth Westcott has moved to 211 East Tenth street, Rock Falls.

Rock Falls Soldier Weds Michigan Girl

Mrs. Lloyd Goswin of Rock Falls accepted an announcement today of the marriage of her brother, Corporal Robert Glenn Bell of Fort Knox, Ky., and a resident of Rock Falls before entering the army to Miss Doris Edy of Holland, Mich. The marriage occurred three weeks ago. Corporal Bell and Miss Edy had intended being married Christmas, but owing to the fact that his furlough was canceled, the date of the marriage was set ahead.

The bride is known to a number of people, having visited in Sterling and Rock Falls on several occasions.

Japanese Capture Malayan Peninsula As British Retreat

shark-infested waters of Manila Bay Wednesday when the steamer Corregidor struck a mine. Three hundred were rescued, the 1,881-ton Corregidor, first sea plane carrier in history and veteran of the World War battle of Jutland, was carrying passengers to southern islands of the Philippines.

Singapore's Peril Grows The Japanese drive toward Singapore took a darkening turn as British and Indian troops were acknowledged to have withdrawn below the southern border of Kedah, apparently yielding the 115 mile long Malayan peninsula state to the Japanese.

Kedah state lies opposite Penang Island, and London quarters said the withdrawal from Kedah meant that Jenang—second only to Singapore in importance throughout Malaya—was "gone." The island is about 85 miles south of the Thailand frontier, jutting off spot of the Japanese invasion.

British headquarters said defense forces were being reorganized south of the Krian river, on the southern border of Kedah, after disengaging operations during the night. With Singapore itself admittedly in grave danger, the Allies took steps to block Japan's spreading thrusts into the South Pacific, landing troops on the Portuguese island of Timor, between Java and Australia.

Combined Dutch and Australian forces apparently carried out the occupation of the island, which lies at the eastern tip of the Dutch East Indies.

In the siege of Hongkong, Britain's No. 2 Citadel in the Far East, defenders of the island city flatly rejected a second Japanese demand for surrender amid a hail of bombs and shelling.

Domed, the Japanese news agency, said Japanese bombers set military facilities in Hongkong afire this morning, and Japanese batteries on the Kowloon mainland, across a mile wide channel, were reported heavily shelling the city of more than 1,000,000 population.

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Volunteer System To Be Abandoned, Stimson Discloses

Resistance was too strong. That's why we retreated. My battalion lost 50 per cent. "The almost unimaginable number of Soviet resistance men among the Berlin wireless for the retreat. Stimson disclosed a statement that Germany was now fighting a positional war, and the admission that it is sometimes necessary to withdraw soldiers if they have advanced too far.

MAZIN FOUNDED IN SOUTH MOSCOW — (AP) — Deadly Red army actions against the Germans in the southern counter hemisphere, overshadowed in the last two weeks by crushing of the invasion pincer against Moscow, were reported by the Soviet information bureau today.

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General Halpirt said the six force alone would require 1,000,000 men before we see through," and declared that the modern motorized and mechanized army needed just as much manpower as the older type of force.

Germany has an army 8,000,000, 6,000 strong he said adding that "it is dangerous to limit the war department in a war where we don't know where it is going to touch every part of the country."

His warning had reference to a report of the house military committee that 4,000,000 men would be available for the army under expansion legislation.

Halpirt reported the war department was "planning to greatly increase the output of our officer candidate schools" for the expanding army and added that most of the new officers would come up from the ranks.

In building up the army, Halpirt said, it was not the intention to call on specific age groups, but to obtain a cross section of ages so as not to disturb the life of the country more than necessary.

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