

WEEKLY EXCHANGE ITEMS

AS TAKEN FROM THE COLUMNS OF OUR EXCHANGES

Miscellaneous Assortment of News Items in Condensed Form For Busy People

The "Thrifty Bunch" is the name of a club over at the county seat. The club gives thrift stamps for prizes.

Mrs. Selma Brahy of Woodstock bears the distinction of having given five of her sons to the service of our country.

Atty. Lewis B. Palmer, practicing attorney at Gary, Ind., during the past seven years, has located at Harvard.

The city of Woodstock has set aside a sum for the purchase of two large flags for the city and has also donated \$500 to the city's library.

It is being rumored about Woodstock that Judge D. T. Smiley will open up a law office at Harvard at the expiration of his term as county judge.

The Vimy Ridge orchestra, composed of twelve soldiers invalided home from the front, gave a concert at the Woodstock opera house last evening.

Mrs. Ada Johnson, who has been associate editor of the Woodstock Sentinel during the past seven years, has resigned her position with that publication.

Atty. Ray Weinke of Woodstock, who during the past few months has been stationed at Camp Grant, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

To conserve labor and yet give the public Sunday service, the four garages at Harvard are alternating in keeping their places of business open on the Sabbath day.

Chas. S. Hart, who has been a member of the Flora DeVoss Theatrical company during the past few years, passed away at St. Bernard's hospital in Chicago one day recently a victim of Spanish influenza.

A belt taken from a Hun sniper is now on display at the H. A. Stone shoe store at Woodstock. The belt was taken from the sniper by Peter Brown, formerly member of Company G. of Woodstock.

The train on the Wauconda-Palatin railroad ran into an empty box car one day last week with the result that the engine was put out of commission for a few days. No one was injured. The engine has since been repaired and the train is once more running on schedule time.

A letter from Weldon Sherman of Woodstock, who has been in overseas service for some time past, and which appeared in last week's Woodstock-American, speaks of his meeting Zell Colby, a former McHenry boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Colby, who now reside at Graylake.

Arthur Winkler, an eleven-year-old Fox Lake boy, was shot in that village during a "peace" celebration there last Thursday evening. Someone had made up an effigy of the Kaiser and an invitation was extended to everyone to take a shot at it. Several pistols and one shot gun were soon brought into action with the result that some of the shot from the latter gun penetrated the body of the little victim. His injuries are not considered serious.

Harvard Herald: Good roads in Illinois is the next move. And of the 4,900 miles to be built in the 102 counties of the state, McHenry county is scheduled to receive eighty-three miles, which is much more than the average for the state. McHenry county voted almost unanimously for good roads, the total for the project being 4731 to 242 against. If the war should end, as now seems probable, Illinois may start its good roads program by building about one-sixth of the allotted mileage in 1919.

Hebron Tribune: H. G. Street, Hebron's horticulturist, has one of the finest apple crops this season of any years he has been propagating an orchard. Mr. Street, has by careful dealings and modest advertising, created a demand for his products which exceeds production every year. His asparagus, strawberries, plums and apples are always of the finest grade and he receives the top market price always, owing to the fine quality of his fruits. This year he has had an enormous trade from Chicago and suburbs as well as from all of the surrounding towns and cities. Hebron people, who usually procrastinate, were in many instances unable to get apples owing to the big demand already nearly filled. Mr. Street expects to harvest between 600 and 700 bushels of apples this year and he has orders for everyone he can spare. By scientific culture he has demonstrated that McHenry county is as adapted to the fruit growing business as any other part of the United States.

Notice Parties subscribing for the fourth liberty loan will take notice that the bonds are here ready for delivery.

Committee.

MASS IS CELEBRATED

For Pvt. Edward Tonzan at Johnsbury Monday Morning

A high requiem mass was celebrated at St. John's church, Johnsbury, Monday morning at nine o'clock for Pvt. Edward Tonzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tonzan, whose death was recorded in these columns last week.

He was killed in action and the body rests peacefully in an American cemetery somewhere in France. He was a member of Company C, 130th U. S. Infantry and was at the front when killed Oct. 4.

On Monday the young men of St. John's parish, Johnsbury, planned to have high requiem mass celebrated for him by Rev. Wm. Weber, pastor, Rev. M. J. McEvoy of St. Patrick's parish of this village and Rev. Wm. Dummermuth of Spring Grove parish. To render it military in form the young men formed in line on Main street, the leader carrying a large American flag, and twelve other boys carrying rifles, lead the large procession of relatives and friends to the church to assist at the mass. Military honors were given during the services, which brought to the minds of those present the sacredness and solemnity of the occasion.

The beautiful edifice was filled to its utmost capacity to do honor to the memory of this first soldier in the vicinity of Johnsbury making the supreme sacrifice.

Rev. M. J. McEvoy delivered the sermon, which was said by all present to be capital. He would have relatives and members of the parish look upon the death as an honor and distinction inasmuch as he was the only young man in the parish who made the supreme sacrifice of his life on the battle field and the parents of a son who died in such a righteous cause the nation honors.

He was young, but had he lived to old age he could not have accomplished more than to prove himself a hero in battle, a martyr to his country and a credit to his parish and community.

The memory of this mass will always remain in the minds of the people of Johnsbury, celebrated on the day in which the armistice was signed by Germany, a fitting ceremony for a peace celebration.

Pvt. Henry Freund Missing Last evening a telegram was sent to Mrs. Michael Freund of this village from Washington, announcing that her son, Pvt. Henry Freund, was missing since October 10. He left McHenry in June for Camp Gordon, Ga., and left for overseas with the 86th division about two and a half months ago. The parents are grief stricken, the friends hold out the consolation that he may have been reported since the cable was sent to Washington. He was twenty-six years of age.

Co. Chairman Visits McHenry Mrs. C. W. Goodsell of Harvard, county chairman of the women's committee of the State Council of National Defense, was here Tuesday in the interest of re-organizing here and met with great success. Only a few of the ladies were interviewed as time would not permit, but at some future date a meeting will be called for organization. This government work, with its many departments, will then be explained fully and each chairman appointed will be expected to enter into the work seriously.

Entertaining For Red Cross Mrs. E. M. Owen and daughter, Mrs. Frank Schnorr, entertained eight ladies for the Red Cross series of parties on Tuesday afternoon. The ladies present to enjoy a social time and inscribe their names on two blocks were Mesdames Alena Smith, Simon Stoffel, Eugene Wheeler, Oscar Arnold, Theresa Culver and Misses Dorlesea Granger, Anna Sherburne and Alice Waite. Lunch was served.

Entertained After Parade Mrs. J. C. Bickler entertained the members of the drill team of St. Clara's Court, W. C. O. F., to a lovely luncheon after the parade on Monday afternoon. The ladies did justice to the luncheon as they did honor to the line of march and are grateful to their pleasant leader and hostess.

Annual Church Fair Plans for the holding of the annual church fair at the parish hall, Johnsbury, on Nov. 24, 26 and 28, are now under way and those who are in charge declare that this year's event will be one of the biggest of the kind ever attempted. Watch these columns for further announcement.

The Social Wheel The Social Wheel will be entertained in the home of Mrs. H. C. Allen at Ringwood Thursday afternoon of next week, Nov. 21.

Mrs. J. C. Holly, Pres. Mrs. T. J. Walsh, Sec.

Dance at Johnsbury A dance will be given at Smith's hall, Johnsbury, Wednesday evening, Nov. 20. Good music will be supplied. Dance tickets, 75 cents. All are cordially invited to attend.

Germany Signs Armistice

McHENRY GOES WILD WITH JOY—BLOWING OF WHISTLE AND RINGING OF BELLS SPREAD JOYOUS NEWS

THE WORLD'S GREATEST WAR IS OVER

The mighty clash came to an end with the signing of the armistice by Germany on Monday of this week, thus bringing victory to the United States and her allies, whose soldiers on the fields of battle have fought so nobly and well during the past fifty months or more.

How News Reached McHenry The news of the signing of the armistice by Germany reached McHenry shortly after two o'clock on Monday morning, the welcome message having been phoned out from Chicago to Wm. Pries, the proprietor of the Centerville meat market and grocery.

No sooner had the message been taken before Mr. Pries busied himself in spreading the good news among our people. He first attempted to get the Borden factory here, but failed. Later he called up a few of our influential citizens and finally succeeding in getting J. E. Pufahl, the local superintendent of the Borden plant, on the phone. Mr. Pufahl took up the matter with the night watchman, Fred Nickels, who at the time was busy himself cleaning up the boilers for the coming day's work. The night watch put on all possible speed, but the best he could do was to get up steam shortly after four o'clock, when the whistle first spread the news that peace had come.

Within a very few minutes the church bells of the village joined.

Early Morning Marchers Within a few minutes after the whistle first heralded the joyful tidings a few of our patriotically inspired citizens got up, dressed and soon were out in the streets. Soon after a line of march was started. This was about 4:30 o'clock. As the minutes rolled by the line of march grew larger and larger and by five o'clock no less than 150 men, women and children had joined the happy throng. Automobiles soon appeared on the streets and with cut-outs wide open the day's festivities had been thoroughly inaugurated.

Light Up Business Houses Most of the business men got up and went down to their various places of business and turned on the lights, while the residents all over the village followed suit by turning on the residence and porch lights, thus lighting up the streets for the paraders. It was a happy, cheering crowd and the marching was continued until about seven o'clock in the morning, they meeting the early morning train at the depot.

Passengers Surprised The passengers and crew of the train appeared very much surprised at McHenry's turnout as it was apparently the first that they knew that the war was over.

Start Fires Shortly after the marchers started out three huge fires were started, one in each part of the village.

Six O'Clock Mass at St. Patrick's Rev. M. J. McEvoy, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church of this village, read a six o'clock mass of thanksgiving and, while time was very short, many of those who were up and parading attended the event, a feature of which was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Wheels of Industry Stop Nearly all of the wheels of industry stopped early in the day. Not one of the McHenryites employed at Woodstock and Kenosha, Wis., so much as thought of going to work for this was a day of celebration and not for work.

Business Houses Close Every business house in town closed its doors at noon and most of them remained closed for the balance of the afternoon and evening.

Big Parade at One O'clock The biggest and most spectacular parade ever witnessed in McHenry took place shortly after one o'clock, easily three-fourths of our entire population participating in same. It is estimated that there were no less than 1,500 people in the line of march.

The big parade started from the village hall about 1:30 o'clock and was headed by a hearse in which lay an effigy of the ex-Kaiser. On top of the hearse stood Uncle Sam waving the stars and stripes, while on either side of the funeral wagon walked six stalwart guards. Everybody fell into rank and it is estimated that the parade was nearly a mile in length.

In the line of march appeared a number of bedecked automobiles, while the little folks from the two schools as well as the drill team of St. Mary's W. C. O. F. stood out as

distinct features of the grand spectacle.

After parading the principal streets of the village a halt was made in front of the village hall, where the ex-Kaiser's effigy was removed from the hearse and strung to a telephone pole, where a few of the marksmen took a shot at the figure.

Postmaster T. J. Walsh then made a few remarks and announced a public mass meeting to be held at the Central opera house that evening. This was followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the entire assemblage.

Richmond and Spring Grove Join The crowd had scarcely dispersed from in front of the village hall when fifty or more automobiles, carrying citizens of Richmond and Spring Grove, arrived in town and for a short time there was a congestion of traffic thru Centerville such as had not been seen since our Fourth of July celebration of a few years ago. The visitors brought with them the Richmond band, which favored us with a few very pretty selections, after which the automobiles were again on their way.

Big Fire in Evening The evening festivities began with a big fire just south of the village hall. Several hundred gathered around the burning boxes and timber, while our band offered a number of selections. The sight was thoroughly enjoyed, especially by the children.

The Evening Meeting The meeting at the Central opera house in the evening brought out a crowd that took up every available seat, while a number were left standing in the aisles and in the rear of the big hall.

The stage was very prettily as well as appropriately decorated for the occasion with the national colors, the flags of our allies, war work lithographs, the photographs of President Wilson and General Pershing and a huge bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The speakers of the evening sat in a semi-circle upon the stage and the meeting was called to order by Everett Hunter, as chairman of the occasion. The chairman's opening words were "The far is over," which were met with a thunderous applause. He then, in a brief manner, told the purpose of the meeting and followed it up with his first impression of the grandest country in the world upon his arrival here at the age of fourteen years. The speaker, having been born in England, showered credit upon credit to this grand and glorious country as he called it and, after calling attention to the wonderful things that this country has accomplished since its entry into the war, he called upon Rev. M. J. McEvoy as the evening's first speaker.

Rev. McEvoy, whose appearance upon the public platform has been greeted many times in the past, received a warm ovation from the audience, after which he gave his listeners a splendid oration, during which he pointed out to them that the result could not have been any other than a complete victory for the United States and her allies, because their cause was a just and righteous one, while that of the central powers was guided by minds filled with hatred, destruction and murder. He told of how God had guided Marshall Foch, President Wilson and the other great men and the great armies of the allies in their bitter fight for righteousness. Before closing his oration he pleaded for the support of those boys who are now over there by generously subscribing towards the United War Work fund, which is being raised in this country this week. The speaker retired to his seat amid tremendous cheers.

The McHenry Choral society, under the capable leadership of Rev. M. J. McEvoy, then favored the assembly with a very pretty selection, which was heartily received.

The chairman then called upon Simon Stoffel, Postmaster T. J. Walsh, Wm. Stoffel and Rev. Edward Barthold in the order named, each of whom responded with addresses that were timely and to the point. The Plaindealer would like very much to publish each and every one of these speeches as given, but time and space will not permit. However, we will venture to say that the gentlemen's endeavors were greatly enjoyed and thoroughly applauded.

The Choral club once more appeared in one of its favorite and popular selections, while the evening came to a close with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Notes on McHenry's Biggest Day

A third parade of the day took place about seven o'clock, when laborers and others marched thru the streets singing and shouting. An effigy of the ex-Kaiser was carried.

In spite of the hilarity which prevailed from early morning until late at night, the day passed by in a very orderly manner. The fun was all carried on in a good-natured manner.

The early morning paraders just insisted on getting everyone out of bed and in this they were fairly successful.

The afternoon parade would not have been complete without the liberty bell, which occupied a place on a truck and its clang could be distinctly heard at all times.

The rural communities turned out in goodly numbers during the afternoon and evening. How could anyone remain at home on such a day as this?

Tears of joy were shed by many. Especially mothers who have sons in the service. Praise be to the American mothers, whose anxiety for the safety of their sons has thus been brought to an end.

A marksman, whose name we have been unable to learn, blew the Kaiser's hat off almost immediately after he had been hoisted to the electric light pole near the village hall.

Our enterprising photographer, Frank Schnabel, was on the job and procured some very good pictures of the parade. Amateur photographers were also on hand.

The Sisters of St. Mary's parochial school took part in the parade, riding in an automobile.

The stars and stripes were unfurled everywhere.

A few of our young people boarded the afternoon train for Chicago, where they joined that city's mad throng in the evening.

A parade, made up of young men from Crystal Lake and Woodstock, appeared on our streets during the morning hours. Tin horns, bells and almost every other kind of noise-making device was used in demonstrating their feeling of joy.

Some of those who went over to Woodstock are now sorry for doing so, as they never dreamed that McHenry's demonstration would surpass anything seen in the county.

Some of the neighboring town whistles could be distinctly heard in this village during the early hours of the morning.

The demonstration assisted in the United War Work drive immensely. Several hundred called at the village hall during the afternoon and evening and there volunteered their subscriptions to this worthy cause.

Frank E. Cobb, dressed to represent Uncle Sam, stood proudly upon the top of the hearse, drawn by a team of mules, in the parade.

In spite of the free use of fire arms in the village thruout the day, not a single accident was reported.

The drill team of St. Clara's Court, W. C. O. F., made up a pretty spectacle in the parade. The team appeared in full regalia.

McHenry's Premature Celebration McHenry, in common with the other towns and citizens, put on a premature celebration last Thursday afternoon, when word was received here that Germany had signed the armistice on that day.

A parade was formed shortly after dinner, wherein several hundred of our natives took an active part. While the parade wasn't nearly as large as that of Monday afternoon, the spirit was there, and for an hour or two the old town was alive with songs, shouts, laughter and music.

The word came to this office just before locking up our forms in preparation to going to press and we were asked to make the announcement for a night meeting, which we did by giving same a prominent space across the top of our front page.

Before the demonstration had scarcely ceased the word came from Chicago that the report was unfounded and after receiving the evening papers it was decided to call off the night meeting, which was done. The evening was a dark and rainy one, but in spite of this a number were in from the country prepared to help McHenry celebrate our victory.

Most of these returned to their homes as soon as they learned that everything had been called off. However, everyone felt that the joyous news would surely come within the next few days and the official news found everyone ready and prepared for the big demonstration which followed on Monday.

SCHOOL NOTES

Items of Interest From Our Educational Institution

Mary Smith was absent from school Tuesday. Rosemary insists on making the "h" in throne silent.

Paul Bonsett is absent from school on account of sickness. Wanted—Employment after school hours. Boys and girls of room V.

Mrs. Wray's room is 100 per cent in the victory boys and girls drive. Current events are getting rather rousing in the modern history class.

Owing to the funeral of Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm there was no school Monday. The librarians and Mr. Nye are busy getting the library straightened out.

Everybody seemed to realize that Tuesday was "the day after the night before."

Current events were discussed Tuesday by Sue Harrison and Opal Cooley.

The victory girls and boys are doing their part towards the drive that is now on.

Earl R. Walsh of room V was the first pupil in the school to sign the victory pledge.

The boys played Libertyville Saturday and were defeated by a score of 18 to 6. However, the boys played a very good game.

Doris Bacon of grade VIII is absent from school duties today. This is her first absence from school in seven years and two months.

The football boys have a game scheduled with Libertyville for next Saturday afternoon. The game will be held in the driving park at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody come and help the boys win the game.

Altho' the parade Thursday was a little premature, it showed the spirit of the community. It took but a very short time to get a crowd out. The high school students refused to study and were glad when the parade came along.

Pamela Rietesl in grade VII has the distinction of finishing a minimum essential test in arithmetic of one hundred and sixty problems in 6 min. and 30 sec. with a grade of 99 per cent and one in grammar of ninety-eight questions in 6 min. and 45 sec. with a grade of 100 per cent.

An excellent program was given last Friday morning. Richard B. Walsh gave a very good talk. The theme of the talk was "Procrastination." Blanche Meyers gave a selection entitled "Wild de Moon, Moon, Moon." Irene Conway spoke "When We Put an Irish Kaiser in the Palace Over There."

Red Cross Notes Eighteen members were present at the meeting on Friday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Losey of Minneapolis, Minn., was a visitor at the Red Cross Friday.

Volunteers who set a hen for the benefit of the Red Cross will please make their returns in money at the Red Cross rooms Friday, Dec. 6.

There will be plenty of sewing and wool for knitters at the rooms on Friday. We must not lax in work now as the need is even greater than before.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Floyd E. Covalt, chairman; Mrs. Jack Walsh, vice chairman; C. W. Stenger, treasurer, and Mrs. Jas. N. Saylor, secretary.

Those wishing numbers on the Shetland pony donated by Frank C. Page will call at either of the banks or drug stores in the village. They are 25 cents per number and some boy or girl will get a prize in this beautiful pony. Help dispose of the numbers before Christmas.

Progress at St. Mary's Every week shows up progress on St. Mary's new church, which promises to outstrip the old building in beauty in many ways under the good and able direction of Contractor Stephen H. Freund. The new big chimney is finished and the cut stone is being lifted in place by the masons. The basement floor is being laid and everybody is happy over the steady work going on. The building committee is calling in the subscriptions now to pay for materials and labor. These subscriptions were due Nov. 1 and have to come in quickly to keep the work a-rolling. Everybody push hard. Bring your liberty bond to the committee.

Drive Is Coming Fine The United War Work drive in McHenry, Ringwood and Johnsbury is meeting with splendid success and the committee hopes to report that they have gone "over the top" by Saturday night. The same spirit that has characterized former drives in McHenry seems to prevail and our people, who have never faltered when it comes to charity, are volunteering their subscriptions with open hearts and a free will. It is indeed gratifying to see such a spirit prevalent among our people. It makes one feel more than proud to live in such a community.

Read The Plaindealer for news.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AS PICKED UP BY PLAINDEALER REPORTERS DURING WEEK

What People Are Doing in This Village and the Immediate Vicinity—Other Short Paragraphs

The Mystic Workers will meet at Woodman hall Wednesday evening of next week, Nov. 20.

Friends of Mrs. Albert Frett will be pleased to hear that she has fully recovered from an attack of influenza.

Miss Gertrude Oertel of this village entered the employ of the Woodstock typewriter factory at the county seat last week.

The government asks you to do your Christmas shopping now. The Corner Shop at Crystal Lake has a full line of Christmas gifts, which are attractive as well as practical.

As a further precaution against damage, a number of the drinking fountains about town have been removed entirely and will be stored away until next spring.

Keep up the Christmas spirit both here and abroad by sending Christmas cards to your friends and to our boys in the army. The Corner Shop, Crystal Lake, will supply your wants.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. W. D. Wentworth on Wednesday afternoon of next week to prepare articles for the sale and dinner which they will hold in the very near future.

The Lady Foresters of Johnsbury will hold a public card party at the Oak Park hotel, Pistakee Bay, next Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 19. Everybody invited. A charge of 25 cents the person will be made.

According to the figures taken from our Lake and Boone county exchange, Jos. Graham of Ingleside defeated Jos. W. Freund of this village by a total of 1,645 votes for the Democratic seat in the general assembly.

John E. Freund is now employed as cigarmaker in the Barbican Bros. establishment. He will remain for the winter months, his brother, Frank, carrying on the local drayage business until spring work begins, when both members of the firm will again be kept busy.

Mrs. Jas. B. Perry entertained for the Red Cross on Friday afternoon of last week and the following names appeared on the block: Mrs. John W. Smith, Mrs. Frank Schnorr, Mrs. E. M. Owen and Mrs. N. H. Potosch. The ladies enjoyed the afternoon in social chat, after which refreshments were served.

The McHenry Choral society this week turned its entire fund of a trifling over \$32 into the United War Work fund that is being raised thruout the U. S. A. this week. This is indeed a most charitable act on the part of this society and the director, Rev. M. J. McEvoy, and the members are to be commended upon the spirit thus exercised.

A number of Woodstock politicians, together with a few invited friends, enjoyed an elaborate banquet at the Orchard Beach hotel near this village last Thursday evening. Miss Clara Miller appeared as pianist and vocalist. The beautiful summer resort was prettily decorated for the occasion and the event was highly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Corp. Howard Wattles, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wattles of this village, who left McHenry last May for Camp Shelby, Miss., and later was transferred to Camp Mills, N. Y., is now in England. Official notice two weeks ago says that he arrived safely overseas. Howard has undoubtedly enjoyed the trip and, like many other soldiers, is glad to be "over there." Many of the boys in camp here are disappointed beyond words that they were not included in the last contingent to be sent overseas.

At a peace celebration meeting held in Memorial hall, Richmond, on Tuesday evening, \$2000.00 in volunteer subscriptions was subscribed toward the United War Work campaign. Rev. M. J. McEvoy, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bickler and Miss Lillian Heimer assisted with the program by rendering quartet singing with Miss Kathryn Bonch as accompanist. Atty. Paul J. Donovan of Harvard was the speaker of the evening. Spirit and enthusiasm prevailed thruout the meeting and if "God loves the cheerful giver" the good people of Richmond were prime favorites on this occasion, where all joyfully assembled to raise their quota in a whirlwind finish. Five hundred dollars was raised in 450 subscriptions during the evening.

Notice No hunting or trespassing on these farms.

John F. Glatton. Mrs. Elizabeth Kennel. Ben Kennelbeck.