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MICKIE SAYS:

IT'S HARD TO MAKE FOLKS UNDERSTAND SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T PRINT HALF A DOZEN HUNDREDS VERY MUCH CHEAPER THAN A HUNDRED BUT IT'S JUST AS MUCH WORK TO GET THE TYPE AND PUT IT ON THE PRESS PER ONE AS FOR A HUNDRED, SO WE GOTTA CHARGE MOST AS MUCH.

THAT'S WHY



CHARLES SCHWAB

JANUARY THAW

As we predicted several weeks ago that the January thaw would come when there was something to thaw, we kindly call your attention to the fact that we were right. Wednesday morning the sidewalks were a glare of ice, seeing this old January got busy with his thaw and yesterday noon the thermometers registered 50 above. Some winter! Spring starts the first of February.

DRIVE PLANNED TO GET MEDAL APPLICATIONS

Ex-Service Men to be Asked to Apply For Trophies of the World War.

A drive to get ex-service men to make application for their Victory Medal is now being planned by the officer in charge of the distribution for the Chicago recruiting area. Only about 20 per cent of those eligible have applied for the trophies, and the war department desires to get the medals to all eligibles as soon as possible.

Although an office or distributing center is being maintained in the service headquarters of the American Legion in Chicago and the various army recruiting stations, only a small percentage of the medals have been awarded.

The plans for calling attention to the ex-service men, the value of the medals to them, include a tour of the army district by officers who will address meetings of war organizations.

The medal is of beautiful design, wrought of bronze, depicting armed victory on one side and has the names of the allied countries on the other. It is a tangible acknowledgment of service rendered and its greatest value lies in the association and remembrance it brings to mind.

It will become a cherished memento with the passing of the years and a priceless legacy.

In addition to the medals, clasps, to be worn on the ribbon of the medal are awarded to men who saw battle service or foreign service.

Battle clasps will be awarded for each of the major operations as follows:

- (a) Cambrai — Between 12th of May and 4th of December, 1917.
- (b) Somme defensive — Between 21st of March and 6th of April, 1918.
- (c) Lys — Between 9th of April and 27th of April, 1918.
- (d) Aisne — On the Chemin des Dames and northwest of Reims between 27th of May and 5th of June, 1918.
- (e) Montdidier Noyon — Between 9th of June and 13th of June, 1918.
- (f) Champagne Marne — Between 15th of July and 18th of July, 1918.
- (g) Aisne Marne — Between 18th of July and 6th of August, 1918.

(h) Somme Offensive—Between 8 of August and 11th of November, 1918.

(i) Oise Aisne—Between 8th of August and 11th of November, 1918.

(j) Ypres Lys—Between 19th of August and 11th of November, 1918.

(k) St. Mihiel—Between 12th of September and 16th of September, 1918.

(l) Meuse Argonne—Between 26 of September and 11th of November, 1918.

(m) Vittorio-Veneto — Between 24th of October and 4th of November, 1918.

The defensive sector clasp will be awarded for service under French, British, Belgian or Italian command, or for service in the first army area between 30th of August and 11th of November, 1918, or for service in the second army area between 12th of October and 11th of November, 1918, or for participation in an engagement in European Russia after August 1st, 1918, or for participation in an engagement in Siberia after August 15th, 1918. Only one defensive sector clasp will be awarded to one individual.

To those who served overseas but who are not eligible for battle or defensive sector clasps, the following will be awarded:

- (a) France—For service between April 6th, 1917, and November 11th, 1918.
- (b) Italy—For service in Italy between April 6th, 1917, and November 11th, 1918.
- (c) Siberia—For service in Siberia.
- (d) Russia—For service in European Russia.
- (e) England—For service in England between April 6th, 1917, and November, 11th, 1918, without service in one of the other countries mentioned above.

In case the applicant is no longer in service and makes application for the medal by mail, there must accompany the application his discharge certificate, or a true extract of his discharge certificate prepared on the proper form, or in case of officers to whom no discharge certificate was issued, the discharge order or a true copy thereof. The true extract must be attested by a civil officer empowered to administer oaths or certificate by an officer of the regular army. If the applicant forwards his original discharge with the application he need not send the true extract thereof.

The next of kin of persons whose death occurred while in service or after discharge can receive the medal for the deceased.

Just Like a Man.

The average man thinks he sweeps them up when he scatters with a bit of his handkerchief the cigar ashes he drops on the floor.—Buffalo Enquirer.

341 MILES OF NEW ROADS FOR ILLINOIS IN 1920

Report of Superintendent of Highways Will Give Joy to the Automobileist.

Automobilists who have had to contend with bad roads and who know by experience how it feels to be stuck in a mud hole and telephone for help will be interested in the report on what the state has done to build roads in the last year. S. E. Bradt, superintendent of highways, tells of progress made. He says: "This bulletin, which closes the year of 1920, gives a record of the work completed during that period; 341 miles of durable hard surfaced roads have been built. This is a greater mileage of a similar type of construction than was ever built in any previous year by any state with the exception of Pennsylvania, which had twice as much mileage under contract as the State of Illinois and completed only 410 miles.

"The mileage completed during the year 1920, is distributed as follows: Lincoln Highway 51 Miles
Dixie Highway 46 miles
National Old Trails Road . . 69 miles
Chgo.-E. St. Louis Road . . 113 miles
Chicago-Waukegan Road . . 9 miles
State Aid Work 53 miles

"There are still uncompleted contracts on the above roads approximately as follows:

- Lincoln Highway 12 miles
- Dixie Highway 20 miles
- National Old Trails Road . . 48 miles
- Chicago-E. St. Louis Road . 71 miles
- Chicago-Waukegan Road . . 11 miles
- State Aid Work 28 miles

"In addition, contracts were awarded in 1920 for 134.95 miles of grading and eighty-one bridges on the bond issue system, involving a total amount of \$3,427,070.39. Of these contracts 56.77 miles of grading and thirty bridges have been completed.

"The completion of 341 miles of durable roads during the year is more than we anticipated could be built when we faced the car shortage and rulings of the Interstate Commerce Commission early in the season. The effort put forth by the department and the contractors would easily have built double the mileage if conditions had been favorable. At the beginning of the season there were approximately 100 paving machines on the ground set up and 'ready to go,' only waiting for the materials to be delivered. Not more than fifty-three of these equipments were in use at any one time during the season, and the average through the season was considerably under that number. This situation would

indicate to the reader that, as previously stated, double the amount of work could have been accomplished if the railways could have transported the necessary materials.

SPECIAL MEETINGS CLOSED SUNDAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Dent Successful in a Two Weeks Evangelistic Campaign.

The Evangelistic meetings conducted by Rev. Joseph C. Dent with the Baptist Church, January 2d to 16th, closed last Sunday evening.

The services were characterized by same methods, clear gospel preaching and exceptionally helpful music by the Gospel Chorus under the leadership of Deacon M. V. Morton.

There were special vocal numbers at every service, while beside the pianists the cornet and violin played respectively by Merville Morton and Vernon Fuller, gave valuable assistance.

As one of the fruits of the meetings twenty-five young people came forward in response to the Evangelist's invitation for those who were ready to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to come forward. While most of these were boys and girls from the Sunday School, observant men and women will recognize the importance of the dedication of these young lives to Jesus Christ and His service.

Pastor Stewart expresses sincere appreciation of the faithful helpers who did their part to make the meetings a blessing to the community.

While these special meetings are ended their influence will continue.

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Lumber and the Cost of Building

The cost of lumber has been generally referred to as the principle reason for putting off building. It is true that lumber during the war and immediately after was high in price and hard to get. BUT—

THE PRICE OF LUMBER HAS BEEN MATERIALLY REDUCED — IN ALL KINDS — ON AN AVERAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 40 PER CENT.

Other items entering in the cost of home-building are labor, plumbing, cement, plaster, and many other things.

IN NORMAL TIMES ONLY ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE COST OF HOUSES WAS INCLUDED UNDER "LUMBER."

If you have been contemplating building anything and have held off because of the high cost of lumber—do not defer your plans—

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Prices Are Not Coming Down They Are Down

On everything in this store where there has been any change in the market our prices are lower, much lower, than before. In some instances they are less than half what they were formerly.

We are not of the Variety of merchants that are still holding on for higher prices, afraid to take a loss, we have already taken our loss, charged it off our books on our inventory of 1920.

We are now going ahead on the new and lower levels as though there had never been any change.

Below are a few prices that will convince you, especially if you see their quality.

Wool Dress Goods Reduced

While these have not been reduced quite in the same proportion that the cotton materials have, their reductions are quite noticeable.

Percales at 19c to 35c

No need to mention what the prices were on Percales. Every one knows they were much higher.

Ginghams 18c to 39c

These are the same ginghams that you have paid as high as from 39c to 50c for.

Outing Flannel 19c to 25c

These are much less than half their former prices and include all stripes, checks, and dark patterns in our stock.



Wool Skirts Greatly Reduced

This includes Plain, Navy and Blacks and a nice assortment of Plaids either Pleated or Plain, they are all, all wool.

\$22.50	Skirts	\$16.50
\$16.50	Skirts	\$11.50
\$14.75	Skirts	\$ 9.75
\$ 8.75	Skirts	\$ 6.50

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