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West Ward will vote at the city hall as usual.

Judges are as follows: Mrs. Harry Naylor, Mrs. Grover Albright, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Sadie Phillips, Floyd Lewis, Cleve Adams, C. E. Dale and Tom Daniel.

Judges and clerks, who will serve at the school election are: Mrs. M. M. Hogan, Mrs. A. D. Long, Miss Genevieve Hamilton and J. E. Roy.

DON MCINTIRE ANNOUNCES AS ALDERMAN CANDIDATE

Elsewhere in this issue Don McIntire, a Clarence resident for 34 years, is announcing his candidacy to the office of Alderman of the East Ward subject to the voters at the city election to be held Tuesday, April 3.

On May 3, 1944, Mr. McIntire retired after having completed 20 years service with the Missouri Power & Light Co.

Before the Missouri Power & Light Co. purchased the municipal plant here Mr. McIntire was employed by the city of Clarence for 14 years.

ANNUAL EGG HUNT TO BE SUNDAY

TWO GRAND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock the Clarence Civic Club is again sponsoring the annual Easter egg hunt, which will be held at the W. W. Barrow pasture, located at the west edge of town and north of the pavement.

The hunt will be divided into two groups. Children of the ages from one to six years will be under the supervision of Misses Julia Bilbro and Maxine Parvin, the other group composed of children ranging from six to 12 years will be in charge of Baker Dempsey and C. T. Trussell.

The two grand prizes will be in sacks and will be marked grand prize. In order to collect the grand prize the coupon enclosed in the sack must be presented to Louis E. Hopper, president, at the close of the hunt as prizes will be cash.

If not presented at the close of the hunt, grand prizes will be cancelled.

Music will be furnished by the school band under the direction of Miss Opal A. Renner.

Should inclement weather prevail the hunt will be held the following Sunday at the same hour.

CHURCHES PLAN EASTER SERVICES

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

Special Easter services are being prepared by the various churches of the town with the hope that every person in Clarence and the surrounding community will attend some service during the day.

Beginning at sunrise, services are being held and at some of the churches breakfasts are being served.

At the preaching hour Easter sermons and music offer programs all should take advantage of. For further details church notes are available on page four of this issue.

Celebrates Birthday

Thursday afternoon a party was given at the Monroe City grade school honoring John H. Wood, who was celebrating his 7th birthday.

The group attending the party were served cake and pop and games were played. John H. received several nice gifts.

On Friday evening a dinner was given honoring him at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Maupin. Guests were Mrs. Dolores Wood of Kansas City, Mrs. Russell Denton and the honoree.

Roy Entertain Guests

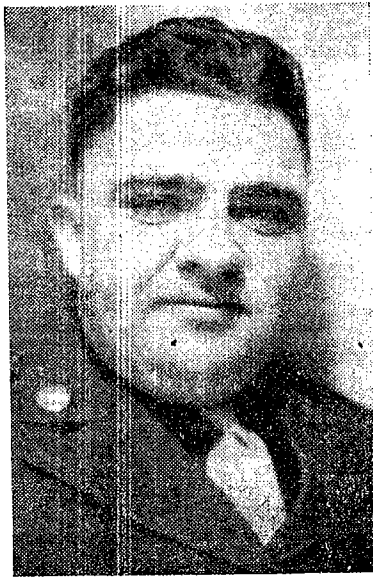
Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Roy entertained dinner guests at their home here Sunday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roy, Mrs. Glenn Erick,

a telegram last week from her husband, Pvt. Tissue, saying that he had arrived in the states. He stated that he was then in a hospital in New Jersey, but thought that he would be transferred soon to another hospital.

Pvt. Tissue was overseas 14 months, having been in France, Belgium and Holland and prior to returning to the states he was in England. According to word received here he has been hospitalized since sometime in January, suffering an eye ailment, but at this time he is much improved.

TEC-5 R. WALTER IS WOUNDED

WAS SERVING WITH INFANTRY IN GERMANY



Mrs. Robert Walter of St. Louis has received an official message from the war department stating that her husband, Tec/5 Walter, was wounded in action about the first of March. At the time of his injury Tec/5 Walter was serving with the infantry as a truck driver in the Ninth Army located somewhere in Germany.

According to word received by his wife and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Walter, his left hand was wounded, but as to how has not been learned here.

Tec/5 Walter entered service March 4, 1942 and was first stationed at Camp Wallace, Texas, where he received basic training. Later he was sent to Camp Hulon, Texas, then on to Camp Shelby, Miss. From there he was transferred to Seattle, Wash., where he was located about a year. While serving there he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exact performance of duty.

Following service at Seattle, Tec/5 Walter was transferred to Camp Phillips, Kans., later to Camp Chaffee, Ark., and then to Camp Gruber, Okla., prior to being sent to Fort Meade, Md., where he received overseas assignment.

In January of 1944 he left Fort Meade, for overseas duty and since arriving there has served in Belgium and France before going on into Germany.

Letters have been received here by his mother since his injury. Parts of his letters are as follows:

March 7
Dear Mother and All:

Will drop you a line to let you know that I am getting along good and I suppose you got my letter saying that I am in the hospital, but I'll get well fast and will be back to my company in about ten days.

I have felt like writing this evening and I have more time to write than I have had since I came overseas. Write to me, maybe I'll get them by the time the war is over.

March 10
Looks now as if I may be here more than ten days as it takes time for my wound to heal. I can use it some now by being careful. I guess this is about as good a place as any though the way things are going.

March 15
I'm getting along fine now and the doctor says he is going to take the stitches out tomorrow. Shouldn't be more than a week longer and I'll be on the way back to my company and conditions should be much better as the weather is a lot warmer.

Haven't received any mail and don't expect to until I get back to my company.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brant. The puppy arrived here Thursday, having traveled 13 days after leaving Honolulu.

Pvt. Brant is serving in the medical corps at a base hospital in Honolulu where he has been located for three and one-half years.

He has been in service for four years and before leaving the states he received training at Camp Grant, Ill., Camp Wolter, Texas, and Fort Bliss, Texas.

PVT. D. MAUPIN IS WOUNDED

WAS ON IWO JIMA WITH 4TH. MARINE DIVISION

Mrs. Lee Maupin and Mrs. Russell Boleach have received word here from their son and brother, Pvt. Delbert D. Maupin, telling them that he has been wounded. A letter written by Pvt. Maupin on March 15 and received here Sunday, stated that he was slightly wounded in action while serving with the 4th Marine Division in the battle of Iwo Jima. He wrote that he has been evacuated from the island.

This is the first word received here directly from Pvt. Maupin for two months.

Pvt. Maupin's wife, who resides in Indianapolis, Ind., has had official word from the war department of his injury.

HODGINS OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

HOLD DINNER AND RECEPTION HONORING COUPLE

Word has been received here by relatives that on Wednesday evening, March 14, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Hodgins, of Ottawa, Ill., observed their golden wedding anniversary.

A family dinner was served at their home and open house followed, arranged by their children, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Bessel. Seventy-five persons attended the reception.

Decorations at the reception consisted of bouquets of flowers, the gifts of friends. Refreshments were served from a table covered with a gold lace table cloth with a wedding cake decorated in gold as the centerpiece. Gold coffee and tea service was used.

Several gifts and messages of greetings were received by the honorees. The couple was married March 27, 1895 at the Methodist parsonage in Clarence by the Rev. J. C. Wright. Following their marriage they resided here until 1900 when they moved to Ottawa, Ill., where they have resided since that time. Mr. Hodgins, an operational engineer at the municipal pumping station in Ottawa has been employed by that city for 17 years.

Mrs. Hodgins was formerly Miss Elva McIntire, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntire and Mr. Hodgins is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hodgins of Clarence.

The anniversary was observed in advance because their son, Lieut. Col. J. Clifford Hodgins, who was spending a leave with them after having served in the Southwest Pacific, had orders to report to Florida for reassignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins are the parents of four children, Lieut. Col. J. Clifford Hodgins, Chester E. of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. J. Ray Bessel and Mrs. LeRoy Capsel of Ottawa and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Hodgins is a sister of Don McIntire of Clarence and Jerry McIntire, northwest of here.

Spends Week End

Mrs. Alice Richards of Shelbina spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brant. She is residing in Shelbina while her husband, Pfc. Earl Richards, is away. He is now serving somewhere in Germany with Gen. Patton's 3rd. Army.

Attend Services

Mrs. M. A. Bailey and son, John Lee, attended funeral services held for her uncle, A. C. Hamilton, at

navy. A recent letter told that the brothers, S 1/c Eugene Foster and Boatswain 1/c Richard Foster, had met at Bremerton, Wash., and were together several weeks while stationed there.

This is the first time the two brothers have seen each other for about eight years. Seaman Foster has been transferred to San Diego, Calif., and Boatswain Foster is now somewhere in the South Pacific.

J. A. WEEMS ASPIRES TO BECOME ALDERMAN

This week J. A. Weems is announcing through the columns of The Courier as a candidate for the office of Alderman of the West Ward.

Mr. Weems has been a resident of Clarence for nine years. For seven years he served here as manager of the Illinois Oil Company, and two years ago he purchased the stock here. Since that time he has been owner and operator.

CPL. Wm. COX KILLED IN ACTION

SERVING WITH NINTH ARMORED DIVISION

Word has been received here by Mrs. Foster Riggsby informing her that her cousin, Cpl. William V. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cox, of Macon, was reported killed in action in Germany on March 1. He would have been 26 years of age March 16.

Cpl. Cox had been serving in the army more than four years and in August of 1944 he was sent overseas. At Christmas time he was serving with the Third Army, but when he was killed he was somewhere in Germany with the Ninth Armored Division.

Following the battle of Bastogne he was sent to a rest camp and during that time letters were received from him by relatives. It is thought that he must have seen heavy action since elements of his division were the first to cross the Rhine.

Cpl. Cox attended Macon public schools and before his induction into the armed service he was employed at Kiefer's store in Macon.

He was married to the former Miss Irene Kandt, of Herington, Kans., June 13, 1943.

Besides his wife and parents, Cpl. Cox is survived by one brother, Leo Glenn Cox, 21.

S 1/C MARTIN HERE FROM RHODE ISLAND

S 1/c Frankie Martin arrived here Sunday night to spend a 13 day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin and family.

S 1/c Martin is located at Camp Thomas, Davisville, R. I., where his duties are that of a cook with the 148th Seabees.

In December of 1944 Seaman Martin spent a 30 day leave here after having served overseas a year and five days. While overseas he served in Scotland, England and France.

At the end of his 30 day leave he reported at Davisville, R. I., where he attended cooking school for six weeks. He was then graduated and received a diploma as a third class cook. He reports that servicemen at Davisville are rationed two packs of cigarettes daily.

He will report back there April 7 to receive reassignment.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Events leading to the close of school of special interest to the people of Clarence and community are:

F.F.A. banquet is being given tonight, eighth grade graduates that will probably attend the Clarence high school next year will be guests at the high school March 30; senior play date is April 27; spring concert is May 4; junior-senior banquet May 12; Baccalaureate services May 13; commencement May 18.

Returns From St. Louis

Chas. Ridings returned home Sunday after having spent a week in St. Louis the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ridings, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morgan