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## THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

"Frost nipped my beans in waning Spring,  
Were shriveled in midsummer,  
Wild hogs broke thru my barbed wire fence  
And sampled my dejeuner;  
Before mid-May I planted corn,  
Kept 'hoein and a grubbin',  
'Praise ye the Lord',  
My great reward  
Is now and then a nubbin.  
"My fall-sown wheat was winter killed,  
I borrowed to resow it,  
The smut grew loud, the kernel small,  
I hate to have folks know it;  
To raise some coin I took ten sacks  
Into the mill for cleaning  
Which when complete  
Gave two of wheat,  
I hauled eight back of screening."  
Thus it is a farmer writes  
He rhymes up all his troubles,  
Like others when he strains his juice,  
Part of it is bubbles;  
We met Bill Scott the other day  
And Bill has begun maintaining  
That it'll dry the cow  
And stop the plow  
Unless it starts to raining.  
But little inconveniences now and then  
Should not stop us giving  
A whoop, hurrah, a little yell,  
There's lots of joy in living;  
When Sadie's beau went off to war,  
We thought she'd quit her mooning,  
But the other night  
We saw a sight,  
Sadie's back to spooning.

## EMERGENCY FUND BENEFIT

The benefit given for the purpose of raising Independence's share of the emergency fund at the Isis Monday evening was splendidly patronized and was a success in every respect. As is always true of the city when a call is made for aid, the response was generous. The screen features were excellent and a program of superior worth was rendered. Those appearing were: Dr. Dunsmore, who offered a few remarks of inspiration and cheer. Edward Dwyer, who treated the subject, "Emergency Fund" in a vigorous and scholarly manner. Miss Mary Irvine's piano solo, "Dedication"—Schumann-Liszt, was a beautiful interpretation. The explanatory verses given went straight to the heart, and the number was rendered with understanding and finish. The Van Avery Sisters, as usual, captivated the audience with their plaintive music and received an ovation. Their first number was the much loved "Cavalier Rusticiana". Paul Blackstone was heartily received and rendered "Because You Love Me, Dear" in a pleasing manner. Mrs. Chase, a local favorite, played "Souvenir de

Posen" on the violin with splendid effect. Miss Ronald Cameron sang "When You Come Back" in a sweet, appealing quality of voice. Miss Kathryn Arbuthnot in the humorous delineation of the "Sociable Seamstress" was thoroughly enjoyable. She has wonderful ability as an impersonator, the simplicity is one of her strongest characteristics. Miss Hoham, musical director from the Normal, directed "America" which was sung by the entire audience. The Independence Orchestra added materially to the pleasure of the occasion, furnishing several delightful selections. Those playing in the orchestra were: Messrs. Crosby Davis, Ed Lorraine, E. Townsend, Guy Walker, Pearl Hedges and Mrs. Guy Walker. The committee wishes to extend thanks to the theatre managers and all the participants, especially the orchestra, which, tho considerably disorganized owing to war conditions, responded beautifully to the occasion. The sum of \$25 was netted for the emergency fund.

As we understand it, the object of the British "drum fire" is to make the Germans beat it—Nashville Southern Lumberman.  
Despite the scarcity of foodstuffs in Germany, Teuton diplomats continue to spill the beans.—Kansas City Star.

## HALLOWE'EN PARTIES

All the terrifying spirits of the inferno reveled in fiendish glee Hallowe'en eve at the Baldwin building on C street when the merry maids entertained for two navy lads, Marvin Richardson and Linn Hantley, who are home on furloughs. The hall was profusely decorated with garlands of autumn foliage—with black cats, owls, witches and jack-o'-lanterns grinning here and there. Cabinet music added to the pleasure of the occasion, while all kinds of frolics apropos to the times were indulged in until a late hour. At the close of the revelries the entertainment committee served real Hallowe'en pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream and apple cider. The event was one of genuine pleasure to those bidden.

The Hallowe'en party at the Hilke ranch at the edge of town on Tuesday night will be remembered by all present. It was a most glorious success. About sixty young people took part in shucking corn for about an hour while the smaller set had splendid out-of-door games and the older company chatted in the house. Later in the evening all gathered around a huge bonfire and were served to buns, pickles and coffee and wienies that were roasted on sticks at the fire. About 11 o'clock every one went home and declared it the best yet.

## FELLOWSHIP GLISTENS

Odd Fellowship displayed the great principles upon which it is based at an open session last night. In a pleasing, fraternal and informal manner those who have taken its degrees or those of its sister and a number of others who have been fortunate enough to marry close enough to be invited gathered and not only had the pleasure of hearing an able and eloquent eulogy of Odd Fellowship by Dr. Johnson, paying an official visit for the grand master, but were well fed and well entertained. The evening was just another one of those evenings when the hand clasp meant something and the troubles and tribulations of life could be for a time forgotten.

## SUPERINTENDENT

We are more than pleased to send to you as superintendent of your Chautauqua Festival, Mr. Guy Young. He is a man of wide experience in Chautauqua work and comes to you with the determination of making your Chautauqua a success.

You'll like Mr. Young. He is one of our best platform managers, genial, tactful and of untiring activity, putting his whole soul into Chautauqua work because he believes in it. He has the happy faculty of helping everyone enjoy the Chautauqua who attends. Meet him early for he wants to know you.  
Ellison-White Chautauqua Co.

## WILL CHANGE CROPS

The Dallas Observer tells it that the sugar beet acreage in the Independence district next year will be greatly decreased, that a number will return to hops and other crops will displace the beets. The dry season causing a short crop certainly proved discouraging.

## V. BOOTS DEAD

V. O. Boots died at his home in Monmouth Wednesday morning at the age of forty eight.

## \$41,500 FOR BONDS

Citizens of Independence and vicinity purchased \$41,500 worth of Liberty Bonds during the sale of the second issue. The success of the sale here was due to the work of a number of patriotic citizens who devoted time and money to campaigning for the cause.

Our people have contributed to every fund that has been started and in all probability will do their share in all future financial demands. As long as the war lasts, there will be demands upon the people for money for various purposes. It costs the government an average daily of between 30 and 40 millions of dollars, then adding the other expenses which the government does not control such as the work of the Red Cross, one can commence to realize that this war is not only an issue of men but of money.

## POSTAGE ADVANCES

Postage rates go up today and from now on until further notice it will be necessary to put a three cent stamp on every letter and two cents on every postal card. Bear this in mind and attach sufficient postage to your mail matter or it will not go. The following verses, which are being printed everywhere, partially explains why postage was raised:

"When Uncle Sam starts to fight,  
The Huns will soon be wiser,  
And every time you lick a stamp,  
You help to lick the Kaiser.

"For postage rates have raised a bit,  
On lover and on miser,  
And every time you lick a stamp  
You help to lick the Kaiser."

## MORE PIGS

We notice that a number are keeping a pig, grown into pork principally on a diet consisting of the house garbage. Mr. Hoover says, and what he says has to go that "we need a 'keep-a-pig' movement in this country—and a properly cared for pig is no more insanitary than a dog. Such a movement would necessarily require some changes in village and urban ordinances but the national welfare would be warrant ample for such a course of action."

## SUOY BEANS

Hugh Hanna has a notion that suoy beans would do well here and will probably back his judgment by planting at least an acre. Besides their value as a food for stock, the oil extracted from this kind of beans is very valuable and has a good commercial value.

## INDEPENDENCE CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

3 p. m.: Opening exercises and announcements.  
Concert.....The Orioles  
Impersonations.....  
Miss Orah Harkness  
Admission 50 cents

8 p. m.: Concert prelude.....

.....The Orioles

Popular lecture.....

Dr. A. D. Carpenter

"Worlds in the Making"

An evening of music an educational entertainment.

Admission 50 cents.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

3 p. m.: Entertainment.....

.....Moron Olson

Dramatic readings and character sketches.

Admission 35 cents.

8 p. m.: French-Canadian

Drama...Comus Players

"Carson of the North Woods"

Dramatization of Sir Gilbert

Parker's romance, "The Right

of Way."

Admission 50 cents.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

3 p. m.: Concert prelude.....

Waikiki Hawaiian Quintet

Inspirational lecture.....

.....J. Sherman Wallace

"The Salvation of America."

Admission 50 cents.

8 p. m.: Grand Concert.....

Waikiki Hawaiian Quintet

"An Evening in Hawaii"

The South Sea Islands in Song

and Story.

Admission 75 cents.

Season Ticket \$1.50.

## HOBERT DICKSON IN FRANCE

Somewhere in France but not on a ship.—Sept. 1.—Dear Old Dad—Well, I suppose by this time you have received my card mailed at Paris. I had a three-day leave in Paris and certainly did enjoy myself there. Any true American would have felt proud to see our army parading in Paris and heard the band play "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Big American flags floated from every window and I couldn't hear myself think on account of the cheering. People were crying, laughing and yelling "Hurrah for America; America will stop 'em; vive la America" which means "long live America". I am stationed ashore with the Admiral's staff. I have charge of a signal station; sometime in the future I may be able to tell you where I am but not at present. I left Staten Island, New York, June 7th, for France. I was transferred from the Olympia to Mr. Astor's yacht which he turned over to the government and is also an officer on her himself. I saw a chance to help old U. S. A., and believe me I didn't hesitate a moment; and I know you and mother know it is not because I do not

want to come home. I am a short timer but I am going to stay here and see it through, then I will come home and feel a lot better than if I had have stayed in the U. S.; and won't you think a whole lot more of me? If I never come home you will know it was for the best country that ever floated a flag that I stayed. America takes off her hat to Senator Chamberlain of Oregon for the bill he put thru the Senate. I think he is one of America's best men and am glad to come from the same state. Another thing for old Oregon during the Spanish-American War, she was the first state in the Union to have her men in San Francisco ready to fight and also they were the best fighting men sent to Cuba. I hope we don't fall down this time.

Well, dad, I will have to close as it is getting late and I have some work to do. I will write as often as I can, it might only be a card but you will know I am alright. Give my best love to mother and all and thank God I am not in America when we are fighting in France.

Your loving son,  
H. M. Dickson.

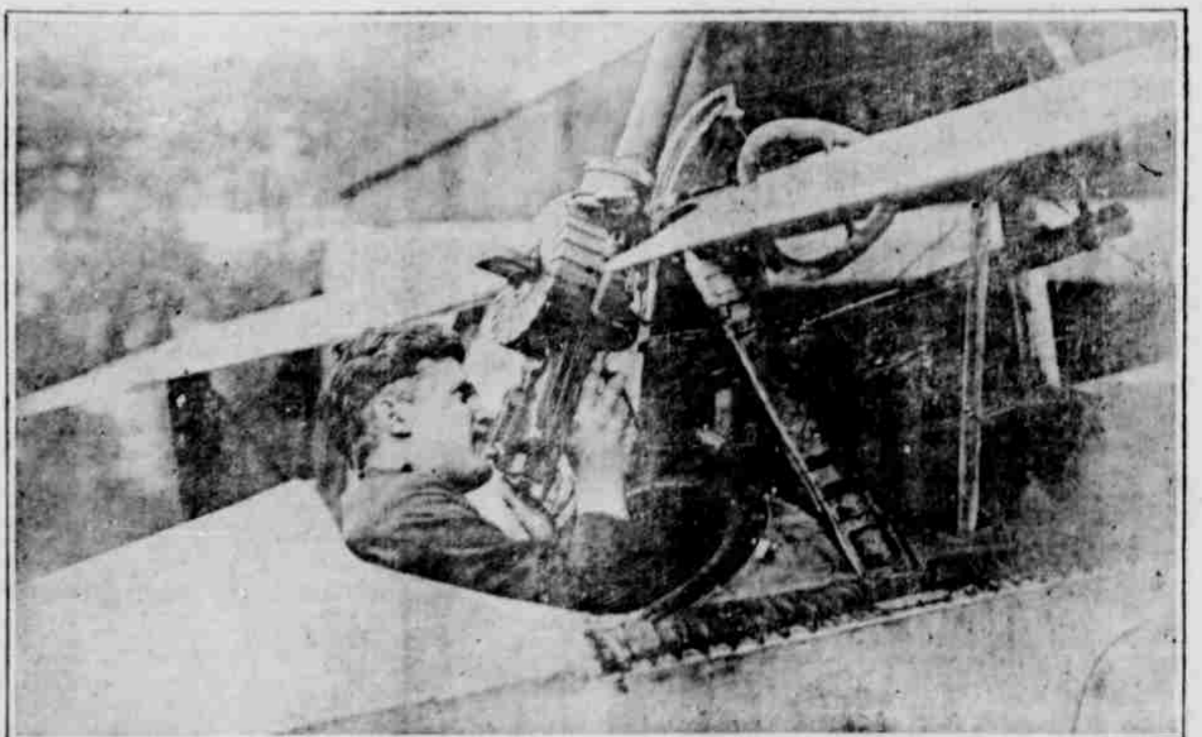
## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

Marion Lawrence, general secretary of the International Sunday School Association has issued a stirring call for the mobilization of all the Bible School forces of the continent on Sunday, November 4, 1917.

We should not underestimate the value of the Bible School and

to impress upon the young the great truth that this war is changing the map of the earth and overcoming customs and institutions. God and His word, Jesus Christ and his saving power, man's individual responsibility for Christian living, abide and ever will abide unchanged.

## HAS DOWNED THIRTY-SEVEN GERMAN PLANES



With this faithful machine gun which he is seen examining Captain Bishop of the Royal Flying corps of Canada has accounted for thirty-seven German aeroplanes.